

Town of Poultney, Vermont Annual Report



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June 30, 2021

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IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

FIRE	911
RESCUE SQUAD (MEDICAL)	911
RUTLAND COUNTY SHERRIFF'S DEPARTMENT	775-8002
STATE POLICE (emergency number)	911
(non-emergency number)	773-9101
TOWN CONSTABLE	558-2518
TOWN CLERK	287-5761
TOWN LISTER	287-5111
TOWN MANAGER	287-9751
LIBRARY	287-5556
SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER (Young at Heart Club)	287-9200
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	287-5212
HIGH SCHOOL	287-5861
QUARRY VALLEY UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT	775-4342
GREATER RUTLAND COUNTY SUPERVISORY UNION	775-4342
VILLAGE OFFICE	287-4003
VILLAGE WATER & SEWER	287-9727
POULTNEY POST OFFICE	287-9033

Poultney Transfer Station Hours

Tuesday 8:00am - 5:00 pm
Thursday 8:00am - 5:00 pm
Saturday 8:00am - 5:00 pm
(winter hours: Dec, Jan, Feb, close at 4:00 pm)

Town Clerk's Office Hours

Monday - Friday
8:30 am - 4:00 pm
(Closed 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm)

Town Manager's Office Hours

Monday - Friday
8:00 am - 4:00 pm
After 4:00 pm by appointment only

ITEMS OF INTEREST

1. Selectboard meets the second and fourth Monday of each month at 6:30pm at the Poultney Town Hall Meeting Room, or by warned Special Meetings.
2. Planning Commission meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:00pm at the Poultney Town Hall Meeting Room, or by warned Special Meetings.
3. Quarry Valley Unified Union School Board meets the 3rd Monday of each month. Visit grcsu.org for details of time and location.
4. Greater Rutland County Supervisory Union Board meets the 4th Wednesday of each month. Visit grcsu.org for details of time and location.

DATES TO REMEMBER

February 22, 2022 – Quarry Valley Unified Union School District Informational Meeting by Zoom beginning at 7:00pm, See Warning at grcsu.org or Poultney.vt.gov or in this report for details

February 28, 2022 – Absentee Ballots may be requested until 4:00pm.

February 28, 2022 – Pre-Town Informational Meeting at Poultney Fire Department Building at 55 Fire House Lane at 7pm, See Warning in this report for details or at Poultney.vt.gov

March 01, 2022 – Annual Town and Highway Meeting and Quarry Valley Unified Union School District voting by Australian Ballot at the Poultney Fire Department Building, 55 Fire House Lane, from 10:00am to 7:00pm

March 12 & 19, 2022–Rabies Clinic at Poultney Veterinary Hospital from 10am to 1pm—See notice in this report for details-Town Clerks Office will be open at the same date/time for Dog Registrations

April 1, 2022 – Base date for setting assessed value and determining ownership of real and personal property

April 1, 2022 – Dogs must be licensed by this date. Females and Males - \$15.00; Neutered and Spayed - \$11.00. 50% penalty after this date

April 1, 2022 – Transfer Station Permits must be renewed by this date

May 31, 2022 – Property taxes due in full

July 1, 2022 – Fiscal year begins for 2022/2023

HOLIDAYS

Jan 01 New Year's Day

Jan 17 Martin Luther King Day

Feb 21 Presidents' Day

May 30 Memorial Day

July 04 Independence Day

Sept 05 Labor Day

Oct 10 Columbus Day

Nov 11 Veterans' Day

Nov 24 Thanksgiving

Dec 25 Christmas

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE Term Expires January 31, 2023

Barbara Bunce Betit	802-558-3490
Valerie Broughton	802-236-2790
Carol Bunce	802-287-5857
Alan-Glen Burnell	802-558-8723
Joseph DeBonis, Jr.	802-287-5282
Leanna DeBonis	802-287-5282
Ida-Mae Johnson	802-287-9744
Maureen Kahill-Brown	802-287-9617
Susan Kasuba	802-287-9835
Linda Knowlton	802-287-2577
Andrew Ohl	802-855-1033
Mark Teetor	802-287-5836

POULTNEY DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE CHAIR

Joseph DeBonis, Jr. 802-287-5282

POULTNEY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE CHAIR

Terry Williams 802-287-4560

**Warning
Poultney Town Meeting 2022
In-Person**

The citizens of the Town of Poultney, in the County of Rutland and the State of Vermont, who are legally qualified to vote in the Town Meeting, are hereby warned to meet at the Poultney Fire Department, 55 Fire House Lane, in the Town of Poultney on Monday, February 28, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. to transact at that time, business not involving voting by Australian Ballot.

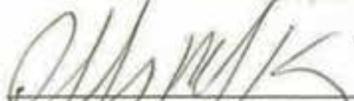
The meeting will be recessed at the conclusion of the transaction of such business until 10:00 a.m. on the following day at the Poultney Fire Department located at 55 Fire House Lane, this being Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at which time business, involving voting by Australian Ballot and voting required by law to be by ballot, will be transacted.

(Ballot boxes/Polls will be opened at 10:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

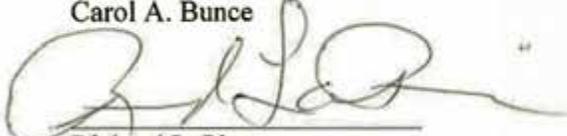
1. To elect the following Town Officers and fill any vacant office: (a) One (1) Town Moderator for a term of one year; (b) One (1) Selectboard member for a term of three years; (c) Two (2) Selectboard members for a term of one year; (d) One (1) Lister for a term of three years; (e) One (1) Library Trustee for a term of five years; (f) One (1) Quarry Valley Unified Union School District Director for a term of three years; (g) One (1) Quarry Valley Unified Union School District Director for an unexpired two years of a three year term.
2. Shall the Town accept the Independent Auditor's Report?
3. Shall the Town adopt the General Fund Budget of \$1,457,548, less estimated receipts of \$104,250, less surplus, if any, and authorize the Selectboard to set a tax rate sufficient to raise the specific amounts voted for the Fiscal Year 2022/2023?
4. Shall the Town Highway District adopt a Highway Fund Budget of \$946,575, less surplus, if any, and authorize the Selectboard to set a tax rate sufficient to raise the specific amounts voted for the Fiscal Year 2022/2023?
5. Shall the Town provide limited authority to the Selectboard to explore the possibility of entering into a tax stabilization agreement with Regenerative Land Holdings, LLC to promote the redevelopment of the property that formerly served as the campus of Green Mountain College, which agreement shall be effective upon ratification by a majority of those present and voting at an annual or special meeting warned for that purpose pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 2741(b)(2)?
6. Shall the Town of Poultney require that the public be given an opportunity for remote attendance and participation in all meetings of the Poultney Selectboard, through a videoconferencing arrangement which allows for both audio and visual participation?
7. Shall the Town cease assessing and collecting taxes on personal property in the Town?
8. Shall the voters of the Town of Poultney authorize cannabis retailers and integrated licensees in Town pursuant to 7 V.S.A. § 863?
9. Shall the voters of the Town of Poultney authorize the Selectboard to appoint a committee to study the feasibility of a merger between the Town of Poultney and the Village of Poultney dependent

upon the Village of Poultney placing a similar feasibility study on the Village Ballot in May, 2022,
and both Articles passing in both elections?

Dated this 25th day of January, 2022.


Jeffrey M. King, Chairperson

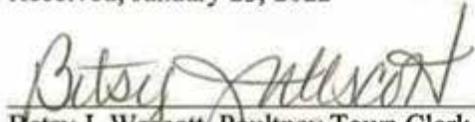

Carol A. Bunce


Richard LaPierre


Terry K. Williams, Vice-Chairperson


Sheryl Poirier

Received, January 25, 2022


Betsy J. Wescott, Poultney Town Clerk

**Town of Poultney
Informational Meeting
March 1, 2021**

The informational meeting of the Town of Poultney was called to order at 7:02 pm. Present were Selectboard Chair Jeffrey King, Selectboard members Terry Williams, Carol Bunce, Sheryl Porrier, George Miller via zoom, Town Manager Paul Donaldson, and Town Clerk/Treasurer Betsy Wescott.

Paul Donaldson, acting as Moderator, asked the Selectboard Chair Jeff King to lead the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Selectboard Chair Jeff King read the notice per the Open Meeting Law for zoom and in person information.

Town Manager Paul Donaldson thanked Chief Aaron Kerber for his help in setting up the zoom and getting things ready for tonight.

Paul Donaldson read the articles on the Warning.

Article 1 To elect the following Town Officers and fill any vacant office: (a) One (1) Town Moderator for a term of one year; (b) One (1) Grand Juror for a term of one year; (c) One (1) Selectboard member for a term of three years; (d) Two (2) Selectboard members for a term of one year; (e) One (1) Town Agent for a term of one year; (f) One (1) Lister for a term of three years; (g) One (1) Library Trustee for a term of five years; (h) Two (2) Quarry Valley Unified Union School District Directors for a term of three years.

There were no questions or comments.

Article 2 Shall the Town accept the Independent Auditor's Report?

There were no questions or comments.

Article 3 Shall the Town adopt the General Fund Budget of \$1,367,224, less estimated receipts of \$104,250, less surplus if any, and authorize the Selectboard to set a tax rate sufficient to raise the specific amounts voted for the Fiscal Year 2021/2022?

Paul Donaldson went over benefits, some wages, and the two new positions. He stated increase was up about 5.6%

There were no questions or comments.

Article 4 Shall the Town Highway District adopt a Highway Fund Budget of \$864,746, less surplus if any, and authorize the Selectboard to set a tax rate sufficient to raise the specific amounts voted for the Fiscal Year 2021/2022?

Paul Donaldson went over the suggested increase for the Bridge Fund to cover the Towns cost of \$135,000 for the replacement portion of the Thrall Road Bridge as funds were depleted when replaced the Finel Hollow Bridge. He also stated increases to benefits and wage for the highway workers for retention as not comparable to other Towns and the salary for the new part time position.

Patricia Davenport asked when the Thrall Road Bridge was closed and if it was on track for being repaired. Paul Donaldson stated it closed a few meetings before this one and is on schedule for fall of 2021 or spring of 2022.

There were no other questions or comments.

Paul Donaldson introduced Representative Patricia McCoy. She talked about the \$7M that will be split between all 251 towns for Highway Aid. The Class 2 Highway Grant program which is supposed to be a 3 year cycle but this year will be doubled to \$12m. This is again to be split between the 251 towns. We don't know yet what the Federal Government is going to give us additional because they are still working on their \$1.9T package. The Transportation Committee, since I have been on it, has championed for local moneys because we have a lot of former local people that have served the local communities. So at any point, we try to give as much money or more than what is normally given to towns. She also discussed different programs in the State that would be receiving funds from a \$60m package received. She said that she would be at the polls tomorrow. People could stop to ask her questions, let her know of any issues, or could email her.

Selectboard Chair Jeff King asked if there were any questions regarding the warning or for Representative McCoy.

Selectboard Chair Jeff King did an overview of the budget increases and the Thrall Road Bridge.

Paul Donaldson recessed the meeting until the polls open tomorrow morning at 10:00 am at the Fire Department for voting.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Betsy J. Wescott, Town Clerk

**RESULTS OF TOWN MEETING
MARCH 3, 2020**

Moderator	-----
Grand Juror	-----
Selectman – Three Year Term	Jeffrey M. King
Selectman – Unexpired One Year of a Three Year Term	George D. Miller, Jr
Selectman – One Year Term	Carol A. Bunce
Selectman – One Year Term	-----
Town Agent – One Year Term	-----
Town Clerk – Three Year Term	Betsy J. Wescott
Town Treasurer – Three Year Term	Betsy J. Wescott
Lister – Three Year Term	Mary Jo Teetor
Lister – Unexpired Two Year of a Three Year Term	Bonnie Gray
Lister – Unexpired One Year of a Three Year Term	-----
Library Trustee – 5 Year Term	Nancy Luzer
Quarry Valley Unified Union School Director – Three Year Term	Nathan Slentz
Quarry Valley Unified Union School Director – Unexpired One Year of a Three Year Term	Seth A. Howard
Quarry Valley Unified Union School Director – Unexpired Two Year of a Three Year Term	Kristen T. Whitman
Question 2 – Independent Auditor’s Report	Yes 678 No 57 Passed
Question 3 – General Fund Budget	Yes 564 No 178 Passed
Question 4 – Highway Budget	Yes 402 No 94 Passed
Question 5 – Notice of Availability of the Annual Town Report by Postcard at least 30 days before Annual Meeting in lieu Of mailing or otherwise distributing the reports to voters	Yes 589 No 162 Passed
Quarry Valley Unified Union School District Voting	
Article #7 – Quarry Valley Unified Union School Budget	Yes 1164 No 650 Passed

ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS

OFFICE	NAME	TERM (YEARS)	TERM EXPIRES TOWN MEETING DAY
GRAND JUROR	Vacant	1	2022
LIBRARY TRUSTEES	Jean S. Davis	5	2022
	D. Bruce Williams	5	2023
	Ennis Duling	5	2024
	Nancy Luzer	5	2025
	Jean T. Roberts	5	2026
LISTERS	Mary Jo Teetor	3	2023
	Vacant	3	2024
	Bonnie Gray	3	2022
SELECTBOARD	Jeffrey King	3	2023
	Terry Williams	3	2022
	George D. Miller, Jr.	3	2024
	Carol A. Bunce	1	2022
	Sheryl A. Porrier	1	2022
TOWN AGENT	Vacant	1	2022
TOWN CLERK	Betsy J. Wescott	3	2023
TOWN MODERATOR	Vacant	1	2022
TOWN TREASURER	Betsy J. Wescott	3	2023
UNION SCHOOL DIRECTORS	Nathan Slentz	3	2023
	Seth Howard	3	2024
	Kristen Ann Ross	3	2024
	Kristen Whitman	3	2022

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS

OFFICE	NAME	TERM EXPIRES TOWN MEETING DAY
CONSTABLE	Dale Kerber	2022
DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD (2 Year Appointment)	Mark Teetor, Chair	2022
	Jaime Lee	2022
	Benjamin Thirkield	2022
	Kary Hoffman	2022
DOG WARDEN	Paul Donaldson	2022
FENCE VIEWER	Vacant	2022
FIRE WARDEN	Nathan Bourn	6/2024
FOURTH OF JULY DIRECTOR	Jonas Rosenthal	2022
LUMBER INSPECTOR	Vacant	2022
PLANNING COMMISSIONERS	Jaime Lee, Chair	2022
	Mark Teetor	2022
	Neal C. Vreeland	2022
	Douglas Langdon	2022
	Kary Hoffman	2022
RECREATION DIRECTORS	Sheryl Porrier/Jonas Rosenthal	2022
RCSWD REPRESENTATIVE	Town Manager	2022
RUTLAND REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSIONER	Terry Williams	2022
RUTLAND REGION TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL	Terry Williams	2022
TAX COLLECTOR	Town Manager	2022
TOWN ENERGY COORDINATOR	Town Manager	2022
TOWN SERVICES OFFICER	Town Manager	2022
TREE WARDEN	Stephens Handfield	2022
TOWN HEALTH OFFICER	Paul Donaldson	06/2021
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR	Town Manager	2022
OTTER CREEK COMMUNICATIONS UNION DISTRICT	Terry Williams	2022

TOWN EMPLOYEES

POSITION	NAME
ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK	Carol Bunce
BOOKKEEPER/SECRETARY	Neisja Crawford
MANAGER	Paul A. Donaldson
ROAD FOREMAN	Ronald Kelley
ROAD CREW	Richard Ferguson, Jr Brad Mayhem Joel Roberts
TRANSFER STATION CREW	Richard McLaughlin Ronald McLaughlin Thomas McLaughlin

**Town of Poultney
Employee Wage Report
Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

Name	Wage	Position
Bunce, Carol	\$ 33,816.92	Assistant Town Clerk/Elections
Cook, Rebecca	\$ 42,120.00	Librarian/Clerk
Crawford, Neisja	\$ 36,472.22	Bookkeeper/Secretary/Library
Donaldson, Paul A.	\$ 56,346.94	Town Manager
Ferguson, Richard	\$ 44,202.41	Highway & Transfer Station
Frappier, Erin	\$ 6,449.25	Library Assistant
Gray, Bonnie	\$ 7,371.00	Lister
Kasuba, Susan	\$ 4,077.16	Office Assistance
Kelley, Ronald	\$ 57,440.16	Road Foreman
Kerber, Dale	\$ 29,245.00	Constable/Public Safety Grants
Lenihan, Jean	\$ 1,338.00	Office Assistance
Letendrea, Denise	\$ 12,522.89	Library Assistant
Mayhew, Bradley	\$ 37,687.04	Highway Crew
McLaughlin, Richard	\$ 18,952.08	Transfer Station
McLaughlin, Ronald	\$ 16,492.40	Part-Time Transfer Station
McLaughlin, Thomas	\$ 5,310.17	Part-Time Transfer Station
Paquette, Racheal	\$ 24,063.36	Library Assistant
Pelkey, Sarah	\$ 23,150.00	Economic Develop. Coordinator
Porrier, Sheryl	\$ 0.00	Recreation Commission
Robert, Joel	\$ 35,973.41	Highway Crew
Teetor, Mary Jo	\$ 10,555.00	Lister
Wescott, Betsy	\$ 41,499.90	Town Clerk/Treasurer
White, Walter	\$ 612.72	Part-Time Transfer Station
Williams, Thomas D.	\$ 3,206.67	Part-Time Transfer Station

The following Auditor statements and schedules have been excerpted from the 2021 financial audit conducted by Batchelder Associates, PC, a complete copy of which is available for inspection at the Town Manager's Office.



Batchelder Associates, PC

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Selectmen
Town of Poultney
Poultney, Vermont

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Town of Poultney, Vermont ("Town"), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in "Government Auditing Standards", issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town, for the year ended June 30, 2021, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for and the respective budgetary comparison for the General Fund for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis information on pages 3-8 and 36-38, respectively, the Schedule of Proportionate Share of the Net Position Liability on Schedule 1 and the Schedule of Contributions on Schedule 2 and Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance – Budget and Actual on Schedule 3 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who consider it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements. The combining and individual non-major fund financial statements are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The combining fund financial statements, the individual non-major fund financial statements and budgetary comparison schedule for the General Fund are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. These schedules are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on them.

