

TOWN OF POMFRET, VERMONT



2022 Annual Report

For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022

VITAL STATISTICS

2022 Births

May 8	Rafael Oscar Barnes, son of Tatum Ali and Taylor Rae Barnes
June 24	Summer Jude Brown-Baskett, son of Sheila Brown and Robert Baskett
July 13	Saskadena Six Ski Area, child of Woodstock Resort Corporation
July 30	Josephine Johnson Wellington, daughter of Elizabeth and Tyler Wellington
September 3	Jonah Sebastian Dynok Fielding, son of Kendra Dynok and William Fielding
November 20	Penelope Bell Gaeddert, daughter of Heather Durkel and John Gaeddert

2022 Marriages

January 8	Stephanie Evelyne Ambrose of Pomfret VT and Christopher Garry Savoie of Chertsey, Quebec
February 24	Melissa Paige Baker and Spencer Strahan Hayes, both of Pomfret VT
April 29	John Michael Zonay and Diane Alice Grube, both of Pomfret VT
May 28	Kelsey Erin Harrington and Nicholas James Sprague, both of Pomfret VT and Hubbardston MA
May 28	Kimia Rose Shahrokhshahi and Robert William Decker, both of Cambridge MA
July 2	Todd Leonard Aubrey and Heidi Schaefer, both of Pomfret VT
September 10	Hugh David Shackleton and Clara Florin, both of Pomfret VT
September 17	Rosemarie Sheridan and Neill Clark, both of Pomfret VT
September 29	William Lester Caudell and John Randall Powers, both of Houston TX
October 7	Audrey Tatjianna Ardinger and Jacob Hunter Moulton, both of Pomfret VT
October 7	Adam Robert Sprague and Brittany Ann King, both of Pomfret VT
October 22	Kaylee Mariah Longley of Pomfret VT and Jared Alan Disorda of Leicester VT

2022 Deaths

January 23	George Stanley "Stan" Talbot of Pomfret VT, age 87
January 24	Kathleen O. Chase of Sarasota FL and Pomfret VT, age 91
January 27	Mark Andrew Tuthill of Pomfret VT, age 51
April 2	James Chester Darrow, Jr. of Fort Edward NY, age 56
May 17	Frederick Jacob Eydt of Vero Beach FL and Pomfret VT, age 93
July 13	Suicide Six Ski Area of Pomfret VT, age 86
August 2	Barbara Chase DeCoff Gilbert of Pomfret VT, age 99 ½
October 4	Frederick "Ted" Lorin Staples of Pomfret VT, age 90
December 6	Dorcas B. "Ducky" Freeman of Woodstock and Pomfret VT, age 82

GENERAL INFORMATION

2020 U.S. Census Population 916
Housing Units 546

Town Office

5218 Pomfret Road, North Pomfret, Vermont 05053
<http://pomfretvt.us/>

Town Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8:30 AM – 2:30 PM
(802) 457-3861 (phone) | (802) 457-8180 (fax)

Clerk clerk@pomfretvt.us Treasurer treasurer@pomfretvt.us

Town Garage

(802) 457-2767 (phone)
(802) 369-0225 (cell)

Road Foreman jim.potter@pomfretvt.us

Volunteer Fire Department

Teago Station | 2026 Pomfret Road | (802) 457-1125
Pomfret Station | 7373 Pomfret Road | (802) 457-3730

Fire Chief kricevt@gmail.com, (802) 457-2364

EMERGENCIES, FIRE AND AMBULANCE911

Abbott Memorial Library

15 Library Street, South Pomfret, Vermont 05067
<https://www.abbottmemoriallibrary.org/>

Library Hours

Tuesday 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM | Thursday 10:00 AM – 8:00 PM | Saturday 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
(802) 457-2236

Regular Meetings

Selectboard 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 7:00 PM, Town Office
Planning Commission 1st and 3rd Mondays, 7:00 PM, Town Office
Trustees of the Abbott Memorial Library 3rd Monday, 7:00 PM, Abbott Memorial Library

State Representatives

General Assembly, Windsor County 4-1

Heather Surprenant (Barnard) hsurprenant@leg.state.vt.us | (802) 272-7943

Senate, Windsor County

Alison Clarkson (Woodstock) aclarkson@leg.state.vt.us (802) 457-4627

Richard “Dick” McCormack (Bethel) rmccormack@leg.state.vt.us (802) 234-5497

Rebecca White (Hartford) beccawhite.vt@gmail.com (802) 777-4517

Community Reminders

The Planning Commission and Zoning Administrator remind residents that new residential, commercial and certain agricultural buildings, most renovations, home businesses and ponds require a permit application to the Town **before** construction begins. Sewage disposal system and access permits are required before a building permit can be issued. Sewage disposal system permits are issued by the State of Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation. Failure to observe this procedure constitutes a violation of our zoning ordinance, and could result in serious penalties or other financial losses to those involved.

Residents are required to have an annual permit sticker (valid July 1 through June 30) and coupons to use the GUVSWMD/Hartford Transfer Station located at 2590 North Hartland Road (Route 5) in Hartford. Both are available at the Town Clerk’s office. The cost of a permit is \$30.00 and the coupons are \$50.00 for a punch card of ten.

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A TRIBUTE TO ABBOTT MEMORIAL LIBRARY

When we think of Abbott Memorial Library we think of the building Judge Ira Abbott of New Mexico constructed and donated to the Town of Pomfret in 1905 in honor of his parents, Daniel and Deborah Abbott, who had lived in Pomfret, and in honor of the community's fallen soldiers. It's a lovely building. Stately and solid outside, comfortable and welcoming inside. We're proud of that building, it's an important part of our town's history, of life in Pomfret.

But a library is not a building. A library is, by definition, a collection of books.

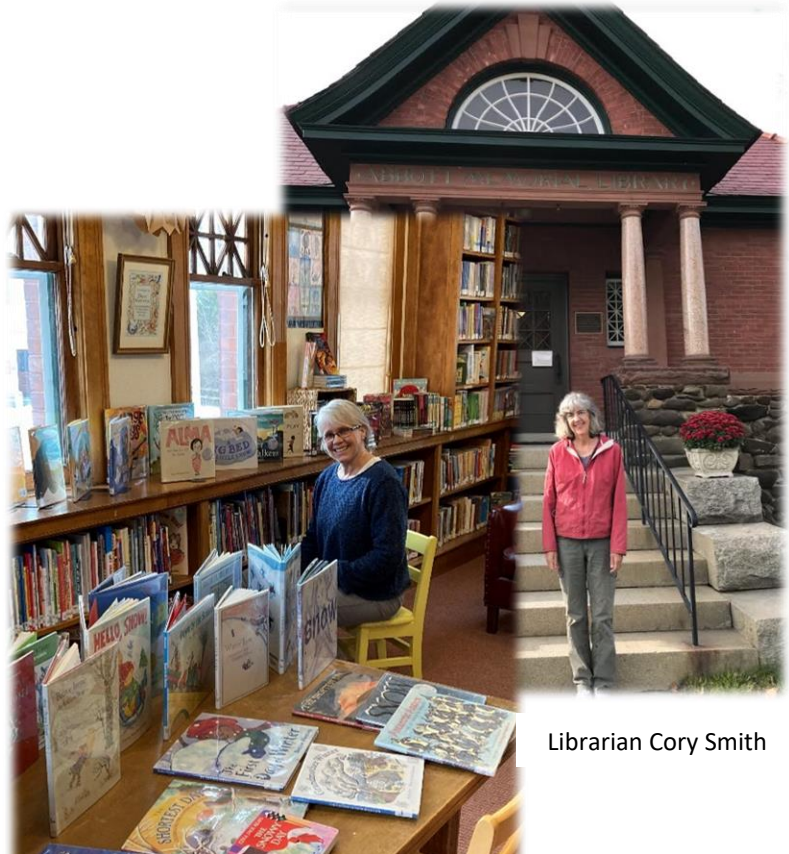
It's what's inside the building that's truly the library, the thousands of books available there, free to borrow for anyone who chooses to become a member. And yet there is more to it than just books.

And there's more to it still than simply maintaining and managing the collection of books. The librarians do that very well, but the building and grounds have to be maintained, the building must be heated and the lights have to stay on; bills must be paid. Future needs must be foreseen and planned for. It takes money to do all that. Funds must be raised, both through private fundraising efforts and through the annual request to the town. It requires careful planning and budgeting. It also requires presenting to the town a financial report and annual report of the Library's activities during the year. It requires being prepared to stand up at Town Meeting to explain and sometimes defend the Library's request for funding.

It takes a team of people willing to do all that. Abbott Memorial Library's team is, in addition to Librarian Cory Smith and assistant Librarian Susan Heston, its board of trustees; in 2022, Tina Clifford, Chair, with Susan Burgess, Cara DeFoor, Jocelyn Randles, Betsy Rhodes, and Mary Worrell.

The first Librarian, Abba Doton Chamberlin, made sure books were available to all, establishing a system of book sharing with all the local schools. Mrs. Chamberlin, according to legend, lived in the attic of the library during her tenure, a testament to her dedication, and if you've ever been in that attic, you'll agree that it's also a testament to her fortitude.

The library also served as the social hub of Pomfret, with Abba Chamberlin encouraging gatherings such as socials, basket lunches, recitals, exhibits, educational discussions, and lectures. Over the years, the many friends and neighbors of ours who have served as librarians and trustees have continued in the tradition of Mrs. Chamberlin by doing all that she did (except living in the attic) and providing services that she couldn't possibly have imagined, that many of us couldn't have imagined only a few years ago.



Librarian Cory Smith

Assistant Librarian Sue Heston in the children's area.

Abba could have imagined storytelling, author readings, book discussions, school programs. She could have imagined Valentine and Halloween parties and lantern making workshops, and children's playtime, but definitely not Lego playtime. She'd be astonished at the concept of downloadable audio and e-books, public access computer, internet and wifi, copier, printer, and scanner, all of which are available at and through the library today.

In 2020, the beginning of the Covid era brought new challenges. The easiest thing would have been to simply close the library for the duration, but instead the librarians and trustees chose to continue their service to the community by closing the building to the public but making the books and movies, printing and copying, and craft kits for children available for pickup at curbside.

They provided home-made face masks on request in the early days of the pandemic when commercial masks were not yet available.

Abbott Memorial Library helped to make life during the pandemic; when we didn't go out unless necessary, and stood six feet apart from each other when we did, when we didn't invite friends and neighbors into our homes and weren't invited into their homes, a little closer to normal. With gratitude to Cory and Susan, to Tina, Susan, Cara, Jocelyn, Betsy and Mary, and to Judge Ira Abbott, Abba Doton Chamberlin and the many, many Pomfret townspeople who have given their time and energy to our library and our town over nearly one hundred and twenty years, we offer this tribute.



Trustees Betsy Rhodes (L), and Tina Clifford (R) with Will Coates (C) and his Eagle Scout Project; two Adirondack chairs and picnic table made for the Library.



Enjoying Pomfret poet Laura Foley's reading.

Young lantern makers atop the hill behind the Library.



Summary of Town Meeting

MARCH 1, 2022

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, Town Meeting was held by Australian Ballot by authority of the Vermont Legislature, rather than in an open meeting format. Ballots were mailed to all active voters in the Town of Pomfret. The results of voting are as follows:

1. The following Town Officers were elected: Kevin Geiger, Moderator; Rebecca Fielder, Clerk; John R. Peters Jr., Selectboard 3yr; Benjamin Brickner, Selectboard 1yr; Jonathan Harrington, Selectboard 1yr; Ellen DesMeules, Treasurer; Bruce E. Tuthill, Cemetery Commissioner; Rebecca Fielder, Lister; Kristen Esty, Auditor; Cara DeFoor, Library Trustee; Jocelyn Randles, Library Trustee; Michael Doten, Trustee of Public Funds.
2. The voters approved changing the two 1-year Selectboard terms to staggered 2-year terms beginning at Town Meeting 2023.
3. The voters authorized the Treasurer to be the collector of current taxes.
4. The FY23 General and Highway Budget totaling \$1,634,129 was approved.
5. \$60,000 was appropriated to the Fire Department Vehicle Reserve Fund.
6. \$41,500 was appropriated to the Abbott Memorial Library.
7. \$12,000 was appropriated to the Pomfret Cemetery Commission.
8. \$3,950 was appropriated to the Visiting Nurse and Hospice for VT and NH.
9. \$3,800 was appropriated to the Woodstock Area Council on Aging (Thompson Senior Center).
10. \$979 was appropriated to Health Care and Rehabilitation Services (HCRS).
11. \$2,500 was appropriated to Empower Up – Windsor Central Mentoring Program.
12. \$750 was appropriated to the Spectrum Teen Center.
13. \$900 was appropriated to Pentangle Arts.
14. \$400 was appropriated to the Women's Information Service (WISE) of the Upper Valley.
15. \$2,500 was appropriated to the Ottauquechee Health Foundation (OHF).
16. \$50 was appropriated to Green Up Vermont.
17. It was voted to re-appropriate the sum of \$121,767 from the unassigned General Fund balance from FY21 to offset current taxes to be raised.
18. It was voted to have the Town Treasurer collect taxes in two installments, on August 19, 2022 and February 3, 2023. Late payments will be subject to interest of 1% per calendar month or a portion thereof. All taxes outstanding on February 4, 2023 shall be delinquent and subject to a penalty of 8%.

383 ballots were cast out of a total of 800 registered voters.

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Fielder
Town Clerk

WARNING
TOWN OF POMFRET
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING 2023

The legal voters of the Town of Pomfret, Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Pomfret Town Offices, 5218 Pomfret Road, on Tuesday, March 7, 2023, between 8:30 AM and 7:00 PM, to vote by Australian ballot (pursuant to Act 1 of 2023) upon the articles of business listed herein.

An informational hearing to discuss the articles to be voted upon will occur via Zoom pursuant to Act 1 of 2023 on Saturday, February 25, 2023 at 9:00 AM. Instructions for joining the informational hearing appear at the end this Warning.

The legal voters of the Town of Pomfret, Vermont are further notified that voter qualification, registration and absentee voting relative to said voting by Australian ballot shall be as provided in Chapters 43, 51 and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated. For more information, please visit <https://sos.vermont.gov/elections/voters/early-absentee-voting/> or call the Pomfret Town Offices at (802) 457-3861 during normal business hours (Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM).

1. To elect the following Town officers:

- Town Moderator, 1-year term;
- Town Clerk, 1-year term;
- Selectboard Member, 3-year term;
- Selectboard Member, 2-year term (*see Note below*);
- Selectboard Member, 1 year to finish a 2-year term (*see Note below*);
- Treasurer, 1-year term;
- Cemetery Commissioner, 3-year term;
- Lister, 3-year term;
- Auditor, 3-year term;
- Library Trustee, 3-year term;
- Library Trustee, 3-year term;
- Library Trustee, 1 year to finish a 3-year term; and
- Trustee of Public Funds, 3-year term.

Note: Term length of the two additional Selectboard members was changed from 1 year to 2 years by approval of Article 2 at the 2022 Town Meeting. Pursuant to 17 V.S.A. 2650, the expiration of these members' terms must be staggered.

2. Shall the voters authorize the Treasurer to collect current taxes, pursuant to 32 V.S.A. 4791?
3. Shall the voters approve the combined budget for Fiscal Year 2024 of \$1,766,444 for general purposes (\$509,371) and for highway purposes (\$1,257,073), of which \$1,202,034 will be raised by current year taxes and \$564,410 by other sources?

Note: The amounts in this Article 3 exclude the appropriations proposed in Articles 4 through 15 below.

4. Shall the voters appropriate \$42,500 to the Abbott Memorial Library?
5. Shall the voters appropriate \$12,500 to the Pomfret Cemetery Commission?

6. Shall the voters appropriate \$3,950 to the Visiting Nurse and Hospice for VT and NH in support of care provided in patients' homes?
7. Shall the voters appropriate \$3,800 to the Woodstock Area Council on Aging (d.b.a. The Thompson Senior Center) to be used for operational expenses to provide meals on wheels, transportation, wellness and social activities, medical equipment, and other Aging at Home support services to benefit Town residents?
8. Shall the voters appropriate \$979 to Health Care and Rehabilitation Services for support of services provided to residents of Windsor County?
9. Shall the voters appropriate \$2,500 to the Empower Up - Windsor Central Mentoring Program (formerly known as the Ottauquechee Community Partnership) to support their Mentor and Buddy Program?
10. Shall the voters appropriate \$750 to the Spectrum Teen Center for support of activities at the center?
11. Shall the voters appropriate \$900 to Pentangle Arts for providing artistic endeavors in the community?
12. Shall the voters appropriate \$400 to the Women's Information Service (WISE) of the Upper Valley for support of activities at the service?
13. Shall the voters appropriate \$2,500 to the Ottauquechee Health Foundation (OHF) for funding and support for individuals with limited financial means to help meet critical health and wellness needs such as medical and dental care, eyeglasses, hearing aids, dentures, prescription co-payments and short-term caregiver services?
14. Shall the voters appropriate \$50 to Green Up Vermont for Green Up Day supplies and services?
15. Shall the voters re-appropriate \$145,375 of the unassigned General Fund balance to reduce Fiscal Year 2024 taxes to be raised?

Note: Approval of this article would leave \$96,917 in the General Fund balance, which amount would remain subject to re-appropriation by the voters at a later date.

16. Shall the voters require that taxes be paid in U.S. funds in two installments, pursuant to 32 V.S.A. 4773, and that the first installment of such taxes be due and accepted at the Treasurer's office on or before 2:30 PM on August 18, 2023, and that the balance be due at the same location on or before 2:30 PM on February 2, 2024, and that overdue taxes bear interest at a rate of 1.0% per month or fraction thereof from the due date of each installment pursuant to 32 V.S.A. 4873, and that all delinquent taxes be subject to an 8.0% penalty pursuant to 32 V.S.A. 1674?

Dated this 21st day of January, 2023,
by the Selectboard of the Town of Pomfret:

Emily Grube, Chair
John Peters Jr., Vice-Chair
Benjamin Brickner
Steve Chamberlin
Jonathan Harrington

AUSTRALIAN BALLOT
INFORMATIONAL HEARING INSTRUCTIONS

An informational hearing to discuss the articles to be voted upon will occur via Zoom pursuant to Act 1 of 2023 on Saturday, February 25, 2023, beginning at 9:00 AM. You may join this informational hearing by telephone, computer or smartphone as follows:

Computer or Smartphone

<https://zoom.us/j/95395079923?pwd=ZjBEEd3ZuZWgvWmx2M0tpOE8zbjg2dz09>

Landline or Mobile Phone

Dial (301) 715-8592. When prompted, enter Meeting ID 953 9507 9923 and Password 306922.

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Email them to pomfretannualreport@gmail.com.

AUDITORS' REPORT

The Auditors are required by state law to examine and, if necessary, adjust the accounts and financial records of all town officers and any other persons authorized to draw orders on the Town Treasurer. To this end, the Auditors have verified stated account balances, confirmed that expenditures have been duly authorized, and that income has been received into the appropriate accounts of the town.

The Auditors are also required to present detailed statements of the financial condition of the town, classified summaries of receipts and expenditures, lists of trust fund assets, and certain information about indebtedness, if any. To the extent applicable, these statements, summaries, lists and information are presented elsewhere in this Annual Report. To the best of our knowledge, these materials collectively and accurately portray the financial condition of the Town of Pomfret as of June 30, 2022.

Initiatives:

- Created and published the Monthly Reconciliation Process Description & Checklist document describing our monthly auditing procedures and available to educate new Auditors. This document can be found on the Town website.
- Continued to work on town financial policies with The Financial Management Committee, appointed by the Selectboard representing the Auditors, Town Treasurer, and Selectboard. During fiscal year 2022, the following policies were adopted by the Selectboard: Income, Expense, and Cash Policy; Accounting, Auditing, and Financial Reporting Policy and Procedures; Balanced Budget Policy, Management and Procedures for all Town funds.

We are grateful for the continuing invaluable assistance of Ellen DesMeules, Town Treasurer, and Becky Fielder, Town Clerk, throughout the year. We also thank the town departments, contributors, and other organizations who submit their annual activity and financial summaries for the Pomfret Annual Report.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Matthews
Regina Lawrence
Kristen Esty



TREASURER'S REPORT

REPORT ON THE GENERAL FUND

Income was over budget by \$232,000, largely due to collections of chronic delinquent taxes. Expenses ended under budget by \$10,000. The fiscal year's surplus resulted in a cumulative fund balance of \$364,000, roughly 1/3 of which will be used to reduce taxes in fiscal year 2022-23, by vote at Town Meeting. The use of remaining balance will be determined at the March 2023 town meeting.

