

Town of Franklin Vermont

FY2022 Annual Report

Fiscal Year End
June 30th, 2022

AUDITORS' ANNUAL REPORT

for the

TOWN OF FRANKLIN
VERMONT

For the Fiscal Year Ending
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**** RESULTS OF MARCH 1, 2022 AUSTRALIAN BALLOT VOTE *****

Polls opened at 7:00 am and closed at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall. Number of ballots cast was 230.

Moderator – One year: Timothy Magnant
Town Clerk – Three years: Lisa A. Larivee
Selectboard – Two years: Andrew Godin
Selectboard – Three years: Brooks Sturtevant
Lister – Three years: Sara J. Rainville
Auditor – Three years: Martine Gates by write-in, declined the position
Trustee of Public Money- One year: Lisa A. Larivee
Trustee of Haston Library Fund – One year: Kimberly Gates Maynard
Haston Library Trustees – Three years: Jennifer Raynak & Corinna Stanley
Delinquent Tax Collector – One year: Johanna Crane-Godin
Constable – One year: Burt Maynard as a write-in
Franklin Homestead Inc Board – Three years: Patti Whittemore
Cemetery Commissioners – One year: Nancy Wilson, Jen Dewing, Howard Vansette

Shall the voters of the Town of Franklin establish a reserve fund to be called the “Franklin Cemeteries Reserve Fund” to be used for maintenance and repair of town cemeteries? 198 – YES 23 – NO

Shall the voters of the Town of Franklin transfer \$2,000 from the General Fund to the “Franklin Cemeteries Reserve Fund” as were previously raised for this purpose? 202 – YES 20 – NO

Shall the voters of the Town of Franklin appropriate a sum of \$5,000 to Franklin Homestead Inc. to be used in support of the Carriage House’s residential service fees? 139 - YES 84 – NO

Shall the voters of the Town of Franklin appropriate a sum of \$6,200 for the purchase of a highway road side mower? 178 - YES 47 – NO

Shall the voters of the Town of Franklin appropriate a sum of \$25,000 for the construction & power for a Recreation Dept. storage building and shelter at the recreational fields? 124 – YES 100 – NO

Shall the voters authorize the Town to borrow a sum not to exceed \$262,000 and to be repaid over a term of not more than five (5) years, to purchase a highway grader? 119 – YES 104 – NO

Shall the voters of the Town of Franklin approve of the Municipal General Fund budget in the amount of \$363,051? 179 - YES 42 – NO

Shall the voters of the Town of Franklin approve of the Highway Fund budget in the amount of \$459,972? 180 – YES 44 – NO

Shall the voters of the Town of Franklin approve of the Weed Harvester budget in the amount of \$7,080? 162 – YES 62 – NO

Shall the voters of the Town of Franklin set the date of payment of property taxes paid to the Treasurer to be October 17, 2022 before the close of business? 217 – YES 9 – NO

Shall the voters of the Town of Franklin publish the names of all delinquent property taxpayers and amounts due and owed to the town as of December 31, 2022? 152 – YES 68 – NO

WARNING FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

The legal voters of the Town of Franklin are hereby warned and notified to meet in the Franklin Town Hall on Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at **ten o'clock** in the forenoon to transact the following business:

1. To elect a moderator for the ensuing year.
2. To receive and discuss the reports of the town officers.
3. Will the voters of the Town of Franklin appropriate a sum of \$5,000 to Franklin Homestead Inc. to be used in support of the Carriage House's residential service fees?
4. Shall the voters authorize total fund expenditures for operating expenses, deficit reduction, and debt repayment of the town, as indicated in the proposed municipal budget of \$886,241.00?
5. Shall the voters of the Town of Franklin elect its town officers by Australian Ballot pursuant to 17 V.S.A. § 2608(b)?
6. To elect the following town officers:
 - A. Town Treasurer for a term of three years. (by ballot)
 - B. One selectboard member for a term of three years. (by ballot)
 - C. One selectboard member for a term of two years. (by ballot)
 - D. One lister for a term of three years. (by ballot)
 - E. One lister to fill an unexpired term of two years. (by ballot)
 - F. One auditor for a term of three years. (by ballot)
 - G. One auditor to fill an unexpired term of two years. (by ballot)
 - H. A trustee of public monies for a term of one year.
 - I. A trustee of the Haston Library Fund for a term of one year.
 - J. Two Haston Library trustees for a term of three years.
 - K. One Haston Library trustee to fill an unexpired term of one year.
 - L. A collector of delinquent taxes for a term of one year.
 - M. A constable for a term of one year.
 - N. Two representatives to serve on the Franklin Homestead, Inc. Board of Directors for a term of three years.
7. To elect a person, or persons, to act as cemetery commissioner(s) to care for the cemeteries in town where there is no one responsible to act in such a capacity.
8. Will the voters set the date of payment of property taxes paid to the treasurer to be October 16, 2023 before close of business?
9. Shall the Town publish the names of all delinquent property taxpayers and amounts due and owed to the town as of December 31, 2023?

10. To elect any town officers to fill any town office that may be vacant at this time.
11. To transact any other non-binding business thought proper when met.

Franklin Selectboard

David Bennion

Brooks Sturtevant

Andrew Godin

Sam Gervais

Justin Rainville

Adopted and approved at a regular meeting of the Selectboard of the Town of Franklin, at which a quorum was present, duly called, noticed and held on January 26, 2023.

ATTEST: *Lisa A. Larivee*, Town Clerk

PLEASE NOTE: Special accommodations will be made for all handicapped persons requesting an accommodation at least three (3) business days prior to the meeting. Please call 285-2101 for more information.



NORTHWEST VERMONT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

2022 Supervisors' Report

The Northwest Solid Waste District's (NWSWD) mission is to help its residents reduce waste, recycle the waste it produces and reduce the toxicity of what ends up in the landfill. The result of this work shows in the amount of waste we diverted from the landfill this year. Some of our 2022 highlights include:

- NWSWD residents used our services and facilities almost 50,000 times!
- District operations diverted 1,565 tons of waste from the landfill!
- Our outreach program engaged over 300 businesses in the Northwest Vermont region.
- We collected almost 60 tons of hazardous material from 1696 households and small businesses through our Household Hazardous Waste program.
- Our composting programs collected over 700 tons of food scraps from businesses, institutions, and residents to be turned into compost.

NWSWD will hold a Bond Vote on Tuesday, March 7, 2023. Voters will be asked to authorize the NWSWD to borrow up to \$1.5 million to finance the District's cost of renovating the NWSWD Georgia Recycling Facility. The proposed improvements include: Construction of a new building for the collection and storage of household chemicals like paint, bleach, oil, and pesticides; Redesign of our traffic flow system with better unloading areas and additional parking; A 3000 square foot addition for the storage of baled recyclables.

When our facility was built in 2007, we exclusively managed cardboard and paper, and served around 34,000 people. Today our programs serve over 54,000 residents and have expanded to include electronic waste, Household Hazardous Waste, plastic diversion, maple sap tubing, agricultural film, and many other waste streams. Our facilities can no longer safely support the volume and variety of recyclable material we are now receiving. The original site design and increased traffic have created safety concerns for staff and customers.

These improvements will increase the number of residents that we can serve, improve the safety of our employees and customers, increase the amount of waste we are able to recycle, and improve the efficiency of our operations. Please support the NWSWD's vision for a better waste system in Franklin and Grand Isle Counties and vote YES on March 7th.

All NWSWD staff members are available through the District office at (802)524-5986 or info@nswsd.org. For more information about the District and our services, how to reduce and recycle your waste, or how to get involved, call District staff at the above number. You can also visit us on the web at www.nswsd.org, find us on Facebook, and sign-up for our e-mail updates. More information can also be found in our newsletter available at your Town Meeting.

John Leddy, Executive Director

NWSWD Board of Supervisors

ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator	..... Timothy Magnant	Elected Annually
Town Clerk	..... Lisa A. Larivee	Term Expires 2025
Town Treasurer	..... Lisa A. Larivee	Term Expires 2023

SELECTBOARD

David Bennion	.....	Term Expires 2023
Ethan Dezotelle-resigned	.....	Term Expires 2023
Justin Rainville-appointed	.....	Term Expires 2023
Simeon Gervais	.....	Term Expires 2024
Andrew Godin	.....	Term Expires 2024
Brooks Sturtevant	.....	Term Expires 2025

LISTERS

Jean Richard	.....	Term Expires 2023
Paulette Tatro	.....	Term Expires 2024
Sara Rainville-resigned	.....	Term Expires 2025

AUDITORS

Wendy Sargeant	.....	Term Expires 2023
Jean Richard	.....	Term Expires 2024
Martine Gates-resigned	.....	Term Expires 2025
Pierrette Bouchard-appointed	Term Expires 2025

TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC MONEY

Lisa A. Larivee	Term Expires 2023
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TRUSTEE OF HASTON LIBRARY FUND

Kimberly Gates Maynard	Term Expires 2023
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HASTON LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Jeffrey Teitelbaum	Term Expires 2023
Carole Richard	Term Expires 2023
Stacie Tremblay	.....	Term Expires 2024
Katie Tremblay-resigned	.....	Term Expires 2024
Victoria Jacobs	.....	Term Expires 2024
Russell Gregory-appointed	.....	Term Expires 2024
Jennifer Raynak	.....	Term Expires 2025
Corinna Stanley	.....	Term Expires 2025

DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR

Johanna Crane-Godin Term Expires 2023

CONSTABLE

Burt Maynard Term Expires 2023

FRANKLIN HOMESTEAD INC.

John Cote Term Expires 2023

Jean Richard Term Expires 2024

Patricia Whittemore Term Expires 2025

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Nancy Wilson Term Expires 2023

Jennifer Dewing Term Expires 2023

Howard Vansette Term Expires 2023

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT-FRANKLIN REPRESENTATIVES

Joanne Johnston Term Expires 2023

Devin Bachelder Term Expires 2024

Peter Magnant Term Expires 2025

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

George Godin Pam Greene
Pauline Gadbois Kimberly Gates Maynard Peter Magnant

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS

ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK & TREASURER

Sara Rainville-resigned	.....	Term Expires 2023
Dawn Fournier-appointed	.....	Term Expires 2023

WATER COMMISSION - 3 YEAR TERM

Michael Lawyer	.....	Term Expires 2023
Marshall Ploof	.....	Term Expires 2024
Brooks Sturtevant	.....	Term Expires 2025

PLANNING COMMISSION - 3 YEAR TERM

Peter Kittell	.....	Term Expires 2023
Daniel Larivee	.....	Term Expires 2024
Devin Bachelder	.....	Term Expires 2024
Cyrus Grennon	.....	Term Expires 2024
Robert Irish	.....	Term Expires 2025
Rolland Rainville	.....	Term Expires 2025
Dianna Benoit Kittell	.....	Term Expires 2025

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT - 3 YEAR TERM

Paulette Tatro	.....	Term Expires 2023
Pauline Gadbois	.....	Term Expires 2024
Robert Irish	.....	Term Expires 2024
James Piviotto	.....	Term Expires 2025
Wesley Kempton	Term Expires 2025

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

Wendy Sargeant	Term Expires 2024
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RECREATION DEPARTMENT - 2 YEAR TERM

Stacy Godin	Term Expires 2023
Paula Tremblay	Term Expires 2023
Laura Larose-appointed	.....	Term Expires 2024
Bridget Thompson-resigned	.....	Term Expires 2024
Lissy Bachelder	.....	Term Expires 2024
Stephanie Ho	.....	Term Expires 2024

OTHER OFFICERS

Service Officer	.....	Pauline Gadbois
Health Officer	.....	David Bennion
Road Commissioner	.....	Sam Gervais
Road Foreman	.....	Jeremy Barnum
Animal Control Officer	.....	Dennis Demar
Tree & Fire Warden	.....	Burt Maynard
Keeper of Street Lights	.....	Donald Gates
Keeper of Town Clock	.....	David Bennion
Emergency Management Coordinator	.....	Town Office
Regional Planning Commission	.....	Yvon Dandurand
	.....	Wesley Kempton
E911 Coordinator	.....	Town Office
Transporation Advisory Committee (TAC)	.....	Peter Magnant
Energy Committee	.....	Vacant
Northwest Solid Waste District	.....	Vacant
Clean Water Advisory Committee (CWAC)	.....	Yvon Dandurand

AUDITORS' REPORT

We have examined the town accounts as herein reported. We meet on a regular basis to review all Selectboard, Library, Water District, Recreation Department, Lake Carmi Project, Cemetery and ARPA warrants and also reconcile their bank statements which provides for segregation of duties. Annually, we review the accounts and reports from organizations not handled by the Town Treasurer, which the town has allocated monies.