Other Reporting Required by "Governmental Auditing Standards"

In accordance with "Government Auditing Standards", we have also issued our report dated December 18, 2021 on our consideration of the Town of Poultney, Vermont's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of the testing and not to provide an opinion on internal over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with "Government Auditing Standards" in considering the Town of Poultney, Vermont's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Batchelder Associates, PC
License #945
Barre, Vermont
December 18, 2021

TOWN OF POULTNEY, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2021

EXHIBIT A

	Governmental Activities	Total
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,634,964	\$ 1,634,964
Receivables (net of allowance for uncollectible accounts)		
Taxes receivable	398,375	398,375
Accounts receivable	23,631	23,631
Capital assets (net of accumulated depreciation)		
Land	15,000	15,000
Building and building improvements	1,437,363	1,437,363
Vehicles and equipment	711,363	711,363
Infrastructure	988,493	988,493
Total Assets	5,209,189	5,209,189
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Deferred outflows of resources related to the Town's participation in VMERS	120,795	120,795
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	120,795	120,795
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	107,650	107,650
Accrued expenses	15,050	15,050
Due within one year	44,091	44,091
Non-current obligations		
Pension liability	293,686	293,686
Due in more than one year	358,762	358,762
Total Liabilities	819,239	819,239
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Deferred inflows of resources related to the Town's participation in VMERS	15,175	15,175
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	15,175	15,175
NET POSITION		
Net investment in capital assets	2,751,311	2,751,311
Restricted	520,081	520,081
Committed	916,563	916,563
Assigned	-	-
Unrestricted	307,637	307,637
Total Net Position	\$ 4,495,592	\$ 4,495,592

TOWN OF POULTNEY, VERMONT
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2021

EXHIBIT C

	General Funds	Highway Fund	Safety Vehicle Fund	Library Renovation Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS						
Cash and equivalents	911,842	\$ -	\$ 387,056	\$ -	\$ 336,066	\$ 1,634,964
Receivables (net of allowance)						
Property taxes, interest and penalty receivable	398,375	-	-	-	-	398,375
Grant receivable	9,577	-	-	-	-	9,577
Village receivables	14,054	-	-	-	-	14,054
Prepaid Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-
Due from other funds	(713,522)	244,930	-	284,577	184,015	-
Total Assets	<u>620,326</u>	<u>244,930</u>	<u>387,056</u>	<u>284,577</u>	<u>520,081</u>	<u>\$ 2,056,970</u>
LIABILITIES						
Accounts payable	107,650	-	-	-	-	\$ 107,650
Accrued expenses	15,025	-	-	-	-	15,025
Due to other funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Liabilities	<u>122,675</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>122,675</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES						
Unavailable receivables	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unavailable property taxes	288,183	-	-	-	-	288,183
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>288,183</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>288,183</u>
FUND BALANCES						
Restricted	-	-	-	-	305,807	305,807
Committed	-	244,930	387,056	284,577	-	916,563
Assigned	-	-	-	-	214,274	214,274
Unassigned	209,468	-	-	-	-	209,468
Total Fund Balances	<u>209,468</u>	<u>244,930</u>	<u>387,056</u>	<u>284,577</u>	<u>520,081</u>	<u>1,646,112</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 620,326</u>	<u>\$ 244,930</u>	<u>\$ 387,056</u>	<u>\$ 284,577</u>	<u>\$ 520,081</u>	

Amounts reported for Government Activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:

Capital assets used in Governmental Activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds	3,152,219
Other assets are not available to pay for current period expenditures, and, therefore, are not reported in the funds	288,183
Long-term and accrued liabilities, including notes payable, net pension liability and accrued vacation are not due or payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds	(696,539)
Deferred outflows and inflows of resources relating to the Town's participation in VMERS are applicable to future periods and, therefore, are not reported in the funds	105,617
Net position of Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 4,495,592</u>

TOWN OF POULTNEY, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2021

EXHIBIT D

	General Funds	Highway Fund	Safety Vehicle Fund	Library Renovation Fund	Other Funds	Total Funds
REVENUES						
Taxes	\$ 1,099,952	\$ 786,854	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 114,200	\$ 2,001,006
Tax penalties and interest	68,925	-	-	-	-	68,925
Fees, licenses and permits	4,923	225	-	-	-	5,148
Intergovernmental revenues	81,375	155,655	50,000	8,721	163,248	458,999
Charges for current services	167,383	-	-	3,044	-	170,427
Interest	115	-	26	-	28	169
Other revenues	60,369	3,083	4,400	-	28,116	95,968
Total Revenues	<u>1,483,042</u>	<u>945,817</u>	<u>54,426</u>	<u>11,765</u>	<u>305,592</u>	<u>2,800,642</u>
EXPENDITURES						
General government	562,055	-	-	-	27,752	589,807
Public safety	204,679	-	4,500	-	42,386	251,565
Public works	239,345	705,743	-	-	74,972	1,020,060
Health and social services	8,335	-	-	-	-	8,335
Conservation and development	91,382	-	-	167,919	8,519	267,820
Cultural & Recreation	40,000	-	-	-	-	40,000
Debt service expenditures						
Principal and lease payments	25,400	-	-	-	17,816	43,216
Interest	12,607	-	-	-	3,427	16,035
Capital expenditures						
General government	-	-	-	-	-	-
Public works	5,150	204,223	-	-	8,500	217,873
Public safety	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	<u>1,188,953</u>	<u>909,966</u>	<u>4,500</u>	<u>167,919</u>	<u>183,372</u>	<u>2,454,711</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>294,089</u>	<u>35,851</u>	<u>49,926</u>	<u>(156,154)</u>	<u>122,220</u>	<u>345,931</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)						
Loan proceeds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers in	104,250	-	103,500	164,669	-	372,419
Transfers out	(372,419)	-	-	-	-	(372,419)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>(268,169)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>103,500</u>	<u>164,669</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net change in fund balances	<u>25,920</u>	<u>35,851</u>	<u>153,426</u>	<u>8,515</u>	<u>122,220</u>	<u>345,931</u>
Fund balances, June 30, 2020	<u>183,548</u>	<u>209,079</u>	<u>233,630</u>	<u>276,062</u>	<u>397,861</u>	<u>1,300,181</u>
Fund balances, July 1, 2021	<u>\$ 209,468</u>	<u>\$ 244,930</u>	<u>\$ 387,056</u>	<u>\$ 284,577</u>	<u>\$ 520,081</u>	<u>\$ 1,646,112</u>

TOWN OF POULTNEY, VERMONT
 RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS STATEMENT OF
 REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE OF
 GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
 JUNE 30, 2021

EXHIBIT E

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities (Exhibit B) are different because:

Net change in fund balance - total government funds (Exhibit D).	<u>\$ 345,931</u>
Government funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays exceeded depreciation in the current period.	12,967
Accrued compensation and expenses is not reflected in the government funds.	(1,299)
Government funds report note proceeds and repayment as revenue and expenditures, respectively. The statement of activities does not reflect these as current inflows and outflows, but shows on the statement of net position.	43,216
Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds.	(37,023)
Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in government funds.	<u>(35,733)</u>
Change in net assets of governmental activities (Exhibit B).	<u><u>\$ 328,059</u></u>

TOWN OF POULTNEY, VERMONT
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
JUNE 30, 2021

SCHEDULE 3

	Original and Final Budgeted Amounts	Actual Amounts	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUES			
Taxes	\$ 1,209,485	1,099,952	\$ (109,533)
Taxes penalties and interest	-	68,925	68,925
Fees and licenses	-	4,923	4,923
Intergovernmental revenues	-	81,375	81,375
Charges for current services	-	167,383	167,383
Interest	-	115	115
Other revenues	-	60,369	60,369
	<u>1,209,485</u>	<u>1,483,042</u>	<u>273,557</u>
EXPENDITURES			
General government	508,428	562,054	(53,626)
Public safety	298,084	204,679	93,405
Public works	188,705	239,345	(50,640)
Health and social services	54,073	8,335	45,738
Conservation and development	1,350	91,382	(90,032)
Cultural and recreation	243,639	40,000	203,639
Debt service expenditures:			
Principal and lease payments	-	25,400	(25,400)
Interest	-	12,607	(12,607)
Capital expenditures:			
General government	-	5,150	(5,150)
Library	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	<u>1,294,279</u>	<u>1,188,952</u>	<u>105,327</u>
Excess(deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	<u>(84,794)</u>	<u>294,090</u>	<u>378,884</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Note proceeds	-	-	-
Transfers in	-	104,250	104,250
Transfer out	-	(372,419)	(372,419)
	<u>-</u>	<u>(268,169)</u>	<u>(268,169)</u>
Total Other Financing Sources (uses)	<u>-</u>	<u>(268,169)</u>	<u>(268,169)</u>
Net change in fund balances	<u>\$ (84,794)</u>	<u>25,921</u>	<u>\$ 110,715</u>

TOWN OF POULTNEY, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - HIGHWAY FUND
JUNE 30, 2021

SCHEDULE 4

	Original and Final Budgeted Amounts	Actual Amounts	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUES			
Taxes	\$ 740,433	\$ 786,854	\$ 46,421
Intergovernmental revenues	-	155,655	155,655
Other revenues	-	3,308	3,308
Total Revenues	<u>740,433</u>	<u>945,817</u>	<u>205,384</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Public works			
Roads	374,609	204,223	170,386
Equipment	128,000	-	128,000
Garage & other	28,060	-	28,060
Road crew	256,185	705,743	(449,558)
Total Expenditures	<u>786,854</u>	<u>909,966</u>	<u>(123,112)</u>
Excess(deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	<u>(46,421)</u>	<u>35,851</u>	<u>82,272</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers in	-	-	-
Transfer out	-	-	-
Total Other Financing Sources (uses)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net change in fund balances	<u>\$ (46,421)</u>	<u>\$ 35,851</u>	<u>\$ 82,272</u>

Tax Rate
Fiscal Year 2020 - 2021
(July 01, 2020 - June 30, 2021)

	<u>Homestead</u>	<u>Non-Homestead</u>
General Fund	0.3611	0.3611
Highway Fund	0.2899	0.2899
School District (total)	1.5072	1.6587
Town Tax Rate	2.1582	2.3097
Village Tax Rate	1.8683	2.0198

Taxes to be Raised

General Fund	\$ 1,223,585
Highway Fund	\$ 786,854
School District	\$ 5,299,663

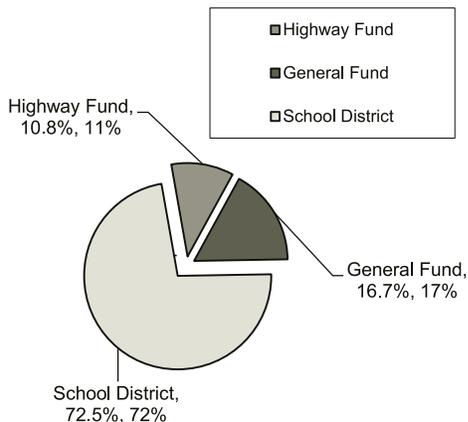
Total Taxes to be Raised \$ 7,310,102

Grand List

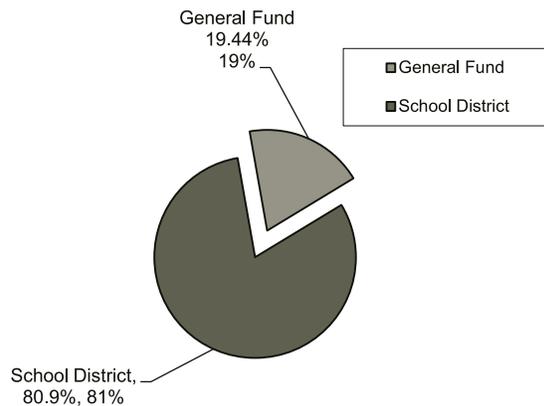
Village	\$ 64,073,079
Town Highway	\$ 271,352,233
Total Municipal Grand List	\$ 335,429,312
Homestead Education Grand List	\$ 127,232,503
Non-Residential Education Grand List	\$ 203,537,984

Property Taxes
Where it Goes...

Town Properties



Village Properties



General Government Budget

ACCOUNT	2020-21 Budget	2020-21 Expended	2021-22 Budget	2022-2023 Proposed
SELECTMEN				
Salaries	1,500	1,500	1,500	3,000
Mtngs, Travel & Training	0	0	0	500
Supplies		115		
TOTALS	1,500	1,615	1,500	3,500
TOWN MANAGER				
Salary (70%)	39,443	39,443	39,443	43,293
Communications (70%)	294	294	294	840
Auto Allowance (70%)	980	980	980	1,260
Dues, Subs & Mtngs.	392	420	392	455
TOTALS	41,109	41,137	41,109	45,848
ELECTIONS				
Salaries	2,200	2,306	2,200	2,300
Supplies/Ballots	1,000	998	1,200	1,400
Ballot Machine	2,500	1,160	2,500	2,500
TOTALS	5,700	4,464	5,900	6,200
BOOKKEEPING				
Salary (70%)	24,033	24,690	25,497	26,772
Part-Time (70%)	1,800	5,490	1,800	5,400
Supplies	500	1,258	500	1,000
IT	800	0	800	1,300
TOTALS	27,133	31,439	28,597	34,472
LEGAL SERVICES				
	12,000	10,179	12,000	17,000
Economic Development				
	0	23,150	26,000	26,000
TAX LISTING				
Salaries	15,000	17,926	22,000	22,800
Training	350	50	350	300
Contract Services	1,500	2,002	2,100	2,100
Reappraisal / BCA Services	650	390	650	600
Equipment	300	2,200	300	500
Supplies	500	294	500	500
Mtngs. & Travel	500	0	500	500
Communications	500	569	500	600
Advertising	0	137	0	0
TOTALS	19,300	23,568	26,900	27,900
TAX COLLECTING				
Tax Billing/Advertising	100	1,264	100	600
Printing	800	0	800	800
TOTALS	900	1,264	900	1,400
AUDITING				
Salaries	9,500	9,500	9,500	9,500
Town Report	4,500	3,888	3,800	3,200
TOTALS	14,000	13,388	13,300	12,700

General Government Budget

ACCOUNT	2020-21 Budget	2020-21 Expended	2021-22 Budget	2022-2023 Proposed
CLERK/TREASURER				
Salary	41,500	41,500	43,000	43,000
Assistant	33,813	33,817	33,813	34,500
Supplies	2,500	2,602	2,500	2,500
Telephone	1,100	1,709	1,300	1,600
Records Preservation	2,500	2,112	2,500	2,500
Mtngs., Travel, Training	2,000	1,225	2,000	2,000
Records Computerization	4,020	4,020	4,260	4,260
Subscriptions & Dues	100	146	100	150
Computer Equipment	0	0	0	1,000
TOTALS	87,533	87,131	89,473	91,510
PLANNING & ZONING				
Zoning Admin.	0	21	0	13,000
Office Supplies	200	103	111	200
Advertising	650	0	650	650
Printing	400		400	400
Mapping	1,200	1,975	1,200	5,475
CEDR	500	0	500	500
Rut. Reg. Com/Dues	975	975	975	975
TOTALS	3,925	3,074	3,836	21,200
TOWN OFFICE				
Supplies	3,500	1,246	3,500	3,500
Photocopy Supplies	500	0	500	500
Copier Service	2,500	2,037	2,500	2,500
Computer Supplies	875	30	875	875
Telephone	1,775	2,803	1,775	1,775
Advertising	1,600	2,414	1,600	1,600
Postage	6,100	4,755	6,100	6,100
Subs & Meetings	450	3,873	450	450
VLCT/Dues	5,350	5,350	5,350	5,350
NEMRC / Services	800	253	800	800
NEMRC / Contract	5,000	5,734	5,000	5,000
Equip. Maintenance	500	0	500	500
Equip. Purchases	700	0	700	700
Town Website	700	840	700	700
TOTALS	30,350	29,335	30,350	30,350
TOWN HALL				
Custodial Service	1,800	390	1,600	1,600
Cleaning Supplies	0	10	0	0
Cleaning Equipment	0	0	0	0
Repairs & Maint.	4,000	6,765	4,000	4,000
Util/Electricity	3,500	3,808	3,500	3,500
Water & Sewer	520	435	520	520
Utility/Fuel	3,000	1,288	2,500	2,500
TOTALS	12,820	12,696	12,120	12,120
PUBLIC SAFETY				
Contract Services / Police	78,084	76,888	78,000	80,340
Highway Safety Grant	8,855	5,363	0	0
Public Safety Grant	17,920	17,920	8,855	0

General Government Budget

ACCOUNT	2020-21 Budget	2020-21 Expended	2021-22 Budget	2022-2023 Proposed
Constable Salary	7,000	3,100	7,000	7,000
Constable Travel	500	1,540	500	500
Constable Supplies	500	170	500	500
Constable Communications	1,500	1,055	1,500	1,500
Cruiser Sinking Fund	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500
Cruiser Maintenance	2,250	1,781	2,250	2,250
Constable Training	500	0	500	500
Fire Department	104,250	104,250	107,900	113,250
Fire Truck Payment	0	18,915	0	18,000
Fire Equip Fund	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
TOTALS	324,859	334,482	310,505	327,340

HEALTH & WELFARE

Visiting Nurse	6,728	6,728	6,728	6,728
Mental Health	3,654	3,654	3,654	3,654
Nutrition	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
ARC - Rutland Area	1,300	1,300	1,300	1,300
Young At Heart	26,500	26,500	26,500	26,500
RSVP	405	405	405	405
New Story fka Battered Women	500	500	500	500
Center Indep. Living	420	420	420	420
Vt Assc Blind & Vis	525	525	525	525
Public Health	300	104	300	300
Dog Warden Salary	0	0	0	0
Dog Warden Supplies	0	0	0	0
Dog Warden Storage	100	0	100	100
Dog Warden Travel	0	0	0	0
Humane Society	625	625	625	625
Rut Co Parent/Child	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
Ben Rut Op Co (BROC)	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Neighbor Works	500	500	500	500
Rut Area Hospice	300	300	0	0
Rut Adult Basic Ed	1,300	1,300	1,300	1,300
Red Cross	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Green Up Vermont	4,200	1,203	0	1,600
Regional Ambulance	1,716	1,716	1,716	1,716
TOTALS	54,073	50,780	49,573	51,173

SOLID WASTE

Refuse/Non-Recycle	89,000	100,327	92,000	98,000
Recyclables	20,000	34,861	22,500	28,500
Util/Electricity	1,725	1,938	1,725	1,725
Station Operator	17,860	18,952	20,500	20,500
Assistant Operator	16,320	16,319	18,273	18,273
Supervisor			18,720	18,720
Temp Assistant Operator	8,800	10,310	6,800	6,800
Equipment Rental	3,900	3,895	3,900	3,900
Telephone	400	400	400	400
Compost	4,200	5,600	4,200	5,600
Construction Demolition	5,000	0	2,500	2,500
Repairs & Maint.	3,500	11,449	3,500	3,500
Portable Toilet	0	1,530	0	1,600
TOTALS	170,705	205,581	195,018	210,018

General Government Budget

ACCOUNT	2020-21 Budget	2020-21 Expended	2021-22 Budget	2022-2023 Proposed
SOLID WASTE DISTRICT	18,000	18,000	18,000	0
CEMETERY MAINTENANCE	8,800	8,335	8,800	8,800
CULTURE & REC				
Little League	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
Poultney Band	2,500	0	2,500	2,500
July 4th Activities	6,500	6,500	6,500	6,500
Recreation	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
Memorial Day	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Lake St. Catherine	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
TOTALS	42,500	40,000	42,500	42,500
LIBRARY				
Subsidy	164,669	164,669	167,937	175,937
Library Loan Payment	20,770	19,515	20,000	20,000
Maintenance & Repairs	1,800	658	1,500	1,500
Utility/Fuel Oil	5,000	1,982	3,500	3,500
Water & Sewer	600	424	600	600
TOTALS	192,839	187,248	193,537	201,537
CONSERV. & DEVELOP				
Forest Fires	400	0	400	400
Poul - Mettowee Con Dst	750	750	750	750
Tree Warden	200	200	200	200
TOTALS	1,350	950	1,350	1,350
EMPLOYEES BENEFITS				
Retirement	25,000	12,215	25,000	25,000
Workmen's Comp.	9,600	8,824	9,600	9,900
Unemploy Insurance	500	502	500	500
Social Security	18,500	22,773	18,500	24,000
Health & Life Ins.	83,500	65,000	96,350	96,350
Uniforms	1,300	2,387	1,300	1,300
TOTALS	138,400	111,701	151,250	157,050
OTHERS				
Prop-Liab Insurance	16,300	17,294	16,300	17,000
Pol Insurance Bond	6,710	6,166	7,752	7,000
Grant Match	0	0	0	6,000
County Tax	27,500	28,578	27,500	27,500
Sr Citizen Bldg Loan	3,307	3,026	3,100	3,100
Public Transportation	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
Bldg.-Equip. Fund	4,200	4,200	4,200	4,200
Rescue Squad	34,320	34,320	34,320	42,280
Poultney Historical Society	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500
Downtown Revitalization	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Miscellaneous	4,000	2,345	4,000	4,000
TOTALS	112,837	112,429	113,672	127,580
GRAND TOTALS	\$ 1,320,633	\$ 1,328,795	\$ 1,350,190	\$ 1,457,548

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT BUDGET

01-20-2022

	FY 20-21 Budget	FY 20-21 Expended	FY 21-22 Budget	FY 22-23 Proposed
HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION				
Foreman	48,400	48,400	52,562	56,721
Laborer	38,625	39,312	43,472	48,672
Laborer	35,500	33,800	37,440	41,600
Laborer	33,760	32,500	37,440	41,600
Overtime	15,000	18,991	21,000	25,000
Part-Time	1,500	0	18,720	18,720
Town Manager (30%)	16,904	16,904	16,904	18,554
Communications (30%)	126	126	126	360
Auto Allowance (30%)	420	420	420	540
Dues, . Subs & Mtngs. (30%)	150	150	150	195
Bookkeeper (30%)	10,609	10,582	10,927	11,473
Asst. Bookkeeper (30%)	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	200,994	201,185	239,161	263,435
SUMMER CONSTRUCTION				
Operating Supp/Chloride	15,000	12,441	15,000	15,000
Patching	1,500	1,814	1,500	1,500
Culverts	5,500	6,698	5,500	5,500
Resurface/Gravel	38,000	79,735	38,000	38,000
Repaving	99,000	115,502	99,000	105,000
Guardrails	1,500	925	1,500	1,500
Reconstruction	20,500	94,384	20,500	20,500
Roadside Mowing	5,000	5,198	5,000	5,000
TOTALS	186,000	316,697	186,000	192,000
TRAFFIC CONTROL/SIGNS				
	1,000	753	1,000	1,000
TOTALS	1,000	1,205	1,000	1,000
WINTER MINTENANCE				
Winter Sand	35,000	43,200	35,000	40,000
Salt	41,000	25,963	41,000	41,000
Snow Removal Equipment	2,000	10,112	2,000	4,000
TOTALS	78,000	79,275	78,000	85,000
CONS & BRIDGE REPAIR				
	20,000	20,000	40,000	60,000
TOTALS	20,000	20,000	40,000	60,000
STREET LIGHTING				
	13,000	13,892	13,000	14,000
TOTALS	13,000	13,892	13,000	14,000
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS				
Retirement	12,500	10,109	13,500	14,500
Workers Compensation	12,500	13,591	13,000	17,790
Unemployment Ins	700	502	700	750
Social Security	15,500	12,751	18,250	18,250