REPORT ON THE HIGHWAY FUND

Income was \$28,000 over budget, while expenses exceeded budget by \$8,700. The fiscal year budget for 2021-22 gave \$66,070 toward taxes, with \$82,000 similarly budgeted for fiscal year 2022-23. If the highway fund performs according to budget, the cumulative fund balance will be reduced from the current \$100,000 to less than \$20,000. The town was lucky to receive a paving grant from the State for the 3rd year in a row.

The town received ARPA funding (related to the COVID event) from the federal government, providing funds to invest in building and equipment improvements. The first use of these funds was to digitize the land records, which are now available online at the town's website. Surveys are being processed and will be available too. Other planned uses include minor changes to the town office entryway for handicapped accessibility, and purchasing digital equipment for more effective ZOOM meetings.

In all, the town's finances are in good shape.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen DesMeules, Pomfret Treasurer

TOWN INDEBTEDNESS

The Town of Pomfret had no indebtedness as of December 31, 2022.

SURETY BOND

All Town officers are covered by a blanket \$500,000 bond through the Vermont League of Cities and Towns.

PROPERTY TAX RECONCILIATION
as of June 30, 2022

Beginning Balance, Delinquent Taxes	192,192.06	receivables beginning of the year
Billings per NEMRC status report	4,827,969.44	from grand list tax book summary
Late fee retained by Town	150.00	from final education report
Less Payments sent directly to School by State	(316,978.90)	from final education report
Less Current Year Taxes	(4,428,269.84)	from GF trial balance
Less Town Delinquent Taxes recorded	(181,068.00)	from GF trial balance
Adjustments/Rounding	(4.08)	
Net	93,990.68	
Delinquencies per List	(93,990.68)	receivables at the end of the year
Difference	(0.00)	

TREASURER'S TAX REPORT
as of June 30, 2022

Below is the funding schedule on which the 2022-2023 tax bills are based.

On Town Meeting Day 2022, the town voted to raise \$1,067,927 in taxes, plus the local agreement tax to pay the education tax associated with certain qualifying veterans, of which Pomfret has 4. The State sets the Education tax rates to budgets and Pomfret's contribution to State equalization spending.

Rate name	FY 2021-22 Tax rate	Grand list value	Total taxes raised
Homestead education	1.5031	1,074,305.82	1,614,789.08
Non-residential education	1.4995	1,491,754.96	2,236,886.56
Local agreement	0.0005	2,573,093.96	1,286.55
Town tax	0.3776	2,573,093.96	971,600.29
Total tax			4,824,562.47

School payments	
Windsor Central Unified Union District	1,710,688.18
State of Vermont	1,820,001.52
State payments toward Education	278,917.91

HISTORIC POMFRET TAX RATES

Residential Rate	2013	1H 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
Town rate	0.3651	No taxes assessed	0.3261	0.3767	0.3852	0.3882	0.3613	0.3616	0.3650	0.3776	0.4084
Local agreement	0.0009		0.0023	0.0012	0.0004	0.0004	0.0004	0.0004	0.0005	0.0005	0.0007
Residential edu. rate	1.6826		1.5707	1.3642	1.4459	1.5437	1.6738	1.6586	1.5735	1.5031	1.5571
Total residential rate	2.0486		1.8991	1.7421	1.8315	1.9323	2.0355	2.0206	1.9390	1.8812	1.9662
Non-Residential Rate	2013	1H 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
Town rate	0.3651	No taxes assessed	0.3261	0.3767	0.3852	0.3882	0.3613	0.3616	0.3650	0.3776	0.4084
Local agreement	0.0009		0.0023	0.0012	0.0004	0.0004	0.0004	0.0004	0.0005	0.0005	0.0007
Non-res. edu. rate	1.4000		1.3614	1.4427	1.4559	1.4993	1.5937	1.6372	1.5472	1.4995	1.5062
Total non-res. rate	1.7660		1.6898	1.8206	1.8415	1.8879	1.9554	1.9992	1.9127	1.8776	1.9153



COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES REPORT

It has been an ongoing process with the delinquent properties in getting the past due taxes resolved. To view the Delinquent Tax Collection Policy, you can find this on the Pomfret website www.pomfretvt.us under Documents, subsection Policies. Or you can contact me for a copy.

While I do not hold regular office hours at the Town Office, please feel free to contact me at any time throughout the day on my cell phone number of 1-802-299-8211 or by email karen.hewitt@pomfretvt.us or if you wish to meet in person, we can schedule a time.

Karen Hewitt Osnoe
Collector of Delinquent Taxes

DELINQUENT TAX REPORT AS OF JUNE 30, 2022

Tax Year	Payment 1	Payment 2	Interest	Penalty	Other	Total
2015	103.42	103.42	162.34	16.55	0.00	385.73
2016-17	289.48	289.48	387.31	46.33	0.00	1,012.60
2017-18	1,652.48	1,652.48	1,818.30	264.38	0.00	5,387.64
2018-19	5,925.55	5,952.37	5,084.04	950.23	0.00	17,912.19
2019-20	10,762.81	13,340.87	7,286.72	1,928.29	0.00	33,318.69
2020-21	9,170.00	10,840.00	3,752.17	1,600.80	0.00	25,362.97
2021-22	12,753.33	21,154.99	2,332.97	2,712.64	0.00	38,953.93
TOTALS	40,657.07	53,333.61	20,823.85	7,519.22	0.00	122,333.75



**STATEMENT OF OPERATING AND HIGHWAY RECEIPTS,
DISBURSEMENTS AND FUND BALANCE CHANGES**

For Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2022

GENERAL FUND

Cash receipts:	
Property taxes, gross collection	4,428,269.84
Education taxes paid to State	(1,820,001.52)
Education taxes paid to local schools	(1,710,688.18)
To Highway Fund	(841,365.00)
Current Use reimbursement + penalties	282,139.00
Delinquent tax payments + fees	265,396.99
Payments in lieu of taxes	10,551.00
Grant reimbursements	-
Donation	20,956.80
Other income	28,755.93
Total income	664,014.86

Cash disbursements:	
To reserves	7,500.00
Personnel, insurance and benefits	122,985.42
Town and charitable appropriations	79,579.00
Buildings and grounds, and repeater costs	22,853.94
Fire Department, Ambulance and Dispatch	142,997.88
Professional fees: accounting, legal, HR	4,445.08
Assessments	38,357.00
Computer related: hard + soft-ware, support	28,191.34
Other expenses	19,868.90
Total expenses	466,778.56

Fund balance as of July 1, 2021	166,822.56
Fund balance as of June 30, 2022	364,058.86
Increase in fund balance (income-expenses)	197,236.30

HIGHWAY FUND

Income:	
State aid to Highways	138,414.78
Tax support	841,365.00
Grant reimbursements	37,765.96
Miscellaneous income	4,050.97
Total income:	1,021,596.71

Expenses:	
Personnel costs and associated insurance costs	339,003.06
Road materials	350,574.80
Vehicle and equipment costs	50,745.42
Building costs	12,200.07
Contracts and grants	21,093.14
To reserves	294,000.00
Total expenses	1,067,616.49

Fund balance as of July 1, 2021	148,148.62
Fund balance as of June 30, 2022	102,128.84
Increase / decrease in fund balance (income-expenses)	(46,019.78)

LISTERS' REPORT

For the tax year 2022-23, there are 585 taxable parcels in the Town of Pomfret. There are an additional 15 non-taxed parcels, including the Town Hall, Town Offices, cemeteries, the North Pomfret Congregational Church, Town Garage, and other town-owned land. There are two voted exemptions (the two Fire Department buildings); four partial Veteran exemptions, one partial Statutory exemption (Purple Crayon Productions, Inc. dba ArtisTree) and one special exemption (the lifts at Saskadena Six, but not the land or buildings). We receive Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) funds for the Appalachian Trail land as well as State owned land off Joe Ranger Road and Allen Hill Road (Amity Pond Natural Area). There are 167 parcels enrolled in the Current Use program.

The current Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) is 82.15% and the Coefficient of Dispersion (COD) is currently at 19.14%. These numbers indicate that there is a large discrepancy in what our assessed values are versus what the real estate market is supporting (calculated over a 3-year basis), and would cause the Vermont Department of Taxes to mandate us to perform a full reappraisal. Luckily we have already begun that process! The townwide reappraisal is underway and preliminary site visits have been completed. The reappraisal company is currently updating property features in our valuation software and will be contacting landowners for more information in the next month. They are on track to have new values calculated before the finalization of the 2023-24 Grand List.

Homestead Declarations (VT HS-122 form) are required annually by April 15th and are to be filed with your Vermont Income Tax forms or online. There is a penalty applied by the State for anyone filing after this date, and if not filed, your property tax will be calculated based on the non-residential rate and you will be ineligible for a state payment toward the education tax. Filing an extension for your income taxes does NOT extend the deadline for the Homestead Declaration, so be sure to file it on time!

Respectfully submitted,
Norm Buchanan
Becky Fielder
Neil Lamson

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GRAND LIST DATA SUMMARY

as of December 31, 2022

(Taxable properties only; State and Non-tax status properties are not included - see list below for "NON -TAX" parcels)

	Parcel Count	Municipal Listed Value	Homestead Education Listed Value	Non-Residential Education Listed Value	Total Education Listed Value
<u>REAL ESTATE</u>					
Residential I	175	50,433,560	34,957,241	15,476,319	50,433,560
Residential II	285	235,990,650	81,836,748	154,153,902	235,990,650
Mobile Home-U	1	26,160	26,160	-	26,160
Mobile Home-L	4	377,160	184,950	192,210	377,160
Seasonal I	5	428,540	-	428,540	428,540
Seasonal II	5	2,786,120	-	2,786,120	2,786,120
Commercial	9	5,475,440	-	5,475,440	5,475,440
Commercial Apartments	1	761,050	-	761,050	761,050
Utilities-Electric	1	3,864,560	-	3,864,560	3,864,560
Farm	7	10,405,790	4,449,440	5,956,350	10,405,790
Miscellaneous	92	28,886,920	912,210	27,974,710	28,886,920
TOTAL LISTED R.E. VALUE	585	339,435,950	122,366,749	217,069,201	339,435,950
<u>EXEMPTIONS</u>					
Veterans 10,000	4	40,000	30,000	10,000	40,000
Veterans >10,000	4	120,000	-	-	-
Total Veterans	4	160,000	30,000	10,000	40,000
Grandfathered (<i>Fire Depts</i>)	2	425,000	-	425,000	425,000
Current Use	167	74,714,944	16,410,895	58,304,049	74,714,944
Special Exemptions (<i>Ski Area</i>)	1	-	-	703,320	703,320
Partial Statutory (<i>PCP Inc.</i>)	1	2,775,081	-	2,775,081	2,775,081
TOTAL EXEMPTIONS		78,075,025	16,440,895	62,217,450	78,658,345
LISTED VALUE MINUS EXEMPTIONS		261,360,925	109,489,002	147,386,036	256,875,038
TOTAL MUNICIPAL GRAND LIST		2,613,609.25	(This amount equals 10% of the total Grand List)		
TOTAL EDUCATION GRAND LIST			1,059,258.54	1,548,517.51	2,607,776.05
NON-TAX PARCELS (<i>see below</i>)	17				
Abbott Memorial Library		North Pomfret Church		Pomfret Town Hall	
Appalachian Trail		Pomfret Stump Dump		Pomfret Town Offices	
Bunker Hill Cemetery		Pomfret Town Forest		Pomfret Town Picnic Area	
Burns Cemetery		Pomfret Town Brick Building		Tax Sale parcel - Handy Road	
Hewittville Cemetery		Pomfret Town Garage		The Prosper Valley School (TPVS)	

*Non-tax parcel list above does NOT include State owned land off Joe Ranger Road and Amity Pond Natural Area, for which the Town receives PILOT funds (Payment In Lieu Of Taxes), and the "Harrington Condominium" land on Pomfret Road where the taxes are divided and paid by the individual building owners, not the condominium association.

CLERK'S REPORT

In 2022 our office received 295 documents for recording (including 40 property transfers), issued 13 marriage licenses, notarized 80 documents, registered 200 dogs, sold 135 landfill permits and 142 punch cards, and registered 54 new voters. 2022 was an election year, and both the State Primary and General Election saw a mix of mail-in ballots and in-person participants with higher turnout than usual for a mid-term election year (approximately 39% for the Primary and 73% for the General).

The Town Office tried to go back to "business as usual" as much as possible this year, with nearly all of the previous COVID-19 restrictions lifted. Walk-in information requests increased, though our online records also received a lot of traffic from property owners and title searchers alike. Pomfret's land records can be found at <https://pomfret.lr-1.com/> - there is no fee to search, but a \$2.50 per page fee to print non-watermarked copies from the website.

We were able to procure two cases of COVID-19 test kits and have been distributing them to our citizens since early summer 2022. We will continue to offer these products at the Town Office and the Abbott Memorial Library until the State's supply is depleted.

If you have any questions about the work our office is doing, you know where to find us!

Becky Fielder, Town Clerk



CLERK'S DOG ACCOUNT REPORT

Fees from January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022

137	Neutered/Spayed	@ 10.00	\$1,370.00
15	Unaltered dogs	@ 14.00	\$210.00
42	Neutered/spayed with penalty	@ 12.00	\$504.00
6	Unaltered with penalty	@ 18.00	\$108.00
200	Dogs		<hr/> \$2,192.00

Total: 200 dogs = \$2,192.00

**NOTE – By State Law, all dogs and wolf-hybrids 6 months of age or older must be licensed with the Town Clerk each year on or before April 1st.
A current Rabies Certificate is required for licensing.**

For the purposes of licensing a dog or wolf-hybrid, a current vaccination against rabies means that:

1. All dog and wolf-hybrid vaccinations recognized by state and local authorities shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian or under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian.
2. All dogs and wolf-hybrids over three months of age shall be vaccinated against rabies. The initial vaccination shall be valid for 12 months. Within 9 to 12 months of the initial vaccination, the animal must receive a booster vaccination.
3. All subsequent vaccinations following the initial vaccination shall be valid for 36 months.
4. All vaccinations, including the initial vaccination, shall be with a U.S. Department of Agriculture-approved vaccine product.



The number of dogs licensed this year is slightly down from 203 dogs registered in 2021. **If you are a dog owner and do not register your dog, you are in violation of 20 V.S.A. Section 3590, which states that animals *may* be destroyed if not immunized and licensed.** Please make an effort to license your dogs each year on or before the April 1st deadline. Pomfret's dog ordinance dated October 1st, 2014 is available in the Town Office or can be downloaded from our website at <http://pomfretvt.us> under the Documents tab.

SELECTBOARD REPORT

Last year was a busy one for the Selectboard and we welcome this opportunity to discuss the highlights.

Virtual and Hybrid Meetings. 2022 began with COVID-19 still a significant public health concern. For this reason we held our Town Meeting via Australian ballot, as we did in 2021. Ballots were mailed to all active voters and participation was extraordinarily high for a local election, with more than 50% of voters casting ballots. Voters approved the town budget and several social services appropriations, and changed the two 1-year Selectboard terms to staggered 2-year terms.

The Selectboard met virtually by Zoom until April, when we returned to in-person meetings with a Zoom option. We continue to hold hybrid meetings, resulting in a welcome increase in turnout and participation in our proceedings. You can find dial-in instructions for our meetings at pomfretvt.us/index.php/boar/sel.

Highway and Building Investments. Our highway team renovated the town garage to include updated ventilation, office space and a modified break room. These updates make our garage a safer, more pleasant place to work. We also hired a fourth full-time crew member to reduce overtime expenses and alleviate long working hours that occur especially during the winter. And the team recently acquired a surplus Ford F-350 mini pumper/brush truck courtesy of the Pomfret-Teago Fire Department.

We contracted with a local mason to perform critical work on the historic brick building next to the town office, including exterior repairs and improved drainage to be completed this summer. We are also exploring update opportunities for the Town Hall.

Ordinance and Policy Updates. In June we revised our Traffic and Parking Ordinance to allow additional options for traffic control, especially during foliage season. We piloted a new approach by temporarily making Cloudland Road one-way near Sleepy Hollow Farm. This remains a work in progress and foliage traffic in general remains a challenge. We also continue to conduct periodic vehicular speed studies to ensure our roads are properly posted, and work with the Windsor County Sheriff to patrol regularly and address non-emergency law enforcement issues as they arise. As always, dial 911 for emergencies.

The Selectboard also adopted changes to our Highway Ordinance to improve safety and protect our roadways. We approved several financial policies to formalize our accounting and improve budgeting practices. We adopted a Tree Policy to maintain our town's scenic beauty. And we created or streamlined several permit forms to help applicants obtain the information and approvals they need. You can find our ordinances and policies at pomfretvt.us/index.php/documents.

Grant Funding Opportunities. The Selectboard continues to leverage outside funding to complete planning and maintenance work that will benefit our community for years to come. In July we replaced a culvert on Cloudland Road near the Appalachian Trail, most of which was paid for by a Town Highway Structures Program grant. We anticipate replacing additional culverts this year and intend to apply for another Structures Program grant to defray these costs. We also received a Town Highway Roadway Program grant that enabled us to continue resurfacing Pomfret Road despite a spike in paving material costs last year. And we received Grants in Aid funding to complete ditching work on Wild Apple Road.

We obtained a Municipal Planning Grant for the Planning Commission to begin its octennial update of our town plan; a Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities Grant to perform the annual update of our Local Hazard Mitigation Plan; and a Bicycle and Pedestrian Study Grant to study vehicular and pedestrian concerns in South Pomfret. All were competitive grants and these projects are ongoing.

SELECTBOARD REPORT (CONTINUED)

ARPA Funding Opportunities. Last year Pomfret received nearly \$255,000 from the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund established by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA). These funds are intended to promote resiliency in public health and infrastructure. To these ends, we used ARPA funds to digitize our land records, purchase contactless elections equipment, and enhance our ability to hold meetings remotely when necessary. We continue exploring ways to use these funds to promote our community's long term health and welfare.

Property Assessment and Taxation. Last year we began the first town-wide property reappraisal since 2009. This was required by state law because appraised values in town have drifted away from the prices at which properties are actually being sold. We expect the reappraisal will be completed this year, with new values being mailed to taxpayers shortly thereafter.

At the same time, we redoubled our effort to collect delinquent taxes, ideally via payment agreements with delinquent taxpayers, but also through tax sales if necessary. Collection of delinquent taxes reduces the burden on taxpayers who pay their bills on time. After peaking above \$280,000 in 2020, the delinquent tax roll declined to only about \$102,000 at the end of 2022.

Emergency Services. Following extended negotiations, the Selectboard in September signed a new contract with the Town of Woodstock to continue providing ambulance service in Pomfret. The Woodstock Fire Department will also now respond automatically under certain circumstances in coordination with our Pomfret-Teago Fire Department.

As the cost of providing emergency services in rural areas has increased rapidly, we explored ways to defray these costs. Following discussions with the Woodstock Resort Corporation, owner and operator of the Skadadena Six Ski Area, the Resort graciously agreed to reimburse Pomfret for the cost of ambulance calls to the Ski Area that previously had been shouldered by Pomfret taxpayers.

Municipal Administration. As municipal government becomes more complex—even for small towns like ours—the Selectboard is considering whether to hire a part-time administrator to handle day-to-day Selectboard functions like grant writing, contract negotiation and local-state government relations. These conversations are ongoing and we anticipate holding a special meeting at which your input would be greatly appreciated.

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Selectboard meetings are open to the public and we thank those who participate and offer their opinions and guidance. You can find our contact information at pomfretvt.us/index.php/boar/sel. We look forward to seeing you at our meetings and around town.