We would like to thank Lisa Larivee; and Sara Rainville who will be missed and welcome Dawn Fournier the new assistant. Also, we express appreciation to all the other board members and treasurers who submit their information to us for review and inclusion in the town report. Working with them to bring you a comprehensive overview of Franklin is our goal. We appreciate your input and cooperation.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jean Richard
Wendy Sargeant
Pierrette Bouchard*

SELECTBOARD REPORT

Another eventful year comes to a close. Covid-19, although still with us, became less of an issue. Most meetings are once again in person with the primary change being that many of them are also accessible online as well. This change has made these meetings more accessible to everyone, especially those with mobility issues. Town Meeting this coming March will be returning to in-person participation.

Lake Carmi was high on the list of issues the Town was dealing with. Climate and other environmental issues caused 2022 to be the worst ever for cyanobacteria and the blue-green algae with which it is associated. The aerator system was unable to control the blooms. Much discussion and many meetings occurred and are ongoing, attempting to find a remedy, and the LCCA, DEC, and the Town will continue these efforts.

The Town replaced the aging road grader which had become a major repair expense. Also approved by the citizens, was construction of a large storage shed for the Recreation Department to enable them to offer better and safer recreational opportunities to our citizens, especially our children.

Other issues were the renewal of the ambulance contract with Enosburg, broadband availability, ATV ordinances, Town Hall use and repairs, and elevator replacement in the library, and the use of ARPA funds. Traffic, excessive speed, and unsafe operation of vehicles on our roads also occupied a large amount of time for the Town personnel and expense for the taxpayers.

There were a number of resignations from Town Boards and Committees, many of which were quickly filled. Thank you to those who have stepped up to fill these positions. Volunteers are an important part of making a town work for its citizens. Other resignations were our Assistant Town Clerk, Sara Rainville who we thank for her 14 years of service, and Jake Dandurand, our Highway Crew member. May they both find success in their future endeavors. The Assistant Clerk position has been filled by Dawn Fournier, and the Highway crew position has been filled by Tim Fournier. We also had a Select Board member resign for family reasons. Thank you to Justin Rainville for stepping up to fill the vacancy.

This year, the Select Board decided to add youth members to the board to give us a youth perspective on the many issues we face. The first youth member was Keeleigh Fournier, a junior (then a senior) at MVU. Keeley has had to move on due to additional time needed to pursue advanced educational opportunities. Our current youth member is Celina Beauregard, a junior at BFA. These young women have made an important contribution to the town through their participation.

Many thanks to Town Clerk, Lisa Larivee, for all she does to keep the town running smoothly and efficiently and for making the Select Board look good. Many thanks to the Franklin Fire Department, Franklin Town Road crew, as well as the members of all the Boards and Committees, who work hard to help the Franklin Select Board keep Franklin a vibrant and thriving community.

Respectfully Submitted,
Franklin Select Board
*David Bennion, Brooks Sturtevant,
Andrew Godin, Sam Gervais, Justin Rainville*

ROAD COMMISSIONER REPORT

2022 was the year of change for the Highway Department. With myself being named the new Road Commissioner and Tim Fournier as the new member to the Highway Crew. With that, we want to thank Jake Dandurand for his years of service and dedication to the town and wish him luck on his future endeavors.

The Highway Department received its brand-new Grader in the middle of 2022 and it was a significant upgrade to the old grader, which was traded in. The new grader has many more functions and options that allow our Highway crew to make grading more efficient and a better result. Due to increased costs once the grader was delivered, \$3500 was needed to be spent from the highway budget. We thank the town for allowing this to happen.

In 2022 we tried some different options (speedbumps) on Dewing Shore to help slow down traffic. That came with mixed results and as of right now, they will not be re-installed as the traffic patterns did not change. We asked for help from the Sheriff's Department, but due to their staffing shortage, that request was not filled to our expectations.

Some ongoing points of emphasis from me are: 1) Changing the island at end of Richard Road to help with road flow. 2) Leaning on the State to help with the odd intersection on the North side of Town. 3) Assessing roads and speed limits compared to similar roads to help with public safety (Swamp Road has been posted at 40 MPH). 4) Lake Carmi weed harvester operation and lake clean-up.

In 2023 you can expect to see some or all of the following to happen:

- 1) Paving of Morses Line Road (portion) and Swamp Road.
- 2) Rte 236 Culvert Replacement.
- 3) Pidgeon Hill Culvert Replacement.
- 4) 4-5 Culverts to be replaced around town.
- 5) Normal ditching maintenance.
- 6) Dewing Shore Erosion (pending grants).
- 7) Town Well and Water project at the Highway Garage.

To conclude, I would like to thank all the members of our great community, as well as the Select board and Highway Crew for making my job easier than it has to be! Please feel free to reach out to me anytime with questions or concerns.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sam Gervais
Road Commissioner

PAVING PROGRESS REPORT/PLAN

2013

- Riley Rd; (hill) resurfaced 725.15 tons @ \$77.99 = \$56,554.45
- Hanna Rd; resurfaced 433.60 tons @ \$77.99 = \$33,816.46
- Strip in front of Dick Wright's and Franklin Telephone Co. 50 tons @ \$77.99 = \$3,899.50
- Fire Station resurface of lot 53 tons @ \$77.99 = \$4,133.47

2014

- Morses Line Rd; (Richard Rd west to Messier Rd) 1068.79 tons @ \$74.76 = \$79,902.74

2015

- Homestead Drive; resurfaced with 125 tons @ \$72.93 = \$9,116.25 (cost shared by three parties; Town, Franklin Telephone and Homestead)
- Morses Line Rd; (Messier Rd west to D. Rainville's) approx. 1.2 miles with 1360.2 ton @ \$72.93 = \$99,199.39

2016

- Riley Rd; resurfaced 801 tons @ \$68.50 = \$54,868.50
- Dewing Rd; .9 miles resurfaced 1184.36 tons @ \$66.29 = \$78,511.23 (80% by grant)
- Stanley Rd; resurfaced 663.67 tons @ \$66.29 = \$43,994.68 (80% by grant)
- Morses Line Rd; .56 miles resurfaced 729.1 tons @ \$66.29 = \$48,332.04 (80% by grant)

2017

- Morses Line Rd; 1.3 miles resurfaced with 1392.9 tons @ \$71.30= \$99,313.77

2018

- Hanna Road; 1.3 miles resurfaced with 1055.02 tons @ \$78.85=\$83,194.66
- Gallup Road * ongoing monitoring

2019-2020 – (two years budget plus grant funding)

- Hanna Road; 2.18 miles resurfaced with 2335 tons @ \$67.81=\$158,360.46
- Stanley Road; 1.2 miles resurfaced with 2530 tons @ \$67.81=\$171,573.32 (80% by grant)

2021

- Gallup Road; approx. 1.15 miles from Lake Road to end of current blacktop; 1,362.59 tons @ \$72.00 = \$98,106.48.
- Rice Hill Road; apron at intersection of Rte 120, 44.7 tons @\$72.00 = \$3,218.40

2022-2023 – PLAN (two years budget plus grant funding)

- Swamp Road resurfacing with two years budget (FY23 & FY24) and VTrans grant if available
- Morses Line Road from village to Richard Road.
- Riley Road

This plan is subject to change if transportation grants are received or if there is a road condition that requires immediate attention.

TOWN EQUIPMENT AND REPAIR/MAINTENANCE COSTS

	<u>FY21</u>	<u>FY22</u>	<u>FY23 YTD</u>
2010 International 7600 Highway Plow Truck (sold 11/2020)	\$ 1,900.00	\$ -	-
2016 International 7600 Highway Plow Truck	4,925.00	6,003.67	16,371.07
2021 International HV613 Highway Plow Truck	300.00	3,432.55	786.65
2018 Case 521G Loader	270.00	571.58	691.53
1983 Caterpillar Grader (traded 5/2022)	8,847.00	23,570.28	-
2022 John Deere Grader			-
2009 Massey Ferguson 583 Tractor with mower	141.00	-	295.43
2015 Aquamarine H5-200 Plant Harvester w/ trailer	725.00	171.30	2,715.04
Kabota compact/Toro Zero-turn mower	232.00	756.96	86.98

2022 ROAD MAINTENANCE REPORT

Barnum Rd: .80 miles; graded 3 times; roadside mowing 2 times; 98 yards gravel; 252 yards crushed stone; 1000 gal. chloride

Beaver Meadow Rd: .70 miles; graded 2 times; roadside mowing 2 times; 42 yards gravel; 42 yards crushed stone; 600 gal. chloride

Bouchard Rd: .11 miles; graded 1 time; 28 yards gravel

Colton Rd: 1.10 miles; graded 3 times; roadside mowing 2 times; 84 yards gravel; 84 yards crushed stone; 600 gal. chloride

Dandurand Rd: 1.45 miles; graded 3 times; roadside mowing 2 times; 224 yards crushed stone; 800 gal. chloride

Dewing Rd: .92 miles; graded 4 times; roadside mowing 2 times; 28 yards gravel; 210 yards crushed stone; 1200 gal. chloride

Durkee Rd: .55 miles; graded 2 times; roadside mowing 2 times; 98 yards crushed stone; 600 gal. chloride

Gallup Rd: 3.45 miles; graded 3 times; roadside mowing 2 times; 140 yards gravel; 140 yards crushed stone; 1000 gal. chloride

Kendall Rd: 1.10 miles; graded 3 times; roadside mowing 2 times; 84 yards gravel; 28 yards crushed stone; 500 gal. chloride

Kennison Rd: .13 miles; roadside mowing 2 times

Little Pond Rd: .27 miles; graded 1 time; roadside mowing 2 times; 28 yards gravel

Messier Rd: 1.44 miles; graded 2 times; roadside mowing 2 times; 112 yards crushed stone; 600 gal. chloride

Middle Rd: 5.09 miles; graded 3 times; roadside mowing 2 times; 168 yards gravel; 254 yards crushed stone; 2000 gal. chloride

Pidgeon Hill Rd: 1.50 miles; graded 3 times; roadside mowing 2 times; 126 yards gravel; 98 yards crushed stone; 800 gal. chloride

Rice Hill Rd: .70 miles; graded 4 times; roadside mowing 2 times; 168 yards crushed stone; 950 gal. chloride

Richard Rd: 1.47 miles; graded 3 times; roadside mowing 2 times; 224 yards crushed stone; 800 gal. chloride

Riley Rd: 2.20 miles; graded 3 times; roadside mowing 2 times; 56 yards gravel; 168 yards crushed stone; 800 gal. chloride

Scott Rd: 1.16 miles; graded 2 times; roadside mowing 2 times; 140 yards gravel; 600 gal. chloride

Skunk Misery Rd: .23 miles; 14 yards gravel

Towle Neighborhood Rd: 2.79 miles; graded 3 times; roadside mowing 2 times; 210 yards gravel; 182 yards crushed stone; 2000 gal. chloride

Webster Rd: 2.35 miles; graded 1 time; roadside mowing 2 times; 28 yards gravel

Respectfully Submitted,
Jeremy Barnum
Highway Foreman

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Hoping this finds all in the community well and safe. The zoning office has been moderately busy in 2022 as the pandemic continues to impact our lives. I continue to learn the ins and outs of the Regulations and how they impact our community.

During the year, the following actions were completed:

- 36 building/zoning permits, 0 amendment and 1 extension issued
- 21 Administrative opinions issued
- 4 Certificates of Compliance issued – 4 subdivisions
- 2 Temporary Dwelling permits (issued under certain circumstances renewed every 6 months)
- 0 Affidavits (necessary under certain circumstances renewed every 6 months)

The following permits were processed in 2021-22:

9 new dwellings
2 additions (1 denied)
1 new mobile home
6 decks/porch (2 remove & replace; 1 addition; 1 denied)
3 garages/barns (1 remove & replace)
1 camp remove and replace
1 hunting cabin
8 sheds (2 remove & replace)
5 agricultural buildings

There are two subdivisions awaiting Planning Commission approval.

As Zoning Administrator, I am usually in the office Thursday evenings 4-6 pm. Appointments for in-person meetings can be made by calling the Town Clerks office (802) 285-2101 to set up a time. I can also be reached via email at franklinzoningadmin@franklinvt.net with any questions.

Looking forward to serving you again in 2023. Stay safe and Healthy.

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy Sargeant
Zoning Administrator

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT REPORT

During 2022, the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) held three hearings:

- 1 Conditional Use in the Shoreland/Recreational District for addition of living space to a camp - denied
- 2 Conditional Use in the Shoreland/Recreational District to remove and replace seasonal camps - approved

Serving on the board are Polly Gadbois, Jim Piviroto, Paulette Tatro, Wesley Kempton, and Robert Irish, who volunteer their time.

Respectfully submitted,

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

2022 was another year of transition for the Planning Commission. Bryce Bachelder assumed the role of Chair in March after Bob Irish decided not to retain the position from 2021, but remains a voting member. Dave Bennion stepped down to focus on the Select board, and we welcomed Dianna Benoit Kittell onto the Planning Commission as a new member. We'd like to thank Bob for his leadership and Dave for his service.