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT BUDGET

01-20-2022

	FY 20-21 Budget	FY 20-21 Expended	FY 21-22 Budget	FY 22-23 Proposed
Health & Life Ins	86,000	48,281	100,600	100,600
Uniform Service	4,600	6,203	5,200	5,800
TOTALS	131,800	91,437	151,250	157,690

PLANT OPERATIONS

Fuel Oil	0	0	0	0
Supplies / Equipment	900	4,951	900	900
Operating Supplies	0	1,888	0	0
Repair & Maint Supplies	2,250	1,644	2,250	3,250
Building Improvements	1,000	0	1,000	1,000
Maintenance and Repair	0	292	0	0
Environmental Compliance	0	1,690	0	0
Small Tools & Equip	200	1,044	200	1,000
Advertising	400	0	400	400
Communications	1,700	2,123	1,700	2,000
Electricity	2,200	2,636	2,200	2,600
Water & Sewer	600	547	600	600
TOTALS	9,250	16,815	9,250	11,750

VEHICLES & EQUIPMENT

Operating Supplies	500	138	500	500
Gas & Oil	31,000	20,854	28,000	28,000
Repair & Maint Supplies	10,000	18,632	10,000	10,000
Equip Replace Fund	75,000	75,000	75,000	90,000
Repair & Maintenance	7,500	41,976	7,500	7,500
Equipment Purchase	500	0	500	500
Tires	3,500	1,681	3,500	3,500
TOTALS	128,000	158,281	125,000	140,000

OTHER

Insurance Prop & Casualty	11,060	10,844	13,385	13,000
Sidewalks	0	0	0	0
Trees	2,500	100	2,500	2,500
MRGP Permit	2,000		3,100	3,100
Miscellaneous	3,250	1,385	3,100	3,100
TOTALS	18,810	12,329	22,085	21,700

GRAND TOTAL	786,854	911,116	864,746	946,575
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Tax Rate
Fiscal Year 2021 - 2022
(July 01, 2021 - June 30, 2022)

	<u>Homestead</u>	<u>Non-Homestead</u>
General Fund	0.3685	0.3685
Local Agreement	0.0036	0.0036
Highway Fund	0.3134	0.3134
School District (total)	1.4807	1.6533
Town Tax Rate	2.1662	2.3388
Village Tax Rate	1.8528	2.0254

Taxes to be Raised

General Fund	\$ 1,292,514
Highway Fund	\$ 864,746
School District	\$ 5,370,221

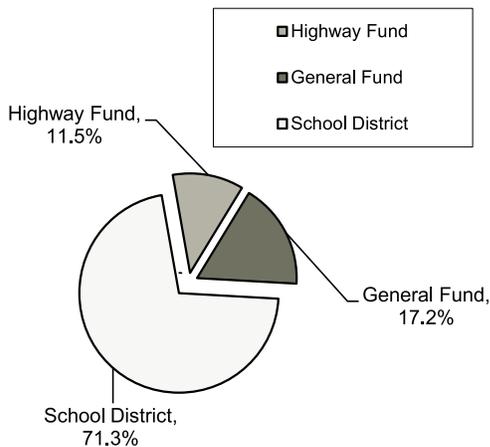
Total Taxes to be Raised \$ 7,527,480

Grand List

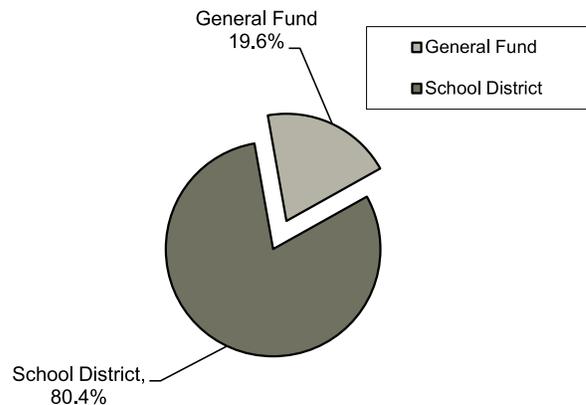
Village	\$ 68,255,591
Town Highway	\$ 278,999,209
Total Municipal Grand List	\$347,254,800
Homestead Education Grand List	\$ 137,103,600
Non-Residential Education Grand List	\$ 210,151,200

Property Taxes
Where it Goes...

Town Properties



Village Properties



**Estimated
Amount to be Raised by Taxes
July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023**

General Government	\$ 1,353,298
Highway Fund	\$ 946,575
School District –	
Local	Available June 30
Est. State Education Taxes	Available June 30
Estimated Total Taxes	\$ 2,299,873

**Projected General Fund Receipts
July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021**

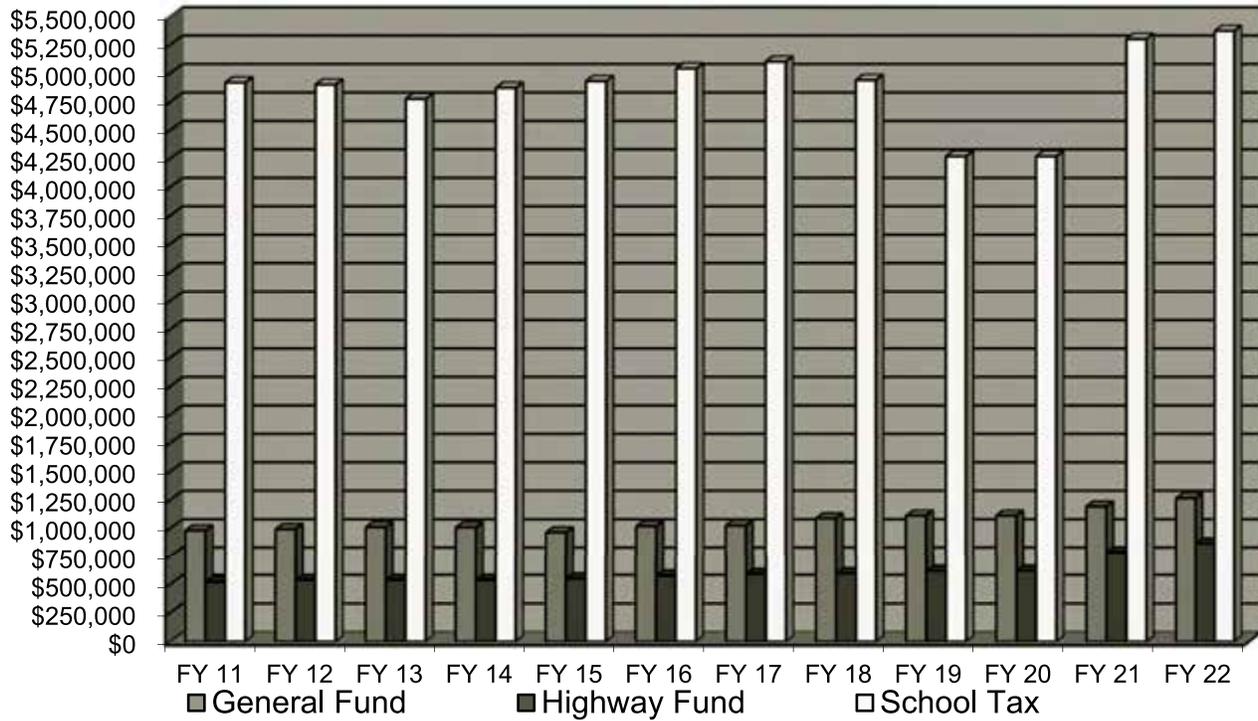
Taxes	\$1,353,298
Town Clerk Fees	24,000
Penalties	15,000
Delinquent Interest	19,500
Permits	6,500
Liquor Licenses	1,000
Dog Licenses	1,000
Miscellaneous	750
State Lands	17,000
Current Use	8,000
Fines	4,500
Interest	1,000
Recyclables	1,000
Trash Bags	5,000
Projected Total	\$1,457,548

**Projected Highway Receipts
July 01, 2020 - June 30, 2021**

Taxes	\$ 946,575
Projected Total	\$ 946,575

Property Tax Trends for FY 2011 - 2022

Amounts Raised By Taxes



Dollar Amounts Raised by Taxes

<u>Year</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Highway Fund</u>	<u>School District</u>
FY 11	\$979,967	\$517,159	\$4,917,061
FY 12	\$990,833	\$534,352	\$4,899,014
FY 13	\$1,008,444	\$534,324	\$4,773,881
FY 14	\$1,006,355	\$543,216	\$4,870,492
FY 15	\$961,290	\$546,742	\$4,928,779
FY 16	\$1,015,591	\$573,248	\$5,040,278
FY 17	\$1,022,039	\$585,760	\$5,100,452
FY 18	\$1,084,471	\$593,266	\$4,938,297
FY 19	\$1,109,455	\$614,752	\$4,938,297
FY 20	\$1,133,408	\$634,183	\$4,268,068
FY 21	\$1,190,029	\$786,954	\$5,299,663

Percentage of Taxes Going Delinquent Ending May 31, 2021

9.0%

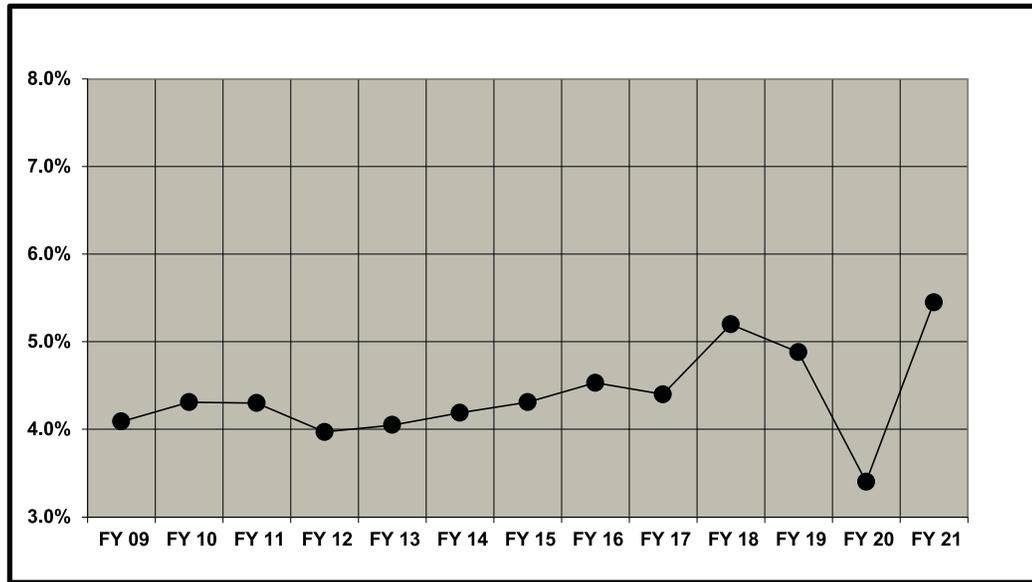


Table of Taxes Going Delinquent Ending May 31st of the stated FY

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount of Delinquents</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
FY 03	\$ 222,137.54	4.86%
FY 04	\$ 258,412.85	5.65%
FY 05	\$ 272,469.40	5.55%
FY 06	\$ 248,797.95	5.06%
FY 07	\$ 263,185.20	4.90%
FY 08	\$ 219,133.80	3.83%
FY 09	\$ 263,545.59	4.09%
FY 10	\$ 276,542.12	4.31%
FY 11	\$ 275,539.64	4.30%
FY 12	\$ 255,294.52	3.97%
FY 13	\$ 256,018.75	4.05%
FY 14	\$ 268,640.87	4.19%
FY 15	\$ 277,516.71	4.31%
FY 16	\$ 300,289.23	4.53%
FY 17	\$ 295,364.75	4.40%
FY 18	\$ 344,587.30	5.20%
FY 19	\$ 322,593.83	4.88%
FY 20	\$ 248,749.31	3.40%
FY 21	\$ 398,678.56	5.45%

Delinquent Property Taxes
Ending May 31, 2021
Fiscal Year 2021

1999-2008	9,996.63
2008-2009	1,118.74
2009-2010	1,097.12
2010-2011	1,031.64
2011-2012	1,842.48
2012-2013	1,674.92
2013-2014	1,569.04
2014-2015	2,039.60
2015-2016	1,981.88
2016-2017	1,818.44
2017-2018	20,095.27
2018-2019	49,221.46
2019-2020	93,287.48

Taxes were due on May 31, 2021. Taxes became delinquent if not paid in full by that date.

On June 1, 2021 the following amounts were delinquent.

2020-2021	<u>398,678.56</u>
Grand Total	585,453.26

Our 2020/2021 fiscal year ended on 06/30/2021. Total delinquent taxes on 07/01/21 were \$398,375.28. Delinquent property taxes as of January 1, 2022 are listed below (not including tax under \$100.00).

It is important to note that some properties have sold and ownership has transferred. These were the property owners of record when our Grand List was filed as required on 04/01/2021.

Listed Owner	<u>2016/2017</u>	<u>2017/2018</u>	<u>2018/2019</u>	<u>2019/2020</u>	<u>2020/2021</u>
Ainsworth-Hurley Linda			3,740.00	2,521.17	
Aubin Polydore Joseph & Sharon					1,716.64
Baptie Kathryn				2,306.98	1,814.04
Barber Katheryn					1,085.04
Boudreau Shawn					1,612.69
Bushey Paul					838.28
C/O Diminico James					1,904.41
C/O Maier Edward					921.52
C/O Panzica Proper					659.40
C/O Stacey Jeremy					772.88
C/O Stacey Jeremy				2,037.81	
C/O Wright Rodney				1,005.20	
Cannata Deborah			3,829.72	3,563.36	3,242.76
Cannata Trust			491.64	457.28	416.08
Cooper Donald E		972.23	1,061.84	1,105.84	1,891.24
Cram Linda				472.56	1,305.16
D & D Rental LLC		2,335.55	4,275.40	3,904.92	3,551.80
D & D Rental LLC			4,827.68	4,432.00	4,031.48
Daniels Frederick			3,497.32	3,254.40	2,961.76
Deangelis Vincent					617.69

<u>Listed Owner</u>	<u>2016/2017</u>	<u>2017/2018</u>	<u>2018/2019</u>	<u>2019/2020</u>	<u>2020/2021</u>
Durrum Theron					274.05
Fordham Walter & Grace					2,183.36
Gardner Matthew				496.95	909.24
Godzik Thomas Jr					960.74
Goforth Timothy					1,248.44
Grandview Industries				93.90	7,058.44
Grant Janice				2,922.72	
Greene Anthony			308.70	2,272.24	2,037.64
Greene Marguerite		1,375.00	817.68	2,746.68	2,499.64
Guardala Salire Inc				32.66	2,452.88
Hathaway Lindsey				134.32	124.36
Hayes Francis					411.42
Hayes Michelle					1,872.18
Hier William		277.96	248.68	231.40	210.84
Humphrey Louise	1,169.32	1,047.71	938.52	872.68	794.56
Hunter Pamela			285.67	1,824.48	1,192.80
Hurley Linda		1,275.21			
Illinski Noah		1,781.66	1,595.20	1,484.36	1,351.20
Jurnak, Ronald				2,654.60	2,079.68
Jurnak, Ronald T			5,359.84	4,894.72	4,452.16
Kelley Betsy					874.14
Knight Gordon				2,610.93	3,166.68
Lignos, John & Nancy					1,686.12
Lovejoy Mariah				1,252.28	1,562.12
McIntyre, Malcolm				2,010.72	
Morgan Melissa		170.12	845.72	787.16	267.52
Murray Richard				756.35	2,753.68
O'Connell Judy			2,659.25	3,533.76	3,215.80
Parker Lisa					651.42
Pitts Robert				2,403.36	2,186.00
Pope / Schaumloffel		1,967.60			
Povey Gregory					1,987.53
Punderson Frank			1,015.20	944.08	859.32
R&C Realty LLC					177.56
Roberts Wray		327.92	293.32	273.28	248.64
Smith Mary					6,653.20
Stacey Jeremy					3,588.03
Thorton Wayne Sr		932.47	77.88	122.60	79.04
Vanderminden C Family LTD Partnership					670.18
Walsh John			1,959.48	1,822.92	1,659.28
Walsh John D				1,401.36	1,275.56
Whitman (Breznick) Joan		3,709.86	3,334.68		442.72
Total Delinquent Taxes as of 01/01/2022					244,251.05

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**Town of Poultney
Important Tax Information**

1. **Billing of Taxes:** Taxes are levied on both real and personal property as it exists in the owner of record on the Grand List dated April 1st prior to the fiscal year start date. The tax rate is calculated in July based on the Budgets as approved by the voters in the previous March and the Grand List total value. By law the tax bills are mailed to the April 1st owner of record at the address on file with the Lister's Office. All tax bills are mailed on or about the first week of August. Failure to receive a tax bill does not relieve the taxpayer of responsibility to pay the taxes when they become due nor does it exempt them from the loss of discount or the addition of penalties and interest as required by law. The Lister's Office and the Tax Office must be notified of any address change in writing. Mortgage companies must request each year, in writing, prior to the mailing of the tax bills, any tax bills that they may be escrowing funds on behalf of their mortgagees.
2. **Tax Due Date:** The Town of Poultney offers the option to pay real estate and personal property taxes in quarterly installments. Property owners choosing to take advantage of this option may take a 2% discount if paid prior to or on the quarterly due date. With the due dates being: September 15th, December 15th, March 15th and May 15th. **The final due date to pay taxes is May 31st.** Taxes not paid by the final due date will be charged an 8% penalty, interest of 1% for the first 3 months and 1 ½% per month thereafter. If the discount date or final due date falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, taxes may be paid on the following normal business day. Taxes being mailed must be postmarked prior to the actual due date. Payments made by check must have a current date (no post dated checks will be accepted), made payable to the Town of Poultney and be for the exact payment amount. Any overpayment amounts will be applied to the next quarter or if overpayment occurs at the end of the fiscal year, a refund will be made via check. No Cash Back on Any Payments! Receipts will be mailed if stamp is supplied along with request.
3. **Transfer of Property:** If any and all of a taxed property is sold, it is the Seller's responsibility to forward the tax bill to the new owner, and it is the new owner's responsibility to take note as to when the tax installments are due and payable.
4. **Questions:** Any questions regarding billed amounts, amounts due, payments made, policies regarding collection or due dates should be directed to the Town Manager's Office, 9 Main Street, Poultney, Vermont 05764. Or you may call 1-802-287-9751.

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Selectboard and Town Manager's Report

Budget

General Government:

The proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2023 (July 01, 2022 - June 30, 2023) is \$1,457,548. This represents an increase in the amount of \$90,324 (up 7.95%) from the current Fiscal Year 2022 budget approved by voters in March 2021. Some of those items reflecting adjustments include, among other adjustments, increases to allocations to the Poultney Rescue Squad, Poultney Volunteer Fire Department, Poultney Public Library, the funding of a part-time Zoning Administrator, employee health insurance, salaries, and public safety cost increases.

Highway District:

The proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2023 (July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023) is \$946,575. This represents an increase in the amount of \$81,892 (up 9.46%) above the current Fiscal Year 2022 Budget. The proposed budget reflects a significant increase in our Bridge Replacement Fund, increase to our equipment replacement fund, wages increases, increase in paving budget, increases in material costs, and property and health insurance costs.

2021

Road Improvements:

- The Town Highway Department applied 2,500 yards of crushed gravel to our gravel roads;
- The crew used 10,700 gallons of mag. chloride to stabilize roads and for dust control;
- The crew installed 275 feet of new cross-drains and culverts;
- Paved Thrall Road and West Lake Road;
- The crew used 3425 yards of winter sand on the roads;
- Mowed back roadside brush on Saltis, Amerio, Hannon and Lewis Roads
- Installed 150 feet of geo-grid on Old Lake Road;
- We re-established ditches and stone lined the same for approximately 3 miles in accordance with the requirements of our Municipal Roads General Permit on Hannon Road, Endless Brook Road and Pond Hill Ranch Road;
- Emergency repair to the bridge located on Route 31.

