

Annual Report of the Town of Topsham



William "Bill" Appleton

1970-1990 - Lister

1971-2002 – Planning Commission

1972-2020 – Fire Warden

1972- Fire Chief

1980 – Budget Committee

1997-1998 – Pound Keeper

1991-2003 – Select Board

2009-2015 – Justice of the Peace

**Year Ending
December 31, 2020**

GENERAL INFORMATION

Select Board Meeting:

Second & Fourth Mondays of each month: 7:00 PM at Town Office in East Topsham.

School Board Meeting:

Second Thursday of each month at 6:00 PM at Waits River Valley School.

Lister Meeting: Listers meet at the Town Hall on Tuesday mornings – 9:00 to Noon and by appointment.

Call 439-9723 for appointment.

Town Office Hours: 6 Harts Road, PO Box 69, Topsham, VT. 05076

Phone 439-5505

Monday 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Tuesday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Wednesday - CLOSED

Thursday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Friday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Saturday by Appointment

Website: www.townoftopshamvt.org

Town Garage: 2 Schoolhouse Road, Topsham, VT 05076, Phone 439-5666

Town Transfer Station: 2 Lime Kiln Road, Topsham VT 05076

The Transfer Station is opened from 7:30 AM - 12:30 PM on Saturdays.

A transfer station permit is required and is available at the town clerk's office.

Effective September 1, 2015, each resident/tax payer is allowed one large bag (equals two 30 gallon bags) at no cost. Each additional 30 gallon bag costs \$2.00 per bag. Those with no permit will be charged \$5.00 per bag for all bags. Recycling and metal items are free.

Town Reports Needed to complete a set for binding 1884 - 1893

If anyone has copies of these but does not want to give them up to the Town, please allow a Xerox copy to be made for Town Records.

DATE OF TOWN MEETING

**Tuesday, March 2, 2021
By Australian Ballot**

Annual Report

of the

Officers

of the

Town

of

Topsham

Vermont

Chartered: August 17, 1763

Area: 30,400 Acres

Altitude: 1284 feet

2010 Census 1173

Organized: March 15, 1790

for the

Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2020

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Ruth Morrison
Town Clerk 27 Years
Town Treasurer 27 Years
School Clerk 25 Years
School Treasurer 15 Years
School Board Member 6 Years

TOWN OFFICERS -2020

OFFICE	ELECTED OFFICIALS	TERM
Moderator:	Henry Buermeyer, Topsham	2021
Town Clerk:	Cynthia Flannigan, Topsham	2021
Select Board:	Bradford Calhoun, Topsham	2021
	Naomi Tilton, W. Topsham	2021
	Carl Hildebrandt, W. Topsham	2022
	James Bulger, W. Topsham	2023
	Larry Hart, Topsham	2023
Listers:	Heidi Wright, W. Topsham	2021
	David Trombley, Topsham	2022
	Patricia Plaisted, Topsham	2023
Town Treasurer:	Cynthia Flannigan, Topsham	2021
School Directors of the Waits River Valley School:	Alexis Maxwell	2021
	Stacy Emerson, Topsham	2022
	Jason Rogers	2023
Auditors:	Peter Poor, W. Topsham	2021
	Karen Ebbighausen, W. Topsham	2022
	Brooke Hayward-Miller, Topsham	2023
Delinquent Tax Collector:	Cynthia Flannigan, Topsham	2021
Town Agent:	Brooke Hayward-Miller, Topsham	2021
Justices Of The Peace:	Amber Downing, Topsham	2023
	Janice Emerson, Topsham	2023
	Donna Otterman, West Topsham	2023
	Tom Otterman, West Topsham	2023
	Yvette Tomlinson, West Topsham	2023

TOWN OFFICERS – 2019 Continued:

OFFICE	APPOINTED OFFICIALS	TERM
Appointed by Town Clerk:		
Assistant Town Clerk	Polly Stryker, Topsham	2021
Appointed by Treasurer:		
Assistant Treasurer:	Polly Stryker, Topsham	2021
Appointed by Selectboard:		
Administrative Asst.	Janice Emerson, Topsham	2021
Health Officer	Henry Buermeyer, Topsham	2021
Road Liaison	Brad Calhoun, Topsham	2021
Board of Directors/ VNAV TNH:	Nancy Frost, Topsham	2021
Fence Viewers:	Paul Hodge, Topsham	2021
	Thomas Flannigan, Topsham	2021
	James Clark, W. Topsham	2021
Animal Control Officer:	Michele Boyer, Orange	2021
Tree Warden:	Leonard Evans, Jr., Topsham	2021
Inspector of Lumber:	Leonard Evans, Jr., Topsham	2021
Energy Coordinator:	Maureen Hurley, Topsham	2021
Fire Warden:	Wendell Downing, E. Topsham	2024
Key Man:	Edgar Downing, Topsham	2021
Planning Comm.:	James Clark, W. Topsham	2021
	Carl (Joe) Maxwell, W. Topsham	2021
	Michael Madill	2022
	Polly Stryker, Topsham (Secretary)	2022
	Brooke Hayward-Miller, Topsham	2023
	Stephen Otterman, W. Topsham (Chair)	2023
Flood Zoning Administrator:	James Bulger, W. Topsham	2021
VT Emergency Manager:	Bradford Calhoun, Topsham	2021
Green-Up Chairman:	Naomi Tilton, W. Topsham	2021
Constable:	David Mott, Topsham	2021
911 Committee:	Yvette Tomlinson, W. Topsham	2021
	Nancy Frost, Topsham	2021
	Tom Flannigan Topsham	2021
	Board of Selectmen & Town Clerk	2021
NEKWMD Representatives	Megan Clark	2021
	Sheila Herman (ALT)	2021

OTHER OFFICIALS:

Game Warden: Mike Scott, Washington, (802) 685-2151

Notaries Public: Cynthia Flannigan, Topsham
Sonya Sweet, Topsham
Polly Stryker, Topsham
James Bulger, W. Topsham

Board of Civil Authority: Justices, Select Board & Town Clerk
Board of Abatement: Justices, Select Board, Town Clerk /Treasurer, Listers

Your State & US Representatives

Topsham State Legislators:

Joseph Parsons – House: 115 State St. Montpelier, VT 05633-5301
(802) 828-2228 Email: jparsons@leg.state.vt.us

Joseph Benning – Senate: PO Box 142, Lyndonville, VT 05851
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Jane Kitchel – Senate: P.O. Box 82, 81 Walden Hill Road, Danville, VT 05028
(802) 684-3482 Email: Janek45@hotmail.com

Vermont US Delegation:

Rep. Peter Welch House of Representatives, Washington DC 20215
(888) 605-7270 Email: www.welch@house.gov

Sen. Patrick Leahy US Senate, Washington DC 20215
(800) 642-3193 email: senator_leahy@leahy.senate.gov

Sen. Bernard Sanders U.S. Senate, Washington, DC 20215
(800) 339-9834 email: www.sanders.senate.gov

NOTICE TO VOTERS
For Local Floor Annual or Special Meetings

BEFORE MEETING DAY:

CHECKLIST POSTED at Clerk's Office by January 31, 2021. If your name is not on the checklist, then you must register to vote.

HOW TO REGISTER TO VOTE: There is no deadline to register to vote. You will be able to register to vote on the day of the election. You can register prior by visiting the town clerk's office or going online to olvr.sec.state.vt.us

ON MEETING DAY:

If your name was dropped from the checklist in error, or has not been added even though you submitted a timely application for addition to the checklist, you can fill out a new registration form.

If the clerk or Board of Civil Authority does not add your name, you can appeal the decision to a superior court judge, who will settle the matter. Call the Secretary of State's Office at 1 (800) 439-VOTE (439-8683) for more information.

If you are a first time voter who submitted your application to the checklist individually by mail and did not submit the required document, you must provide a current and valid photo identification, or a bank Identifier

If you have physical disabilities, are visually impaired or can't read, you may have assistance from any person of your choice. If any voters you know have disabilities, let them know then can have assistance from any person of their choice.

If you know voters who cannot get from the car into the polling place, let them know that ballot(s) may be brought to their car by two election officials.

If you have any questions or need assistance while voting, ask your town clerk or any election official for help.

NO PERSON SHALL:

Vote more than once per election, either in the same town or in different towns.

Mislead the Board of Civil Authority about our own or another person's true residency or other eligibility to vote.

Hinder or impede a voter going into or from the polling place.

Socialize in a manner that could disturb other voters in the polling place.

Offer bribe, threaten or exercise undue influence to dictate or control the vote of another person.

FOR HELP OR INFORMATION: Call the Secretary of State's Office at 1 (800) 439-VOTE (439-8683). (Accessible by TDD)

WARNING
TOWN OF TOPSHAM ANNUAL TOWN
MEETING
March 2, 2021

The legal voters of the Town of Topsham are hereby warned and notified to meet in the Town Hall in said Town on March 2, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. to transact the following business by Australian Ballot:

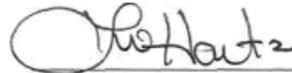
- Article 1.** To elect a Moderator for a term of one year.
- Article 2.** To elect a Town Clerk for a term of three years.
- Article 3.** To elect a Town Treasurer for a term of three years.
- Article 4.** To elect two Select Board Members for terms of three years.
- Article 5.** To elect a Lister for a term of three years.
- Article 6.** To elect a School Director for the Waits River Valley School (Unified School District #36) for a term of three years.
- Article 7.** To elect a Collector of Delinquent Taxes for a term of one year.
- Article 8.** To elect an Auditor for a term of three years.
- Article 9.** Shall the Town increase the number of Justices of the Peace from five to seven?
- Article 10.** Shall the Town put the surplus of \$6,479.00 from FY 2020 Town Operations into the Surplus Fund?
- Article 11.** Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to purchase up to ten acres of real property for Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500.00) per acre from James Vance as the site for a town garage?
- Article 12.** In the event that Article 11 is passed, shall the Town authorize the Select Board to sell the Ben Dexter site property?
- Article 13.** Shall the Town have its taxes collected by the Treasurer on or before October 1, 2021?
- Article 14.** Shall the voters authorize total fund expenditures for operating expenses of \$1,153,450.00 of which \$750,950.00 shall be raised by taxes?

Article 15. Shall the Town appropriate an additional amount of \$16,746.00 for the following organizations which have filed requests set forth below:

Clara Martin Center	\$ 1,652.00
Central Vermont Council on Aging	500.00
Northeast Ski Slopes	1,173.00
Orange County Restorative Justice Center	125.00
Visiting Nurse & Hospice of VT & NH	4,000.00
Orange East Senior Center	3,500.00
Blake Memorial Library	2,346.00
Little Rivers Health Care	1,100.00
Safeline, Inc.	500.00
Tri-Valley Transit	850.00
Topsham Corinth Little League	500.00
Orange County Parent Child Center	500.00
TOTAL	<u>\$16,746.00</u>

Polls open March 2, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Dated at Topsham, in the County of Orange and State of Vermont, this 25th day of January, 2021


Larry Hart, Sr.


Bradford Calhoun


Naomi Tilton

Card Hildebrandt

James Bulger

SELECT BOARD OF THE TOWN OF TOPSHAM

Recorded before posting:

January 26, 2021
Cynthia Flannigan Town Clerk

2020 Executive Committee Report

The NEKWMD finished 2020 by processing less recycling compared to 2019 – 2,211 tons in 2020 compared to 2,615 tons in 2019. Significant drops in mixed paper and plastic were responsible for most of the decline. A few items, including food scraps, tires, and cardboard saw increases in tonnage. E-Waste, glass, and battery tonnages were approximately the same as 2019. Recycling markets remained stable but low throughout most of 2020.

The District ended 2020 with a deficit of \$8,338.22. Revenues in 2020 were 5% above projections. While budgeted expenses were 6% above projections. The COVID19 pandemic did disrupt our work schedule for several weeks in the spring, but it does not appear to have impacted the District significantly over the course of the entire year. Legal fees and truck repairs were the primary drivers of the deficit in 2020. The pandemic will impact our budget process for 2021. The 2021 budget will be approved by the NEKWMD Board of Supervisors and not a direct vote by District members. This is a temporary one-year change directly related to changes in Town Meeting Day.

There were no additions or subtractions to the District membership in 2020. We continue to serve the largest geographical area and largest number of towns (49) in the State. Our population served is 3rd in the state behind only Chittenden Solid Waste District and the Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District.

The NEKWMD is entering 2021 with a proposed budget of \$809,527 – an increase of 1.85% compared to 2020. Due to the COVID19 pandemic, the District's 2021 budget will be acted upon by the District Board of Supervisors at their regularly scheduled meeting on March 9, 2021. The District sought and received a one-time legislative remedy in order to act on the budget internally. There will be 2 additional public hearings to receive input on the 2021 proposed budget. These meetings will be held via ZOOM on February 18 and 25, 2021 at 6pm.

The NEKWMD was staffed by nine full-time and three part-time employees in 2020. Each of the member Towns is entitled to representation by at least one Supervisor. The Board of Supervisors is the principal authority over the NEKWMD and the primary means of contact with the member towns. The Board of Supervisors meets monthly with the District's Executive Director to set the direction of NEKWMD policy.

Since the surcharge on trash is based on the amount of waste produced, members have a clear opportunity to control their waste management costs. Costs can decrease as waste generation rates decrease and recycling rates increase.

We would like to express our appreciation to our able staff for their continuing commitment to our mission. The 47,600 residents of 49 Towns throughout the Northeast Kingdom can be assured that the NEKWMD will continue to address their waste management concerns in a timely and environmentally sound fashion.

NEKWMD Executive Committee

2021 NEKWMD PROPOSED BUDGET

BUDGET ITEM	2020 BUDGET	2020 ACTUAL as of 12/31/2020	2021 PROPOSED BUDGET
ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES			
Advertising	\$200.00	\$216.25	\$200.00
Audit -- Financial	\$7,595.00	\$7,595.00	\$6,595.00
Audit -- Waste Haulers	\$600.00	\$1,084.90	\$900.00
Bank Charges	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Books & Subscriptions	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Cleaning	\$1,920.00	\$2,080.00	\$1,920.00
Copier	\$1,500.00	\$1,382.92	\$1,500.00
Dues/Permits/Fees/Penalties	\$4,600.00	\$6,081.58	\$4,700.00
Heating Fuel	\$1,500.00	\$596.06	\$1,000.00
Liability & Casualty Ins.	\$13,000.00	\$13,743.40	\$13,000.00
Legal Fees	\$0.00	\$8,559.92	\$2,000.00
Postage	\$2,000.00	\$2,573.00	\$2,000.00
Office Supplies	\$3,600.00	\$5,090.29	\$3,200.00
Telephone - Office	\$3,000.00	\$3,231.81	\$3,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$1,000.00	\$2,712.05	\$1,000.00
Water/Sewer	\$1,100.00	\$828.98	\$900.00
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	\$41,765.00	\$55,776.16	\$42,015.00
Gross Wages	\$387,800.00	\$386,859.41	\$402,925.00
OT Wages--Warehouse	\$5,000.00	\$2,660.60	\$3,500.00
Fica (Employer Match)	\$24,000.00	\$24,150.31	\$25,300.00
Medi (Employer Match)	\$5,625.00	\$5,648.12	\$5,900.00
Unemployment/HCP Insurance	\$2,212.00	\$4,466.89	\$3,500.00
VMERS (Retirement)	\$21,000.00	\$20,845.09	\$21,000.00
Workman's Comp. Insurance	\$55,000.00	\$54,561.60	\$53,000.00
Mileage - Employee	\$7,000.00	\$4,041.28	\$4,000.00
Mileage- Supervisor's	\$3,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Supervisor Secretary Payments	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Personnel Equipment	\$250.00	\$674.17	\$500.00
Training	\$500.00	\$310.32	\$500.00
Travel	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
TOTAL PERSONNEL	\$512,137.00	\$504,217.79	\$520,675.00
EQUIPMENT EXPENSES			
Baler Loan Payment	\$40,537.00	\$17,074.46	\$40,537.00
Baler Repairs	\$1,944.00	\$487.50	\$5,000.00
Baler Supplies	\$8,000.00	\$7,918.48	\$7,000.00
Forklift Fuel	\$2,500.00	\$1,822.74	\$1,800.00
Forklift Repairs	\$3,000.00	\$1,144.52	\$2,000.00
Misc. Equipment Repairs	\$1,500.00	\$294.69	\$500.00
Skidsteer Repairs	\$4,000.00	\$27.10	\$4,000.00
Warehouse Supplies	\$2,000.00	\$1,958.43	\$2,000.00
Trucks--Diesel	\$22,000.00	\$17,983.11	\$17,000.00
Trucks--Repairs	\$12,000.00	\$26,451.87	\$10,000.00
TOTAL EQUIPMENT	\$97,481.00	\$75,162.90	\$89,837.00

2021 NEKWMD PROPOSED BUDGET Cont...

BUILDING EXPENSES			
Improvements	\$500.00	\$276.50	\$500.00
Electricity	\$7,300.00	\$6,832.23	\$6,500.00
Maintenance	\$500.00	\$885.04	\$700.00
Trash Removal	\$3,000.00	\$3,420.82	\$3,000.00
TOTAL BUILDING	\$11,300.00	\$11,414.59	\$10,700.00
PROGRAMS EXPENSES			
Advertising	\$500.00	\$450.63	\$500.00
Permits & Fees	\$500.00	\$110.00	\$250.00
Composting	\$20,000.00	\$28,229.50	\$24,000.00
Composter/Bin	\$1,500.00	\$11,946.44	\$5,000.00
Consulting Services-Grant Funded	\$0.00	\$5,015.01	\$4,000.00
Education Outreach	\$11,000.00	\$6,995.00	\$6,000.00
Hazmat Disposal	\$23,000.00	\$39,916.96	\$33,000.00
Hazmat Supplies	\$3,000.00	\$7,744.38	\$4,000.00
Sale of Recyclables-Processing	\$22,000.00	\$38,603.15	\$30,000.00
Special Collections	\$40.00	\$127.77	\$250.00
Supplies	\$600.00	\$66.50	\$300.00
Tire Disposal	\$14,000.00	\$20,716.80	\$15,000.00
TOTAL PROGRAMS	\$96,140.00	\$159,922.14	\$122,300.00
SUB-TOTAL	\$758,823.00	\$806,493.58	\$785,527.00
Capital Improvement Fund	\$36,000.00	\$36,423.86	\$24,000.00
TOTAL CAPITAL FUND	\$36,000.00	\$36,423.86	\$24,000.00
TOTAL NEK EXPENSES	\$794,823.00	\$842,917.44	\$809,527.00
Grants--St of VT	\$82,000.00	\$82,860.97	\$92,000.00
Covid-19 Grant	\$0.00	\$20,830.17	\$0.00
Hauling--Recycling Pick-ups	\$48,000.00	\$52,485.00	\$54,630.00
Haz Mat/Paint Care	\$5,400.00	\$13,573.38	\$6,000.00
Interest Income	\$10.00	\$6.66	\$0.00
Miscellaneous Income	\$1,200.00	\$830.38	\$500.00
Program Sales--Composter/Bins	\$1,600.00	\$9,935.00	\$4,000.00
Programs- Oil Filter Program	\$150.00	\$75.00	\$150.00
Sale of Recyclables	\$88,000.00	\$74,962.68	\$85,000.00
Compost Income	\$19,225.00	\$22,568.60	\$22,000.00
Electronics Income	\$21,200.00	\$23,684.38	\$20,000.00
Scrap Metal Income	\$18,000.00	\$8,276.36	\$15,000.00
Battery Income	\$6,500.00	\$4,338.00	\$6,000.00
Tire Income	\$16,000.00	\$20,861.80	\$15,000.00
Per Capita Assessment	\$42,538.00	\$42,834.60	\$44,800.00
USDA-NVCP Grant	\$0.00	\$6,686.72	\$0.00
Insurance Refund	\$0.00	\$2,331.00	\$0.00
Surcharge--Waste Haulers	\$445,000.00	\$447,438.52	\$444,447.00
TOTAL NEK REVENUES	\$794,823.00	\$834,579.22	\$809,527.00

TOPSHAM TRANSFER STATION FEE SCHEDULE

Hours of Operation - Saturdays		7:30 am – 12:30 pm
Customers are Permitted for the following:		
1 Contractor (2) – 30 gal. or 4 -13 gal. bags free per week		
Each additional bag will be a standard bag price of \$2.00 per bag.		
Above prices only valid for residents with a town pass, \$5.00 if you do not hold a town pass		
Payment Form: Cash or Check		
Trash		
15 Gallon Bag	Up to 4 Free	
30 Gallon Bag	Up to 2 Free	
45 Gallon Bag	Up to 1 Free	
Anything Over	\$2.00 per Bag	
No Town Passes	\$5.00 per Bag	
By the Yard		
Construction per Yard	\$48.00 per Yard	
Shingles/Sheetrock per Yard	\$81.00 per Yard	
Oil per Gallon	Not Accepted	
Oil Filer per Each (must be Punched)	Not Accepted	
Antifreeze per Gallon	Not Accepted	
Recycling prices, Residential Only		
30 Gallon Bag	No Charge	
OCC per Yard	No Charge	
Recycling Prices, Commercial		
30 Gallon Bag		
OCC per Yard	\$5.00 per Yard	
Yard Waste per Yard	\$50.00 per Yard	
Clean Wood per Yard	\$50.00 per Yard	
Appliances & Metal	No Charge (May - October)	
Mattresses		
Twin	\$20.00	
Full	\$25.00	
Queen	\$30.00	
King	\$35.00	
Furniture		
Sofa	\$30.00	
Sleeper Sofa	\$40.00	
Recliner	\$30.00	
Over-Stuff Chair	\$15.00	
Carpet, 10 X12	\$30.00	
Carpet, 10 X12 with Pas	\$40.00	
Toilet	\$10.25	
Electronics		
		Any registered e-cycle facility
Clothing		
		Not Accepted

Topsham Recycling and Waste Disposal Guide

2 Lime Kiln Rd. Open Saturdays, 7:30am-12:30pm

ZERO-SORT® RECYCLING

No sorting on your end makes recycling quick and easy! Just focus on tossing all Zero-Sort recyclables into one bin and Casella takes care of the rest.
Please **EMPTY** and **RINSE** all containers and **flatten** and **break down** cardboard boxes.

