

**RESIDENTIAL
PROPERTY OWNERS**

FILE FORM: HS 122

(HOMESTEAD DECLARATION)

BEFORE APRIL 15, 2023.

IF THIS FORM IS NOT FILED

YOU WILL BE CHARGED AT THE NON-RESIDENTIAL
RATE ON YOUR PROPERTY TAX BILL

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FILE FORM: HI 144

(HOUSEHOLD INCOME)

BEFORE APRIL 15, 2023

TO GET THE PROPERTY TAX ADJUSTMENT ON
YOUR PROPERTY TAX BILL

**WE HAVE A FEW OF THESE FORMS
AT THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE**

AUDITORS'
ANNUAL REPORT

TOWN OF
BERKSHIRE
VERMONT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
DECEMBER 31, 2022

PLEASE BRING THIS REPORT TO THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS

**Berkshire Town Annual Informational Meeting
Berkshire Town Clerk's Office
March 06, 2023**

**Northern Mountain Valley Unified Union School District
Annual informational Meeting February 22, 2023 @
Sheldon Elementary School**

**VOTE AT THE BERKSHIRE TOWN OFFICE
TUESDAY, MARCH 07, 2023 AT 10:00 A.M. TO 7:00 P.M.**

ATTENTION

TOWN OF BERKSHIRE RESIDENTS

All residents of the Town of Berkshire are hereby reminded that they are not to plow snow across the road. It is in violation of Vermont Statues, Title 23vsa section 1126 and Title 19vsa section 1105, to plow or blow snow on the town highway. Violators are subject to a fine up to \$1000.00. The violators can be held liable for the actual cost of repairing any damage and for reasonable Attorney's fees. The snow can turn to ice causing a safety hazard for all motorists. When a plow hits these ridges of ice or frozen banks, severe damage can result to the snow removal equipment. All residents and private plow operators are asked to refrain from plowing snow across the road.

Board Vacancies:

Northwest Solid Waste: meets monthly

Transportation Advisory Board: meets 9 times a year

If you are interested in representing Berkshire on either of these boards please contact the Berkshire Town Clerk's Office.

DOG LICENSE

**Dog License are due Friday, April 01, 2023.
A 50% penalty fee added thereafter. No advance
notice is sent. It is the responsibility of the owner to
register his or her dog.**

LICENSE FEES INCLUDE \$5.00 STATE FEE

Females \$13.00 Spayed Females \$9.00

Males \$13.00 Neutered Males \$9.00

Dogs six months of age and up to one year of age must have a current rabies certificate. Dogs one year of age up to two years of age must have rabies certificate dated in the last twelve (12) months. Dogs two years of age must have rabies certificate in the last three years.

DOG LICENSE ACCOUNT 2022

210 Dogs were registered in 2022

**BERKSHIRE HAS A DOG ORDINANCE WHICH STATES
ALL DOGS MUST BE CONTAINED BY SOME TYPE OF LEASH**

DRIVE THRU

RABIES CLINIC

March 18th, 2023

10:30 am-11:00 am

Berkshire Elementary School
parking lot.

Please remain in your vehicle
and staff from the
Stowe Veterinary Clinic
will assist you.

TIME TO SPAY AND NEUTER YOUR CATS AND DOGS!

The VT Spay Neuter Incentive Program (VSNIP), under the VT Department of Children & Families, is administered by VT Volunteer Services for Animals Humane Society. **Funded by a \$4.00 fee added to the licensing of dogs, this monetary resource is limited by the number of dogs licensed, which is required by law at six months of age.** By statute, unlicensed dogs can be confiscated. Puppies and kittens can have the first rabies vaccination after 12 weeks of age. If unable to schedule an appointment with a veterinary office for this vaccination, Tractor Supply Stores hold monthly clinics. Call for their schedules. After the vaccination, contact your town clerk and provide proof of the rabies vaccination to license your dog.

Rabies IS in Vermont and it IS deadly.

