

Annual Report of the Town of Topsham



Cynthia Flannigan

School Director 1985-1991
Assistant Town Clerk 2000-2006
Assistant Treasurer 2000-2005
Town Clerk 2006-2024 & Treasurer 2005-2024

**Year Ending
December 31, 2023**

GENERAL INFORMATION

Select Board Meeting:

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

School Board Meeting:

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

Lister Meeting: Listers will meet at the Town Hall by appointment.

Call 439-9723 for appointment.

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

Phone 439-5505

Monday 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Tuesday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Wednesday - CLOSED

Thursday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Friday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Saturday by Appointment

Website: www.townoftopshamvt.org

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

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

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

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

Effective September 1, 2015, each resident/tax payer is allowed one large bag (equals two 30-gallon bags) at no cost. Each additional 30-gallon bag costs

\$2.00 per bag. Those with no permit will be charged \$5.00 per bag for all bags.

Recycling and metal items are free.

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

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

DATE OF TOWN MEETING

March 5, 2024

Annual Report

of the

Officers

of the

Town

of

Topsham

Vermont

Chartered: August 17, 1763

Area: 30,400 Acres

Altitude: 1284 feet

2020 Census 1199

Organized: March 15, 1790

for the

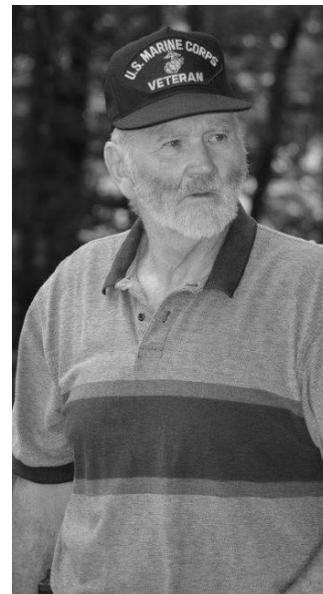
Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2023



Edgar Downing & Lawrence Hart



Edgar Downing-Tri Village Fire Dept,
Fire Chief & Town Fire Warden, Key Man



Lawrence Hart-Tri Village Fire Dept.

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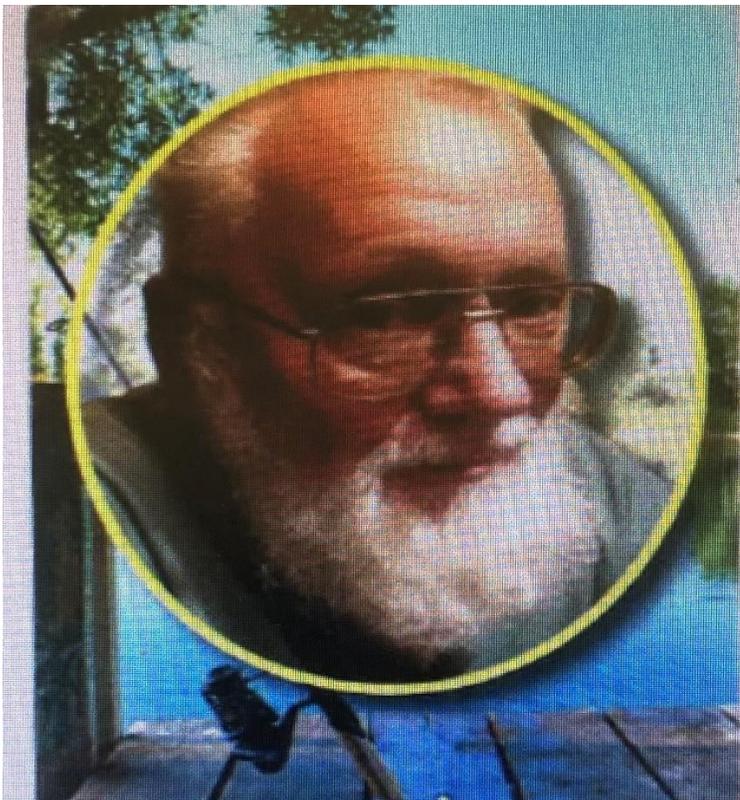
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Paul R. Hodge – Town Fence Viewer

TOWN OFFICERS -2023

OFFICE	ELECTED OFFICIALS	TERM
Moderator:	Henry Buermeyer, Topsham	2024
Town Clerk:	Cynthia Flannigan, Topsham	2024
Select Board:	Bradford Calhoun, Topsham	2024
	Thomas Otterman, W. Topsham	2024
	Carl Hildebrandt, W. Topsham	2025
	James Bulger, W. Topsham	2026
	Jake Thompson, Topsham	2026
Listers:	Heidi Wright, West Topsham	2024
	John Hood, Topsham	2025
	Amelia Evans, West Topsham	2026
Treasurer:	Cynthia Flannigan, Topsham	2024
School Directors of the Waits River Valley School:		
	Henry Buermeyer, Topsham	2024
	Stacy Emerson, Topsham	2025
	Jason Rogers, West Topsham	2026
Auditors:	Elaine Smith, West Topsham	2024
	VACANT	2025
	Peggy Welch	2026
Delinquent Tax Collector:	Cynthia Flannigan, Topsham	2024
Justices Of the Peace:	Henry Buermeyer, Topsham	2025
	Larry Hart, Topsham	2025
	Sheila Herman, West Topsham	2025
	Donna Otterman, West Topsham	2025
	Yvette Tomlinson, West Topsham	2025

TOWN OFFICERS 2023 Continued:

OFFICE	APPOINTED OFFICIALS	TERM
Appointed by Clerk		
Assistant Town Clerk	Susan Hood	2024
Appointed by Treasurer:		
Assistant Treasurer	Susan Hood	2024
Appointed by Selectboard:		
Admin. Assistant	Janice Emerson, Topsham	2024
Health Officer	Henry Buermeyer, Topsham	2024
Road Liaison	Bradford Calhoun, Topsham	2024
Board of Directors		
VNAVTNH:	Nancy Frost, Topsham	2024
Animal Control		
Officer:	Michele Boyer, Orange	2024
Tree Warden:	Wyatt Hayward, West Topsham	2024
Energy Coordinator:	Maureen Hurley, Topsham	2024
Fire Warden:	Wendell Downing, Topsham	2024
Key Man:	Edgar Downing, Topsham	2023
Planning Comm.:	James Clark, West Topsham (Chair)	2024
	Polly Stryker, Topsham	2025
	John Hood, Topsham (Secretary)	2025
	Henry Buermeyer, Topsham	2026
	Larry Hart, Topsham	2026
Flood Zoning Adm.:	Thomas Otterman, West Topsham	2024
VT Emergency Mgr.:	Bradford Calhoun, Topsham	2024
Green-Up Chair:	David Elias, West Topsham	2024
Constable:	David Mott, Topsham	2024
911 Committee:	Yvette Tomlinson, West Topsham	2024
	Nancy Frost, Topsham	2024
	Board of Selectmen & Town Clerk	2024
NEKWMD		
Representatives	Karen (Sue) Altland, Topsham	2024
	Calvin J. Altand, Alternate, Topsham	2024

OTHER OFFICIALS:

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

Notaries Public: Cynthia Flannigan, Topsham
Sonya Sweet, Topsham
Susan Hood, Topsham

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

2023 ELECTED State & US Representatives

Topsham State Legislators:

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

Mark MacDonald-Senate: 404 MacDonald Rd. Williamstown, VT 05679
(802) 272-1101 Email: senatormark@aol.com

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

Vermont US Delegation:

Rep. Becca Balint House of Representative, Washington DC 20215
(202) 225-4115 Email: www.balint.house.gov

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

Sen. Peter Welch U.S. Senate, Washington, DC 20215
(800) 642-3193 Email: www.welch.senate.gov

NOTICE TO VOTERS

For Local Floor Annual or Special Meetings

BEFORE MEETING DAY:

CHECKLIST POSTED at Clerk's Office by February 4, 2024. If your name is not on the checklist, then you must register to vote.

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

ON MEETING DAY:

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

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

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

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

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

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

NO PERSON SHALL:

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

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

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

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

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

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

WARNING
TOWN OF TOPSHAM ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
March 5, 2024

The legal voters of the Town of Topsham are hereby warned and notified to meet in the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday, March 5, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. to transact the following business from the floor:

- Article 1.** To elect a Moderator for a term of one year.
- Article 2.** To see if the Town Report will be accepted and adopted.
- Article 3.** To elect a Town Clerk for a term of three years.
- Article 4.** To elect a Town Treasurer for a term of three years.
- Article 5.** To elect a Select Board Member for a term of three years
- Article 6.** To elect a second Select Board Member for a term of three years.
- Article 7.** To elect a Lister for a term of three years.
- Article 8.** To elect a School Director for the Waits River Valley School (Unified School District #36) for a term of three years.
- Article 9.** To elect a Collector of Delinquent Taxes for a term of one year.
- Article 10.** To elect an Auditor for a term of three years.
- Article 11.** To elect a second Auditor for a term of one year.
- Article 12** To see if the Town will vote to use the sum of \$31,877.00 from FY 2023 Town Operations surplus to reduce the amount to be raised by taxes for 2024.
- Article 13.** Shall the Town authorize its taxes to be collected by the Treasurer on or before October 1, 2024.
- Article 14.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to pay for expenses and indebtedness for the ensuing year.
- Article 15.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$3,597.00 to Blake Memorial Library, an increase from \$2.00 per capita to \$3.00 per capita.
- Article 16** Shall the Town appropriate an additional amount of \$13,926.00 for the following organizations which have filed requests set forth below:

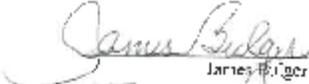
Clara Martin Center	\$ 1,652.00
Central Vermont Council on Aging	500.00
Northeast Ski Slopes	1,199.00
Orange County Restorative Justice Center	125.00
Visiting Nurse & Hospice of VT & NH	4,000.00
Orange East Senior Center	3,500.00
Little Rivers Health Care	1,100.00
Safeline, Inc.	500.00
Tri-Valley Transit	850.00
Topsham Corinth Little League	500.00
TOTAL	\$13,926.00

- Article 17.** To fill all other Town and Waits River Valley School (Unified School District #36) offices which may be vacant.