CARDBOARD/PAPER



Corrugated Cardboard
(wavy center layer)



Boxboard
(dry-food boxes, paper bags, egg cartons, cores)



File Folders and Office Paper
(all colors)



Newspaper
(all sections, inserts)



Mail and Greeting Cards
(junk mail, envelopes)



Shredded Paper
(tied shut in a clear plastic bag)



Magazines and Phone Books
(catalogs, soft cover books)

PLASTIC

METAL

GLASS



Empty Plastic Containers
(#1-#7, 5-gallon pails, NO caps)



Empty Metal and Aerosol Food Cans
(aluminum, tin, foil, NO caps)



Empty Glass Bottles
(food jars, beverage)

⊘ NOT ACCEPTED:
Plastic bags or wrapping, window glass, mirrors, light bulbs, dishes, pyrex, ceramics, paper towels, facial tissue, styrofoam, recyclables containing food residue, paints, oils, hazardous material, needles, syringes, VCR tapes, CDs/DVDs, scrap metal, pots, pans, batteries, large plastic items, hard-cover books, clothing/textiles, wood/lumber, yard trimmings, paper cups or plates, freezer/refrigerated food/beverage boxes, milk or juice cartons, 3-ring/spiral notebooks



OUR COMMITMENT TO CUSTOMERS
To ensure you the best quality of service in the industry relative to your waste and recycling needs, and to continue to evaluate your waste and recycling service needs and to recommend better service alternatives based on new technology, alternate disposal methodologies, or changes in regulatory requirements.




For information about Residential Curbside Terms and Conditions, visit casella.com/residential-terms

Recycling and Trash hauling services provided by Casella.

HOUSEHOLD TRASH: Topsham residents can dispose of two bags free of charge weekly. Additional bags will have additional fees. Trash prices vary based on bag size, \$4.00-\$6.00. Larger items subject to fees, call Casella for current pricing. Residents can also contract with haulers for curbside collection services, check out our list of Licensed Haulers for more **FOOD SCRAPS:** Food scraps accepted for a fee. Residents can also bring food scraps directly to The Sandberg Farm, 587 Abe Jacobs road, Corinth. Food scraps only, no plastics, metals, PLU stickers, etc. **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE:** May through the end of September at Lyndonville recycling center **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**, and special events throughout the District June – September. Call for details. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS – CONTACT THE NORTHEAST KINGDOM WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT at (802) 626-3532 or (800) 734-4602. www.nekwmd.org, e-mail outreach@nekwmd.org

2021 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Schedule

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
SATURDAY, MAY 8	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Ryegate Transfer Station
SATURDAY, JUNE 5	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Derby Recycling Center
SATURDAY, JUNE 12	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Brunswick Town Office
SATURDAY, JUNE 19	8:00 a.m. – 12:00p.m.	Newport Center Town Garage
SATURDAY, JULY 10	8:00 a.m. – 12:00p.m.	Brighton Recycling Center
SATURDAY, JULY 24	8:00 a.m. – 11:00a.m.	Greensboro Recycling Center
SATURDAY, AUGUST 14	8:00 a.m. – 12:00p.m.	Lunenburg Transfer Station
SATURDAY, AUGUST 28	8:00 a.m. – 12:00p.m.	Marshfield Town Office
SATURDAY, SEPT. 25	8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Lyndon Recycling Center

****HHW Collections are free and open to residents of all DISTRICT TOWNS****
 The NEKWMD reserves the right to terminate any collection event if storage capacity is reached.

Please limit HHW disposal at listed events to 30 gallons.

HHW Collection events are limited to District Households.

If you have more than 30 gallons, or need to dispose of business' HHW, please call our office for an appointment at our Lyndonville facility May 4 – Oct. 2, 2020.

Not going to be able to make any of these dates? NOT A PROBLEM! The NEKWMD will be accepting these materials by appointment at our Lyndonville facility from **May 4, 2021 to October 5, 2021**. Due to regulatory handling requirements, hazardous wastes will not be accepted without an appointment. Scheduling ahead ensures that a qualified individual will be on-site ready to accept your hazardous waste.

What are *Household Hazardous Products*? They are consumer products that contain ingredients that **may be**:

Toxic- poisonous if eaten, breathed, or absorbed through the skin

Corrosive- can burn or destroy living tissue if spilled on skin

Reactive- creates fumes, heat, or explosion hazards if mixed with certain materials such as water

Explosive- can explode with exposure to heat or pressure

Flammable/Ignitable- can easily be set on fire

To determine if a product in your home is hazardous, check the label for the following words:

Danger indicates that the substance is extremely flammable, corrosive, or toxic.

Poison means that the substance is highly toxic.

Caution/Warning is put on all other hazardous substances that are a somewhat lesser hazard, but are still dangerous if the directions are not followed closely.

Conditionally Exempt Generator businesses can also use the Lyndonville collections for the actual cost of the disposal of their materials. Please call ahead for pricing and an appointment.

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Acceptable HHW Materials

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

- AEROSOLS
- AIR FRESHENERS
- AMMONIA
- ARTS AND CRAFTS SUPPLIES
- BLEACH
- CLEANERS (INCLUDES: DRAIN, OVEN, FLOOR, WINDOW, TOILET, RUG, ETC.)
- DISINFECTANTS
- METAL & FURNITURE POLISH
- MOTHBALLS
- MERCURY THERMOMETERS
- NAIL POLISH & REMOVER
- NI-CD, LITHIUM, MI-MH, AND BUTTON CELL BATTERIES
- SPOT & STAIN REMOVERS
- ALKALINE BATTERIES *

GARDEN SUPPLIES

- CREOSOTE
- DIOXINS
- FERTILIZERS
- FLEA KILLERS
- FUNGICIDES
- HERBICIDES
- INSECT SPRAYS
- MURIATIC ACID
- NO-PEST STRIPS
- PESTICIDES
- RODENT KILLERS

GARAGE

- ANTIFREEZE
- BRAKE FLUID *
- CORROSIVES

- CAR WAXES AND CLEANERS

GARAGE (CONTINUED)

- ENGINE DEGREASERS
- FLUORESCENT LIGHT BULBS *
- GASOLINE/DRY GAS
- KEROSENE
- LEAD-ACID CAR BATTERIES *
- LIGHTER FLUID
- OIL-BASED PAINT
- LATEX-BASED PAINT
- PAINT THINNER
- PROPANE CYLINDERS
- SEALANTS
- STAINS/STRIPPERS
- SWIMMING POOL CHEMICALS
- TRANSMISSION FLUID *
- WOOD PRESERVATIVES
- USED MOTOR OIL AND FILTERS *

* ALSO ACCEPTED AT OIL AND BATTERY STATIONS YEAR ROUND

PLEASE DO NOT BRING:

- ASBESTOS
- EXPLOSIVES, INCLUDING GUN POWDER, AMMUNITION
- FLARES
- INFECTIOUS WASTE
- PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION
- RADIOACTIVE WASTE, INCLUDING SMOKE DETECTORS
- UNKNOWN GAS CYLINDERS
- EMPTY CONTAINERS

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COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET		
2 YEAR PERIOD ENDING 12/31/2020		
	Year Ending 12/31/2019	Year Ending 12/31/2020
Regular Checking	\$968,177.45	\$1,039,341.67
Petty Cash	\$50.00	\$50.00
Cemetery Money Market Account	\$21,720.59	\$21,731.45
Cash Assets Subtotal	\$989,948.04	\$1,061,123.12
CD Investment/Surplus Funds	\$100,225.56	\$106,245.82
Reappraisal Fund CD	\$124,508.51	\$132,773.00
Cemetery Fidelity Investment Fund	\$44,877.92	\$53,455.77
Town Cemetery Fund CD	\$32,188.17	\$33,653.01
James M. & Alice Hood Mem.	\$121,274.53	\$131,806.64
Highway Building Fund CD	\$136,665.12	\$171,286.73
Subtotal	\$559,739.81	\$629,220.97
TOTAL	\$1,549,687.85	\$1,690,344.09
Balance as of January 1	\$1,398,563.13	\$1,549,687.85
Income	\$2,506,472.55	\$2,681,197.98
Expenses	\$2,355,347.83	\$2,540,541.74
Calculated Balance	\$1,549,687.85	\$1,690,344.09
Special Funds		
Surplus Fund CD	\$100,225.56	\$106,245.82
Reappraisal Fund	\$124,508.51	\$132,773.00
Tax Mapping Fund	\$2,000.00	\$3,080.00
Town History Fund	\$5,706.34	\$5,981.34
James M. & Alice Hood Mem.	\$121,274.53	\$131,806.64
Record Digitizing	\$18,073.30	\$20,055.30
Record Preservation	\$10,921.21	\$12,903.21
Hall Fund	\$900.00	\$900.00
Highway Equipment Fund	\$32,211.87	\$37,736.94
Highway Fund	\$64,395.56	\$64,395.56
Highway Building Fund	\$160,626.12	\$186,286.73
Cemetery Fidelity Investment Fund	\$44,877.92	\$53,455.77
Town Cemetery Fund	\$32,188.17	\$33,653.01
Cemetery Fence Fund	\$5,996.20	\$11,981.20
Veterans Memorial Fund	\$1,875.00	\$1,875.00
Special Funds' Total	\$725,780.30	\$803,129.52
FEMA Money Flood Damage	\$12,149.23	\$12,149.23
Kenworth Truck Lease	\$31,242.36	\$0.00
Kenworth Truck Lease	\$28,510.57	\$0.00
School	\$263,932.17	\$295,607.32
Cemetery Dividend to E. Topsham Cemetery	\$31.62	
Life & Disability Insurance Owed	\$27.28	\$91.60
Delinq. Tax Penalty owed to DTC		\$640.56
Funds Carried Forward:		
General Funds Carried Forward	\$24,000.00	\$25,900.00
Hwy Funds Carried Forward	\$143,000.00	\$128,150.00
Cemetery Funds Carried Forward	\$7,000.00	\$9,500.00
Total Liabilities	\$509,893.23	\$472,038.71
Special Funds & Liability Totals	\$1,235,673.53	\$1,275,168.23
Cash Assets Less Liabilities	\$314,014.32	\$415,175.86

CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS 2020			
GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS			
General Accounts Income	Budget 2020	Actual 2020	Budget 2021
Monies Carried Forward	\$24,000.00		\$25,900.00
Property Taxes		\$55,539.45	
Late HS-122 Town Penalty		\$150.00	
School Property Tax		\$1,478,036.62	
Delinquent Taxes		\$207,184.66	
Delinquent Tax Interest	\$9,500.00	\$10,824.47	\$9,500.00
Delinquent Tax Penalties		\$16,885.38	
Delinquent Tax Other Fees			
Tax Sale Redemptions		\$3,779.57	
Tax Related Total	\$33,500.00	\$1,772,400.15	\$35,400.00
State of Vermont			
Property Tax	\$12,400.00	\$12,495.60	\$12,400.00
Land Use	\$76,000.00	\$76,132.00	\$76,000.00
Act 60 Reappraisal Fund		\$7,233.50	
Act 60 Equalized Ed.	\$800.00	\$851.00	\$800.00
Pilot Payments	\$500.00	\$534.00	\$500.00
Late HS-122 Education Penalty		\$1,448.30	
Total State of Vermont	\$89,700.00	\$98,694.40	\$89,700.00
General Revenues			
Clerk Office Fees	\$11,000.00	\$14,486.35	\$12,000.00
Liquor Licenses		\$140.00	
Interest	\$1,100.00	\$1,127.93	\$750.00
Interest Special Accounts		\$1,932.25	
Pound/Dog License Fees	\$1,300.00	\$1,099.00	\$1,000.00
Town History Books		\$275.00	
Shipping & Handling		\$2.76	
Record Digitizing		\$1,982.00	
Record Preservation		\$1,982.00	
Cemetery Fund Dividend		\$563.13	
Cemetery Fund Capital Gains		\$8,577.85	
Hood Fund Capital Gains		\$10,532.11	
Insurance Refund		\$454.00	
State Dog Licenses Fee		\$1,454.00	
State Civil Marriage Licenses Fee		\$300.00	
Life & Disability Insurance		\$1,255.12	
Motor Vehicle Registration		\$444.00	
WRVS School Reconciliation Payment		\$22,353.15	
Metal Dumpster		\$516.85	
Civil & Municipal Fines		\$179.00	
COVID Grant		\$18,080.20	
Delinquent Tax Over-payments		\$5.80	
Clothing, Poster, & Note Sales & Vet DVD		\$20.00	
Veterans Memorial			
General Revenue Total	\$13,400.00	\$87,762.50	\$13,750.00
Total General Income	\$136,600.00	\$1,958,857.05	\$138,850.00

General Expenses	Budget 2020	Actual 2020	Budget 2021	
Payroll				
Selectboard	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	
Administrative Asst.	\$2,600.00	\$2,600.00	\$2,700.00	
Treasurer	\$22,750.00	\$14,000.00	\$24,250.00	
Town Clerk	\$22,750.00	\$14,000.00	\$24,250.00	
Office Assistants	\$1,500.00	\$19,000.00	\$1,500.00	
Custodian	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$1,200.00	
Listers	\$11,000.00	\$8,997.00	\$11,000.00	
Delinquent Tax Collector		\$15,909.52		
Auditors	\$2,000.00	\$497.75	\$2,000.00	
Transfer Station Monitor	\$2,000.00	\$2,502.50	\$3,400.00	
Animal Control Officer	\$700.00		\$700.00	
Constable	\$200.00		\$200.00	
Election Official	\$1,800.00	\$1,699.50	\$325.00	
FICA	\$6,600.00	\$6,650.74	\$6,100.00	
Health Insurance	\$16,000.00	\$15,947.42	\$16,250.00	
Total Payroll	\$98,500.00	\$110,404.43	\$101,875.00	
Town Office				
Supplies	\$2,200.00	\$1,470.15	\$2,200.00	
Delinquent Tax Coll. Supplies	* Paid from Delinquent Tax Collector's penalty	\$335.30		*
Postage	\$2,200.00	\$2,073.87	\$2,200.00	
Equipment	\$1,500.00	\$1,568.82	\$1,700.00	
Computer Software	\$500.00	\$593.47	\$600.00	
Training	\$800.00	\$68.00	\$500.00	
Listers Training	\$500.00	\$50.00	\$500.00	
Mileage Reimbursement	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	
Election Costs	\$400.00	\$306.17	\$500.00	
Telephone/DSL	\$1,600.00	\$1,453.83	\$1,600.00	
Listers' Phone	\$500.00	\$502.15	\$500.00	
Heat	\$4,000.00	\$3,024.81	\$4,000.00	
Electricity	\$1,600.00	\$1,365.82	\$1,600.00	
Motor Vehicle Registration		\$444.00		
State Dog License Fee		\$1,454.00		
State Civil Marriage Fee		\$300.00		
Total Town Office Expenses	\$16,300.00	\$15,010.39	\$16,400.00	
* Paid from Delinquent Tax Penalty				
General Expenditures				
Printing & Advertising	\$2,500.00	\$1,900.00	\$3,500.00	
Animal Control	\$600.00	\$190.06	\$600.00	
Dues	\$4,500.00	\$4,426.00	\$4,500.00	
Selectboard Appropriation	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	
Professional Fees	\$1,000.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,000.00	
Legal Fees	\$1,900.00	\$764.00	\$2,600.00	
Software Support	\$6,500.00	\$6,469.18	\$6,500.00	
Insurance	\$36,000.00	\$33,280.00	\$36,000.00	
Insurance - Disability & Life	* Paid for by Employees	\$1,190.80		*
Building Repairs & Maintenance	\$10,000.00	\$473.00	\$10,000.00	
County Taxes	\$27,000.00	\$25,366.08	\$27,000.00	
Tax Mapping	\$6,800.00	\$5,720.00	\$1,500.00	

General Expenses	Budget 2020	Actual 2020	Budget 2021	
Tax Sale Cost				
Tax Sale Purchase by Town				
Safe Deposit Box	\$50.00	\$40.00	\$50.00	
Records Preservation				
Records Digitizing		\$18,080.20		
Tax Sale Redemptions		\$3,779.57		
Food Bank (COVID)		\$500.00		
Memorial Day and Picnic	\$1,800.00	\$270.00	\$1,800.00	
Total General Expenses	\$98,850.00	\$103,848.89	\$95,250.00	
Solid Waste				
Rubbish Removal Contract	\$80,000.00	\$79,424.27	\$85,000.00	
Transfer Station Lease	\$2,300.00	\$2,200.00	\$2,300.00	
Solid Waste District Dues	\$1,100.00	\$1,055.70	\$1,100.00	
Metal Dumpster Fees/ Misc.	\$450.00	\$5.38	\$250.00	
Tire Disposal	\$100.00		\$100.00	
Total Solid Waste	\$83,950.00	\$82,685.35	\$88,750.00	
Fire & Rescue				
Ambulance Contract	\$61,400.00	\$61,347.90	\$65,000.00	
Tri-Village Fire Dept.	\$28,000.00	\$28,000.00	\$28,000.00	
CTERT	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$7,500.00	
Total Fire & Rescue	\$96,400.00	\$96,347.90	\$100,500.00	
Cemetery				
Dividend Transfer		\$594.75		
Total Cemetery		\$594.75	\$0.00	
Total General Fund Expenses	\$394,000.00	\$408,891.71	\$402,775.00	
General Income-Expenses	-\$257,400.00	\$1,549,965.34	\$263,925.00	-
Outside Voted Appropriations				
Blake Memorial Library		\$2,346.00		
Clara Martin Center		\$1,652.00		
CVT. Council on Aging		\$500.00		
Northeast Ski Slope		\$1,173.00		
Orange County Div. Prog.		\$125.00		
Orange East Senior Ctr.		\$3,500.00		
Safeline		\$500.00		
Little Rivers Health Care		\$1,100.00		
Oxbow Senior Independence		\$800.00		
Visiting Nurses Assoc. of VT & NH		\$4,000.00		
Stagecoach Transportation		\$850.00		
Topsham/Corinth Little League		\$500.00		
OxBee Quilt				
Orange County Parent Child Ctr.		\$500.00		
Total Appropriations		\$17,546.00		
School Payments		\$1,446,361.47		
Total Expenditures	\$394,000.00	\$1,872,799.18	\$402,775.00	
General Fund Income-Expenditures	-\$257,400.00	\$86,057.87	\$263,925.00	-