The Planning Commission continued to focus on the process of changing use of a residence from seasonal to year-round. After working with members of the Northwest Regional Planning Commission we could not find a solution that would meet both town and state regulations concerning septic and waste water. While this topic will not remain a primary focus for 2023, we will continue to explore potential solutions if and when presented. The Planning Commission also heard four subdivision and three right-of-way hearings over the course of the year.

In 2023, the Planning Commission will focus on revising the Town Plan and Development Regulations as is expected every 8-10 years. As we revise the Town Plan and discuss the future direction of the town, we welcome the public's input.

The Planning Commission would like to thank Lisa Larivee and Dawn Fournier for all of their support in the Town Clerk's office, and Wendy Sargeant for her work as the Zoning Administrator. We'd also like to thank Dianna Benoit Kittell for taking meeting notes for our minutes when needed.

Finally, the Planning Commission meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM in the town office and on Zoom. All members of the public are welcome to attend.

Respectfully submitted,
*Bryce Bachelder – Chair, Dan Larivee – Vice Chair
Dianna Benoit Kittell, Cyrus Grennon, Robert Irish
Peter Kittell, Rolland Rainville*

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

All six cemeteries were evaluated and opened in March with cleanup from winter damage. Due to frost and fallen branches, several stones had to be repaired and many had to be reset in both the Marsh and Willard cemeteries. Plants were placed at the Prouty and Willard by Memorial Day. A large branch fell on the Briggs' fence and destroyed it; it will need to be replaced. There was an issue during the summer with skunks digging around the stones and knocking them over at the Marsh. These had to be reset several times. Weekly mowing, trimming and maintenance continued from March thru October. Cemeteries were closed at the end of October.

Respectfully submitted,
Cemetery Commissioners

FRANKLIN CENTER CEMETERY

The Franklin Center Cemetery in the Village still has lots available for sale. Contact the Town Clerk's Office for pricing and location of available lots. Work is being done to evaluate the broken stones with planning for future repairs to them. The mowing continues to be done by MMT Lawn Care, cost is shared with the Catholic Cemetery portion.

Respectfully submitted,
Dwight W. Tatro

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ENHANCED 911 REPORT

There were 13 new addresses added in Franklin for 2022; eleven new lots/homes, two sugar houses; one apartment addition.

Marking your driveway, residence or camp with a reflective address sign or clearly visible numbers will further ensure that emergency services can find you in the event of an emergency. Also, be sure that trees do not block your markers or signs to hinder emergency services locating your property.

Please report any missing street signs to the highway department at 285-2180.

Requests for new E-911 addresses must be submitted to the Town Clerk's Office.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa A. Larivee

HEALTH OFFICER REPORT

In 2022, the primary Health Officer concern was the Cyanobacteria blooms in Lake Carmi. The environmental conditions this past summer produced blooms all over the region, even in places that had never had blooms before and in places where efforts to reduce the blooms had previously been successful. The Department of Environment Conservation (DEC) is dedicating additional funds in the coming year to study and implement additional efforts. The Town and the LCCA will continue to work with the DEC to improve the water quality in Lake Carmi.

Covid 19 is still a major concern, as it will be for years to come, both as a health concern and as an economic concern. The opening of the border has helped with the economic concern, but the health concerns must remain our focus to allow our Canadian friends to return safely to our town. Thank you to our community for continuing to do what is necessary to return to the new normal.

Remember everyone, both residents and summer guests, please get your pets spayed, neutered, vaccinated, and registered. Stay well and stay safe.

Respectfully Submitted,
David Bennion

VERMONT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK (VCDB) GRANT

In 1998, the Town of Franklin received a \$396,000 grant from VCDB of which \$391,000 was turned over to Franklin Homestead, Inc., to build the Franklin Carriage House and \$5,000 was retained to cover administrative and audit costs.

The first loan was in the amount of \$130,000 at a rate of 0% for a term of thirty (30) years. Payments are to be made per the grant/mortgage requirements.

The second loan was in the amount of \$261,000 at a rate of 0% for a term of thirty (30) years with payments deferred for each year the requirements of the VHCB affordability covenant is maintained; and, 1/30 of the principal forgiven for each year it had previously maintained compliance with the covenant, providing there has been no change in use or ownership of the property. Remaining balance on this loan is \$69,600 with maturity on December 31, 2030

As of December 31, 2022, the Town of Franklin did not receive any payments from the Franklin Carriage House. A copy of the Franklin Homestead Inc. audit is available at the Town Clerk's Office.

FRANKLIN HOMESTEAD, INC.

Founded in 1989, for more than thirty years the Franklin Homestead and the Carriage House have provided beautiful and affordable housing for seniors ages fifty-five (55) and older. We are proud to help local seniors remain within the community where they have natural support systems in place. Managed by the Franklin Homestead, Inc., we are a non-profit organization prioritizing full and part time residents of the Town of Franklin and their family members.

We have twenty-three (23) independent living apartments at the Homestead, which are nearly always full. The Carriage House offers eighteen (18) efficiency apartments with supportive services including meals, cleaning, and laundry provided by our management and staff. The FELCO community room is used by many local groups; Senior Dinners, 500 Card Parties, flu shot clinics, various town committees, Support and Services at Home (SASH) activities for both residents and guests from the area. The FELCO room also provides a great location for residents to host larger family gatherings.

The FHI Board of Directors are dedicated and working hard to keep rents affordable to our residents even as the costs for services, insurance, personnel and staff, and the maintenance of our buildings and infrastructure continue to rise. Our personnel committee has been working to attract and keep quality employees and to provide them with opportunities for professional development and training. As both the Homestead and Carriage House facilities become older, the Building Committee, Finance Committee, and the Strategic Planning Committee have been reviewing the growing needs of our buildings and establishing priorities for next projects, including the feasibility of adding solar panels that could potentially meet some or all our electrical needs.

The FHI Directors greatly appreciate the \$5,000- allocation that we received from the voters of the Town of Franklin last March, and we are again asking for your continued support in 2023. In addition, Franklin Homestead, Inc. is again undertaking our annual fund-raising campaign and we are working for applicable grants and other revenue sources to help keep resident services affordable and to continue our work in building and facility improvements.

We are also very grateful not only for the gifts of money, but also for the donations of both time and talents that we receive from our COMMUNITY every day. Many of these local groups include Franklin County Home Health, Age Well, Haston Library, Franklin Recreation Department, Lake Carmi Campers Association, Franklin Historical Society, Franklin Fire Department, St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Franklin Elementary School, and the East Franklin Union and Franklin United Churches. Thank you all for your service and support of our residents through the many activities and programs that you bring to us.

Feel free to contact us with any questions, concerns, ideas, or donations. We are a 501(c)(3) entity and your donations are greatly appreciated and are tax deductible. Copies of the financial statements, as audited by McSoley and McCoy are available for review at the Franklin Homestead. If you would like more information about housing, or use of the FELCO room please contact Stacy Silloway at 285-2944 or visit our website at franklincarriagehouse.webs.com.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jay Hartman, Board President

FRANKLIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

We have been working on our mission statement, gifting policy and cataloging our collection.

The mission of the Franklin Historical Society is to preserve and promote the history of our community's families, farms and institutions. The vision of the Franklin Historical Society is to become a dynamic, innovative, and vital organization. We will partner with local, regional, and statewide organizations to create exhibits, programming, and publications which will engage and educate an increasingly diverse audience. To achieve this vision we will:

- Publish a summer schedule of events highlighting community history therein.
- Create living history programs for local children at our log cabin museum.
- Refine, expand, and preserve a permanent collection of artifacts.

For 2022:

- We had a Memorial day float
- We hosted a walking tour of Franklin.
- We hosted students and MVU teachers at the log cabin.
- We have participated in workshops for preserving our collection.
- The log cabin was open for the summer by appointment.
- Display at the town clerk's office including Franklin churches and china place settings.
- We wrote historical articles for the LCCA newsletters.
- We had presentations about the Franklin Commune and the Town Hall curtain.

We have a website and have been updating with videos and photos.

www.franklinvthistorical.com. There are links to videos for:

1. The Spirits of Franklin 2018
2. Moving the Franklin Historical Log Cabin 1993
3. Franklin VT Bicentennial Parade 1989
4. Fenian Raid reenactment 1959
5. Memorial Days parade photo compilation 2014-15 & 2017
6. St Mary's church time capsule 2021

The log cabin will be open in the summer by appointment. **New members are always welcome.** We meet once a month April-September. Please email historical@Franklinvt.net for more information including the dates and times. Thank you for your support!

We continue to work on cataloging our collection.

We are working on another "Spirits of Franklin" production. You just never know who will show up.

Respectfully submitted,
Kimberly Gates Maynard, President
Franklin Historical Society

LAKE CARMI CAMPER'S ASSOCIATION, INC.

The Lake Carmi Camper's Association, Inc. is dedicated to conserving our unique natural resources, improving, and enhancing the quality of life and the environment, for all Franklin residents and visitors. In cooperation with local and state authorities, the association strives to provide educational, cultural, and recreational activities, along with water quality management assistance, and safety education initiatives.

The LCCA is typically very active during the summer months sponsoring various recreational and social activities for all lake and area residents. The 2022 "Celebrate Lake Carmi" July 4th holiday week program included Light up Lake Carmi with a theme of "Lake it Easy". We also sponsored a holiday concert on the Town Green and assisted the Franklin Recreation Committee with the 3rd "Race Around the Lake" Triathlon.

The LCCA sponsored two new events this year that were very successful and will be recurring. One was a boat tour of the lake for seniors followed by a lunch along the lake shore. The event was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The second one was a benefit golf tournament at Enosburg Country Club for the Lake Carmi Community Foundation. The tournament was very well attended and raised significant funds for the foundation.

Protection and improvement of the Lake Carmi watershed are paramount. Lake Carmi cannot tolerate any more pollution, nor can the Town of Franklin sustain a diminished tax base or loss of economic activity due to pollution. The LCCA is very active and vocal in petitioning our elected representatives and State officials in Montpelier to stop the pollution. The State designated Lake Carmi a "Lake in Crisis" in 2018. This required the initiation of a "Crisis Response Plan" which resulted in the installation of a whole lake aeration system in Lake Carmi as well as a UVM research platform. Aeration has been successful in controlling algae blooms in lakes but the aeration system in Lake Carmi has not produced the desired impact. An algae bloom in 2022 was intense in both extent and duration. The aeration diffusers will be repositioned to deeper parts of the lake in 2023 with hopes that this will curtail the algae blooms. The LCCA is very grateful to the Town of Franklin for supporting the Aeration Project. Continued use of aeration will be evaluated in the fall of 2023.

The LCCA was very active in the public hearings of Clean Water Board Budget and personally testified at a key meeting. The budget recommended by the Board and sent to the legislature includes continued funding for the operation of the aeration system and the UVM research platform. The budget also includes an allocation for an alum treatment feasibility study of Lake Carmi. Alum has proved successful in suppressing algae blooms in other Vermont lakes.

The Association remains committed to working with landowners and the Town to improve the watershed. The LCCA is an active member of the VT DEC Lake Carmi TMDL Coordination Team. The Team is the first of its kind in the state and works to initiate projects to improve the watershed. The LCCA remains a strong supporter and partner with the Franklin Watershed Committee. We strongly urge lake shore owners to participate in the septic pump out rebate program, water conservation efforts and the DEC Lakewise Program. The LCCA is very active in seeking and raising funds for water quality efforts. The LCCA's formation of the Lake Carmi Community Foundation was done specifically for this purpose. We also partner with the Lake Champlain Committee to extract weekly water samples for Blue Green Algae. The LCCA supports the weed harvester operation and thanks the Town for their efforts in helping to manage the Eurasian water milfoil in Lake Carmi.

The security of lake property is of primary concern during the winter months. The LCCA contracts with the Franklin County Sheriff to patrol the lake area from October through April, providing a necessary law enforcement presence. The sheriff's presence at the lake is a benefit to the entire town. The LCCA also supports the Franklin Fire Department, Haston Library, Franklin Historical Society, and the Franklin Homestead.

The LCCA is a focal point for the dissemination of information to the community. Our five monthly summer newsletters are published and distributed widely by the association to keep residents and friends informed about life at Lake Carmi and in the Town of Franklin. The LCCA also has an informative website. All

LCCA Newsletters and lots more are at www.lakecarmivt.com. Our Board of Directors is busy throughout the year. All are unpaid volunteers. The LCCA Directors for 2022 to 2023 are Peter Benevento; John Costa, Ernie Englehardt, Rob Evans, Rhonda Fletcher, Polly Gadbois, Sheryl Garala, Nancy Johnson and Ruth Ann Krayesky. All Board of Directors Meetings are open to the public; dates are posted online and in the LCCA newsletters.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Benevento, President

FRANKLIN WATERSHED COMMITTEE, INC.

The goal of the Franklin Watershed Committee is to improve and strengthen the integrity of the Franklin watersheds for the purpose of maintaining the uses and values desired by the people, as well as enhancing water quality of Lake Carmi as a recreational facility for future generations.