Article 18

To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Dated at Topsham, in the County of Orange and State of Vermont, this 29th day of January, 2024.


James F. Fieger

Bradford Colborn

Thomas Ottomar

Carl H. Caberett

Jake Thompson

SELECT BOARD OF THE TOWN OF TOPSHAM

Recorded before printing:
January 29, 2024
Cynthia Thompson, Town Clerk

2024 TOPSHAM TRANSFER STATION FEE SCHEDULE

Hours of Operation - Saturdays

7:30 am – 12:30 pm

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

2023 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
SATURDAY, MAY 11	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Ryegate Transfer Station
SATURDAY, MAY 18	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Peacham Transfer Station
SATURDAY, JUNE 1	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Derby Recycling Center
SATURDAY, JUNE 8	8:00 a.m. – 12:00p.m.	Brunswick Town Office
SATURDAY, JUNE 22	8:00 a.m. – 12:00p.m.	Newport Center Town Garage
WEDNESDAY, JULY 10	3:00 p.m. – 7:00p.m.	Barnet Transfer Station
SATURDAY, AUGUST 3	8:00 a.m. – 11:00a.m.	Greensboro Recycling Center
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14	1:00 p.m. – 5:00p.m.	Lunenburg Transfer Station
SATURDAY, SEPT. 28	8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Lyndon Recycling Center

The NEKWMD reserves the right to terminate any collection early in the event that we are at storage capacity. Please limit HHW disposal at listed events to 25 gallons. If you have more than 25 gallons, please call our office to schedule an appointment at our Lyndonville facility, May 2 – Oct. 3, 2024.

Not going to be able to make any of these dates? NOT A PROBLEM! The NEKWMD will be accepting these materials by appointment at our Lyndonville facility from May 2, 2024 to October 3, 2024. Due to regulatory handling requirements, hazardous wastes will not be accepted without an appointment. Scheduling ahead ensures that a qualified individual will be on-site ready to accept your hazardous waste.

****HHW Collections are free and open to residents of all DISTRICT TOWNS****

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

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

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

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

Explosive- can explode with exposure to heat or pressure

Flammable/Ignitable- can easily be set on fire

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

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

Poison means that the substance is highly toxic.

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

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

ACCEPTABLE HAZARDOUS WASTE MATERIALS

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

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

GARDEN SUPPLIES

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

GARAGE

- ANTIFREEZE
- BRAKE FLUID *
- CORROSIVES

- CAR WAXES AND CLEANERS

GARAGE (CONTINUED)

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

* ALSO ACCEPTED AT OIL AND BATTERY STATIONS YEAR ROUND

PLEASE DO NOT BRING:

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

CONTACT THE NEKWMD IF YOU HAVE ITEM'S YOU CANNOT IDENTIFY

802-626-3532 or 800-734-4602 or www.nekwmd.org

The NEKWMD hazardous waste collection program is made possible in part by a grant from the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources. This year's grant totaled \$74074.31

**COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET
2 YEAR PERIOD ENDING 12/31/2023**

Year Ending 12/31/2022

Year Ending 12/31/2023

Regular Checking	\$1,433,535.80	\$1,258,118.62
Petty Cash	\$50.00	\$50.00
Cemetery Money Market Account	\$21,753.11	\$21,763.94
Cash Assets Subtotal	\$1,455,338.91	\$1,279,932.56
CD Investment/Surplus Funds	\$133,281.77	\$141,847.04
Reappraisal Fund CD	\$147,907.83	\$156,771.47
Cemetery Fidelity Investment Fund	\$51,340.02	\$60,634.64
Town Cemetery Fund CD	\$35,017.78	\$35,386.97
James M. & Alice Hood Mem.	\$115,623.07	\$127,293.45
Highway Building Fund CD	\$196,591.73	\$150,589.00
Subtotal	\$679,762.20	\$672,522.57
TOTAL	\$2,135,101.11	\$1,952,455.13
Balance as of January 1	\$2,048,683.13	\$2,135,101.11
Income	\$2,640,048.66	\$2,785,771.54
Expenses	\$2,553,630.68	\$2,968,417.52
Calculated Balance	\$2,135,101.11	\$1,952,455.13
Special Funds		
Surplus Fund CD	\$133,281.77	\$141,847.04
Reappraisal Fund	\$147,907.83	\$156,771.47
Tax Mapping Fund	\$480.00	\$480.00
Town History Fund	\$7,006.34	\$7,671.34
James M. & Alice Hood Mem.	\$115,623.07	\$127,293.45
Record Digitizing	\$22,579.30	\$23,479.30
Record Preservation	\$17,822.21	\$17,582.70
Hall Fund	\$900.00	\$900.00
Highway Equipment Fund	\$134,992.21	\$133,266.87
Highway Fund	\$110,636.56	\$40,143.85
Highway Building Fund	\$124,503.09	\$127,354.93
Cemetery Fidelity Investment Fund	\$51,340.02	\$60,634.64
Town Cemetery Fund	\$35,017.78	\$35,386.97
Cemetery Fence Fund	\$12,342.00	\$14,473.45
Veterans Memorial Fund	\$1,975.00	\$1,975.00
ARPA Monies	\$362,981.75	\$332,755.50
Special Funds' Total	\$1,279,388.93	\$1,222,016.51
Liabilities		
Western Star Truck Loan	\$94,370.10	\$70,308.90
2022 International Truck Loan		\$135,512.67
School	\$284,953.20	\$297,549.03
Monies to E. Topsham Cemetry	\$264.39	
Life & Disability Insurance Owed	\$45.80	\$22.90
Funds Carried Forward:		
General Funds Carried Forward		\$35,650.00
Hwy Funds Carried Forward		\$0.00
Cemetery Funds Carried Forward		\$7,500.00
Total Liabilities	\$379,633.49	\$546,543.50
Special Funds & Liability Totals	\$1,659,022.42	\$1,768,560.01
Cash Assets Less Liabilities	\$476,078.69	\$183,895.12

****East Topsham Cemetery's Monies Owed to General Fund \$697.53****

2023 CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS

General Accounts Income	Budget 2023	Actual 2023	Budget 2024
Monies Carried Forward	\$19,050.00		\$35,850.00
Property Taxes		\$125,440.39	
Late HS-122 Town Penalty		\$210.00	
School Property Tax		\$1,487,745.16	
Delinquent Taxes		\$155,017.18	
Delinquent Tax Interest	\$7,500.00	\$8,411.93	\$8,000.00
Delinquent Tax Penalties		\$12,401.33	
Tax Related Total	\$26,550.00	\$1,789,225.99	\$43,850.00

State of Vermont

Property Tax	\$12,500.00	\$12,656.79	\$12,500.00
Land Use	\$77,000.00	\$75,649.00	\$73,000.00
Act 60 Reappraisal Fund		\$7,293.00	\$850.00
Listers Training			\$600.00
Act 60 Equalized Ed.	\$850.00	\$858.00	
Pilot Payments	\$600.00	\$626.00	
Late HS-122 Education Penalty		\$1,310.92	
Total State of Vermont	\$90,950.00	\$98,393.71	\$86,950.00

General Revenues

Clerk Office Fees	\$13,000.00	\$14,664.00	\$13,000.00
Liquor Licenses		\$140.00	
Cannabis Licenses		\$100.00	
Interest	\$1,000.00	\$28,335.41	\$14,000.00
Interest Special Accounts		\$3,168.91	
Town Hall Rental & Donations		\$200.00	
Pound/Dog License Fees	\$1,000.00	\$1,058.00	\$1,000.00
Town History Books		\$665.00	
Record Digitizing		\$2,100.00	
Record Preservation		\$2,100.00	
Cemetery Fund Dividend		\$1,005.96	
Cemetery Fund Capital Gains		\$9,294.62	
Hood Fund Capital Gains		\$11,670.38	
State Dog Licenses Fee		\$1,343.00	
State Civil Marriage Licenses Fee		\$180.00	
Life & Disability Insurance		\$1,686.19	
Motor Vehicle Registration		\$228.00	
WRVS School Reconciliation Payment		\$10,725.43	
Metal Dumpster		\$1,909.75	
Civil & Municipal Fines		\$137.50	
Misc Revenue (Church Well Maine.)		\$50.00	
Misc Revenue (Bank Service Chg.Refund)		\$39.99	

2023 CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

General Expenses	Budget 2023	Actual 2023	Budget 2024
Delinquent Tax Over-payments		\$4.94	
General Revenue Total	\$15,000.00	\$90,807.08	\$28,000.00
Total General Income	\$132,500.00	\$1,978,426.78	\$158,800.00

Payroll

Selectboard	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$10,000.00
Administrative Asst.	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Treasurer	\$21,000.00	\$21,000.00	\$30,000.00
Town Clerk	\$21,000.00	\$21,000.00	\$30,000.00
Office Assistants	\$18,000.00	\$17,998.50	\$20,000.00
Custodian	\$1,000.00	\$920.00	\$1,000.00
Listers	\$15,000.00	\$9,612.00	\$15,000.00
Delinquent Tax Collector		\$12,401.33	
Auditors	\$2,500.00	\$929.19	\$2,000.00
Transfer Station Monitor	\$3,700.00	\$3,321.40	\$3,700.00
Animal Control Officer	\$700.00	\$0.00	\$700.00
Constable	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Health Officer	\$300.00	\$85.67	\$300.00
Election Official	\$500.00		\$2,000.00
FICA	\$7,500.00	\$7,965.36	\$9,700.00
VMERS			\$3,225.00
Health Insurance	\$3,400.00	\$3,510.00	\$21,000.00
Total Payroll	\$105,800.00	\$109,743.45	\$151,825.00

Town Office

Supplies	\$2,200.00	\$2,686.70	\$2,800.00
Delinquent Tax Coll. Supplies			
Postage	\$2,500.00	\$2,251.98	\$2,600.00
Equipment	\$2,500.00	\$2,441.74	\$1,650.00
Computer Software	\$700.00	\$648.49	\$900.00
Training	\$750.00	\$225.00	\$2,000.00
Listers Training		\$0.00	\$0.00
Mileage Reimbursement	\$200.00	\$10.00	\$300.00
Election Costs	\$500.00		\$1,000.00
Telephone/DSL	\$1,600.00	\$1,492.37	\$1,600.00
Listers' Phone	\$500.00	\$472.36	\$500.00
Heat	\$7,500.00	\$4,250.56	\$7,500.00
Electricity	\$1,700.00	\$1,440.93	\$1,700.00
Motor Vehicle Registration		\$228.00	
State Dog License Fee		\$1,343.00	
State Civil Marriage Fee		\$180.00	
Total Town Office Expenses	\$20,650.00	\$17,671.13	\$22,550.00