TOWN HIGHWAY ACCOUNTS			
	Budget 2020	Actual 2020	Budget 2021
<u>Highway Revenues</u>			
Monies Carried Forward	\$143,000.00		\$128,150.00
Property Taxes		\$507,050.00	
HWY State Aid	\$126,000.00	\$164,817.38	\$126,000.00
Paving Grant Money		\$0.00	
Grant Money	\$22,000.00	\$29,220.00	
MacDonald Fund Monies		\$9,364.00	*
Building Fund Interest		\$1,296.61	
TOTAL HIGHWAY REVENUES	\$291,000.00	\$711,747.99	\$254,150.00
* Added to Building Fund			
<u>Highway Payroll Expenses</u>			
Regular Employees	\$140,000.00	\$129,291.72	\$145,000.00
FICA	\$10,700.00	\$9,856.04	\$11,100.00
Health Insurance	\$40,000.00	\$35,876.62	\$40,000.00
TOTAL HIGHWAY PAYROLL	\$190,700.00	\$175,024.38	\$196,100.00
<u>Town Garage Expenses</u>			
Supplies	\$1,200.00	\$1,238.04	\$1,200.00
Training	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
Mileage	\$300.00	\$709.50	\$450.00
Telephone	\$700.00	\$653.26	\$700.00
Heat	\$4,000.00	\$3,170.69	\$4,000.00
Electricity	\$2,500.00	\$1,774.34	\$2,750.00
Porta-Potty	\$1,500.00	\$1,390.00	\$1,500.00
Garage Equipment	\$2,000.00	\$36.88	\$2,000.00
Maintenance & Repairs	\$1,000.00	\$937.94	\$2,500.00
Building Construction	\$15,000.00		\$15,000.00
TOTAL TOWN GARAGE EXPENSES	\$28,600.00	\$9,910.65	\$30,500.00
<u>General Highway Expenses</u>			
Fuel	\$45,000.00	\$25,741.73	\$45,000.00
Supplies	\$5,500.00	\$13,161.27	\$7,500.00
Advertising	\$200.00	\$39.33	\$200.00
Radio Contract	\$1,000.00	\$825.00	\$1,000.00
Equipment Maintenance	\$20,000.00	\$12,122.92	\$20,000.00
Equipment Repairs	\$25,000.00	\$22,062.70	\$25,000.00
Accident (Insurance Deductible)			
Equipment	\$80,000.00	\$84,202.93	\$80,000.00
Highway Equipment Fund			
Engineering Costs	\$5,000.00	\$3,450.00	\$5,000.00
Uniforms	\$4,250.00	\$3,167.43	\$3,500.00
VT Vehicle Registration		\$47.00	
Misc. Expense (Occupation Drug Testing)	\$200.00	\$51.00	\$200.00
Permits	\$2,500.00	\$1,590.00	\$2,500.00
TOTAL GENERAL HGWAY EXPENSES	\$188,650.00	\$166,461.31	\$189,900.00

<u>Road Maintenance</u>	Budget 2020	Actual 2020	Budget 2021
Hired Equipment	\$10,000.00	\$9,100.00	\$10,000.00
Gravel	\$5,000.00	\$3,587.50	\$5,000.00
Sta-Pac	\$45,000.00	\$45,007.11	\$45,000.00
Salt	\$34,000.00	\$23,548.16	\$35,000.00
Sand	\$40,000.00	\$28,328.54	\$35,000.00
Paving	\$170,000.00	\$158,597.93	\$100,000.00
Chloride	\$20,000.00	\$24,104.00	\$24,000.00
Cold Patch	\$500.00	\$443.46	\$500.00
Stone	\$7,500.00	\$1,372.00	\$5,000.00
Erosion Control	\$2,500.00		\$2,500.00
Culverts	\$5,000.00	\$4,690.00	\$5,000.00
Road Signs	\$1,000.00	\$724.36	\$1,000.00
Guard Rails	\$5,000.00		\$5,000.00
Bridge Repairs	\$30,000.00		\$30,000.00
Grant Expenditures	\$14,600.00	\$8,000.01	\$15,000.00
Total Road Maintenance	\$390,100.00	\$307,503.07	\$318,000.00
Total Hwy. Expenditures	\$798,050.00	\$658,899.41	\$734,500.00
HIGHWAY INCOME/EXPENSES	-\$507,050.00	\$52,848.58	-\$480,350.00
<u>Cemetery Revenues</u>	Budget 2020	Actual 2020	Budget 2021
Monies Carried Forward	\$7,000.00		\$9,500.00
Property Taxes		\$9,075.00	
Sale of Lots		\$1,200.00	
Interest		\$275.70	
Dividends		\$42.24	
Total Cemetery Revenues	\$7,000.00	\$10,592.94	\$9,500.00
<u>Cemetery Expenses</u>			
Welch Road Cemetery Maintenance	\$1,500.00	\$1,565.00	\$1,600.00
Waits River Cemetery Maintenance	\$6,000.00	\$1,785.00	\$6,000.00
Old Cemetery Maintenance	\$5,000.00	\$2,753.75	\$5,000.00
Development Costs: Cornerstones/Plot Mapping	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00
Dues	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
Flags	\$550.00	\$406.20	\$550.00
East Topsham Cemetery Maintenance		\$2,333.20	
Total Cemetery Expenses	\$16,075.00	\$8,843.15	\$16,175.00
CEMETERY REVENUES/EXPENSES	-\$9,075.00	\$1,749.79	-\$6,675.00
Total Income	\$434,600.00	\$2,681,197.98	\$402,500.00
Total Expenditures	\$1,208,125.00	\$2,540,541.74	\$1,153,450.00
TOTAL INCOME LESS EXPENSES	-\$773,525.00	\$140,656.24	-\$750,950.00

OTHER ACCOUNTS				
	Surplus	Reappraisal	HOOD	HWY Building
	Fund CD	Account CD	Fund **	Fund CD
Beginning Balance January 1, 2020	\$100,225.56	\$124,508.51	\$121,274.53	\$136,665.12
Income				
Interest	\$901.26	\$1,030.99		\$1,296.61
Capital Gains			\$10,532.11	
General Fund Surplus	\$5,119.00			
Act 60 Reappraisal Monies		\$7,233.50		
2019 Budgeted Monies				\$15,000.00
MacDonald Family Trust Monies				\$18,325.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$6,020.26	\$8,264.49	\$10,532.11	\$34,621.61
Balance December 31, 2020	\$106,245.82	\$132,773.00	\$131,806.64	\$171,286.73
CEMETERY ACCOUNTS				
	CEMETERY FIDELITY FUND	WELCH RD CEMETERY CD	WAITS RIVER CEMETERY MM	EAST TOPSHAM CEMETERY ACCOUNTS
Beginning Balance January 1, 2020	\$44,877.92	\$32,188.17	\$21,720.59	\$66,611.90
Interest		\$264.84	\$10.86	\$118.90
Dividends	\$563.13			\$385.18
Capital Gains	\$8,577.85			
Sale of Lots (2019)	\$0.00	\$1,200.00	-	-
MacDonald Family Trust Distribution				\$9,364.00
Donations				
TOTAL INCOME	\$9,140.98	\$1,464.84	\$10.86	\$9,868.08
Expense				
Distributions				
West Topsham Cemetery Assn. - 24.1%	\$135.71			
Topsham (Waits River Cemetery) - 7.50%	\$42.24			
East Topsham Cemetery Assn. - 68.40%	\$385.18			
Builtwell Fencing (new vinyl fence)				
Dan's Creative Sandblast (stone repairs)				
C & A Property Maintenance (mowing)				\$2,750.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$563.13	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,750.00
Balance December 31, 2020	\$53,455.77	\$33,653.01	\$21,731.45	\$73,729.98
** - Only earnings from the funds can be expended by the voters				
(Original amount of \$63,479.70 must be maintained)				

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>MODEL</u>	<u>PURCHASE DATE</u>	<u>PURCHASE PRICE</u>
Truck	2015 Kenworth	2/8/2016	\$191,049.00
Truck with Plow	2014 Kenworth	6/16/2016	\$143,235.00
Truck	1972 AM General	9/1/2011	\$500.00
Truck	1999 F-350	12/20/2013	\$10,000.00
Truck	2013 Freightliner	10/22/2018	\$79,850.00
Truck One Ton	2008 F-550	7/30/2020	\$18,000.00
Plow	Viking	12/17/2018	\$7,550.00
Plow for F-350		10/3/2015	\$1,000.00
Plow		3/20/2014	\$7,425.00
Plow		12/28/2020	\$6,450.00
Wing		12/8/2014	\$2,914.67
Backhoe/Loader	2011 Caterpillar 420E	9/6/2011	\$89,000.00
Caterpillar Loader		10/3/2019	\$65,245.00
Grader	John Deere 672 D	7/22/2007	\$205,750.00
Front End Loader	1985 Case	7/1/2010	\$1,700.00
Front End Loader	1985 Case	7/1/2010	\$1,700.00
Front End Loader	1984 Case	6/1/2013	\$1,865.00
Road Smoothing Rake	York	5/1/2008	\$5,600.00
Cargo Trailer	1968 3/4 Ton	10/1/2010	\$100.00
Town Hall & Office			
NEMRC Computer Software	Grand List	1999	\$2,000.00
	Animal Licensing	1999	
	Payroll	2005	\$1,795.00
	Cash Receipts	2005	\$1,795.00
	General Ledger	2007	\$1,795.00
	Accounts Payable	2008	\$1,795.00
	Captap II CAMA	2006	\$2,320.00
	Marriage Software	3/14/2011	\$300.00
Mapping Software		2009	\$1,262.00
Laminator	Tahsin	5/23/2011	\$399.95
Laser printer/FAX/Scanner	HP 1536	10/28/2013	\$319.99
Computer - Listers' Office	HP ENVY Desktop	2019	\$699.98
Laptop Computer - State Grant	ACER	2006	\$1,901.00
Printer - Listers' Office	Laserjet 1320	2006	
Printer - Listers' Office - (FROM STATE)	Brother TN 630		N/A
Monitor - Listers' Office	HP 24 YH	2019	\$69.95
Computer	ACER	6/0/2005	\$1,645.00
Computer	ACER	1/14/2013	\$1,074.00
	Cannon	7/19/2014	\$3,652.00
Laptop Computer - Listers' Office	HP Pavillion DV 5	9/0/2009	\$1,197.93
Laptop Computer - Auditors	HP Pavillion	2/8/2016	\$549.99
Laptop	HP	11/23/2020	\$529.99
Computer	Lenovo	11/14/2016	\$399.99
Computer Monitor	HP	12/31/2016	\$79.99
FAX Machine	HP 1050	11/1/2008	\$120.00
Digital Camera	Kodak # M 863	8/0/2006	\$113.99
Digital Camera	onn	9/12/2018	\$28.77
Land for Cemetery	3 Acres	2/1/2006	\$4,000.00
Land on US 302 - Deed from A.O.T.	1 Acres	7/1/2008	\$0.00
Land on Powder Spring RD (Town Plating site)	1/2 Acre	3/7/2007	\$1,070.19
Land on Ben Dexter Road	11 Acres	3/6/2017	\$44,433.16

VENDOR DISBURSEMENTS - 2020 (No Employee Wages Included)

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
AFLAC	\$1,190.80	INSURANCE WITHHELD FROM EMPLOYEES
AIRGAS USA LLC	\$180.45	COMPRESSED OXYGEN CYLINDER
ALL STATES ASPHALT INC.	\$24,104.00	CHLORIDE
AMBER DOWNING	\$242.00	ELECTION OFFICIAL
AMERICAN ROCK SALT COMPAN	\$17,022.92	ROCK SALT
APEX SOFTWARE	\$215.00	SOFTWARE FOR LISTERS
ATG LEBANON LLC	\$882.26	HIGHWAY REPAIRS
BARRY & KRISTEN EMERSON	\$717.67	TAX OVERPAYMENT REFUND
BETHEL MILLS	\$61.18	HIGHWAY SUPPLIES
BLAKE MEMORIAL LIBRARY	\$2,346.00	VOTED APPROPRIATION
BLAKTOP INC.	\$443.46	COLDPATCH
BRAD CALHOUN	\$12.69	REIMBURSEMENT FOR COPIES MADE
BROOKE HAYWARD-MILLER	\$2,200.00	TRANSFER STATION FEE
BROCK & BROCK PLLC	\$764.00	LEGAL FEES
BRUCE WHITING & CARRIE STANFORD	\$6.00	TAX OVERPAYMENT REFUND
BUILTWELL FENCING	\$325.00	WAITS RIVER CEMETERY FENCE
C & A PROPERTY MAINTENANC	\$8,528.75	CEMETERY MOWING
CAI TECHNOLOGIES	\$5,720.00	TAX MAPPING
CAMEROTA	\$7,134.11	EQUIPMENT PARTS & REPAIRS
CANON SOLUTIONS AMERICA	\$638.85	COPIER MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT
CARGILL INC.	\$6,525.24	SALT
CASELLA WASTE MGT INC.	\$79,424.27	RUBBISH REMOVAL
CENTRAL VERMONT COMMUNICA	\$105.00	HIGHWAY PAGER SERVICE
CENTRAL VERMONT COUNCIL ON AGING	\$500.00	VOTED APPROPRIATION
CHIEF CRUSHING & EXCAVATI	\$31,761.80	SAND SCREENING/STA-PAC MATERIAL
CLARA MARTIN CENTER	\$1,652.00	VOTED APPROPRIATION
COMMUNITY BANK N.A.	\$40.00	SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX RENT
COPIES & MORE	\$1,900.00	PRINTING TOWN REPORT
COUNTY OF ORANGE	\$25,366.08	COUNTY TAX
CTERT	\$7,000.00	VOTER APPROPRIATION
CYNTHIA FLANNIGAN	\$50.79	OFFICE SUPPLY REIMBURSEMENT
DANIEL KEATING	\$18.42	TAX OVERPAYMENT REFUND
DAVE'S STARTER & ALTERNATORS	\$185.00	HIGHWAY DEPT PARTS
DAVID JOHN TROMBLEY	\$234.97	COMPUTER SOFTWARE REIMBURSEMENT
DAVIS STEADMAN FORD & P	\$10.00	OVER PAYMENT OF RECORDING FEES
DBA B & T EQUIPMENT REPAIR	\$100.00	HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT REPAIRS
DONNA OTTERMAN	\$341.00	ELECTION OFFICIAL
DURAND DAVIDSON	\$40.00	HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT REPAIRS
E-Z STEEL & FABRICATION	\$100.00	STEEL FOR HIGHWAY REPAIR
EAST CORINTH GENERAL STOR	\$332.88	FUEL

VENDOR DISBURSEMENTS - 2020 (No Employee Wages Included) Cont....

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
EAST CORINTH POSTMASTER	\$630.82	POSTAGE
EASTERN SALES INC.	\$75.00	OFFICE SUPPLIES
ELAINE H. SMITH	\$198.00	ELECTION OFFICIAL
EVERETT J. PRESCOTT INC.	\$4,690.00	CULVERTS
FMS AUTO PARTS LLC	\$7,566.69	HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT REPAIRS
FOOD BANK	\$500.00	WEST TOPSHAM FOOD SHELF (DUE TO COVID-19)
FORMULA FORD	\$282.64	HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT REPAIRS
FREIGHTLINER OF NEW HAMPS	\$1,131.35	HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT REPAIRS
GMG ENTERPRISES INC.	\$18,000.00	PURCHASE OF NEW TON TRUCK
GOOD-WAY DOCUMENT SERVICE	\$2.50	STORAGE FEE
GRAMPS COUNTRY STORE	\$306.91	FUEL
GREAT PLANNING TECHNOLOGY	\$515.00	COMPUTER REPAIRS
GREEN UP VERMONT	\$100.00	VOTED APPROPRIATION
HATHAWAY'S A2Z	\$570.00	FURNACE SERVICE
HOWARD P. FAIRFIELD	\$217.22	HIGHWAY
IDS	\$190.06	DOG TAGS
IRVING ENERGY	\$31,989.25	FUEL
JACQUELINE LABATE	\$762.09	PROPERTY TAX OVERPAYMENT
JEFFREY LANDI	\$29.61	PROPERTY TAX OVERPAYMENT
JERALD & MARY VIRGINIA APPLETON	\$3,811.00	PROPERTY TAX OVERPAYMENT
JOHN RICHARD MILLER	\$126.46	PROPERTY TAX OVERPAYMENT
JOHNNI-LEE DAMON	\$1,000.00	PROPERTY TAX OVERPAYMENT
JOURNAL OPINION INC.	\$39.33	ADVERTISING
K & R PORTABLE RESTROOMS	\$1,390.00	PORTA POTTY FOR TOWN GARAGE
KAREN BELKNAP	\$392.28	PROPERTY TAX OVERPAYMENT
KEITH B TRISCHMAN	\$300.00	TRUCK INSPECTIONS
KOFILE PRESERVATION INC	\$777.08	OFFICE SUPPLIES
LAURIE KIRKPATRICK	\$43.08	PROPERTY TAX OVERPAYMENT
LITTLE RIVERS HEALTH CARE	\$1,100.00	VOTED APPROPRIATION
LOWELL MCLEODS INC.	\$7,298.27	TRUCK REPAIRS
MARTIN'S QUARRY	\$4,739.10	HWY ROAD MATERIAL
MASCOMA BANK	\$235.70	TAX OVERPAYMENT REFUND
MAUREEN HURLEY	\$55.00	REIMBURSEMENT FOR TRAINING
MCCULLOUGH CRUSHING INC.	\$41,794.25	HIGHWAY ROAD MATERIAL
MONTPELIER STOVE & FLAG WORKS	\$406.20	FLAGS
MURDO LIMLAW	\$9,100.00	ROADSIDE MOWING
MVP HEALTH CARE INC.	\$51,824.04	EMPLOYEES HEALTH INSURANCE
NANCY FROST	\$33.00	PROPERTY TAX OVERPAYMENT
NEMRC	\$8,745.66	COMPUTER SUPPORT & TRAINING
NEW ENGLAND KENWORTH	\$2,012.23	HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT MAINTENEANCE & REPAIRS
NORTHEAST KINGDOM WASTE M	\$1,055.70	DUES
NORTHEAST SKI SLOPE	\$1,173.00	VOTED APPROPRIATION

VENDOR DISBURSEMENTS - 2020 (No Employee Wages Included) Cont....

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	\$259.01	HIGHWAY PARTS
OAKES BROS.	\$28.64	MISC. SUPPLIES
OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH CENTER	\$51.00	DRUG TESTING
ORANGE COUNTY PARENT CHIL	\$500.00	VOTED APPROPRIATION
ORANGE COUNTY RESTORATIVE	\$125.00	VOTED APPROPRIATION
ORANGE EAST SENIOR CENTER	\$3,500.00	VOTED APPROPRIATION
OXBOW SENIOR INDEPENDENCE	\$800.00	VOTED APPROPRIATION
PACCAR FINANCIAL CORP.	\$59,752.93	TRUCK PAYMENT
PAUL THOMAS	\$3,653.11	TAX SALE REDEMPTION
PETER ARNOLD	\$767.97	MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT
PETER KEENE	\$99.00	ELECTION OFFICIAL
PIKCOMM	\$720.00	HIGHWAY TRUCK RADIO SERVICE
PIKE INDUSTRIES	\$158,597.93	PAVING
POWERNET GLOBAL COMMUNICA	\$378.48	LONG DISTANCE PHONE SERVICE
POWERPLAN	\$4,354.02	HWY REPAIRS
RECORDS FORCE INC.	\$16,080.20	DIGITIZING LAND RECORDS
REED SUPPLY CO. INC.	\$405.00	TIRE CHAINS
ROGER VANCE	\$10.99	DUMP SUPPLY REIMBURSEMENT
ROUSE TIRE SALES	\$8,901.31	TIRES
RUGGLES ENGINEERING SERVICE	\$3,450.00	ENGINEERING COSTS FOR PIKE HILL BRIDGE
RUSSELL OR LISA SCHAUER	\$100.00	TOWN HALL RENTAL REFUND
SABIL & SONS	\$163.23	EQUIPMENT REPAIR
SAFELINE INC.	\$500.00	VOTED APPROPRIATION
SCHWAAB INC.	\$35.25	OFFICE SUPPLIES
SHEILA HERMAN	\$121.73	TAX OVERPAYMENT REFUND
SOUTHWORTH-MILTON INC.	\$777.51	TRUCK REPAIRS
STAGECOACH TRANSPORTATION	\$850.00	VOTED APPROPRIATION
STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	\$1,047.57	OFFICE SUPPLIES
STATE OF VERMONT	\$1,590.00	HIGHWAY PERMITS
SUSAN HOOD	\$198.00	ELECTION OFFICIAL
TENCO INDUSTRIES INC.	\$2,272.91	HIGHWAY REPAIRS
TOPSHAM TELEPHONE CO.	\$2,230.76	TELEPHONE BILL
TOPSHAM-CORINTH LITTLE LE	\$500.00	VOTED APPROPRIATION
TOWN OF BARRE	\$61,347.90	AMBULANCE CONTRACT
TR-VILLAGE FIRE DEPARTMENT	\$28,000.00	VOTED APPROPRIATION
TRACI FULFORD PATCH	\$16.23	TAX OVERPAYMENT REFUND
TWO RIVERS-OTTAUQUECHEE R	\$10,795.01	DUES
UNDERCOVER TENTS	\$270.00	DEPOSIT ON TENT FOR TOWN PICNIC
UNIFIRST CORPORATION	\$3,167.43	HIGHWAY UNIFORMS
UNITED AG & TURF	\$1,206.07	HIGHWAY REPAIRS

VENDOR DISBURSEMENTS - 2020 (No Employee Wages Included) Cont....