General Road Maintenance:

- We continue to grade roads;
- We will continue to add gravel to all other roads in hope of getting proper base layer for better grading results;

Summary in Brief:

- The Town sponsored 3 Household Hazardous Waste Collection programs in conjunction with the Rutland County Solid Waste District. The Town Transfer Station is the site for the collection of this special waste. **Dates for the next 3 collection dates are: April 9, 2022 (11:00 - 1:00), June 18, 2022 (11:00 - 1:00) and September 3, 2022 (11:00 - 1:00);**
- The Planning Commission is currently updating the Town Plan, with assistance from the Rutland Regional Planning Commission, and plans to update the Unified Bylaws (“zoning”) after the Town Plan is completed.

Future Plans:

- Continue to follow COVID-19 guidelines, and best practices, in the daily operations of the Town Hall, Town Clerk's Office, and other public buildings;
- Continue to apply for Agency of Transportation Class 2 Paving and Bridge and Culvert grants;
- Continue working closely with Slate Valley Trails in an effort to connect the Village to their trail systems located in South and East Poultney;
- Continue to update the Capital Improvement and Budget Plan;
- Continue to apply for State and Federal funding for various economic development and transportation projects;
- Continue to work with the State of Vermont with a goal of replacing the East Poultney Gorge Bridge in 2022;

The Poultney Selectboard and I would again like to thank all the special volunteers of our local Boards, Commissions, Fire Department, Rescue Squad and Community Service Organizations, who dedicate many hours to serving the public in so many ways.

s/ Jeff King
Chairperson, Poultney Selectboard

s/Paul A. Donaldson
Poultney Town Manager

Economic Development Office Report for Poultney 2021 Town Report
Submitted by Sarah Pelkey, Economic Development Coordinator
1.24.21

In 2021, Poultney's Economic Development office continued to support revitalization and reinvestment in the community. This was the second year for which the Town maintained this office as it continued to adjust to economic impacts and changes within the community following the 2019 closure of Green Mountain College.

Highlights of the Economic Development Office's work during the past year include:

- Planning assistance from the EPA Office of Community Revitalization 'Recreation Economy for Rural Communities' (RERC) program which culminated in a week-long series of interactive public workshops intended to a grow Poultney's outdoor recreation economy.
- Assisted with development and promotion of Slate Quarry Park.
- Continued implementation of the Town's Vermont Outdoor Recreation Economic Collaborative (VOREC) grant.
- Assisted with drafting numerous grant applications for public, non-profit and private organizations, and reporting, as needed.
- Assisted the Planning Commission in planning for improved economic opportunity and resiliency.
- Supported PDRC and Poultney's Downtown Designation.
- Inventoried and promoted vacant buildings to potential tenants, buyers, investors, and new business establishments.
- Connected with state and regional partnerships to strengthen workforce development and regional job creation.
- Served as a resource and town liaison in support of the re-use of the Green Mountain College campus.
- Worked with community organizations to support new and existing events.

In 2021, the Town received substantial assistance in supporting its economic development from numerous civic groups, non-profits, business organizations, business owners, educational institutions, clubs, groups, and individual volunteers. Thank you to each and every one of you helping to face the challenge. Keep up the great work, Poultney!

Poultney Town Health Officer's Report - 2021

Over the past year, calls were received pertaining to the following:

- 5 - dog bite incidents along with rabies questions;
- 4 - landlord / tenant issues pertaining to the State of Vermont's Rental Health Housing Code;
- 3 - illegal dumping sites that were cleaned up thanks to the Poultney Highway Crew;
- 1 – Septic complaint.

Respectfully submitted, Paul A. Donaldson, Poultney Health Officer

Dale Kerber
Constable, Poultney, Vermont
106 Kerber Lane, Poultney, Vt. 05764
(802)558-2518
01/21/2022

Subject: 2021 Activity Report for Town Constable.

For the year ending 12-31-21, over 350 traffic tickets were issued by the Constable, with the majority being for speed. While traffic counts have been down, speed and aggressive driving complaints have risen. This is not only in Poultney, but has been occurring nationwide as well. We ask that driver’s remain courteous towards others and to not engage with another driver in aggressive behavior.

The Office of Constable continues to participate in the Vermont Governor’s Highway Safety Program that is administered on a county wide level by the Rutland County Sheriff’s Department. The total award of this grant increased the funds available to all the towns, including Poultney. These patrols are for targeting impaired driving, both alcohol and drug impaired driving, and aggressive driving. Poultney also participates in the joint law enforcement activities in the Rutland County area. These activities are usually the Sobriety Checkpoints or Motor Vehicle Occupancy seat belt checks.

Please remember to report suspicious activity while it is occurring. With law enforcement on the statewide level pulling back from serving the small communities with our local problems, it will be up to communities such as ours to become the eyes and ears for law enforcement. Together, we can deter crime by being diligent in watching out for our neighbors.

Thank You, Dale Kerber, Poultney Town Constable

Zoning Administrator's
Summary of Permits
March 4, 1986 - March 31, 2021

Permit Type	86 - 2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	Total
Building	1114	16	14	1,144
Zoning	411	12	18	441
Subdivision	133	0	0	133
Total Permits	1,658	28	32	1,718

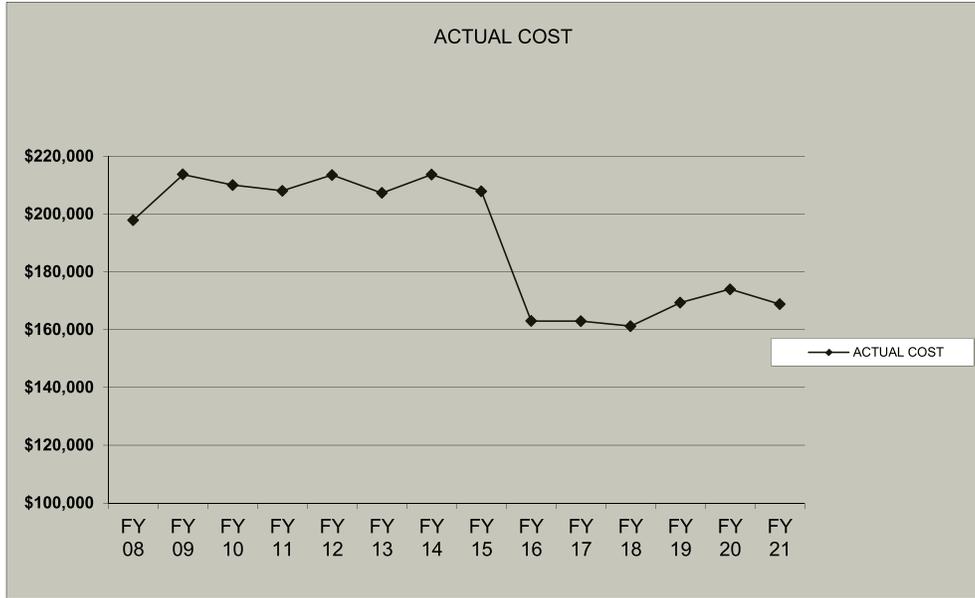
Building Permits are issued for additions to existing buildings or accessory structures.

Zoning Permits are issued primarily for new structures and change of land use.

You must obtain a permit before you change the use of land or buildings, build any new structure, make additions to existing buildings, or subdivide a parcel of land into 2 or more parcels. For more information, contact the Zoning Administrator at 287-9751.

S/Paul A. Donaldson

**SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL COSTS
FISCAL YEARS 2008 - 2021**



Solid Waste Disposal Table

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>ACTUAL COST</u>	<u>ANNUAL INCREASE</u>
FY 08	\$197,929.78	-3.19%
FY 09	\$213,735.08	7.98%
FY 10	\$210,076.38	-1.74%
FY 11	\$208,070.28	-1.00%
FY 12	\$213,555.45	2.76%
FY 13	\$207,310.09	-3.00%
FY 14	\$213,690.52	3.08%
FY 15	\$207,890.07	-2.79%
FY 16	\$163,013.19	-21.60%
FY 17	\$162,911.08	-0.06%
FY 18	\$161,187.88	-1.06%
FY 19	\$169,358.77	5.07%
FY 20	\$173,962.76	2.80%
FY 21	\$168,795.43	-2.97%

Poultney Fire Department Year Ending December 31, 2021

The Poultney Fire Department answered 167 calls for service in 2021. These calls resulted in firefighters volunteering 1,053 hours to provide the services necessary to answer these calls. Below is a breakdown of the calls by type:

Motor Vehicle Accidents - 43	Alarm Activation - 20
EMS Assists - 18	CO Alarm - 4
Priority One Echo - 10	Service Call - 2
Utility Call - 19	Hazmat - 7
Vehicle Fire - 5	Unknown Type Fire - 1
Chimney Fire - 2	Rescue Call - 5
Grass & Brush Fire - 7	Refuse Fire - 4
Structure Fire - 9	Animal Rescue - 1
Smoke Condition - 4	Appliance Fire - 1
Electrical Fire - 1	Standby / Coverage Assignment - 2
Boat Accident - 1	Bicycle Accident - 1

This year Poultney Fire Department received 20 new airpicks. The purchase of these airpicks was made possible by an Assistance to Firefighters Grant through FEMA. The grant paid \$136,333.33 toward the total cost of the airpicks which required Poultney Fire Department to pay \$7421.67. Poultney Fire Department is grateful to have these new airpicks in service that will continue to provide safety to our firefighters and keep us in compliance with NFPA guidance. Thank you to all of the members who spent many hours on this grant to help secure this funding.

While all of our members go above and beyond the call of duty in everything we do, there are times when an individual member goes that next step. SRFF Malcolm McIntyre, for the last year and a half, took the responsibility of ensuring that the fire department had a driver for the Tuesday deliveries of "Meals on Wheels" for the Young at Heart Senior Center. During that time, the department was able to deliver over 1000 hot meals to people throughout the community. The department would like to thank all of the other members that also participated in delivering meals when Malcolm and other drivers for the Young at Heart Senior Center were not available.

In May, Asst. Chief Nathan Bourn was recognized by the Rutland County Humane Society for his heroic actions at a structure fire on April 3rd. On April 3rd, Chief Bourn responded to a structure fire with unknown occupancy of the structure. Upon arrival Chief Bourn gained access to the structure and did a primary search. During the search of the structure, he found 6 dogs that were trapped in the building. While smoke was filling the building to untenable levels, Chief Bourn made numerous entries into the building to make sure all of the dogs were out of the building and safe. Poultney Fire Department is proud to have SRFF McIntyre and Chief Bourn as part of our team

While the department has a dedicated group of 27 senior members and 2 junior members, we hope to recruit more volunteers to ensure we continue to be able to provide adequate protection to the community. Those who are interested could serve in a variety of roles ranging from personnel who assist on the fire scene to those who fight the fire. Anyone who is interested to see what we do is welcome to stop by the firehouse any Tuesday night from 6:30 - 8:30 P.M.

In closing we would like to thank the Selectboard, Town Manager, and Village and Town personnel for their continued support of the Department. When you see members on the street, please thank them for their time and effort they put in for the benefit of our community.

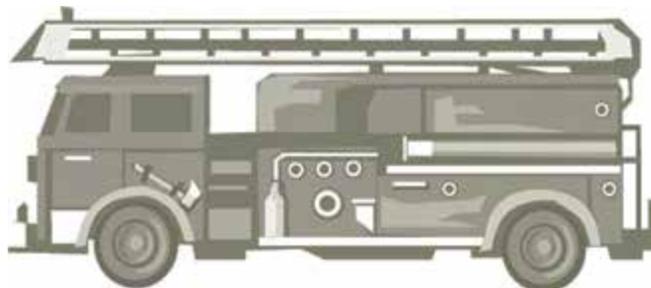
Respectfully,
Aaron Kerber
Poultney Fire Chief

2022 Slate of Officers include:

Aaron Kerber	Fire Chief
Bill Jones	1 st Assistant Chief
Nathan Bourn	2 nd Assistant Chief
Matt Jedlick	Captain
Andy Ickes	1 st Lieutenant
Dave Johnson	2 nd Lieutenant

FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET

Description	FY 2020 Budget	FY 2021 Budget	FY 2022 Propose
APPROPRIATION	10000	10000	10000
DUES & CONFERENCES	750	750	1250
WORKERS COMPENSATION	1800	750	1500
PROP INSURANCE	8300	10750	10000
SCHOOL & TRAINING	4500	4500	4500
SICKNESS & ACCIDENT INS.	0	2250	2250
FIRE PREVENTION	800	800	800
COMMUNICATIONS	3250	3250	3250
HEATING / FUEL OIL	8000	8000	8000
WATER & SEWER	500	500	500
ELECTRIC	6000	6000	6000
CHEMICALS	250	250	250
GAS & OIL	3400	3400	3400
TELEPHONE ALERTING	4000	4000	4300
BLDG REPAIRS	3050	3050	3050
EQUIP REPAIRS	10000	10000	10000
REPAIR & MAIN SUPPLIES	1500	1500	1500
EQUIP REPLACEMENT	30000	30000	32500
CONTRACTED SERVICES	1450	1450	3500
ANNUAL BANQUET	1900	1900	1900
Fire Fighter Health & Safety	4000	4000	4000
MISCELLANEOUS	300	300	300
OFFICE SUPPLIES	500	500	500
TOTAL	104250	107900	113250



INFORMATION FROM THE TOWN CLERK

OFFICE HOURS: Monday – Friday, 8:30 am – 12:30 pm and 1:30 pm – 4:00 pm
For information, please call 802-287-5761

DOG REGISTRATIONS: State Law requires that **ALL** dogs 6 months or older be registered by April 1st of every year. You will need to bring the current rabies certificate. Spayed or neutered cost is \$11.00 and all others are \$15.00. After April 1st, a late fee of 50% will be added.

RABIES CLINIC: March 12th and 19th, 2022 from 10:00am to 1:00pm at the Poultney Veterinary Hospital in Poultney. The vaccination fee will be \$10.00. If multiple pets need to be vaccinated, please call to pre-register. A prior Rabies Certificate must be provided upon arrival to receive a 3 year Rabies vaccination. If no prior Rabies Certificate is provided, the vaccination will only be for 1 year. With COVID-19, you will need to call or ring bell upon arrival, 802-287-9292. The Town Clerks Office at Town Hall will be open the same dates and times for Dog Registrations. You must bring the new Rabies Certificate with you to receive a license.

DMV: All DMV forms are available in the office for pick up. The office does renewal of registrations for cars, trucks, trailers, campers, snowmobiles, and motorboats. The cost is the registration amount in cash or check to DMV plus a \$3.00 fee for doing it here, in cash or check.

FISH & WILDLIFE: The office sells Hunting and Fishing licenses. I also have the current year books. The office also processes Legally Posted Land with the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department for a recording fee of \$5.00. This is good for 1 year from the date form is completed.

GREEN MOUNTAIN PASSPORTS: These are for Vermont residents 62 years or older, or a veteran of the armed forces. Cost is a one-time fee of \$2.00. Green Mountain Passport holders are eligible for state wide reduced prices on goods and services from hundreds of Vermont private businesses as well as free entrance into Vermont State Parks, Museums, and fully sponsored events.

LIQUOR LICENSES: Applications are available in our office or online. Licenses expire on May 1st every year. The tobacco license fee is waived with all first and second class liquor license application. All liquor licenses and catering permits go to the Selectboard for review before being submitted to DLC. Catering Permits should be submitted with a Certificate of Insurance.

NOTARY PUBLIC: Services are provided at no cost. We do not notarize Powers Of Attorney or Wills.

VERMONT STATE INCOME TAX: 2021 Tax Forms will be available January 2022. The 2022 filing season opens on January 24, 2022, when the IRS and the Vermont Department of Taxes will begin accepting tax returns. You can request forms when available by calling 855-297-5600 or online at www.tax.vermont.gov or by email at tax.formsrequest@vermont.gov.

VOTING: If you are a Poultney resident and wish to register to vote or a current voter and need to update your information, please contact the Poultney Town Clerk for an application or register online at **My Voter Page** at <http://mvp.vermont.gov>. If you are moving to another town or state, please send a letter to my office. Absentee ballots are available at least two weeks before any election. A ballot can be requested from the Town Clerk's office or online at **My Voter Page**.

I want to thank everyone for their support. I enjoy serving my community.

Respectfully Submitted,

Betsy Wescott
Town Clerk

REPORT OF LICENSES SOLD BY TOWN CLERK DURING 2021

FIRST CLASS

American Legion Post #39
Lake St. Catherine Country Club
SGallagher Enterprises
Taco Experiment, LLC

SECOND CLASS

Brockton Corporation (Shaw's Beer and Wine)
Cones Point General Store
East Poultney Grocery Store
Full Belly Deli & Beverage, LLC
Midway Oil Corp. (2 locations)
Stewart's Ice Cream Co., Inc.

TOBACCO LICENSES

Brockton Corp. (Shaw's Beer and Wine)
Cones Point General Store
East Poultney Grocery Store
Full Belly Deli & Beverage, LLC
Midway Oil Corp. (2 locations)
Stewart's Ice Cream Co., Inc.

DOG LICENSES

There were 349 dog licenses issued during 2021. By State statute, dogs are required to be registered by April 1st each year. April 1st is the **LAST** day a dog license may be obtained without a penalty. The penalty is the regular fee plus 50%.

Before obtaining a license for a dog, a person must deliver to the Town Clerk a current Rabies Vaccination Certificate which meets one of the following requirements: 1) a dog of less than one year of age has been vaccinated; 2) a dog of one or more years but less than two years of age has been vaccinated within the preceding twelve months; or 3) a dog of two or more years has been vaccinated within the preceding thirty-sixth months.

Rabies Certificates for all dogs licensed in Poultney during 2021 are on file in the Town Clerk's office. Please call to determine whether or not a new rabies vaccination will be required.

FEES FOR DOGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Spayed Female	\$11.00	Non-Spayed Female	\$15.00
Neutered Male	\$11.00	Non-Spayed Male	\$15.00

2022 licenses are now available at the Town Clerk's office.

Please note there will be Rabies Clinics this year on March 12th and 19th, 2022 from 10:00am to 1:00pm at the Poultney Veterinary Hospital in Poultney. The vaccination fee will be \$10.00 per pet. If multiple pets need to be vaccinated, please call to pre-register. A prior Rabies Certificate must be provided upon arrival to receive a 3 year Rabies vaccination. If no prior Rabies Certificate is provided, the vaccination will only be for 1 year. With COVID-19, you will need to call or ring bell upon arrival, 802-287-9292. The Town Clerks Office at Town Hall will be open the same dates and times for Dog Registrations. You must bring the new Rabies Certificate with you to receive a license.

VITAL STATISTICS 2021

BIRTHS: 29
DEATHS: 32
MARRIAGES: 19

All records are available to view during regular business hours Monday – Friday
8:30am – 12:30pm and 1:30pm – 4:00pm

The new Vital Records Law (Act 46) went into effect July 1, 2019. This means that individuals now need to complete an application and show valid identification when applying for a certified copy of a birth or death certificate. If an individual refuses to complete the application or cannot provide valid identification will be ineligible and referred to the Vital Records Office. Certified copies of birth and death certificates can now be ordered from any town, not just where the birth or death occurred or where the person resided.

Marriage, civil union, divorce or dissolution certified copies and processes are not affected by the new law.

**LIBRARIAN'S REPORT
POULTNEY PUBLIC LIBRARY
July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021**

New Books Added	1,087	Number of Library Visitors	16,808
Total Book Collection	14,099	26 Programs Offered with a Total Attendance of	2,044
Periodical Subscriptions	35	Adult Circulation	9,960
Audio Books	702	Juvenile Circulation	7,071
DVDs	3,547	Online Circulation (hoopla, Kanopy, ListenUp VT)	2,923

The COVID-19 pandemic continued to impact library services in the 2020-21 fiscal year. The library was able to remain open throughout the fiscal year, though we continued with the mid-day shutdown for cleaning. During the holiday season we temporarily switched to library visits by appointment. We were finally able to resume Saturday hours, by appointment, on April 10, 2021.

To accommodate restrictions in place due to the ongoing state of emergency, and to do our best to ensure the safety of library patrons, we continue to develop and adapt library programs so that people could participate from home or outdoors. A popular addition was our take home craft kits. These were available weekly through the summer reading program, and monthly for the rest of the year. Kits were available to families on a first come, first served basis and included all the supplies needed to complete the project. Some fun examples were Mr. Rogers kindness keychains, vinyl record clocks, and beginner sewing kits.

The library also added more online programs. Ed Popielarczyk provided instructional magic videos and a flea circus, Rockin' Ron the friendly pirate did a music program, and Jane Ramos and our Poultney library staff made a comedy video about the great (imaginary) Poultney Twister. All were available on the library Facebook page. We also turned our popular library movie nights into an outdoor experience and a take home event! An inflatable screen and special pandemic movie licensing allowed us to show movies on the library lawn. Take home movie nights invited patrons to sign up in advance to borrow dvds complete with movie theater popcorn and candy.