Paid from Delinquent Tax Penalty

2023 CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

General Expenditures	Budget 2023	Actual 2023	Budget 2024
Printing & Advertising	\$2,500.00	\$1,882.70	\$3,000.00
Animal Control	\$600.00	\$155.98	\$600.00
Dues	\$4,800.00	\$4,667.00	\$4,800.00
Selectboard Appropriation	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$200.00
Professional Fees	\$2,000.00	\$4,414.00	\$4,000.00
Legal Fees	\$4,000.00	\$960.00	\$4,000.00
Software Support	\$7,000.00	\$7,124.59	\$7,500.00
Insurance	\$36,000.00	\$26,193.00	\$36,000.00
Insurance - Disability & Life		\$1,709.09	
Building Repairs & Maintenance	\$10,000.00	\$50.00	\$10,000.00
County Taxes	\$28,000.00	\$28,194.62	\$30,000.00
Tax Mapping	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$3,550.00

Reappraisal

* Paid for by Employees

General Expenditures	Budget 2023	Actual 2023	Budget 2024
Tax Sale Cost			
Tax Sale Purchase by Town			
Safe Deposit Box/Misc		\$40.00	
Records Preservation		\$2,339.51	
Records Digitizing		\$1,200.00	
Secure Shredding of documents			
Bank Service Charges		\$40.00	
MicroSoft Teams for Virtual Meetings		\$144.00	
Misc: Safety vest	\$200.00		\$200.00
Memorial Day and Picnic	\$2,000.00	\$2,079.03	\$2,000.00
Total General Expenses	\$99,500.00	\$83,593.52	\$105,850.00

Solid Waste

Rubbish Removal Contract	\$100,000.00	\$100,249.97	\$110,000.00
Transfer Station Lease	\$2,300.00	\$2,200.00	\$2,300.00
Solid Waste District Dues	\$1,200.00	\$1,270.94	\$1,400.00
Misc. Supplies for Transfer Station	\$500.00	\$135.02	\$500.00
Tire Disposal	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
Total Solid Waste	\$104,250.00	\$103,855.93	\$114,450.00

Fire & Rescue

Ambulance Contract	\$73,650.00	\$72,045.66	\$76,200.00
Tri-Village Fire Dept.	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$35,000.00
CTERT	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00
Total Fire & Rescue	\$111,150.00	\$109,545.66	\$118,700.00

2023 CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Cemetery	Budget 2023	Actual 2023	Budget 2024
Dividend Transfer		\$1,005.96	
Total Cemetery	\$0.00	\$1,005.96	\$0.00

Total General Fund Expenses	\$441,350.00	\$425,415.65	\$513,375.00
General Income-Expenses	-\$308,850.00	\$1,553,011.13	-\$354,575.00

Outside Voted Appropriations

Blake Memorial Library		\$2,398.00	
Clara Martin Center		\$1,652.00	
CVT. Council on Aging		\$500.00	
Northeast Ski Slope		\$1,199.00	
Orange County Restorative Justice Ctr.		\$125.00	
Orange East Senior Ctr.		\$3,500.00	
Safeline		\$500.00	
Little Rivers Health Care		\$1,100.00	
Visiting Nurse & Hospice of VT & NH		\$4,000.00	
Tri-Valley Transit		\$850.00	
Topsham/Corinth Little League		\$500.00	
Orange County Parent Child Ctr.		\$500.00	
Total Appropriations		\$16,824.00	

School Payments		\$1,475,149.33	
Total Expenditures	\$441,350.00	\$1,917,388.98	\$513,375.00
General Fund Income-Expenditures	-\$308,850.00	\$61,037.80	-\$354,575.00

TOWN HIGHWAY ACCOUNTS

Highway Revenues	Budget 2023	Actual 2023	Budget 2024
Monies Carried Forward	\$132,700.00		
Property Taxes		\$540,850.00	
HWY State Aid	\$135,000.00	\$206,473.59	\$65,000.00
Grant Money		\$30,760.76	\$200,000.00
MacDonald Fund Monies		\$10,194.00	
Building Fund Interest		\$2,997.27	
Sale of Equipment			
Insurance Claim Monies		\$5,775.00	
Drug Testing Refund		\$55.00	
Metal Dumpster Fees from Vance Prop.		\$395.60	
TOTAL HIGHWAY REVENUES	\$267,700.00	\$797,501.22	\$265,000.00

*Added to Building Fund

2023 CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Highway Payroll Expenses	Budget 2023	Actual 2023	Budget 2024
Regular Employees	\$170,000.00	\$122,317.25	\$200,000.00
Temporary Employees		\$20,356.25	
FICA	\$14,000.00	\$10,645.09	\$15,000.00
Health Insurance	\$30,000.00	\$37,634.64	\$44,000.00
VMERS Retirement	\$6,000.00	\$4,348.09	\$6,350.00
TOTAL HIGHWAY PAYROLL	\$220,000.00	\$195,301.32	\$265,350.00

Town Garage Expenses

Supplies	\$1,200.00	\$1,108.30	\$1,200.00
Training	\$400.00		\$400.00
Mileage	\$450.00	\$743.14	\$450.00
Telephone	\$750.00	\$822.57	\$800.00
Heat	\$7,500.00	\$4,318.99	\$5,000.00
Electricity	\$3,000.00	\$2,540.04	\$3,000.00
Porta-Potty	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00
Garage Equipment	\$2,000.00	\$1,470.98	\$2,000.00
Maintenance & Repairs	\$2,500.00	\$4,517.11	\$2,500.00
Building Construction	\$15,000.00		\$15,000.00
TOTAL TOWN GARAGE EXPENSES	\$34,600.00	\$17,321.13	\$32,150.00

General Highway Expenses

Fuel	\$70,000.00	\$50,823.68	\$70,000.00
Supplies	\$10,000.00	\$6,217.10	\$10,000.00
Advertising	\$250.00	\$501.96	\$250.00
Radio Contract	\$1,000.00	\$1,015.20	\$1,000.00
Equipment Maintenance	\$20,000.00	\$19,183.06	\$22,500.00
Equipment Repairs	\$25,000.00	\$40,368.20	\$40,000.00
Accidents (Property Damage)		\$2,241.35	
Equipment	\$80,000.00	\$81,725.34	\$100,000.00
Highway Equipment Fund			
Engineering Costs	\$5,000.00		\$5,000.00
Uniforms	\$3,500.00	\$3,241.17	\$3,500.00
Misc. Expense (Occupation Drug Testing)	\$200.00	\$168.00	\$200.00
Motor Vehicle Registration Fees		\$67.00	
Permits	\$2,500.00	\$1,765.00	\$2,500.00
Vance Land/Buildings Hazard Inspec.			
Vance Land Purchase			
Vance Land Survey			
Vance Land Site Work		\$38,631.14	
TOTAL GENERAL HGWAY EXPENSES	\$217,450.00	\$245,948.20	\$254,950.00

2023 CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Road Maintenance	Budget 2023	Actual 2023	Budget 2024
Hired Equipment	\$15,000.00	\$10,766.00	\$15,000.00
Gravel	\$5,000.00	\$497.70	\$2,000.00
Sta-Pac	\$50,000.00	\$46,679.55	\$55,000.00
Salt	\$40,000.00	\$23,334.37	\$40,000.00
Sand	\$35,000.00	\$29,959.13	\$35,000.00
Paving	\$120,000.00	\$0.00	\$120,000.00
Chloride	\$25,000.00	\$10,875.00	\$25,000.00
Cold Patch	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Stone	\$7,500.00	\$495.60	\$7,500.00
Erosion Control	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Culverts	\$7,500.00	\$7,136.80	\$7,500.00
Road Signs	\$1,000.00	\$899.25	\$1,000.00
Guard Rails	\$2,500.00	\$13,175.00	\$2,500.00
Bridge Repairs from July Flood	\$10,000.00	\$312,534.28	\$10,000.00
Grant Expenditures(Ditching Projects)	\$15,000.00	\$32,000.08	\$15,000.00
Sta-Pac for July Flood		\$23,434.38	
Rip-Rap Stone for July Flood		\$21,133.25	
Hired Equipment for July Flood		\$20,972.50	
Total Road Maintenance	\$336,500.00	\$553,892.89	\$337,000.00
Total Hwy. Expenditures	\$808,550.00	\$1,012,463.54	\$889,450.00
HIGHWAY INCOME/EXPENSES	-\$540,850.00	-\$214,962.32	-\$624,450.00

Cemetery Revenues	Budget 2023	Actual 2023	Budget 2024
Monies Carried Forward	\$7,100.00		\$7,500.00
Property Taxes		\$7,500.00	
Sale of Lots		\$1,200.00	
Interest		\$380.02	
Dividends (Waits River Cemetery)		\$75.44	
Dividends (East Topsham Cemetery)		\$688.08	
Donations/Gifts			
Total Cemetery Revenues	\$7,100.00	\$9,843.54	\$7,500.00

2023 CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Cemetery Expenses Continued	Budget 2023	Actual 2023	Budget 2024
Welch Road Cemetery Maintenance	\$1,700.00	\$1,360.00	\$1,700.00
Waits River Cemetery Maintenance	\$4,000.00	\$1,825.00	\$3,500.00
Old Cemetery Maintenance	\$4,000.00	\$2,760.00	\$3,500.00
Development Costs	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$6,000.00
Dues	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Flags	\$850.00	\$743.75	\$900.00
East Topsham Cemetery Maintenance		\$1,650.00	
Total Cemetery Expenses	\$14,600.00	\$8,338.75	\$15,650.00
CEMETERY REVENUES/EXPENSES	-\$7,500.00	-\$6,978.75	-\$8,150.00