Emily Grube, Chair
John Peters, Jr., Vice-chair
Benjamin Brickner
Steve Chamberlin
Jonathan Harrington

TOWN OPERATING ACCOUNT SUMMARY

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
	TOWN REVENUES	FY 2024 Budget (proposed)	FY 2023 Budget	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2022 Budget	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2021 Budget
	Taxes Current Year (100-6-10-00-300)						
5	Current Year Taxes*	1,127,488	1,067,927	4,428,270	936,509	4,339,356	922,494
6	Act 68 funds paid to State	-	-	(1,820,002)	-	(1,796,395)	-
7	School Tax Pd to School	-	-	(1,710,688)	-	(1,774,109)	-
8	School tax-Admin fee	-	-	(8,112)	-	(8,127)	-
9	Appropriation to Highway Fund	(1,059,360)	(959,513)	(841,365)	(841,365)	(856,341)	(856,341)
10	TOTAL TAXES CURRENT YEAR	68,129	108,414	48,103	95,144	(95,616)	66,153
11	* Actual "current year taxes" includes both town and education tax revenues; Budget "current year taxes" includes only town tax revenues.						
	Other Town Revenues						
20	Other Taxes (100-6-10-00-305)	298,604	280,433	481,870	280,409	472,413	285,354
25	Penalties and Interest (Taxes) (100-6-10-00-310)	20,000	15,000	84,329	15,000	40,441	10,000
30	Earnings on Accounts (100-6-10-05-315)	1,000	2,000	13	2,000	780	2,000
45	Income Accounts (100-6-10-10-320)	16,485	15,835	16,311	11,935	20,186	12,135
51	Town Permits (100-6-10-15-325)	8,500	6,125	9,015	6,125	5,026	1,850
58	Misc. Income (100-6-10-20-340)	21,500	20,285	23,666	20,285	20,398	10,592
64	State Funds and Other Grants (100-6-20-00-355)	607	607	605	607	6,488	607
68	Public Safety (100-6-50-40)	-	-	103	-	1,219	-
	TOTAL OTHER TOWN REVENUES	366,696	340,285	615,912	336,361	566,951	322,538
70	TOTAL TOWN REVENUES	434,825	448,699	664,015	431,505	471,335	388,690

TOWN OPERATING ACCOUNT SUMMARY

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
	TOWN EXPENDITURES	FY 2024 Budget (proposed)	FY 2023 Budget	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2022 Budget	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2021 Budget
	Town Expenditures						
81	Clerk (100-7-10-10)	41,436	40,150	35,993	37,610	38,376	40,180
90	Treasurer (100-7-10-15)	46,086	44,600	39,331	42,060	41,569	42,630
100	Listers (100-7-10-20)	20,600	20,600	17,934	20,650	15,741	20,650
118	Other Officers (100-7-10-25)	45,040	49,760	34,948	51,060	37,956	48,660
135	Municipal Office (100-7-10-30)	33,800	33,300	50,019	26,300	19,690	26,800
140	Professional Fees (100-7-10-45)	18,000	19,000	4,445	19,000	10,816	19,000
147	Assessments (100-7-10-55)	30,325	31,840	38,357	32,380	31,124	32,380
156	Town Hall (100-7-10-65)	8,350	10,150	5,023	8,950	5,548	8,950
164	Brick Building (100-7-20-33)	-	1,500	531	1,500	857	2,500
175	Misc Town Expenses (100-7-20-35)	9,900	8,850	6,732	8,525	6,463	8,175
207	Fire Department (100-7-30-40)	135,973	57,235	49,186	51,995	57,958	57,115
214	Contract Services (100-7-30-42)	97,661	92,452	93,812	85,452	79,915	88,652
219	Fast Squad (100-7-30-44)	3,000	3,000	2,450	3,000	-	3,000
224	Communications and Disaster (100-7-30-46)	1,400	1,400	939	900	357	800
230	Municipal Special Projects (100-7-90-75)	1,500	1,500	-	-	5,000	1,000
237	Reserve Accounts	16,300	25,800	17,500	17,500	15,000	5,000
241	TOTAL TOWN EXPENDITURES	509,371	441,137	397,200	406,882	366,370	405,492
262	TOTAL VOTED APPROPRIATIONS	70,829	129,329	69,579	69,579	69,579	69,579
264	TOTAL TOWN EXPENDITURES AND TOTAL VOTED APPROPRIATIONS	580,200	570,466	466,779	476,461	435,949	475,071
266	TOWN REVENUES LESS TOWN EXPENDITURES AND LESS VOTED APPROPRIATIONS	(145,375)	(121,767)	197,236	(44,956)	35,386	(86,381)
268	BEGINNING GENERAL FUND BALANCE			166,822		131,436	
269	ENDING GENERAL FUND BALANCE*			364,059		166,822	
270	<i>General Fund Balance Change</i>			<i>197,236</i>		<i>35,386</i>	

* \$121,767 of the FY 2021 ending General Fund Balance was assigned to reduce taxes to be raised in FY 2023. As a result, the unassigned FY 2022 ending General Fund Balance was \$242,292, of which \$145,375 is proposed to be used to reduce taxes to be raised in FY 2024. See Line 266. See also Warning Article 15.

HIGHWAY OPERATING ACCOUNT SUMMARY

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
		FY 2024 Budget (proposed)	FY 2023 Budget	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2022 Budget	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2021 Budget
	HIGHWAY REVENUES						
5	Appropriation from General Fund	1,059,360	959,513	841,365	841,365	856,341	856,341
6	State Aid - Highways	142,163	132,500	138,415	132,500	138,419	132,500
7	FEMA 4445DR April 15, 2019 Storm	-	-	-	-	64,723	60,000
8	State grant supplement	-	-	15,319	-	-	-
9	Webster Cloudland grant	-	-	22,447	-	-	-
10	Donations to Highway	-	-	1,000	-	-	-
11	Grant to Comply with Mun. Standards	35,500	18,900	-	18,900	-	-
12	Hydroseeder Grant	-	-	-	-	5,206	-
13	VT Payment in Lieu of Grant	-	-	-	-	35,746	-
14	Bunker Hill Grant	-	-	-	-	20,130	-
15	Highway Interest Income	-	-	278	-	-	-
16	Highway Misc. Income	-	-	2,773	-	12,708	-
17	TOTAL HIGHWAY REVENUES	1,237,023	1,110,913	1,021,597	992,765	1,133,273	1,048,841

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HIGHWAY OPERATING ACCOUNT SUMMARY

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
	HIGHWAY EXPENDITURES	FY 2024 Budget (proposed)	FY 2023 Budget	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2022 Budget	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2021 Budget
34	Labor and Benefits (150-7-10-70)	409,225	364,742	319,039	307,185	295,437	280,750
41	Insurance (150-7-15-85)	27,008	29,300	19,964	29,300	27,075	29,300
57	Materials (150-7-20-75)	299,500	292,000	265,716	278,000	235,722	267,000
73	Small Equipment (150-7-30-80)	84,100	89,600	84,859	78,600	50,243	65,500
77	Large Equipment Maint and Repair (150-7-35-05)	30,000	25,000	50,745	35,000	52,235	35,000
85	Garage Building (150-7-40-83)	11,000	6,500	12,200	6,500	7,544	14,400
92	Contracts (150-7-50-90)	30,490	30,100	14,600	28,500	22,028	28,500
100	Special Projects and Grants (150-7-50- 93)	1,750	1,750	6,493	1,750	34,270	1,750
106	Highway Reserves (150-7-95-50)	364,000	354,000	294,000	294,000	377,600	377,600
108	TOTAL HIGHWAY EXPENDITURES	1,257,073	1,192,992	1,067,616	1,058,835	1,102,154	1,099,800
110	HIGHWAY REVENUES LESS HIGHWAY EXPENDITURES	(20,050)	(82,079)	(46,020)	(66,070)	31,120	(50,959)
112	BEGINNING HIGHWAY FUND BALANCE			148,149		117,029	
113	ENDING HIGHWAY FUND BALANCE*			102,129		148,149	
114	<i>Highway Fund Balance Change</i>			<i>(46,020)</i>		<i>31,120</i>	

116 * \$82,079 of the FY 2021 ending Highway Fund Balance was assigned to reduce taxes to be raised in FY 2023. As a result, the unassigned FY 2022 ending Highway Fund Balance was \$20,050, which amount is proposed to be used to offset highway expenditures in FY 2024. See Line 110.



FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET NARRATIVE

The combined Fiscal Year 2024 Town and Highway budget of \$1,837,273 (including voted appropriations) is 4.2% higher than Fiscal Year 2023's total budget of \$1,763,458. The Fiscal Year 2024 budget represents an increase compared to Fiscal Year 2023 (for the reasons explained below), and is 12.3% above the average combined budget for the last five years (Fiscal Years 2020 through 2024). If the voters approve all voted appropriations and re-appropriate a portion of the prior year's unassigned fund balances to offset current year taxes to be raised, the amount to be raised in taxes for Fiscal Year 2024 will be 5.6% higher than in Fiscal Year 2023 (\$1,127,488 versus \$1,067,927).

The General Fund finished Fiscal Year 2022 with an unassigned fund balance (sometimes referred to as a "surplus") of \$242,292 and the Highway Fund finished Fiscal Year 2022 with an unassigned fund balance of \$20,050. The unassigned fund balance in the General Fund is significantly larger compared to Fiscal Year 2021 and arose from \$232,610 in greater than budgeted revenues and \$9,682 in lower than budgeted expenditures. The unassigned fund balance in the Highway Fund arose from \$28,832 in greater than budgeted revenues and \$8,782 in greater than budgeted expenditures.

The primary drivers of the greater than budgeted General Fund revenue were collections of delinquent taxes and related interest and late payment penalties. These are not anticipated to be significant revenue sources going forward as recent collection efforts have substantially reduced the amount of delinquent taxes now outstanding. There were no significant drivers of the marginally lower than budgeted General Fund expenses. The primary drivers of the greater than budgeted Highway Fund revenue were unanticipated grants and state payments in lieu of grants. There were no significant drivers of the marginally greater than budgeted Highway Fund expenses.

Including all voted appropriations, the proposed Fiscal Year 2024 General Fund budget is 1.7% higher than the Fiscal Year 2023 budget (\$580,200 versus \$570,466) and 11.1% above the average General Fund budget for the last five years. The primary drivers of this year-over-year increase are generally increasing costs in the current high inflation macroeconomic climate, and specifically cost of living adjustments to staff salaries, fire department protective equipment, and law enforcement fees.

To offset these increased costs, the Selectboard proposes to apply \$145,376 of the Fiscal Year 2022 unassigned General Fund balance as revenue in Fiscal Year 2024. This is only a portion of the \$242,292 General Fund balance available to reduce current taxes to be raised. Due to the unprecedented size of the current fund balance and the likelihood that future fund balances will be significantly lower, the Selectboard believes it is prudent to retain some of the available fund balance in order to reduce the likelihood that significant municipal tax increases (and/or expenditure reductions) will be necessary to replace this non-recurring revenue source in future years.

The proposed Fiscal Year 2024 Highway Fund budget is 5.4% higher than the Fiscal Year 2023 budget (\$1,257,073 versus \$1,192,992) and 12.9% above the average Highway Fund budget for the last five years. The primary drivers of this year-over-year increase are generally increasing costs in the current high inflation macroeconomic climate, and specifically cost of living adjustments to Highway Team salaries, diesel costs, and increased funding of the highway vehicle reserve. These increases are offset in part by a reduction in the budget for salt purchases. To further offset these increased costs, the Selectboard proposes to apply the entire \$20,050 Fiscal Year 2022 unassigned Highway Fund balance as revenue in Fiscal Year 2024.

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Macroeconomic conditions during the last two years have been exceptionally difficult for everyone on a budget, including rural towns like Pomfret. Prices have risen at their fastest pace in forty years, particularly in nondiscretionary areas such as labor, fuel and equipment. Despite these challenges, the proposed Fiscal Year 2024 budget entails only a 4.2% increase in spending, substantially less than the inflation rate in 2022 (as measured by changes in the CPI).

This did not happen by accident. We thank each department, officer, appointee and board that draws tax dollars for carefully reviewing their needs and making difficult choices to create a responsible budget that serves the town and the taxpayers.

Emily Grube, Chair
John Peters, Jr., Vice-chair
Benjamin Brickner
Steve Chamberlin
Jonathan Harrington

Notes: _____

TOWN OPERATING ACCOUNT DETAIL

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
		FY 2024 Budget (proposed)	FY 2023 Budget	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2022 Budget	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2021 Budget
1							
2	TOWN REVENUES (100-6)						
3							
4	Taxes Current Year (100-6-10-00-300)						
5	Current Year Taxes*	1,127,488	1,067,927	4,428,270	936,509	4,339,356	922,494
6	Act 68 funds paid to State	-	-	(1,820,002)	-	(1,796,395)	-
7	School Tax Pd to School	-	-	(1,710,688)	-	(1,774,109)	-
8	School tax-Admin fee	-	-	(8,112)	-	(8,127)	-
9	Appropriation to Highway Fund	(1,059,360)	(959,513)	(841,365)	(841,365)	(856,341)	(856,341)
10	TOTAL TAXES CURRENT YEAR	68,129	108,414	48,103	95,144	(95,616)	66,153
11	<i>* Actual "current year taxes" includes both town and education tax revenues; Budget "current year taxes" includes only town tax revenues.</i>						
12							
13	Other Taxes (100-6-10-00-305)						
14	Prior Years Delinquent	-	-	181,068	-	181,467	-
15	Appalachian Trail in lieu of taxes	8,000	7,500	7,947	7,480	7,757	7,000
16	Current Use Reimbursement	270,000	263,329	266,019	263,329	263,329	268,354
17	Land Use change tax	10,000	-	16,120	-	9,129	-
18	VT State in Land in lieu of taxes	2,604	2,604	2,604	2,600	2,604	3,000
19	School tax collection fee	8,000	7,000	8,112	7,000	8,127	7,000
20	TOTAL OTHER TAXES	298,604	280,433	481,870	280,409	472,413	285,354
21							
22	Penalties and Interest (Taxes) (100-6-10-00-310)						
23	Interest on Taxes Due	10,000	7,500	63,342	7,500	25,549	5,000
24	Late Penalty on Taxes Due	10,000	7,500	20,987	7,500	14,892	5,000
25	TOTAL PENALTIES AND INTEREST (TAXES)	20,000	15,000	84,329	15,000	40,441	10,000
26							
27	Earnings on Accounts (100-6-10-05-315)						
28	Interest Income	1,000	2,000	13	2,000	1,008	2,000
29	Reserve Sweep Income	-	-	-	-	(227)	-
30	TOTAL EARNINGS ON ACCOUNTS	1,000	2,000	13	2,000	780	2,000

TOWN OPERATING ACCOUNT DETAIL

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
		FY 2024 Budget (proposed)	FY 2023 Budget	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2022 Budget	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2021 Budget
32	Income Accounts (100-6-10-10-320)						
33	Recording	18,000	18,000	18,595	13,000	22,510	13,000
34	Restoration and Preservation Reserve Fund	(4,800)	(4,800)	(4,900)	(4,000)	(5,976)	(4,000)
35	Copying	1,500	1,500	1,623	1,500	2,863	1,500
36	Landfill Coupons Rcpts	14,000	13,800	12,996	13,800	11,256	13,800
37	Landfill Coupons-Cost	(14,000)	(13,800)	(14,008)	(13,800)	(11,679)	(13,800)
38	Marriage-CU License Rcpts	300	300	660	300	600	300
39	Marriage-CU Licenses-Cost	(250)	(250)	(350)	(250)	(550)	(250)
40	Dog Licenses Rcpts	2,500	2,000	2,450	2,000	2,226	2,000
41	Dog Licenses-Cost	(1,250)	(1,400)	(1,255)	(1,200)	(1,354)	(1,200)
42	Liquor Licenses	185	185	185	185	185	185
43	Rent Town Hall	200	200	225	300	-	500
44	Land posting fees	100	100	90	100	105	100
45	TOTAL INCOME ACCOUNTS	16,485	15,835	16,311	11,935	20,186	12,135
46							
47	Town Permits (100-6-10-15-325)						
48	Access	200	100	200	100	300	100
49	Excess Weight	300	275	315	275	300	250
50	Ridgeline, Building and Zoning Permits	8,000	5,750	8,500	5,750	4,426	1,500
51	TOTAL TOWN PERMITS	8,500	6,125	9,015	6,125	5,026	1,850
52							
53	Misc. Income (100-6-10-20-340)						
54	Charitable Donations	21,000	20,285	20,957	20,285	20,286	10,092
55	Misc. Select Board	-	-	2	-	6	-
56	Misc. Town Clerk	-	-	12	-	16	-
57	Traffic Fines	500	-	2,696	-	90	500
58	TOTAL MISC. INCOME	21,500	20,285	23,666	20,285	20,398	10,592
59							
60	State Funds and Other Grants (100-6-20-00-355)						
61	Tax Equalization Income	607	607	605	607	606	607
62	Election Grant	-	-	-	-	5,000	-
63	COVID Grant	-	-	-	-	882	-
64	TOTAL STATE FUNDS AND OTHER GRANTS	607	607	605	607	6,488	607

TOWN OPERATING ACCOUNT DETAIL

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
		FY 2024 Budget (proposed)	FY 2023 Budget	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2022 Budget	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2021 Budget
66	Public Safety (100-6-50-40)						
67	Insurance Reimbursement	-	-	103	-	1,219	-
68	TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	-	-	103	-	1,219	-
69							
70	TOTAL TOWN REVENUES	434,825	448,699	664,015	431,505	471,335	388,690
71							
72	TOWN EXPENDITURES (100-7)						
73							
74	Clerk (100-7-10-10)						
75	Clerk Salary	29,708	28,000	25,000	25,000	25,962	25,000
76	Clerical Assistant	1,000	1,500	1,500	1,500	2,114	3,500
77	Clerk Insurance	9,978	9,300	9,225	9,560	9,444	9,330
78	Clerk Gen Exp	250	500	132	200	151	300
79	Permanent Records Maintenance	-	-	5	500	5	1,200
80	Record Books and Supplies	500	850	131	850	701	850
81	TOTAL CLERK	41,436	40,150	35,993	37,610	38,376	40,180
82							
83	Treasurer (100-7-10-15)						
84	Treas Salary*	29,708	28,000	25,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
85	Tax Collector	-	-	-	3,000	3,000	3,000
86	Bookkeeper	-	-	-	19,000	19,962	19,000
87	Asst. to Treasurer/Bookkeeper	5,500	6,500	4,194	6,500	4,271	7,500
88	Treas Insurance	9,978	9,300	9,557	9,560	10,241	9,330
89	Treas General Expense	900	800	580	1,000	1,095	800
90	TOTAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT	46,086	44,600	39,331	42,060	41,569	42,630

91 * FY 2023 Budget and FY 2024 Budget combines Treasurer, Bookkeeper and Tax Collector salary into a single line item.