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
UNITED STATES TREASURY	\$50,833.56	IRS DEPOSITS
US POSTAL SERVICE	\$1,650.35	ENVELOPES & POSTAGE
US POSTAL SERVICE	\$150.00	POST OFFICE BOX RENTAL
VACD-RFP PROGRAM	\$100.00	SELECTBOARD APPROPRIATION
VERMONT ASSESSORS & LISTE	\$100.00	DUES AND ANNUAL CONFERENCE MEETING
VERMONT DEPT. OF TAXES	\$5,801.56	STATE WITHHOLDING TAXES
VERMONT FIRE EXTINGUISHER	\$173.00	INSPECTION
VERMONT LEAGUE OF CITIES	\$2,594.00	WORKSHIP & DUES
VERMONT OFFENDER WORK PRO	\$39.00	OFFICE SUPPLIES
VERMONT STATE TREASURER	\$1,754.00	DOG & MARRIAGE LICENSES
VIKING-CIVES USA	\$8,624.06	HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT & REPAIRS
VLCT EMPLOYMENT RESOURCE	\$100.00	INSURANCE
VLCT PACIF	\$33,180.00	INSURANCE
VMCTA	\$55.00	DUES & TRAINING
VNA & HOSPICE OF VT AND N	\$4,000.00	VOTED APPROPRIATION
VT. DEPT. OF MOTOR VEHICL	\$491.00	MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION
WAITS RIVER COUNTRY STORE	\$198.13	PIZZA FOR ELECTION WORKERS
WAITS RIVER VALLEY SCHOOL	\$1,446,361.47	PROPERTY TAX EDUCATION PAYMENTS
WALKER'S WELDING	\$490.00	HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT REPAIRS
WASHINGTON ELECTRIC CO-OP	\$3,140.16	ELECTRIC BILLS
WEST TOPSHAM CEMETERY ASS	\$135.71	DIVIDENDS
WILLIAM & MARJORIE JOHNSON	\$651.00	TAX OVERPAYMENT REFUND
WORKSAFE TCI INC.	\$722.05	ROAD SIGNS & POSTS
YIPES	\$60.00	NEW LEETERING FOR 1-TON TRUCK
YVETTE TOMLINSON	\$198.00	ELECTION OFFICIAL
TOTAL	\$2,372,857.35	

WAGE REPORT 2020

		ANNUAL WAGE	BUDGET
<u>TOWN CLERK/TREASURER/ASSISTANTS</u>	Cynthia Flannigan (Clerk/Treas.)	\$28,000.00	
	Polly Stryker (Assistant)	\$19,000.00	
	TOTAL	\$47,000.00	\$47,000.00
<u>CUSTODIAN/MAINTENANCE</u>	Polly Stryker	\$600.00	
	TOTAL	\$600.00	\$600.00
<u>SELECTBOARD</u>	James Bulger	\$1,600.00	
	Bradford Calhoun	\$1,600.00	
	Larry Hart	\$1,600.00	
	Naomi Tilton	\$1,600.00	
	Carl Hildebrandt	\$1,600.00	
	TOTAL	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00
<u>ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT</u>	Janice Emerson	\$2,600.00	
	TOTAL	\$2,600.00	\$2,600.00
<u>AUDITORS</u>	Eva Downing	\$33.00	
	Karen Ebbighausen	\$464.75	
	TOTAL	\$497.75	\$497.75
<u>LISTERS</u>	Heidi Wright	\$0.00	
	Patricia Plaisted	\$6,960.00	
	David John H. Trombley	\$1,542.00	
LISTERS ASSISTANT	Erin Page	\$495.00	
	TOTAL	\$8,997.00	\$8,997.00
<u>DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR</u>	Brooke Hayward (Tax Penalty)	\$2,423.84	
	Cynthia Flannigan (Tax Penalty)	\$13,513.95	
	TOTAL	\$15,937.79	\$15,937.79
<u>HIGHWAY</u>	Peter L. Arnold	\$44,470.76	
	Tony Davidson	\$39,942.39	
	Jeffery J. Smith	\$27,619.40	
	Guy D. Welch	\$17,259.17	
	TOTAL	\$129,291.72	\$129,291.72
	Roger Vance	\$2,502.50	
TRANSFER STATION MONITOR	TOTAL	\$2,502.50	\$2,502.50
	Michele Boyer	\$0.00	
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER	TOTAL	\$0.00	\$0.00
	David Mott	\$0.00	
<u>CONSTABLE</u>	TOTAL	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Polly Stryker	\$247.50	
ELECTION WORKERS	Larry Hart	\$99.00	
	TOTAL	\$346.50	\$346.50
	GRAND TOTAL	215,773.26	

TOPSHAM GRAND LIST 2020

Year		Town Grand List	Tax Rate
2014 - General Fund		\$1,048,363.16	\$0.6829
2014 - Non Residential Education		\$436,917.59	\$1.4579
2014 - Homestead Education		\$611,445.57	\$1.4203
2015-Municipal		\$1,054,536.54	\$0.6995
2015-Non Residential Education		\$443,363.33	\$1.4067
2015-Homestead Education		\$611,173.21	\$1.2909
2016-Municipal		\$1,066,592.16	\$0.7156
2016-Non Residential Education		\$464,025.90	\$1.3731
2016-Homestead Education		\$602,566.26	\$1.2700
2017-Municipal		\$1,076,657.16	\$0.6764
2017-Non Residential Education		\$464,580.90	\$1.3464
2017-Homestead Education		\$612,076.26	\$1.3084
2018-Municipal		\$1,079,253.16	\$0.7074
2018-Non Residential Education		\$462,038.90	\$1.4220
2018-Homestead Education		\$617,214.26	\$1.2867
2019-Municipal		\$1,083,096.16	\$0.7145
2019-Non Residential Education		\$482,204.90	\$1.4735
2019 Homestead Education		\$600,891.26	\$1.3187
2020 - General Fund		\$1,087,711.16	\$0.7336
2020 - Homestead Education		\$581,536.26	\$1.4866
2020 - Non Homestead Education		\$508,206.90	\$1.5838
Statement of Taxes Raised in 2020			
Municipality Taxes Billed	\$0.7336	\$1,087,711.16	\$797,944.80
Homestead Education Taxes	\$1.4866	\$581,536.26	\$864,511.77
Taxes Billed, Non-Resident Ed.	\$1.5838	\$506,174.90	\$801,679.93
HS-122 Penalty			\$1,448.30
Town Payments/Penalty Billed by State			\$150.00
State Land			\$12,495.00
Land Use			\$76,132.00
Pilot Payment			\$534.00
TOTAL TAXES BILLED			\$2,554,895.80
Accounted for as follows:			
Municipality Fund			\$57,137.75
Highway Fund			\$507,050.00
Cemetery Fund			\$9,075.00
School Fund			\$1,478,036.62
HS-122 Paid Direct to School			\$210,700.30
Total Local Taxes Collected			\$2,261,999.67
State Land Collected			\$12,495.00
Land Use Collected			\$76,132.00
Pilot Program			\$534.00
Overpaid Amounts			-\$231.03
Paid in Previous Year			
Underpaid Amounts			\$0.11
Delinquent			\$203,966.05
BILLED TAXES ACCOUNTED FOR 2020			\$2,554,895.80

PROPERTY IN CURRENT USE (2020)	ASSESSED VALUE	LAND USE ACREAGE	LAND USE EXEMPT	TAXABLE VALUE
ADAMS MARK	\$83,400.00	25.9	\$31,100.00	\$52,300.00
BARRETT EDWARD	\$184,800.00	98	\$87,700.00	\$97,100.00
BATTEN MIKAEL	\$123,900.00	38.8	\$46,900.00	\$77,000.00
BATTEN MIKAEL, KENNETH , CITRO JUDITH	\$218,100.00	43	\$49,600.00	\$168,500.00
BRAINERD ANTHONY	\$56,800.00	33.8	\$51,600.00	\$5,200.00
BRILLHART JONATHAN G	\$263,000.00	114.2	\$77,100.00	\$185,900.00
BROCKARDT JAMES W	\$66,200.00	57.4	\$57,100.00	\$9,100.00
BROWN WILLIAM & ANGELA	\$115,900.00	73	\$63,200.00	\$52,700.00
BRUNET CRAIG	\$495,600.00	238.6	\$164,500.00	\$331,100.00
BULGER JAMES H	\$209,500.00	74.12	\$82,200.00	\$127,300.00
CALLEY CHARLES M REVOCABLE TRUST	\$97,200.00	72.5	\$33,600.00	\$63,600.00
CAPIZZI THOMAS SR FAMILY TRUST	\$213,200.00	102	\$89,000.00	\$124,200.00
CARLONE MICHAEL F & DONNA A	\$153,300.00	234	\$87,400.00	\$65,900.00
CLARK JAMES & NANCY	\$260,700.00	86	\$81,700.00	\$179,000.00
CLARK JAMES H	\$292,900.00	164	\$115,100.00	\$177,800.00
COFFEY EVERETT W FAMILY TRUST	\$213,000.00	60	\$29,300.00	\$183,700.00
COMMUNITY FINANCIAL SERVICES GROUP LLC	\$142,700.00	121	\$103,700.00	\$39,000.00
COOPER ABIGAIL	\$90,900.00	44	\$56,500.00	\$34,400.00
CRIDER LEE TRUSTEE OF	\$278,800.00	30.1	\$41,400.00	\$237,400.00
DAILEY TIMOTHY R SR	\$72,600.00	45	\$48,900.00	\$23,700.00
DELEIRE JOHN	\$145,500.00	65.5	\$68,300.00	\$77,200.00
DEMICCO RALPH J	\$285,900.00	39.2	\$45,000.00	\$240,900.00
DENAGY GEORGE S	\$326,700.00	221.3	\$124,600.00	\$202,100.00
DENAGY JOHN B	\$213,100.00	28	\$33,200.00	\$179,900.00
DORSO DAVID	\$245,100.00	75.2	\$77,700.00	\$167,400.00
DOW GLENN C	\$67,500.00	60	\$58,200.00	\$9,300.00
DOW GLENN C	\$238,600.00	88	\$80,500.00	\$158,100.00
FOSTER SUE M & THOMAS APPLETON TRUSTEES	\$340,300.00	85.8	\$73,500.00	\$266,800.00
FOSTER SUE MILLER TRUSTEE	\$412,800.00	44.9	\$58,000.00	\$354,800.00
GABLE CRAIG A	\$191,100.00	198	\$160,400.00	\$30,700.00
GANDIN GREG A	\$109,700.00	98	\$59,800.00	\$49,900.00
GAUDIN LAURENT M	\$270,700.00	146.5	\$115,500.00	\$155,200.00
GODINA JOHN M JR	\$65,200.00	33	\$60,100.00	\$5,100.00
GODINA JOHN M JR	\$306,700.00	60.1	\$80,400.00	\$226,300.00
GOLDEN SUSAN	\$44,100.00	24.9	\$17,800.00	\$26,300.00
GREENE TARI	\$243,200.00	146	\$92,300.00	\$150,900.00
GRIMES & NOLAN REVOCABLE TRUST	\$40,800.00	50	\$33,000.00	\$7,800.00
HALL CHRISTOPHER D	\$238,900.00	84	\$65,600.00	\$173,300.00
HARKINS PHILIP J TRUSTEE OF THE	\$1,422,700.00	504.2	\$283,300.00	\$1,139,400.00
HARRINGTON SHIRLEY S	\$298,100.00	64.25	\$69,000.00	\$229,100.00
HAZLETT FAMILY TRUST	\$6,500.00	6	\$5,600.00	\$900.00

PROPERTY IN CURRENT USE (2020)	ASSESSED VALUE	LAND USE ACREAGE	LAND USE EXEMPT	TAXABLE VALUE
HEIDENREICH JAMES CARR	\$254,700.00	82	\$79,600.00	\$175,100.00
HEIDENREICH JOHN WILLIAM	\$244,600.00	102.6	\$71,800.00	\$172,800.00
HEIDENREICH TOBY	\$55,800.00	32.9	\$49,200.00	\$6,600.00
HERMAN SHEILA	\$308,400.00	52.5	\$72,600.00	\$235,800.00
HERMITAGE TRUST	\$123,400.00	61	\$58,300.00	\$65,100.00
HERSEY TAMARA	\$157,200.00	187	\$127,000.00	\$30,200.00
HOOD GEORGE E JR	\$49,800.00	28	\$26,700.00	\$23,100.00
HOOD GEORGE E JR	\$100,500.00	68	\$61,400.00	\$39,100.00
HOOD HAROLD JR & BENJAMIN	\$63,800.00	40	\$57,400.00	\$6,400.00
HOOD HAROLD JR & BENJAMIN	\$101,500.00	66	\$68,900.00	\$32,600.00
HOOD HAROLD JR & BENJAMIN	\$114,600.00	51	\$101,410.00	\$13,190.00
HUGHES THOMAS	\$91,500.00	108	\$78,500.00	\$13,000.00
HUNGERFORD HOPE	\$150,000.00	175	\$119,500.00	\$30,500.00
JENCKS HELEN	\$296,500.00	129	\$99,000.00	\$197,500.00
JOHNSON WILLIAM F	\$295,500.00	156.9	\$114,600.00	\$180,900.00
KARPOWICH FAMILY LLC	\$370,400.00	169	\$127,800.00	\$242,600.00
LAMSON ALBERT	\$400,100.00	176	\$132,000.00	\$268,100.00
LEAVITT GARTH	\$154,800.00	183	\$126,400.00	\$28,400.00
LENTZ FAMILY TRUST	\$89,900.00	58	\$57,000.00	\$32,900.00
LIMLAW BRUCE E TRUST	\$721,500.00	281	\$153,300.00	\$568,200.00
LINNELL CONSTANCE E REVOCABLE TRUST	\$333,200.00	85.55	\$68,500.00	\$264,700.00
LIPSKAR SIMON	\$687,400.00	168	\$140,000.00	\$547,400.00
MAGOUN MARTIN GRANT	\$186,700.00	58.05	\$65,400.00	\$121,300.00
MANDATTA ROBERT G	\$286,900.00	65.5	\$68,500.00	\$218,400.00
MANNING GREGORY A	\$105,400.00	88	\$70,300.00	\$35,100.00
MARTINEAU DAVID	\$103,800.00	36.7	\$49,500.00	\$54,300.00
MEADOWSEND TIMBERLAND LTD	\$1,006,700.00	970.4	\$644,400.00	\$362,300.00
MEJIA JEAN CHRISTIE REVOCABLE TRUST	\$49,200.00	67.6	\$38,700.00	\$10,500.00
MILLER MIRANDA M	\$3,300.00	2	\$3,000.00	\$300.00
MNB LLC	\$298,700.00	36.7	\$56,200.00	\$242,500.00
MONTGOMERY TIMBER COMPANY LLC	\$235,900.00	262	\$188,900.00	\$47,000.00
MOORE CYNTHIA M TRUST	\$131,600.00	113	\$114,100.00	\$17,500.00
MOORE CYNTHIA M TRUST	\$343,200.00	497	\$262,700.00	\$80,500.00
NEW ENGLAND FORESTRY FOUNDATION INC	\$91,200.00	76.1	\$78,900.00	\$12,300.00
NORTON-HAWK MAUREEN A	\$75,400.00	36.3	\$39,000.00	\$36,400.00
PACILIO VINCENT E	\$132,500.00	188	\$90,600.00	\$41,900.00
PARRISH ROY G II	\$214,900.00	221	\$127,000.00	\$87,900.00
PASCHALL DOUGLAS	\$124,900.00	38	\$43,800.00	\$81,100.00
PERRY DENNIS II	\$38,600.00	17.6	\$31,700.00	\$6,900.00
PETERSON BARBARA M & TIMOTHY H	\$168,900.00	161	\$122,700.00	\$46,200.00
PHELPS GEORGE W	\$128,800.00	86	\$112,100.00	\$16,700.00

PROPERTY IN CURRENT USE (2020)	ASSESSED VALUE	LAND USE ACREAGE	LAND USE EXEMPT	TAXABLE VALUE
PLANT ALBERT A	\$240,600.00	242.07	\$107,600.00	\$133,000.00
POST STEPHEN	\$106,100.00	25	\$35,400.00	\$70,700.00
POULSON JR RONALD E	\$50,300.00	37	\$44,600.00	\$5,700.00
POWERS L BARRY	\$279,800.00	275.8	\$183,100.00	\$96,700.00
POWERS L BARRY	\$155,900.00	5	\$10,400.00	\$145,500.00
POWERS L BARRY & MARY	\$292,800.00	62	\$62,350.00	\$230,450.00
POWERS MATTHEW B	\$93,500.00	58.5	\$83,500.00	\$10,000.00
POWERS VICTORIA ROSE	\$134,200.00	8.12	\$16,624.00	\$117,576.00
POWLEY THOMAS N B	\$141,200.00	82	\$67,700.00	\$73,500.00
PRATT PRENTIS	\$350,000.00	199.4	\$134,800.00	\$215,200.00
PUTNAM JUSTIN	\$108,200.00	59.1	\$55,000.00	\$53,200.00
REGULINSKI DOUGLAS	\$95,100.00	36.5	\$64,600.00	\$30,500.00
RINTELL DAVID	\$133,800.00	43	\$59,600.00	\$74,200.00
ROGERS HILL SUGAR MAPLE FARM LLC	\$130,200.00	129.4	\$71,800.00	\$58,400.00
ROHRMAYER FAMILY TRUST	\$185,900.00	41.88	\$62,600.00	\$123,300.00
SAYLES RICHARD	\$54,300.00	50	\$46,300.00	\$8,000.00
SEVERENS MICHAEL	\$75,000.00	50	\$55,400.00	\$19,600.00
SHERIDAN JAMES	\$93,000.00	80	\$80,600.00	\$12,400.00
SMITH STEVEN M	\$160,800.00	27.5	\$31,400.00	\$129,400.00
SMITH STEVEN M	\$189,700.00	231	\$131,300.00	\$58,400.00
SODERBERG ROGER H REVOCABLE TRUST	\$199,500.00	210	\$175,100.00	\$24,400.00
SOLAR ACRES REALTY TRUST	\$194,900.00	22	\$26,200.00	\$168,700.00
SOROKA GEORGE V ANN C GEORGE L	\$140,600.00	28.8	\$40,300.00	\$100,300.00
STOCKTON DORIS S. ESTATE	\$103,800.00	98	\$88,600.00	\$15,200.00
STRYKER POLLY J	\$338,100.00	233	\$128,900.00	\$209,200.00
SWEET ROY	\$396,100.00	94.99	\$174,900.00	\$221,200.00
THOMAS JR FREDERICK B	\$60,100.00	29.1	\$55,600.00	\$4,500.00
THOMAS MIRIAM ESTATE	\$202,100.00	270	\$130,100.00	\$72,000.00
THOMAS MIRIAM ESTATE	\$216,400.00	285.7	\$172,100.00	\$44,300.00
THREE TREES FARM LLC	\$458,000.00	67.1	\$105,700.00	\$352,300.00
TIMBERVEST PARTNERS III VERMONT LLC	\$78,200.00	81.3	\$65,600.00	\$12,600.00
TIMBERVEST PARTNERS III VERMONT LLC	\$276,200.00	501.5	\$198,400.00	\$77,800.00
TIMBERVEST PARTNERS III VERMONT LLC	\$354,500.00	518.84	\$274,000.00	\$80,500.00
VANDERELS JONATHAN	\$43,800.00	30	\$39,100.00	\$4,700.00
VON HIPPEL PETER H& JOSEPHINE B R TRUST	\$195,000.00	250	\$152,400.00	\$42,600.00
WARDINSKI BOOTS	\$30,600.00	24.5	\$26,800.00	\$3,800.00
WATSON PAMELA ELIZABETH SANDERS	\$153,000.00	50	\$52,500.00	\$100,500.00
WHITING JOAN L ESTATE	\$196,900.00	27	\$44,300.00	\$152,600.00
WIGAN MICHAEL	\$550,200.00	711	\$443,700.00	\$106,500.00
WILCOX RICHARD	\$138,600.00	67	\$49,100.00	\$89,500.00
WITWICKI THOMAS	\$206,600.00	27	\$37,400.00	\$169,200.00
ZANDSTRA NICHOLAS B	\$193,200.00	41.5	\$45,000.00	\$148,200.00
GRAND TOTALS	\$25,834,200.00	14771.27	\$11,188,284.00	\$14,645,916.00