Licensing a dog:

- 1) Helps identify your dog if lost.
- 2) Provides proof your dog is protected from rabies in the event your dog is bitten by a rabid animal {but still needs immediate medical attention}.
- 3) Protects your animal if they bite another animal {or person – which could result in the quarantine of your dog or possibly euthanized in order to test for rabies if not currently vaccinated}.
- 4) Pays for this necessary program addressing the population situation in VT.

For a VSNIP Application and a List of Participating Offices, send a 10" SASE: Self-Addressed, Stamped Envelope to: VSNIP, PO Box 104, Bridgewater, VT 05034. Note if your request is for a cat, dog or both. Once fully completed, please mail it back. If approved, you will receive a Voucher and instructions.

The cost for the surgery to you is only \$27.00, providing there are no complications. Fellow Vermonters pays the balance of your account from funds collected at the time of dog licensing. Please be SURE your cat or dog is completely flea and tick free **before** the visit, or you will be charged for treatment. Pain medication is highly recommended **after** the surgery, but would be your responsibility. It is also wise to buy an "E" collar to avoid having sutures pulled out. These are the right choices!

Animals left UN-neutered are more prone to forms of cancer.

Thank veterinarians for their participation in this important program. **These altruistic veterinarians are the backbone of the program!** If your veterinarian is not a participant, please encourage them to join. Several veterinarians have retired, leaving a reduced number of participating offices. VSNIP offices are accepting less reimbursement than what they would usually charge for their services. We NEED them :) Let them know you appreciate the difference they have made in our state over the years when euthanasia was the routine means of animal over-population control. Those days are behind us ~ let's keep it that way!

Sue Skaskiw, Administrator 1-800-HI VSNIP (1-844-448-7647)

NOTES OF INTEREST

EVERYONE PLEASE PUT YOUR 911 NUMBER
WHERE IT MAY BE SEEN FROM THE ROAD

Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes are Due October 04, 2023
At 5:00pm. We do not accept postmarks!!!!!!

Taxes received after this date will be subject to delinquent fees and interest. **Please Mail Early To Arrive In The Clerk's Office On Or Before The Due Date.** Partial payments may be made on property taxes before the tax notices are mailed out. Payments may be made on current taxes any time until the due date. We will give you a receipt for any payments made. No discount or interest given for early payments.

OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY thru THURSDAY 8 A.M. to 4 P.M.
CLOSED FROM 12:00-1:00 FOR LUNCH
CLOSED ON FRIDAYS

ADDRESS

Berkshire Town Clerk's Office
4454 Watertower Rd, Enosburg Falls, Vt 05450
Phone (802)933-2335 Fax (802)933-5913
Email: townclerk@berkshirevt.com

VITAL STATISTICS FOR BERKSHIRE

Births:	Males 13	Females 5
Deaths:	Males 10	Females 6
Marriages:	8	

TOWN OFFICERS

	Moderator		
Emily Fecteau	Town Clerk/Treasurer	Appointed	
Todd Kinney	Selectperson	Term Expires	2024
Andy Smith	Selectperson	Term Expires	2025
Anthony Lussier	Selectperson	Term Expires	2023
Tony Archambault	Selectperson	Term Expires	2023
Vincent Hickey	Selectperson	Term Expires	2024
Virginia Messier	Lister	Term Expires	2023
	Lister	Term Expires	
Hildegard Jamka	Auditor	Term Expires	2023
Carol Hickey	Auditor	Term Expires	2024
Linda Sweetser	Auditor	Term Expires	2025
Virginia Messier	Delinquent Tax Collector	Term Expires	2024

	Solid Waste Representative		
Vincent Hickey	Health Officer		
Anthony Lussier	Inspector of Wood Shingles & Lumber		
Vincent Hickey	Service Organization of the Selectperson		
Vincent Hickey	Energy Coordinator		
Anthony Lussier	Road Commissioner		
Claude Charron	Fire Warden		
Tony Archambault	Deputy Fire Warden		
Phil Pelkey	Tree Warden		
Kurt Valenta	CUD Board		
Emily Grims	CUD Board		
District Representatives	Lisa Hango		
	Paul Martin		
State Senators	Corey Parent		
	Randy Brock		

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

Vincent Hickey Carol Hickey Meghan St. Pierre Paul Hatch
Ryan Roy Jeanne Norris Marilyn "Lyn" Lauffer