ARPA INCOME

ARPA EXPENSES

Riverside Grange for Food Shelf		\$30,226.25	
Total ARPA Expenses		\$30,226.25	
Total Income	\$407,300.00	\$2,785,771.54	\$431,300.00
Total Expenditures	\$1,264,500.00	\$2,968,417.52	\$1,418,475.00
TOTAL INCOME LESS EXPENSES	-\$857,200.00	-\$182,645.98	-\$987,175.00

2023 OTHER ACCOUNTS

OTHER ACCOUNTS	Surplus	Reappraisal	HOOD	HWY Building
	Fund	Account	Fund **	Fund
Beginning Balance January 1, 2023	\$133,281.77	\$147,907.83	\$115,623.07	\$196,591.73
Income				
Interest	\$1,598.27	\$1,570.64		\$2,997.27
Capital Gains			\$11,670.38	
General Fund Surplus	\$6,967.00			
Act 60 Reappraisal Monies		\$7,293.00		
2020 Budgeted Monies				
MacDonald Family Trust Monies				
TOTAL INCOME	\$8,565.27	\$8,863.64	\$11,670.38	\$2,997.27
Expense				
Withdrawal for Vance Prop. Expenditures				\$49,000.00
Balance December 31, 2023	\$141,847.04	\$156,771.47	\$127,293.45	\$150,589.00
CEMETERY ACCOUNTS	CEMETERY FIDELITY FUND	WELCH ROAD CEMETERY CD	WAITS RIVER CEMETERY MM	EAST TOPSHAM CEMETERY ACCOUNTS
Beginning Balance January 1, 2023	\$51,340.02	\$35,017.78	\$21,753.11	\$87,253.73
Interest		\$369.19	\$10.83	\$612.43
Dividends	\$1,005.96			\$688.08
Capital Gains	\$9,294.62			
Sale of Lots	\$0.00			
MacDonald Family Trust Distribution				\$10,194.00
Donations				
TOTAL INCOME	\$10,300.58	\$369.19	\$10.83	\$11,494.51
Expense				
Distributions				
West Topsham Cemetery Assn. - 24.1%	\$242.44			
Topsham (Waits River Cemetery) - 7.50%	\$75.44			
East Topsham Cemetery Assn. - 68.40%	\$688.08			
Longto Tree Service (tree removal)				
C & A Property Maintenance (mowing)				\$1,650.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,005.96	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,650.00
Balance December 31, 2023	\$60,634.64	\$35,386.97	\$21,763.94	\$97,098.24
** - Only earnings from the funds can be expended by the voters				
(Original amount of \$63,479.70 must be maintained)				

2023 Town Property and Equipment

Item	Model	Purchase Date	Purchase Price	Balance Due
Town Garage				
Truck, Dump	2022 International CV515	8/9/2023	\$166,025.00	\$135,512.67
Truck, 10 Wheeler	2021 4700 SF with plow	8/24/2021	\$164,679.00	\$59,215.65
Truck, 10 Wheeler	2015 Kenworth	2/8/2016	\$191,049.00	
Truck with Plow, 6 Wheeler	2014 Kenworth	6/16/2016	\$143,235.00	
Truck, 1 Ton	2008 F-550	7/30/2020	\$18,000.00	
Hay Bale Shredder	TM 20-K	6/6/2022	\$8,680.33	
Plow	Viking	12/17/2018	\$7,550.00	
Plow for F-350		10/3/2015	\$1,000.00	
Plow		3/20/2014	\$7,425.00	
Plow		12/28/2020	\$6,540.00	
Wing		12/8/2014	\$2,914.67	
Backhoe/Loader	2011 Caterpillar 420E	9/26/2011	\$89,000.00	
Catepillar Loader		10/3/2019	\$64,245.00	
Grader	John Deere 672 D	7/22/2007	\$205,750.00	
Front End Loader	1985 Case	7/1/2010	\$1,700.00	
Front End Loader	1985 Case	7/1/2010	\$1,700.00	
Front End Loader	1984 Case	6/1/2013	\$1,865.00	
Road Smoothing Rake	York	5/1/2008	\$5,600.00	
Cargo Trailer	1968 3/4 ton	10/1/2010	\$100.00	
Town Hall and Office				
NEMRC Computer Software	Grand List	6/21/1999	\$2,000.00	
	Animal Licensing	6/21/1999		
	Payroll	6/27/2005	\$1,795.00	
	Cash Receipts	6/27/2005	\$1,795.00	
	General Ledger	6/29/2007	\$1,795.00	
	Account Payable	6/30/2008	\$1,795.00	
	Captap II CAMA	6/28/2006	\$2,320.00	
	Marriage Software	3/14/2011	\$300.00	
Mapping Software		9/14/2009	\$1,262.00	
Laminator	Tahsin	5/23/2011	\$399.95	
Laser printer/FAX/Scanner	HP 1536	10/28/2013	\$319.99	
Computer-Listers Office	HP Envy Desktop	7/11/2019	\$699.98	
Computer-Listers Office	Lenovo	3/1/2020	\$315.00	
Printer-Listers	Laserjet 1320	6/28/2006		
Printer-Listers (State)	Brother TN 630		NA	
Monitor-Listers (2)	HP24YH	7/11/2019	\$69.95	
Computer	ACER	1/14/2013	\$1,074.00	
Computer	Lenovo	11/14/2016	\$399.99	
Computer Monitor	HP W2082a	12/31/2016	\$79.99	
Computer Monitor	HP W2371b			

2023 Town Property and Equipment Continued

Laptop Computer - Auditors	HP Pavilion	2/8/2016	\$549.99	
Laptop Computer - Town Office	HP	11/23/2020	\$529.99	
Copy Machine	Canon	7/29/2014	\$3,652.00	
Digital Camera	Cannon	9/13/2018	\$28.77	
FAX Machine	HP 1050	11/1/2008	\$120.00	
Paper Shredder (Listers)	Tru-Red	12/7/2022	\$219.99	
Paper Shredder (Town Office)	Staples	8/28/2017	\$102.23	
Vacuum	Eureka	7/26/2021		
Typewriter	Royal	1/28/2019	\$169.99	
Land for Cemetery	3 Acres	2/1/2006	\$4,000.00	
Land on US 302 - from A.O.T.	1 Acre	7/1/2006	\$0.00	
Land on Powder Spring Road	1/2 Acre	3/7/2007	\$1,070.19	
Land on Ben Dexter Road	11 Acres	3/6/2017	\$44,433.16	
Land on Topsham-Corinth RD.	9.8 Acres	2/28/2022	\$36,167.64	

VENDOR DISBURSEMENTS - 2023 (No Employee Wages Included)

VENDOR	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION
ADKINS PRINTING COMPANY	\$31.47	PRINTING
AFLAC	\$1,213.70	INSURANCE WITHHELD FROM EMPLOYEES
AIRGAS USA LLC	\$152.74	COMPRESSED OXYGEN CYLINDER
ALL STATES CONSTRUCTION, INC.	\$10,875.00	CHLORIDE
APEX SOFTWARE	\$235.00	SOFTWARE FOR LISTERS
ATG LEBANON LLC	\$1,634.60	HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT REPAIRS
ATG LEBANON LLC	\$1,254.23	HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT REPAIRS
ATG WESTMINSTER, LLC	\$299.40	HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT REPAIRS
AUSTIN CONSTRUCTION, INC.	\$325,660.00	PIKE HILL BRIDGE REPAIRS
AWSI	\$45.00	DRUG TESTING
B & T EQUIPMENT REPAIRS	\$50.00	HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT REPAIRS
BATTEN, TRAVIS ELECTRICAL	\$745.22	ELECTRICAL SERVICES
BETHEL MILLS	\$339.24	MISC. SUPPLIES FOR HIGHWAY
BK ELECTRIC, LLC	\$2,041.35	BUILDING REPAIRS
BLAKE MEMORIAL LIBRARY	\$2,398.00	VOTED APPROPRIATION
BOUDREAU TIRE SERVICE	\$292.49	TIRE SERVICES
BUERMEYER, HENRY	\$10.00	HEALTH OFFICER REIMBURSEMENT
BULGER, JAMES	\$58.84	REIMBURSEMENT FOR SMOKE DETECTOR
BUTLER, RANDALL	\$115.47	TAX OVERPAYMENT
C & A PROPERTY MAINTENANC	\$7,595.00	CEMETERY MOWING
CAI TECHNOLOGIES	\$2,000.00	TAX MAPS
CANON SOLUTIONS AMERICA	\$915.93	COPIER MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT
CARGILL INC.	\$23,334.37	HIGHWAY SALT
CASELLA WASTE MGT INC.	\$103,381.11	RUBBISH REMOVAL
CENTRAL VERMONT COMMUNICA	\$115.20	HIGHWAY PAGER SERVICE
CENTRAL VERMONT COUNCIL ON AGING	\$500.00	VOTED APPROPRIATION
CHIEF CRUSHING & EXCAVATI	\$30,732.80	SAND SCREENING/STA-PAC MATERIAL
CLARA MARTIN CENTER	\$1,652.00	VOTED APPROPRIATION
CLARK, MEGAN	\$800.00	WEBSITE
COAST TO COAST COMPUTER	\$79.98	OFFICE SUPPLIES
COMMUNITY BANK N.A.	\$40.00	SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX RENT
CONDON, LINDA	\$920.00	JANITORIAL SERVICES
COPIES & MORE	\$1,620.00	PRINTING TOWN REPORT
CORELOGIC REAL ESTATE TAX SRV.	\$4,534.89	PROPERTY TAX OVERPAYMENT
CORPORATE BILLING, LLC	\$1,038.95	EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT
COUNTY OF ORANGE	\$28,194.62	COUNTY TAX
CTERT	\$7,500.00	VOTED APPROPRIATION
DIESEL SURGEN LLC	\$2,087.00	TRUCK REPAIRS