DELINQUENT TAXES 12/31/2020

<u>Name</u>	<u>Tax Year</u>	<u>Owed</u>	<u>*</u>
ALLARD DIANA M	2020	843.53	
BERQUIST CHRISTOPHER	2019	463.05	
	2020	947.16	
BURNHAM RODNEY & MARTHA C.	2020	1011.18	
CHRISTIAN REBECCA, EMERSON, VIOLA, KNAPP WYNESS FRED	2020	1003.53	
CORBETT MARY ELLEN	2019	3635.84	
	2020	4537.47	
DAMATO FRANCES	2019	685.45	
	2020	1174.93	
DARLING DAVID R	2019	218.8	
DOWNING AMBER	2020	1515.58	
DOWNING AMBER & FRANKLIN	2020	943.59	
DOWNING LUCAS & RICKER, JESSICA	2020	1842.77	
DOYLE PAMELA & ELIAS DAVID	2020	3893.23	
EMERSON ALBERT & SUSAN	2020	4544.61	
EMERSON DEANNE A	2019	831.17	
	2020	690.58	
EMERSON DENNIS & MICHELLE	2018	1118.56	
	2019	1376.32	
	2020	1538.75	
EMERSON JANICE D	2020	1627.83	
EMERSON JOHN E	2018	575.64	
FLYE CHRISTOPHER	2018	402.14	
	2019	582.42	
	2020	697.14	
GOLDEN SUSAN	2020	609.48	
GREENPOINT CREDIT / RICHARD MCALLISTER	2018	1776.59	
	2019	1777.01	
	2020	1029.46	
GRIFFIN BRAD & HEATHER	2020	1451.92	
HALL GARY	2019	456.79	
	2020	523.73	
HALL GARY C SR & DIANE M & GARY C JR.	2019	769.57	
	2020	1174.93	
HARRINGTON, JOSHUA & EMILY	2018	1983.47	
HUTCHINGS SHANE C & ROBERGE HEATHER	2020	700.52	*
LABADIE KATANA	2020	3480.74	
LAHAYE DARREN & MAGOON SHARON	2020	3007.6	
LAPRISE VICKIE HATCH OTTERMAN	2020	2507.44	
LILLBASK TORE ESTATE	2018	1795.09	
	2019	1844.48	
	2020	1953.56	

DELINQUENT TAXES 12/31/2020 CONT...

<u>Name</u>	<u>Tax Year</u>	<u>Owed</u>	<u>*</u>
MABLE TODD	2020	1526.81	*
MADSEN BRIAN K	2020	727.66	*
MAGOON STANLEY F ESTATE	2020	3242.05	
MAGOUN MARTIN GRAN	2020	2747.21	
MARSH EVAN S &ALAINA	2020	5494.56	
MILLER ADAM S & MIRANDA	2018	6.39	
MILLER MIRANDA M	2019	6.56	
	2020	6.95	
O BRIEN JOY O	2020	1290.8	*
OLMSTEAD FELISHA & ORRIN	2020	1311.65	
OSBORNE, REBECCA & DEBORAH	2019	1636.63	
PACILIO VINCENT E	2020	970.99	
PERKINS JEFFREY	2019	17.07	*
	2020	950.14	
PLAISTED FRED K & PATRICIA	2020	3777.62	
POWELL BARBRA & HERMAN	2020	723.03	
RICKER HARVEY ESTATE	2020	1687.07	
RIPLEY MARK E	2020	1714.15	
SMITH AARON M	2018	1468.99	
	2019	1857.61	
	2020	1967.48	
SMITH, PERLEY E & SHARON L.	2018	1288.29	
	2019	1323.74	
	2020	882.22	
SOULIERE ROXANNE F	2020	2023.09	*
STEWART CYNTHIA	2019	1.01	
	2020	1893.31	
TUTTLE FREEMAN H JR. & ANAH M.	2020	1109.24	
VANCE JR JAMES D	2020	5134.61	
WELCH ROBERT & HEATHER	2020	1572.07	
WILLIAMS WESLEY M & REBECCA J.	2020	981.33	
WRIGHT HEIDI F	2020	3459.87	
DELINQUENT TAX TOTALS 12/31/2020		116343.85	
* Paid in full after Jan 1, 2021			
** Purchased after Apr 1, 2020			

Statement of Delinquent Taxes 2020

Delinquent Tax		Sent to	Collected	State	Revised Tax		Uncollected
Year	Bal. 1/1/2020	Collector	12/31/2020	Payments	Bills after 10/1	Abatement	12/31/2020
2016	\$918.42		\$918.42			\$0.00	\$0.00
2017	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00
2018	\$21,121.67	\$0.00	\$10,706.51	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,415.16
2019	\$87,689.96	\$0.00	\$70,206.44	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$17,483.52
2020		\$203,966.05	\$115,520.88				\$88,445.17
Total	\$109,730.05	\$203,966.05	\$197,352.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$116,343.85
		Percentage of Taxes Going Delinquent					
	2011	8.70%					
	2012	7.10%					
	2013	7.80%					
	2014	6.93%					
	2015	8.43%					
	2016	6.90%					
	2017	7.90%					
	2018	7.53%					
	2019	7.21%					
	2020	7.98%					

Property & Casualty Insurance Coverage Coverage and Limits Provided

In return for the payment of the contribution and subject to the terms and conditions of this Coverage Document and Member Agreements the Fund agrees to provide the Coverage as stated in this Coverage Document

Section II - Property Coverage

10,000,000 any one occurrence for real and personal property, except that with respect to the following type of loss the maximum sub-limit shall be:

- 10,000,000 any one occurrence and in the aggregate annually with respect to any. Flood loss under Section II. This coverage is subject to a \$50,000,000 annual aggregate limit for all Fund Members combined with respect to any Flood loss under Section II.
- \$10,000,000 any one occurrence and in the aggregate annually with respect to any Earthquake loss under Section II. This coverage is subject to a \$50,000,000 annual aggregate limit for all Fund Members combined with respect to any Earthquake loss under Section II
- \$1,000,000 any one occurrence Municipal Income, Extra Expense and Data Processing Extra Expense combined
- \$1,000,000 any one occurrence Data Processing Systems Equipment
- \$1,000,000 any one occurrence Data Processing Media
- \$1,000,000 any one occurrence Accounts Receivable
- \$1,000,000 any one occurrence Valuable Papers and Records
- \$1,000,000 any one occurrence Property in Transit
- \$1,000,000 any one occurrence Ordinance Deficiency
- \$100,000 any one occurrence Computer Attack and Security Breach

\$10,000,000 any one occurrence and in the aggregate annually with respect to any Act of Terrorism loss. This coverage is subject to a \$500,000,000 any one occurrence and annual aggregate limit for all Fund Members combined with respect to any Act of Terrorism loss under Section II.

\$1,000,000 any one occurrence and in the aggregate annually for all Fund Members combined Asbestos Abatement

\$150,000 any one occurrence and in the aggregate annually Pollution Removal and Cleanup

\$1,000,000 any one occurrence unintentional Errors and Omissions in Property Scheduling

\$1,000,000 any one occurrence and in the aggregate annually for all Fund Members combined Mold

\$50,000,000 any one occurrence Machinery and Equipment Breakdown, except that with respect to the following types of loss the maximum sub-limit shall be:

- \$1,000,000 any one occurrence Utility Interruption
- \$ 500,000 any one occurrence Expediting Expense
- \$ 500,000 any one occurrence Hazardous Substance Contamination
- \$ 500,000 any one occurrence Perishable Goods
- \$ 500,000 any one occurrence Water Damage
- \$ 500,000 any one occurrence Computer Data and Media
- \$ 500,000 any one occurrence Mold or Other Fungi, Wet or Dry Rot, or Bacteria

Section III - Casualty Coverage

\$10,000,000 any one occurrence, including suit(s) brought in connection therewith, combined single limit, for all casualty under Section III Agreements C, D, and E, except that with respect to the following types of loss the maximum sub-limit of liability shall be:

- A. \$500,000 any one occurrence and in the aggregate annually Limited Pollution, except that with respect to road salt application the maximum limit of liability is \$20,000 any one occurrence and in the aggregate annually.
- B. \$250,000 any one occurrence Uninsured Motorist
- C. \$1,000,000 any one occurrence and in the aggregate annually Covered Darns
- D. \$15,000 any one occurrence Medical Payments
- E. \$10,000 any one occurrence and in the aggregate annually Sewer Backup

Section IV - Crime and Fidelity Coverage

\$ 25,000 any one occurrence Agreement F - Money and Securities Within Premises

\$ 25,000 any one occurrence Agreement G - Money and Securities Outside of Premises

\$500,000 any one occurrence Agreement H - Employee Theft and Faithful Performance

25,000 any one occurrence Agreement J a. - Forgery or Alteration

\$ 25,000 any one occurrence Agreement J b. - Money Orders and Counterfeit Money \$

25,000 any one occurrence Agreement J c. - Computer Fraud

\$ 25,000 any one occurrence Agreement J d. - Funds Transfer Fraud

Section V - Public Officials Liability and Section VI - Employment Practices Liability Coverages

510,000,000 combined single limit any claim made and/or covered event and in the aggregate annually, including suits brought in connection therewith for all liability under Agreements K and L, except that with respect to the following type of loss under Agreement L, the maximum sub limit shall be:

\$ 50,000 any claim made Non-Monetary Defense

BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

The budget process started in November 2020. We met with town officers and other groups in November and December to review their requests for operating funds. The budget was finalized in January.

The proposed amount to be raised by taxes for 2021 is \$750,950 (\$263,925 for Town Operations, \$480,350 for Highway and \$6,675 for Cemetery). This is \$22,575 (2.9%) less than the amount for 2020.

Town Operations – Taking into account income from state related taxes, income from clerk office fees, interest income and other revenue, there is a surplus from fiscal year 2020 of \$32,379. Of this amount, \$25,900 is carried forward to 2021 (for equipment, building repair and maintenance, legal fees and other expenses). This is reflected in the recommended amount to be raised by taxes for 2021. The balance of \$6,479 may be used to reduce the amount raised by taxes or put in the Surplus Fund for future expenses. This will be decided by a vote at Town Meeting.

Highway – After taking into account revenue from State Aid and other revenue, there is a surplus from fiscal year 2020 of \$174,391. The Select Board voted at their meeting on January 25, 2021 to carry forward \$128,150 to 2021 (for engineering costs, bridge repairs and other highway expenses). This is reflected in the recommended amount to be raised by taxes for 2021. The Board voted to put the balance of \$46,241 in the Highway Fund.

Cemetery – There is a surplus from fiscal year 2020 of \$9,565. Of this amount, \$9,500 is carried forward to 2021 for development and maintenance. This is reflected in the recommended amount to be raised by taxes for 2021.

Budget Committee Members

Janice Emerson (Chair), Donna Otterman, Yvette Tomlinson, Larry Hart Sr., Bradford Calhoun, Naomi Tilton, Carl Hildebrandt and James Bulger

SUMMARY OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE FOR 2021

The Budget Committee met November 23, 2020, December 14, 2020 and January 25, 2021 at the Town Hall in East Topsham for the purpose of hearing recommendations for the Town of Topsham Budget for 2021.

The Committee recommends the following as necessary to be raised by taxes to pay the expenses for the town for the ensuing year:

General Fund	\$263,925.00
Highway	\$480,350.00
Cemetery	<u>\$6,675.00</u>
Total	\$750, 950.00



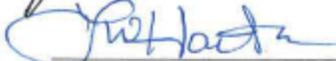
Janice Emerson, Chair



Donna Otterman



Yvette Tomlinson



Larry Hart, Sr.



James Bulger



Bradford Calhoun



Carl Hildebrandt

Naomi Tilton

Select Board Report 2021

On March 3, 2020 I accepted a position on the Topsham Select Board. On March 9th I was appointed the chair of the board. Just weeks later we started hearing about a pandemic that originated in China had just made its way to the United States. Covid-19 changed our lives in ways we didn't think possible. Teachers had to learn to teach differently, students had to be taught remotely, businesses shut down and unemployment went to an all-time high. Everyone (mostly) wore masks or social distanced themselves from others per order of Governor Scott. We did our select board meetings from the town hall with masks and social distancing, with the exception of one meeting where there was a concern about ATVs. From that point forward we strengthened our rules following the guidelines set by the Governor. We have done whatever we can to make everyone safe at the meetings. Some of the members and guests have chosen to join us through Zoom meetings. We are in the process of making it better for them with better equipment. On the subject of Covid-19, I would like to thank our town office, Cindy Flannigan and Polly Stryker for the work they have had to do and the changes that they have had to endure over the last year. They have kept good spirits and have got the job done, even with the procedure changes set forth by the Secretary of State and Vermont Leagues of Cities and Towns. I would also like to thank Nancy Frost and the East Corinth Church, Rene at East Corinth General Store and Gramps Store and Heather at Waits River Store for all they have done for the citizens of Topsham during this pandemic. Thank you all for everything.

This year the board chose to do an Australian Ballot format instead of an open meeting because of Covid 19. This was a decision that was strongly recommended by both the Secretary of State's office and the Vermont Leagues of Cities and Towns, this is only for this year. We are hoping that our 2022 town meeting will be either open like our traditional meetings or hybrid of open meeting and Australian Ballot.

As many of you are aware of our town is in need of a new town garage for our highway department. I moved away from Topsham in 2011 and returned in 2019 to a divided town. Divided only by the location of where the town garage should be located. Before accepting the position on the select board I questioned many friends, family and residents of our town as to their opinion. Only after taking the position on the select board did I learn of the site committee. They had created a matrix to compare the two sites, one site we own and the other site is available. In their defense, they had to endure opposition and didn't always get the information that they needed in a timely fashion. They have since dissolved the committee and I have taken on a majority of the responsibility of gathering the information needed to compare the two sites for the highway garage. Where the garage will be located will be determined by your vote on the Australian Ballot.

Besides Covid-19 and the Town Garage site we had our normal issues with ATVs and dogs. We haven't budgeted money for policing these issues, but VASA and our Tri-Village Wheelers president, Chris Putney, stepped up and did the best that they could with their assets. We adjusted the allowed times of operating ATVs on our town policy to help, but there will always be those that choose to ride when and as they wish. Let's just hope that a majority of the riders will respect that the town has worked with them and that they should be respectful of the residents of Topsham.

We have had complaints about dogs barking all hours of the day and night. We do have a dog ordinance and we are in the process of enforcing that ordinance in these situations.

All in all, with all the changes and stresses from Covid19, the town garage site, ATVs and dogs, we have kept pretty level headed at the select board level this year. We have had our moments, every board does. We didn't please everyone and we never will. We do the best we can and that's what you voted us into these offices to do. We will have a busy 2021 and I look forward to working with the rest of the board to govern our town in a respectful and civil manner. We still have work to do to fight through Covid-19 and the town garage site. Once you have picked the site for the town garage, we will then have to ask you for permission to borrow the funds to get the ball rolling on the Highway garage. Besides those issues we will be looking at certain roads for reclassification and upgrading some that need work.

Please know that we will continue to be open about all that we do. We are your friends, your neighbors and in many cases, your family. We all have the same common goal of keeping Topsham the town we all love.

Thank you,
Larry Hart Sr.
Select Board Chair

2020 AUDITORS' REPORT

In accordance with Section 3593, V.S. as amended, we have verified the existence of stated cash balances, examined the accounts and records of Town Officers, and, to the best of our knowledge, the financial statements and reports of receipts and disbursements present an accurate record of funds handled in the year ending December 31, 2020.

We continue to update a procedures' manual for future auditors. We will be conducting periodic reviews of various financial activities of the town throughout the upcoming year.

Term 2021	Peter Poor
Term 2022	Karen Ebbighausen
Term 2023	Brooke Hayward-Miller

TOWN CLERK/TREASURER'S REPORT

The activities of the town office continue to be challenging as we try to stay up to date with the ever changing laws, rules, regulations, and new computer software programs the different State Departments require the clerks and treasurers to use. 2020 was even more challenging due to COVID-19. The office was closed to the public beginning in the middle of March. I continued to come into the office during regular office hours to assist in getting documents for attorneys and title searchers as well as answering phone calls. If I was unable to help or searches had to be done people were allowed into the office by appointment. Polly worked from home helping with the typing of recording cards and indexing. In May Polly was able to come back to work in the office until we had to close down again in late November. Due to COVID-19 the State is requiring land records to be available online for researchers. Topsham received a COVID Grant to get 40 years of the land records digitized and uploaded to an online site with NEMRC. This is a work in progress and a great deal of work has got to be done to make sure it is up to date and accurately transferred.

Town Clerk duties consisted of recording documents in the land records and into vital statistics, issuing dog licenses, marriage licenses, processing motor vehicle registrations, as well as assisting those calling or coming into the office to do research. A great deal of time was involved in holding 4 elections in 2020. Town Meeting and the Presidential Primary in March, the State Primary in August and the General Election in November. Time is also spent assisting the select board, listers and animal control officer

The Treasurer's job consists of accounting for all revenues and expenses of the town, issuing account payable checks, processing payroll and the associated state and federal forms, the preparing of property tax bills and collecting tax monies. Tax bills were late getting mailed out this year due to no school budget getting passed until June causing a delay in getting the school tax rate from the Vermont Dept. of Education.

There was no Memorial Day Celebration or Community Picnic in 2020 due to the COVID Virus. Hopefully these annual events will be able to be held in 2021.

Dates to be remembered are April 1st the last day to license dogs without late fees and April 15th, the due date for filing the Homestead Declaration (Form HS-122) with the VT. Department of Taxes. The Homestead Declaration has to be filed if you own and are living in your home on April 1st even if you aren't required to file a Vermont Income Tax!! Form HI-144 also needs to be filed with Form HS-122 in order to be eligible to receive a state payment due to income sensitivity. There is a 1% penalty added to your property tax bill for Homestead Declarations filed after April 15th!

Thanks to all those who take the time to serve their community as elected and appointed officials or as a volunteer. Special thanks to those that were willing to step up and help with elections during COVID. As I write this my assistant Polly Stryker is getting ready to retire. I am extremely grateful for the help she has given me in fulfilling my role as Town Clerk and Treasurer over the years. She will be greatly missed here in the Town Office! **Thank-You Polly.**

Hoping for getting the COVID Virus under control in 2021 and that everyone stays Safe & Healthy!

Cynthia Flannigan
Town Clerk/Treasurer

LISTERS' REPORT FOR 2020

Another year has come and gone, but Corona is still with us. It has been more difficult to do our job due to all the restrictions of this Virus. We are making phone calls a new norm for us as far as gathering information of new building and additions. We would appreciate any and all help you folks can give us.

As we usually do, we want to remind everyone of the **HS-122 – HOMESTEAD DECLARATION reporting** due on **APRIL 15 EVERY YEAR**. If your land is in the Current Use program, it is a big help to have this done on time. Your declaration can be filed, online or on paper, by April 15 even if you have an extension for your Income Tax filing. Waiting until the Income Tax Return is filed will lead to a penalty being added as well as you receiving a revised property tax bill. It is to your advantage to file your HS - 122 on time.

We are still reviewing our current maps and getting information to our new mapping firm. This is an ongoing process and we appreciate any and all help with revisions that need to be made. We are trying to get these maps as accurate as we can, therefore if anyone has surveys that may not be recorded with the town office, or even an old hand drawing of a piece of land, it would be much appreciated if you could share it with us. A good survey is the most accurate information we can have and sometimes is to your advantage to have an accurate acreage on your property. Old deeds are not always accurate acreage but only guesses as to what is actually there.