The Library partnered with Slate Valley Trails for an outdoor story trail reading of “The Three Billy Goats Gruff” on the Bumper Cars trail in summer 2020. For the 2020 holiday season we partnered with downtown businesses for a Story Walk © of “Snow Day for Groot” by Brendan Deneen on Main Street. Both programs encouraged children and families to get exercise and fresh air while sharing a story.

Our 2020 Summer Reading Program theme was “Imagine Your Story!” and centered around Fairy Tales. To make the program available to all, we had BINGO reading challenges for school age children and special challenge sheets for pre-readers. Any child that completed all the challenges received a stuffed animal, book, and tote bag. We set up an iSpy display in our front window, with a new rhyming challenge each week. Anyone that found all of the iSpy items won a prize. Changes were also made to our annual Santa Story Time and Tree Lighting. As the event draws such a large crowd we created a Story Time video which aired on Facebook, YouTube, GNAT-TV, and PEG-TV. On our traditional event day, Santa and the Grinch visited the children of Poultney by parading through the village with the help of the Poultney Volunteer Fire Department and their decorated fire engines.

Poultney Public Library continues to grow and adapt library services to meet the needs of our community throughout these trying times. We hope you will stop by to visit, and take advantage of our many library services!

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca L. Cook
Librarian

If you have questions about this report, or about the Library and its services, please contact us during our regular hours at 287-5556. *Please note that library hours and operating policies change frequently due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Please call or email to verify current operating hours.*

Monday & Friday	10:00AM-5:00PM
Tues, Wed, Thurs.	12:00PM-7:00PM
Saturday	10:00AM-1:00PM
Telephone:	287-5556
Email:	ppl5556@yahoo.com
Website:	poultneypubliclibrary.com

PLEASE NOTE: Library Board meetings, which are open to the public, are held on the third Tuesday of January, April, July, and October, and the first Tuesday of December, at 6:00PM in the Library.

**Poultney Public Library
Annual Treasurer's Report
July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021
General Account**

Beginning Balance 07/01/20	\$	00.00
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INCOME

Town Appropriation	\$164,669.00
Fines & Fees	342.78
Book Sales	2540.73
Copier	160.00

TOTAL INCOME	\$ 167,712.51
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Total Available Funds	\$ 167,712.51
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EXPENSES

Salaries	\$86,355.50
Maintenance	4,416.02
Books & Binding	18,578.66
Periodicals	1,024.08
Employee Benefits	28,325.04
Telecommunications	1,213.34
Electricity	3,644.28
Travel, Education, Dues	1,812.90
Programming	1,189.30
Annual Equipment Fees	3,158.66
Supplies & Equipment	3,517.66
Postage & Miscellaneous	2,497.48
Computer Replacement	1,964.57

TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 157,697.49
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Balance on Hand 06/30/21	\$ 10,015.02
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SPECIAL ACCOUNT

Balance on Hand 07/01/20 **\$ 19,156.93**

INCOME

Gifts	\$10,470.00	
Raffles and Fundraisers	216.00	
Interest from accounts	5.11	
Maslack Programming Funds	5,000.00	
United Fund	400.00	
Stewarts Holiday Match	600.00	
Summer Recreation	650.00	
Uncashed checks	1,100.00	
Fines, Fees, Misc.	<u>502.00</u>	
TOTAL INCOME		\$ 18,943.11
Total Available Funds		\$ 38,100.04

DISBURSEMENTS

Program Fees and Supplies	\$ 4,181.69	
Passes	710.68	
Building (heat pump, kitchen)	7,390.94	
Quilt Display Case	332.22	
Hoopla	940.51	
Charlie Cart	2,500.00	
Playaway/Launchpad	2,042.21	
Garden	427.95	
Fees	<u>46.00</u>	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		\$ 18,572.20

Balance on Hand 06/30/21 **\$ 19,527.84**

POULTNEY PUBLIC LIBRARY
BUDGET JULY 1, 2022 - JUNE 30, 2023

SALARIES:	Librarian	\$45100.00
	Assistant	29848.00
	Clerk	16070.00
	Asst. Clerk	8978.00
	Bookkeeping	1200.00
	Building Maintenance	4000.00
Employee Benefits:		
	Social Security	7650.00
	Health Insurance	24000.00
	Retirement	4684.00
	Library Materials	19500.00
	Periodicals	1200.00
	Telephone	1500.00
	Electricity	4000.00
	Travel, Dues, Education	1000.00
	Supplies and Equipment	3500.00
	Annual Equipment Maintenance Fees	3200.00
	Computer Replacement	1000.00
	Programming	1000.00
	Postage and Miscellaneous	2500.00
	Total Budget	<u>\$179,930.00</u>
Less other income		
	(fines, copier fees, book sales)	<4000>
	TOWN APPROPRIATION	<u>\$175,930.00</u>

Poultney Recreation Commission

Summer 2021 Report & FY 2021 Financial Report

The Recreation Commission wishes to thank the many individuals, organizations, and businesses who contribute their time and financial support to make our programs a success. A special thanks to Sheryl and Mike Porrier, Richard Welch, Paul Donaldson, Neisha Crawford, the Poultney Public Schools, Tammy Moyer, Richard Holcomb and his staff, Vermont After School, Inc. and staff, and the Vermont Agency of Education, Jaime Lee, Rebecca Cook and the Poultney Public Library, the Vermont Department of Forests Parks and Recreation, Erika Schmidt and Krista Rupe and the Stone Valley Arts, Caitrin Maloney and the Slate Valley Trails, the Castleton Recreation Department, Jaime and Louis Milazzo and the Poultney Community League, the Poultney Women's Club, the Hills and Hollows Foundation, the Conine Family Foundation, the A.A. Hadeka Slate Company, Lake St. Catherine Country Club, Milestone Golf Course, Otto's Cone's Point General Store, Collene O'Rourke and Pond Hill Ranch, the Lake St. Association, Martin Mead Babe Ruth Baseball coach and organizer, and Williams Hardware for their continued support to improve the quality of life for the residents of the Poultney community. Thank you to the many parents and coaches who have volunteered their time to supervise and participate in the many activities sponsored by the Commission, the Poultney Community League, Babe Ruth Baseball, Basketball, Soccer and Youth Football teams.

Also, a special thanks to all of our summer Recreation Leaders, Assistants and Helpers who helped make a fun and learning experience for our area youth: Terry Bergen, Carla Prehoda, Dawn Sarli, Liam Hill, Bailey Phillips, Hailey Hayes, Alexis Crandall, Emma Kelley, Sarah Graham, Page Pauquette, Christopher Gregory, Kayden Lesperance, Annaleice Taylor, Matt Ruigrok, Jacquilyn Oberg, Kaylee Hunt, Aliya Simons, Ryan Simons, Tegan Capman, Robert Beaulieu, Melody Schinski, Samantha Kelley, Max Conine, Quinn Conine, Sarah Graham, Courtney Behnken, Finley Vanderminde, Carolyn Stellatella, Lauren Bascom, and Georgia Donaldson.

For more information about our summer programs, please contact Sheryl Porrier at 287-9447 or Jonas Rosenthal at 342-7251.

Poultney Recreation Commission FY 2021 - Financial Report July 01, 2020 - June 30, 2021

<u>Revenue</u>	
Balance Forward	\$ 4,887.43
Town Appropriation (FY 20)	15,000.00
Town Appropriation (FY 21)	15,000.00
Program Fees:	94.00
Donations	1,350.00
Hills & Hollows	7,500.00
Poultney Trail Blazers	3,668.00
Miscellaneous	1.91
Grand Total Revenue	\$47,501.34

Expenditures

General Operating:	
Electricity - CVPS (Soft & PES)	<u>543.44</u>
Sub-Total	543.44
Maintenance:	
Mowing	00.00

Maintenance	00.00
Sub-Total	00.00

Program Expenses:

Summer 2020 (FY 2021)

Swimming (2021)	606.00
Library Activities	650.00
Babe Ruth Baseball	320.00
Jr. Golf (2021)	216.00
Mountain Bike Camp (2020)	890.00
VRP Dues	115.00
Recreation Advertising (2020)	450.00
Rec Program Brochure (2021)	156.26
Rec Supplies / Misc.	78.85
Sub-Total	3,482.11

Special Events & Projects

July 4th events (2021)	800.00
Slate Valley Trails	1,000.00
Marketing VOREC (H & H)	1,750.00
VOREC Grant	190.00
Sub-Total	3,740.00

Total Program Expenses 7,222.11

Grand Total Expenditures \$7,765.55

Checkbook Balance **\$39,735.79**



2021 Report Poultney Rescue Squad, Inc.



Poultney Rescue Squad, Inc. is a paid staff and volunteer agency that consists of 3 paid employees and 7 volunteers. Poultney Rescue responded to **394 calls in 2021**. The breakdown of calls is listed below:

Calls in Poultney	279
Calls in Middletown Springs	39
Calls in Tinmouth	2
Mutual Aid given to surrounding towns	74
Total calls taken in 2021	394

We at Poultney Rescue would like to thank the community for your ongoing support! Our mission is to provide emergency care and transport for the members of our community and without your help we could not fulfill this mission.

Poultney Rescue Squad has 1 fulltime and 2 part time emergency care providers. Katrina Davenport is going onto her 6th year at PRS as an AEMT/Administrator/fulltime employee. Chad Geno is in his 10th year at PRS as an AEMT/Training Officer/part time employee. Josiah Simons is going on his 4th year at PRS as a part time EMR. We have 7 volunteers on our roster that offer their time to help our community when needed.

Poultney Rescue operates 2 ambulances that are fully equipped for Advance Life Support. Poultney Rescue has a full crew on 7 days a week from 8am-6pm. We have volunteer coverage on nights and weekends. Poultney covers the Towns of Poultney, Middletown Springs and a portion of Tinmouth. We also provide mutual aid to surrounding Towns when needed. We encourage any members of the community that are interested in becoming part of the Poultney Rescue Squad to please call us at 802-287-5575. With a Nationwide EMS shortage, members are always needed.

Poultney Rescue consists of a Public Board of Directors that have completed their 3rd year with PRS. President: Walter Ducharme, Vice-President: Kathy Stephenson, Secretary/Treasurer: Deb Hoisington. We would like to thank them for all their time put into helping make PRS run smoothly.

We also would like to Thank the volunteers at the Poultney Rescue Squad Thrift Shop for raising funds to help support us. Your time and dedication are greatly appreciated! We would also like to thank Deb Hoisington for overseeing the Thrift Shop and volunteers.

Poultney Rescue offers First Aid and CPR courses. If you need a CPR or First Aid course, please email poultneyrescue70@gmail.com or call 287-5575 with your request.

We look forward to serving the community in 2022. Thank you again for your ongoing support. I would like to thank Poultney Rescue Squad paid & volunteer members for their time and dedication!

Respectfully submitted, Katrina Davenport, Administrator

Poultney Rescue Squad
Profit and Loss Statement January-December 2021

<u>Income</u>	
Insurance	\$120,074.10
Town Funding:	
Middletown Springs	\$7,450.00
Poultney	\$51,480.00
Tinmouth	\$700.00
Subscriptions	\$18,405.03
Thrift Shop	\$16,846.02
Donations/IMO	\$5,299.47
Rodeo/Special Events	\$4,420.00
Interest	\$149.77
<u>Total Income</u>	\$224,824.39
<u>Expenses</u>	
Ambulance Tax	\$4,774.31
Bank Fee	\$250.50
Building	\$5,241.84
Communications	\$2,650.00
Equipment Replacement	\$580.47
Facilities & Equipment	\$3,309.00
Operations	\$18,642.88
Legal & Prof. Fees	\$4,600.00
Insurance	\$30,586.25
Membership	\$3,277.64
Payroll Expense	\$127,567.68
Utilities	\$7,767.72
Vehicle Maint/Gas/Fuel	\$9,587.95
Ambulance Loan	\$17,148.00
Thrift Shop Operating Expenses	\$6,084.88
<u>Total Expenses</u>	\$242,069.12
<u>Net Loss</u>	(\$17,244.73)

RUTLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Sheriff David J. Fox

2021 Poultney Town Report

Thus far in the 2021-2022 contract time, Rutland County Sheriffs have responded to 237 incidents preformed 328 traffic stops and made 12 criminal arrests. Rutland County Sheriff's provide 32 hours a week patrol coverage for the Town of Poultney. RCSD has one Dedicated patrol officer assigned to Poultney, this dedicated Officer has maintained close contact with businesses as well maintaining open conversations with town residents. The Rutland County Sheriff's Department is honored to work for the town of Poultney and participate in town functions. We hope to continue providing your law enforcement needs for many years to come.

Respectfully submitted
Sheriff David J. Fox



Marble Valley Regional Transit District
"The Bus"

2021 Town of Poultney, Annual Report

Lee Bizon, Community Outreach

Marble Valley Regional Transit District (MVRTD), known as "The Bus" is in its forty fifth year of providing service to the residents of the greater Rutland area. The Bus is the largest, non-urban, public transportation system in the State of Vermont and provides transportation to the general public throughout Rutland County, as well as to social and human service agencies, the resort communities and area businesses. MVRTD provides an enhanced level of self-sufficiency for the elderly, disabled and transportation disadvantaged who rely on public transportation. System ridership was over 330,700 rides this past year. MVRTD provides 65 jobs year round, with upwards of 80 during the winter peak season.

MVRTD provided over 1,500 rides to Poultney on the Fair Haven Route, a commuter service with stops at Green Mountain College, Main Street and Stewarts Shop. Other highly successful commuter routes operated by MVRTD both within Rutland County and beyond provide connections to three adjoining counties thus serving the growing population committed to the environmental benefits of public transit use as well as the savings realized in the cost of fuel.

MVRTD has provided service under the Elderly and Disabled Program to Poultney for many years.

For more information about schedules and services please call 773-3244 x112 or visit MVRTD's web site at www.thebus.com.

MVRTD thanks the residents of Poultney for their continued support of public transit.
Live Green – Ride the Bus

POULTNEY METTOWEE NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION DISTRICT

PO BOX 209, POULTNEY, VT 05764; OFFICE: 802-287-6880; INFO@PMNRCD.ORG; WWW.PMNRCD.ORG

The Poultney-Mettowee Natural Resources Conservation District (PMNRCD) is a non-profit organization with a mission to develop programs to facilitate the conservation of healthy soil and clean water. PMNRCD has been providing environmental support, education, and outreach to the 14 towns in the district watersheds for over 70 years. In addition to a five-member board, four employees staff the District: District Manager, Hilary Solomon; Agricultural Outreach Specialist Jennifer Alexander, Native Plant Nursery Manager and Program Coordinator, Sadie Brown, and Agricultural Outreach Specialist, Rachael Burt.

Stormwater Management The District is currently working with several towns on implementing 'green stormwater' projects. We worked this past season in Castleton, Poultney, and Wells to design and implement stormwater projects with grant funds, and are planning on continuing this work in other local towns. We have continued work on a Stormwater Master Plan for the Poultney River Watershed to identify stormwater runoff issues and propose high priority mitigation projects.

Through the South Lake Partnership, PMNRCD and Rutland Regional Planning Commission (RRPC), continue to assist with funding and implementation of flood resiliency projects in the Flower Brook Watershed shared by Danby, Tinmouth, and Pawlet. This year we held a series of community meetings focused on climate adaptations. The District is working with local forestry groups and landowners in Danby and Pawlet on stormwater erosion and runoff issues, focused on high-quality woodland areas in the watershed.

This past year, we worked with lakes in the watershed and installed many small shoreline plantings through our Lake Education and Action Program (LEAP). In addition to implementing buffer plantings and small stormwater treatment practices, we completed LakeWise Assessments along Lake Bomoseen and Lake St. Catherine, resulting in recommendations for homeowners to implement lake friendly practices in their yards. We plan to continue both programs with shoreline homeowners in the coming year.

Agricultural Programs The District assists farmers applying manure and fertilizer to their fields through farm-specific, nutrient management plans via a statewide partnership program. The District provides agronomic and water quality guidance to local farms, writes grants to implement water quality improvement projects on farms, and provides rental of a no-till seed planter and soil aerator, which help to improve soil health.

Champlain Valley Native Plant Restoration Nursery PMNRCD collaborates with Poultney's Champlain Valley Nursery and area residents to make improvements to water quality. Many restoration plantings were completed in the District to create habitat and to control erosion. The Nursery also serves as an educational center, providing field trip opportunities for elementary students and internships for high school and college students. Plants are available to local landowners through our tree sale or on-site. Visit our website for more information.

PMNRCD looks forward to partnering with the Rutland Regional Planning Commission to provide funding and technical assistance to local towns as the local **Clean Water Service Provider!**

The Poultney-Mettowee watershed consists of all the lands that drain to the Poultney or Mettowee Rivers and their tributaries.



www.poultneyhistoricalsociety.org

2021 Annual Report

In 2021, with your membership support and that of the Town of Poultney, The Poultney Historical Society was able to provide the community with: 1) free programming and educational services, 2) access to archival & genealogical resources and our growing collection of the town's artifacts, and 3) thoughtful care & curating of its three East Poultney historic buildings and multiple exhibits housed in them. Together, these efforts continue to tell the unfolding story of our town's past and present.

In 2021, much of the repair of the three historic buildings in our care was hidden from view. Always prioritizing the most critical work, we engaged local historic mason **Greg Colm** to repoint the entire foundation of the 1791 Union Academy, which had deteriorated so much as to damage the interior wood paneling. **Dan Foley** then replaced and painted that paneling. Greg's main job, however, was to fully repoint the interior masonry at the East Poultney Schoolhouse (1896). With a matching grant from **Preservation Trust of Vermont** and the support of the **Town of Poultney**, **Joe Tomasi of Tolin & Sons Poured Foundations** built a 25-foot long cement buttress in November to support the foundation's bowing north wall, hidden for decades behind a sheetrock partition. This approach meets historic preservation standards and can be reversed.

The annual celebration of Poultney's rich history, the 87th **East Poultney Day** returned to the green on August 14 after year's break because of COVID. In memory of the 1920s, the theme of the day was "**Innovation & Recovery.**" Keynote speaker **Jon Mathewson** described the enormous changes that took place in Poultney and the nation following World War I and the influenza pandemic of 1918. **Harry Drum's Combo** played jazz from the Twenties and **Hermit Hollow String Band** performed bluegrass. Inside the schoolhouse were displays of photos of old Poultney farms and 1920s ads from the *Poultney Journal*. The train layout, "**Milt McWithey's Poultney,**" gave visitors a glimpse of the village in 1929.

William Hosley, a museum scholar, preservationist, and photographer, spoke as part of the PHS annual meeting on September 12. "**More than Books: Reflections on Libraries, Community and Historic Preservation**" was co-sponsored by the Poultney Public Library and supported by the Vermont Humanities Council. Hosley ended his illustrated talk with this thought: "The future of libraries belongs as much to services associated with public programming, civics and preservation as books and information. These are exciting and times for libraries, institutions that are more needed now than ever."

Trustee **Ennis Duling** wrote and edited two six-page newsletters filled with articles of historical interest to Poultney, The Spring 2021 issue's feature article looked at Poultney's role in the American Revolution. The newsletters can be reprinted by a phone call or online request, so please don't hesitate to inquire.

You can help support us by treating yourself to a DVD of the popular documentary video "**A Tour of Two Villages: Poultney Village**" or the beautiful "**Poultney Remembers**" 2022 wall calendar. Both are available at Hermit Hill Books and through the Store at poultneyhistoricalsociety.org.

The East Poultney Schoolhouse is now climate controlled year-round, which made it possible to begin accessioning and housing the vast **Green Mountain College historical archives**. Included are local newspapers from the 1820s and later, thousands of historic Poultney photographs and postcards, yearbooks, and much more awaiting discovery. The Historical Society **welcomes participation from anyone in the community with interest to join us in cataloguing these archives**.

The Poultney Historical Society depends upon memberships, contributions and the time and energy of our volunteers. Members receive regular news about the Society's work and historical events in Vermont, as well as the bi-annual newsletters. The Historical Society invites interested volunteers and organizations to help with a wide range of initiatives such as research, cataloguing and housing collections, planning programming and exhibits, and restoring the three historic buildings in our care. We are deeply grateful to the many people who have supported us again this year in so many ways. Please join us!

Sincerely,
Ina Smith Johnson, President



Poultney Rotary Club

The Poultney Rotary Club conducted several exciting successful projects in 2021 and is pleased to share an update with friends and neighbors.