FENCE VIEWERS

Claude Charron Orlyn Thompson William Chates

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

Ann Lavery

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

Carl Ruprecht, Chairperson Claude Charron Margo Sherwood
Jason Jutras Russell Ford Jason Doe Dustin Broe Kris Lantz

PLANNING BOARD

Russell Ford Claude Charron Jay Tremblay
Margo Sherwood Chairperson
Kristine Koch Walter Elander Joshua Grims

TOWN OFFICERS' BOND

VLCT Insurance Agency		
Emily Fecteau	Town Clerk	\$50,000
Emily Fecteau	Treasurer	\$50,000
Virginia Messier	Asst Town Clerk	\$2,000
Virginia Messier	Del. Tax Collector	\$2,000
Tony Archambault	Selectperson	\$1,000
Vincent Hickey	Selectperson	\$1,000
Anthony Lussier	Selectperson	\$1,000
Todd Kinney	Selectperson	\$1,000
Andy Smith	Selectperson	\$1,000
Danny Kennison	Road Foreman	\$1,000

WARNING
2023 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

The legally qualified Voters of the Town of Berkshire are hereby warned and notified to vote the following Articles by **Australian Ballot at the Berkshire Town Clerk's Office Tuesday, March 07, 2023** at which time the polls will open at 10:00 AM in the Forenoon and will close at 7:00 PM in the afternoon.

- Article 1: (A) A Town Moderator for the ensuing year.
(B) A Selectperson for a term of three years.
(C) A Selectperson for a term of two years.
(D) An Auditor for a term of three years.
(E) A Lister for a term of three years.

Article 2: Shall the Town of Berkshire approve the proposed 2023 budget in the amount of **\$1,132,202.53** to defray the expenses of the Town for the ensuing year to cover any present indebtedness of the Town and other loans, State and County taxes and other ordinary expenses with amount of **\$ 818,452.09** to be raised by taxes?

Article 3: Shall the voters authorize payment of real and personal property taxes on October 4th each year by physical delivery to the tax collector before 5pm on that date?

Article 4: Shall the voters of Berkshire, vote to exempt the Berkshire Fire Department at 005-5948 Berkshire Center Road, from real Estate Taxes for a period of 10 years?

Dated : January 30, 2023

Attest: Town Clerk



Selectboard







TOWN ASSETS

Checkbook Balance December 31, 2022	\$ 122,710.86
Delinquent Taxes	<u>\$ 37,432.72</u>
Total Assets:	\$ 160,143.58

LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE

Liabilities

Taxes Owed to School	\$ 60,000.00
Highway Reserve	\$ 27,826.68
Land Record Reserve	\$ 19,811.65
Culvert Reserve	\$ 4,383.27
Planning Reserve	<u>\$ 2,171.54</u>
Total Liabilities	\$ 114,193.14
Available Cash Forward	\$ 45,950.44

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

12/31/2022

CURRENT ASSETS

	12/31/2021	12/31/2022
Delinquent Taxes	\$ 34,222.20	\$ 37,432.72
Checking Account	<u>\$ 223,970.53</u>	<u>\$ 122,710.86</u>
	\$ 258,192.73	\$ 160,143.58

CURRENT LIABILITIES

	2021	2022
Total Assets	\$ 223,970.53	\$ 160,143.58
Current Liabilities	<u>\$ 125,518.88</u>	<u>\$ 114,193.14</u>
	\$ 132,673.85	\$ 45,950.44

Taxes Billed 2022

	Grand List	Tax Rate	Taxes Raised
Municipal Grand List	\$1,322,004.16	0.0491	\$64,910.13
Highway Grand List	\$1,322,004.16	0.4503	\$595,298.65
Local Agreement	\$1,322,004.16	0.0045	\$5,949.11
Homestead Education	\$896,529.00	1.2878	\$1,154,550.17
Non Residential Education	\$423,452.14	1.5404	\$652,285.70
		Total Tax	\$2,473,820.72