Again, we want to encourage anyone that may be interested in being a lister or an assessor or appraiser, to contact us. Due to 'advanced aging' of present listers, we are hoping to attract a 'younger', more energetic group to step up and be ready to take over. There is a lot to learn, but if someone is interested, it can be a rewarding and fun experience.

Respectfully Submitted – Board of Listers

Term up 2021 Heidi Wright

Term up 2022 David Trombley

Term up 2023 Patricia Plaisted

2020 COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES REPORT

Property taxes become delinquent at the close of business at the Town Office on October 1st and are turned over to the Delinquent Tax Collector for collection. I started mailing delinquent tax notices monthly rather than bi-monthly as was done in past years. I have made myself available for delinquent tax payments during regular Town Office hours as well as at my home when the office isn't open.

Due to COVID-19, the Select Board and I decided not to hold a tax sale in 2020. A tax sale is being planned for late summer in 2021. Delinquent tax payers are encouraged to set up a payment plan agreement so as to get the delinquency taken care of and avoid additional tax sale costs.

A Delinquent Tax Collection Policy & Tax Sale Proceedings Policy is included in this report.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia Flannigan, Topsham Delinquent Tax Collector

Town of Topsham Delinquent Tax Collection Policy & Tax Sale Proceedings

Purpose:

While Vermont Statutes specifically direct procedures for the collection of delinquent property taxes, this policy will enable the town to treat all persons fairly, to inform the delinquent tax payer of what to expect, and avoid claims that the town is acting arbitrarily.

General Terms:

1. All delinquent taxes must be remitted to the Collector of Delinquent Taxes.
2. All taxes become delinquent at the close of the business day October 1st.
3. The Collector of Delinquent Taxes will send a notice to each Delinquent Tax Payer within 30 days of receiving the Delinquent Tax Warrant. This notice will advise delinquent tax payers of the addition of an 8% penalty to their tax bill (as per VT Statutes) as well as 1% monthly interest which is applied to the unpaid delinquent tax on the second day of each month.
4. Partial payments will be applied first to the interest and expenses portion of the amount due, and the remainder will be divided proportionately between the amount of tax and the 8% penalty. The Town of Topsham will NOT accept partial payment of delinquent taxes leaving a balance below one hundred dollars or contrary to this policy. The Collector of Delinquent Taxes will return any payments that are not consistent with this policy to the delinquent tax payer. Payments with statements or directives issued on them or by communication included with payment that are not consistent with the Topsham Town Policy will be returned as well.
5. Payments are credited when received. **US postmarks are not accepted.**
6. Tax overpayments exceeding \$3.00 will be returned to the payee. Lesser amounts will only be refunded by written request with a S.A.S.E. enclosed.
7. There will be a \$25.00 fee for any returned checks, non-sufficient funds, closed accounts, or returned instrument of non-payment in lieu of delinquent taxes.
8. To ensure quality service telephone calls may be recorded for accuracy, clarity, and content.
9. All delinquent taxes not paid by December 31st will be published in the annual town report
10. A Monthly notice will be mailed to each delinquent tax payer. A Final Notice will be mailed to each delinquent taxpayer on or about June 1st, with a notice of the RIGHT TO APPLY FOR ABATEMENT OF TAXES.
11. Payment in full is required on all accounts by **June 30th**. After June 30th all unpaid taxes will be processed for tax sale and/or other means of collection. (Exception will be those that are under a period of redemption, bankruptcy, and litigation or etc. which have a stay on them). The Delinquent tax Collector will receive payments by check or money order payable to the Town of Topsham mailed or delivered to the address below. If you would like to meet with me to make a payment, or to go over your bill, please call (802)439-5882 or 439-5505. **AFTER JUNE 30TH ALL PAYMENTS MUST BE IN CASH OR CERTIFIED FUNDS.**
12. **Tax Sale shall be conducted** according to requirement of notice set forth in 32 VSA 5252 and pursuant to the provisions of 32 VSA 5251 thru 5263 inclusive. (Re. 32 VSA 5258) Cost of preparing and conducting the sale, including legal fees up to the maximum of 15% of the amount of the delinquent tax, will be charged to the delinquent tax payer.
13. The Journal Opinion, newspaper of general circulation in the Town of Topsham shall be used for publication of all notices required under 32 VSA 5252.
14. Revisions by VT legislature 32 VSA 5254 is provided by the Attorney at Law with MEMO TO TAXPAYERS AND LIENHOLDERS with the Tax Sale Worksheet.
15. At the tax sale, payments shall be tendered by the successful bidder, to the Town of Topsham, Collector of Delinquent Taxes, by bank check, certified check, or by pre-approved personal check.
16. All checks should be made payable to the TOWN OF TOPSHAM. To ensure proper credit all payments must be sent or delivered to the address below.

Cynthia Flannigan
Collector of Delinquent Taxes
P.O. Box 69
6 Harts Road
Topsham, VT 05076
Tel. (802)439-5505 or 439-5882

2020 TOPSHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY REPORT

Topsham Historical Society

Topsham Historical Society continues in it's efforts to preserve and share the history of our town.

Members did place flags on all the veterans graves however the Waits River Valley Students were not able to join us due to the COVID restrictions hopefully they can be with us this year.

Meetings were limited this year but we still had three outstanding programs including Geographic names of our roads, hills and rivers; Rum Runners during the Prohibition and Topsham Telephone.

The meetings are usually held on the third Tuesday each month alternating between Topsham Town hall and Riverside Grange all are welcome.

Respectfully Submitted

Nancy Frost Secretary

2020 ORANGE COUNTY PARENT-CHILD CENTER REPORT

One of 15 parent child centers in Vermont, the Orange County Parent Child Center strengthens families with young children and connects them to their communities. We accomplish this through home visiting, supervised visitation, weekly playgroups, case management, onsite programming, and community outreach events. Some of our programs serve all families while others require income eligibility or place an emphasis on pregnant and parenting teens and families lacking support due to social isolation, poverty, insecure housing, or lack of other vital community resources.

OCPCC's programs include: Children's Integrated Services Family Support and Family Support Nursing, Welcome Baby visits, six free community playgroups, Kids Place supervised visitation and exchanges, Reach Up case management, Families Learning Together program, Early Care & Education, parent education, kinship care support groups, and resource & referral services. You can learn more at www.orangecountypcc.org.

Last year, with the continued support of your community, we were able to serve 3 families from Topsham including 5 adults and 6 children.

Mary Ellen Otis, Executive Director

2020 ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER REPORT

Please remember to license your dogs and put tags on them. Also, the microchip is the best way to protect your dogs. The town has a scanner as well as all vets. Please register your chip. Doing this will ensure your dog gets returned to you.

Thank you and have a good year.

Michele Boyer, Animal Control Officer. 439-6877 Mboyer1944@gmail.com .

2020 VT Spay Neuter Incentive Program

The VT Spay Neuter Incentive Program (VSNIP), under VT Economic Services, helps income challenged care-providers of cats & dogs neutered for \$27.00. The balance is paid ONLY by a \$4.00 fee added to the licensing of dogs, and put into a designated account.

VSNIP is now at "0" funding due to dogs not being registered at least by six months of age. Required by law, a rabies vaccination enables your dog to be licensed. While town offices may not be open to the public, dogs can be licensed. Call, provide the rabies certificate, include a check for that amount, and a SASE. **Rabies IS in Vermont and IS deadly.** Tractor Supply Stores are now holding monthly rabies clinics again! Call for their schedule.

Licensing a dog: 1) identifies your dog if lost, **2)** provides proof that your dog is protected from rabies in the event your dog is bitten by a rabid animal {but would still need immediate medical attention}, **3)** bites another animal/person, which could result in the quarantine of your dog or possibly euthanasia to test for rabies if your current vaccination isn't proven, **4)** helps support VSNIP to address the over-population of cats and dogs in VT, and **5) §3590. List of dogs and wolf-hybrids not licensed states, in part ...** "the municipal clerk shall notify the owners or keepers of all dogs and wolf-hybrids named on the list that have not already been licensed or inoculated, and after May 30 shall furnish to the legislative body a list of dogs and wolf-hybrids not licensed or inoculated as required by law. **Owners shall also be notified that unlicensed or uninoculated dogs or wolf-hybrids may be destroyed.**" (No one want this, so vaccinate & register – for the protection of your animals and people!

For an application for VSNIP, send a SASE to: VSNIP, PO Box 104, Bridgewater, VT 05034. Indicate if this is for a cat/dog or both. 802-672-5302

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VT Volunteer Services for Animals Humane Society has held a "DRIVE UP & POKE! RABIES CLINIC" for several years now. This type of clinic allows us to maintain a safe distance from people while vaccinating dogs and cats. All people stay in cars, masks are required. Pre-registration is encouraged. If you would like the paperwork we've developed to share with whomever usually does rabies clinics in your area, we'd be happy to share.

Thanks!

Sue Skaskiw, VVSA Director/ VSNIP Administrator: 802-672-5302.

ECFiber and the Town of Topsham

Topsham is a member of the East Central Vermont Telecommunications District, a Vermont municipality whose mission is to provide internet service to homes and businesses in its area. During the past year ECFiber added almost 1,200 new customers and now serves over 5,300 premises in 23 towns via 1,200 miles of fiber-optic cable. In recent months, the district approved applications from eight municipalities, and now consists of 31 member towns. Taken together, there are about 31,500 premises in the district located on almost 2,000 miles of roads.

In Topsham, ECFiber is working on the design of the network and hopes to begin construction next year. Presently ECFiber and WEC are in discussion about a joint project to construct the network here in 2021, but no plans for when it will be finalized.

The global pandemic has, of course, proven beyond any doubt that rural Vermonters need access to world-class broadband. ECFiber is funded entirely by customer revenues, which in turn back tax-free municipal bonds issued by the district that provide capital to build our infrastructure. We invite you to visit our website to learn more about ECFiber, and encourage you to subscribe. You won't be charged anything until we start service.

Rob Rinaldi, Topsham's delegate to the ECFiber Governing Board
Topsham@ECFiber.net

www.ecfiber.net

Energy Coordinator Report

The problem of climate change is accelerating globally. You may notice it if your interests bring you close to the natural world or you're up on the news. The intergovernmental panel on climate change recorded a one degree Celsius hotter temperature causing intensified weather that costs us in health, property, and lives. Glaciers melt, coasts erode, seasons shift, species die out, migrations change, including of people from hot, dry, vanishing places with too much and too little water. There are more droughts and wild fires even in Vermont.

Without a 45% cut in greenhouse gases (GG), we can expect a 1-2 degree Celsius rise. GG dependent energy, fertilizers and pesticides used mostly to grow feed for methane producing meat industry, contribute largely. Our species, dodging viruses, works to gain control over them. We can control our damaging strain of pollution effects the same way.

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission reports decline in fossil fuel use as clean energy renewables rise, solar, wind, geothermal, biomass, cogeneration and better practices. Gas vehicle sales are down as electric vehicles and charging stations increase. See (driveelectricvt.com/why-go-electric/compare/vehicles). Note that all vehicles lose efficiency in the cold (fueleconomy.gov makes and models of electric vehicles offer "cold weather packages" and higher clearance options. The solutions are opportunities. The market place is moving things. Many people, businesses and corporations choose to be on the upside of the change. Plants take CO2 from the air. No-till (Wikipedia no-till-farming) methods help keep it there. Insulation prevents heat loss as well as too much heat gain in summer.

Lending the way federally we are again thinking of the greater good, taking a responsible stand for our future gaining nations in the Paris Climate Accord with goals of changing the trajectory of the crisis. Vermont has passed with strong bipartisan support, a Global Warming Solutions Act requiring actions on our goals. Guiding principles stress coordinated planning and action to reduce pollutants and build community resilience. In recovering from COVID-19 and building our economy, climate innovation offers jobs. GWSA requires solutions to reduce energy borders of rural and marginal communities, focusing on infrastructure adaptability and affordable access to clean energy tech for lower income earners. Farms and forests are recognized as pollutant reducers with resilience benefits. A Climate Council is drawing up a Climate Action Plan this year for the VT Agency of Natural Resources and the lawmakers to act upon, including fiscal policy tied our economy goals, four subcommittees address resilience and adaptability, mitigation strategies, equity and justice, and farm forest and natural assets in our transition to a climate friendly economy. Join the effort!

Maureen Hurley, Topsham Energy Coordinator

ELECTIONS MANAGEMENT PLATFORM

By using the My Voter Page, a registered voter can:

- Check registration status;
- View information on upcoming elections;
- Access voter specific elections information, including directions to a polling place and polling hours;
- View a sample ballot;
- Request and track an absentee ballot; and much more.

We encourage voters to log into their My Voter Page to learn more.

Registered Voters can log in at: <http://mvp.sec.state.vt.us>

Online registration can be found at: <http://olvr.sec.state.vt.us>

**Central Vermont Council on Aging
Annual Report of Services to Topsham
(FY20)**

December 13, 2020

Central Vermont Council on Aging is a private, nonprofit organization that is dedicated to the mission of supporting elders and family caregivers in leading self-determined, healthy, interdependent, meaningful and dignified lives in their homes and communities.

For more than 40 years, CVCOA has assisted older Vermonters aged 60 and up to remain independent for as long as possible. We connect the elders in our communities to the network of benefit programs and services that they need to thrive. All services are made available to our clients at no charge without regard to health, income or resources.

Some of the options we make available include:

- CVCOA Help Line - (800) 642-5119 - has the answers to hundreds of common questions from elders, families and caregivers.
- Information & Assistance staff counsel elders and families on the many available benefit programs and services, such as 3SquaresVT, seasonal fuel assistance, and more.
- Case Managers work with clients in their homes to assess needs and develop, implement and coordinate individualized long-term care plans.
- Nutrition Services oversees the menu development and technical assistance for home-delivered and Community meals and provides the largest source of funding for the 14 meal sites that prepare and deliver these meals.
- State Health Insurance Program (SHIP) provides personalized Medicare counseling, Medicare & You workshops, and enrollment assistance for Medicare Part D plans.
- Family Caregiver Support promotes the well-being of the family members serving as caregivers to loved ones, including administration of the Dementia Respite Grant.

During the last year, Central Vermont Council on Aging provided one or more of the above services to 35 Topsham (including West Topsham) residents. Case Manager, Marianne Barnett and Chuck Rhynard are designated to work directly with the seniors in Topsham.

All of us at CVCOA extend our gratitude to the residents of Topsham for their ongoing commitment to the health, independence, and dignity of those who have contributed to making the Central Vermont communities what they are today.

2020 FRONT PORCH FORUM REPORT

Many local residents and public officials participate in our local Front Porch Forum (FPF). FPF is a Vermont-based online service that helps neighbors connect and build the community by hosting local online conversations in every town in the state. To read more about missing pets, wildlife sightings, break-ins, road conditions, local events, recommendations, helping neighbors in need and more, sign up (free of charge) at FrontPorchForum.com. We have FPF flyers and sign-up sheets available too. Please sign out if you'd like us to send you some!

Let us help your town put FPF to effective use. Contact us at membersupport@frontporchforum.com
Michael Wood-Lewis, co-founder, Front Porch Forum

2020 Tri -Village Fire Department Annual Report

Tri-Village Fire Department had a busy year. We again want to thank the communities for their support in our mail in annual dues. The raffle was a success and we did not have our turkey shoot this year due to COVID-19. We had an unusual number of vehicle accidents this year which was also true last year. We are working to complete the addition on the West side station. Always looking for new members! Please replace the batteries on your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and check your fire extinguishers. Thanks, and have a safe year.

Fire Calls: Mutual aid 3 Vehicle fire 4 Fire Alarm 2 Brush fires 5
 Structure fires 4 Medical calls 2 Vehicle Accidents 9 ATV accidents 2
 Chimney fires 4 Power lines 4 Rekindle 1 Illegal burns 3
Brad Calhoun President **Richard Samson Chief**

Tri-Village Fire Association
Trial Balance as of December 25, 2020

Community Bank - Checking.	30,829.95
Community Bank - Savings	35,479.78
	66,309.73

Credit

Town of Orange	0
Town of Topsham.	28,000.00
Donations - Miscellaneous	1300.00
Donations - Macdonald Trust	9464.00
Dues - Annual Mailing	11,335.00
Insurance refund	56.00
Interest Income	12.53
Raffle	2237.23

Debit

52,404.76

Annual Mailing	1,021.26
Capital West Dues	250.00
Dispatch	7,608.17
Dues - Fire Association's -2 years.	804.00
Electricity	1,491.00
Equipment- Firefighters / Trucks	7,507.45
Gas- Diesel	659.90
Heating Oil (pre-buy)	1,475.94
Insurance - Commercial Policy	4,119.00
Insurance- Vehicle Policy	4,329.00
Insurance- Workman's Comp Policy.	1,273.00
Misc.	4.00
Meals.	127.74
Office Supplies	220.44
Postage/ Box Rental	202.00
Raffle. 1,745.00	
Repairs & Maintenance-Trucks	5,306.07
Secretary of State	0
Telephone	751.27
Training-Education	0
Westside- Eastside stations	9,053.69

47,944.93

2020 HOME SHARE VERMONT PROGRAM

We facilitate shared housing in central Vermont where services are performed in exchange for affordable housing. Home sharing can address a number of concerns: Affordable housing, aging safely at home, social isolation, tight finances, and overall well-being.

For more information about the program visit the website @ www.homesharenow.org or call: 802-863-5625

Annual Report for Northeast Slopes **2019/2020 Ski Season**

Northeast Slopes is happy to report we had a successful 2019/2020 season. With adequate snow cover for most of the season, NES was open 30 days, providing quality winter recreation and playing an important role in building and sustaining the sense of community in this area of Vermont.

On February 23, we held our annual box race with good snow, a beautiful day, and great turnout. This event, along with Winterfest, has become an annual tradition in the area and is one of the ways skiing and non-skiing community members can get together during the long winter months.

The arrival of COVID-19 in Vermont coincided with the end of our season, and as a result of the pandemic, we did not hold what would have been our sixth annual Musikfest in October. Like many non-profits, the downturn in the local economy has impacted our fundraising. But, we did manage to secure a matching grant from the State of Vermont to help with some badly needed lodge repairs and upgrades. Our Friday school program had another successful season of providing equipment, lessons, and slope time for kids in the area. For the eighth year in a row, this aspect of our programming demonstrates our commitment to serving local children.

By opening as many days as weather allows, organizing fun local events, and seeking financial support beyond our immediate community, our board believes Northeast Slopes provides the residents of Topsham and surrounding towns with a vital and affordable local service that gives young people and their families a great place to meet and recreate outdoors during the long winter months. Please keep in mind we are entirely volunteer staffed and run, and we always welcome the interest and involvement of new volunteers!

Corinth-Topsham Emergency Response Team
P.O.Box 58
West Topsham, VT 05086



2020 has certainly been a frustrating year for the members of CTERT.

We have had 5 people, all from Topsham, signed up to take an EMR (First Responder) course since March! Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, the State of VT EMS rules and protocols keep changing and we are STILL awaiting final approval to hold the class. We also still have one Topsham and one Corinth resident who have completed the EMT course but, again due to COVID-19, they are still waiting to take the final test for licensure.

We still have 6 active members but since 2 live in Chelsea, they only respond to the calls closet to them. And we still have two members who work full time jobs. The addition of 5-7 new members would bring the squad back to the levels we had 5 years ago.

We want to thank you all for your continued support and we hope the current state of things improve soon. Stay safe and stay healthy!

2020 has undoubtedly presented our community, as a whole, with unprecedented challenges. Our call volume has doubled in just a year. Never would we have thought that we would be caught up within a global pandemic that has touched us one and all. We at CTERT began working on rebuilding the fast squad in early 2019. We underwent some major changes and challenges. Thanks to the continued support, of the communities we serve, we finally had the funds to sponsor an EMR class and recruit new members. We planned to host the class in the spring of 2020. Then COVID19 squelched those plans and the class has been postponed to this spring. If you or anyone you know, would like to be a volunteer, please contact us at either ctert58@yahoo.com or ctertclerk20@yahoo.com. We will finance any students who plan to become CTERT members.