TOWN OPERATING ACCOUNT DETAIL

92	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
93	Listers (100-7-10-20)	FY 2024 Budget (proposed)	FY 2023 Budget	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2022 Budget	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2021 Budget
94	Listers Payroll	15,000	15,000	13,561	15,000	11,514	15,000
95	Listers Education and Dues	300	300	50	600	-	600
96	Listers mileage	150	150	-	150	-	150
97	Listers Gen Exp	150	150	198	150	5	150
98	Listers software: Proval	2,500	2,500	2,421	2,250	4,088	2,250
99	Tax mapping	2,500	2,500	1,705	2,500	135	2,500
100	TOTAL LISTERS	20,600	20,600	17,934	20,650	15,741	20,650
101							
102	Other Officers (100-7-10-25)						
103	Select Board	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
104	Select Board Gen Exp	500	500	-	500	-	500
105	Select Board Admin Asst	5,000	7,000	4,232	7,000	4,292	10,000
106	Board of Auditors	10,500	9,000	8,021	9,000	6,404	9,000
107	Constable and Expense	500	500	-	500	-	500
108	Delinquent Tax Collector	1,247	3,500	723	3,500	2,500	2,500
109	Zoning Administrator	6,233	8,000	4,630	8,000	6,146	5,000
110	Trustees of Public Funds	600	600	-	600	-	600
111	Town's Cost SS and Med	10,000	10,000	9,980	9,300	9,986	9,300
112	Pub Officials Liab Insurance	3,500	3,500	2,076	3,500	3,098	2,200
113	Workers Comp	500	500	287	500	524	400
114	Select Board Admin. Asst. Exp	660	660	-	660	-	660
115	ZBA and Admin Exp	-	1,000	-	1,000	8	1,000
116	Fire Warden and Deputy	800	-	-	-	-	-
117	Planning Comm Exp	-	-	-	2,000	-	2,000
118	TOTAL OTHER OFFICERS	45,040	49,760	34,948	51,060	37,956	48,660

TOWN OPERATING ACCOUNT DETAIL

119	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
120	Municipal Office (100-7-10-30)	FY 2024 Budget (proposed)	FY 2023 Budget	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2022 Budget	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2021 Budget
121	Cleaning	3,500	3,000	3,375	2,000	1,970	2,000
122	Town Office Building Maintenance	3,000	3,000	7,084	3,000	973	3,000
123	Insurance	2,700	2,700	2,238	2,700	1,851	2,700
124	Telephone-Internet	1,300	1,300	1,175	1,300	1,161	1,300
125	Postage and Envelopes	3,250	3,250	2,499	2,500	1,806	2,500
126	Town Offices: Supplies	1,500	1,500	1,048	1,500	884	1,500
127	COVID expenses	-	-	-	-	680	-
128	Town Office Electricity	1,500	1,500	1,412	1,500	1,554	1,500
129	Propane	1,600	1,600	1,538	1,600	1,146	1,600
130	NEMRC Support	6,000	6,000	10,652	2,500	633	5,000
131	Office 365 Software	2,750	2,750	3,679	2,500	1,326	2,000
132	Computer Services/Cloud Backup/Security	5,000	5,000	13,860	3,500	4,194	2,000
133	Other New Equip/Copier lease	1,700	1,700	1,459	1,700	1,490	1,700
134	Misc Mun Office Exp	-	-	-	-	21	-
135	TOTAL MUNICIPAL OFFICE	33,800	33,300	50,019	26,300	19,690	26,800
136							
137	Professional Fees (100-7-10-45)						
138	Legal and Professional Fees	14,000	14,000	2,009	14,000	6,889	14,000
139	Accounting Support	4,000	5,000	2,436	5,000	3,927	5,000
140	TOTAL EXTRAORDINARY EXPENSES	18,000	19,000	4,445	19,000	10,816	19,000
141							
142	Assessments (100-7-10-55)						
143	Windsor County Tax	18,284	19,000	15,680	19,000	17,607	19,000
144	GUVSWMD waste dues	8,244	9,160	19,104	9,944	9,944	9,944
145	VLCT Dues	2,304	2,233	2,190	2,053	2,190	2,053
146	Two Rivers	1,493	1,447	1,383	1,383	1,383	1,383
147	TOTAL ASSESSMENTS	30,325	31,840	38,357	32,380	31,124	32,380

TOWN OPERATING ACCOUNT DETAIL

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
		FY 2024 Budget (proposed)	FY 2023 Budget	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2022 Budget	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2021 Budget
148							
149	Town Hall (100-7-10-65)						
150	Misc and Cleaning, Town Hall	500	500	225	300	-	300
151	Repairs and Maintenance, Town Hall	-	2,000	18	2,000	29	2,000
152	Insurance	1,900	2,700	544	2,700	2,065	2,700
153	Electricity, Town Hall	750	750	617	750	550	750
154	Propane, Town Hall	200	200	55	200	5	200
155	Fuel Oil, Town Hall	5,000	4,000	3,565	3,000	2,899	3,000
156	TOTAL TOWN HALL	8,350	10,150	5,023	8,950	5,548	8,950
157							
158	Brick Building (100-7-20-33)						
159	Brick Bldg Maintenance and Repair	-	-	-	-	15	1,000
160	Brick Bldg exp	-	1,500	-	1,500	-	1,500
161	Brick Bldg - insurance	-	-	162	-	616	-
162	Brick Bldg - electricity	-	-	-	-	-	-
163	Brick Bldg - propane	-	-	368	-	226	-
164	TOTAL BRICK BUILDING	-	1,500	531	1,500	857	2,500
165							
166	Misc Town Expenses (100-7-20-35)						
167	Grounds Maintenance	3,000	2,500	714	2,500	2,457	2,500
168	Bank Fees and Service Charges	50	50	42	25	484	25
169	Town Report Printing and Mailing	2,000	2,000	1,258	1,750	1,715	1,400
170	Published Legal Notices	2,500	2,500	2,992	2,500	1,060	2,000
171	Election Expenses	500	-	301	-	-	-
172	Ed Conferences/Mileage	1,000	1,000	1,275	1,000	498	1,500
173	Signs and Posts (911)	350	300	150	250	249	250
174	Misc Gen Exp	500	500	-	500	-	500
175	TOTAL MISC. TOWN EXPENSES	9,900	8,850	6,732	8,525	6,463	8,175

TOWN OPERATING ACCOUNT DETAIL

176	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
177	Fire Department (100-7-30-40)	FY 2024 Budget (proposed)	FY 2023 Budget	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2022 Budget	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2021 Budget
178	Buildings Maintenance	1,000	9,000	3,603	1,500	10,898	13,600
179	FD: septic systems	350	350	-	300	10,989	300
180	Insurance	19,100	17,500	16,621	18,000	760	17,500
181	Pomfret FD phone:3730	1,400	1,300	712	1,200	16,104	1,300
182	Teago FD phone: 1125	1,400	1,100	2,924	1,200	1,152	1,100
183	FD Radios & Cell Phones	-	-	897	-	-	-
184	FD Training, conf, mileage	3,000	3,000	111	3,000	968	1,000
185	FD alarm systems	1,085	985	783	875	-	875
186	Supplies	100	500	-	500	1,324	500
187	FD vehicle gasoline	100	50	-	200	-	200
188	FD operating expenses	-	-	809	-	124	-
189	PFD Rescue Vehicle	500	500	-	350	-	350
190	PFD Engine 1	4,000	4,000	4,984	2,000	-	2,000
191	PFD Engine 3	500	-	1,367	-	-	-
192	Teago Engine 1	-	-	69	2,000	1,302	2,000
193	Teago Engine 2	3,000	5,000	3,034	1,200	2,396	1,200
194	Teago Engine 3	-	500	-	-	-	-
195	Administration	-	-	-	800	-	800
196	Electricity--Pomfret FD	1,785	1,700	1,288	1,250	1,445	1,250
197	Electricity--Teago FD	1,995	1,900	1,404	1,250	1,613	1,250
198	Propane Pomfret Fire Dept	1,998	3,500	2,681	3,000	1,957	3,500
199	Teago FD propane	50	50	-	50	-	50
200	Heating oil, Teago FD	3,610	3,100	2,618	3,650	2,058	3,500
201	Equip (Hose, Tools etc)	3,900	1,500	605	6,150	3,532	1,300
202	SCBA and Gas Meter	1,700	1,300	993	720	1,145	1,240
203	Protective clothing (turnout gear)	10,000	-	3,160	2,500	-	2,000
204	FD Vehicle Reserve #400	60,000	-	-	-	-	-
205	FD non vehicle Reserve #402	15,000	-	-	-	-	-
206	Membership/Subscriptions	400	400	524	300	192	300
207	TOTAL FIRE DEPARTMENT	135,973	57,235	49,186	51,995	57,958	57,115

TOWN OPERATING ACCOUNT DETAIL

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
		FY 2024 Budget (proposed)	FY 2023 Budget	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2022 Budget	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2021 Budget
209	Contract Services (100-7-30-42)						
210	Ambulance Service Assessment	63,280	63,280	63,280	63,280	63,280	63,280
211	Unpaid Ambulance Bills	6,669	12,000	13,705	10,000	2,649	1,200
212	Dispatch Fees	2,712	2,172	2,712	2,172	2,712	2,172
213	Sheriff's Patrol/VT State Police	25,000	15,000	14,115	10,000	11,274	22,000
214	TOTAL CONTRACT SERVICES	97,661	92,452	93,812	85,452	79,915	88,652
215							
216	Fast Squad (100-7-30-44)						
217	FAST Squad: conf, train, mileage	1,500	1,500	2,450	1,500	-	1,500
218	FAST Squad supplies	1,500	1,500	-	1,500	-	1,500
219	TOTAL FAST SQUAD	3,000	3,000	2,450	3,000	-	3,000
220							
221	Communications and Disaster (100-7-30-46)						
222	Repeater expenses	1,000	1,000	631	500	-	500
223	Repeater electricity	400	400	308	400	357	300
224	TOTAL COMMUNICATIONS AND DISASTER	1,400	1,400	939	900	357	800
225							
226	Municipal Special Projects (100-7-90-75)						
227	Veterans Memorial	-	-	-	-	-	1,000
228	Planning and zoning project	1,500	1,500	-	-	-	-
229	Election Grant	-	-	-	-	5,000	-
230	TOTAL MUNICIPAL SPECIAL PROJECTS	1,500	1,500	-	-	5,000	1,000
231							
232	Reserve Accounts						
233	Reappraisal Reserve #160	-	-	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
234	Communications Reserve #410	5,800	5,800	2,500	2,500	-	-
235	FD non vehicle Reserve #402	-	10,000	-	-	-	-
236	Teago Village Reserve*	10,500	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	-
237	TOTAL RESERVE ACCOUNTS	16,300	25,800	17,500	17,500	15,000	5,000

238 * FY 2022 Budget includes \$10,000 to the new Teago Village Reserve appropriated by separate warning article. See Page 1 of the 2021 Annual Report

239 and Warning Article 15 on page 3 of the 2020 Annual Report.

TOWN OPERATING ACCOUNT DETAIL

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
		FY 2024 Budget (proposed)	FY 2023 Budget	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2022 Budget	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2021 Budget
240							
241	TOTAL TOWN EXPENDITURES	509,371	441,137	397,200	406,882	366,370	405,492
243	VOTED APPROPRIATIONS (100-7)						
244							
245	Voted Appropriations (100-7-95-50)						
246	<i>Town Entities</i>						
247	Abbott Memorial Library	42,500	41,500	41,500	41,500	41,500	41,500
248	Cemetery Appropriation	12,500	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000
249	FD Vehicle Reserve #400	-	60,000	-	-	-	-
250							
251	<i>Social Service Entities</i>						
252	Visiting Nurses of VT and NH	3,950	3,950	3,950	3,950	3,950	3,950
253	Thompson Senior Center	3,800	3,800	3,800	3,800	3,800	3,800
254	Woodstock Area Job Bank	-	-	300	300	300	300
255	Healthcare and Rehabilitation Services	979	979	979	979	979	979
256	Empower Up - Windsor Central Mentoring Program	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
257	Spectrum Teen Center	750	750	750	750	750	750
258	Pentangle Arts Council	900	900	900	900	900	900
259	WISE of Upper Valley	400	400	400	400	400	400
260	Ottauquechee Health Foundation	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
261	Green Up Day	50	50	-	-	-	-
262	TOTAL VOTED APPROPRIATIONS	70,829	129,329	69,579	69,579	69,579	69,579
263							
264	TOTAL TOWN EXPENDITURES AND TOTAL VOTED APPROPRIATIONS	580,200	570,466	466,779	476,461	435,949	475,071
265							
266	TOWN REVENUES LESS TOWN EXPENDITURES AND LESS VOTED APPROPRIATIONS	(145,375)	(121,767)	197,236	(44,956)	35,386	(86,381)
267							
268	BEGINNING GENERAL FUND BALANCE			166,822		131,436	
269	ENDING GENERAL FUND BALANCE*			364,059		166,822	
270	<i>General Fund Balance Change</i>			197,236		35,386	
271							

272 * \$121,767 of the FY 2021 ending General Fund Balance was assigned to reduce taxes to be raised in FY 2023. As a result, the unassigned FY 2022 ending General Fund Balance was \$242,292, of which \$145,375 is proposed to be used to reduce taxes to be raised in FY 2024. See Line 266. See also Warning Article 15.

HIGHWAY OPERATING ACCOUNT DETAIL

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
		FY 2024 Budget (proposed)	FY 2023 Budget	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2022 Budget	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2021 Budget
1							
2	HIGHWAY REVENUES (150-6)						
3							
4	Highway Revenue (150-6-10-00)						
5	Appropriation from General Fund	1,059,360	959,513	841,365	841,365	856,341	856,341
6	State Aid - Highways	142,163	132,500	138,415	132,500	138,419	132,500
7	FEMA 4445DR April 15, 2019 Storm	-	-	-	-	64,723	60,000
8	State grant supplement	-	-	15,319	-	-	-
9	Webster Cloudland grant	-	-	22,447	-	-	-
10	Donations to Highway	-	-	1,000	-	-	-
11	Grant to Comply with Mun. Standards	35,500	18,900	-	18,900	-	-
12	Hydroseeder Grant	-	-	-	-	5,206	-
13	VT Payment in Lieu of Grant	-	-	-	-	35,746	-
14	Bunker Hill Grant	-	-	-	-	20,130	-
15	Highway Interest Income	-	-	278	-	-	-
16	Highway Misc. Income	-	-	2,773	-	12,708	-
17	TOTAL HIGHWAY REVENUES	1,237,023	1,110,913	1,021,597	992,765	1,133,273	1,048,841
18							
19	HIGHWAY EXPENDITURES (150-7)						
20							
21	Labor and Benefits (150-7-10-70)						
22	Gross Pay	280,000	242,595	208,416	192,595	189,376	165,000
23	Part-time Labor	-	-	14,355	20,000	11,534	30,000
24	COVID-19 sick time pay	-	-	-	-	-	-
25	FICA Social Security	17,360	16,602	12,457	13,180	11,204	9,900
26	Medicare Expense	4,060	3,882	2,913	3,082	2,620	2,200
27	Retirement Expense	23,800	16,375	16,385	13,000	14,669	9,500
28	Health Ins. - Town's Cost	68,000	69,944	53,598	55,528	54,981	54,350
29	Disability insurance	2,550	1,889	1,353	1,500	1,235	1,500
30	Drug and Alcohol Test/DOT	378	378	6	300	2,926	300

HIGHWAY OPERATING ACCOUNT DETAIL

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
		FY 2024 Budget (proposed)	FY 2023 Budget	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2022 Budget	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2021 Budget
31	Protective Clothing/Supplies/Uniforms	10,077	10,077	9,556	8,000	6,891	8,000
32	Uniforms and Cleaning	-	-	-	-	-	-
33	Use of Personal Vehicles	3,000	3,000	-	-	-	-
34	TOTAL LABOR AND BENEFITS	409,225	364,742	319,039	307,185	295,437	280,750
35							
36	Insurance (150-7-15-85)						
37	Property and Liability Insurance	10,760	9,300	6,636	9,300	9,313	9,300
38	Workers Compensation Insurance	14,280	18,000	12,487	18,000	16,906	18,000
39	Unemployment Insurance	968	1,000	841	1,000	856	1,000
40	Highway, conf, training and mileage	1,000	1,000	-	1,000	-	1,000
41	TOTAL INSURANCE	27,008	29,300	19,964	29,300	27,075	29,300
42							
43	Materials (150-7-20-75)						
44	Salt	75,000	85,000	-	85,000	-	75,000
45	Clear lane deicer salt	-	-	75,920	-	47,984	-
46	Sand	-	-	37,178	-	34,395	-
47	Manufactured Sand	80,000	70,000	43,767	70,000	35,560	70,000
48	Crushed Stone	85,000	85,000	74,475	85,000	77,099	85,000
49	Stone for Howe Hill	-	-	-	-	5,378	-
50	Chloride	12,000	12,000	4,214	12,000	12,896	12,000
51	Cold Patch and Hot Mix	1,000	1,000	228	1,000	798	1,000
52	Culverts and Headwalls	25,000	18,000	18,394	12,000	12,630	8,000
53	Bandrail	2,500	5,000	-	5,000	-	5,000
54	Signs, snow fence and posts	15,000	10,000	8,086	5,000	6,153	10,000
55	Highway Misc.	1,000	1,000	943	1,000	877	1,000
56	Hydroseeder supplies	3,000	5,000	2,510	2,000	1,954	-
57	TOTAL MATERIALS	299,500	292,000	265,716	278,000	235,722	267,000

HIGHWAY OPERATING ACCOUNT DETAIL

58	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
59	Small Equipment (150-7-30-80)	FY 2024 Budget (proposed)	FY 2023 Budget	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2022 Budget	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2021 Budget
60	Diesel	50,000	40,000	51,085	38,000	29,422	32,000
61	Gasoline (small equip)	100	100	379	100	97	100
62	Diesel Exhaust Fluid	1,000	1,000	766	500	141	500
63	Garage Shop Supplies	5,000	10,000	4,253	10,000	6,123	10,000
64	Gen vehicle maintenance	2,000	2,000	3,933	-	736	-
65	Garage Office Supplies	500	500	592	500	371	-
66	Tires and Chains	15,000	20,000	14,639	13,500	11,394	13,500
67	Blades, Shoes, Rake Teeth	6,000	12,000	4,808	12,000	-	7,000
68	Rented Equipment	1,000	500	1,595	500	1,035	1,000
69	Radios and Cellphones	1,500	1,500	2,563	1,500	923	1,400
70	Traffic Control Devices	1,000	1,000	-	1,000	-	-
71	Vehicle Purchase	-	-	47	-	-	-
72	Small Machines and Tools	1,000	1,000	199	1,000	-	-
73	TOTAL SMALL EQUIPMENT	84,100	89,600	84,859	78,600	50,243	65,500
74							
75	Large Equipment Maint and Repair (150-7-35-05)						
76	Large Equipment Maint and Repair	30,000	25,000	50,745	35,000	52,235	35,000
77	TOTAL LARGE EQUIPMENT MAINT AND REPAIR	30,000	25,000	50,745	35,000	52,235	35,000
78							
79	Garage Building (150-7-40-83)						
80	Garage Utilities	2,000	1,000	1,800	1,000	1,650	1,500
81	Garage Building and Grounds	7,000	3,500	8,386	3,500	3,621	5,000
82	Telephone	600	600	485	600	574	600
83	Garage electricity	1,400	1,400	1,529	1,400	1,698	1,300
84	Garage Fuel Oil	-	-	-	-	-	6,000
85	TOTAL GARAGE BUILDING	11,000	6,500	12,200	6,500	7,544	14,400

HIGHWAY OPERATING ACCOUNT DETAIL

86	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
87	Contracts (150-7-50-90)	FY 2024 Budget (proposed)	FY 2023 Budget	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2022 Budget	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2021 Budget
88	Crack Sealing	15,000	15,000	13,050	15,000	13,050	15,000
89	Tree Removal	10,000	10,000	-	10,000	3,488	10,000
90	VT State Permits	1,990	1,600	1,550	-	1,590	-
91	Contracted Services	3,500	3,500	-	3,500	3,900	3,500
92	TOTAL CONTRACTS	30,490	30,100	14,600	28,500	22,028	28,500
93							
94	Special Projects and Grants (150-7-50-93)						
95	Annual Storm Water Permit	1,750	1,750	-	1,750	-	1,750
96	Webster Hill Grant	-	-	6,493	-	-	-
97	Bunker Hill Grant	-	-	-	-	18,297	-
98	Artistree Intersection	-	-	-	-	7,473	-
99	Culvert Below Johnson Road	-	-	-	-	8,500	-
100	TOTAL SPECIAL PROJECTS AND GRANTS	1,750	1,750	6,493	1,750	34,270	1,750
101							
102	Highway Reserves (150-7-95-50)						
103	Highway vehicle reserve	164,000	154,000	154,000	154,000	77,600	77,600
104	Bridges reserve	-	-	40,000	40,000	-	-
105	Highway paving reserve	200,000	200,000	100,000	100,000	300,000	300,000
106	TOTAL HIGHWAY RESERVES	364,000	354,000	294,000	294,000	377,600	377,600
107							
108	TOTAL HIGHWAY EXPENDITURES	1,257,073	1,192,992	1,067,616	1,058,835	1,102,154	1,099,800
109							
110	HIGHWAY REVENUES LESS HIGHWAY EXPENDITURES	(20,050)	(82,079)	(46,020)	(66,070)	31,120	(50,959)
111							
112	BEGINNING HIGHWAY FUND BALANCE			148,149			117,029
113	ENDING HIGHWAY FUND BALANCE*			102,129			148,149
114	Highway Fund Balance Change			(46,020)	31,120		
115							

* \$82,079 of the FY 2021 ending Highway Fund Balance was assigned to reduce taxes to be raised in FY 2023. As a result, the unassigned FY 2022 ending Highway Fund Balance was \$20,050, which amount is proposed to be used to offset highway expenditures in FY 2024. See Line 110.