The FWC works with partners in the Missisquoi Watershed to achieve its stated purpose and is grateful for the support of the Town of Franklin. Our funding comes exclusively from grants and donations to achieve our goals. This year, we continued tributary sampling, performed Lake Wise evaluations, identified potential watershed projects, and met with state officials and legislators regarding the health of Lake Carmi. Tributary samples began in March and continued biweekly until mid-September. The samples were collected to test for levels of Total and Dissolved Phosphorus. The findings will be posted on the FWC website as soon as they are available.

In August and September, we conducted Lake Wise visits with the Franklin County Natural Resources Conservation District (FCNRCD). The goal of these visits was to compile a list of existing Best Management Practices (BMPs) around the lake, find potential BMP projects, and suggest ways to make lakeshore properties more lake friendly. Deserving camps with appropriate BMPs received the Lake Wise certification. These evaluations were part of a larger project with the FCNRCD to compile a record of all existing BMPs in the watershed. Accordingly, we accompanied them on stream walks of tributaries surrounding Lake Carmi. The purpose of these walks was to assess the streams for signs of erosion that could be depositing phosphorus-rich sediment into the lake.

The Boat Greeter program continued this year at Lake Carmi. A greeter at the North Shore boat launch inspected boats for the presence of aquatic invasive species. Preventing aquatic invasive species from leaving or entering the lake is crucial to maintaining lake health.

The FWC Septic Pump-Out program was active again this year. The FWC offers a rebate to camp owners on Lake Carmi when they pump out the septic system and when they rent a port-o-let. The intent of the program is to encourage camp owners to properly maintain their septic system. In total, 19 septic rebates were issued in 2022.

A road project developed through a grant with the Northwest Regional Planning Commission (NRPC) was completed on Black Woods Rd. to prevent and contain erosion. Plans are currently in place for a second road project in the spring of 2023 on Patton Shore Road. The FWC thanks the NRPC for this grant. Limiting erosion from the roads around Lake Carmi is essential to improving water quality.

This summer, the FWC hosted meetings with the Agency of Natural Resources Secretary Julie Moore and State Senator Randy Brock. We also met with two representatives from US Senator Bernie Sanders' office. At these meetings we took our guests on boat tours of Lake Carmi and discussed our concerns with the cyanobacteria blooms. These meetings were productive and imparted to our guests a better understanding of our water quality issues.

The Franklin Watershed Committee is committed to working with the Town, State, farmers, community members, and landowners to accomplish our goals of preserving the health and water quality of Lake Carmi. The directors for 2022 and 2023 are Marion Benevento, Pete Benevento, Rob Evans, Casey Robinson, Sue Prasch, Robert Cormier, and Steve Comeau. Feel free to visit us at <https://www.franklinwatershed.org/>



Franklin Watershed Committee, Inc.
Caring for Lake Carmi

Respectfully,
Julia Crocker, FWC Coordinator

FRANKLIN WATERSHED COMMITTEE, INC.

Beginning Balance January 1 ,2022 - Checking			\$ 32,255.63
INCOME			
GRANTS			
Watershed United	\$ 4,610.00	*	
Grassroots	3,000.00	*	
Lake Champlain Basin Program - Outreach	<u>9,048.50</u>	**	
TOTAL GRANTS			16,658.50
DONATIONS			
Northrop Grumman Corp	\$ 5,000.00		
Town of Franklin	5,000.00		
Lake Carmi Campers Assoc.	2,500.00		
Tatro Construction	<u>500.00</u>		
TOTAL DONATIONS			13,000.00
MISC			504.00
TOTAL INCOME			\$ 30,162.50
TOTAL CASH/INCOME			<u>\$ 92,580.63</u>
EXPENSES			
Septic Pump Out Program-Outreach	\$ 1,350.00		
Coordinator	16,515.37		
Local Watershed Expenses	5,137.18		
Watershed United	<u>1,008.75</u>	***	
TOTAL EXPENSES			\$ 24,011.30
Ending Balance - December 31, 2022- Checking			<u>38,406.83</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES/CASH			<u>\$ 62,418.13</u>

* Grant utilized for coordinator position

** Reimbursement for boat greeter expenses incurred in 2021

***Expense to be reimbursed in 2023

Respectfully Submitted
Marion Benevento, Treasurer FWC

HASTON LIBRARY

Our mission: *“The Haston Library supports self-education and community involvement through free access to information and a variety of programs and services for all ages in a welcoming atmosphere.”*

This year, the library welcomed Corinna Stanley, Jen Raynak, and Rusti Gregory as new trustees. Our director, Josh Worman, completed the Certificate of Public Librarianship program offered by the Vermont Department of Libraries.

The library was visited by patrons 2,573 times. 4,573 items from the collection were circulated and 378 inter-library loans were processed. Our programs had a total of 595 attendees for the year.

Many great programs were held, including Modern Times Theater, the Southern Vermont History Museum, author visits, an art reception, and a plant swap. A Little Free Library was installed at the Franklin Telephone Company and StoryWalks were installed this year at the Franklin Central School, Lake Carmi State Park, and on the path from the Fire Department to the Homestead. STEM toys and outdoor canopies were added to the library's collection.

Work on the Strategic Plan this year included adding a monthly newsletter and revamping the library's website. We also purchased four new computers with grant money from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

We continue to offer many online resources for genealogy research, online classes, and movie streaming, as well as ebooks and audiobooks. In the coming year, look forward to more items in the “Library of Things” collection, including ukuleles.

Thank you to all community members and patrons who utilize the library and to everyone who gave donations throughout the year. Our bake sale at the Fire Department BBQ and our fundraiser at Due North Vineyard and Winery were huge successes because of the generosity of our community. Thank you!

Respectfully Submitted,
*Stacie Tremblay, Jeffrey Teitelbaum, Corinna Stanley
Jen Raynak, Carole Richard, Victoria Jacobs, Rusti Gregory,
& Library Director, Josh Worman*



**HASTON LIBRARY COMBINED REPORT
TREASURER'S REPORT & BUDGET COMPARISON**

	FY22 7/1/21 - 6/30/22	FY22 Actual	FY23 7/1/22 - 6/30/23	FY23 Anticipated	FY24 7/1/23 - 6/30/24
	<u>Budget</u>		<u>Budget</u>		<u>Budget</u>
Beginning Fund Balance-Unrestricted		\$ 21,068.77			
INCOME					
Town Funds	\$ 39,000.00	\$ 39,000.00	\$ 42,000.00	\$ 42,000.00	\$ 39,000.00
Fundraising	-	24.00	1,000.00	800.00	1,000.00
Donations/Undesignated	500.00	48.78	500.00	300.00	500.00
Interest Earned	1,000.00	1,182.16	700.00	700.00	800.00
Grant Income/ARPA funds	-	3,651.60	750.00	600.00	750.00
Petty Cash Receipts	200.00	187.32	50.00	150.00	50.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 40,700.00	\$ 44,093.86	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 44,550.00	\$ 42,100.00
TOTAL INCOME & FUND BALANCE		\$ 65,162.63			
EXPENSES					
Salaries	\$ 21,550.00	\$ 23,401.67	\$ 27,144.00	\$ 27,144.00	\$ 30,642.00
Payroll Taxes	1,650.00	1,806.01	2,074.00	2,074.00	2,344.00
Health Insurance	10,407.00	8,025.58	10,400.00	9,900.00	11,793.00
Books/Subscriptions	4,210.00	4,916.84	5,240.00	5,240.00	5,080.00
Operating Memberships	900.00	1,289.35	1,150.00	1,150.00	1,450.00
Processing/Shipping	300.00	307.22	350.00	350.00	325.00
Capital Expenses	700.00	526.90	500.00	500.00	500.00
Programs	900.00	488.90	1,050.00	1,050.00	850.00
Supplies	1,000.00	811.28	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Technology & Support	400.00	265.58	150.00	150.00	400.00
Telephone Expense	1,000.00	917.40	950.00	950.00	950.00
Postage Expense	75.00	58.00	125.00	125.00	100.00
Interlibrary Loan Costs	1,040.00	1,117.66	1,040.00	1,040.00	1,155.00
Professional Development	650.00	256.70	300.00	300.00	300.00
Professional Resources	170.00	130.00	170.00	170.00	170.00
Mileage	300.00	128.70	150.00	150.00	150.00
Miscellaneous	150.00	134.95	100.00	100.00	100.00
Fundraisers/Cook book	50.00	-	-	-	-
Shipping & Handling	50.00	14.94	50.00	50.00	50.00
ARPA Expenses		1,523.79			
Non-Traditional Items	-	-	500.00	500.00	500.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 45,502.00	\$ 46,121.47	\$ 52,443.00	\$ 51,943.00	\$ 57,859.00
Fund Balance - Unrestricted		<u>19,041.16</u>			
TOTAL EXPENSES & FUND		\$ 65,162.63			
HASTON LIBRARY RESERVE FUND-RESTRICTED*					
Beginning Balance		\$ 9,684.90			
Income	2,000.00	3,854.12	2,000.00	3,135.71	2,000.00
Expenses	(500.00)	(2,125.80)	(500.00)	(1,250.00)	(500.00)
Ending Balance		\$ 11,413.22	**		

* Grants, restricted donations, and fundraising

** \$6,155.97 of unrestricted funds moved to general funds FY23

Respectfully Submitted
Lisa A. Larivee, Treasurer

HASTON LIBRARY & EBEN RACINE MEMORIAL FUNDS

Established in 1908 the Haston Library Fund is a financial endowment. Annual interest is designated for books and periodicals. The principal always remains in the fund which has grown through fundraising efforts and gifts.

The Eben Racine Memorial Fund was established in 1997 to benefit the Haston Library.

Beginning Balance - January 1, 2022

Eben Racine Fund - CD	\$	3,300.00	
Haston Fund Share Account		150.99	
Haston Fund interest payable		926.42	
Haston Library Fund - CD		14,000.00	
Edward Jones Investments		30,000.00	
TOTAL BEGINNING BALANCE			\$ 48,377.41

INTEREST INCOME

Interest Income			<u>1,177.81</u>
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TOTAL INCOME/BEGINNING BALANCE			<u>\$ 49,555.22</u>
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EXPENSES

Interest transferred to Library Account	\$	1,154.56	
Prepaid Premium Bond		<u>773.57</u>	
			\$ 1,928.13

TOTAL EXPENSES

Ending Balances - December 31, 2022

Eben Racine Fund - CD	\$	3,300.00	
Haston Fund Share Account		171.62	
Haston Fund interest payable		340.29	
Haston Library Fund - CD		14,000.00	
Edward Jones Investments		<u>29,815.18</u>	
TOTAL ENDING BALANCES			<u>47,627.09</u> *

TOTAL EXPENSES/ENDING BALANCE			<u>\$ 49,555.22</u>
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*Interest payable \$340.29 to Haston Library

Eben Racine Fund balance \$3,300.00

Haston Library Fund balance \$44,327.09; Market Value \$44,387.40

Respectfully submitted,
Kimberly Gates Maynard

FRANKLIN WATER DISTRICT

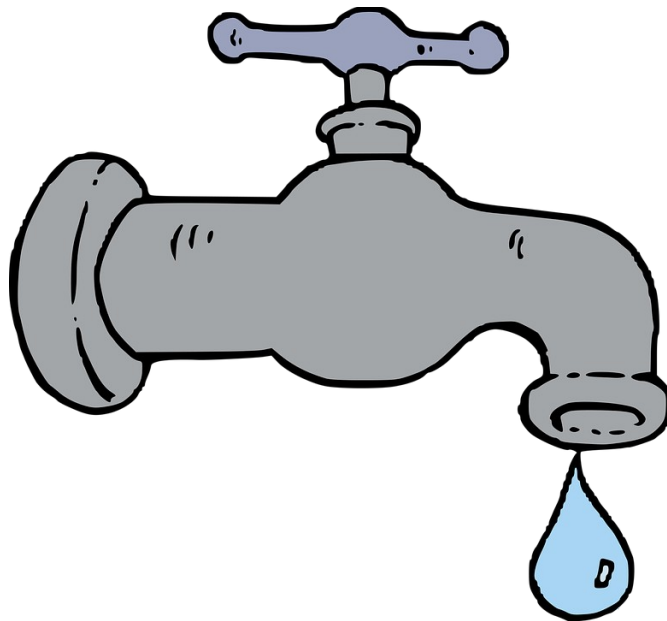
In 2022 we successfully drilled a well on the town property to the North of the town garage. Extensive testing revealed the volume and quality are excellent and will be suitable for supplying the water district.

The next step is to connect to the existing system. This involves adding a pump, transmission line, power and treatment equipment. A bond vote will take place in January and construction is expected to take place in the summer of 2023.

While we narrowly avoided the need to conserve water in 2022, there were 3 of the previous 4 years where we had to conserve and in some cases haul in water from St. Albans. This along with the state identifying a significant deficiency of having an inadequate water supply in 2020 solidifies the need for this new well.