Michelle Brock, Paramedic, Chairman, Head of Service
 Richard Dolan, EMR, Co- Chairman
 Zach McNeal, EMT, Training Office
 Annie Dolan, EMR, Clerk/Treasurer
 Jacob Brooke, EMT
 Lydia Porter Brooke, EMT

Corinth-Topsham Emergency Response Team
Financial Report 2020

WRSB checking		Beginning Balance	\$1256.05
Receipts:	Towns of Topsham/ Corinth	\$14000.00	
	Donation:	\$265.00	
	From TD Bank:	\$8000.00	Total Receipts: \$22,265.00
Debits:	Service Charges:	\$0	
	Training:	\$0	
	Dispatch:	\$4417.17	
	Medications:	\$220.20	
	Insurance/work Comp.	\$1219.00	
	Insurance/ liability.	\$2058.00	
	Oxygen:	\$526.65	
	CLIA:	\$0	
	Sec of State (501C3).	\$50.00	
	Equipment/supplies:	\$306.90	
	USPS	\$99.75	
	VT District 6 dues:	\$100.00	Total Debits... \$8997.67
			Balance:..... \$14592.20
WRSB WRF&R.		Beginning Balance	\$7041.69
Receipts:	TVFD:	\$7608.17	
	CFD:	\$7608.17	
	CTERT:	\$4417.17	
			Total Receipts: \$19,633.51
Debits:			Total Debits: \$22,824.00
	Hanover Dispatch:	\$22,824.00	Balance: \$3,845.20
			TOTAL BALANCE: \$18,437.40

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Chris LaMonda, MPH

Director of EMS

Barre Town EMS continues to be a premier paramedic level EMS service. We currently have 5 ambulances scheduled for 19 shifts per week (3 shifts per day Monday-Friday and 2 shifts Saturday-Sunday). Our primary service area covers Barre Town, Berlin, Orange, Topsham, Washington, and parts of Brookfield. This area is approximately 215 sq miles with a population of 14,347. We are also the primary Paramedic intercept service and mutual aid for a majority of Washington and Orange counties, as well as the primary transport agency for the Central Vermont Medical Center.

Barre Town EMS staff size ranges from 35-38 employees (13 full time). We currently have 23 paramedics on the roster which allows Barre Town EMS to have at least one paramedic on every scheduled ambulance. This past year has seen the resilience and dedication of our staff. With multiple full-time staff out on extended leaves and two retirements we were able to promote staff to fill open roles. This hard work and dedication allowed us to fully staff over 99% of all shifts.

Barre town EMS had two unexpected retirements this past year. We sadly lost Paramedic Pete Munsell to a long battle with heart disease. Pete retired early in the fiscal year after over 22 years of Vermont EMS service. The Last 10 years of which were at Barre Town EMS. Lynn Doney also retired this past year. With the two retirements we hired Jason Gray and Eden Towers as full-time staff. Jason has been a part time Barre Town EMS provider for many years and has proven to be an asset. Eden joins us as a recent graduate of the Vermont Technical College Paramedic program.

Barre Town EMS ended the year financially in the black (\$2,326,046 expenses and \$2,474,195 revenues). COVID-19 did have a big impact on us. We ended the fiscal year with 3825 calls for service. However, as of January 2020 we had projected to reach 4036 calls by the end of the fiscal year. This would have put us slightly above our original projections. During the peak of COVID in Vermont we saw a drop of 20 calls per week. This created an estimated loss of 280 transports equaling nearly \$150,000 in potential revenues. Barre Town EMS worked hard at increasing revenues and decreasing expenses. We added \$73,267 in revenues through participation in COVID-19 testing and state and federal grants. We also changed policies to help reduce expenses. One major change was how and when we called in extra staffing "coverage". By decreasing use of "coverage" we were able to decrease expenses while not effecting patient care or the regional EMS system.

Some of the equipment purchases in the fiscal year were:

- 1 video intubation scope parts
- Cell phones for all trucks
- Replaced a scoop stretcher
- Replaced an exterior door

We also did not purchase a few budgeted items because of COVID-19 effect on the towns budget:

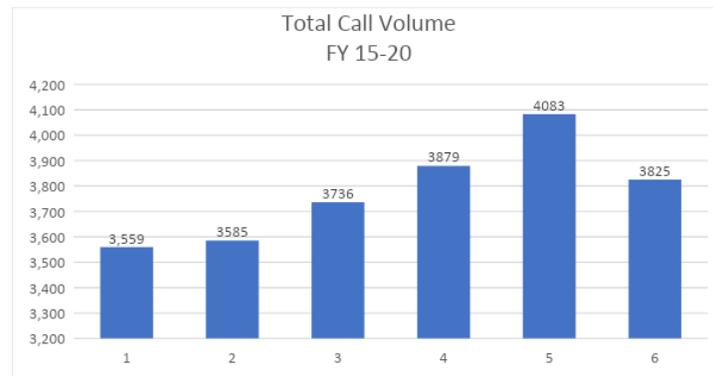
- IV pump
- iPad
- Painting ambulance bays

We did replace our last diesel ambulance with a new 2019 Ford e450 Medix ambulance. With this purchase we now have a fleet of 5 gas powered ambulances all equipped with the Stryker power load and power stretcher system.

Call volume by town

Fiscal 2019-2020

<u>Town</u>	<u>Total Calls</u>
Barre	758
Berlin	2206
Orange	86
Topsham	79
Washington	56
Brookfield	37
Other	603



2020 Orange East Senior Center Report

176 Waits River Road, Bradford VT 05033

Phone/Fax (802) 222-4782

Our primary focus is helping seniors. How did we do in 2020?

As everyone knows, 2020 has been anything but normal. We were open for business, Monday through Friday each week (except for certain holidays), as usual until the middle of March. We offered all of our meals and programs. During that period of time we were able to:

- * Offer foot and flu clinics, Chair Massage
- * Hold classes in exercise, balance, line dancing, and computer instruction with internet.
- * Offer services of income tax preparation, filling out Medicare Part D and Medicaid forms.
- * Have available a Wii game system
- * Distribute donated medical equipment.
- * Provide our space to AA, ALANON and Cribbage Club.
- * Thai- Chi Class

When everything changed in March, we shifted our focus to providing meals to all seniors in need.

We have delivered 1310 meals in Topsham.

By November, we were able to begin offering Foot Care Clinic, Thai-Chi, and Exercise Class at the Center again, but most in person activities were not able to restart.

During all of 2020, our volunteers gave 2885 hours to our Center and drove 18,805 miles delivering meals to seniors in our six participating towns.

The money we receive from your town is more important than ever this year as we had to curtail all of our in person fundraising activities. The money is primarily used to offset the cost of providing meals either at the Center or delivered to homes. Our goal is to make sure no senior goes hungry.

Thank you for helping Orange East Senior Center! Everyone is welcome for meals and events!

Respectfully Submitted,
Victoria R Chaffee

2020 SAFELINE, INC. Report

P.O. Box 368, Chelsea, VT 05038

safelineinfo@safelinevt.org (802) 685-7900 office (800) 639-7933 24/7 hotline

Safeline, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that provides free and confidential services for victims of domestic violence, sexual abuse and stalking in Orange County and northern Windsor County.

Due to Covid-19 and the Stay-at-Home order, many victims were not able to call for assistance because their abuser was watching them. During the pandemic Safeline continued to be available 24/7 for survivors and their families. Calls to Safeline started to increase as survivors had more flexibility to reach out and as children went back to school where mandated reporters could contact authorities about potential abuse. Safeline's staff and volunteers provided 1,292 services for 316 victims of domestic violence, stalking and sexual abuse.

During the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, 28 services were provided for 2 victims and their support people who identified themselves as residents of Topsham. It is likely that these statistics are understated, as victims often choose not to give any identifying information out of fear for their own safety.

A trained advocate is always available to provide crisis support, safety planning, resources, information and referrals through Safeline's 24 hours a day/7days a week Hotline (1-800-639-7233). Survivors can also choose from a wide array of additional services including legal advocacy, day shelter services, job readiness skills development, and financial management education.

In addition to providing direct services, Safeline is a resource for the community at large and is committed to changing the culture of violence. As part of this work, Safeline offers a full range of prevention education for community organizations, schools, medical centers, faith communities, youth groups, and anyone who is seeking information about domestic violence, sexual abuse and stalking.

We thank the voters for your support as we work to end domestic violence and sexual abuse in Topsham.

VISITING NURSE AND HOSPICE FOR VT AND NH

Home Health, Hospice and Skilled Pediatric Services in Topsham, VT

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

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

Between July 1, 2019 and June 30, 2020 VNH made 806 homecare visits to 40 Topsham residents. This included approximately \$26,280 in unreimbursed care to Topsham residents.

- **Home Health Care:** 406 home visits to 30 residents with short-term medical or physical needs.
- **Long-Term Care:** 108 home visits to 5 residents with chronic medical problems who need extended care in the home to avoid admission to a nursing home.
- **Hospice Services:** 288 home visits to 4 residents who were in the final stages of their lives.
- **Skilled Pediatric Care:** 4 home visits to 1 residents for well-baby, preventative and palliative medical care.

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

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

Sincerely,



Hilary Davis, Director External Relations and Service Excellence

888-300-8853

ORANGE COUNTY RESTORATIVE JUSTICE CENTER

Orange County Restorative Justice Center (OCRJ) is a community based restorative justice program, offering cost effective alternatives to the criminal and civil court system. Our programs include:

- **Court Diversion** for youth and adults referred by the State's Attorney who are facing criminal charges in court. A Restorative Panel, comprised of volunteers, works with clients to address the harm they caused to victims and the community, while working on underlying factors that contributed to the criminal act. Clients must take responsibility for their actions and be accountable for completing a contract that they develop with the Restorative Panel.
- **Youth Substance Abuse Safety Program (YSASP)** for youth receiving civil complaints for underage alcohol or marijuana possession;
- **Driver's License Suspension Program (DLS)**, helping Vermonters reinstate their licenses through income-sensitive fine repayment plans;
- **Safe Driver Education Program** for those involved in driving related infractions. The program educates on the risks and impacts of distracted driving.
- **Pre-Trial Services Program**, providing support and services related to mental health and substance abuse for adults facing charges in criminal court.
- **Reparative Panels**, for adults found guilty of crimes. As part of probation, participants work with a Restorative Panel, comprised of volunteers, to address the harm they caused to victims and the community, while working on underlying factors that contributed to the criminal act. Participants must take responsibility for their actions and be accountable for completing a contract that they develop with the Restorative Panel.
- **Restorative Re-entry**, for adults returning to our communities after incarceration. A case manager works with participants to access housing, employment and, where applicable, services and treatment for underlying issues. Volunteers help support successful re-entry.
- **Circles of Support and Accountability**, for offenders re-entering community who are at a high risk for re-offense. Participants meet weekly with a case manager and volunteers for 12-18 months, to support their successful and safe re-entry into community.
- **Victims Assistance**, for those impacted by the crimes referred to OCRJ programs. A dedicated case manager works with harmed parties to address their concerns and needs related to the individuals and the incidents referred for restorative programs.

During the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2020, 324 clients were referred for services, a 22% increase from the previous year. Of those, 131 people were referred from juvenile and adult court for criminal offenses, 42 were referred for YSASP, 8 for DLS, 39 for Pre-Trial Services, and 42 were referred for re-entry services. In addition, OCRJC reached out to 62 victims, and 24 people participated in our Safe Driver class. With few exceptions, cases involved offenses that occurred in Orange County. In FY20, OCRJ worked with 4 cases where the incident occurred in Topsham. Each case involved at least one person responsible and the individuals impacted by their actions.

OCRJ's FY20 operating budget was \$230,480. We are proud to be supported by appropriations from every town in Orange County. Topsham appropriated \$125 for FY20 to support the Orange County Restorative Justice Center. OCRJC requests \$125 for 2021 to support ongoing programs.

Thank you for your support! For additional information contact Jessica Schmidt, Executive Director, Orange County Restorative Justice Center at 802-685-3172 or jessie@ocrjvt.org.

TRI-VALLEY TRANSIT (TVT), FORMERLY STAGECOACH, SERVICES

October 2020

Thank you for the Town of Topsham's generous support last year. In the last fiscal year, your support helped us provide 981 free trips for Topsham residents either by volunteer drivers or on wheelchair accessible vehicles. Tri-Valley Transit's Dial-A-Ride and Bus Systems provided a total of 226,281 rides for the year. All our transportation programs enable community members to maintain their independence, gain and keep employment and access critical healthcare and quality-of-life services.

The COVID-19 crisis has emphasized the incredible importance of our work. Public transportation has been on the frontlines of providing essential service to many of the most vulnerable members of our communities. Healthcare staff get to work; dialysis, cancer and methadone patients get to treatment, and at-risk residents get food delivered. Services have been revamped to protect riders, the general public, and our staff. At first, we focused on trips to riders with no other means of transportation but whose trips were essential; and then we safely increased capacity to meet growing demand by:

- installing physical barriers between seats and directing riders to use window seats,
- waiving fares to reduce contact,
- ensuring all buses are frequently sanitized and hand sanitizer is available,
- requiring facemasks, even prior to the statewide mandate, and
- implementing screening techniques to ensure riders are not COVID risks.

The state and local grants through which we provide these services require us to raise 20% "local match" dollars. TVT's requests from towns account for approximately 5% of the 20% requirement. TVT seeks the other 15% from other sources including businesses, institutions, individuals, and grants.

2020 RIVERSIDE GRANGE REPORT

The Patrons of Husbandry, known as the Grange was founded over 150 years ago to improve the agricultural landscape by sharing knowledge and lobbying for fair representation in rural America. Today the Grange is focused on community involvement by supporting our local food shelf operating out of our hall. Our income relies on fund raising activities and member dues.

Cribbage is played every Monday night through the winter.

The Grange continues to sponsor the local Boy Scout troop and make the hall available for their use. The Grange welcomes use of the hall for community groups.

For further information, contact Jim Bulger, President 439 5259.
Thank you for your continued support.

VERMONT VETERAN'S HOME

Many Vermont Veterans, or Veterans in the surrounding tristate area, do not know that a residential facility for Veterans exists in Vermont, nor are they aware of the programs and care that are provided for service men and women and their spouses. Also the link offers important information for children who may be required to coordinate the future care of an aging parent who was in the military or for their spouse. Our website is: <http://vvh.vermont.gov> or call (802) 447-6539

2020 LITTLE RIVERS HEALTH CARE REPORT

This past year has been without a doubt one of unprecedented change and challenge. With the announcement of a global pandemic in March of 2020, life as we knew it ceased and a “new normal” took over. Every sector of our communities has been affected and health care has been no exception. In order to continue providing primary care services to our patients, Little Rivers had to, and continues to, make a great many changes to keep everyone safe while still meeting patient needs. We transitioned to virtual visits and meetings, redesigned spaces, modified schedules, and began offering testing for COVID-19 soon after the national crisis declaration. As the situation eased in Vermont, we were able to gradually add back more in-person visits but with more safety measures in place, and we continue to monitor the situation and adjust our practices as needed.

Through all of this, the routine needs of patients still had to be met, and we continue to grow to meet those needs. Behavioral health needs in particular have increased significantly and in response, we have expanded the behavioral health department in order to provide wider access to counseling services at all 3 clinics, as well as onsite services at 6 of our area schools, at no cost to the school system.

Support for the schools has also extended to working with school officials and school nurses in order to safely reopen to in-person learning in the fall of 2020. Our medical providers offered onsite services and easy access to same-day appointments for school children to minimize time lost from learning when a child had symptoms of illness. Flu vaccine clinics were offered at several schools, as well as many other community venues, in order to minimize illness in general, and susceptibility to other illnesses, most notably coronavirus.

Growth in other services has also accelerated due to the pandemic:

- Our food access program provides regular access to fresh foods to over 20 families who struggle with food insecurity.
- Our chronic care management program now serves well over 100 individuals with chronic illness, supporting them in self-management of their conditions.
- The Medication Assisted Treatment program provided services to 93 individuals with substance use disorder this past year.

A total of 5561 people received care at Little Rivers in 2019 (the last full year at this writing) and we are on track to serve at least as many in 2020.

In addition to the services provided at our health center, we also contribute to the local economy. In 2019, Little Rivers employed over 65 people in well-paying jobs, spent over \$7 million locally, and brought in \$1.8 million in federal dollars to our communities. In return for our grant funding, we are expected to demonstrate financial support from our towns, so we are deeply grateful to our area towns and generous donors who continue to support us in this work. Many thanks to you all. We look forward to working with you for better years to come.

William Campbell, Board Chair

Gail Auclair, CEO

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2020 BLAKE MEMORIAL LIBRARY REPORT

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Blake Memorial Library is a publicly supported non-profit public library operating under 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status. **We are a community resource developed by community members to promote learning and sharing. Our mission is to encourage the people of the Waits River Valley to read, to explore, to think critically and creatively, and to come together to share ideas and inspire each other; we strive to provide them with the tools to do so.** We are grateful for the support of the residents of Topsham, whose contribution of two dollars per capita has helped us continue to stay open and provide books, materials, and other services to the community despite a significant loss in our fundraising revenue due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Thank you!

In case you didn't know, we're more than just books! We hope you'll visit us and take advantage of all our tangible and virtual offerings:

- Almost 20,000 books, videos, and audiobooks available for loan, with items added monthly
- Access to e-books and audio books through VT Overdrive and the Libby app
- 6 public access desktop and laptop computers
- Help accessing and using technology
- Local history resources and special collection
- Printer, copy machine, fax machine
- Downloadable e-books and audiobooks
- Rotating collection of videos and audiobooks from the Libraries of the Upper Valley Co-op
- Large print book collection, quarterly rotating collection, and special request services
- Interlibrary loan service
- Access to Chilton's Auto Repair database
- Access to Heritage Quest (genealogical database)
- Access to LearningExpress (a job search, job skills training, and test prep service; they even have support to prepare for certifications and licensing exams such as Real Estate or CDL)
- Access to Universal Class (where you can take a free online class on almost anything)
- Homeschool recommendations and support
- Access to NovelList, book recommendations
- Circulating and non-circulating periodicals
- Meeting space available for community use
- Annual Book and plant sales
- Permanent exhibit of Gail Gibbons original art
- Access to the Vermont Online Library (millions of full-text information resources produced by known and trusted publishers)
- Diverse and dynamic programs and events
- Weekly Story Hour for children (of all ages)
- Monthly Science and Craft Kits
- Quarterly Art Contests with Prizes
- Exhibits featuring local artists
- Help accessing materials from the Special Services Unit of the Dept. of Libraries for individuals with special needs
- OneCard Network (sign up for a OneCard and use it to borrow from other Upper Valley Libraries like Bradford, Chelsea, Fairlee, and Norwich, among others)
- Toy lending library featuring 24 toys that aim to inspire creativity and tinkering
- Expansion of our FREE Vermont attraction pass program, including the VT Granite Museum, Fairbanks Museum, and State Parks
- Year-Round Reading Challenges in partnership with the VT State Library Network
- A dynamic and Family-Oriented Summer Reading Program, complete with activities, events, and prizes
- Outdoor Movie Nights and Summer Film Series
- COMING SOON: Kanopy movie-streaming, children's board book and story hour tote bag kits, and a laptop and hot-spot lending library

COVID Updates and What's Coming in 2021:

The COVID-19 pandemic has dramatically changed the way we do business, but we have risen to the challenge and will continue to do so. While having to check your temperature, wear a mask, sanitize your hands, and sign a contact tracing form in order to enter the library isn't anything we would have expected this time last year, we're grateful that those measures mean our building can remain open to serve the community. Because of COVID we've held more outdoor and online events, grown more aware of our technological and virtual resources, and are expanding our digital services even further. If there's more we can do, or if you or your family have needs we could better meet, please let us know. We are starting a community outreach campaign as we embark on our next Strategic Plan and hope you'll participate in the process by completing the online surveys and feedback forms posted on our website. Even if you have never visited the library – and especially if you haven't – your voice matters and we want to hear from you!

We have expanded our virtual offerings to include multiple weekly workshops and events. These include weekly story hours, writing workshops, and community meet ups; several monthly series such as VT Humanities Council led book discussions, a VT Art and Artists discussion series, and virtual Poetry Hours; soon we'll start a VT Musicians Concert Series, as well. When it warms back up we will continue to offer the Outdoor Movie Series Screenings (as our licensing permits), and other outdoor family-friendly events. We have received grant money add a Wi-Fi booster to our building to increase parking lot bandwidth, and another to create a laptop and hot-spot lending library, so patrons can checkout technology to use at home; these will be available on a 3-week rotation. We are adding more digital services such as Kanopy, a streaming service for adult and children's movies, videos, and courses, and will offer curated board book and story hour tote bags, to make choosing and checking out books even easier for families.