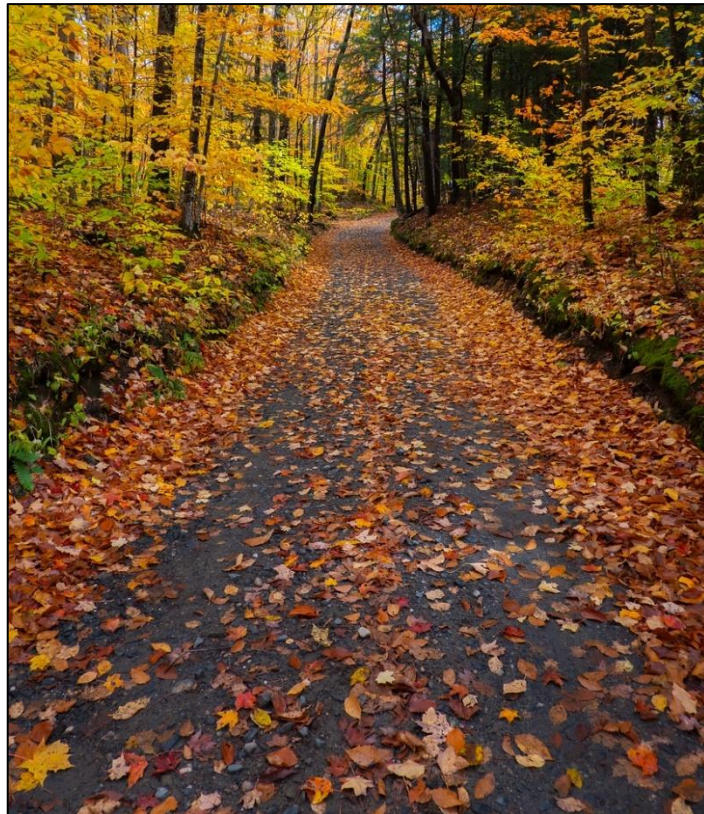
CALCULATION OF TAXES TO BE RAISED

	A	B	C
1	Expenditures and Voted Appropriations		
2	Total Town Expenditures	509,371	<i>From General Account Detail, Line 241. See also Warning Article 3.</i>
3	Total Highway Expenditures	1,257,073	<i>From Highway Account Detail, Line 108. See also Warning Article 3.</i>
4	Total Voted Appropriations	70,829	<i>From General Account Detail, Line 262. See also Warning Articles 4 through 14.</i>
5	TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND VOTED APPROPRIATIONS	1,837,273	Sum of Lines 2, 3 and 4
6			
7	Non-Tax Revenues		
8	Total Town Revenues (excluding FY 2024 taxes to be raised)	366,696	<i>From General Account Detail, Line 70, minus General Account Detail, Line 10.</i>
9	Total Highway Revenues (excluding FY 2024 taxes to be raised)	177,663	<i>From Highway Account Detail, Line 17, minus Highway Account Detail, Line 5.</i>
10	General Fund Balance to be used in FY 2024	145,375	<i>From General Account Detail, Line 266. See also Warning Article 15.</i>
11	Highway Fund Balance to be used in FY 2024	20,050	<i>From Highway Account Detail, Line 110.</i>
12	TOTAL NON-TAX REVENUES	709,784	Sum of Lines 8, 9, 10 and 11
13			
14	Calculation of Taxes to be Raised		
15	Expenditures and Voted Appropriations	1,837,273	<i>From Line 5</i>
16	Non-Tax Revenues	709,784	<i>From Line 12</i>
17	FY 2024 TAXES TO BE RAISED	1,127,488	Difference between Lines 15 and 16. See also General Account Detail, Line 5.



TOWN AND HIGHWAY FUND BALANCE SHEET

	A	B	C
1		General Fund No. 100	Highway Fund No. 150
2	ASSETS		
3	Cash	930,570	102,129
4	Credit Card Processing	100	
5	TOTAL ASSETS	930,670	102,129
6			
7	LIABILITIES		
8	Due to Other Funds	564,556	-
9	Other Accounts Payable	2,054	-
10	TOTAL LIABILITIES	566,610	-
11			
12	Fund Balances	364,059	102,129
13			
14	Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflow of Resources and Fund Balances	930,669	102,129



TRUSTEE AND OTHER FUND BALANCES

Fund Name Fund Number	<u>Henry T LaBounty</u> #456	<u>Mabel Vaughan Educational</u> #550	<u>Avis Keith Educational</u> #550	<u>Community Funds</u> #550	<u>Dorothy Moore Fund</u> #454
	Mascoma CD	Vanguard Life Strategy	Vanguard Balanced Index	Vanguard Balanced Index	Vanguard Balanced Index
FUND BALANCES, July 1, 2021	59,946.73	11,732.44	19,154.48	13,123.14	53,744.51
TRANSFER IN REVENUES					
Donations	-	4,960.08	4,210.08	-	2,500.00
Capital Gains & Transfer In	269.38	321.76	2,104.92	246.04	
Interest/Dividends	-	319.95	439.12	253.55	1,848.27
Market Change	-	(3,031.29)	(4,015.57)	(2,099.84)	(8,867.80)
TOTAL REVENUES	269.38	2,570.50	2,738.55	(1,600.25)	(4,519.53)
TRANSFER OUT EXPENDITURES					
Hartford Probate Fees	(85.00)	-	-	-	-
Scholarships	-	(750.00)	-	-	-
Donations	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	(85.00)	(750.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00
EXCESS OF REVENUES OR (EXPENDITURES)	184.38	1,820.50	2,738.55	(1,600.25)	(4,519.53)
FUND BALANCES, June 30, 2022	60,131.11	13,552.94	21,893.03	11,522.89	49,224.98
restricted	53,434.00	8,611.25	10,410.49	2,397.65	39,575.00
unrestricted	6,697.11	4,941.69	11,482.54	9,125.24	9,649.98
Note: Mabel Vaughan Educational Fund awarded 1 Scholarship for \$750. Donations include \$8,420 from the Ladies Circle, split between the Mabel Vaughan Educational and the Avis Keith Educational funds.					

MISCELLANEOUS SMALL BALANCES

Fund #450 (MACCU Certificates of Deposit)

MISC. SMALL BALANCES - #450	Raymond Potter Memorial Fund	Scott Harrington Memorial Fund	Lease Land Fund	Fast Squad	Green Up Fund	Membership Deposit CD MACCU	TOTAL
BALANCE, JULY 1 2021	126.00	365.03	2,243.00	0.00	328.00	14.99	3,076.65
REVENUES	-	-	22.52	500.00	-	-	522.52
EXPENDITURES	-	-	-	500.00	-	-	(500.00)
BALANCE, JUNE 30, 2022	126.00	365.03	2,265.52	0.00	328.00	15.05	3,099.17
The Fast Squad received a donation for \$500 which was spent for training.							

SUMMARY OF FUND BALANCES
July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
	Account	Fund No.	Bank CDs and Investments	Cash and Other Assets	Liabilities	Fund Balance as of June 30, 2022	Fund Balance as of June 30, 2021	Net Change 2021 to 2022	FY 2022 Notes
1	General Fund Operating	100	-	930,670	(566,610)	364,058	166,823	197,236	Income: taxes, fees, permits, interest, donation, misc. Liabilities include \$564,556 (due to other town funds) Expense: includes transfers, appropriations to other funds & organizations
3	Highway Fund Operating	150	-	102,129	-	102,129	148,149	(46,020)	Income: taxes, state aid, grants, interest, misc Expense: includes appropriations to other funds
4	Reappraisal/Lister Reserve	160	-	146,483	-	146,483	144,192	2,291	Income: town appropriation \$5,000, state grant \$5,143, interest Expense: software programs \$8,150
5	ARPA Grant Funds	180	-	106,132	-	106,132	-	106,132	Income: state grant \$127,492, interest Expense: digitized land records \$21,520
6	Library Fund Operating	200	-	5,486	-	5,486	6,302	(816)	Income: town appropriation \$41,500, transfer from Library Endowment \$5,000, transfer from Library Reserve \$8,000, fund raising, interest
7	Library Endowment	210	127,899	-	-	127,899	151,715	(23,816)	Income: interest, dividends, market change Expense: transfer to Library Operating Acct \$5,000
8	Cemetery Fund	300	35,704	32,324	-	68,028	62,891	5,137	Income: town appropriation \$12,000, interest Expense: tombstone repair \$875 & maintenance \$6,720
9	Restoration and Preservation	350	-	15,067	-	15,067	10,151	4,915	Income: town appropriation \$4,900, interest
10	Fire Dept Vehicle Reserve	400	-	231,249	-	231,249	393,348	(162,099)	Income: transfers from Fire Department Equipment 402 \$20,473, Teago Fire Department \$134,129, interest Expense: fire truck \$317,707
11	Fire Dept Non-vehicle Reserve	402	-	-	-	-	22,153	(22,153)	Income: interest Expense: transfer to Fire Department Equipment 400 \$20,473, transfer to Communications 410 \$1,704
12	Communications Reserve	410	-	6,290	-	6,290	2,072	4,218	Income: town appropriation \$2,500, transfer from Fire Department Non-vehicle 402 \$1,704, interest

SUMMARY OF FUND BALANCES

(CONTINUED)

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
	Account	Fund No.	Bank CDs and Investments	Cash and Other Assets	Liabilities	Fund Balance as of June 30, 2022	Fund Balance as of June 30, 2021	Net Change 2021 to 2022	FY 2022 Notes
14	Highway Road Paving	422	-	98,975	-	98,975	124,832	(25,856)	Income: town appropriation \$100,000, state grant \$175,000, interest Expense: northeast Pomfret Road \$300,969
15	Highway Bridge Reserve	424	-	188,729	-	188,729	153,709	35,020	Income: town appropriation \$40,000, interest Expense: bridge expenses \$5,270
16	Library Reserve	440	-	1,262	-	1,262	9,246	(7,984)	Income: interest Expense: transfer to Library Operations 200 \$8,000
17	Misc small balances	450	2,272	828	-	3,099	3,077	23	Income: donations, interest Expense: donation to Fast Squad for training \$500
18	Town Buildings Reserve	452	-	126,283	-	126,283	134,798	(8,515)	Income: interest Expense: garage repairs, town hall repairs
19	Moore Fund for Town Hall	454	49,225	-	-	49,225	53,745	(4,520)	Income: donations, interest, dividends, market change
20	LaBounty Fund	456	60,131	-	-	60,131	59,947	184	Income: interest Expense: recording fee \$85
21	Teago Village Reserve	460	-	20,037	-	20,037	10,000	10,037	Income: town appropriation \$10,000, interest
22	Town Rainy Day Reserve	470	-	84,229	-	84,229	84,118	111	Income: interest
23	Highway Rainy Day Reserve	475	-	175,155	-	175,155	174,924	230	Income: interest
24	Trustee of Public Funds	550	46,967	-	-	46,967	44,010	2,957	Income: interest, dividends, market change, donations Expense: scholarship \$750
25	TOTALS		322,197	2,317,431	(566,610)	2,073,018	2,002,488	70,530	

NOTE: For detailed revenues, expenses, etc. see other financial reports.

RESERVE FUND BALANCES

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	Fund Name and Number	FD Vehicle #400	FD Equip & Gear #402	Communications #410	Restoration & Preservation #350	ARPR #180	Total	Description of Revenues and Expenses- Expense Notes for Purchases Only FY2022 (Annual) & FY 2023 (July 1 - December 31, 2022)
1								
2	FUND BALANCE July 1, 2021	393,348	22,153	2,072	10,151	-	427,724	FD Vehicle #400
3	REVENUES							FY2022: Income: Teago FD \$134,129, FD Equip & Gear #402
4	Transfer In from FD 402	20,473	-	-	-	-	20,473	\$20,473, Expense: fire truck \$317,707
5	Interest income	1,005	24	14		161	1,204	FY2023 Income: town appropriation \$60,000
6	Transfer from Teago FD	134,129	-	-	-	-	134,129	FD #402 Equipment & Gear
7	Appropriation/Transfer	-	-	4,204	-	-	4,204	FY2022 Expense: transfer \$20,473 To FD #400 & \$1,704 to
8	Federal/State grants	-	-	-	4,900	127,492	132,392	Communications #310, FY2023 income: town approp \$10,000
9	TOTAL REVENUES	155,608	24	4,218	4,900	127,653	292,403	Communications #410
10	EXPENDITURES							FY2022 Income: town appropriation: \$2,500, FD Fire Equip &
11	Fire truck purchase	317,707	-	-	-	-	317,707	Gear \$1,704
12	Transfer to #402 FD Vehicle	-	20,473	-	-	-	20,473	Restoration & Preservation #350
13	Transfer to #410 Communications	-	1,704	-	-	-	1,704	FY2022 Income: state appropriation \$4,900
14	Land Records Processed	-	-	-	-	21,520	21,520	ARPR Grant Funds #180
15	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	317,707	22,177	-	-	21,520	361,405	FY2022 Income: state grant \$127,492
16	EXCESS REVENUES/(EXPENDITURES)	(162,099)	(22,153)	4,218.03	4,900	106,132	(69,002)	Expense: digitized land records \$21,520
17	FUND BALANCE June 30, 2022	231,249	-	6,290	15,051	106,132	358,722	FY2023 Income: state grant \$127,552, Expense: Computer \$1,903
18								
19	Fund Name and Number	HWY Vehicle #420	Paving #422	Bridge #424	Hwy Rainy Day #475	-	Total	Highway Vehicle #420
20	FUND BALANCE July 1, 2021	42,288	124,832	153,709	174,924	-	495,753	FY2022 Income: town appropriation \$154,000
21	REVENUES							Expense: truck \$150,228
22	Town appropriation	154,000	100,000	40,000	-	-	294,000	FY2023 Income: town appropriation truck \$154,000
23	State/Federal Grant	-	175,000	-	-	-	175,000	Expense: down payment \$74,260, truck on order
24	Interest income	44	113	290	230	-	677	Paving #422
25	TOTAL REVENUES	154,044	275,113	40,290	230	-	469,677	FY2022 Income: town appropriation \$100,000,
26	EXPENDITURES							state reimbursement grant \$175,000
27	Vehicle Purchase	150,228	-	-	-	-	150,228	Expense: paving northeast Pomfret Road \$300,969
28	Paving Expense	-	300,969	-	-	-	300,969	FY2023 Income: town approp \$200,000, Expense: \$381,375
29	Bridge Expense	-	-	5,270	-	-	5,270	Bridge #424
30	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	(150,228)	(300,969)	(5,270)	-	-	(456,467)	FY2022 Income: town appropriation \$40,000
31	EXCESS REVENUES/(EXPENDITURES)	3,816	(25,856)	35,020	230	-	13,211	Expense: Cloudland Road box culvert \$5,270
32	FUND BALANCE June 30, 2022	46,104	98,975	188,729	175,155	-	508,963	FY2023 Income: grant reimbursement \$183,747
								Expense: Cloudland Road box culvert \$189,101

TOWN HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT
(per the Pomfret Selectboard)

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
2010 John Deere Loader (replaces 2001 loader)	\$56,000	\$54,000	\$52,000	\$52,000	\$52,000	\$50,000
2002 John Deere Grader, model 672CH	76,000	74,000	72,000	50,000	<i>sold</i>	-
2021 John Deere Grader, model 627G	-	-	-	-	280,000	270,000
2008 Komatsu PC78US-6 Excavator	21,000	19,000	17,000	17,000	17,000	16,000
2014 Truck Freightliner 4WD w/ plow, sander & wing	166,000	160,000	150,000	135,000	<i>sold</i>	-
2021 International 2WD w/plow, sander & wing	-	-	-	-	171,463	165,000
2013 Truck Freightliner 4WD w/ plow, sander & wing	131,000	120,000	114,000	<i>sold</i>	-	-
2020 Int'l Truck tandem w/ plow, sander & wing	-	-	-	198,000	196,000	190,000
2016 John Deere 6110M 4WD with side mower	109,000	107,000	105,000	103,000	101,000	98,000
2015 Truck, Western Star 4WD w/ plow, sander & wing	186,000	175,000	160,000	100,000	<i>sold</i>	-
2022 Int'l tandem with plow, wing & sander	-	-	-	-	195,228	190,000
2015 Truck, Ford 550 4WD with plow & sander	64,000	60,000	58,000	56,000	50,000	20,000
1987 Truck, Ford 350 Mini-Pumper	-	-	-	-	-	5,000
2008 Tag Trailer	5,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
2008 Compactor	250	200	200	200	200	200
Jumping Jack Compactor	-	-	-	2,000	1,900	1,700
Generator	350	300	300	300	300	<i>discarded</i>
Hotbox	6,800	6,400	6,000	5,800	5,600	5,200
2000 Bandit Chipper	6,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	4,900
Flail Head Mower	700	<i>sold</i>	-	-	-	-
Austin-Western V Snowplow	250	250	250	250	250	250
Bale Chopper	3,500	3,000	2,500	2,500	2,000	<i>sold</i>
Frontier Debris Blower	2,900	2,500	2,500	2,200	2,000	<i>sold</i>
Pressure Washer (purchased new one in 2018)	300	1,500	1,500	1,400	1,300	1,000
2001 Steam Cleaner	900	800	800	800	800	<i>discarded</i>
2001 Rock Rake	800	800	800	800	800	500
Air Compressor	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Snow Fence and Posts, 5000 feet	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	1,800
Chainsaws	500	400	400	800	1,000	2,000
Welder, Lincoln Wire Feed	800	800	800	800	800	800
Small Tools	28,000	29,000	29,000	29,000	30,000	38,000
Hydroseeder	-	-	7,000	7,000	6,000	5,800
TOTAL	\$869,050	\$825,950	\$791,050	\$775,850	\$1,126,641	\$1,070,150

TOWN ASSETS

Buildings with land:

Town Hall
Town Offices, Brick Building, and Carriage Shed
Town Garage
Abbott Memorial Library

Cemeteries:

Bunker Hill Cemetery
Burns Cemetery
Hewittville Cemetery

Land only:

100 acres (more or less) off Joe Ranger Road
35 acres (more or less) off Joe Ranger Road
2 acres off Handy Road (formerly Salmon – tax sale purchase)
North Pomfret picnic area (across from firehouse)
<1 acre above Kenyon Hill Bridge

Artifacts:

Abida Smith Tavern sign
Thomas Ware portraits (7), currently on loan to Woodstock Historical Society
Benjamin Franklin Mason paintings (5)



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Notes: _____

POMFRET-TEAGO VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
2022 Financial Statement

General Acct.	4444.87	beginning balance 1/1/22	Fundraising Acct.	26,480.67	beginning balance 1/1/22
(15,543.24)	Fundraising Expenses		(19,020.65)	Transfer	
(4,813.95)	Equipment Purchases		(4,538.23)	Equipment Purchases	
(1,500.00)	Grant Writer Expense		(2,546.80)	FD Apparel & Accessories	
(1,097.18)	FD Apparel & Accessories		(2,491.14)	Wildland Gear Purchases	
(488.10)	Training		(752.30)	T-Shirt Expense	
(355.78)	Building Maintenance		(741.53)	Fundraising Expenses	
			38,877.00	Fundraising Activities & Donations	
(353.50)	Memberships		557.38	T-Shirt Sales	
(13.96)	Communications		(19,020.65)	fundraising/donations	
(132.00)	PO Box		35,824.40	ending balance 12/31/22	
20,020.65	Transfer				
2,351.10	Town Reimbursement				
2,518.91	ending balance 12/31/22		Truck Acct.	1,271.06	beginning balance 1/1/22
				0.13	Interest
				1,271.06	ending balance 12/31/22
FF Relief Fund CD	22,789.42	beginning balance 1/1/22			
(1,000.00)	Transfer				
63.89	Interest				
21,853.31	ending balance 12/31/22				



Pomfret-Teago Engine 3

POMFRET-TEAGO VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

2022 Annual Report

In 2022, the Pomfret-Teago Fire Department responded to 55 service calls which is a 25% increase over 2021. The details about the number and types of calls are found below. Our response time was 10.79 minutes, down from 12.96 minutes in 2021, and total man-hours spent on emergency calls was 269.82 hours, up from 130.42 hours in 2021.

We welcomed four new firefighters to our team this past year! New members are Michael Schmell, Michael Piekny, Greg Hartford, and Carl Bulgini. These new members are fully involved every week at the stations, and we are excited to have them on our team. Schmell, Piekny and Bulgini will be responding out of the Teago Station while Greg Hartford will be responding out of the North Station.

Currently, Michael Schmell and Cory Swingle are enrolled in the Vermont State Firefighter 1 training with online classes as well as commuting to the State Fire Academy in Pittsford Vt for practical hands-on training on weekends. This is a huge commitment from these men, and we applaud their service to the department and our community.

In March of this year, we placed into service our newest Quick Attack Pumper “Pomfret Engine 3”. In the 9 months since its arrival, it has already proved its worth as we responded to three fires that would not have been accessible from any of our other trucks. This truck has been the first truck to arrive on most every call with a full crew of 4 firefighters. It has improved our response times and our readiness. This truck was purchased using a mix of donations and reserve funds. Many thanks to the citizens of our town, the taxpayers, and the Select Board for their support.

We had two successful fundraiser events this year, the Annual Pomfret Pull in August, and the Firehouse Pancake Breakfast in October. Both events pulled record crowds. We also started selling Fire Department T-shirts at the Teago General Store. Some of the monies raised in these events as well as our Annual Appeal were spent on the following items and services.