Taxes as Billed

Taxes Collected as of October 07, 2022	\$2,332,096.91
Net delinquent for October 07, 2022	\$95,076.56
Taxes Collected After October 7, 2022	\$64,776.09
Total Delinquent December 31, 2022	\$30,300.47

2022 Taxes	\$2,332,096.91
School Taxes Paid by Town	\$1,462,619.46
State Paid School Tax	<u>\$333,883.86</u>
	\$535,593.59

Town Report 2022

	A	B	C	D
1		2022 Budget	2022 Actual	2023 Budget
2	Tax Revenue			
3	Current Taxes	\$660,224.98	\$535,593.59	\$818,452.09
4	Unreserved Fund Balance	\$132,673.85	\$132,673.85	\$45,950.44
5	Delinquent Taxes Collected	\$0.00	\$92,118.24	\$0.00
6	Interest on Delinquent Taxes	\$6,000.00	\$4,299.94	\$6,000.00
7	School Tax Reimbursement	\$0.00	\$21,998.62	\$0.00
8	Hold Harmless	\$113,000.00	\$104,467.00	\$105,000.00
9	Total Tax Revenue	\$911,898.83	\$891,151.24	\$975,402.53
10				
11	Zoning Fees			
12	Zoning Permits	\$1,800.00	\$2,168.00	\$1,800.00
13	Compliance Permits	\$1,000.00	\$1,408.00	\$1,000.00
14	Variances/Subdivisions	\$1,000.00	\$1,008.00	\$1,000.00
15	Highway Permits	\$450.00	\$420.00	\$450.00
16	Driveway Permits	\$100.00	\$195.00	\$100.00
17	Total Zoning Fees	\$4,350.00	\$5,199.00	\$4,350.00
18				
19	Other Revenue			
20	Recording Fees	\$16,000.00	\$14,942.29	\$16,000.00
21	Dog Licenses	\$1,000.00	\$968.00	\$1,000.00
22	Liquor Licenses	\$350.00	\$255.00	\$350.00
23	State Reappraisal Funds	\$7,000.00	\$7,115.50	\$7,000.00
24	Interest on Statements	\$2,000.00	\$2,306.54	\$2,000.00
25	Town Report Reimburse	\$600.00	\$742.00	\$600.00
26	Land Use Change Tax	\$0.00	\$2,310.50	\$0.00
27	Civil Fines	\$0.00	\$162.50	\$0.00
28	Miscellaneous	\$500.00	\$753.50	\$500.00
29	Total Other Revenue	\$27,450.00	\$29,555.83	\$27,450.00
30				
31	TOTAL REVENUES	\$943,698.83	\$925,906.07	\$1,007,202.53
32				
33	Highway Revenue			
34	Highway State Aide	\$121,000.00	\$128,303.81	\$125,000.00
35	Municipal Roads Grants	\$0.00	\$20,320.00	\$0.00
36	Wild & Scenic Grant	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00
37	Paving Grant	\$0.00	\$96,611.01	\$0.00
38	Sale of Equipment	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
39	Total Highway Revenue	\$121,000.00	\$250,734.82	\$125,000.00
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41	TOTAL ALL REVENUE	\$1,064,698.83	\$1,176,640.89	\$1,132,202.53
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Town Report 2022