VENDOR DISBURSEMENTS - 2023 CONT.	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION
EAST CORINTH POSTMASTER	\$1,010.58	POSTAGE
EASTERN SALES INC.	\$283.00	OFFICE SUPPLIES
E-Z STEEL & FABRICATION	\$770.00	REPAIR MATERIAL
FLANNIGAN, CYNTHIA	\$440.64	MICROFT TEAM, EVENTS, REIMBURSEMENT
FMS (NAPA) AUTO PARTS, LLC	\$11,482.15	HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT REPAIRS
GOOD-WAY DOCUMENT SERVICE	\$2.50	STORAGE OF MICROFILM
GRAMPS COUNTRY STORE	\$327.56	FUEL
GREEN-UP VERMONT	\$200.00	DUES
HART, BRYAN	\$467.00	TAX OVERPAYMENT
HATHAWAY'S A 2 Z	\$3,260.00	FURNACE REPAIRS , NEW FURNACE
HAYWARD-MILLER, BROOKE	\$2,200.00	TRANSFER STATION FEE
HAZLETT FAMILY TRUST	\$4.06	TAX OVERPAYMENT
HERRING, MANDY	\$572.00	TAX OVERPAYMENT
HOOD, JOHN	\$1,631.80	OFFICE EQUIPMENT FOR LISTERS
HOOD, SUSAN	\$25.00	REIMBURSEMENT OF TRAINING EXPENSES
IDS	\$155.98	DOG TAGS
IRVING ENERGY	\$58,540.08	FUEL
JBT TOWING & RECOVERY	\$366.00	TOWING
JOHNSON, WILLIAM	\$575.06	PROPERTY TAX OVERPAYMENT
JORDAN EQUIPMENT CO.	\$2,375.73	HIGHWAY SUPPLIES
JOURNAL OPINION INC.	\$403.30	ADVERTISING
K & R PORTABLE RESTROOMS	\$1,975.00	PORTA POTTY FOR TOWN GARAGE
KEITH B. TRISCHAM TRUCK REPAIR	\$600.00	TRUCK REPAIRS
KOFILE PRESERVATION INC	\$3,750.96	OFFICE SUPPLIES
LAROCHE TOWING & RECOVERY	\$3,300.00	TOWING
LIMLAW CHIPPING & LAND CLEAR.	\$14,897.50	ROADSIDE MOWING
LIMLAW, MURDO	\$5,900.00	FLOOD DAMAGE REPAIRS
LITTLE RIVERS HEALTH CARE	\$1,100.00	VOTED APPROPRIATION
LOWELL MCLEODS, INC.	\$7,897.51	EQUIPMENT REPAIRS
MABEL, TODD	\$423.00	PROPERTY TAX OVERPAYMENT
MARTIN'S QUARRY	\$51,784.27	STAY-PACK
MCCULLOUGH CHRUSHING, INC.	\$45,184.10	STAY-PACK
MERCEDES-BENZ FIN. SRVCS. USA	\$35,154.45	TRUCK PAYMENT
MEYER, RANDY & BARBARA	\$300.00	PROPERTY TAX OVERPAYMENT
MONTPELIER STOVE & FLAG WORKS	\$743.75	FLAGS
MUNICIPAL LEASING CORP.	\$1,400.00	PURCHASE OF NEW TRUCK
MVP HEALTH CARE INC.	\$37,894.64	EMPLOYEES HEALTH INSURANCE
NEMRC	\$8,863.49	OFFICE SUPPLIES, PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
NEW ENGLAND KENWORTH	\$15,880.74	HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT MAINT. & REPAIRS
NEW ENGLAND TRUCK TIRE	\$6,671.18	HIGHWAY TIRES

VENDOR DISBURSEMENTS - 2023 CONT.	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION
NORTHEAST KINGDOM WASTE M	\$1,270.94	DUES
NORTHEAST MATERIALS GROUP	\$2,796.65	HIGHWAY- STAYPACK
NORTHEAST SKI SLOPES	\$1,199.00	VOTED APPROPRIATION
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	\$225.64	HIGHWAY PARTS
OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH CENTER	\$118.00	DRUG TESTING
ODP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	\$218.64	OFFICE SUPPLIES
OLIVERIAN AUTOMOTIVE	\$175.00	HIGHWAY REPAIRS
ORANGE COUNTY PARENT CHIL	\$500.00	VOTED APPROPRIATION
ORANGE COUNTY RESTORATIVE	\$125.00	VOTED APPROPRIATION
ORANGE EAST SENIOR CENTER	\$3,500.00	VOTED APPROPRIATION
OTTERMAN, JOSEPH CONSTRUCT.	\$1,965.00	WORK ON FLOOD DAMAGED ROADS
OTTERMAN, JOSEPH	\$1,434.14	PROPERTY TAX OVERPAYMENT
PARTINGTON, ROBERT, PAMELA	\$37.01	PROPERTY TAX OVERPAYMENT
PATTEN'S GAS	\$5.00	OVERWEIGHT PERMIT REFUND
PETE'S TIRE BARNS, INC.	\$1,197.25	TIRES
PIKCOMM	\$900.00	HIGHWAY TRUCK RADIO SERVICE
POWERNET GLOBAL COMMUNICA	\$469.32	LONG DISTANCE PHONE SERVICE
POWERPLAN	\$6,309.26	HIGHWAY REPAIRS
PRESCOTT, EVERETT J., INC	\$7,136.80	CULVERTS
RICKERS EXCAVATION	\$8,750.00	BEN DEXTER ROAD DITCHING PROJECT
RIVERSIDE GRANGE	\$30,226.25	ARPA FUNDS FOR FOOD SHELF
ROUTE 5 AUTO	\$360.00	HWY PROPANE
SAFELINE INC.	\$500.00	VOTED APPROPRIATION
SAMPSON, RICHARD JR.	\$533.76	MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT
SANTANDER BANK N.A.	\$45,170.89	NEW TRUCK PURCHASE
SCHMAUDER, ARTHUR	\$6.74	PROPERTY TAX OVERPAYMENT
SCHWAAB, INC.	\$56.44	OFFICE SUPPLIES
SEAM SOLUTIONS	\$1,114.00	LEMP GRANT
SIDNEY SMITH TRUCKING	\$54,810.00	WILLEY HILL DITCHING, GARAGE SITEWORK
SMITH, BRIAN	\$209.38	MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT
SMITH, STEVEN	\$200.00	REIMBURSEMENT FOR DAMAGES PROPERTY
SOUTHWORTH-MILTON	\$495.73	HIGHWAY EXPENSES
SPONNER, CHRISTOPHER	\$17.02	PROPERTY TAX OVERPAYMENT
STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	\$546.82	OFFICE SUPPLIES
STATE OF VERMONT	\$1,125.00	HIGHWAY PERMITS
STITZEL PAGE & FLETCHER	\$960.00	LEGAL FEES
SWEENEY, ISAAC MCNALLY AUTUM	\$614.00	PROPERTY TAX OVERPAYMENT
THE BRIDGE WEEKLY	\$133.40	ADVERTISING
THE WORLD	\$227.96	ADVERTISING
THURSTON, ROGER	\$10.00	BIRTH CERTIFICATEOVERPAYMENT

VENDOR DISBURSEMENTS - 2023 CONT.	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION
TOPSHAM TELEPHONE CO.	\$2,317.98	TELEPHONE BILL
TOPSHAM-CORINTH LITTLE LE	\$500.00	VOTED APPROPRIATION
TOWN OF BARRE	\$72,045.66	AMBULANCE CONTRACT
TRI-VALLEY TRANSPORTATION	\$850.00	VOTED APPROPRIATION
TRI-VILLAGE FIRE DEPARTMENT	\$30,000.00	VOTED APPROPRIATION
TWO RIVERS-OTTAUQUECHEE R	\$2,905.87	DUES
UNDERCOVER TENTS	\$1,674.04	TENT RENTAL
UNIFIRST CORPORATION	\$3,241.17	HIGHWAY UNIFORMS
UNITED AG & TURF	\$64.90	HIGHWAY SUPPLIES
UNITED STATES TREASURY	\$58,774.16	IRS EMPLOYEE WITHOLDING
US POSTAL SERVICE	\$1,204.75	ENVELOPES
VCAD-RFP PROGRAM	\$200.00	DUES FOR DRY HYDRANT PROGRAM
VT AGENCY OF NATURAL RESOUR.	\$640.00	MUNICIPAL STORMWATER GRANT
VERMONT FIRE EXTINGUISHER	\$105.00	INSPECTION
VERMONT LEAGUE OF CITIES	\$2,678.00	WORKSHIP & DUES
VERMONT DEPT. OF MOTOR VEH.	\$295.00	REGISTRATIONS
VERMONT DEPT. OF TAXES	\$8,658.10	STATE EMPLOYEE WITHHOLDING TAXES
VERMONT DOOR COMPANY	\$150.00	GARAGE DOOR REPAIRS
VERMONT STATE TREASURER	\$1,523.00	DOG & MARRIAGE LICENSES
VIETMEIER, HANNAH	\$416.11	PROPERTY TAX OVERPAYMENT
VIKING-CIVES USA	\$7,176.84	HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT & REPAIRS
VLCT EMPLOYMENT RESOURCE	\$1,000.00	INSURANCE
VLCT PROPERTY & CASUALTY	\$25,193.00	INSURANCE
VMCTA	\$35.00	DUES & TRAINING
VMERS DB	\$7,435.65	RETIREMENT PLAN
VNA & HOSPICE OF VT AND N	\$4,000.00	VOTED APPROPRIATION
WAITS RIVER VALLEY SCHOOL	\$1,475,149.33	PROPERTY TAX EDUCATION PAYMENTS
WALDEN, PATRICIA	\$60.00	PROPERTY TAX OVERPAYMENT
WALKER'S WELDING	\$475.00	HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT REPAIRS
WASHINGTON ELECTRIC CO-OP	\$3,980.97	ELECTRIC BILLS
WEST TOPSHAM CEMETERY ASS	\$242.44	DIVIDENDS
WHEELER, ENVIRONMENTAL SRVC.	\$2,500.00	ENVIRONMENTAL INSPECT. FOR COMM. HALL
WILDS, LINDA	\$95.99	PROPERTY TAX OVERPAYMENT
WORKSAFE TCI INC.	\$899.25	HIGHWAY ROAD SIGNS
TOTAL VENDOR PAYMENTS	\$2,785,443.88	

WAGE REPORT 2023

	<u>ANNUAL WAGE</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
<u>TOWN CLERK/TREASURER/ASSISTANTS</u>		
Cynthia Flannigan (Clerk/Treas.)	\$42,000.00	\$42,000.00
Eva Downing (Assistant)	\$705.00	
Susan Hood (Assistant)	\$17,293.50	\$18,000.00
TOTAL	\$59,998.50	\$60,000.00