Despite the challenges of the Covid pandemic, Poultney Rotary Club was able to bring the fan-favorite Chili Cook-Off to town on September 25 with over 10 tasting booths, a wonderful silent auction, and live music by EnerJazz for the first time! After months without being able to see one another, it was gratifying to see the community come together to support our club and celebrate the tasty food. Also, earlier in the summer, our Annual Golf Tournament fundraiser took place at Milestone Golf Course to help support the many efforts of the club .

Poultney Rotary Club continued to support the surrounding community through initiatives directly related to food insecurity. For the first half of 2021, the club distributed nutritious meals to those in-need through Vermont's *Everyone Eats!* program on Wednesday's. Poultney Rotary Club is pleased to see the continuation of the program thanks to the support of Revive Church. This program not only gives residents with a healthy and tasty meal, it also supports local restaurants and farms. In addition to *Everyone Eats!*, Poultney Rotary Club also continued supporting food insecurity at our local schools through a food drive and ongoing monthly donations directly from the club.

Poultney Rotary Club awarded \$10,000 in scholarships to four graduates of Poultney High School to continue their education. Club members are looking forward to continuing its support of worthy PHS grads with scholarship funding in 2022.

With creative teamwork and planning by members, the club is looking forward to promoting even more projects this year and is actively planning new and exciting projects for 2022. Our Annual Golf Tournament is set to begin planning in the coming months and our Chili Cook-Off will return once again in September.

Meetings take place the first and third Monday of every month at 5 p.m. at the Poultney Methodist Church on Main Street. Anyone interested in learning more about Poultney Rotary Club is encouraged to attend a meeting. Guest speakers are also welcomed to join a meeting to share more about their organization(s) as well. Additional information is also available on our website ([give address here](#)) and through Facebook.

Rotary Year July 1st, to June 30th

Poultney Rotary Club Officers

Kim Rupe, 2021 – 2022 President
Ellen Sisco, 2022 - 2023 President
Patricia Hemenway, Treasurer
Michelle Sanczel McCarron, Secretary



December 2021

The Lake St Catherine Association (LSCA) had another successful year implementing our lake management programs for the benefit of Lake St Catherine, with excellent support from the lake community, towns, and state.

Milfoil Control: In 2021, the LSCA contracted the application of the herbicide ProcellaCOR EC on approximately 70 acres of milfoil in the Little Lake as well as 20 acres in the Main Lake. Our diver assisted suction harvesting team (DASH) worked in 9 locations in the main lake covering approximately 80 acres of hand pulling and suction harvesting. These methods have proven to be highly effective in managing the milfoil.

Boat Launch Monitoring (Greeter Program): Our greeters monitor boats coming and going from the lake at 2 sites on the lake. Boats are inspected for invasive species and boaters are educated about cleaning props, draining bilges, and drying their equipment to prevent introduction of invasive plants and animals to the lake from other places. Also, the greeters remove anything they observe on vessels and trailers when they are removed from the lake so that transportation of milfoil to another lake is prevented. With the growing number of threats this important program has been successful because of the dedicated greeters and volunteers monitoring and educating the public who may be unaware of the dangers of moving boats from lake to lake without taking necessary precautions.

Lake St Catherine Watershed Action Plan: In late May the LSCA earned a grant from the Lake Champlain Basin Program (LCBP) to create a Watershed Action Plan for Lake St Catherine. In partnership with the Poultney Mettowee Natural Resources Conservation District (PMNRCD) we will use this 3-year grant to hire and partner with lake experts to perform various in-lake and watershed base measurements, testing and studies to identify current and future issues and design a comprehensive, long-term plan to address them. The LSCA is now poised to integrate our existing programs into a broader watershed plan with a focus on the prevention of pollutant loads (phosphorus, nitrogen, and sediments that carry them) that enter LSC from sources outside the waterbody. We plan to use the success of these building blocks to expand our work in the watershed and focus on prevention in the future.

Lake Wise Program: Lake Wise is a program developed by Vermont's Lakes and Ponds to recognize outstanding efforts by homeowners who live along a lakeshore to protect the water quality and habitat along the shoreline and within the near-shore area of the lake. Mitigating stormwater dangers which contribute to lower oxygen levels in the water, toxic algae blooms, and excessive plant growth is important to the overall health of the water body. Runoff can carry excess nutrients into the water and contribute to problems which affect both human and wildlife health. PMNRCD performed 20 assessments and implemented 22 projects – which include 340 feet of shoreline buffers containing 412 native plants and 40 live stake cuttings. We are grateful for this important partnership with PMNRCD.

Other Initiatives:

Lake Safety: We offered 2 free boating license classes open to the public this summer. Also, we have dedicated volunteers that install/maintain safety buoys and markers throughout the lake.

Volunteer activities -for Green Up Day, Lake's End Dam cleanup, Milfoil Cleanup Community Day, Annual Boat Parade, Dockside Chats with LSCA trustees, grant writing and implementation, communications via our website: www.lakestcatherine.org

In 2021, our lake management initiatives cost approximately \$160,000. Our funding comes from grants, dues & donations from the lake community, and appropriations from the Towns of Poultney and Wells. We are grateful for the contributions and support for our efforts to keep Lake St Catherine a healthy and viable resource for our community. Thank you for your continued support!

Respectfully Submitted,
Jim Canders, President LSCA

POULTNEY YOUNG at HEART SENIOR CENTER

206 Furnace St
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Young at Heart Senior Center has just celebrated their 46th Anniversary as of September, 2021. We are an active, thriving, growing and happy combination of people within our community and surrounding communities, who are 60 years and over. The center offers congregate dining and monthly events. Our meals are nutritious and our activities are educational, informed, healthy and social. We continue to keep up with the times in all aspects.

We work closely with the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging, RAVNA, and the Community of Vermont Elders (COVE), to provide access to information and services, including Meals on Wheels, Medicare and flu clinics. We offer AARP programs, as well as monthly foot clinics, and blood pressure clinics and tax preparations service. Bone Builders, a low-impact exercise program, meets twice weekly. Additional programs will be coming, as well.

As a senior meal site, seniors over 60 come from throughout the region to socialize and enjoy lunch. In 2021, we served over 11,600 meals including Meals on Wheels, our dining room, and lunches to go. Young at Heart is open four days a week, Tuesday through Friday. Lunch is ready for pick up by 11:00. Lunch is available at noon for in house dining. Suggested donations are \$3.50 for seniors 60 and older; under 60, \$5.00. Reservations are required by 9am the morning of. All are welcomed. The Young at Heart Thrift Store is open Tuesday through Friday from 9-12. We offer many unique, quality items with an ever evolving inventory as new donations are added daily.

Scheduled trips for fun and adventure will begin again this year.

We would like to thank all those people who help keep Young at Heart going. These include but are not limited to: our kitchen, dining room, garden, events, programming, thrift store volunteers, and the Meals on Wheels drivers. A very special thank you goes to the Modern Woodmen of America, from Wells, VT, for their continuous support. We expect when things return to the possibility of gatherings, they will be there for us, as in the past, hosting fundraising dinners, basket raffles and other events. We also extend our thanks to everyone who has donated time, energy, products or funds for our fundraisers. Finally, a big THANK YOU to the VERMONT FOODBANK, HANNAFORD'S SUPERMARKET in RUTLAND and SHAW'S of Poultney for their continued support.

2020 – 2021 Board of Directors:

Jonas Rosenthal – President
Suzy Kasuba -Treasurer
Geraldine Woodruff – Trustee

Site Director - Carrie LaFond-Hurlburt
Mary Preseau – Secretary
Sheila Nichols – Trustee

Cook - Diane Ferguson
John Thomas – Trustee

Poultney Food Shelf, Inc.

The Stonebridge
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Poultney VT 05764
(802) 287-9558

COVID-19 continued to hit our communities hard in 2021. Sheltering at home, school closures and remote learning, and business closures all resulted in reduced income and limited services for many of our neighbors. While making some changes to the method of physical distribution of food, the Poultney Food Shelf continues to serve our communities. In an effort to protect our volunteers and the other residents of the building, we do not allow clients inside. Masking and social-distancing are required for all services and interactions, and food (shelf-stable, refrigerated, and frozen) is pre-packed and distributed from the front steps of the Stonebridge.

We'd like to thank the Poultney, Middletown Springs, and Hampton communities for their continued support, as well as the following businesses and organizations: the Vermont Foodbank, the Vermont Community Foundation, Shaws, Stewart's Shops, the Poultney Snowmobile Club, the staff and students of Poultney Elementary School, Poultney High School, LiHigh School, Leap Frog School. Thank you to the members of the Poultney Area Chamber of Commerce, the Poultney Woman's Club, and the Poultney Rotary Club. Thank you also to the Poultney United Methodist Church, St. Raphael Church, the Welsh Presbyterian Church, and Green Mountain Power.

And THANK YOU to all the individuals and families who, through donations of food, supplies, and money, make it possible for the Poultney Food Shelf to continue serving those in need.

The Poultney Food Shelf is a non-profit organization dedicated to addressing hunger in our communities. We serve the towns of Poultney, Middletown Springs, and Hampton (NY). The Food Shelf is a network partner of the Vermont Foodbank, and we work closely with other agencies such as BROCC, the Young at Heart Senior Center, and other food pantries throughout the area. We are funded by donations from area businesses, organizations, and individuals.

POULTNEY DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE, INC.

The Poultney Downtown Revitalization Committee (PDRC) was established as a not-for-profit, private corporation in 2002 after Poultney was selected by the State of Vermont as one of its 23 “designated downtowns”, each of which is required to have a local group charged with overseeing activities pertaining to bolstering their downtown areas. As a result of receiving the State’s selection of Poultney’s downtown to be part of Vermont’s Designated Downtown Program, both the Town and Poultney’s business owners and operators within the downtown area are eligible for tax credits, financial assistance, and expert advice to help evaluate options and fund improvements that yield town-wide benefits.

Our mission has a special emphasis on Poultney’s downtown area because a vibrant commercial center is an essential aspect of a community that appeals to residents and visitors alike. At the same time, the scope of our activities extends beyond the downtown area to where we see opportunities consistent with our means to improve the residential and business prospects of all of Poultney’s citizens.

We are a volunteer organization that draws on community members to help identify priorities, initiate and execute activities related to them, and to coordinate our efforts with the Town’s goals and ambitions. Our works falls into four broad areas, with recent examples of where we played a beneficial role:

- **Contributing to the launch of new organizations and attractions:** Stone Valley Quarry Park, Slate Valley Bike Trails, and Stone Valley Arts Center
- **Securing State Funding for Town and Village Infrastructure Improvements:** sidewalks and crosswalks; water lines; and the Poultney Library expansions
- **Enhancing Downtown’s Appeal:** seasonal summer plantings; holiday decorations.
- **Promoting New and Existing Businesses:** supporting initiatives that help stimulate the vitality of the downtown area’s businesses, the Town’s recreational assets, and our civic accomplishments.

In 2021, our activities continued to be sharply curtailed by the pandemic. Nonetheless, we were able to invite a troop of Townspeople to help plant the flower baskets attached to Main Street’s lampposts. We also played a prominent role in promoting participation in the EPA-funded *Recreational Economy for Rural Communities (RERC)* workshops. Poultney’s participation was the highest of all towns that received this recognition. We purchased and donated a bike rack for the new Slate Quarry Park. And, for the first time, PDRC spearheaded an effort, joined by other groups, to line Main Street with 40 live and lighted Christmas Trees. For the coming year, we will continue our efforts to improve Main Street’s trees. The first phase began in late 2020 and entailed fertilizing all trees. In early 2022, Phase 2 will be devoted to pruning the trees by professional arborists. And we hope planning for Phase 3, which will involve replacing dead and diseased trees, will begin.

PDRC’s activities are underwritten both by the generosity of individuals who make tax-deductible donations to support the work we do, and by annual appropriations from the Town and the Village. We are grateful for this support and take seriously our obligation to spend our limited resources wisely to achieve the greatest benefit for our Town. We are committed to make a difference as we move forward in building a bright future for Poultney.

For more information, contact PDRC’s President Chuck Colvin at 287-1651.



Slate Valley Trails Update for the Poultney Town Report
January 2022 by Chris Smid, SVT President

Slate Valley Trails, Inc. (SVT) is a volunteer community group founded in 2015. We are a non-profit organization and a chapter of the Vermont Mountain Biking Association (VMBA). Our mission is to build, maintain and promote foot and bicycling trails in the Slate Valley region of southwestern Vermont. We strive to: Build community among local individuals, organizations and businesses; Support the local economy by promoting the region as a place to visit, with improved access to trails; Encourage the positive health benefits of being active outdoors.

Slate Valley Trails maintains more than 50 miles of free, public trails in Poultney, Castleton and Wells for non-motorized activities such as hiking, biking, running, snowshoeing and nordic skiing. Seasonal outings, such as bike rides, hikes, runs and youth activities, encourage neighbors and visitors alike to visit the outdoors. Our major events, the Slate Valley Epic bike race, the Slate Valley Scramble trail running race and the Meeting of the Grinds bicycle festival attract hundreds of people to the region annually.

SVT added 10+ miles of mostly singletrack trails in 2021, bringing the total mileage of trails we steward to over 50 miles. The organization continues to seek trail connections to the Village of Poultney, and will continue to participate in discussions on the outdoor recreation economy and downtown revitalization.

Trailheads the organization stewards include:

Delaney Woods - Five miles of beginner and intermediate loops located predominantly on the conserved Delaney Farm off East Delaney Cross Road in Wells. The newest trail, Bearded Hen, is located on private land thanks to the generosity of neighboring landowners while the other trails are made possible by a partnership with the Town of Wells.

Endless Brook Trailhead - located in Poultney off of Endless Brook Road, across from the Lewis Deane Preserve. This trailhead has limited parking. 20+ miles of mostly singletrack trail connect this trailhead to the Fairgrounds and Lake St. Catherine Country Club Trailheads.

Fairgrounds Trailhead - located at 131 Town Farm Road just east of the Village of East Poultney, this network has 20+ miles of hiking and biking trails, and connects south to the Endless Brook and Lake St. Catherine Country Club Trailheads.

Howe Hill- located off Thrall Road in East Poultney, these trails are foot traffic only, and feature 2.5 miles of hiking trails.

Lake St. Catherine Country Club Trailhead – a new trailhead at the entrance of the LSCCC. A landowner access agreement was established between SVT and the LSCCC in 2020, and a connector trail was completed in 2021. Trail users are encouraged to park here to access the Endless Brook trails, and to enjoy the food and beverage amenities available at the Country Club.

Castleton University Trails - approximately 2 miles of trails

Poultney River and Rail Trail - a 3.3-mile flat multi-use trail around the village of Poultney and along the Poultney River, traversing the west side of the former GMC parcel. The PRRT also utilizes a section of the D&H Rail Trail.

SVT would love to have your help! SVT is supported by memberships, donations, business sponsorships, grants and **LOTS** of volunteer hours. To participate and play a role in advocating for outdoor recreational opportunities and our community, visit slatevalleytrails.org or contact info@slatevalleytrails.org.

**“Medic One” PARAMEDIC INTERCEPT
ANNUAL REPORT
(FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2021)**

To The Honorable Citizens of the Town of Poultney:

We are pleased to present our annual report to the Citizens of the Town of Poultney. “**Medic One**”, or one of our advanced life support equipped ambulances, meets incoming patients that require advanced life support when needed and requested.

Training is very important to keep our Paramedics up to date in their skills. Training has been provided in Pre-Hospital Cardiac Life Support, Pediatric Advanced Life Support, Advanced personnel’s National Paramedic certifications.

We are proud of our accomplishments and look forward to serving you in the future. Regional Ambulance Service Inc. is a not for profit corporation. The funds communities contribute helps to keep this program available to incoming patients from outside of the Regional Ambulance Service area. Our “Medic One” is a vital part of our goal of “**Serving People 1st with Pride, Proficiency and Professionalism.**”

The Poultney Rescue Squad is a valuable and professional community resource. Our staff works closely, as a team, with your community ambulance and first response personnel. We thank you for your past support and hope we can continue to serve with your local emergency personnel.

Respectfully submitted;

James A. Finger,
Chief Executive Administrator



**2022 REQUEST FOR TOWN FUNDING & Yearly Report for FY21
TOWN OF: POULTNEY • AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$405.00**

Brief Description of RSVP & The Volunteer Center

RSVP and The Volunteer Center is a volunteer program for people of all ages who want to meet community needs through volunteer service. RSVP/VC considers volunteering to be a key solution in responding to Rutland County’s most pressing challenges. Needs are met in critical areas such as human services, elder care, health care, education, literacy, and the arts. RSVP/VC involves individuals in service that matches their personal interests and makes use of their varied life and professional experiences. RSVP/VC enables people to contribute to their communities while enjoying the personally satisfying and rewarding experience that community engagement offers.

RSVP also offers several free “Signature Programs” that benefit residents. These include RSVP Bone Builders, an osteoporosis prevention program which provides free strength and balance exercise classes offered twice per week at many locations in Rutland County; RSVP Rutland Reads a children's literacy and mentoring program; RSVP Veterans Connections Program, a program designed to reduce social isolation in veterans; and RSVP Operation Dolls & More, which distributes over 15,000 new and restored items to children. Last year approximately 15,000 items were distributed through RSVP Operation Dolls & More to 40 partner agencies and an estimated 1,200 children. We also partner with AARP to

provide free income tax return services to low income residents of Rutland County. Locally, RSVP/VC is the largest program of coordinated volunteer services serving the people of Rutland County with 711 volunteers. From July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021, RSVP/VC volunteers provided 97,719 hours of community service. The cost benefit to the communities of Rutland County in terms of cost of services provided equals \$2,623,755.

Services Provided to Poultney Residents

In FY’21, Poultney residents took advantage of RSVP programs such as free income tax return preparation, and our RSVP Bone Builders classes. Poultney RSVP volunteers donated their services to the following non-profit organizations: American Red Cross, Guardian Ad Litem, Young at Heart Senior Center, RSVP Operation Dolls & More, and RSVP Bone Builders. Poultney RSVP volunteers donated 6,247 hours of service to the community.

The monies we are requesting this year will be used to help defray the financial impact of COVID-19 on our organization. Our volunteers are continuing to support the communities through the COVID-19 pandemic with new initiatives such as mask making for local agencies and schools and making wellness calls to isolated seniors. With your help, RSVP and The Volunteer Center will continue to respond to this needs of our local communities.

On behalf of RSVP & The Volunteer Center and our non-profit partners, we would like to thank the residents of Poultney for their continued support of RSVP. If you have any questions or would like to learn more about our programs, please feel free to call us at 775-8220.

Sincerely, Maryesa White, Interim Director

6 Court St./Rutland, VT 05701/ **Office:** 802-775-8220/**Fax:** 802-775-8221
Website: volunteersinvt.org / **Email:** rsvprutland@aol.com



Town of Poultney

TO THE OFFICERS AND CITIZENS OF POULTNEY:

In 2020, the VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region provided Rutland County residents with exceptional home care, hospice and community health services. From infants with hi-tech needs to seniors who wish to remain independent at home, and those who are facing a terminal illness, we continue to bring medically necessary healthcare wherever it is needed, regardless of location of residence, or complexity of health issues.

In the face of shrinking government and state reimbursements and rising healthcare costs, VNAHSR has continued to identify community needs and provide essential cost-effective health care services to some of Rutland County’s most vulnerable individuals.

In 2020, VNAHSR’s dedicated staff made more than 160,581 visits to 3,298 patients. In the town of Poultney, we provided 3,399 visits to 81 individuals.

In closing, we wish to thank you for your past support. With your vote of confidence, we will continue to meet our mission to enhance the quality of life of all we serve through comprehensive home and community health services.

Sara C. King, CEO

Dan DiBattista, President of the Board of Directors



ARC

Advocacy * Resources * Community

Serving Citizens with Developmental Disabilities and their Families



Annual Report 2021

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Mission Statement: To advocate for the right of individuals with developmental disabilities and their families to be regarded as valued citizens with the same entitlements as non-disabled individuals, including the right to lifelong opportunities for personal growth and full participation in the community.