- Chicken BBQ Grill
- FD Apparel & Accessories (job shirts, fire plates, ID cards, lapel pins etc.)
- Event Tent
- Wildland Protective Gear and Tools
- Chairs & Chair Rack
- Grant writer fee
- Two electric chainsaws and accessories
- Appeal letter expenses

As listed above, we hired a grant writer this year that specializes in Fire Department grants. We have already seen a return on investment as we were awarded \$20,216 to be used to purchase a Gear Extractor and Dryer. This equipment will be used to thoroughly clean our turnout gear (pants, jackets, hoods, and gloves), removing carcinogens and chemicals that may be present and get our gear back into service quickly. We also utilized a State of Vermont 50/50 grant for Wildland Gear. In 2023 we will be applying for more grants for future apparatus and other major pieces of equipment designed to improve our safety and response.

MORE VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

We have all heard the stories and news reports of fire departments both paid and volunteer struggling to recruit firefighters. In contrast, the Pomfret-Teago Volunteer FD has almost doubled in volunteers since 2019. We are still looking for more volunteers to serve, especially those that might be able to respond from the North Pomfret Station. We will continue to focus on the retention of our current firefighters and offer support to all whom serve. For all new volunteers, we will provide training both in-house and from State sponsored events.

POMFRET-TEAGO VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

2022 Annual Report

CONTINUED

Stop by the stations on Tuesday nights or give us a call and join our team as an important member who no doubt will make a difference!

If you have any questions about the fire department, home fire safety or volunteering in various capacities please contact Chief Kevin Rice at 457-2364 or email at kricevt@gmail.com.

Listed below with our department photo is our current active roster. Please take the opportunity to thank these men and women for their service to our community when you see them. Your continued support means a lot to all of us.

Kevin Rice
Chief



Members of the Pomfret-Teago Volunteer Fire Department

Pictured above

Front row L-R:

Adam Von Reyn, Carl Bulgini, Cory Swingle, Mike Piekny,
Tyler Wellington, Jake Littlefield, Lt. Josh Trimpi,
Greg Hartford, Chief Kevin Rice.

Back Row L-R:

Tom Gubbins, Gordon Modarai, Asst Chief Jake Astbury,
Asst Chief Greg Olmstead, Lt. Scott Pearce,
Terri Chamberlin, Michael Schmell, Lt. Scott Barger.

Not Pictured:

Abe Kanda-Olmstead, Eric Chase

2022 Fire Department Responses

Fire Alarm Calls	12
Mutual Aid (Request for assistance from another FD)	9
Dispatched & Canceled enroute	8
Utility Problem (power lines/transformer fire)	6
Carbon Monoxide Alarm	5
Vehicle Fire	4
Motor Vehicle Accident	3
Wildland Fire	2
Rescue (Med assist)	2
Investigation	2
Smoke in home investigation	1
Hazmat Investigation	1
Total Calls in 2022	55

ABBOTT MEMORIAL LIBRARY

2022 Annual Report

The year began with a celebration of the Chinese New Year and tai chi via Zoom, after which we were thrilled to return to in-person programming. The spring brought a lively community discussion of the Vermont Reads book, *We Contain Multitudes*, as well as a book-reading by local author Roisin Sorahan. Next came the Summer Reading Program for children of all ages and the much-loved Moth-style storytelling event that returned in late August. In the fall, Storytime for preschoolers on Thursday mornings resumed and a remembrance of the life and work of poet Philip Larkin took place. Rounding out the year, our annual Lantern Walk to celebrate the winter solstice happened once again, creating a parade of light on the hill behind the Library.

Being open fully, we also saw the number of patrons visiting the Library and checking out books, audiobooks, and DVDs rise while the avenues of remote access built out of necessity the last few years continued to be used. Abbott's high-speed internet connection remains available to the community on the Library grounds 24 hours a day. Our dedicated staff—Librarian Cory Smith and Assistant Librarian Sue Heston—manage it all, from helping patrons select and obtain materials, to coordinating programs and maintaining the collection (this year included securing and administering an ARPA grant to buy additional children's books). We are so fortunate to have them and cannot thank the ARPA enough!

To make our essential participation in the statewide interlibrary loan service much more efficient, we joined the Vermont Department of Libraries courier program this year. Audiobooks and eBooks can also be downloaded from Green Mountain Library Consortium, and movies streamed through Kanopy. Seasonal and holiday craft bags for kids are available to take and enjoy at home too. For more information on all our services and programs, visit our website: www.abbottmemoriallibrary.org.

We are grateful to our volunteers, whose help allows us to do so much more. This year they include Mark Binder, Anne Bower, Peter Gebhardt, Kevin Geiger, Barbara Henzel, Brook & Bill Heston, Joanna & Norwood Long, Liz Maliszewski, Jane Metcalf, Ron Rhodes, Jim Rose, Mary & Siler Russ, and Jenny Satterfield. These dear friends of the Library worked on programs, helped maintain the building and grounds, covered the circulation desk, and rose to the occasion to assist whenever asked.

The heart of all this activity, our 117-year-old historic building, received major repair to its stone foundation and drainage work this year to reduce moisture in the basement. While there are still a few minor issues to resolve, the foundation is solid and in condition to serve Pomfret for another century. The Library grounds were also the site of a volunteer-led bat survey done in conjunction with the Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife and our lawn will be home to a new picnic table and pair of Adirondack chairs thanks to Will Coates who constructed them for Abbott as his Eagle Scout service project.

We deeply appreciate and depend on both community and municipal support for all this to happen. Generous donations and other income cover roughly a quarter of our operating expenses while the Town of Pomfret's historic support of its municipal Library makes up the rest. For the last three years, we have requested the same appropriation from the Town. Although we have found ways to economize despite rising costs, to partially offset the higher price of fuel oil and inflation, this year we are requesting an appropriation of \$42,500, a 2.4% increase.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Burgess, Tina Clifford, Cara DeFoor, Jocelyn Randles, Betsy Rhodes, and Mary Worrell

ABBOTT MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Treasurer's Report

	FY21 Budget	FY21 Actual	FY22 Budget	FY22 Actual	FY23 Budget	FY24 Budget
Operating Acct. Opening Balance		\$7,788.10		\$6,302.23		
Income						
Town Appropriation	41,500	41,500.00	41,500	41,500.00	41,500	42,500
Annual Appeal	9,000	10,270.00	9,000	11,440.00	9,000	10,000
Fundraising--Other	500	100.00 ¹		500.00 ¹		500
Grant				1,200.00 ²	540 ⁵	571 ⁵
Interest--Checking	30	13.78	40	21.62	40	40
Book Sales	200	68.50 ¹	100	215.00 ¹	100	250
Donations--Other	500	41.00	800	84.50	800	800
Miscellaneous	150	129.00	150	194.89	150	150
Reserve Sweep				5,000.00 ³		
Town Library Reserve				8,000.00 ³		
Total Income	51,880	\$52,122.28	51,590	\$68,156.01	52,130	54,811
Expenses						
Payroll						
Wages--Librarians	32,431	25,805.20 ¹	33,434	28,821.68	31,380	33,263
Wages--Cleaning	523	488.88	539	503.52	566	600
Payroll Taxes	2,599	2,011.60	2,679	2,243.40	2,444	2,591
Collection						
Books	1,850	2,167.09	1,900	2,016.19	2,200	2,500
Audio/Video	1,000	915.96	1,000	795.00	1,000	1,000
Electronic	450	379.20	850	605.20	900	900
Miscellaneous	500	1,368.35	845	845.00	850	850
Program						
General Programs	200	185.43	200	294.65	200	300
Building						
Electricity	1,300	760.74 ¹	1,000	772.12 ¹	1,000	1,200
Telephone	1,400	1,160.10	1,200	1,152.57	1,200	1,200
Heating	2,300	1,767.11	2,100	2,072.92	1,800	2,400
Maintenance	1,577	1,766.61	1,018	503.67	1,000	1,832
Insurance	2,600	2,216.30	2,200	1,386.54	2,306	2,400
Fundraising						
Annual Appeal	400	446.80	400	306.10	400	500
Other						
Conference & Travel	200	102.15	125	103.05	125	125
Postage & Courier Expense	500	344.44	400	363.56	1,280 ⁵	729
Courier Grant Expense						571 ⁵
Supplies	750	394.72	750	619.25	750	750
Information Technology	200	587.99	150	313.90	200	300
Reserve Funded				21,158.85 ³	1,729	
Professional Services				1,454.52 ²		
Miscellaneous	500	739.48	800	2,640.70 ⁴	800	800
Reserve	600	10,000.00 ¹				
Total Expenses	51,880	\$53,608.15	51,590	\$68,972.39 ⁶	52,130	54,811
Gain or Loss		(1,485.87)		(816.38)		
Operating Acct. Ending Balance		\$6,302.23		\$5,485.85		

¹ Various income and expense line items were less or more than expected due to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on the operation of the Library, including the Reserve Expense of \$10,000 in FY21, which was transferred to the Library Reserve Account to be used for the significant building foundation work done in FY22. The current FY23 and proposed FY24 budgets reflect a return to normal operation.

² We received a \$700 grant to offset the cost of an architect who explored building accessibility and a \$500 ARPA grant to purchase children's books in FY23.

³ The \$21,158.85 cost of extensive foundation repairs was funded by a transfer of \$5,000 from the Library Reserves and \$8,000 from the Town Library Reserve, as well as from fundraising.

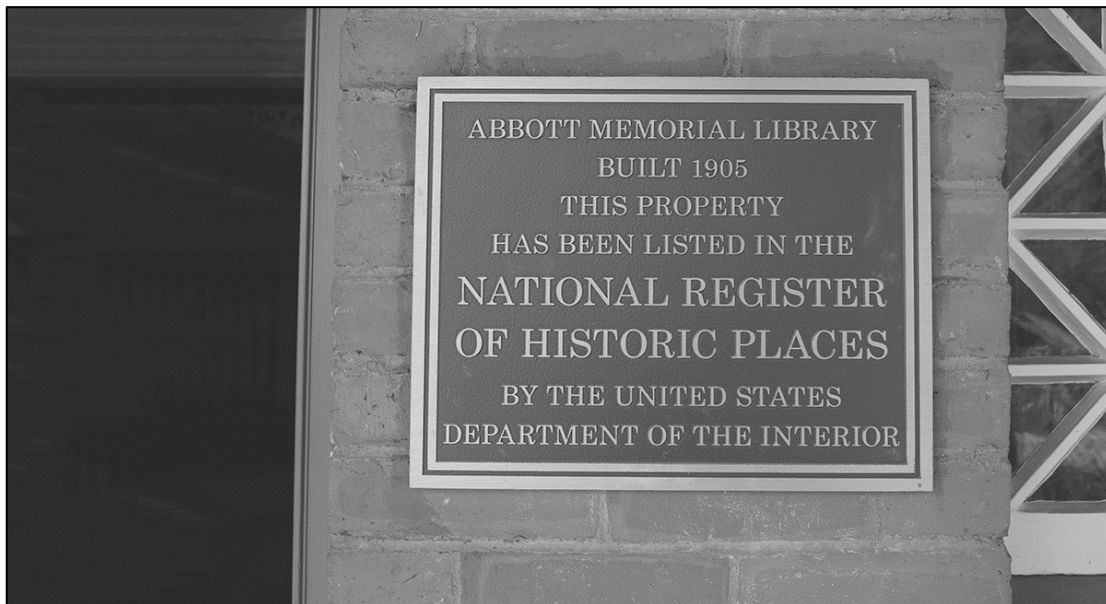
⁴ We replaced our copier.

⁵ To enhance our ability to serve the community, Abbott has joined the State of Vermont's Interlibrary Loan Courier Program, using a grant to help offset the annual expense.

⁶ Abbott Memorial Library benefits from and greatly appreciates the generosity of community members and wishes to report the following in-kind donations that have reduced its FY22 operating expenses by \$5,090: books, \$300; dumpster use, \$200; garden maintenance, \$800; snow removal, \$600; solar electricity credits, \$215; electrician, \$100; art restoration, \$2,875.

ABBOTT MEMORIAL LIBRARY
Assets Report

Assets	Balance as of 07/01/21	Deposits/ Appreciation	Disbursements/ Expenses	Gain/Loss	Balance as of 06/30/22
Operating Account	6,302.23	68,156.01	(68,972.39)	(816.38)	\$5,485.85
Abbott Memorial Library Fund					
Ira Abbott Fund (69.57%)--Restricted	63,945.51			(8,005.78)	55,939.73 ¹
One Hundred Year Fund (29.20%)--Unrestricted	26,839.28			(3,360.19)	23,479.09 ²
Wood & Harding Fund (1.23%)--Unrestricted	1,130.56			(141.54)	989.02 ²
Total Abbott Memorial Library Fund	<u>91,915.35</u>				\$80,407.84
Reserve Account					
Reserve--Unrestricted	59,799.20		(5,000.00)	(7,308.42)	47,490.78 ²
Total Reserve Account	<u>59,799.20</u>				<u>\$47,490.78</u>
Total Abbott Memorial Library Assets as of June 30, 2022					\$133,384.47



CEMETERY COMMISSION

2022 Annual Report

First, let us thank the town for their continued support of the cemeteries. After all, if it were not for our ancestors that are in our cemeteries we would not be here, and to the ones that are not from here thank you too. We do realize that we ask for a lot of money but just the mowing takes almost three quarters of our appropriation. This does not leave us much to work with when the prices of everything are going up. Just as a reminder it is the legal responsibility of the plot owner or living descendent to keep headstones in good repair. Rules and regulations are available at the town clerk's office. Please read section-2 #'s 1&2 also section-4 #1.

Because of the number of headstones in disrepair and the fact of not being able to find living descendants the commission decided it was necessary to initiate a major repair project this year. The headstones have all been straightened, fixed and cleaned in the Bunker Hill cemetery. The plan is to continue with Hewittville and Burns, which was started this year and will be done in the spring. To the commission's knowledge a town-wide repair project has not been done before. We had to hire a certified contractor. Donations are always a welcomed thing.

We continue to volunteer our time and the commission does hold workdays in the summer, to help save money. The more we can get done volunteering the more money we save. Please feel free to join us for one of those workdays.

Respectfully submitted by commissioners Ona Chase (chair), Bruce Tuthill, Susan Burgess

CEMETERY OPERATING ACCOUNT AND FUND BALANCE

	FY2021	FY2022
	Actual	Actual
Cemetery Income (300-6-10-00)		
Town Appropriation	12,000	12,000
Sale of Lots	1,000	--
Misc Revenue	200	250
Donation	--	--
Interest	455	482
TOTAL CEMETERY INCOME	13,655	12,732
Cemetery Expense (300-7-94-00)		
General Maintenance	5,500	6,720
Restoration of Headstones	--	875
Purchase of Corner Stones	300	--
Flags	550	--
Misc. Cemetery	--	--
TOTAL CEMETERY EXPENSE	6,350	7,595
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	7,305	5,137
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	55,586	62,891
ENDING FUND BALANCE	62,891	68,028

PLANNING COMMISSION

2022 Annual Report

Much of this past year has been involved with the re-write of the town plan. The commission applied for, and was awarded, a Municipal Planning Grant to accomplish this task. The grant was for hiring a planning consultant to assist in the re-write. Local adoption and regional planning commission approval is needed before the current plan expires in 2024. With the selectboard's approval, the Two Rivers-Ottawquechee Regional Commission (TRORC) was chosen to do the work. Edits are needed to bring the current plan into alignment with Vermont's statutory requirements and our regional plan in the areas of housing, watershed basin planning, capital budgeting, energy, and forest blocks and habitat connectors. Other chapters are undergoing changes to correct for new data and to make for easier reading.

Pomfret is feeling the strain of current planning challenges related to affordable housing, bicycle/pedestrian infrastructure, and economic recovery in the wake of COVID-19, and some planning efforts have been initiated in response. The community's momentum in tackling these present challenges needs to be integrated with the town plan update process to ensure a holistic approach to policy and project development that accounts for all of the community's needs and priorities, as well as ensuring consistency with regional and state planning priorities. The town plan update will also include enhanced energy planning as another planning tool to support the Town's commitment to protecting its pastoral landscape and reducing the use of fossil fuels. Our citizens deeply value our scenic landscapes of open meadows, high-quality forestland, and wooded ridgelines, and want to ensure they are adequately protected for future generations.

Plan edits will be shared with our citizens through future community outreach and through on-sight and Zoom commission meetings. The process is well under way and several chapters have been edited. Through the planning process, over the long term, the Town will gain a stronger voice in any Act 250 decisions as well as local zoning matters.

The members of the planning commission are dedicated, volunteer citizens with many demands on their time. Several have farms and summers are intensely busy with haying and other land and animal management. Some have young families and sacrifice their time to invest in their town. With the added assistance of the TRORC planner, we will be better able to coordinate the revision process with their technical expertise to ensure that all statutory requirements are adequately met.

We have been involved in four Ridgeline Hillside Zoning applications during the past year. All were approved with conditions. One decision was appealed by a neighboring landowner. As of this date, a ruling has not been announced by the court. All site visits and hearings, which are properly warned and open to the public, take up a great deal of our time. We take our decision-making responsibilities very seriously and give our best efforts to fairly and justly weigh all landowner's requests, neighbor's concerns, and our town's best interests as spelled out in our zoning by-laws.

We welcome citizen participation during our town plan re-write process and encourage participation at our regularly scheduled meetings. All meeting agendas, minutes, meeting schedules, and member's contact information are listed on the town's website. This is your town and your future. Help make change that will benefit us all.

Respectfully submitted,

William B. Emmons, III, Chair

Tim Reiter, Vice Chair

John Moore, Secretary

Nelson Lamson

Cy Benoit

Ann Reynolds

Tyler Wellington

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

2022 Annual Report

The Pomfret Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) is a committee of resident volunteers appointed by the Selectboard. We review requests for development that are considered a “conditional use” under the town’s new Zoning Ordinance. The ZBA reviews requests for development in FEMA-designated flood hazard zones. We also consider appeals from decisions made by Pomfret’s Zoning Administrator.

The ZBA hears sworn testimony on issues for which the Zoning Administrator cannot approve an application or when the Zoning Ordinance or other local development regulations require a public hearing. Examples of such issues are waivers of setbacks from roads and property lines, building dimensions, business hours of operation, parking, lighting, signage, public safety or health issues, and wetlands considerations.

The ZBA is charged with faithfully and consistently administering the Zoning Ordinance and other local development regulations written to address situations which may create a public nuisance or adversely affect the character of the area, comfort, convenience, safety or welfare of the community.

To this end, the ZBA applies development standards and attaches conditions to its decisions if needed to implement the Zoning Ordinance and other local development regulations. ZBA decisions have legal force. They may be appealed to the Environmental Division of the Vermont Superior Court.

At present, the ZBA consists of five members. The Zoning Ordinance calls for a committee of three to nine members. Additional members are welcome. If you are interested in serving on the ZBA please contact any of us or members of the Selectboard.

Alan Blackmer, Chair
Benjamin Brickner
Phil Dechert
Shaun Pickett
Seth Westbrook

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

2022 Annual Report

The 2022 year has been busy with a large growth in permits for subdivisions, new buildings, Ridgeline and Conservation Area permits and Flood Hazard Area permits. Please remember that as a landowner, you are responsible for obtaining all required permits before any work can commence. Failure to do so could result in monetary penalties. You may also be required to correct any violation, including removal of unpermitted homes, structures, or other development.

While I do not hold regular office hours at the Town Office, please feel free to contact me at any time throughout the day by phone call or text message on my cell phone number of 1-802-299-8211 or by email karen.hewitt@pomfretvt.us or if you wish to meet in person, we can schedule a time. Zoning Applications can be picked up at the Town Office or obtained on the Town of Pomfret Website www.pomfretvt.us.

Karen Hewitt Osnoe
Zoning Administrator

TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS

2022 Annual Report

The Trustees of Public Funds are responsible for management of town endowment and trust funds. Throughout the year, the trustees meet to review market performance of existing funds, placement of new monies into either existing or new funds, discuss and initiate needed adjustments, and review overall fund management strategies. We encourage Pomfret residents to contribute to these funds. The trustees determine if disbursements, as designated by the originators of the funds, are possible, and initiate such actions.

In 2021-2022, fund performance was sufficient to allow disbursements from the two education trust funds. Wyatt Napier was awarded \$500 from the Mabel E. Vaughan Trust Fund. However, for the second year in a row, the Keith Education Trust Fund, established by Avis M. Keith in 1945 did not have any applicants. The Keith Fund assists women of Pomfret in furthering their education. We encourage Pomfret women graduates this year to consider this opportunity.