	A	B	C	D
47		2022 Budget	2022 Actual	2023 Budget
48	Office Payroll			
49	Town Clerk	\$27,387.30	\$27,387.30	\$28,756.67
50	Town Treasurer	\$15,680.78	\$15,680.78	\$16,464.82
51	Assistant	\$25,000.00	\$23,096.09	\$26,000.00
52	Lister	\$12,000.00	\$11,680.50	\$15,000.00
53	Auditor	\$600.00	\$364.00	\$600.00
54	Selectperson	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
55	Health Officer	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
56	BCA	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
57	Planning/Zoning	\$1,500.00	\$1,110.00	\$1,500.00
58	Custodian	\$1,700.00	\$1,695.00	\$1,700.00
59	Zoning Administrator	\$5,000.00	\$4,682.50	\$5,500.00
60	General Share Fica/Medi	\$8,200.00	\$9,723.68	\$11,000.00
61	Retirement	\$2,300.00	\$2,209.39	\$2,600.00
62	Health Insurance	\$17,785.92	\$17,785.92	\$19,956.24
63	Total Office Payroll	\$124,054.00	\$121,915.16	\$135,977.73
64				
65	Office Expenses			
66	Postage	\$2,500.00	\$2,505.76	\$2,500.00
67	Advertising	\$900.00	\$430.80	\$900.00
68	Copier	\$2,250.00	\$2,199.96	\$2,250.00
69	Computer Expense	\$4,000.00	\$2,622.14	\$4,000.00
70	Office Supplies	\$2,000.00	\$1,985.57	\$2,000.00
71	Lister Supplies	\$500.00	\$293.84	\$500.00
72	Trainins/Seminars	\$1,000.00	\$1,012.00	\$1,300.00
73	NEMRC Support	\$6,500.00	\$6,358.99	\$6,500.00
74	Mileage	\$500.00	\$357.50	\$500.00
75	Office Telephone	\$2,100.00	\$2,022.52	\$2,200.00
76	Office Heat	\$3,000.00	\$2,761.65	\$3,000.00
77	Office Electricity	\$1,500.00	\$1,168.46	\$1,500.00
78	Lawn Mowing	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,800.00
79	Microfilming	\$1,000.00	\$115.00	\$500.00
80	Office Maintenance	\$4,000.00	\$3,966.23	\$4,000.00
81	Total Office Expense	\$34,250.00	\$30,300.42	\$34,450.00
82				
83	General Expenses			
84	Street Lights	\$7,600.00	\$5,812.06	\$0.00
85	Franklin County Tax	\$10,866.16	\$10,866.16	\$12,000.00
86	VT League of Cities & Towns	\$3,035.00	\$3,035.00	\$3,137.00
87	NW Regional Planning	\$1,733.00	\$1,733.00	\$1,795.00
88	Legal Fees	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00
89	Berkshire Fire Department	\$27,000.00	\$27,000.00	\$27,000.00
90	Enosburg Ambulance	\$43,971.89	\$43,957.20	\$45,415.32
91	Dispatch Fee	\$20,532.00	\$20,532.00	\$21,559.00
92				

Town Report 2022

	A	B	C	D
93		2022 Budget	2022 Actual	2023 Budget
94	Election Expenses	\$1,800.00	\$1,497.10	\$1,000.00
95	Town Report Expense	\$1,800.00	\$1,844.05	\$2,000.00
96	Dog Expense	\$3,500.00	\$3,170.17	\$3,500.00
97	Property/Casualty Insurance	\$31,000.00	\$26,663.00	\$31,472.00
98	Northwest Solid Waste	\$1,701.70	\$1,701.70	\$1,856.40
99	Planning/Zoning Expense	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
100	Reappraisal	\$7,000.00	\$7,115.50	\$7,000.00
101	Interest Line of Credit	\$2,000.00	\$2,574.76	\$2,500.00
102	Unemployment fund	\$800.00	\$1,486.46	\$2,000.00
103	Miscellaneous	\$1,000.00	\$418.22	\$1,000.00
104	Total General Expenses	\$171,339.75	\$160,406.38	\$169,234.72
105				
106	Voted Appropriations			
107	Franklin County Home Health	\$3,553.00	\$3,553.00	\$3,553.00
108	Northwest Counseling	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00
109	St Albans Family Center	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
110	Age Well	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
111	Franklin County Ind Development	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
112	Green Mtn Transit Agency	\$1,319.00	\$1,319.00	\$1,385.00
113	VT Ctr Independent Living	\$180.00	\$180.00	\$180.00
114	Franklin County Aniaml Rescue	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
115	Voice Against Violence	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
116	Richford Summer Camp	\$2,900.00	\$2,900.00	\$2,900.00
117	Northwest unit Investigations	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
118	Berkshire Recreation Committee	\$2,000.00	\$3,300.00	\$3,500.00
119	Care Partners Adult Daycare	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
120	VT Fire Protection (VACD)	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
121	Green Up	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
122	Total Voted Appropriations	\$17,702.00	\$19,002.00	\$19,268.00
123				
124	Total Office & General	\$347,345.75	\$331,623.96	\$358,930.45
125				
126	Highway Payroll			
127	Highway Payroll	\$189,000.00	\$197,069.86	\$206,923.36
128	General Share Fica/Medi	\$15,000.00	\$13,068.52	\$15,000.00
129	Retirement	\$9,800.00	\$9,089.51	\$10,000.00
130	Health Insurance	\$35,571.84	\$35,571.84	\$39,912.48
131	Total Highway Payroll	\$249,371.84	\$254,799.73	\$271,835.84
132				
133	Highway Utilities			
134	Highway Telephone	\$1,300.00	\$1,115.33	\$1,300.00
135	Highway Heat	\$3,500.00	\$3,341.65	\$3,500.00
136	Highway Electricity	\$1,500.00	\$1,352.72	\$1,500.00
137	Highway Garbage Removal	\$1,500.00	\$969.00	\$1,500.00
138	Total Highway Utilities	\$7,800.00	\$6,778.70	\$7,800.00