Please remain vigilant in reporting any leaks that you may have inside or outside to the water department as soon as they are discovered. Less obvious leaks may be detected when soft spots are seen on lawns or may be heard by listening to the pipes where they come into the building.

Respectfully submitted
Michael Lawyer
Marshall Ploof
Brooks Sturtevant



Please keep your water lines inspected for leaks inside and outside of your home.
This is important for the health and longevity of our water system.

FRANKLIN WATER DISTRICT

Fund Balance - Period Beginning July 1, 2021

	FY22 7/1/21-6/30/22	FY23 7/1/22-6/30/23	FY24 7/1/23-6/30/24
	Budget	Actual	Budget
INCOME			
Water Rent/User Fees	\$ 53,935.00	\$ 55,787.50	\$ 55,430.00
Late Fees	250.00	270.00	195.00
Interest	50.00	86.38	65.00
Miscellaneous		15,520.12	36,775.43
Upgrade Project Loan	-	-	-
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 54,235.00	\$ 71,664.00	\$ 92,465.43
TOTAL INCOME & FUND BALANCE JUNE 30	\$ 124,018.42		\$ 67,050.00

EXPENSES

Operators (includes payroll taxes)	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,454.76	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,900.00
Treasurer / Secretary (includes payroll taxes)	1,700.00	1,307.32	1,700.00	1,000.00	1,700.00
Spring Rental	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00
Repair & Maintenance/Contracted Services	9,000.00	1,547.34	10,000.00	5,000.00	10,000.00
Utilities	1,000.00	935.25	1,000.00	950.00	2,590.00
Insurance	400.00	426.26	500.00	450.00	500.00
Office Expense	400.00	117.30	700.00	700.00	700.00
Water Sample Laboratory	3,500.00	1,269.87	1,500.00	1,500.00	3,000.00
Permit to Operate	850.00	289.90	350.00	350.00	350.00
Training/Mileage	1,000.00	72.00	500.00	100.00	500.00
Water Hauling		3,680.00			
Planning Loan	1,508.80	1,483.80	1,483.20	1,483.80	1,484.00
Alternate Water Source-costs		23,534.95		43,500.00	
Alternate Water Source-debt repayment			12,000.00		
System Upgrade debt repayment	20,464.18	20,464.18	20,464.18	20,464.18	20,464.00
System Upgrade Costs	-	2,910.00			
Capital Reserve					4,620.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 44,342.98	\$ 62,512.93	\$ 54,717.38	\$ 80,017.98	\$ 50,828.00
Fund Balance - Period Ending June 30, 2022		61,505.49			
TOTAL EXPENSES & FUND BALANCE JUNE 30		\$ 124,018.42			

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Larivee

Franklin Recreation Department

Our Mission: "To offer quality, year round, recreational opportunities to the residents and visitors of Franklin, while enhancing the physical, mental, cultural and social needs of our community."

The Franklin Recreation Department is pleased to report that despite the ongoing challenges of COVID-19, we have continued to offer athletics and recreational events and activities for our community. We continue to work on improved communication through our website and social media, as well as collaboration and coordination with other departments, towns and organizations to bring the most that we can to the Town of Franklin.

Last year we were able to host most of our annual events, including bringing back our Winter Carnival and Chili Cook-off! These events include:

- The Chase Around the Lake Triathlon
- The Community Dinner, including the debut of our new pizza oven!
- The 5K Fall Run: Zombie Run in 2022
- The Halloween Spooktacular: Trunk or Treat and Haunted Forest
- The Holiday Vendor and Craft Fair
- The Tree Lighting
- The Polar Express and Lighted Parade
- The Winter Carnival, including Duct Tape Derby and Chili Cook-off

Athletics continued as normal, and we were excited to bring new jersey designs to our athletic teams! We continued to offer a Franklin Rec Newsletter; be on the lookout for more editions this year!

We have continued to work on improving our athletic fields and offer new opportunities to residents of Franklin and surrounding towns. Here is a list of new things we did this past year:

- Built a new storage shed
- Removed the chainlink outfield fence and purchased a new (to us) outfield fence for the baseball field
- Built appropriately sized soccer field for grades 3 & 4
- Purchased new soccer goals appropriately sized for grades 3 & 4
- New Franklin Eagles apparel for our athletic teams
- Hired a field manager
- Hosted Shed Party to celebrate our new shed
- An Encanto Party and Movie Afternoon
- ATV Fundraiser

Some of our goals for the upcoming year, include the following:

- Installing electricity and Wi-Fi down at the Athletic Fields.
- Building new dugouts for the softball field.
- Installing an Ice Skating Rink.
- Updating the ball fields, including new t-ball fields providing more flexibility in game scheduling.
- Creating a Dylan Bushey Memorial Garden.
- Offering one event each month.

The events we offer continue to be well attended and our athletic programs are thriving! We continue to be humbled by the positive feedback and support we have received and are thankful to be part of such a wonderful community. We graciously thank the voters of Franklin for approving our bid for a new storage shed and to the ARPA committee for providing funds for the shed project. As always, we welcome any and all suggestions as to how we can better serve you!

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Ho, Chair
Manager

Laura Larose, Secretary

Greg Machia, Field

Lissy Bachelder, Vice Chair
Paula Tremblay, Treasurer

Stacy Godin, Fundraising Liaison
Jenessa Gervais, Recreation Coordinator

Help our programs and community grow!

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RECREATION DEPARTMENT COMBINED REPORT
TREASURER'S REPORT & BUDGET COMPARISON

	FY22 7/1/21-6/30/22	FY22 Actual	FY23 7/1/22-6/30/23	FY23 Anticipated	FY24 7/1/23-6/30/24
	<u>Budget</u>		<u>Budget</u>		<u>Budget</u>
Beginning Fund Balance - Unrestricted		\$ 19,511.34			
<u>INCOME</u>					
Franklin Town Assessment	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 16,000.00
Grants/Donations/Fundraising/Interest	500.00	29.50		1,061.00	1,500.00
ATV raffle				10,000.00	
Sponsors	500.00		500.00	500.00	500.00
Scholarship Fund			100.00		100.00
Polar Express	100.00			100.00	100.00
Program/Registration Fees:					
Basketball	1,200.00	1,191.00	1,200.00	1,006.50	1,200.00
Soccer	1,500.00	1,965.00	1,500.00	1,780.00	1,500.00
Triathlon	2,000.00	725.00	2,000.00	700.00	750.00
Apparel		496.00		300.00	300.00
Miscellaneous	1,000.00	2,438.83	450.00	2,400.00	2,400.00
Total Income	\$ 22,800.00	\$ 22,845.33	\$ 21,750.00	\$ 33,847.50	\$ 24,350.00
TOTAL INCOME & FUND BALANCE		<u>\$ 42,356.67</u>			
<u>EXPENSES</u>					
Director Salary	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 4,169.25	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 4,400.00	\$ 7,000.00
Other Payroll Expenses	650.00	548.46	535.00	415.00	650.00
Insurance-Liability/Workers Comp	500.00	496.82	450.00	480.00	500.00
Board Member Stipend	1,500.00	3,000.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Website/Marketing	3,000.00	2,995.00	3,000.00	2,995.00	2,995.00
Office Supplies	150.00		150.00	60.00	300.00
Training & Travel	100.00			-	100.00
Transportation					
Field Maintenance	1,000.00	314.97	1,000.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Port-o-lets	1,250.00	1,950.00	1,200.00	2,400.00	2,400.00
Winter Carnival	500.00		500.00	500.00	500.00
Polar Express	200.00	119.22	200.00	150.00	200.00
Miscellaneous	250.00	946.99	350.00	750.00	750.00
Grants		788.71			
Fees	50.00	402.99	100.00	150.00	100.00
Memorial Contributions		2,023.00			
Program Expenses:					
Basketball	1,000.00	1,106.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Miscellaneous	700.00	4,615.40	1,000.00	850.00	1,000.00
Soccer	4,000.00	3,747.29	4,000.00	6,333.68	3,000.00
Triathlon	1,000.00	530.50	1,400.00	284.00	1,500.00
Apparel Exp	-	496.00	-	100.00	100.00
Total Expenses	\$ 22,850.00	\$ 28,250.60	\$ 23,385.00	\$ 23,867.68	\$ 25,095.00
Fund Balance - Unrestricted		14,106.07			
TOTAL EXPENSES & FUND BALANCES		<u>\$ 42,356.67</u>			
LITTLE LEAGUE - RESTRICTED FUND					
Beginning Balance		\$ 2,965.45			
Income	4,500.00	3,350.00	4,500.00	3,500.00	4,500.00
Expenses	(5,000.00)	(4,434.49)	(5,000.00)	(5,000.00)	(5,000.00)
Ending Balance		<u>\$ 1,880.96</u>			

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa A Larivee, Treasurer

ARPA FUNDS

July 1, 2021

Beginning Balance - Checking Acct \$ -

INCOME

Interest \$ 154.80

ARPA Revenue 212,984.79

Total Income 213,139.59

Total Money Market & Income **\$213,139.59**

EXPENSES

Administrative/FICAMED I \$ 473.85

Technology 1,090.01

Total Expenses \$ 1,563.86

June 30, 2022

Ending Balance - Checking Acct 211,575.73

Total Money Market & Expenses **\$213,139.59**

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa A. Larivee, Treasurer

Reserve/Liabilities Account Changes

Account	FY22				6/30/2022 End of Year
	Entry	7/1/2021 Start of Year	Increase	Decrease	
St of VT Act 60 - Reserve	Beginning Balance \$	74,315.50	\$ 8,338.50	\$ -	\$ 82,654.00
	Ending Balance				
Surcharge Restoration - Reserve	Beginning Balance \$	43,571.46	\$ 5,202.00	\$ 933.61	\$ 47,839.85
	Ending Balance				
Computerization - Reserve	Beginning Balance \$	7,272.48	\$ 1,734.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 7,806.48
	Ending Balance				
* Town Hall Curtains-FY20 Art #9-Reserve	Beginning Balance \$	9,000.00	\$ -	\$ 9,000.00	\$ -
	Ending Balance				
Town Cemetery Funds - Reserve	Beginning Balance \$	1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00
	Ending Balance				
Sidewalk Funds - Reserve	Beginning Balance \$	5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00
	Ending Balance				
* Plow Truck-FY21 Art #7 - Reserve	Beginning Balance \$	29,000.00	\$ 29,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
	Ending Balance				
* Pidgeon Hill Grant Match-FY21 Art #4 - Reserve	Beginning Balance \$	42,049.11	\$ -	\$ 4,165.26	\$ 37,883.85
	Ending Balance				

Reserve/Liabilities Account Changes - Continued

Little League - Reserve	Beginning Balance	\$ 2,965.45	\$ 3,484.00	\$ 4,568.49	\$ 1,880.96
	Ending Balance				
Haston Library - Reserve	Beginning Balance	\$ 9,684.90	\$ 3,854.12	\$ 2,125.80	\$ 11,413.22
	Ending Balance				
Prepaid Taxes - Liability	Beginning Balance	\$ 24,185.71	\$ 21,613.45	\$ 24,185.71	\$ 21,613.45
	Ending Balance				
Prepaid Water District Rent - Liability	Beginning Balance	\$ 680.00			\$ 680.00
	Ending Balance				
Health Reimbursement Account-Liability	Beginning Balance	\$ 161.36	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 9,572.68	\$ 88.68
	Ending Balance				
Ending FY22 Reserve/Liabilities Balance					
					\$ 223,860.49

* Not included in Comparative Balance Sheet - part of Municipal & Highway Fund Balances

Long Term Debt

2018 Case Loader; Purchased 7/19/2018		Fiscal			Payment;
\$64,000 Community National Bank		Year	Principal	2.5% Interest *	with interest
		20	\$ 15,084.47	\$ 2,042.74	\$ 17,127.21
		21	15,913.06	1,214.15	17,127.21
4 year note; w/first payment 11/1/2019		22	16,307.96	819.25	17,127.21
Final payment 11/1/2022		23	16,694.51	385.79	17,080.30
Total paid with interest			\$ 64,000.00	\$ 4,461.93	\$ 68,461.93
Paid in full					
Trade of 1989 John Deere Loader			\$ 22,250	Note Payable	\$ 64,000.00
Equipment Fund Allocation			20,000	Balance FY20	48,915.53
Highway Fund Allocation			7,000	Balance FY21	33,002.47
Raised by Article in 1st Year			16,000	Balance FY22	16,694.51
Loan to Community National Bank			64,000		
Total Invoice cost of Loader			\$ 129,250	Balance FY23	\$ -
* variable interest adjusted in report each year					