PROGRAMS:

The Mary and Leonard F Wing Jr Sensory Center: The center promotes mindfulness through sensory awareness, life skills and provides community integration. The center is open to both members and community agencies. The center is open Monday through Thursday and is projected to provide **500 hours sensory awareness in 2022.**

The Great Outdoor Initiative: The program provides outdoor recreation and socialization for members. Events include nature adventure with Vermont Adaptive, a summer BBQ at Lake Bomoseen and a fall barn picnic. The services provided **359 participants with outdoor social experiences.**

Representative Payee Program: The program provides financial management services to individuals with developmental disabilities who receive social security and need assistance to manage their own finances. The representative payee program services 50 clients monthly with financial management, **providing 600 financial management services annually.**

Self-Advocates (SABE-R) and AKtion Club: Facilitates monthly meetings for both the Self Advocates Becoming Empowered- Rutland (SABE-R) and AKtion Club, a member of Kiwanis. SABE-R sets group and individual goals while practicing advocacy and communication skills. The AKtion Club is a community service club. Activities including fund raisers, "Creative Minds" developing craft projects, and sharing life experiences. The groups have sponsored several abilities awareness trainings in conjunction with Green Mountain Self Advocates. The club members also donate to Tatum's Totes to assist foster families at Christmas. The clubs provided monthly advocacy for 28 individuals in 2021, **providing 336 points of services.**

Social Events: Events provide a safe and healthy environment for individuals with developmental disabilities that encourage building a circle of support and social experiences. Activities included five themed dances, bingo, mindfulness coloring, and other activities throughout the year. The social events **provided 461 individuals with social experiences in 2021.**

During 2021 Advocacy Resources Community provided 1756 points of service!

STAFF:

Andrew Juettner, PhD., is the Executive Director. Andrew has extensive experience in both clinical practice and nonprofit management. Denise Leach continues her role as Representative Payee. Office operations are supported by Vocation Rehab, RSVP and A4TD as well as individual volunteers. ARC has a volunteer Board of Directors and community patrons.

Advocacy Resources Community offers its sincere thanks for your continued support. We do not receive State or Federal funding to accomplish our programming. **We rely on the support of Rutland County** along with grants, and fundraisers to support. **Our dedication to our mission statement continues as strongly now as it has for over 60 Years.** Typically, **1000 individuals in Rutland County take advantage of our services annually.** Visit our website at: arcrutlandarea.org. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrew Juettner, PhD
Executive Director



Community CareNetwork

RutlandMentalHealthServices

In the year 2021, 28 towns in Rutland County supported the work of Rutland Mental Health Services through town giving. Our agency is committed to providing quality services regardless of an individual's ability to pay. The generous support of towns such as the Town of Poultney assures that quality services are available for their families, friends and neighbors. Services provided to town residents include:

- **Individual Counseling for Children, Adults and Families**
- Substance Abuse Treatment Services
- Emergency/Crisis Services
- Developmental Disability Services

During fiscal year 2021, Rutland Mental Health Services provided 3,382 hours of services to 99 Poultney residents. We value our partnership with the Town of Poultney in providing these much needed services and thank you for your continued support.

Dick Courcelle, Chief Executive Officer
Rutland Mental Health Services, Inc.



NewStory Center Annual Report 2021

For 42 years NewStory Center has been the single agency in Rutland County supporting survivors of domestic and sexual violence by working to end the cycle of violence through support, education, prevention, and collaboration.

During FY21, NewStory Center served 522 survivors and their children through direct services such as emergency shelter, medical advocacy, legal advocacy, case management, clinical services, support groups, and the 24/7 crisis hotline. Additionally, we provide training and technical assistance to our community partners, including local law enforcement, to ensure a more effective community response to domestic and sexual violence.

The Board and Staff of NewStory Center thank the voters of Poultney for their support of our agency. Your generosity allows us to, not only provide survivors with necessities and ongoing advocacy, but also affords us the ability to grow and expand our services to better serve your community.

REQUEST

NewStory Center is requesting the sum of \$500, to be voted on at the town meeting in March 2022, to support victims in Rutland County. We are very thankful for the help that the people of Poultney have given us in the past, and would be very grateful for your continued support of our mission. We provided services for at least **10 residents of Poultney** this past year. As our services are confidential, in some cases we might not be informed as to where our clients live.



Town Clerk and Select Board
9 Main St
Poultney, VT 05764

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Rutland County Parent Child Center is a private, nonprofit organization dedicated to removing barriers that perpetuate poverty for children and families throughout Rutland County. RCPCC provides early childhood education, early developmental assessment and intervention, educational opportunities and enrichment for at-risk youth, family navigation services, and food security support. All services are provided at no cost or with substantial financial assistance for working families. Overall, we served 847 parents/caregivers and 1207 children in Rutland County this past year.

The COVID-19 pandemic has only highlighted the needs of families in Rutland County and we have responded by increasing our capacity and scope. This past year, our food pantry became one of the largest in the State and we are looking forward to bringing our services to One PCC Place, a 6,000 sq. ft. 2Gen Campus on Chaplin Avenue in Rutland City where we will deliver quality whole family programming in newly renovated space. We would like to continue our request of \$1500. Thank you so much for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Mary Feldman, M.S. Ed, Executive Director



January 11, 2022

To the Citizens of the Town of Poultney,

On behalf of BROCCOMMUNITY ACTION and the thousands of people with low-income or living in poverty that we serve throughout Rutland and Bennington Counties, we want to express our thanks and gratitude for supporting us over the years on Town Meeting Day. BROCCOMMUNITY ACTION assists families and individuals in crisis and help provide a sustainable path forward.

Over the past year, BROCCOMMUNITY ACTION served **152** residents of the Town of Poultney. Whether they need food at the BROCCOMMUNITY Food Shelf, senior commodities, housing counseling, homelessness assistance, weatherization, heating and utility assistance, forms assistance for benefits such as 3SqVT, budget and credit counseling and resources and referrals; we are here.

People come to us cold, hungry, homeless, jobless or facing major health conditions every day. Your town appropriation helps ease the struggle for nearly 10,000 people who seek assistance from us each year as we meet the basic needs of their families and provide a path forward whenever possible.

Respectfully, our appropriation request for the upcoming fiscal year remains \$1,000.00. We truly value our collaboration with Poultney as we assist those most in need.

Sincerely, Thomas L. Donahue, CEO



People with disabilities working together for dignity, independence, and civil rights

The Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL), a statewide, non-profit organization

dedicated to improving the quality of life for people with disabilities, respectfully requests funding from the Town of Poultney for our FY 2022.

Annual support from over 150 cities and towns across the State helps VCIL assist Vermonters with disabilities achieve dignified and self-determined lives. VCIL works to serve individuals who can benefit from our direct services as well as to educate and inform members of the community about disability related issues and independent living. Direct services are available to residents of Poultney in a number of ways. Peer counselors work with residents in their homes; small grants for adaptive equipment; Meals on Wheels for people under the age of 60; Home Access modifications; individual and systems advocacy and programs for youth. Information, Referral and Assistance is available to all residents by calling VCIL's I-Line, at 1-800-639-1522 (Voice and TTY).

This past year in Poultney VCIL spent over **\$2,100.00** on meals through our Meals on Wheels program for residents. We are requesting \$420.00 from the town to help more people with disabilities in the coming year. Enclosed you will find a summary of VCIL's programs and services for the town and a copy of our FY'22 budget.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely, Sarah Launderville, Executive Director
slaunderville@vcil.org

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**Rutland County Vermont Adult Learning Annual Report
Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2020**

Vermont Adult Learning (VAL), is a non-profit, seven-county organization providing individuals 16 years of age and older confidential, education and literacy services with no cost to students. We provide basic instruction in reading, writing, math and technology. Vermont residents can access our services and earn a high school diploma from their town of residence, or a GED. We also offer citizenship classes for individuals wishing to become an American citizen as well as English instruction in ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages). We are an official GED and PSI testing site.

Our Flexible Pathways provide students with the opportunity to obtain a diploma with many options and resources including dual enrollment at local colleges, technical classes at Stafford Tech, on line classes, internships and other creative options.

Vermont Adult Learning is a partner in a multi-year federal grant along with VT Technical College and CCV called Strengthening Working Families Initiative or SWFI. The grant provides parents and guardians the training and skills they need for success in manufacturing at no cost to qualified candidates. If you like working with your hands this could be for you. There are many manufacturing jobs currently that need trained employees in Rutland County.

Vermont Adult Learning served 1150 students statewide in fiscal year 2020. 144 students were served in our Rutland Center where we provided approximately 9741.75 hours of education. We provided 556.25 hours of instructional service to 6 students from Poultney. All 6 students were between the ages of 16-21.

Classes are five days a week, Monday – Friday, with evening classes on Tuesday and Thursday from 4:30pm-6:30pm. VAL staff responded early in March to the COVID-19 crisis. We have successfully adapted our classes to an online platform. We have also taken the initiative and supplied our students with ChromeBooks so they may remain engaged in their educational goals. We greatly appreciate the continued support of the voters of Poultney.



Rutland Office: 802-786-5990
Bennington Office: 802-442-5436
Helpline: 1-800-642-5119

Report to the Citizens of Poultney

This report describes the services that the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging (SVCOA) provided to elders in Poultney in 2019:

Senior Meals: The Council helped provide 4,317 meals that were delivered to the homes of 39 elders in your community. This service is often called “Meals on Wheels”. In addition, 107 Poultney elders came together at a luncheon site in your area to enjoy a nutritious meal and the company of others; 3,670 meals were provided.

Case Management Assistance: SVCOA case management and outreach staff helped 63 elders in your community for a total of 451.75 hours. Case managers meet with an elder privately in the elder’s home or at another agreed upon location and assess the elder’s situation. They will work with the elder to identify needs and talk about possible services available to address those needs. If the elder desires, the case manager will link the client to appropriate services, coordinate and monitor services as necessary, and provide information and assistance to caregivers. Case managers also help elders connect with in-home assistance programs, including a program called Choices for Care. This program is especially helpful to frail elders facing long term care placement who still wish to remain at home.

Other Services and Support: 1) “Senior HelpLine” assistance at 1-800-642-5119. Our Senior HelpLine staff provide telephone support to elders and others who need information on available programs and community resources; 2) Medicare and health benefit counseling information and assistance through our State Health Insurance Program; 3) Legal service assistance through the Vermont Senior Citizens Law Project; 4) Information about elder issues and opportunities via various agency articles and publications; 5) Nutrition education and counseling services provided by SVCOA’s Registered Dietician; 6) Senior Companion support for frail, homebound elders; 7) Outreach services to elders dealing with mental health issues through our Elder Care Clinician. This service is provided in cooperation with Rutland County Mental Health; 8) Transportation assistance; 9) Caregiver support, information and respite to family members and others who are providing much needed help to elders in need of assistance; 10) Money Management programs that offer either a volunteer bill payer or representative payee services to elders and younger disabled individuals.

Report of Services for Town of Poultney

The Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired's 2021 Fiscal Year was filled with "outside the box" solutions to the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic. In the absence of in-person fundraising events, we designed a virtual family-friendly scavenger hunt called the Great Brave Little State Challenge. Our new referral system, developed in fall 2020, has successfully resulted in an increased number of people in need of vision rehabilitation being connected to our services. In addition, the overall number of clients we serve has grown over the past year due to the aging population of our state, and this trend is expected to continue well into the future.

As government mandates have begun to be lifted, our staff has been able to be flexible with providing both in-person and remote services depending on client preference. In-person services take place with physical distancing and PPE guidelines that are continuously being revised based on the Governor's recommendations. The main goal of our programs over the past year has been to ensure that clients have the resources they need, in the manner most comfortable for them to ensure their safety, and to prevent feelings of social isolation during these troubled times.

It is clear to us at VABVI that our mission and services will play a critical role in the lives of many Vermonters well into the future. As the world transitions "back to normal," we continue to work nonstop to support anyone living in Vermont who is experiencing vision loss.

SMART Device Training Program: The SMART Device Training Program served a record-breaking 366 clients across Vermont in FY21. Due to social distancing protocols, technology has become essential for our clients to be able to live independently while remaining social and connected to their communities. In addition, with many healthcare providers transitioning to seeing patients via "telehealth," (which is an ideal option for clients who cannot travel to appointments) it is critical that our clients know how to utilize technology. Clients who received technology training prior to COVID-19 have reported that the skills learned in this program have been invaluable throughout the pandemic.

PALS (Peer Assisted Learning and Support) Groups: PALS Groups, held throughout Vermont, are monthly meetings where members share coping strategies and discuss the practical, social and emotional challenges of vision loss. PALS groups have been operating remotely via Zoom and telephone over the past year due to social distancing requirements, but arrangements are being made to resume in-person meetings by early fall 2021.

HAPI (Helping Adolescents Prepare for Independence): The HAPI program enables Teachers of the Visually Impaired and Certified Vision Rehabilitation Therapists to work one-on-one with students to practice daily living skills.

IRLE Summer Camp (Intensive Residential Life Experience): IRLE camp helps VABVI students develop social skills, meet fellow visually impaired peers, learn independent living skills, and improve self-advocacy skills. The 2021 IRLE Camp was redesigned to accommodate COVID-19 restrictions, and students participated in a virtual group setting from their own homes. For maximum peer mentoring opportunities, IRLE Camp was combined with the LEAP (Learn, Earn, And Prosper) Program, which provides blind and visually impaired youth with the opportunity to gain work experience and participate in their communities.

During Fiscal Year 2021, we served 1,153 clients from all 14 counties in Vermont. This included 4 adults in Poultney, and 94 adults and 24 students in Rutland County.

For more information about VABVI's services or to volunteer, please contact Shannon Turgeon, Development Associate, at sturgeon@vabvi.org. Visit our website at www.vabvi.org and feel free to "like" us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/vabvi802/>.

RABIES ALERT!



- Don't feed or touch wild animals, or animals you don't know-- even baby animals.
- Get rabies shots for all your pets, even cats.
- Call your doctor right away if you are bitten, or get animal saliva in a cut, eyes, nose or mouth.



Vermont Rabies Hotline:
1-800-4-RABIES (1-800-472-2437)

If you have a pet with an animal that may have rabies, call the Vermont Department of Health at 800-450-4574 or 802-7243 (2) or 4:00 Mon-Fri.

Poultney Rabies Clinic

FEE: \$10.00 per pet

Saturday, March 12th & 19th, 2022 from 10:00am – 1:00pm

Poultney Veterinary Hospital – 330 East Main St., Poultney, VT

**Call or ring bell upon arrival, tech will come to get animal
802-287-9292**

If multiple pets, please call to pre-register.

1 year vaccination unless show proof of prior vaccination

**Town Clerk's Office open same day/times to register dogs
You must bring the new Rabies Certificate with you for license**

Per Vermont State Law ALL Dogs must be registered by April 1st of each year.

The VT Spay Neuter Incentive Program aka "VSNIP", under the oversight of the VT Economic Services Department, is administered by VT Volunteer Services for Animals Humane Society (VWSA). VSNIP helps financially challenged Vermont residents spay/neuter cats and dogs for \$27.00. The balance is paid by fellow Vermonters when dogs are licensed by an added \$4.00 fee, the major funding for this important program. Funds are determined by the number of dogs licensed, which is required by law when a dog is six months of age. A current rabies vaccination is required to register, and a rabies vaccination can be administered after 12 weeks of age for both cats and dogs.

Prostrate and mammary cancer is more likely to occur in unsterilized cats and dogs. It's not pretty and they're likely to die. Animals live longer and happier when they're spayed and neutered, are less likely to fight for territory, and mark what they claim to be "theirs"!

Licensing a dog: 1) helps identify your dog if lost, 2) provides proof your dog is protected from rabies

in the event your dog is bitten by a rabid animal, but would still need immediate medical attention, 3) if your dog bites an animal or person – which could result in quarantine or possible euthanasia to test for infection, and 4) helps pay for VSNIIP, addressing the population situation in Vermont.

Farms with cats should especially be aware that one rabid cat or dog can affect an entire population of animals on the premise. The answer is neutering through VSNIIP which includes a rabies vaccination and the first of the two part distemper series.

Look for Rabies Clinics in March across the state. You can call your veterinarian and ask the cost of a rabies vaccination only, or call your nearest Tractor Supply Store for their Monthly Rabies Clinic schedule. Rabies IS in Vermont and it IS deadly.

To receive a VSNIIP Application, send a 9" S.A.S.E to: VSNIIP, PO Box 104, Bridgewater, VT 05034. Indicate if it's for a cat, dog or both. For more information, call 802-672-5302.

Please visit our website: www.VVSAHS.org
VVSA will be hosting Rabies Clinics in March. Call for dates and locations.

The animals thank you in advance! *Together We Truly Do Make A Difference!!*

Sue Skaskiw, VVSA Humane Society Executive Director/VSNIP Administrator



2021 ANNUAL REPORT TO
The Town of Poultney

The Rutland County Humane Society provides shelter and care to companion animals while finding loving families for those at risk or homeless.

We also serve our community by providing information and referral services to people dealing with animal issues.

The RCHS shelter is the largest program of the agency, taking in more than one thousand animals in 2020.

Our agency is funded through fees for service, town funding, donations and special events. No funding comes from the state or federal government or national organizations. We sincerely thank those who support our operations. We can only save lives with your help.

The Rutland County Humane Society took in 104 animals from Poultney from December 1, 2020 through November 30, 2021. Please call us at 483-9171 or visit our website at RCHSVT.org if you would like more information about the Rutland County Humane Society.

Our family caring for your family since 1946



GREEN UP VERMONT

www.greenupvermont.org

Green Up Day: May 7, 2022

Green Up Day on May 1, 2021 was a huge success thanks to nearly 22,000 volunteers statewide who Greened Up. The infographic shows that all your hard work to beautify Vermont is needed and that it makes where we get to live, work, and play a very special place. As one of Vermont's favorite holidays, it is imperative for today and for future generations to keep building pride, awareness, and stewardship for a clean Vermont environment.

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.

Along with Green Up Day, we work 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 229-4586



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Re: 2021 Town Report

Dear Town Manager Donaldson and Selectboard Members,

On behalf of our board of directors, staff and customers at NeighborWorks of Western Vermont, we want to sincerely thank you for your continued support! My name is Heather Starzynski, the new executive director at NWWVT.

While it was once again a challenging year for so many, we are pleased to report that with continued generous funding from our incredible partners, the state of Vermont, and Poultney, we were once again able to assist many Vermonters with affordable housing services including homebuyer education and counseling, downpayment assistance, home repair and energy loans and grants, home

energy audits and energy efficiency projects, and rental assistance to landlords. Below is a summary of the specific services we were able to provide throughout our service area.

In the last fiscal year (January – December 2021), our services comprised of:

- 308 Low-cost, Comprehensive HEAT Squad Energy Audits and 92 Home Energy Improvement Projects were completed for which homeowners received a rebate from Efficiency Vermont.
- 11 Energy Loans, totaling \$138,242, were made to help homeowners make energy improvements to their home.
- 69 rental units rehabilitated (2020 and 2021 federal COVID assistance program only)
- 31 Down Payment Assistance Loans totaling \$ 949,236 were made to assist homebuyers make it over the 20% down payment barrier.
- 13 Home Repair Loans totaling \$ 227,874 were made to homeowners to make health and safety upgrades.
- 1 first mortgage loan in partnership with Habitat for Humanity was made in the amount of \$145,000 to a first-time home buyer.
- 2 loans totaling \$98,250 were made to homebuyers who utilized the state of Vermont’s Share Equity Program.
- 149 families attended Homebuyer Education and of those, and of those 79 became homeowners.
- 124 households participated in homeownership or financial coaching.
- 228 households were assisted with financial counseling and grant assistance through the COVID assistance program called the Housing Stabilization Program (2022 and 2023 federal COVID assistance program only).

Again, thank you for your support as we wouldn’t otherwise be able to provide these services.

Sincerely,
Heather M. Starzynski, Executive Director
hstarzynski@nwwwvt.org | 802.797.8602



Rutland West Neighborhood Housing
d/b/a NeighborWorks of Western Vermont
Licensed Lender #6200 NMLS #194008

The Rutland Regional Planning Commission (RRPC) is a resource for towns, a platform for ideas and inspires a vision for our future. We balance local desires, best practices and regional planning for communities that are vibrant today and strong for years to come. The RRPC and Town of Poultney continued working together in 2021 on many community development initiatives. Some highlights include:

- Coordinated working group to plan connections to Slate Valley Trails from Downtown.
- Assisted Planning Commission with update of the Town Plan.
- Worked with Road Foreman to update culvert inventory and MRGP compliance.
- Worked with town officials to adopt Rutland Region Public Works Mutual Aid Agreement.
- Worked with planning team to update the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- Assisted with completion of FY21 Grants in Aid projects, and in securing FY22 Grants in Aid funding for stormwater best practices.

If you feel inspired to participate in local or regional planning, want to be paired with opportunities to grow your community, or just want to learn more, please visit or give us a call - we’d love to hear from you!

The Opera House | 67 Merchants Row | Rutland, Vermont
P.O. Box 965 | Rutland, Vermont 05701
RutlandRPC.org | (802) 775-0871
Cooperative planning in the region

Rutland County Solid Waste District | Annual Report - Calendar Year 2021

The Rutland County Solid Waste District offers a variety of solid waste, recycling, waste education, household hazardous waste, composting and administrative support programs for our eighteen member municipalities, residents, and businesses. Some services are also available to non-District communities on a fee for service basis. In addition, the District operates a regional drop-off center and transfer station at 14 Gleason Road in Rutland City. District program, facility and rate and program information and obtaining your required annual permit on our web site, www.rcswd.com.