SELECTBOARD

James Bulger	\$1,600.00	
Bradford Calhoun	\$1,600.00	
Jake Thompson	\$1,600.00	
Carl Hildebrandt	\$1,600.00	
Thomas Otterman	\$1,600.00	
TOTAL	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Janice Emerson	\$3,000.00	
TOTAL	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00

AUDITORS

Elaine Smith	\$678.77	
Nancy Clark	\$250.42	
TOTAL	\$929.19	\$2,500.00

LISTERS

Heidi Wright	\$576.00	
Patricia Plaisted	\$918.00	
Amelia Evans	\$1,008.00	
John Hood	\$7,110.00	
TOTAL	\$9,612.00	\$15,000.00

DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR

Cynthia Flannigan (Tax Penalty)	\$12,401.33	
TOTAL	\$12,401.33	

HIGHWAY

Peter L. Arnold	\$20,028.75	
Tony Davidson	\$20,668.40	
Richard Sampson	\$40,278.00	
Brian Smith	\$16,835.00	
Brewster Thurston	\$26,922.71	
Wendell Downing	\$131.25	
Matthew Wadsworth	\$825.00	
Guy D. Welch	\$16,984.39	
TOTAL	\$142,673.50	\$170,000.00

WAGE REPORT 2023 CONTINUED

CUSTODIAN

TOTAL	920.00	\$1,000.00
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TRANSFER STATION MONITOR

Roger Vance	\$3,321.40	
TOTAL	\$3,321.40	\$3,700.00

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Michele Boyer	\$0.00	
TOTAL	\$0.00	\$700.00

HEALTH OFFICER

Henry Buermeyer	\$85.67	
TOTAL	\$85.67	\$300.00

CONSTABLE

David Mott	\$0.00	-
TOTAL	\$0.00	\$200.00

ELECTION WORKERS

TOTAL	\$0.00	\$500.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$240,021.59	

Custodian Paid as 1099 Vendor-Reference Only

TOPSHAM GRAND LIST 2023

Year		Town Grand List	Tax Rate
2017-Municipal		\$1,076,657.16	\$0.68
2017-Non Residential Education		\$464,580.90	\$1.35
2017-Homestead Education		\$612,076.26	\$1.31
2018-Municipal		\$1,079,253.16	\$0.71
2018-Non Residential Education		\$462,038.90	\$1.42
2018-Homestead Education		\$617,214.26	\$1.29
2019-Municipal		\$1,083,096.16	\$0.71
2019-Non Residential Education		\$482,204.90	\$1.47
2019 Homestead Education		\$600,891.26	\$1.32
2020 - General Fund		\$1,087,711.16	\$0.73
2020 - Homestead Education		\$581,536.26	\$1.49
2020 - Non Homestead Education		\$508,206.90	\$1.58
2021-General Fund		\$1,099,993.16	\$0.70
2021-Homestead Education		\$586,924.26	\$1.48
2021-Non Homestead Education		\$513,068.90	\$1.60
2022-General Fund		\$1,111,580.26	\$0.67
2022-Homestead Education		\$592,738.26	\$1.41
2022-Non-Homestead Education		\$518,842.00	\$1.52
2023 General Fund		\$1,124,500.00	\$0.78
2023-Homestead Education		\$621,051.00	\$1.38
2023-Non-Homestead Education		\$503,449.00	\$1.60
Statement of Taxes Raised in 2023			
Municipality Taxes Billed	\$0.78	\$1,124,500.00	\$881,383.22
Homestead Education Taxes	\$1.38	\$621,051.00	\$859,162.08
Taxes Billed, Non-Resident Ed.	\$1.60	\$503,449.00	\$803,655.57
HS-122 Penalty			\$1,310.92
Town Payments/Penalty Billed by State			\$210.00
State Land			\$12,656.79
Land Use			\$75,649.00
Pilot Payment			\$626.00
TOTAL TAXES BILLED			\$2,634,653.58
Accounted for as follows:			
Municipality Fund			\$126,961.31
Highway Fund			\$540,850.00
Cemetery Fund			\$7,500.00
School Fund			\$1,487,745.16
HS-122 Paid Direct to School			\$217,290.43
Total Local Taxes Collected			\$2,380,346.90
State Land Collected			\$12,656.79
Land Use Collected			\$75,649.00
Pilot Program			\$626.00
Overpaid Amounts			(\$1.23)
Paid in Previous Year			\$90.62
Underpaid Amounts			\$0.38
Delinquent			\$165,285.12
BILLED TAXES ACCOUNTED FOR 2023			\$2,634,653.58

PROPERTY IN CURRENT USE - 2023

PROPERTY OWNERS	ASSESSED VALUE	LAND USE ACREAGE	LAND USE EXEMPT	TAXABLE VALUE
ADAMS MARK	\$83,400.00	25.90	\$30,900.00	\$52,500.00
BARRETT EDWARD	\$184,800.00	98.00	\$86,900.00	\$97,900.00
BATTEN MIKAEL	\$154,900.00	38.80	\$44,200.00	\$110,700.00
BATTEN MIKAEL KENNEH BURNS ALETA	\$83,500.00	43.00	\$52,600.00	\$30,900.00
BENNER KIMBERLY A	\$95,100.00	36.50	\$64,300.00	\$30,800.00
BOGIE JR. CALVIN S	\$75,000.00	50.00	\$55,100.00	\$19,900.00
BRILLHART JONATHAN G	\$263,000.00	114.20	\$76,300.00	\$186,700.00
BROCKARDT JAMES W	\$66,200.00	57.40	\$56,700.00	\$9,500.00
BROWN WILLIAM & ANGELA	\$115,900.00	73.00	\$62,600.00	\$53,300.00
BRUNET CRAIG	\$495,600.00	238.60	\$162,700.00	\$332,900.00
BULGER JAMES H	\$209,500.00	74.12	\$81,700.00	\$127,800.00
CALLEY CHARLES M REVOCABLE TRUST	\$97,200.00	72.50	\$33,100.00	\$64,100.00
CAPIZZI SR THOMAS FAMILY TRUST	\$213,200.00	102.00	\$88,200.00	\$125,000.00
CARLONE MICHAEL F & DONNA A	\$211,500.00	234.00	\$88,700.00	\$122,800.00
CLARK JAMES & NANCY TRUSTEES	\$260,700.00	86.00	\$80,900.00	\$179,800.00
CLARK JAMES H & NANCY P	\$299,000.00	164.00	\$114,000.00	\$185,000.00
COOPER ABIGAIL	\$94,800.00	47.00	\$59,900.00	\$34,900.00
CRIDER LEE TRUSTEE OF	\$278,800.00	30.10	\$41,100.00	\$237,700.00
DAILEY TIMOTHY R SR	\$72,600.00	45.00	\$48,600.00	\$24,000.00
DELEIRE JOHN	\$145,500.00	65.50	\$67,800.00	\$77,700.00
DEMICO RALPH J	\$285,900.00	39.20	\$44,700.00	\$241,200.00
DEMICK DEMARCO FAMILY TRUST	\$157,200.00	187.00	\$125,500.00	\$31,700.00
DENAGY GEORGE S	\$326,700.00	221.30	\$123,000.00	\$203,700.00
DENAGY JOHN B	\$213,100.00	28.00	\$32,900.00	\$140,200.00
DORSO DAVID	\$245,100.00	75.20	\$77,100.00	\$168,000.00
DOW BURNICE A	\$238,600.00	88.00	\$79,900.00	\$158,700.00
DOWLIN NATHAN	\$128,800.00	86.00	\$111,500.00	\$17,300.00
FOSTER SUE M & THOMAS APPLETON TRUSTEES	\$340,300.00	85.80	\$73,000.00	\$267,300.00
FOSTER SUE MILLER TRUSTEE	\$412,800.00	44.90	\$57,700.00	\$355,100.00
GABLE CRAIG A	\$191,100.00	198.00	\$158,800.00	\$32,300.00
GANDIN GREG A	\$109,700.00	98.00	\$58,600.00	\$51,100.00
GAUDIN LAURENT M	\$270,700.00	146.50	\$114,400.00	\$156,300.00
GODINA JOHN M JR	\$65,200.00	33.00	\$59,800.00	\$5,400.00
GODINA JOHN M JR	\$306,700.00	60.10	\$79,900.00	\$226,800.00
GOLDEN SUSAN	\$44,100.00	24.90	\$17,600.00	\$26,500.00
GREENE TARI	\$243,200.00	146.00	\$91,200.00	\$152,000.00
GRIMES & NOLAN REVOCABLE TRUST	\$40,800.00	50.00	\$32,700.00	\$8,100.00
HALL CHRISTOPHER D	\$238,900.00	84.00	\$65,000.00	\$173,900.00
HARKINS PHILIP J TRUSTEE OF THE	\$1,422,700.00	504.20	\$279,600.00	\$1,143,100.00
HAZLETT FAMILY TRUST	\$6,500.00	6.00	\$5,500.00	\$1,000.00
HEIDENREICH JAMES CARR	\$254,700.00	82.00	\$78,900.00	\$175,800.00
HEIDENREICH JOHN WILLIAM	\$244,600.00	102.60	\$71,000.00	\$173,600.00
HERMAN SHEILA	\$308,400.00	52.50	\$72,300.00	\$236,100.00
HERMITAGE TRUST	\$123,400.00	61.00	\$57,900.00	\$65,500.00
HOOD GEORGE E JR	\$49,800.00	28.00	\$26,500.00	\$23,300.00
HOOD GEORGE E JR	\$195,900.00	68.00	\$60,800.00	\$135,100.00
HOOD HAROLD JR & BENJAMIN	\$66,600.00	42.50	\$59,400.00	\$7,200.00
HOOD HAROLD JR & BENJAMIN	\$139,400.00	120.20	\$99,500.00	\$39,900.00