We want to thank the library's fundraising committee (which raises funds for a large portion of the library's budget every year); our group of dedicated volunteers (who contribute almost 2,000 hours of their time annually to assist our small staff by manning the circulation desk, processing and cataloging books, maintaining the building and collection, and completing many more tasks large and small); and our generous donors. Because of their efforts, we're able to offer the people of the Waits River Valley quality library services while maintaining a relatively small tax footprint. We are grateful to the town for its continued support of the Blake Memorial Library and look forward to continuing to expand and improve the services we provide to the community.

Board of Trustees: Julia Anderson, Carl Demrow - Secretary, Dina DuBois, Sarah Kingsbury, Nick Kramer, Shirley Montagne - President/Treasurer, Kathryn Price, Rob Rinaldi

Director: Miranda Moody Miller (Interim) **Assistant Director:** Kimberly Hotelling

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

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

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

Donations can be made to Green Up Vermont on Line 23 of the Vermont State Income Tax Form or anytime online at www.greenupvermont.org.

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

Mark your calendar for Green Up Day 2021, May 1st and help us celebrate 51 years of keeping Vermont green!

TRORC 2020 YEAR-END REPORT

The Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Commission is an association of 30 municipalities in east-central Vermont that is governed by a Board of Representatives appointed by each of our member towns. As advocates for our members, we seek to articulate a vision for building a thriving regional economy while enhancing the Region's quality of life. The following are highlights from 2020.

Technical Assistance on Planning Issues

Our staff provided technical services to local, state and federal levels of government and to the Region's citizens, non-profits, and businesses. TRORC staff assisted numerous towns with revisions to municipal plans, bylaws and studies.

Creative Economy and Public Health

This year, TRORC obtained Federal grant funding to support the marketing of the Region's creative economy sector. Staff hosted informational and networking events to enhance business promotion. TRORC also worked on public health projects with local hospitals and worked on including incorporating health-related goals and policies into town plans.

Emergency Management and Preparedness

TRORC staff continued to serve on the State Emergency Response Committee, providing state officials with key local information to assist emergency planning. Our Local Emergency Planning Committee efforts with local emergency responders, organizations, and town officials continued meeting the needs of our first responders. TRORC assisted several communities with updating their Local Hazard Mitigation Plans.

Energy

TRORC assisted six towns on Enhanced Energy Plans to save money for communities and further the State energy goals to meet 90% of Vermont's energy needs from renewable sources by 2050. TRORC has continued working to support town Energy Committees on energy efficiency outreach and education with funding from Efficiency Vermont.

Transportation

TRORC managed the Municipal Roads Grants-In-Aid program in our Region. This provides funding for towns to implement Best Management Practices (BMP) on municipal roads ahead of the state's forthcoming Municipal Roads General Permit provisions. Funding provides for projects including grass and stone-lined ditches, upsizing and replacement of culverts, and stabilizing catch basin outlets.

Specifically, this past year, TRORC helped complete Topsham's Local Emergency Management Plan and worked with them on the Town Plan. Staff assisted the town on completing a Better Roads planning grant to conduct a road erosion inventory. As part of the Grants in Aid Year 3 program, staff worked with the town to complete ditching and culvert improvements on Willey Hill Road.

We are committed to serving you, and welcome opportunities to assist you in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter G. Gregory, AICP, Executive Director

Jerry Fredrickson, Chairperson, Barnard

Vermont League of Cities and Towns

Serving and Strengthening Vermont Local Government

About the League. The Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, owned by its member municipalities, with a mission to serve and strengthen Vermont local government. It is directed by a 13-member Board of Directors elected by the membership and comprising municipal officials from across the state. The most recent audited financial statements are posted on our website, vlct.org/about/audit-reports, and show that our positive net position continues.

Member Benefits. All 246 Vermont cities and towns are members of VLCT, as are 139 other municipal entities that include villages, solid waste districts, regional planning commissions, and fire districts. Members have exclusive access to a wide range of specialized benefits, expertise, and services, including:

- **Legal, consulting, and education services**, including prompt responses to member questions that often involve how to comply with state and federal requirements. In 2020, VLCT's timely legal and technical assistance included answering more than 4,000 legal questions and publishing guidance, templates, research reports, and several new groups of FAQs explaining how municipalities can implement the state's COVID-19 requirements. To support Vermont's towns and cities in responding to the pandemic, VLCT quickly researched, assembled, and distributed important information about fiscal impacts, grant opportunities, and how to adapt town operations, hold public meetings remotely.
- **Trainings and timely communications on topics of specific concern to officials** who carry out their duties required by state law, as well as pertinent statewide topics. In response to the pandemic, the League provided online trainings, a virtual week-long conference, and timely announcements and information from state officials about how to comply with requirements and access to funding and assistance.
- **Representation before the state legislature and state agencies**, ensuring that municipal voices are heard collectively and as a single, united voice. VLCT's recent legislative efforts have helped provide cities and towns additional resources to achieve tangible results on pressing issues such as responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, road and bridge repair, cybersecurity, housing and economic growth, renewable energy, emergency medical services, equity and inclusion, and ensuring the quality of our drinking water. Members are also represented at the federal level to Vermont's Congressional delegation and through our partner, the National League of Cities.
- **Access to two exceptional insurance programs.** The Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund (PACIF) provides comprehensive and cost-effective property, liability, and workers' compensation insurance coverage, programs, and services that protect the assets of your community. The VLCT Employment Resource and Benefits (VERB) Trust provides unemployment insurance, life, disability, dental, and vision insurance products to members at a competitive price. Both programs offer coverage and products that members need and ask for, help Vermont municipalities stretch their budgets, and are *only* available to VLCT members.
- **Access to a host of educational and informative materials and member conferences**, including a news magazine, handbooks, reports, articles, and events that all focus on the needs of local government and provide additional educational and networking opportunities.

At the heart of all these activities is VLCT's commitment to serving as a good steward of member assets, and we are proud of the progress we continue to make in that effort. Members are welcome to contact VLCT anytime to ask questions, and to access resources that can help each official and employee carry out the important work of local government. For a comprehensive list of member benefits and services, please visit vlct.org/memberguide to download the VLCT Member Guide.

To learn more about the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, visit the VLCT website at vlct.org.

Summary of the Minutes of Town Meeting, March 3, 2020

The Legal voters of the Town of Topsham, Vermont, met at the Town Hall on Tuesday March 3, 2020 at 10:00 in the forenoon. The meeting was opened by Moderator, Henry Buermeyer. Mr. Buremeyer offered the invocation. Boy Scout Troop 727 presented the colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Moderator then asked all Veterans to come forward. They were thanked by hearty applause.

Article 1. Nominations for Moderator for a term of one year:

Henry Buermeyer was nominated. Motion was made and seconded for nominations to cease and the Clerk cast one ballot for **Henry Buermeyer**.
So voted by voice vote.

Article 2. Motion made and seconded to accept and adopt the Town Report.

It was noted that the picture caption is missing on the cover. The caption was to have read, "Greg Tilton and his Eagle Scout project".
So voted by voice vote to accept and adopt the Town Report.

The meeting was opened to Chris Lamonda, Director of Barre Town EMS. He noted that the Barre Town EMS has some new equipment on each ambulance.

Article 3. Nominations for a Selectperson for a term of three years.

Nominees were: James Bulger and Larry Hart. Larry withdrew his name.
Motion made and seconded for nominations to cease and the Clerk cast one ballot for **James Bulger**.
So voted by voice vote.

Article 4. Nominations for a second Selectperson for a term of three years.

Nominees were: Brad McAvoy and Larry Hart.
The results of a paper ballot were:
104 names checked off. 105 votes cast. 1 spoiled ballot
Larry Hart 76
Brad McAvoy 28

Chip Conquest spoke during the counting of the Selectperson ballots. He said he was sorry not to have been able to bring the unclaimed money report from the Vermont Treasury. Polly told him a CD had come to the office regarding this on March 2nd and was available. He then shared his concern about the shortage of caregivers, particularly primary caregivers. He stated that 75% of Vermont's doctors are specialists. There is now a Healthcare committee; one of their goals is to provide scholarships to those willing to be Primary Care doctors. He mentioned the Global Warning Solutions Act and the cost for rural communities. He then addressed the equalization figures for education, there again with rural areas affected more than urban. He made sure everyone knows how to contact him with any concerns.

Article 5. Nominations for a Lister for a term of three years.

Nominee was: Patricia Plaisted.
Motion made and seconded for nominations to cease and the Clerk cast one ballot for **Patricia Plaisted**.
So voted by voice vote.

Article 6. Nominations for a School Director for Waits River Valley School (Unified School District # 36) for a term of 3 years

Nominee was: Jason Rogers.
Motion was made and seconded for nominations to cease and the Clerk cast one ballot for **Jason Rogers**.
So voted by voice vote

Article 7. Nominations for a School Director for Waits River Valley School for a term of one year.

Nominee was: Alexis Maxwell. Alexis was not present but she had sent an e-mail to the town office stating she would accept the nomination.
Motion was made and seconded for nominations to cease Clerk cast one ballot for **Alexis Maxwell**.
So voted by voice vote.

Article 8. Nominations for Collector of Delinquent Taxes for a term of one year.

Nominees were: Patricia Plaisted and Cynthia Flannigan.
The results of a paper ballot were: 93 votes cast 92 voters checked off
Patricia Plaisted 30
Cynthia Flannigan 63

- Article 9.** Nominations for an Auditor for a term of three years.
Nominee was: Brooke Hayward-Miller.
Motion was made and seconded for nominations to cease and the Clerk cast one ballot for **Brooke Hayward-Miller**.
So voted by voice vote.
- Article 10.** Nominations for an Agent to deed land and prosecute and defend suits for a term of one year.
Nominee was: Brooke Hayward-Miller.
Motion was made and seconded for nominations to cease and the Clerk cast one ballot for **Brooke Hayward-Miller**.
So voted by voice vote.
- Article 11.** To see if the Town will vote to put the surplus of \$5119.00 from FY 2019 Town Operations into the Surplus Fund.
A motion was made and seconded to do so.
So voted by voice vote.
- Article 12.** Motion was made and seconded to authorize the Select Board to spend unanticipated funds received during the year such as grants and gifts for the purposes for which they were intended.
So voted by voice vote.
- Article 13.** Motion was made and seconded to authorize the Select Board to borrow money in anticipation of tax receipts.
So voted by voice vote.
- Article 14.** Motion made and seconded to have the Town's taxes collected by the treasurer with a due date of October 1, 2020 at the close of business (4:00pm).
So voted by voice vote.
- Article 15.** Janice Emerson, Chair of the Budget Committee motioned that the Town vote the sum of \$1,208,125.00 with \$773,525.00 to be raised by taxes for expenses and indebtedness for the ensuing year. The motion was seconded.
So voted by voice vote.

Recessed for lunch at 11:45AM. Reconvened at 12:40PM

- Article 16.** Motion made and seconded to appropriate \$17,546.00 for the following organizations which have filed requests as set forth below.
So voted by voice vote.

Clara Martin Center	1,652.00
Central Vermont Council on Aging	500.00
Northeast Ski Slope	1173.00
Orange County Diversion Program	125.00
Visiting Nurse Alliance of VT & NH	4000.00
Orange East Senior Center	3500.00
Blake Memorial Library	2346.00
Little Rivers Health Care	1100.00
Oxbow Senior Independence Program	800.00
Safeline, Inc	500.00
Stagecoach Transportation	850.00
Topsham Corinth Little League	500.00
Orange County Parent Child Center	<u>500.00</u>

TOTAL **\$17,546.00**

- Article 17.** Passed over by voice vote.
- Article 18.** Jon Tabor, from the West Topsham Community Hall Association gave a report on the past year's activities at the Hall as requested at Town Meeting in 2019 when tax exempt status was granted for 4 more years. He said they had had raffles, suppers, breakfasts, bingo, a benefit auction and had earned enough for insurance and to keep the street light on which benefits the neighborhood.
The next topic was the town garage. James Clark spoke about the evaluation method the Garage Committee used in the Garage Committee report. Winifred Walker spoke that Topsham really needs a new town garage! Randy Keating said the town needs to move forward as well as that the Garage Committee report is biased. Alson Bruleigh said the town needs to get engineers involved. Several people asked questions and made comments.

Motion made and seconded to **adjourn at 1:55 PM.** So voted by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Cynthia Flannigan
Town Clerk

Henry Buermeyer
Moderator

Janice Emerson
Justice of the Peace



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Vermont Department of Health Local Report

St. Johnsbury District, 2021

At the Vermont Department of Health our twelve Local Health District Offices around the state provide health services and promote wellness for all Vermonters. More info on your local health office can be found here:

<https://www.healthvermont.gov/local>

COVID-19

2020 has been a challenging year for Vermonters. However, the Vermont Department of Health has been recognized as a national leader in managing the virus. This is what the Health Department has done in your community:

- COVID-19 Testing:
 - Since May 2020, the Health Department has provided no-cost Covid-19 testing. Through November 17, 2020, the Vermont Department of Health has held 509 testing clinics, testing 40,796 Vermonters. This important work helps to identify the spread of Covid-19 and is just one of the many ways your Health Department is promoting and protecting the health of Vermonters.
 - Statewide, 224,284 people have been tested as of November 30, 2020
- COVID-19 Cases:
 - As of November 25, 2020, Vermont had the fewest cases of COVID-19 and the lowest rate of cases per 100,000 population of all 50 states.
 - Statewide, as of November 30, 2020, there have been 4,172 cases of COVID-19
- Even more up-to-date information can be found on the Health Department's website:
<https://www.healthvermont.gov/currentactivity>

Additional Programs

In addition to the COVID-19 response, the Health Department has programs such as influenza vaccinations and WIC.

- Flu Vaccinations: Protecting people from influenza is particularly important in 2020, as the flu may complicate recovery from COVID-19. (Data is as of November 17, 2020)
 - Approximately 213,000* Vermonters have been vaccinated against the flu this season *(Due to technology outages, flu vaccinations given are underreported by approximately 25%-33%.)
- WIC: The Women, Infants, and Children Nutrition Education and Food Supplementation Program remains in full effect, though much of the work that was done in person is now being done remotely through TeleWIC. (Data is as of October 20, 2020)
 - 11,308 infants, children, and pregnant, postpartum, and breastfeeding people were served by WIC in Vermont, either in traditional format or TeleWIC

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THE NEW VITAL RECORDS LAW (ACT 46) AND WHAT IT MEANS FOR YOU

The Vermont Legislature passed Act 46 in May 2017, which significantly changes the state laws that govern vital records –namely, birth and death certificates. The new law and rules will enhance the safety and security of birth and death certificates, provide better protection against misuse of these legal documents, and reduce the potential for identity theft. Additionally, the changes streamline the entire statewide system for creation, storage and tracking of birth and death certificates. Act 46 will impact anyone who seeks a copy of a Vermont birth or death certificate.

The changes go into effect on July 1, 2018.

The most notable changes are:

- Only family members (as defined in Act 46), legal guardians, certain court-appointed parties or legal representatives of any of these parties can apply to obtain a certified copy of a birth or death certificate. In the case of a death certificate only, the funeral home or crematorium handling disposition may apply for a certified copy.
- An individual must complete an application and show valid identification when applying for a certified copy of a birth or death certificate.
- An individual who refuses to complete the application or cannot provide valid identification will be ineligible and referred to the Vital Records Office.
- Certified copies of birth and death certificates can be ordered from any town, not just where the birth or death occurred or where the person was a resident.
- Certified copies will be issued on anti-fraud paper.
- Access to noncertified copies (previously called “informational” copies) is not significantly changed by the new law or rules.
- Marriage, civil union, divorce or dissolution certificate copies and processes are not affected by the new law or rules.

For text of Act 46, go to

<https://legislature.vermont.gov/assets/Documents/2018/Docs/ACTS/ACT046/ACT046%20As%20Enacted.pdf>

Record of Vital Statistics Filed in the Town Clerk’s Office in 2020

BIRTHS

<u>CHILD</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PARENTS</u>
CECILY CINNAMON ROSE HARKINS	March 5, 2020	John Joseph Harkins Dallas Lea Anderson
JOSEPH EDWARD ZACK	March 30, 2020	Dakota Jonathan Zack Fonda Joy McKinney
BENNETT JOHN ROGER RUGGLES	March 31, 2020	John Patrick Ruggles Alexis Marie Maxwell
LILY AVA IORIO	May 4, 2020	Derek James Iorio-Guthro Vanessa Kristina Jeising
MASON DAMON DARGY	December 30, 2020	Steven Tyler Dargy-Payette Emma Leigh Piletz

NOTE: New Hampshire Town Clerks do not automatically send copies of Birth or Death records to Vermont Town Clerks. If you wish vital statistics from other states to be recorded in Topsham you must secure a copy from the Clerk of the town in which the event occurred and deliver it to the Topsham Town Clerk for recording. The Topsham Town Clerk cannot make certified copies of these records, but having the record recorded indicates where to go to get a certified copy, if needed.

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DEATH CERTIFICATES FILED

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>DATE of</u>
BRIAN K. SMITH	59	February 8, 2020
JOAN WHITING	60	February 14, 2020
EUGENE MORELL	94	February 14, 2020
SHIRLEY M. MONTANDON	82	February 20, 2020
WILLIAM GEORGE APPLETON	80	March 15, 2020
NORMAN D. PERRY	52	March 15, 2020
RUTH ELLEN MORRISON	96	July 23, 2020
MARILEE OLANDER	80	September 7, 2020
CAROLE A. JENISCH	77	November 6, 2020
ELIZABETH ANNE AMADEN	77	December 7, 2020
HILDA P. WILLIAMS	96	December 23, 2020

BURIAL PERMITS FILED

Paula Ann Clement	59	January 16, 2020
Arber M. Teja	93	October 25, 2020

Note: ALL CAPITALS indicate residents of Topsham

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MARRIAGES

PATRICK HENRY HART Jr.	Makyr Renee Pittman	July 4, 2020
JUSTIN ISSAC FRENCH	ALISHA NICHOLE WEDGE	July 11, 2020
WAYNE KELLY BERNIER	MARY JEAN LaCROIX	July 14, 2020
JOHN PATRICK RUGGLES	ALEXIS MARIE MAXWELL	September 26, 2020
CURTIS CHARELS DANIELS	TINA MARIE DARLING	November 2, 2020

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IN CASE OF FIRE or PHYSICAL EMERGENCY: **Dial-911**

**This number will get the Fire Department,
FAST Squad and Ambulance or the State Police**

1. Call immediately - Get the responders on their way
2. Give your location - Name - Nature of emergency
3. Wait - Do not hang up - Answer questions - Be sure you have been understood.

Forest Fire Wardens:

Wendell Downing 439-5510
Key man - Edgar Downing 439-5880

Report any and all forest fires to the Fire Warden or Key Man at once! At all times of the year, ANY OUTSIDE BURNING REQUIRES A PERMIT or permission from the Fire Warden or Key Man. Neither Trash burner nor incinerator is "official" or "approved" until declared so by the Fire Warden.

*******Licenses, Registrations & Park Passports *******

Dog Licenses:

Attention Dog Owners:	Fees Before April 1st	After April 1st
<u>NOT</u> Neutered/spayed.....	\$13.00\$17.00
Neutered/spayed.....	\$9.00\$11.00

NOTE: State receives \$5.00 of each fee. All dogs age (6) months are required by State Law to be licensed. A current rabies certificate is necessary for licensing. Rabies shots are now valid for 36 months after initial vaccination.

ALL DOGS must be licensed between January 1st & April 1st. (EVERY YEAR)

Copy of the Animal Ordinance is available at the town office.

Vehicle Registration Renewals:

Renewals can be done by Town Clerk, during regular office hours, for cars and trucks less than 6,099 Lbs. and snowmobiles. You must have Preprinted Computer Generated Registration with current or previous month's expirations. Must pay with check or money order for the correct amount. Town clerk will collect a \$3.00 processing fee, which may be in cash.

Green Mountain Passport:

Must be 62 or over and a Resident of Vermont. Must apply with Town Clerk in town of Residence. Charge \$2.00

Passports to National Parks:

Golden Access Passport:

Free to Handicapped with proof of disability. Others purchase at Green Mountain National Park offices in Rutland, Manchester, Middlebury or Rochester.

Golden Age Passport:

Age 62 and over, with proof of age. Charge \$10.00. Can be purchased at entrance to any National Park or at any of the above Green Mountain National Park Offices.

Golden Eagle Passport:

Can be purchased at any age at entrance to any National Park for \$25.00.

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