2021 International Plow Truck with Dump and Plow; Purchased 10/21/2020		Fiscal			Payment;
\$145,000 Community National Bank		Year	Principal	1.7% Interest *	with interest
		22	\$ 27,972.80	\$ 2,537.95	\$ 30,510.75
		23	28,543.44	1,967.31	30,510.75
5 year note; beginning 11/1/2021		24	28,983.99	1,504.60	30,488.59
		25	29,498.79	1,011.96	30,510.75
Final payment 11/01/2025		26	30,000.98	509.78	30,510.76
Total paid with interest			\$ 145,000.00	\$ 7,531.60	\$ 152,531.60
				Note Payable	\$ 145,000.00
Trade of 2010 International			\$ 26,000	Balance FY22	117,027.21
Equipment Fund Allocation			20,000	Balance FY23	88,505.92
Loan to Community National Bank			145,000	Balance FY24	59,499.77
Total Invoice cost of plow truck			\$ 191,000	Balance FY25	30,000.98
* variable interest adjusted in report each year					
				Balance FY26	\$ -

2022 John Deere 672G Grader; Purchased 5/25/2022		Fiscal			Payment;
\$262,000 Peoples Trust Co		Year	Principal	2.65% Interest *	with interest
		23	\$ 53,213.27	\$ 2,491.87	\$ 55,705.14
		24	50,152.77	5,533.35	55,686.12
5 year note; beginning 11/15/2022		25	51,499.86	4,205.28	55,705.14
		26	52,867.09	2,838.05	55,705.14
Final payment 11/15/2026		27	54,267.01	1,438.08	55,705.09
Total paid with interest			\$ 262,000.00	\$ 16,506.63	\$ 278,506.63
				Note Payable	\$ 262,000.00
Trade of 1988 Grader			\$ 20,000	Balance FY23	208,786.73
Equipment Fund Allocation/Highway funds			52,000	Balance FY24	158,633.96
Loan to Peoples Trust Co			262,000	Balance FY25	107,134.10
Total Invoice cost of grader			\$ 334,000	Balance FY26	54,267.01
* variable interest adjusted in report each year					
				Balance FY27	\$ -

BUDGET NARRATIVE – FY24

GENERAL:

Salaries: Salary increase for Clerk/Treasurer (3%) and Assistant Clerk/Treasurer (4%); Stipends for Selectboard, Animal Control Officer, Constable, Health Officer; Janitor rate @ \$15.75; Zoning Administrator-fees; Auditors and Listers \$15.00; Delinquent Tax Collector-8% fee.

Health Insurance: MVP Silver plan and HRA contribution.

Meetings/Elections: Cost for trainings, poll workers, board clerks.

Office Expense: NEMRC (financial software) annual support/backups; copier maintenance; VLCT dues; postage; town report printing; misc. supplies.

Office/Library Building: External monitoring of fire alarm system, heat, electricity, water, septic pump plus other general expenses.

Sheriff Patrol: Same allocation for approx. coverage hours (130 hrs).

Library Assessment: Decrease of assessment due to carry-over in fund balance.

Tax Assessments: Separate line for the Franklin County Court Assessment of \$16,468; \$11,395 for the following items which have been approved by the voters in each of the past three years and are included in the budget: Franklin County Industrial Development Corp \$300; Franklin County Home Health \$3,395; NW Unit for Special Investigations \$1,000; Voices Against Violence \$1,800; Franklin Alumni Association \$500; Northwest Counseling \$2,300; Age Well (C.V. Agency on Aging) \$1,600; Cat Crusaders \$500.

Ambulance Services: Second year of three-year contract with Enosburg Ambulance Service; \$41,793 for FY24. Applying ARPA funds of \$10,000 per year to decrease the cost to the town due to COVID driving the price increase of EAS to budget of \$31,793. Expires in FY25.

Town Hall: Utilities and operating expenses.

Borrowed Fund Expense: Interest for two current loans; grader & plow truck.

Building Maintenance: \$2,500 for town hall ceiling fans/front stage lights; \$500 office blinds; \$1,500 paint town office; \$4,450 for ball field mowing.

Miscellaneous: Generator maintenance/inspection \$500; tax map updates \$500; APEX listers software fees; advertising postings; plus other miscellaneous expenses.

HIGHWAY:

Salaries: Salary increase for foreman (3%) and highway crew (3%) and an as needed, extra driver.

Health Insurance: MVP Silver plan and HRA contribution.

Chloride: Dust control and use in truck sprayer for winter application; 6 loads at 4500 gal @ \$.90/gal.

Equipment Hired: \$3,000 for roadside tree trimming, miscellaneous equipment needs.

Blacktopping: Resurface blacktopping of Morses Line from village-west; Riley Rd; Swamp Rd with grants if available.

Pavement Sealing: To crack seal paved roads where needed.

Sand: Approximately 2000 yds @ \$6.25/yd.

Salt: Purchase of 135 tons @ \$91.00/ton.

Building Maintenance: Trash \$720; water \$550; septic pump \$900; LED shop lighting \$4,000; concrete pad for chlorine tank \$6,500.

Repair & Maintenance: General service & maintenance of equipment: Loader \$2,000; Grader \$2,000; Truck 1 (2021) \$5,000; Truck 2 (2016) \$10,000; Kubota tractor/snowblower \$1,200; Chloride tank/trailer \$800; plow equipment \$4,500; Miscellaneous \$7,500.

Miscellaneous: \$200 VT dam fee; \$100 tractor winter storage; \$1,100 misc. needs.

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<u>GENERAL</u>	<u>Budget FY22</u>	<u>Actual FY22</u>	<u>Budget FY23</u>	<u>Anticipated FY23</u>	<u>Budget FY24</u>
* Salaries	\$ 78,020.00	\$ 76,581.24	\$ 84,900.00	\$ 82,500.00	\$ 87,344.00
* Health Insurance/Reimbursements	26,000.00	21,708.86	21,034.00	21,034.00	23,580.00
FICAMED	5,969.00	6,282.39	6,495.00	6,311.00	7,182.00
Pension	2,594.00	2,660.86	2,868.00	2,800.00	2,911.00
Emergency Dispatch	17,004.00	17,004.00	17,004.00	17,004.00	17,855.00
Fire Department	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
Insurance	8,500.00	7,662.00	7,300.00	8,565.00	10,000.00
Legal Fees	3,000.00	960.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
* Meetings/Elections	1,900.00	1,414.45	3,500.00	3,000.00	2,100.00
Mileage Reimbursement	300.00	180.62	300.00	200.00	200.00
* Office Expense	12,100.00	13,867.00	12,900.00	12,900.00	14,300.00
Telephone	1,695.00	1,633.29	1,680.00	1,652.00	1,700.00
* Office/Library Building	6,200.00	7,175.31	6,500.00	6,500.00	8,200.00
Planning Commission	2,272.00	2,208.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
* Sheriff Patrol	7,400.00	-	7,400.00	7,400.00	7,700.00
Solid Waste	1,413.00	1,413.00	1,499.00	1,499.30	1,550.00
* Library Assessment	39,000.00	39,000.00	42,000.00	42,000.00	39,000.00
Street Lights	4,600.00	4,567.33	4,700.00	4,700.00	5,000.00
* Tax Assessments	11,595.00	11,195.00	11,395.00	11,395.00	11,395.00
Franklin County Court Assessment	13,240.00	13,235.72	14,000.00	13,995.34	16,468.00
* Ambulance Services	35,740.00	35,739.24	30,576.00	30,576.00	31,793.00
* Town Hall	4,000.00	4,918.87	4,400.00	4,400.00	5,800.00
Grant Expenses-sound sys./curtains	-	17,144.57	-	-	-
* Borrowed Funds	3,365.00	3,357.21	2,500.00	5,434.64	9,026.00
* Building Maintenance	10,500.00	15,274.50	15,000.00	18,500.00	8,950.00
* Miscellaneous	4,800.00	2,431.46	2,100.00	2,100.00	2,700.00
Sidewalk Project	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Cemeteries	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Watershed Committee	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Lake Carmi Water Quality	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
Recreation Department	16,000.00	16,000.00	16,000.00	16,000.00	16,000.00
Total General	\$ 358,207.00	\$ 364,614.92	\$ 363,051.00	\$ 367,466.28	\$ 377,754.00
* see narrative					

MUNICIPAL BUDGET EXPENSES - Page 2 of 3

<u>HIGHWAY</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>FY22</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>FY22</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>FY23</u>	<u>Anticipated</u> <u>FY23</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>FY24</u>
* Salaries	\$ 106,883.00	\$ 107,559.14	\$ 116,240.00	\$ 118,500.00	\$ 124,572.00
* Health Insurance/Reimbursements	20,400.00	17,151.16	21,228.00	19,000.00	23,586.00
FICA/MEDI	8,177.00	8,190.15	8,892.00	9,065.00	9,530.00
Pension	5,229.00	5,327.82	5,712.00	5,900.00	6,129.00
Uniforms	2,900.00	3,237.42	3,200.00	3,200.00	3,680.00
* Chloride	22,900.00	14,626.33	23,000.00	23,000.00	24,300.00
Culverts	3,000.00	4,600.20	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
Equipment Rental	2,500.00	325.00	2,500.00	2,000.00	2,500.00
* Equipment Hired	3,500.00	2,482.50	6,500.00	6,500.00	6,500.00
Gas & Fuel	20,000.00	29,292.22	22,000.00	30,000.00	28,000.00
Gravel	30,000.00	30,790.76	30,000.00	30,000.00	35,000.00
General Roads Permit-VT requirement	2,200.00	1,350.00	1,350.00	1,350.00	2,200.00
Insurance	12,600.00	13,098.66	14,000.00	14,905.00	15,560.00
Mileage Reimbursement	2,300.00	1,549.83	2,300.00	2,300.00	2,000.00
Miscellaneous	1,800.00	2,281.84	2,000.00	3,800.00	2,000.00
Grader purchase				3,500.00	
* Blacktopping	100,000.00	99,739.16	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00
* Pavement Sealing	4,000.00	-	3,200.00	5,649.24	4,000.00
* Sand	12,000.00	8,932.00	12,000.00	8,000.00	12,000.00
* Salt	18,000.00	21,282.00	18,000.00	22,000.00	18,000.00
* Building Maintenance	3,300.00	4,511.81	3,500.00	3,500.00	13,000.00
Shop & Tools					
Electric	2,000.00	1,652.92	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,100.00
Fuel	2,000.00	3,299.74	2,000.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
Supplies	2,200.00	2,565.88	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
Telephone	1,200.00	1,118.07	1,250.00	1,235.00	1,300.00
Tools	3,000.00	2,719.57	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Road Signs Maintenance	800.00	2,281.86	1,100.00	1,100.00	1,100.00
* Repair & Maintenance	28,000.00	38,951.97	33,000.00	33,000.00	33,000.00
Equipment Fund	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
Better Roads grant				12,488.00	2,000.00
Grant-NRPC	2,000.00	8,191.29	2,000.00	9,214.99	2,000.00
Total Highway	\$ 437,889.00	\$ 452,109.30	\$ 459,972.00	\$ 497,707.23	\$ 500,557.00
* see narrative					

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WEED HARVESTER

	<u>Budget FY22</u>	<u>Actual FY22</u>	<u>Budget FY23</u>	<u>Anticipated FY23</u>	<u>Budget FY24</u>
Weed Harvester Operator	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,600.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,600.00
FICA/MEDI	367.00	420.73	430.00	383.00	430.00
Storage	225.00	350.00	250.00	350.00	350.00
Insurance	40.00	43.02	50.00	80.00	100.00
Repairs & Maintenance	5,500.00	3,678.27	500.00	1,241.46	1,000.00
New trailer				9,039.59	-
Mileage	50.00	111.83	50.00	50.00	50.00
Miscellaneous	200.00	1,148.40	200.00	550.00	400.00
Total Weed Harvester	\$ 11,182.00	\$ 11,252.25	\$ 7,080.00	\$ 16,694.05	\$ 7,930.00

TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET

\$ 807,278.00	\$ 827,976.47	\$ 830,103.00	\$ 881,867.56	\$ 886,241.00
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PRIOR YEARS VOTER APPROVED ARTICLES

FY19 Art 13 Loader	\$ 16,302.29	\$ 16,307.96	\$ 16,709.48	\$ 16,694.51	\$ -
FY21 Art 4 Pidgeon Hill Grant Match	-	4,165.26	-	37,883.85	-
FY21 Art 7 Highway Plow Truck	27,972.79	27,972.79	28,521.29	28,521.00	29,006.00
FY23 IV & FY22 Art II Franklin Homstd	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	-
FY23 Art 5 Road side mower			6,200.00	6,280.00	-
FY23 Art VII Grader - Paid by ARPA Funds			52,400.00		50,172.00
FY23 Art VI Recreation Shed - Pd by ARPA Funds			25,000.00		-
Total Prior Articles	\$ 49,275.08	\$ 53,446.01	\$ 133,830.77	\$ 94,379.36	\$ 79,178.00

* FY23 payments of \$78,194 made with ARPA funds for the Grader and Recreation Shed