PROPERTY IN CURRENT USE CONTINUED - 2023

HUGHES THOMAS	\$91,500.00	108.00	\$77,800.00	\$13,700.00
HUNGERFORD HOPE	\$150,000.00	175.00	\$119,800.00	\$30,200.00
JENCKS HELEN	\$296,500.00	129.00	\$98,000.00	\$198,500.00
JOHNSON WILLIAM F	\$295,500.00	156.90	\$113,400.00	\$182,100.00
KARPOWICH FAMILY LLC	\$370,400.00	169.00	\$126,500.00	\$243,900.00
LAMSON ALBERT	\$400,100.00	176.00	\$130,700.00	\$269,400.00
LANOUE BERNARD	\$199,900.00	38.20	\$59,100.00	\$140,800.00
LARSON TODD	\$56,800.00	31.80	\$36,600.00	\$20,200.00
LEAVITT GARTH	\$169,800.00	183.00	\$125,000.00	\$44,800.00
LENTZ FAMILY TRUST	\$89,900.00	58.00	\$56,500.00	\$33,400.00
LIMLAW BRUCE E TRUST	\$721,500.00	281.00	\$151,200.00	\$570,300.00
LINNELL CONSTANCE E REVOCABLE TRUST	\$333,200.00	85.55	\$67,800.00	\$265,400.00
LINZ GARY S	\$140,400.00	131.61	\$76,900.00	\$63,500.00
LIPSKAR SIMON	\$687,400.00	68.00	\$138,700.00	\$548,700.00
MAGOUN MARTIN GRANT	\$186,700.00	58.05	\$65,000.00	\$121,700.00
MANDATTA ROBERT G	\$286,900.00	65.50	\$68,000.00	\$218,900.00
MANNING GREGORY A	\$105,400.00	88.00	\$69,700.00	\$35,700.00
MARTINEAU DAVID	\$103,800.00	36.70	\$49,200.00	\$54,600.00
MAXWELL ROGER W	\$317,400.00	64.25	\$61,100.00	\$256,300.00
MEADOWSEND TIMBERLAND LTD	\$1,006,700.00	970.40	\$637,200.00	\$369,500.00
MEJIA JEAN CHRISTIE REVOCABLE TRUST	\$49,200.00	67.60	\$38,200.00	\$11,000.00
MILBURN NICHOLAS B	\$305,400.00	36.70	\$56,000.00	\$249,400.00
MONTGOMERY TIMBER COMPANY LLC	\$235,900.00	262.00	\$187,000.00	\$48,900.00
MOORE CYNTHIA M TRUST	\$131,600.00	113.00	\$113,200.00	\$18,400.00
MOORE CYNTHIA M TRUST	\$343,200.00	497.00	\$258,900.00	\$84,300.00
NEW ENGLAND FORESTRY FOUNDATION INC	\$91,200.00	76.10	\$78,300.00	\$12,900.00
NORTON-HAWK MAUREEN A	\$75,400.00	36.30	\$38,700.00	\$36,700.00
PACILIO VINCENT E	\$132,500.00	188.00	\$89,100.00	\$43,400.00
PARRISH ROY G II	\$214,900.00	221.00	\$125,300.00	\$89,600.00
PASCHALL DOUGLAS	\$124,900.00	38.00	\$43,700.00	\$81,200.00
PERRY DENNIS II	\$38,600.00	17.60	\$31,600.00	\$7,000.00
PETERSON BARBARA M & TIMOTHY H	\$168,900.00	161.00	\$121,400.00	\$47,500.00
PLANT ALBERT A	\$240,600.00	242.07	\$105,700.00	\$134,900.00
POST STEPHEN	\$106,100.00	25.00	\$35,200.00	\$70,900.00
POULSON JR RONALD E	\$50,300.00	37.00	\$44,300.00	\$6,000.00
POWERS L BARRY	\$279,800.00	275.80	\$181,300.00	\$98,500.00
POWERS L BARRY	\$155,900.00	5.00	\$10,400.00	\$145,500.00
POWERS L BARRY & MARY	\$292,800.00	62.00	\$61,800.00	\$231,000.00
POWERS MATTHEW B	\$93,500.00	58.50	\$83,100.00	\$10,400.00
POWERS VICTORIA ROSE	\$134,200.00	8.12	\$16,600.00	\$117,600.00
POWLEY THOMAS N	\$141,200.00	82.00	\$67,000.00	\$74,200.00
PRATT FAMILY TRUST	\$397,700.00	199.40	\$133,200.00	\$264,500.00
PUTNAM JUSTIN	\$108,200.00	59.10	\$54,500.00	\$53,700.00
RINTELL DAVID	\$133,800.00	43.00	\$59,300.00	\$74,500.00
ROGERS HILL SUGAR MAPLE FARM LLC	\$130,200.00	129.40	\$71,200.00	\$59,000.00
ROHRMAYER FAMILY TRUST	\$185,900.00	41.88	\$62,300.00	\$123,600.00
SANDERS ERIN	\$257,200.00	124.40	\$101,100.00	\$156,100.00
SAWTELLE SCOTT & TIMOTHY	\$61,500.00	38.00	\$55,300.00	\$6,200.00
SAYLES RICHARD	\$54,300.00	50.00	\$45,900.00	\$8,400.00
SMITH FRED R	\$272,400.00	176.00	\$128,500.00	\$143,900.00
SMITH FRED R	\$93,000.00	80.00	\$80,000.00	\$13,000.00

PROPERTY IN CURRENT USE CONTINUED - 2023

SMITH STEVEN M	\$160,800.00	27.50	\$31,200.00	\$129,600.00
SMITH STEVEN M	\$189,700.00	231.00	\$129,600.00	\$60,100.00
SOLAR ACRES REALTY TRUST	\$194,900.00	22.00	\$26,000.00	\$168,900.00
SOROKA GEORGE V & ANN C & GEORGE L	\$140,600.00	28.80	\$40,100.00	\$100,500.00
STOCKTON FREDERICK R	\$103,800.00	98.00	\$87,800.00	\$16,000.00
STRYKER POLLY J	\$338,100.00	233.00	\$127,100.00	\$211,000.00
SWEET ROY	\$396,100.00	94.99	\$174,200.00	\$221,900.00
THOMAS JR FREDERICK B	\$60,100.00	29.10	\$55,400.00	\$4,700.00
THOMAS MIRIAM ESTATE	\$216,400.00	285.70	\$169,800.00	\$46,600.00
THREE TREES FARM LLC	\$458,000.00	67.10	\$105,100.00	\$352,900.00
TIMBERVEST PARTNERS III VERMONT LLC	\$78,200.00	81.30	\$65,000.00	\$13,200.00
TIMBERVEST PARTNERS III VERMONT LLC	\$276,200.00	501.50	\$194,500.00	\$81,700.00
TIMBERVEST PARTNERS III VERMONT LLC	\$354,500.00	515.84	\$270,300.00	\$84,200.00
TOWNSHEND DONNA L	\$440,100.00	165.00	\$115,100.00	\$325,000.00
UPPER VALLEY LAND TRUST	\$199,500.00	210.00	\$165,300.00	\$34,200.00
VANDERELS JONATHAN	\$43,800.00	30.00	\$38,900.00	\$4,900.00
VIETMEIER HANNAH	\$214,300.00	83.21	\$48,600.00	\$165,700.00
VON HIPPEL PETER H& JOSEPHINE B R TRUST	\$195,000.00	250.00	\$150,500.00	\$44,500.00
WAGNER JULIE K	\$55,800.00	32.90	\$49,000.00	\$6,800.00
WALKER RAYMOND A	\$329,100.00	60.00	\$57,700.00	\$271,400.00
WARDINSKI BOOTS	\$30,600.00	24.50	\$26,600.00	\$4,000.00
WATSON PAMELA ELIZABETH SANDERS	\$153,000.00	50.00	\$52,100.00	\$100,900.00
WHITING BENJAMIN	\$142,700.00	121.00	\$98,400.00	\$44,300.00
WIGAN MICHAEL	\$550,200.00	711.00	\$438,400.00	\$111,800.00
WILCOX RICHARD	\$138,600.00	67.00	\$48,600.00	\$90,000.00
WITWICKI THOMAS	\$206,600.00	27.00	\$37,200.00	\$169,400.00
ZANDSTRA NICHOLAS B	\$193,200.00	41.50	\$44,700.00	\$148,500.00
TOTALS	\$27,141,100.00	0.00	\$11,364,500.00	\$15,736,600.00

DELINQUENT TAXES 2023

Name	Owed
ALLARD, DIANA M	\$866.35
BECK, CHAD M. & WELCH, KIMBERLY	\$1,411.40
BERQUIST, CHRISTOPHER	\$928.45
BURNHAM, RODNEY & MARTHA	\$2,336.83
CORBETT, ESTATE OF MARY ELLEN	\$4,781.62
CORBETT, ESTATE OF MARY ELLEN (2022)	\$4,386.25
CORBETT, ESTATE OF MARY ELLEN (2021)	\$4,512.21
CORBETT, ESTATE OF MARY ELLEN (2020)	\$3,633.43
DAMATO, FRANCES	\$1,206.71
DAMATO, FRANCES (2022)	\$1,106.94
DAMATO, FRANCES (2021)	\$1,168.38
DAMATO, FRANCES (2020)	\$1,174.93
DAMATO, FRANCES (2019)	\$685.45
DARLING, TINA	\$207.07
DITCEHOS FAMILY TRUST	\$4,058.89
DOWNING, AMBER	\$1,532.30
DOWNING, LUCAS & RICKER, JESSICA	\$1,798.77
EMERSON, DEANNE A	\$709.27
EMERSON, DEANNE A (2022)	\$650.63
EMERSON, DEANNE A (2021)	\$686.74
EMERSON, DEANNE A (2020)	\$690.58
EMERSON, DEANNE A (2019)	\$831.17
EMERSON, DEANNE A (2018)	\$575.64
EMERSON, DENNIS & MICHELLE	\$1,580.38
EMERSON, DENNIS & MICHELLE (2022)	\$590.93
EMERSON, JANICE D	\$1,848.62
GAULD, MARGARET L.	\$2,708.55
GOLDEN, SUSAN	\$630.73
GOLDEN, SUSAN (2022)	\$582.95
GOLDEN, SUSAN (2021)	\$610.69
GOLDEN, SUSAN (2020)	\$609.48
HALL, GARY C SR, DIANE M & GARY C JR.	\$806.71
LABADIE, KATANA	\$3,574.91
LABADIE, KATANA (2022)	\$3,279.31
LABADIE, KATANA (2021)	\$2,395.58
LAHAYE, DARREN & MAGOON, SHARON	\$1,355.71
LAHAYE, DARREN & MAGOON, SHARON (2022)	\$2,275.98