New this year, The District has had many new challenges amid COVID-19. Being deemed essential by Governor Scott we remained on the job in full force. Each of our employee raised for the occasion in implementing the guidelines from the CDC, VOSHA, and VBOH. The District also has developed many efficiencies. A new annual permit can be obtained from the convenience of your home or business via www.rcswd.com/permits. Debit and credit cards will all be accepted as an added means of payment accepted at our facilities. A small convenience fee will be charged.

The RCSWD did complete the Districts Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP) for the 2020-2025. The State requires that all communities have a current SWIP in place that meets the requirements of the State's Material Management Plan and delineates how solid and hazardous waste will be managed in the District towns for a five-year period. Milestones will need to be reported back as required. The community's involvement in drafting and developing this document was encouraged.

The District has worked and will continue to contact with local businesses informing them about recycling composting and hazardous waste and the programs that we offer. The District will also be working with local schools on many of these same issues.

The town of Pittsfield, Vermont was able to provide more services to their residents and business and reduced their tax rate by joining the Solid Waste District. We are very happy to have them on board.

Our website has been updated! This is your virtual Solid Waste Administration Office. Appointments, permits, and so much information and detail at your fingertips 24 -hours a day. Please see our 2021 Annual Report Book which covers detail and all our programs to include but not limited to:

Waste Disposal: During 2021, residents and businesses in our member municipalities disposed of approximately 36,000 tons of municipal solid waste which includes the construction and demolition activity along with a significant amount of bulky waste.

Recycling: The District owns a Material Recovery Facility (MRF), recycling center in Rutland City that is leased to Casella Waste Management for their operations. The MRF accepts Zero Sort recycling from transfer stations, commercial haulers and large generators for processing and sale for re-use. The facility currently receives approximately 35,000 tons of recyclables a year from a large geographical area. Since we began tracking material in 2013 the facility has processed over 222,911.35 tons of recyclables.

Household Hazardous Waste: Rutland County Solid Waste District operates an extensive Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) program for district residents and small business generators. The program operates year-round from the Gleason Road facility by appointment. An additional 32 events are scheduled collections at twelve town transfer stations within eighteen member towns through the spring, summer, and fall. The HHW program collects and safely disposes of dozens of hazardous, flammable, and toxic materials. The RCSWD HHW also collects electronic waste and has collected over 45.95 tons of material.

Other Programs: The District also offered waste management education, and reduction programs, construction, demolition waste, clean wood, and composting. The District is continuing with its "Merry Mulch" program in collecting and processing over 1,200 Christmas trees annually. The District also has been working local organizations including the Rutland Master Gardener's Club, 350 Rutland County, the Rutland Dismas House, Rutland Neighborhood Program, and Vermont Southwestern Council on Aging, Rutland Hospital and Women's Network & Shelter and the Rutland County Humane Society and our valued haulers.

Mark S. Shea, District Manager



**9-1-1 Calls for Service
January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2021
The 2020 Call Center Statistics are as follows:**

- Total 911 Calls Received – 236,948 (up 26,958 or 12.84 % from 209,909 in 2020)
- Total Cellular 911 Calls Received - 178,335 (approximately 75% of total, up from 71% in 2020)
- Total Abandoned 911 Calls Received – 32,832 (approximately 14% of total, up from 12% in 2020)
- Average Time to Answer – 00:05 (seconds- remained the same as 2020)
- Average Call Time – 01:59 (minutes; seconds – was 02:02 in 2020)
- Total Text-to-911 Received – 475 (up 135 or 39% from 340 in 2020)
- Total **POULTNEY** 9-1-1 Calls Received – 1254 (up 779 or 164% from 475 in 2020)

Disclaimer Due primarily to the use of cell phones, the town-by-town statistics do not provide an accurate count of the 911 calls made in any given town. To get an exact town-by-town count of 911 calls would require listening to the recordings of tens of thousands of calls to determine their exact location. This is because of the technology used to locate wireless callers. A wireless call is seen by the 911 system as either a Phase 1 call or a Phase 2 call. In a Phase 1 call, only the location of the cellular tower that received the call is transmitted to the 911 call-taker. In a Phase 2 call, the cellular system attempts to determine the exact location of the caller, but the accuracy varies.

Things Everyone Needs to Know to Be 9-1-1 Ready! Help us help you! In an emergency, seconds matter; being prepared can make a difference! Talking through scenarios with other family members can help you. **Be 9-1-1 Ready!**

Know when to use 9-1-1. Call or text 9-1-1 in an emergency: **to save a life, stop a crime, or to report a fire.** If you or someone else is hurt or very sick, call 9-1-1. If you're not sure if your situation is an emergency, err on the side of safety and call 9-1-1. The call-taker can assess the event and guide you. **Call when you can, text when you can't!**

Know your location. Emergency responders can't help you if they don't know where you are. Train yourself to pay attention to where you are. If you're traveling, be able to identify the road, your direction, mile markers, exits, etc. If you're visiting a friend's house, make a mental note of their address. Make sure everyone in your home knows your street address. Keep your address posted by your phone in case of an emergency.

Know your phone. We can call 9-1-1 from a variety of phones these days, which is great in an emergency. However, not all phones and devices provide the 9-1-1 call-taker with your location information. Landline phones will provide your location to the call-taker, but cell and VoIP phones may not. Contact your service provider for more information about the capabilities of your phone.

Remain calm. It may be hard to remain calm during an emergency, but when you do so, you make it easier for the call-taker to gather your information and get the right help on the way.

Don't hang up. If you have placed an emergency call to 9-1-1, stay on the line until the call-taker tells you it's ok to hang up the phone. They can dispatch help even when you are still on the line. In addition, they may require more information or be able to provide you with assistance, so don't hang up!

Don't hang up! If you've called 9-1-1 by accident, it's important to let the call-taker know. If you hang up suddenly, the call-taker may call you back or may even send someone to your home to check on your safety.

Old cell phones. Old cell phones may make entertaining toys for kids, but do you know that even deactivated phones with no service plan can still call 9-1-1? To avoid an unintentional call to 9-1-1, remove the battery before giving it to a child to play with. Better yet, recycle or donate your retired phone.



Vermont 2-1-1 is the number to dial to find out about hundreds of important community resources, like emergency food and shelter, disability services, counseling, senior services, health care, child care, drug and alcohol programs, legal assistance, transportation agencies, educational and volunteer opportunities, and much more.

About the Vermont 2-1-1 database:

The Vermont 2-1-1 database contains detailed descriptions of programs and services available to Vermonters that are provided by local community groups, social service and health-related agencies, government organizations, and others. We are constantly adding new resources to our database, but at last count it contains **1010** agencies that provide **10031** services across **2941** programs. Resource Specialists gather information by regularly attending community meetings throughout the state and contacting agencies directly to complete a formal update process at least annually.

Services fall under the following general categories:

Basic Needs	Consumer Services
Criminal Justice and Legal Services	Education
Environment/Public Health/Public Safety	Health Care
Income Support and Employment	Individual and Family Life
Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services	Organizational/Community Services

Types of agencies in the database include:

- Federal, state and local entities
- Non-Profit organizations
- Service organizations and civic groups that provide services to the public
- Out-of-state entities that offer services to Vermonters
- And more
- Community Action Agencies
- Churches

To reach an Information and Referral Specialist in the Contact Center:

From within Vermont: [1-866-652-4636](tel:1-866-652-4636)
From Out-of-State: [1-802-652-4636](tel:1-802-652-4636)



Vermont League of Cities and Towns

Serving and Strengthening Vermont Local Government

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

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

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

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

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



American Red Cross
Northern New England Region

August 27, 2021

Town of Poultney
Attn: Paul Donaldson Town Manager
PO Box 121
Poultney, VT 5764



Dear Paul,

As we look ahead to the new year, we take a moment to reflect on our profound gratitude to the municipal partners who help us deliver our lifesaving mission in our community. With your support, we are able to ensure the health, safety, and preparedness of our friends and neighbors throughout Northern New England.

Last year, our volunteer workforce provided an array of services throughout the region:

- We assisted a local family in the face of disaster, on average, **once every 18 hours**, helping more than **2,000 individuals**.
- We made over **500 homes safer** by installing smoke detectors and educating families about fire safety and prevention through our Home Fire Campaign.
- Trained **26,957 people** in first aid, CPR, and water safety skills.
- We collected over **153,000 units of blood**. Hospitals throughout Northern New England depend on the American Red Cross for these collections.
- In our region, **850** service members, veterans, and their families received supportive services through our Service to the Armed Forces department.

Your American Red Cross remains committed to providing relief and support. We do this with the help of our incredible volunteers and donors, including you, our friends in Poultney. *This year, we respectfully request a municipal appropriation of \$1000.00.* These funds will directly benefit individuals and families right here in our region, who benefit from our unique services at no cost.

For more information about the work we've been doing in your area, please refer to the attached Impact Sheet for Rutland County. If you have any questions, please call us at 1-800-464-6692 or supportnne@redcross.org.

Warmly,

Rachel Zellem
Development Specialist

American Red Cross of Northern New England
www.redcross.org/nne



American Red Cross
Northern New England Region

Rutland County Service Delivery

July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

Disaster Response

In the past year, the American Red Cross has responded to **14 disaster cases in Rutland County**, providing assistance to **43 individuals**. Most commonly, these incidents were home fires. Red Cross workers were on the scene to provide food, clothing, lodging, emotional support, and more to families during their hours of greatest need. Our teams also provide Mass Care to first responders. Things like food, water, and warm drinks strengthen the brave men and women of your local Fire and Police Departments as they answer the call to keep your residents safe.

Town/City	Disaster Events	Individuals
Cuttingsville	1	1
Fair Haven	3	9
Pittsford	1	1
Proctor	1	2
Rutland	6	25
West Rutland	2	5

Home Fire Campaign

Last year, Red Cross staff and volunteers worked throughout **Rutland County** to educate residents on fire, safety and preparedness. We made **9 homes safer** by helping families develop emergency evacuation plans.

Service to the Armed Forces

We proudly assisted **30 of Rutland County's Service Members, veterans, and their families** by providing emergency communications and other services, including counseling and financial assistance.

Blood Drives

During the last fiscal year, we collected **3113 pints** of lifesaving blood at **87 drives in Rutland County**.

Training Services

Last year, **332 Rutland County residents** were taught a variety of important lifesaving skills such as First Aid, CPR, Babysitting Skills and Water Safety.

Volunteer Services

Rutland County is home to **15 American Red Cross Volunteers**. We have volunteers from all walks of life, who are trained and empowered to respond to disasters in the middle of the night, to teach safety courses, to help at our many blood drives, and so much more. The American Red Cross is proud that 90% of its staff is made up of volunteers; they are truly the heart and soul of our organization.



Press Release

Contact: Judy.Leech71@gmail.com
802-417-9521

The Poultney 4th of July Celebration brought out a large crowd to celebrate the first big event in the area since most COVID restrictions were lifted in mid-June.

The winners of the annual Lake St Catherine Boat Parade held Saturday were:

Most Patriotic winner: boat #19, Laura Frost. Runner-up: boat#20, Chris Conte.

Funniest winner: boat #12, Sarah Conine. Runner-up: boat #4, Laurie Miller

Most Original winner: boat #2, the Roth family. Runner-up: boat #21, the Bilotta family

Best Overall: Tonia and Paul Ramirez. Runner-up: boat #2, the Roth family

Pictures of the winners and names of the boats appear on the website of the Lake St. Catherine Association at lakestcatherine.org.

The Martin Devlin Memorial Fun Run was done virtually this year, with runners and walkers signing up online, gathering sponsors, and making their run when it was convenient for them. Organizers Kerry Devlin and Renee Baupre White said they plan to go back to an in-person format next year. The winner was the VNA and Hospice of Southwestern Vermont, when the run raised a total of 1400 dollars since the time registration opened.

The Poultney Fourth of July parade left East Poultney later than usual since the Fourth fell on a Sunday, but magician Tom Joyce filled the time with his magic show in front of the LiHigh School. DJ John Saltis graciously provided his equipment for a public address system, and announcer Bob Williams imparted a wealth of information about the event itself, about Poultney, and about the parade participants. The theme this year was "Slate Valley Celebrates and Remembers".

Judging of the entries took place in East Poultney before the parade left the starting point. Poultney Economic Coordinator Sarah Pelkey, Mars Insurance owner Jeff Ams, and Nancy Libortore of Lakes and Homes Real Estate viewed the entries for the Poultney Area Chamber of Commerce awards, and made the following choices:

The Young At Heart Club won for "Business That Best Depicts The Theme". The Knights of Columbus took home the award for "Most Patriotic". Slate Valley Trails won for the float that "Best Depicts The Theme", and the Poultney Public Library for "Most Photogenic". The award for "Best Depicts The Organization" went to the Revive Church, which bore a banner thanking "Essential Workers" - a tribute to those who helped during the pandemic.

Besides the floats, the parade featured fire companies, rescue squads, bicyclists, tractors, a magician, and even a stilt walker. The Middle Falls fire department had the longest travel.

Festivities continued at the Bhakta GMC Campus after the parade. The Bhakta family offered the use of the campus, made a large donation toward expenses, and participated in the parade. Magician Blaine Goad thrilled young and old with his magic show, and the big band and easy listening music of "EnerJazz" floated across the lawn as people relaxed with their food.

DJ John Saltis and his family provided evening dance music at the elementary school while people waited for the fireworks to start at dusk, to finish off a satisfying Fourth of July celebration in Poultney.

Thanks go to organizer Jonas Rosenthal, who with his committee was able to put together the celebration in six weeks, something that usually takes most of a year. Look next year for more information much earlier on the Poultney Area Chamber website poultneyareachamber.com and on their Facebook page [.facebook.com/poultneyareachamberofcommerce/](https://www.facebook.com/poultneyareachamberofcommerce/)

Donations were not taken at the entry to the fireworks display this year as usual, as the committee decided it would be better not to approach cars full of people yet. Donations for next year's event are needed though; anyone who wishes to donate should send a check made out to the Town of Poultney, with "4th of July" on the memo line. They should be sent to the Town of Poultney, 9 Main Street, Poultney, VT 05764.

QUARRY VALLEY UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT WARNING

Annual School District Meeting

February 22 and March 1, 2022

The legal voters of the Quarry Valley Unified Union School District consisting of the towns of Poultney, Proctor, and West Rutland, are hereby warned to meet at Greater Rutland County Supervisory Union or virtually at the following link:

- meet.google.com/ghm-dhfd-rbp
- Or via phone:(US) +1 401-552-4816 PIN: 800 185 901#

on February 22, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. for the annual school district meeting to transact the following business:

- Article 1. To hear the reports of the School Board and other District Officials
- Article 2. To hear the Board of School Directors of the Quarry Valley Unified Union School District present its estimate of expense for the ensuing year.

The meeting shall then be recessed to Tuesday, March 1st, 2022 for the purpose of voting the following articles at the usual polling places in the member districts by Australian ballot.

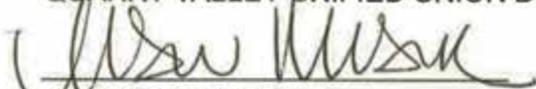
Town of Poultney	10:00 am - 7:00 pm	Poultney Fire House
Town of Proctor	10:00 am - 7:00 pm	Proctor Jr/Sr High School
Town of West Rutland	10:00 am - 7:00 pm	West Rutland Town Hall

- Article 3. To elect the following officers:
- a. Moderator for a term of one (1) year.
 - b. Treasurer for a term of one (1) year.
 - c. Clerk for a term of one (1) year
- Article 4. School Budget: Shall the voters of the Quarry Valley Unified Union School District approve the School Board to expend \$19,096,029.63 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 \$16,870.49 per equalized pupil which is 1.85% more than last year.

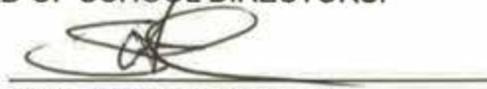
Said persons and voters are warned and notified that voter qualifications, registration, absentee voting, and voter procedures shall be in accordance with Chapters 43 and 51 of Title 17 Vermont Statutes Annotated.

Approved by the Quarry Valley Unified School District Board of Directors in a public meeting and dated at Rutland, Vermont this 19th day of January 2022.

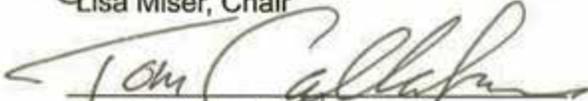
QUARRY VALLEY UNIFIED UNION BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS:



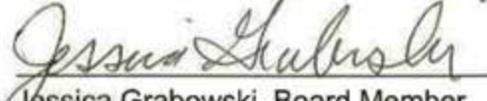
Lisa Miser, Chair



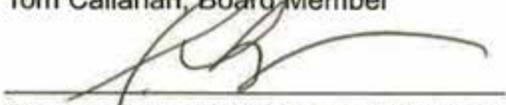
Seth Howard, Vice Chair



Tom Callahan, Board Member



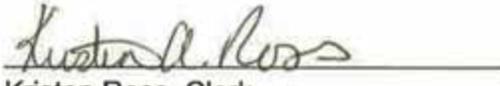
Jessica Grabowski, Board Member



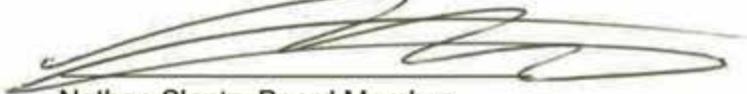
Sarah Lohnes-Watulak, Board Member



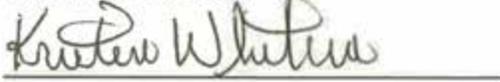
Michael Moser, Board Member



Kristen Ross, Clerk



Nathan Slentz, Board Member



Kristen Whitman, Board Member

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Betsy Wescott
Quarry Valley Unified Union District Clerk

REMINDER

The Quarry Valley Board of School Directors
Will Hold Its Annual Meeting as Follows:

DATE & TIME:

Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at 7: 00 PM

LOCATION:

Greater Rutland County Supervisory Union Central Office

Remote:

Join with Google Meet

meet.google.com/ghm-dhfd-rbp

Join by phone

(US) +1 401-552-4816 PIN: 800 185 901#

**The Board Will Present the Proposed School Budget
To the Public and Will Be Available to Answer Questions.**

Please Join Us in Support of Your Schools!

If you would like to review the annual report ahead of the meeting, please contact your local school, Town Office, or Library. Additionally, the annual report will be made available online at www.grcsu.org.

In order to ensure a smooth annual meeting, we are encouraging community members to submit their questions in advance. These questions will be answered during the annual meeting.

Your questions can be submitted to Kristine McGuiness at kristine.mcguiness@grcsu.org



**STATE OF VERMONT
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
115 STATE STREET
MONTPELIER, VT
05633-5201**

Dear Residents of the Town of Poultney:

It is my honor to continue to represent you in the Vermont House of Representatives. It has been a challenging past few years for all of us as we continue to grapple with the COVID pandemic.

On January 18, 2022, the Vermont House of Representatives finally returned to the Statehouse using a hybrid form of meeting for committee work. We continue to meet via zoom for our Chamber work. I am hopeful we will all be back in the Statehouse in the next few weeks.

This session will see two Vermont Constitutional Amendment Proposals up for action. If passed, they will be included on our November General Election ballot for voting by the Citizens of the State of Vermont. One is in regard to indentured servitude, and the other with women's reproductive rights.

The Governor presented his 7.6-billion-dollar budget proposal. We are very fortunate in that our state received large amounts of COVID relief monies and ARPA funds compared to our population. Key budget items are as follows: fully funding the state retirement and debt service obligations and maintains, or exceeds, statutory reserve requirements; provides over 48 million dollars in tax relief to low and moderate income families, critical occupations, military retirees and students; makes major investments in workforce training and expansion through education, internships, and outreach; expands early care and learning subsidies for families and launches new initiatives to help those suffering from mental illness and addiction; and upgrades or replaces legacy software and equipment to deliver better, more timely information and services. All of this will be accomplished without any new taxes or fees. The proposed budget heads to our House Appropriations Committee and will probably see several adjustments.

Closer to home, the next fiscal year will see construction begin on the East Poultney Bridge as well as the scoping study on the Vermont Route 31 Bridge (South Street).

If you have any questions or concerns, I am always here to listen. Please feel free to reach out to me at pmccoy@leg.state.vt.us.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Pattie McCoy