Respectfully,
Michael Doten, Secretary
Robert Hatfield
Marjorie Wakefield, Chair

TREE WARDEN

2022 Annual Report

The Pomfret Tree Warden is responsible for making decisions about shade trees along the right-of-ways in town. Trees along the town roads are removed in conjunction with the Tree Warden and Road Commissioner. The Pomfret Public Tree Policy was completed and adopted by the Pomfret Selectboard on August 17, 2022. You can find it online under Policies in the town documents.

This spring the invasive beetle, the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB), was detected in Pomfret. This beetle attacks living ash trees and kills them. We suggest that forest owners in Pomfret seek help in deciding what to do to manage their woodlots. A local or our county forester can give you valuable information.

At this point the Town of Pomfret does not have a plan to manage EAB in ash trees along the town right-of-ways. A small 4 mile survey we did along the paved Pomfret roads showed that there are about 40 ash trees per mile. Ash trees made up about 60% of the roadside trees (trees greater than 4" diameter"). Ash make up about 5% of our forests. We may have 2,000 roadside ash trees killed by EAB in the next 10 years. The Road Crew, with the help of a tree company, will be removing some of the standing dead trees along the roadside.

If you are interested in working with Pomfret roadside trees, especially planting new roadside trees, please contact us.

Cy Benoit, Tree Warden	Alan C. Graham, Deputy Tree Warden
cyrusbenoit@gmail.com	alan.c.graham@gmail.com

Information Resources for Emerald Ash Borer in Vermont:

Most up-to-date maps of EAB and management links:

<https://www.vtinvasives.org/news-events/news/emerald-ash-borer-update-0>

Windsor County Forester:

A.J. Follensbee, 118 Prospect Street, Suite 102 White River Junction, VT 05001

Primary Phone: 802-595-2429 | Alternate Phone: 802-281-5262 | allen.follensbee@vermont.gov

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

2022 Annual Report

This year we inventoried old journals and ledgers that were left in the town safe at the Red Brick Building when the town offices moved to their current premises. After reviewing the contents, we moved about half of the documents to the Pomfret Town Offices for safe keeping. While sorting through papers of Hosea Doton (ca. 1856) we found some hand-drawn maps on linen paper. The maps illustrate several Upper Valley towns, are drawn to scale, and show the layout of the town and who lived there. The maps were pressed flat, scanned at high resolution and then sent to Two Rivers Ottauquechee Regional Commission. TRORC was very excited about the find and forwarded them on to the state archives. In the Town Offices we scanned burial cards and are now in the process of making these available to the public. We have over a hundred oral history recordings of Pomfret residents on magnetic tape. We have created a digital index for them and are now looking for funding to convert the magnetic tapes into a digital format. Family inquiries continue to be an important part of what we do. We visited the small Allen Hill cemetery and took photos of the Snow and Leonard gravestones.

When we returned documents to the town offices, among them were a couple of boxes of tax records from 1899 and 1901. If you are interested in working on sorting those, let Becky Fielder or the PHS know. They provide an interesting picture of livestock and crop inventories that were used to assess farm taxes. Among the items in the Red Brick Building safe were a number of old Vermont Statutes and assorted state law books from the 1800's. We are currently looking for a place to donate these materials. If you or anyone you know are interested in them, please contact us and we can provide you with a list and images of the front pages.

The PHS is open most Friday mornings from 10 am to noon in the Red Brick Building. However, it is best to call Alan first if you plan to visit. And, if you are interested in joining our efforts, please contact us.

Alan C. Graham

802-457-1021

PomfretHistoryVT@gmail.com

INVASIVE PLANT COMMITTEE

2022 Annual Report

The Pomfret Invasive Plant Committee continues to work to manage invasive plant populations in our town. We appreciate all the efforts of our town road crew, who are adopting proactive mowing schedules to reduce the spreading of invasive plant seeds along roadsides. Thank you also to the citizens who are vigilant in spotting these species early, when it can be relatively easy to remove them before they take hold.

We appreciate all the town residents who worked on their own roads to pull out poison parsnip and wild chervil before the roads were mowed. Single plant pulling is very important, because it can prevent development of a seed drop, preventing spread of invasive plants along the roadside and into fields.

Roadside mowing during the peak of invasive plant seed development can drag seeds up and down our roads. Removing plants or mowing them before they go to seed is critical for management. The road crew has asked us to remind volunteers to not place the pulled weeds in the roadway but place them in the areas to be mowed. This means that plants should be pulled earlier in the season, just after they begin to flower, so that plants cannot continue to develop and drop seeds.

The Woodstock School Supervisory Union hired Mike Bald (Got Weeds) to continue to manage poison parsnip and chervil at the Prosper Valley School. Thanks to Bob Crean for facilitating this effort. Each year there are less and less invasive plants to pull.

In the spring of 2022, the invasive insect, Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) was detected in Pomfret. Please see the report from the Pomfret Tree Warden for more information.

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Throughout the upcoming year, we hope to increase our invasive plant mapping, identifying where there are invasive plants in Pomfret, and continuing to pull weeds. We have a Google Drive folder with information, should you be interested in finding out more. To help us with invasive plant management or obtain information, please call or email one of us.

Alan Graham, 457-1021	alan.c.graham@gmail.com
Betsy Rhodes, 457-1247	rhodes@sover.net
Joanna Long, 457-2918	JrudgeL@sover.net

FAST SQUAD 2022 Annual Report

In calendar year 2022 the Pomfret FAST Squad (First Aid Stabilization Team) continued to respond to medical emergencies within the borders of our town. Our mission is to provide quick initial contact and aid for residents in need. We work in conjunction with Woodstock Ambulance who also responds and transports our more critical patients.

This year we are fortunate to have a large influx of new members. We had four members take EMT training this spring and an EMT move in. We are also partnering with members of the Saskadena Six ski patrol during the ski season.

Sadly, Dana Wright “retired” this year from the squad. She was a dedicated member of the squad for thirty-two years, not only as an EMT, but also as the Vice President for our organization for many years. She started as a mom with young children which takes a lot of sacrifice. Dana, thank you for your service to the Town of Pomfret. We will miss you.

Thank you,
Frank Perron, Jr.
Head of Service, Pomfret FAST Squad
(802) 457-3402
frank@frankperron.com

Thank you Dana Wright



WINDSOR COUNTY

2022 County Happenings

The calendar year 2022 has seen many important changes in Windsor County; the most significant will take place prior to your reading this report; there will be two new Assistant Judges at the helm of the County Government, and a new Sheriff in office as of February 1, 2023. Judge Terie, who had served the County for eight years, decided to step down and pass the torch, and Judge Ricci, who served for over a year after Judge Anderson retired, is also stepping down. In their stead will be newly-elected Assistant Judge Alison Johannensen of Taftsville, and returning former Assistant Judge David Singer of Hartland. Sheriff Ryan Palmer will be replacing Sheriff Michael Chamberlain who has served the County since 1998. Another change is that Windsor County will have a new Deputy Treasurer, as Dianne Bumps will also be leaving her position. County Clerk Pepper Tepperman, and Bruce Page who is Superintendent of our two buildings (the Courthouse, and the County Building) are remaining at their posts. They are *all* to be thanked for their past, and continuing years of dedicated service to the constituents of Windsor County.

Other “happenings” include a slow, cautious re-opening of the Courts to the public for in-person hearings. The Judiciary is aware that Covid is still with us, and thus, as of this reporting, in-person hearings are still intermittent- some are conducted in person, and others are remote, using Webex, or a hybrid combination. The HVAC system at the Windsor County Courthouse is still in the process of being upgraded to insure the safety of the public and staff.

The Windsor County Assistant Judges held the preliminary county budget meeting on December 14, 2022, and the final budget meeting January 18th 2023. The County Budget for fiscal year 2023-24 had to be increased due to the enormous spike in heating oil prices, no surprise to anyone who heats their residence with oil and/or propane. We are hopeful that by the time a new budget needs to be crafted for the next fiscal year, heating prices will recede so future budget increases may be limited. There has also been some work at the County Building to adjust the heating system there. Additionally, the phone system and the Internet services at the County Building have been upgraded, at a *lower* cost! Increases in spending in all other areas have been kept to a minimum.

Another noteworthy occurrence that will take place in 2023 is completing payment by the Windsor County Towns of the Courthouse Renovation Bond; the renovation to upgrade the Courthouse and make it handicap accessible was completed 2014. The Courthouse, located in the Shire town of Woodstock, serves the needs of the constituents of Windsor County; it is an historic gem to be admired by all. Do drive by, or visit to see what your tax dollars have accomplished and maintain!

Local Health Report for POMFRET

Twelve Local Health Offices around the state are your community connection with the Vermont Department of Health. Your district office is in White River Junction at the address and phone number above. We provide a wide range of resources and services to 22 Vermont towns of the Upper Valley to promote health and wellness for all Vermonters. For example, in 2022 we:

Supported health for everyone in the community: We worked on a variety of projects and programs in partnership with schools, worksites, town offices, and local providers. Though we did not serve individuals and families in our office due to COVID, we look forward to in-person services starting in 2023. Our focus is on health equity because all people should have a fair and just opportunity to be healthy

Provided WIC food and nutrition education to families: We served more than 700 residents of our district with the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Nutrition Education and Food Supplementation Program, which provides individual nutrition education and breastfeeding support, healthy foods, and a debit card to buy fruit and vegetables.

Ensured emergency preparedness: We worked with local partners, including schools, hospitals, and emergency personnel for an effective pandemic response and to be sure we are prepared to distribute medicine, supplies, and information during any future public health emergency.

Worked to prevent and control the spread of disease: In our district we responded to 74 reports of COVID-19 in congregate care settings including 21 outbreaks and 132 reports of COVID-19 in schools. In collaboration with community partners, we hosted 46 COVID-19 vaccination clinics across the district. In addition to COVID-19 we also investigated enteric and tickborne diseases and delivered presentations about preventing tickborne illnesses to 6 area senior centers.

Student health and youth empowerment: According to the Vermont Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 58 percent of students in Windsor County agree or strongly agree that they “believe they matter to people in their community.” Regionally, we see efforts like mentoring and afterschool enrichment programs helping to ensure youth feel valued and included.

Substance misuse and abuse: Regional substance abuse prevention consultants worked with community groups, schools, human service agencies, hospitals, and law enforcement.

Learn more at <https://www.healthvermont.gov/local/white-river-junction>
Join us on www.facebook.com/vdhwjrj/

VISITING NURSE AND HOSPICE FOR VT AND NH (VNH)
Home Health, Hospice and Skilled Pediatric Services
2022 Annual Report

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 cost 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, 2021 and June 30, 2022, VNH made 155 in-home visits to 14 residents. This included approximately \$3,374 in unreimbursed care to residents.

- **Home Health Care**: 145 home visits to 13 residents with short-term medical or physical needs.
- **Hospice Services**: 10 home visits to 1 resident who was in the final stages of their life.

VNH serves many of Pomfret's most vulnerable citizens – the frail elderly and disabled, at-risk families, people with terminal illnesses, children with chronic medical needs and the uninsured and underinsured. We are dedicated to delivering outstanding home health and hospice services that enrich the lives of the people we serve.

It is with your help that we are able to provide services like this to those in need. Pomfret'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,

Anthony Knox

Anthony Knox
Community Relations Manager

GREEN UP VERMONT 2022 Annual Report



GREEN UP VERMONT
www.greenupvermont.org

Green Up Day
May 6, 2023



Green Up Day on May 7, 2022 was a wonderful success thanks to 19,141 volunteers statewide who participated on Green Up Day. The infographic shows that all your hard work to beautify Vermont is crucial and that it makes where we get to live, work, and play, a truly special place. As one of Vermont's favorite unofficial holidays, it is imperative for today and future generations to build pride, awareness, and stewardship for a clean Vermont environment, as well as keep residents civically engaged.

Support from your municipality is essential to our program. Funds help pay for Green Up Day supplies, promotional outreach, and educational resources including activity books, contests for kids, and a \$1,000 scholarship. We are requesting level funding again for Green Up Day 2023.

Green Up Vermont initiatives are year-round to further our impact with waste reduction initiatives, additional clean-up efforts, and educational programs.

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 community engagement. **Thank you for your support of this crucial program that takes care of all our cities and towns.**

Your donations make a huge impact and can be made on Line 23 of the Vermont State Income Tax Form or anytime online at www.greenupvermont.org.

Visit our website, like us on Facebook (@greenupvermont), and follow us on Instagram (greenupvermont). greenup@greenupvermont.org 802-522-7245



OTTAUQUECHEE HEALTH FOUNDATION 2022 Annual Report

The Ottauquechee Health Foundation (OHF) Supports the Health and Wellness Needs of Pomfret

Who We Are:

The Ottauquechee Health Foundation strives to improve the health and well-being of people who live in our core towns through grants, community partnerships, educational opportunities, and the support of wellness initiatives. We believe accessible health and wellness care is a vital part of any community.

We assist in the health and wellness needs of these core towns: Barnard, Bridgewater, Hartland, Killington, Plymouth, Pomfret, Quechee, Reading, and Woodstock.

OHF's backbone programs, Good Neighbor and Homecare Grants continue to be utilized extensively by those in need. These programs accommodate the increased and diverse needs of the communities OHF serves. Year-to-date, the foundation has received 206 grant inquiries totaling over \$247,000 in funding requests from residents of its nine core towns.

In 2022, OHF provided 4 grants to Pomfret residents totaling over \$4500. This equates to approximately 3% of our overall granting budget. Your support is invaluable to us and allows us to serve the Pomfret Community better. Thank you!

About OHF's Good Neighbor Grant (GNG) program

Our GNG program makes grants on behalf of individuals who are unable to pay for their health and wellness needs that are not covered by health insurance, such as dental care, physical therapy, counseling, hearing aids, eyeglasses, and more. Assistance is based on financial need, and applicants must live in the OHF catchment area.

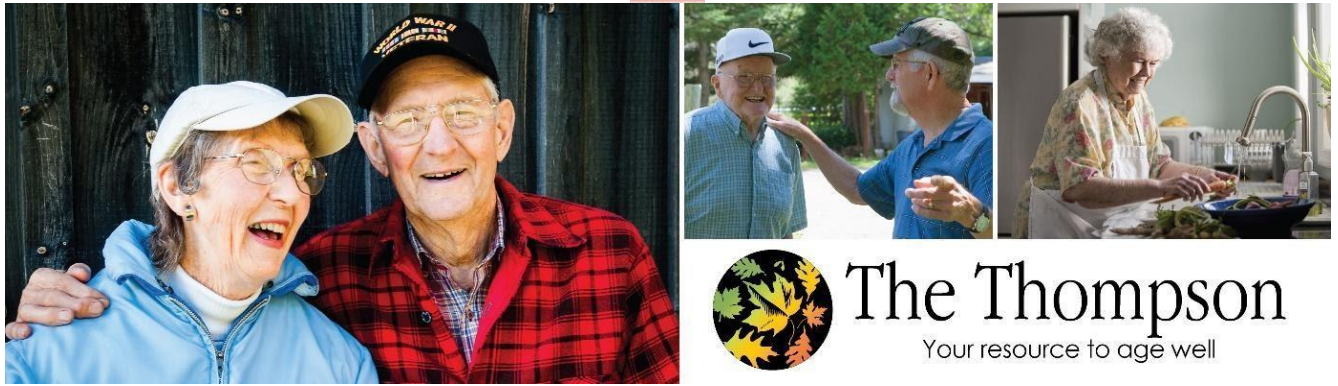
Additionally, OHF will continue to provide services from our Homecare Grants Program, as well as other wellness offerings, to the Pomfret Community. These programs are all part of our commitment to providing access to health and wellness services while supporting overall community health. Together we can indeed create stronger and healthier communities.

Our Funding Sources:

Our funding comes through bi-annual appeal donations, town appropriations, grants, donor cultivation, and a modest draw from our investments.

How to Contact OHF:

Ottauquechee Health Foundation (OHF)
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THE THOMPSON CENTER 2022 Annual Report

Getting back to *normal* seemed to be the theme of our year, and what a rewarding year it has been! “You make our lives better” is a phrase that we hear often, and we’re so thankful to know we help make aging in our communities better for so many.

A few highlights of the year include expanding our Aging at Home support program, Homesharing facilitation, a new chef and exciting updates to our menu, themed lunches and virtual travel, more rides provided, and many in-person events like mahjong, cribbage, writing and art classes, language tables, exercise classes, dinner programs, and holiday celebrations.

We also completed our Aging at Home community survey and newly-updated, five-year strategic plan that includes our exciting building expansion project which will help us keep up with the critical needs we are facing. Our region’s demographics show that people over age 65 still represent the fastest-growing age group. With the anticipated growth of our older population expected to more than double in the 70 – 85+ age groups over the next 10 years, it is more important than ever to be successful in supporting our community members to age well. We plan to meet these growing needs, but need the support and continued input from each of the towns we serve in order to do so.

Home-delivered Meals on Wheels grew significantly this year, from just over 11,000 meals last year to nearly 18,000 meals this year. Our dining room was busy throughout the year and continues to be a welcoming and fun place for friends to gather and enjoy a delicious meal. The growth in our nutrition program along with ever increasing food and supply costs, followed by a significant 25% cut to our nutrition funding, creates even more need for your support.

Critical rides, free medical equipment, hundreds of referrals to services (caregivers, housekeepers, handymen, legal aid), and hundreds of opportunities for wellness and socialization were provided.

Please contact us at info@thompsonseneiorcenter.org or 457-3277 with any questions or needs. You can also see the menu and program calendar online at www.thompsonseneiorcenter.org or find us on Facebook. Thank you for your support!

Respectfully submitted,
Deanna Jones, Executive Director
The Woodstock Area Council on Aging, (d.b.a.The Thompson Center)



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PENTANGLE ARTS 2022 Annual Report

In its 49th year Pentangle actively pursues its commitment to artistic excellence and community involvement. Support from area towns, individuals and businesses help Pentangle present an exciting and diverse mix of events and outreach activities that bring audiences of all ages together for a shared experience.

Past support from area towns, including Pomfret make free programming available to youth and families, such as:

- Professional live musical theatre performances for area schools.
- Music by the River concerts attended by 2,000 patrons.
- Residencies and workshops at area schools, such as master storyteller, Charlotte Blake Alston.
- Movie screenings for teens and Zack's Place Enrichment Center participants.
- Central Vermont Chamber Music Festival and Annual Messiah Sing.

This continued support will help Pentangle deliver a vibrant 2023 -2024 season the highlights of which include:

- Wassail Weekend performances that include live musical theatre and holiday concerts.
- Thought provoking community engagements such as an evening with Brother Speech, the front man for 2x Grammy award-winning band Arrested Development.
- Youth in Arts Programs that celebrate history, diversity, and inclusivity through professional live musical productions, workshops, and in-school presentations.
- "Dance of Hope" a live performance by youth from Uganda sharing their music, culture, and history.
- In school puppet-making residencies that culminate in a school-wide performance.
- Creative movement, and musical theatre summer camps
- 42 Weekends of feature films on the largest screen in the Upper Valley.
- The 46th Annual *Music by the River* free concert series featuring artists from Vermont and beyond.

Respectfully submitted by:

Alita Wilson

Executive Director

Pentangle Arts

TWO RIVERS-OTTAUQUECHEE REGIONAL COMMISSION

2022 Annual Report

The Two Rivers-Ottauquechee Regional Commission is your regional planning commission. We are governed by a Board of Representatives appointed by each of our 30 member towns. We work to make the area better today, and to articulate a vision for tomorrow that has a thriving regional economy and keeps the Region's outstanding quality of life. The following are highlights from our work in 2022.

Technical Assistance on Planning Issues

Our staff support your local officials by being a wealth of information on many subjects, enabling them to serve you better. We provide advice on zoning, capital budgeting, and preventing flood damage; review solar and cell tower projects; stay abreast of state and federal initiatives so that local government can take advantage of these; and have worked hard to address the region's housing crisis. TRORC staff have also assisted numerous towns with revisions to municipal plans, bylaws and studies.

Economy and Public Health

This year, TRORC obtained Federal grant funding to support the Region's talented artists, food producers, and other parts of the creative economy sector through training and networking events. We also were able to provide many small businesses with grant funds to weather Covid, as well as guidance to towns on using their federal recovery funds. TRORC worked on public health projects with local hospitals, helped towns grapple with new cannabis legislation, and incorporated health-related goals and policies into town plans.