Town Report 2022

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139		2022 Budget	2022 Actual	2023 Budget
140	Highway Outside Services			
141	Hired Equipment	\$3,000.00	\$1,040.00	\$3,000.00
142	Rented Equipment	\$5,000.00	\$86.00	\$5,000.00
143	Stripping	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$750.00
144	Crushing	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$7,605.00
145	Paving/Resurfacing	\$150,000.00	\$244,229.34	\$150,000.00
146	Total Outside Services	\$167,500.00	\$254,855.34	\$166,355.00
147				
148	Special Projects			
149	New Garage Reserve	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00
150	Municipal Roads Permit MRGP	\$2,000.00	\$1,990.00	\$2,000.00
151	Tax Mapping	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,100.00
152	Local Hazard Mitigation Update	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$1,500.00
153	Digitize Land Records	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00
154	Speed Sign	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00
155	Roadside Rubbish Removal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
156	Total Special Projects	\$44,500.00	\$41,490.00	\$48,600.00
157				
158	Highway Maintenance			
159	Garage Maintenance/Supplies	\$10,000.00	\$11,593.34	\$13,000.00
160	Truck 3 (2017)	\$10,000.00	\$6,774.10	\$10,000.00
161	Truck 1 (2022)	\$4,000.00	\$574.90	\$4,000.00
162	Truck 2 (2012)	\$10,000.00	\$20,308.54	\$15,000.00
163	Loader (2015)	\$1,500.00	\$1,840.07	\$1,500.00
164	Mower/Tractor/Equipment	\$3,000.00	\$820.30	\$3,000.00
165	Sifter (1990)	\$1,000.00	\$93.58	\$1,000.00
166	Excavator K11 (1999)	\$2,500.00	\$4,155.85	\$2,500.00
167	Plows & Sanders	\$8,000.00	\$7,182.78	\$8,000.00
168	Trailers	\$1,000.00	\$374.86	\$1,000.00
169	Chipper (1984)	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
170	Grader (2013)	\$5,000.00	\$5,419.51	\$6,000.00
171	Minor Equipment	\$2,500.00	\$2,062.01	\$2,500.00
172	General Vehicle Supplies	\$6,000.00	\$4,685.15	\$6,000.00
173	Diesel	\$40,000.00	\$54,086.98	\$50,000.00
174	Gasoline	\$2,500.00	\$3,331.89	\$3,000.00
175	Radio Costs	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
176	Equipment Fund	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00
177	Total Maintenance	\$148,000.00	\$163,303.86	\$167,500.00
178				
179	Highway Materials			
180	Salt	\$30,000.00	\$21,929.74	\$30,000.00
181	Chloride	\$25,000.00	\$23,740.76	\$25,000.00
182	Highway Materials	\$5,000.00	\$3,707.29	\$5,000.00
183	Culverts	\$10,000.00	\$9,883.00	\$10,000.00
184				