PROPOSED CURRENT YEAR ARTICLES

FY24 Art 3 Franklin Homestead Assessment	\$ 5,000.00				
Total Proposed Articles					5,000.00
TOTAL BUDGETS/ARTICLES	\$ 856,553.08	\$ 881,422.48	\$ 963,933.77	\$ 976,246.92	\$ 965,419.00

MEETINGS/ELECTIONS:

Sara Rainville	\$	23.00	
Jet Services-envelopes		177.98	
Card Service Center		195.47	
Lisa A. Larivee - Selectboard Secretary		935.00	
Vermont League of Cities & Towns		28.00	
Vermont Municipal Clerk & Treasurers Assoc.		55.00	
Total Meetings/Elections			\$ 1,414.45

MISCELLANEOUS:

American Legion-flag	\$	26.00	
Amazon		14.50	
Apex Listers Software		195.00	
Britch & Sons Welding		289.00	
Cold Hollow Tree Experts - Lake sign		400.00	
Dollar General		38.00	
Franklin General Store		135.16	
NEMRC-Cama		712.88	
O.C. McCuin & Sons		31.04	
Sam Gervais-reimbursement		100.00	
St. Albans Messenger		305.20	
Summit Fire & Security		183.00	
Sticks & Stuff		1.68	
Total Miscellaneous			\$ 2,431.46

OFFICE EXPENSE:

Adobe	\$	23.88	
Amazon		88.03	
Dollar General		14.95	
Forms.Com - checks		80.81	
Green's Ace Hardware		21.38	
Google.com - website domain		12.00	
J.P. Cooke Co.		121.40	
Lisa A. Larivee-reimbursement		7.47	
NEMRC - computer services		6,440.83	
Schwaab, Inc.		71.39	
SymQuest Group Inc.		449.82	
Tractor Supply Co.		(68.27)	
U.S. Postal Service		2,029.59	
Vermont League of Cities & Towns		2,816.00	
Vermont Offender Work Program		1,376.76	
Walmart		198.99	
W.B. Mason		181.97	
Total Office Expense			\$ 13,867.00

TELEPHONE:

Franklin Telephone Co. Inc.	\$	1,633.29
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OFFICE/LIBRARY BUILDING:

Accessibility Systems	\$	568.40	
Amazon		27.95	
D&M Fire & Safety Equipment		15.00	
Franklin Water District		450.00	
Green's Ace Hardware		25.98	
H.G. Berger & Sons, Inc.		2,935.30	
Mercy's Heating Service		249.00	
O.C. McCuin & Sons		3.98	
Summit Fire & Security		582.00	
Vermont Electric Cooperative		2,167.70	
Vermont Elevator Inspection		150.00	
Total Office/Library Building	\$		7,175.31

MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT:

Jean Richard	\$	4.58	
Sara Rainville		119.18	
Paulette Tatro		56.86	
Total Mileage Reimbursement	\$		180.62

PLANNING COMMISSION:

Secretary	\$	280.00	
Northwest Regional Planning Commission		1,602.00	
St. Albans Messenger		326.00	
Total Planning Commission	\$		2,208.00

RECREATION DEPARTMENT:

Franklin Recreation	\$	16,000.00
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SHERIFF PATROL:

Franklin County Sheriff Department-covered with State grant	\$	-
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SOLID WASTE:

Northwest Solid Waste District	\$	1,413.00
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STREET LIGHTS:

Vermont Electric Cooperative	\$	4,567.33
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TAX ASSESSMENTS:

Franklin County Treasurer	\$	13,235.72	
Age Well		1,600.00	
Cat Crusaders		500.00	
Franklin County Industrial Dev.		300.00	
Franklin County Home Health		3,395.00	
Green Up Vermont		100.00	
Northwestern Counseling & Support Services		2,300.00	
Northwest Unit For Special Investigation		1,000.00	
Voices Against Violence		2,000.00	
Total Tax Assessments			\$ 24,430.72

TOWN HALL:

Amazon-hot water heater	\$	149.99	
D&M Fire & Safety Equipment		10.00	
Dollar General		4.75	
Franklin Water District		450.00	
Green's Ace Hardware		9.15	
H.G. Berger & Sons Inc.		3,496.03	
Mercy's Heating Service		265.00	
O.C. McCuin & Sons		51.93	
Sticks & Stuff		40.98	
Vermont Electric Cooperative		971.04	
Grant-curtains & sound system		16,614.57	
Total Town Hall			\$ 22,063.44

DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR:

\$ 6,408.04

WATERSHED COMMITTEE:

\$ 5,000.00

BORROWED FUNDS:

Community National Bank	\$	3,357.21
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BUILDING MAINTENANCE:

Budget Blinds of Colchester-library skylites	\$	343.50	
J.A. Roberts Painters - Town hall		7,830.00	
Green's Ace Hardware		26.58	
Jason Johnston - mowing rec fields		3,757.50	
Hugh Costello Protective Coatings LLC-ffd roof		1,700.00	
Jennifer Raynak-reimbursement paint		75.00	
Mercy's Heating Service-town clerk		505.00	
Sticks & Stuff		186.92	
Stove & Flagworks-pole		850.00	
Total Building Maintenance			\$ 15,274.50

FRANKLIN HOMESTEAD:

\$ 5,000.00

LAKE CARMi WATER QUALITY:

\$ 10,000.00

TOTAL ORDERS - General Fund

\$ 362,614.92

RESERVE ACCOUNTS ORDERS PAID

SURCHARGE RECORD RESTORATION:

Kofile Preservation	\$ 933.61
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COMPUTERIZATION:

NEMRC-land record portal	\$ 1,200.00
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TOTAL RESERVE ACCOUNTS ORDERS PAID	\$ <u>2,133.61</u>
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SUMMARY OF GENERAL FUND ORDERS

Salaries	\$ 70,173.20
FICA/Medicare	6,282.39
Employee Pension	2,660.86
Health Insurance	21,708.86
Ambulance Services	35,739.24
Fire Department	20,000.00
Emergency Dispatch	17,004.00
Haston Library	39,000.00
Insurance	7,662.00
Legal Fees	960.00
Meetings/Elections	1,414.45
Mileage Reimbursement	180.62
Miscellaneous	2,431.46
Office Expense	13,867.00
Telephone	1,633.29
Office/Library Building	7,175.31
Planning Commission	2,208.00
Recreation Department	16,000.00
Sheriff Patrol	-
Solid Waste	1,413.00
Street Lights	4,567.33
Tax Assessments	24,430.72
Town Hall	22,063.44
Delinquent Tax Collector	6,408.04
Watershed Commission	5,000.00
Borrowed Funds	3,357.21
Building Maintenance	15,274.50
Lake Carmi Water Quality	10,000.00
Franklin Homestead	5,000.00
Total Selectboard Orders-General Fund	\$ <u>363,614.92</u>

SELECTBOARD'S ORDERS
HIGHWAY FUND
July - June FY22 Actuals

SALARIES:

Road Foreman	\$ 55,625.00	
Highway Crew	51,434.14	
Road Commissioner	500.00	
Total Salaries		\$ 107,559.14

FICA/MEDICARE:

Community National/EFTPS		\$ 8,190.15
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EMPLOYEE PENSION:

Prudential Retirement		\$ 5,327.82
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HEALTH INSURANCE:

MVP Healthcare	\$ 13,845.84	
Health Reimbursement Acct.	3,300.00	
United States Treasury-HRA fee	5.32	
Total Health Insurance		\$ 17,151.16

UNIFORMS:

Unifirst Corp	\$ 2,775.47	
O.C. McCuin & Sons	313.96	
Matthew Williams	10.00	
St. Albans Coop	137.99	
Total Uniforms:		\$ 3,237.42

CHLORIDE:

Gorman Brothers Inc.		\$ 14,626.33
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CULVERTS:

F.W. Webb	\$ 3,769.20	
O.C. McCuin & Sons	831.00	
Total Culverts		\$ 4,600.20

EQUIPMENT RENTAL:

Green's Ace Hardware		\$ 325.00
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EQUIPMENT HIRED:

Goodhue Excavation Inc.	\$ 1,482.50	
Josh Gervais Trucking	250.00	
Village of Swanton	750.00	
Total Equipment Hired		\$ 2,482.50

GAS & FUEL:

Allegiance Trucks	\$	818.40	
Certified Laboratories		428.45	
H.G. Berger & Sons Inc.		28,045.37	
Total Gas & Fuel			\$ 29,292.22

GENERAL ROADS PERMIT:

State of VT-ANR			\$ 1,350.00
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GRAVEL:

Leach Family Inc.	\$	12,056.60	
Shelburne Limestone Corporation		18,734.16	
Total Gravel			\$ 30,790.76

INSURANCE:

Vermont League of Cities & Towns/Property & Casualty			\$ 13,098.66
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MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT:

Jake Dandurand	\$	70.20	
Jeremy Barnum		1,479.63	
Total Mileage Reimbursement			\$ 1,549.83

MISCELLANEOUS:

Card Service Center	\$	117.64	
Casella Waste Management		25.34	
Econo Signs, LLC		1,034.97	
G. Boucher Fertilizers		250.00	
Green's Ace Hardware		80.99	
O.C. McCuin & Sons		364.86	
Sam Gervais		100.00	
State of Vermont-ANR-Dam		200.00	
United States Treasury		8.04	
Yvon Dandurand-storage		100.00	
Total Miscellaneous			\$ 2,281.84

BLACKTOPPING:

J Hutchins Inc.	\$	98,106.48	
Pike Industries		982.68	
Ryan J'S Landscaping		650.00	
Total Blacktopping			\$ 99,739.16

REPAIR & MAINTENANCE:

Allegiance Trucks	\$	1,831.29	
Atco International		137.50	
B & N Sales & Service		22.50	
Beauregard Equipment		23,148.80	
Burlington Communication		409.50	

REPAIR & MAINTENANCE CONT:

Certified Laboratories	\$	1,828.12	
Cives Corporation		5,218.49	
Champlain Valley Equipment		925.36	
Chappell Tractor		1,140.00	
Clark's Truck Center		238.59	
Fleetpride Inc.		332.21	
Franklin County Auto		187.50	
NAPA Auto Parts		673.36	
New England Truck Tire		1,384.00	
O.C. McCuin & Sons Inc.		136.02	
O'Reilly Automotive Inc.		14.41	
Rene J. Fournier		588.33	
R.R. Charlebois		337.02	
Tractor Supply Co.		239.99	
Vaillancourt Repair LLC		158.98	
Total Repair & Maintenance	\$		38,951.97

SHOP & TOOLS:

Amazon	\$	34.45	
Atco International		396.63	
B & N Sales & Service		299.99	
Champlain Valley Equipment		34.99	
D&M Fire & Safety Equipment		75.00	
Dollar General		14.95	
Franklin General Store		125.43	
Franklin Telephone Co. Inc.		1,118.07	
Green Mountain Electric Supply		45.92	
Green's Ace Hardware		111.52	
Haun Welding		512.64	
H.G. Berger & Sons Inc.		3,299.74	
Johnson Hardware		486.97	
Matthew Williams-tools		747.20	
Napa Auto Parts		837.05	
O.C. McCuin & Sons Inc.		1,354.67	
O'Reilly Automotive Inc.		18.93	
Tools Plus Industries		155.38	
Tractor Supply Co.		4.99	
Vermont Electric Cooperative		1,652.92	
Walmart		19.96	
W.B. Mason		8.78	
Total Shop & Tools	\$		11,356.18

SALT & SAND:

Cargill, Inc. Salt Division	\$	21,282.00	
Leach Family Inc.		8,932.00	
Total Sand/Salt			\$ 30,214.00

BUILDING MAINTENANCE:

Blue Collar Septic	\$	1,042.00	
Champlain Doors		1,204.49	
Franklin Water Dist		450.00	
Mercy's Heating Service		931.00	
O.C. McCuin & Sons		164.32	
Wetherby's Trash Removal		720.00	
Total Building Maintenance			\$ 4,511.81

ROAD SIGN MAINTENANCE:

Econo Signs LLC			\$ 2,281.86
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LOADER PAYMENT:

Community National Bank			\$ 16,307.96
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2021 TRUCK PAYMENT:

Community National Bank			\$ 27,972.79
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GRANTS-NRPC:

Goodhue Excavation Inc.	\$	5,607.50	
Leach Family, Inc		588.00	
O.C. McCuin & Sons		1,335.79	
Pike Industries, Inc.		660.00	
Total Grants-NRPC			\$ 8,191.29

GRANT-RTE 236 CULVERT:

Stitzel, Page & Fletcher			\$ 848.40
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GRANT-PIDGEON HILL RD CULVERT:

Northwest Regional Planning Commission	\$	2,942.48	
Stitzel, Page & Fletcher		1,202.76	
United States Postal Service		20.02	
Total Grant-Pidgeon Hill Rd Culvert			\$ 4,165.26

EQUIPMENT FUND:

Town of Franklin Assessment			\$ 15,000.00
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TOTAL ORDERS - Highway Fund			<u>\$ 501,403.71</u>
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SUMMARY OF HIGHWAY FUND

Salaries	\$ 107,559.14
FICA/Medicare	8,190.15
Employee Pension	5,327.82
Health Insurance	17,151.16
Uniforms	3,237.42
Chloride	14,626.33
Culverts	4,600.20
Equipment Rental	325.00
Equipment Hired	2,482.50
Gas & Fuel	29,292.22
General Roads Permit	1,350.00
Gravel	30,790.76
Insurance	13,098.66
Mileage Reimbursement	1,549.83
Miscellaneous	2,281.84
Blacktopping	99,739.16
Repair & Maintenance	38,951.97
Shop & Tools	11,356.18
Building Maintenance	4,511.81
Sand/Salt	30,214.00
Road Sign Maintenance	2,281.86
Loader Payment	16,307.96
New Truck-2021 International	27,972.79
Grants-NRPC	8,191.29
Grant-Pidgeon Hill Rd Culvert	4,165.26
Grant-Rte 236 Culvert	848.40
Equipment Fund	15,000.00
Total Selectboard Orders-Highway	<u>\$ 501,403.71</u>

SUMMARY OF WEED HARVESTER FUND

Operator Salaries/payroll taxes	\$ 5,920.73
Mileage	111.83
Aquamarine Division	3,320.00
H.G. Berger & Sons	42.07
Joe Craig-reimbursement	46.33
Napa Auto Parts	49.80
Tractor Supply Co.	159.99
O'Reilly Auto Parts	16.54
Rene J. Fournier	1,191.94
Vermont League of Cities & Towns-Ins.	43.02
Yvon Dandurand-storage	350.00
Total Selectboard Orders-Weed Harvester	<u>\$ 11,252.25</u>

Respectfully submitted,
David Bennion, Chair, Brooks Sturtevant,
Andrew Godin, Justin Rainville, Sam Gervais

In 2022 we responded to 43 calls for service. Our members participated in several multi agency



Franklin Volunteer Fire Department



**P.O. Box 172
Franklin, VT 05457**

As battery operated items are on the rise it is important to realize the dangers that come with them. The fire service is seeing large spikes in fires related to charging of these devices. Lithium-ion batteries are very combustible therefore we recommend only charging them while you are present and we are a completely volunteer team and we are always looking for new members. If you have an interest in helping your fellow community members in their time of need, please speak with a firefighter, stop by the station on Monday evenings or call Mike Lawyer at 285-6520 to learn more.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Lawyer, Fire Chief

2022 Fire Calls	
Type of Call	Number of Calls
Alarm Activation	6
Brush Fire	5
Chimney Fire	1
Gas/Smoke Report	3
Med Assist	5
Missing Person	1
Public Assist	1
Structure Fire	8
Tractor Fire	1
Tree/Wires Down	3
Vehicle Crash	9
Total	43

***Dates to remember:
July 8, 2023 – Chicken BBQ***

Member	Rank	Years of Service	Member	Rank	Years of Service
Mike Lawyer	Chief	19	Adam Kane	Firefighter	12
Justin Rainville	Asst. Chief	24	Tim Magnant	Firefighter	44
Brian Paradis	Captain	5	Burt Maynard	Firefighter	33
Curtis Ploof	Lieutenant	6	Janet Norcross	Firefighter	19
Sara Rainville	Firefighter -Sec/Treas	19	Marshall Ploof	Firefighter	53
Brian Barnum	Firefighter	53	Mark Racine	Firefighter	33
Phil Bouchard	Firefighter	53	Nora Racine	Firefighter	6
Scott Choiniere	Firefighter	30	Brian Sartwell	Firefighter	29
Bill Deuso	Firefighter	6	Justin Sartwell	Firefighter	15
Howard Deuso	Firefighter	26	Robbie White	Firefighter	New Member
Charles Gates	Firefighter	New Member	Jarrett Beauregard	Cadet	2
Sam Gervais	Firefighter	New Member	Caleb Ploof	Cadet	2
Clark Hubbard	Firefighter	20			

Hugh Gates Honorary Member
Kyle Lothian Honorary Member

FRANKLIN FIRE DEPARTMENT

	<u>2022 Budget</u>	<u>2022 Actual</u>	<u>2023 Budget</u>
Cash Balance - January 1, 2022			
Checking Account		\$ 34,033.99	
Equipment Fund		20,000.00	
Trust Account-Wright/Everest		68,676.17	
Total Cash Balance		\$ 122,710.16	
<u>INCOME</u>			
Interest Income	\$ 50.00	\$ 77.03	\$ 50.00
Memorial Income		2,525.00	
Miscellaneous Income	200.00	376.73	200.00
Donation Income	250.00	250.00	250.00
Trust Income		11,709.16	
Town Appropriated Funds	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
BBQ Income	10,000.00	13,277.41	12,000.00
Total Income	30,500.00	48,215.33	32,500.00
Total Cash/Income	\$ 30,500.00	\$ 170,925.49	\$ 32,500.00
<u>EXPENSES</u>			
Truck	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 1,892.20	\$ 4,000.00
Fuel - equipment/trucks	500.00	429.20	600.00
Training	2,000.00	-	2,000.00
Fire Prevention/Education	200.00	174.97	200.00
Insurance	3,100.00	3,089.00	4,008.00
Office	1,500.00	290.16	1,500.00
Radio	2,300.00	777.50	2,300.00
Postage	150.00	8.00	100.00
Utilities	1,500.00	1,323.07	1,500.00
Uniform/Gear	7,000.00	123.77	10,000.00
Equipment/tool Purchases	4,000.00	1,668.80	4,000.00
Equipment Maint	3,000.00	633.40	3,000.00
Memberships/Dues	600.00	525.00	600.00
Water Rent	450.00	450.00	450.00
Donation	200.00	-	200.00
Fuel-Heating	2,200.00	2,707.92	3,500.00
Miscellaneous	1,500.00	807.31	1,500.00
BBQ	5,500.00	4,864.58	5,500.00
Building Maintainance	4,500.00	4,605.17	1,000.00
Vending Machine	150.00	107.65	200.00
County Meeting	100.00	-	100.00
Total Expenses	\$ 44,450.00	\$ 24,477.70	\$ 46,258.00
Cash Balance December 31, 2022			
Checking Account		\$ 38,490.60	
Equipment Fund		25,000.00	
Trust Account		82,957.19	
Total Cash/Expenses		\$ 170,925.49	

Respectfully Submitted,
Sara Rainville

2022 VITAL STATISTICS

As a recommendation by the Department of Health, vital statistics are no longer automatically published in the Town Report. The following list is provided as a result of a release form, signed, authorizing the Town Clerk's Office to publish such records.

If you would like vital statistic information published in the town report next year, you must come to the Town Clerk's Office to sign the necessary request/release form.

Births

Colin Michael Larivee
Paityn Marie Rainville
Arlis Irving Brick

5 Female and 5 Males Unlisted

Deaths

Dina (Diane) Eliza Parah
Laura Lillian Russell
Marion Priscilla Gates
John Stephen Dunton
Richard Earl Boudreau
Elizabeth Dewing

Unlisted: 12

Marriages

Unlisted: 8

NOTES OF INTEREST

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday & Friday.....8:00 am – 4:00 pm
Thursday.....8:00 am - 6:00 pm
Wednesday..... CLOSED

The office is open during the lunch hour. As always, if necessary, the clerk is available by appointment. Please call 285-2101 to schedule an appointment.

Website: www.franklinvermont.org

Email: townoff@franklinvt.net

Join us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/TownofFranklinVT>

HASTON LIBRARY HOURS

Monday.....10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Tuesday.....1:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Wednesday.....CLOSED
Thursday.....9:00 am - 6:00 pm
Friday.....9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Saturday.....9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Visit our website: franklinhastonlibraryvt.org

Email: librarian@franklinhastonlibraryvt.org

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/HastonLibrary>

MISSISQUOI VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT (MVSD) DIRECTOR'S MEETING

For further information go to the MVSDschools.org website

DOG LICENSES

Due by April 3, 2023

Any dog six months of age and over must be licensed at the Town Clerk's Office and must show proof of current rabies vaccination at that time.

VEHICLE REGISTRATION RENEWALS

The Town Clerk's Office will process preprinted computer generated "Vehicle Registration Renewals". Only current and up to two month's expiration date renewals will be accepted. There will be a separate \$3.00 processing fee.

PERMISSION TO BURN (REQUIRED)

Contact Burt Maynard, Town Fire Warden at 285-2220 for a permit.

GREEN MOUNTAIN PASSPORTS

Forms are available at the Town Clerk's Office for all residents over the age of 62.

Requires a \$2.00 lifetime fee.

Passport provides free day-use entry to all State Parks and most State sponsored events.

VOTER REGISTRATION

The Secretary of State has streamlined the elections administration process, providing voters with greater access to voter specific information.

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

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

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

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

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

PROPERTY TAXES

Proposed property tax due date; as warned – October 16, 2023 by 4:00 p.m.

NOTICE: Current policy states – All tax payments must be received by close of business on the due date or they will be considered delinquent. Postmarked envelopes received after the due date will be considered delinquent and assessed a one-time 8% fee plus 1% interest monthly.

BUILDING PERMITS & SEPTIC DESIGN

Building applications and permits are necessary if you are doing construction of more than fifty square feet **or if you are changing the use**. Forms are available at the Town Clerk's Office, Town's website or franklinzoningadmin@franklinvt.net. Permits for septic systems and potable water systems are obtained through the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation. For more information contact the District Office in Essex Junction at 1-802-879-5656 or log on to www.anr.state.vt.us/dec.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

Posted on the Town Website and Town Facebook page,
also published in St. Albans Messenger

FRANKLIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Franklin Historical Society has “A History of Franklin 1789-1989” books available for sale for \$20. Please contact the Town Clerk or Haston Library to purchase your copy. The Historical Society is working to expand hours and visibility at the log cabin location on Hanna Road. They are also looking for volunteers; if you are interested please contact Kimberly Gates Maynard at 285-9911 or 285-2220.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Franklin Fire Department	911
Medical Emergency	911
Franklin Fire and Rescue- Non-Emergency ..	285-2050
Vermont State Police	524-5993
Franklin County Sheriff's Office	524-2121
Northwestern Medical Center	524-5911
Poison Control Center	658-3456
Vermont Game Warden	524-5993
U. S. Border Patrol	868-3229

TOWN OFFICES

Town Clerk & Treasurer	285-2101
Haston Library	285-6505
Selectboard Chair	285-2101
MVSD Superintendent	868-4967
Zoning Administrator, Wendy Sargeant	285-2101
Health Officer, David Bennion	285-6523
Animal Control Officer, Dennis Demar	285-6556
Town Garage	285-2180
Road Commissioner	285-2101

SCHOOLS

Franklin Elementary School	285-2100
Missisquoi Valley Union (MVU) H. S.	868-7311
Missisquoi Valley School District (MVSD)	868-4967

FRANKLIN DISTRICT 5 REPRESENTATIVES

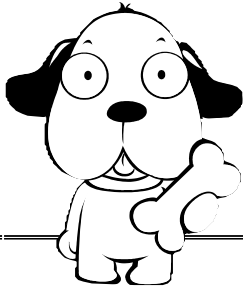
Wayne Laroche	828-2228
Lisa Hango	828-2228
Representatives # in Montpelier	800-322-5616

FRANKLIN DISTRICT SENATORS

Robert Norris	802-828-2228
Randy Brock	868-2300

LAKE CARMi CAMPERS' ASSOCIATION

Peter Benevento, President	285-6744
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IMPORTANT DATES 2023



- ❑ March 7, 2023- **FLOOR VOTE** Town Meeting for town business @ **Town Hall, 5336 Main St**
Australian Ballot voting - *Polls open from **7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.** for Missisquoi Valley School District and Northwest Solid Waste District @ Town Hall.
- ❑ April 3, 2023- *Dog Licenses*- Dogs are due to be registered by this date; proof of rabies and spayed/neutered certificates must be provided for dogs 6 months of age and older at the time of registration.
****\$13 spayed/neutered & \$17 unaltered dog****
- ❑ May & September 2023-*Metal Dumpster* at the Town Garage is available for use by all Franklin residents/taxpayers
- ❑ October 16, 2023- *Property Taxes* are **due** by 4:00 p.m. (upon voter approval)

or The Franklin Selectboard meetings vary every other month at the Town Clerk's Office virtually

- January, March, May, July, September, November - 1st and 3rd Wednesday @ 7:00
 - February, April, June, August, October, December - 3rd Wednesday @ 6:00 p.m.
- Check schedule on website.

The Franklin Planning Commission monthly meetings are held on the third Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Clerk's Office & virtually.

The Franklin Water Commission monthly meetings are held on the second Wednesday of every month at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Clerk's Office.

For questions on any of the above events, please call the Town Clerk's Office at (802)285-2101 or email; townoff@franklinvt.net.

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