Emergency Management and Preparedness

TRORC staff continued to serve as liaisons between Vermont Emergency Management and local emergency responders, organizations, and town officials on emergency planning. TRORC assisted several communities with updating their Local Hazard Mitigation Plans, helping to reduce future damages from disasters and enable greater state and federal funding when they do happen. When disasters happen, we actively become part of the state and local long-term recovery process.

Energy/Climate Change

TRORC assisted six towns on Enhanced Energy Plans to save money for communities and further the State energy goal of meeting 90% of 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. We also work on state-level climate policy and local adaptation measures.

Transportation

TRORC managed the Municipal Roads Grants-In-Aid program in our Region getting funding for towns to implement projects including grass and stone-lined ditches, upsizing and replacement of culverts, and stabilizing catch basin outlets. We also work to support our transit agencies, build park and ride lots, and help towns with traffic counts and speed studies.

Specifically in Pomfret this past year, TRORC helped complete the Local Emergency Management Plan and the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. Staff assisted the town on the Grants in Aid program to complete ditching and culvert improvements on Sugarbush Farm Road. Staff also assisted the town in a Better Roads grant application to establish new stone lined ditches on Wild Apple Road to reduce erosion in the Ottauquechee River watershed. Staff also supported the town in navigating how to use ARPA funding.

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



Greater Upper Valley Solid Waste Management District

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2022 ANNUAL REPORT

- GUV held three collections in 2022 in West Fairlee, Strafford and Thetford. Tires – 6 tons; “Covered” Electronics – 4.6 tons; “Big Trash” - 7 tons. Collections are open to all GUV towns.
- 2 tons of batteries had been collected by mid-November. Final 2022 battery and paint data will be available in January 2023.
- Please recycle your batteries at the Pomfret town offices. Paint, fluorescent bulbs, and batteries may be taken to participating hardware stores as well.
- 310 GUV residents (15 from Pomfret) participated in three household hazardous waste events. 36.3 tons of HHW were collected.
- Vermont food scraps are banned from the landfill. If you find it difficult to sort your food scraps for composting, please contact our office. We’re here to help.
- The third regional maple sap line collection took place at the So. Woodstock Fire Station on November 5, organized by the Windsor County Maple Producers Association with help from the Northwest and Greater Upper Valley solid waste management districts. 9 participants diverted 2,000 lbs. of tubing and spouts from the landfill.
- 2023 GUV collection event dates will be posted on our website, Facebook page, town list serves, and in newspapers.
- In FY2022, Vern Clifford once again represented Pomfret on the GUVSWMD Board of Supervisors. We thank him for his ongoing dedication.
- For information call Ham Gillett at 802-674-4474, email hgillet@marcv.org or visit <https://www.guvsmd.org/>



2022 Annual Report

Pomfret is a member of the East Central Vermont Telecommunications District, the state's first communications union district (CUD), whose mission is to provide world-class fiber-optic based internet service to homes and businesses in its area. The District consists of 31 member towns and owns the business which operates under the trade name ECFiber. The business added over 1,000 new customers despite critical labor shortages, and now serves over 7,700 premises in 28 towns via 1,700 miles of network, which, when fully built out, will bring fiber-to-the-premises (FTTP) to about 31,500 locations over a network of more than 2,000 miles. In Pomfret ECFiber has completed construction of its network. As of November 2022, there were 349 customers along 58 miles of network in our town.

ECFiber contracts with ValleyNet, Inc. and now also with Great Works Internet (GWI) to operate the business. The recent addition of GWI to the operations team will enable ECFiber to expand its customer service hours, start the work of bringing its network up to carrier-grade status, and enable us to offer service-level agreements to larger business clients.

Unlike the new CUDs, we have built our network almost entirely using borrowed money and, since 2016, borrowing only in the municipal revenue bond market. With \$63.3 million in bonds issued, ECFiber anticipates additional borrowing in early 2023, during which time we hope to finally become a rated entity which will allow more institutions to purchase our bonds and consequently lead to lower interest rates.

We invite you to visit our website (www.ecfiber.net) to learn more about ECFiber, and encourage you to subscribe, if you haven't already. You won't be charged anything until we start service.

Your ECFiber Governing Board delegates for Pomfret,
Alan Graham
Kristen Esty
Betsy Rhodes

Contact us: Pomfret@ECFiber.net



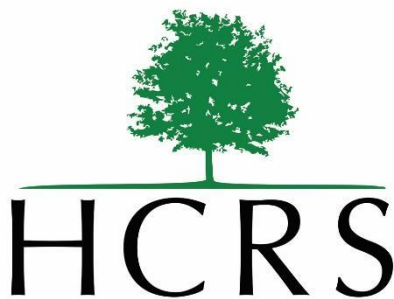
2022 Annual Report

Mission Statement:

WISE leads the Upper Valley to end gender-based violence through survivor-centered advocacy, prevention, education and mobilization for social change.

Since 1971, WISE has been the only organization dedicated to providing crisis advocacy and support for victims of gender-based violence within 23 communities in Windsor and Orange Counties, VT and Grafton County, NH. WISE offers a confidential and free 24-hour crisis line, support groups and workshops, emergency shelter, safety planning and accompaniment to hospitals, police stations, court houses and other social service agencies. In FY22 (7/1/21-6/30/22), WISE provided advocacy and other critical support services to a total of 1434 people, 69% accessed WISE services for the first time. Among the advocacy responses sought from WISE, safety planning, legal advocacy, and crisis counseling were the most common. WISE advocates are available every hour, every day at 866-348-WISE, or chat online at wiseuv.org.

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HEALTH CARE AND REHABILITATION SERVICES

2022 Annual Report

Health Care and Rehabilitation Services (HCRS) is a comprehensive community mental health provider serving residents of Windsor and Windham counties. HCRS assists and advocates for individuals, families, and children who are living with mental illness, developmental disabilities, and substance use disorders. HCRS provides these services through outpatient mental health services, alcohol and drug treatment programs, community rehabilitation and treatment programs, developmental services division, and alternatives and emergency services programs.

Anyone with questions about HCRS services should contact George Karabakakis, Chief Executive Officer, at (802) 886-4500.



2022 Annual Report

Empower UP! - Windsor Central Mentoring Program (previously known as Ottawaquechee Community Partnership's Mentor and Buddy Program) has been matching mentors with Windsor Central Supervisory Union students since 1999. This WCSU-wide initiative strives to build positive intergenerational relationships between adult role models and students in grades 2-12.

Highlights of work this past year:

- In order to increase capacity to mentor more students, Program Coordinator has continued to perform outreach to businesses with a small to large employee base. The purpose of this outreach is to increase awareness of the program and encourage adult employees to become mentors.
- Through collaboration with local businesses, mentors and mentees continue to enjoy opportunities at organizations such as Vermont Institute of Natural Science, Billings Farm and Museum, Montshire Museum of Science, and ArtisTree Community Arts Center. This collaboration continues to support the program for mentoring matches, mentoring events, and group activities.
- We were able to add to our “buddy boxes” in each of the schools we have our mentoring programs in. Items such as new board games, coloring books, clay, playing cards, and other creative items that mentor matched couples can do during their time in the school.
- Revised our mentor training manual/program handbook.
- Empower UP has continued to maintain and support up to 16 mentor/mentee matches.

Empower UP! Mentoring program is extremely grateful for your support. Community involvement is essential to sustain this program and serve the maximum number of students in the district. We thank you very much for your support!

Respectfully submitted,
Annie Luke, Program Coordinator

SPECTRUM TEEN CENTER



2022 Annual Report

The Spectrum Teen Center would like to once again thank the town of Pomfret for the generous support that we received last year. We are very grateful for the continued support we have received from you over the years.

The Spectrum Teen Center has been serving teens in grades 7-12 for 27 years. Our program serves teens from the six sending towns that make up the Windsor Central Supervisory Union. We are under the umbrella of the WCSU.

In 2021, we provided over 12 FREE events for teens! We hosted outdoor pizza nights at Pizza Chef, art events at Artistree, several movie nights at the Woodstock Town Hall Theater and a hike up Mt. Peg.

Thank you again for your support!

The Spectrum Teen Center Director
Heather Vonada

The Spectrum Teen Center
70 Amsden Way
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SOUTHEASTERN VERMONT COMMUNITY ACTION

2022 Annual Report

Southeastern Vermont Community Action is an anti-poverty, community-based, nonprofit organization serving Windham and Windsor counties since 1965. Our mission is to *empower and partner with individuals and communities to alleviate the hardships of poverty; provide opportunities to thrive; and eliminate root causes of poverty*. SEVCA has a variety of programs and services to meet this end. They include: Head Start, Weatherization, Emergency Home Repair, Family Services (crisis resolution, fuel & utility, housing and food assistance), Micro-Business Development, Vermont Matched Savings (asset building & financial literacy), Ready-for-Work (workforce development), Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, Thrift Stores and a Community Solar Program. Since March 2020, SEVCA has also managed the statewide VT Everyone Eats (VEE) program, which has supported restaurants and farmers to enable them to provide over 4 million meals throughout VT.

In the community of Pomfret, we provided the following services during FY2022:

Family Services: 1 household (1 person) received 3 services (*including crisis resolution, financial counseling, nutrition education, application assistance, referral to and assistance with accessing needed services.*)

Housing Assistance: 1 household (1 person) received 1 assist to obtain or remain in secure Housing; or to pay past-due rent or mortgage payments.

The community of Pomfret does not appropriate any municipal funds to support SEVCA. Nevertheless, we thank the residents of Pomfret for their support.

Kevin Brennan, Executive Director
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MESSAGE FROM POMFRET WOODSTOCK UNION REPRESENTATIVES

We'd like to remind our townspeople, particularly those new to Pomfret this year and those who do not have young people in the school system, that:

The Prosper Valley School (TPVS) in Pomfret, VT is located in a beautiful valley where each classroom has direct access to forests, fields, a brook, a small astronomical observatory and a sugar house on its 30-acre campus. TPVS is an environmentally focused school for fifth and sixth graders that integrates place-based, outdoor and environmental education. In addition, the school provides high-quality learning opportunities in the core content areas, the arts, physical education, and technology.

We would also like to provide our Pomfret residents with a "heads up" that this year the Windsor Central Unified Union School District (WCMUUSD) Board will be taking up the issue of the dilapidated High School Middle School building, and how to replace it affordably during the next 5 years. Anyone who has an interest in this matter should attend the relevant board meetings, either in person or via Zoom, and make their opinions heard.

Pomfret Woodstock Union Representatives,

Robert Crean
Lydia Locke

WARNING FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WINDSOR CENTRAL UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT MARCH 7, 2023

The legal voters of the Windsor Central Unified Union School District, comprising the voters of the Towns of Barnard, Bridgewater, Killington, Plymouth, Pomfret, Reading, and Woodstock, are hereby **WARNED** and **NOTIFIED** to **VOTE**, in accordance with H.42 of the 2023 Legislative Session and signed by the Governor on January, 25, 2023, by **AUSTRALIAN BALLOT** either via mail as provided by their respective Town Clerk or at their respective Town polling places hereinafter named for the above-referenced towns on **Tuesday, March 7, 2023**, during the polling hours noted below.

The voters residing in each member district will cast their ballots in the polling places designated for their town as follows:

Barnard Town Hall located at 274 Barnard Road, Barnard, VT 10:00AM- 7:00PM

Bridgewater Town Clerk's Office located at 7335 US-4, Bridgewater, VT 8:00AM-7:00PM

Killington Town Hall located at 2706 River Road, Killington, VT 7:00AM-7:00PM

Woodstock Town Hall located at 31 the Green, Woodstock VT 7:00AM- 7:00PM

Plymouth Municipal Building located at 68 Town Office Road, Plymouth, VT 10:00AM-7:00PM

Pomfret Town Office located at 5218 Pomfret Road, North Pomfret, VT 8:30AM-7:00PM

Reading Town Hall located at 799 VT-106, Reading, VT 7:00AM-7:00PM

ARTICLES TO BE VOTED ON BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT- MARCH 7, 2023

ARTICLE 1: To elect a Moderator who shall assume office upon election and shall serve for a term of one year or until their successor is elected and qualified.

ARTICLE 2: Shall the voters of the Windsor Central Unified Union School District approve the school board to expend **Twenty-Five Million Eight Hundred Thirty-Six Thousand Forty-Eight Dollars (\$25,836,048)**, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$23,135 per equalized pupil.

ARTICLE 3: To elect a Clerk who shall enter upon their duties on July 1 following their election and shall serve a term of one year or until their successor is elected and qualified.

ARTICLE 4: To elect a Treasurer who shall enter upon their duties on July 1 following their election and shall serve a term of one year or until their successor is elected and qualified.

ARTICLE 5: The legal voters of the specified towns designated within this itemized Article shall elect only their director(s) as follows:

- Barnard: one school director to assume office upon election and serve the remaining two years of a three-year term or until their successor is elected and qualified
- Bridgewater: one school director to assume office upon election and serve the remaining two years of a three-year term or until their successor is elected and qualified
- Bridgewater: one school director to assume office upon election and serve the remaining year of a three-year term or until their successor is elected and qualified
- Killington: one school director to assume office upon election and serve a term of three years or until their successor is elected and qualified
- Killington: one school director to assume office upon election and serve the remaining year of a three-year term or until their successor is elected and qualified
- Plymouth: one school director to assume office upon election and serve a term of three years or until their successor is elected and qualified
- Pomfret: one school director to assume office upon election and serve a term of three years or until their successor is elected and qualified
- Reading: one school director to assume office upon election and serve a term of three years or until their successor is elected and qualified
- Woodstock: two school directors to assume office upon election and serve a term of three years or until their successor is elected and qualified

ARTICLE 6: To fix the salary for District Treasurer in the amount of \$7,500.00 for 2023-2024.

ARTICLE 7: Shall the voters authorize the financing of the design, bidding, permitting, and document development for the proposed new middle/high school in an amount not to exceed **One Million Six Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$1,650,000)**, subject to reduction from the application of available state and federal grants-in-aid and reserves, to be financed over a period not to exceed five (5) years?

ARTICLE 8: Shall the voters authorize public school building improvements to convert the steam heating system to a forced hot water heating system at the Woodstock Union Middle High School in an amount not to exceed **One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000)**, subject to reduction from the application of available state and federal grants-in-aid and reserves, to be financed over a period not to exceed five (5) years?

ARTICLE 9: Shall the voters authorize public school building improvements to replace the roof and implement an energy conservation project at the Killington Elementary School in an amount not to exceed **One Million Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$1,750,000)**, subject to reduction from the application of available state and federal grants-in-aid and reserves, to be financed over a period not to exceed five (5) years?

Upon closing of the polls, pursuant to 16 V.S.A. §741(b)(2), the ballots will be counted by representatives of the Boards of Civil Authority of the Towns of Barnard, Bridgewater, Killington, Plymouth, Pomfret, Reading, and Woodstock.

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

Dated this 26th day of January 2023 in Woodstock, Vermont.

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The 1982-83 Pomfret kindergarten class.

Fun fact: Four members of the class still live in Pomfret and eight class members still have parents living here.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WINDSOR CENTRAL UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

Additional School District information, including enrollment trends, Board Chair, Superintendent and Principals' Reports, are available on the Town of Pomfret website at <http://www.pomfretvt.us/index.php/boar/scho/>.

Please visit the WCSU website at <https://www.wcsu.net/wcuusd-budget-information> for the School District budgets, and for additional financial details for the Windsor Central Supervisory Union. Should you have any questions about these materials, please contact Pomfret's School Board representatives:

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WCSU AND WCUUSD FINANCIAL DETAILS

Financial details for the Windsor Central Supervisory Union, and the Windsor Central Unified Union School District budgets will be posted on the WCSU website at www.wcsu.net as documents become available.

TOWN OFFICERS, APPOINTEES, COMMITTEES AND EMPLOYEES

— OFFICERS —	Term Expires	— APPOINTEES —	Term Expires
MODERATOR		ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER	
Kevin Geiger	2023	<i>vacant</i>	<i>n/a</i>
TOWN CLERK		CITIZEN TRUSTEE OF LABOUNTY FUND	
Rebecca Fielder	2023	Marjorie Wakefield	2023
SELECTBOARD		COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES	
Benjamin Brickner	2023	Karen Hewitt Osnoe	<i>n/a</i>
Emily Grube, Chair	2023		
Jonathan Harrington	2023	CONSTABLE	
Steve Chamberlin	2024	Douglas Tuthill	2023
John Peters Jr., Vice-Chair	2025		
TOWN TREASURER & TAX COLLECTOR		e911 COORDINATOR	
Ellen DesMeules	2023	Rebecca Fielder	2023
CEMETERY COMMISSION		EAST CENTRAL VERMONT TELECOMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT (ECFiber) REPRESENTATIVES	
Susan Burgess	2023	Alan Graham	2023
Ona Chase, Chair	2024	Kristen Esty (<i>first alternate</i>)	2023
Bruce Tuthill	2025	Betsy Rhodes (<i>second alternate</i>)	2023
LISTERS		EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR	
Neil Lamson	2023	Kevin Rice	<i>n/a</i>
Norman Buchanan, Chair	2024		
Rebecca Fielder	2025	FIRE WARDEN	
AUDITORS		Frank E. Perron, Jr.	2025
Regina Lawrence	2023	Fred S. Doten, Sr. (<i>deputy</i>)	2025
Nancy Matthews	2024		
Kristen Esty	2025	GREATER UPPER VALLEY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT (GUVSWD) REPRESENTATIVES	
LIBRARY TRUSTEES		Vernon Clifford	2023
Tina Clifford	2023	Douglas Tuthill (<i>alternate</i>)	2023
Betsy Rhodes	2023		
Mary Worrell (<i>appointed March 2022</i>)	2023	HEALTH OFFICER	
Susan Burgess	2024	Hugh Hermann, M.D.	2024
Cara DeFoor	2025		
Jocelyn Randles	2025	PLANNING COMMISSION	
TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS		Cyrus Benoit	2023
Marjorie Wakefield	2023	William Emmons, Chair	2023
Robert Hatfield	2024	Nelson Lamson	2024
Michael Doten	2025	Tyler Wellington	2024
		Tim Reiter	2024
WINDSOR CENTRAL UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT DIRECTORS		John Moore	2025
Lydia Locke	2023	Ann Reynolds	2025
Bob Crean	2024	ROAD COMMISSIONER	
JUSTICES OF THE PEACE		<i>vacant</i>	<i>n/a</i>
Anne Bower	2025	TOWN SERVICE OFFICER	
Michael Doten	2025	Sheila Murray	2023
Chuck Gundersen	2025	TREE WARDEN	
James Robinson	2025	Cyrus Benoit	2023
Marjorie Wakefield	2025	Alan Graham (<i>deputy</i>)	2023

— COMMITTEES —		Term Expires	— APPOINTEES (cont.) —		Term Expires
CAPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE			TWO RIVERS-OTTAUQUECHEE REGIONAL COMMISSION (TRORC) BOARD OF DIRECTORS		
Neil Lamson		<i>n/a</i>	William Emmons		2023
John Moore		<i>n/a</i>	Phil Dechert (<i>alternate</i>)		2023
Jon Ricketson		<i>n/a</i>			
Hunter Ulf		<i>n/a</i>			
ENERGY COMMITTEE			TRORC TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE		
Frey Aarnio		<i>n/a</i>	Phil Dechert		2023
Anne Bower		<i>n/a</i>			
Amos Esty		<i>n/a</i>			
FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE			ZONING ADMINISTRATOR		
Ellen DesMeules		<i>n/a</i>	Karen Hewitt Osnoe		2024
Emily Grube		<i>n/a</i>			
Nancy Matthews		<i>n/a</i>			
EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE			ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT		
Melissa Baker		<i>n/a</i>	Phil Dechert		2023
Jonathan Harrington		<i>n/a</i>	Seth Westbrook		2023
Gregory Olmstead		<i>n/a</i>	Alan Blackmer, Chair		2024
John Peters Jr.		<i>n/a</i>	Benjamin Brickner		2025
Kevin Rice		<i>n/a</i>	Shaun Pickett		2025
Holly Strahan		<i>n/a</i>			

— EMPLOYEES —

ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK
Sally Weglarz
ASSISTANT TOWN TREASURER
Sally Weglarz
HIGHWAY TEAM
Jim Potter, Road Foreman
Art Lewin
Justin Ricard
Brian Sawyer
SELECTBOARD ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
Cynthia Hewitt

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TOWN MEETING – BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT
In-person voting is open Tuesday, March 7, 2022, 8:30 am – 7:00 pm