Town Report 2022

	A	B	C	D
185		2022 Budget	2022 Actual	2023 Budget
186	Gravel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00
187	Road Signs	\$2,000.00	\$3,923.26	\$3,000.00
188	Guard Rails	\$1,000.00	\$94.46	\$1,000.00
189	Total Materials	\$73,000.00	\$63,278.51	\$84,000.00
190				
191	Total Highway	\$690,171.84	\$784,506.14	\$746,090.84
192				
193	Debt Services			
194	Truck Payment/Interest(2022)	\$27,181.24	\$27,181.24	\$27,181.24
195	Total Debt Services	\$27,181.24	\$27,181.24	\$27,181.24
196				
197	TOTAL HIGHWAY/DEBT	\$717,353.08	\$811,687.38	\$773,272.08
198				
199	TOTAL ALL EXPENSES	\$1,064,698.83	\$1,143,311.34	\$1,132,202.53

General Ledger Long Term Debt

12/31/2022

Truck 2022	Interest Rate 1.59%	Maturity	4/24/2024
	Balance December 31, 2021		\$79,000.00
	Principal Payment		<u>\$ 26,333.33</u>
	Balance December 31, 2022		\$ 52,666.67

Restricted Funds

Reappraisal CD's	Balance	December 31, 2022	\$ 97,309.87
Equipment CD	Balance	December 31, 2022	\$ 45,041.26
New Garage CD	Balance	December 31, 2022	\$ 223,105.33
Hilton Marcy CD	Balance	December 31, 2022	\$ 39,910.45

Cemeteries

Collected from Florence E Gibson Estate	\$ 229.80
East Berkshire Cemetery Assoc.	\$114.90
Berkshire Ctr. Cemetery Assoc.	\$114.90

TREASURER REPORT

General

Current Taxes	\$535,593.59
Zoning Fees	\$5,199.00
Other Revenue	\$29,555.83
Interest Delinquent Taxes	\$4,299.94
Delinquent Taxes	\$92,118.24
School Tax Refund	\$21,998.62
Hold Harmless	\$104,467.00
Total	\$793,232.22

Highway

State Aide to Roads	\$128,303.81
Municipal Roads Grant	\$20,320.00
Sale of Equipment	\$500.00
Wild & Scenic Grant	\$5,000.00
Paving Grant	\$96,611.01
Total	\$250,734.82

Grand Total **\$1,043,967.04**

SELECTBOARD REPORT

Salaries	\$289,266.03
FICA	\$22,792.20
Office Expense	\$30,300.42
General Expense	\$160,406.38
Health Insurance	\$53,357.76
Retirement	\$11,298.90
Appropriations	\$19,002.00
Highway Utilities	\$6,778.70
Highway Outside Services	\$254,855.34
Highway Maintenance	\$163,303.86
Highway Materials	\$63,278.51
Truck 2022 Payment/Interest	\$27,181.24
Special Projects	<u>\$41,490.00</u>
Grand Total	\$1,143,311.34

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

The Town of Berkshire received ARPA funds in the amount of \$262,008.66 in 2021 and received \$262,132.20 in 2022. \$105,000.00 was issued to the East Berkshire Fire District to help with repairs and \$29,976.84 was used for digitizing the Berkshire Land Records. The remaining \$389,164.02 has not yet been allocated. To learn more about ARPA please visit the VLCT website at <https://www.vlct.org/american-rescue-plan-information>

Statement of Delinquent Taxes

January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022

TAX

Year	Balance	Collection	Abated	Balance
2020	\$497.05	\$497.05		\$0.00
2021	\$33,966.01	\$26,833.76		\$7,132.25
2022	<u>\$95,076.56</u>	<u>\$64,776.09</u>		<u>\$30,300.47</u>
Total	\$129,539.62	\$92,106.90		\$37,432.72

2021

Donna Bailey
 Nichols Leonard
 Randall Mike & Abby
 Russell Kevin

2022

Bessette Anthony
 Carr Roger
 Clark Linda
 Conger Robert III
 Dipallino Thelma
 Donna Bailey
 Hardy Jonas
 Hoerner Andy & Heidi
 Lontine Shannon
 Martin Ronald
 Massy Thomas
 Nichols Leonard
 Randall Mikeal & Abby
 Russell Kevin
 Ryea Lesa
 Steineger Anna

Delinquent	\$27,330.81
Current Late	<u>\$64,776.09</u>
Total	\$92,106.90

Interest Received as of Dec 31, 2022	\$4,304.39
Interest Due as of Dec 31, 2022	\$2,371.95

Town of Berkshire, Vermont

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

ZONING OFFICE

4454 WATER TOWER ROAD

Berkshire, Vermont 05450

Ann E. Lavery, Zoning Administrator

2022

Zoning Report

2022 saw a considerable amount of Zoning business in Berkshire.
65 (sixty-five) Applications were processed, four more than in 2021.

Four new Single Family homes have been constructed.

Fourteen Permits were approved for Accessory Use Structures (porches, additions, etc.)

Twenty-seven Certificates of Compliance were issued.

Three Boundary Line Adjustments were approved.

Four Subdivision Requests were considered. Two were approved, one request was withdrawn, and one is still pending.

Five Agricultural Permits were granted for a horse barn, new sap shed, one new barn, and two barn extensions

Five Findings of Facts were issued and recorded.

October saw a major project approved. Bellevue LLC is working with VGS (Vermont Gas Systems) and Pleasant View Farms to replace their existing Digester with one that will produce Natural Gas. Plans are to begin the Project in early Summer of 2023, with an end date in Late Fall. Customers will be able to connect beginning in 2024.

As always it is a pleasure to work with the residents of Berkshire. We are hopeful that 2023 will be another productive year for the Town of Berkshire. If at any time you need any sort of zoning assistance please contact me.

Regular office hours are Mondays from 9-Noon, or anytime by request.

Berkshire Development Review Board Members are: Chairman Carl Ruprecht, Claude Charron, Margo Sherwood, Jason Doe, Russell Ford, Jason Jutras, Kris Lantz, and Dustin Broe.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann E. Lavery



Interesting Data
New Homes in Berkshire
Past Five Years
2022 = 4
2021 = 9
2020 = 5
2019 = 0
2018 = 4

BERKSHIRE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

REVENUE 2022

1/1/2022	Balance on Hand	\$ 181,200.36
Income 2022		
Town of Berkshire	\$27,000.00	
Marcy Estate	\$853.74	
Interest	\$84.46	
Loiselle Redemption	\$296.95	
Donations	<u>\$100.00</u>	
	\$28,335.15	\$ 28,335.15
		\$ 209,535.51
Expenses 2022		
Office	\$155.00	
Electric	\$974.52	
Telephone	\$1,069.69	
Heat/Gas/Fuel	\$9,591.86	
Due/Licenses	\$680.00	
Equipment	\$1,387.99	
Radios	\$2,185.00	
Truck Repairs	\$2,773.05	
Building Repairs	\$2,884.36	
Misc.	<u>\$339.00</u>	
	\$22,040.47	\$ 22,040.47
12/31/2022	Balance on Hand	\$ 187,495.04

To anyone interested in joining the Fire Department, we meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 7:00pm at the fire station.

To report a fire: Dial **911**, be prepared to give the dispatcher **your name, location and telephone number** where you can be reached for call back information if necessary. Do not assume that the Fire Department will automatically know where you are located, for this reason we suggest that property owners give thought to what information is necessary so emergency services can arrive as quickly as possible when the need arises. Additional information that is helpful: town road names and numbers, highway route numbers, local land marks or the name of neighbors who are well known in the community.

OFFICERS

Tony Archambault-Chief
Taylor Laplant-Captain
Andy Smith-Treasurer

Jamie Archambault-Asst. Chief
Chris Smith-Captain

FIREFIGHTERS

Robert Archambault
Jessie Underwood
Jamie St Pierre
Dean Randall

David Kennison
Jason Jutras
Bill Denno
Jacob Pidgeon

Claude Charron
Garrett Chapman

A MESSAGE FROM THE AUDITORS

The auditors have examined the records and accounts of the Town of Berkshire. In our opinion the financial statements referred to in the Town Report, presents fairly, in all materials respects, the financial position of the Town of Berkshire as of December 31, 2022 and the results of its operation for the year then ended.

Carol Hickey
Linda Sweetser
Hildy Jamka