DELINQUENT TAXES 2003 CONTINUED

Name	Owed
LARSON, TODD & PAMELA	\$480.78
LILLBASK ESTATE, TORE	\$2,006.42
LILLBASK ESTATE, TORE (2022)	\$1,840.52
LILLBASK ESTATE, TORE (2021)	\$1,942.69
MCALLISTER, RICHARD	\$968.13
MILLER, MIRANDA M	\$78.55
MILLER, MIRANDA M (2022)	\$72.04
MONTANDON, HENRY II (2022)	\$117.90
MONTANDON, HENRY II (2021)	\$124.45
NOURY, JOSEPH L & KIMBERLY A	\$1,885.04
O'MEARA BRUCE ESTATE	\$80.92
OLMSTEAD, FELISHA & ORRIN	\$823.51
PACILIO, VINCENT E	\$1,032.96
POWELL, BARBRA & HERMAN	\$1,032.96
POWELL, BARBRA & HERMAN (2022)	\$947.55
POWELL, BARBRA & HERMAN (2021)	\$7.12
POWERS, DONALD	\$714.03
POWERS, DONALD A	\$1,599.39
POWLEY, THOMAS N	\$1,766.03
RICKER, ROBERT & RICKER, DWIGHT	\$2,884.69
RICKER, ROBERT	\$780.68
RICKER, ROBERT & RICKER, DWIGHT & RICKER, NATHANIEL	\$1,732.72
RUEDA, ALAN S (2023)	\$1,642.56
SMITH, AARON M	\$2,020.71
SMITH, AARON M (2022)	\$1,853.62
SMITH, AARON M (2021)	\$1,956.52
SMITH, AARON (2020)	\$1,967.48
SMITH, AARON (2019)	\$990.85
SMITH, ALLEN ESTATE	\$2,384.86
SMITH, JEREMY	\$2,340.73
SMITH, PERLEY E. & SHARON L.	\$1,012.16
STEWART, CYNTHIA	\$1,944.54
THURSTON, FOREST & SHERI	\$1,280.49
THURSTON, FOREST & SHERI	\$1,174.62
WEDGE KEVIN ESTATE	\$1,171.01
WELCH, MARC & PEGGY	\$3,989.05
WELCH, MARC & PEGGY	\$2,558.61
WHITING-STANFORD TRUST	\$2,749.08

DELINQUENT TAXES 2003 CONTINUED

Name	Owed
WILLIAMS, WESLEY M & REBECCA J	\$752.90
WRIGHT, HEIDI F	\$2,337.63
YELLE, HANNAH	\$183.27
YELLE, HANNAH (2022)	\$168.11
YELLE, HANNAH (2021)	\$177.45
DELINQUENT TAX TOTALS 12/31/2023	\$120,365.87

Statement of Delinquent Taxes 2023

Delinquent Tax Year	Balance 1/1/2023	Sent to Collector	Collected 12/31/2023	State Payments	Revised Tax Bills after 10/1	Abatement	Uncollected 12/31/2023
2018	\$1,526.76	\$0.00	\$951.12	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$575.64
2019	\$3,374.23	\$0.00	\$866.76	\$0.00	0.00		\$2,507.47
2020	\$9,068.95	\$0.00	\$993.05				\$8,075.90
2021	\$19,099.90	\$0.00	\$5,518.07				\$13,581.83
2022	\$77,025.72	\$0.00	\$57,129.06			\$849.31	\$19,047.35
2023	\$0.00	\$165,285.12	\$88,707.44				\$76,577.68
Total	\$110,095.56	\$165,285.12	\$154,165.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$849.31	\$120,365.87

Percentage of Taxes Going Delinquent

2014	6.93%
2015	8.43%
2016	6.90%
2017	7.90%
2018	7.53%
2019	7.21%
2020	7.98%
2021	6.96%
2022	5.79%
2023	6.49%

Property & Casualty Insurance Coverage and Limits Provided

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

Section II – Property Coverage

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

10,000,000 any one occurrence and in the aggregate annually with respect to any. Flood loss under Section II. This coverage is subject to a \$50,000,000 annual aggregate limit for all Fund Members combined with respect to any Flood loss under Section II.

\$10,000,000 any one occurrence and in the aggregate annually with respect to any Earthquake loss under Section II. This coverage is subject to a \$50,000,000 annual aggregate limit for all Fund Members combined with respect to any Earthquake loss under Section II.

\$1,000,000 any one occurrence Municipal Income, Extra Expense and Data Processing Extra Expense combined.

\$1,000,000 any one occurrence Data Processing Systems Equipment

\$1,000,000 any one occurrence Accounts Receivable

\$1,000,000 any one occurrence Valuable Papers and Records

\$1,000,000 any one occurrence Property in Transit

\$1,000,000 any one occurrence Computer Attack and Security Breach

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

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

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

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

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

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

\$1,000,000 any one occurrence Utility Interruption

\$ 500,000 any one occurrence Expedition Expense

\$ 500,000 any one occurrence Hazardous Substance Contamination

\$ 500,000 any one occurrence Perishable Goods

\$ 500,000 any one occurrence Water Damage

\$ 500,000 any one occurrence Computer Data and Media

\$ 500,000 any one occurrence Mold or Other Fungi, Wet or Dry Rot, or Bacteria Section

III – Casualty Coverage

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

A. \$500,000 any one occurrence and in the aggregate annually Limited Pollution, except that with respect to road salt application the maximum limit of liability is \$20,000 any one occurrence and in the aggregate annually.

B. \$250,000 any one occurrence Uninsured Motorist

C. \$1,000,000 any one occurrence and in the aggregate annually Covered Dams

D. \$15,000 any one occurrence Medical Payments

E. \$10,000 any one occurrence and in the aggregate annually Sewer Backup

Section IV – Crime and Fidelity Coverage

\$25,000 any one occurrence Agreement F – Money and Securities With-in Premises

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

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

\$25,000 any one occurrence Agreement J a. – Forgery or Alteration

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

\$25,000 any one occurrence Agreement J c. – Computer Fraud

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

Section V – Public Officials Liability and Section VI – Employment Practices Liability Coverages \$510,000,000 combined single limit any claim made and/or covered event and in the aggregate annually, including suits brought in connection therewith for all liability under Agreements K and L, except that with respect to the following type of loss under Agreement L, the maximum sub limit shall be: \$50,000 any claim made Non-Monetary Defense

BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

The budget process started in November 2023. We met with town officers and other groups in November and December to review their requests for operating funds. The budget was finalized in January 2024.

The proposed amount to be raised by taxes for 2024 is \$987,175.00 (\$354,575 for Town Operations, \$624,450 for Highway and \$8,150 for Cemetery). This is \$129,975 (15.16%) more than the amount for 2023.

The increase of 15.16% has several contributing factors. First, an increase in payroll expenses for the Town Clerk/Treasurer and Highway employees, which includes the hourly wage, health insurance and retirement benefits. Second, the increase in costs to operate and maintain the Town office building, the Town garage and the Town highway equipment and the increase in costs for the solid waste services and the fire and rescue services.

Town Operations – Taking into account income from state related taxes, income from clerk office fees, interest income and other revenue, there is a surplus from fiscal year 2023 of \$67,727. Of this amount, \$35,850 is carried forward to 2024 (for equipment, building repair and maintenance, legal fees and other expenses). This is reflected in the recommended amount to be raised by taxes for 2024. The balance of \$31,877 may be used to reduce the amount raised by taxes or put in the Surplus Fund for future expenses. This will be decided by a vote at Town Meeting.

Highway – After taking into account revenue from State Aid and other revenue, we went over budget in the amount of \$93,728.25 due to the costs to repair the damage to several roads and to the Pike Hill Bridge caused by the flood. The Select Board voted at their meeting on January 22, 2024 to transfer funds from the Highway Fund and Highway Building Fund to cover the over budget amount. We are currently working with FEMA for reimbursement for those costs.

Cemetery – There is a surplus from fiscal year 2023 of \$7,911.25. Of this amount, \$7,500 is carried forward to 2024 for development and maintenance. This is reflected in the recommended amount to be raised by taxes for 2024. The Select Board voted at their meeting on January 22, 2024 to put the balance of \$411.25 in the Cemetery Fence Fund.

Budget Committee Members

Donna Otterman (Chair), Janice Emerson, Yvette Tomlinson, Susan Pratt, Susan Hood, James Bulger, Jake Thompson, Bradford Calhoun, Carl Hildebrandt and Thomas Otterman

SUMMARY OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE FOR 2024

The Budget Committee met on November 27, 2023 December 11, 2023, January 8, 2024 and on January 29, 2024 at the Town Hall in East Topsham for the purpose of hearing recommendations for the Town of Topsham Budget for 2024.

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

General Fund	\$354,575.00
Highway	\$624,450.00
Cemetery	<u>\$8,150.00</u>
Total	\$987,175.00

Donna Otterman-Chair, Janice Emerson, Susan Pratt, Yvette Tomlinson, Susan Hood, James Bulger, Jake Thompson, Brad Calhoun, Carl Hildebrandt, Thomas Otterman

2023 SELECTBOARD REPORT

This year we have faced many challenges. There were extreme weather events that included severe flooding, power outages and many road washouts. The Pike Hill bridge again succumbed to the waters fury. I'm happy to report that the bridge repairs were completed just before the season's first snow.

HIGHWAY

Richie Sampson was hired as Road Foreman and has done an incredible job dealing with flooding, equipment failure and maintaining our roads for safe travel. Brewster Thurston was hired following work related injuries of two highway employees. Pete Arnold came out of retirement to assist us part time. A big thank you to these highway workers!

The highway garage site has been graded in preparation for further design and cost estimates before preparing a bond vote by the town.

WEST TOPSHAM COMMUNITY HALL

In the spring of 2023 the Hall Association, by vote of its members, offered the hall to the town. This offer was accepted by a unanimous vote of the Select Board. Since that time, the Board has investigated grant funding for the Hall which includes ARPA funds that will help offset upgrades to the building. This gift will enable continued use of the building by the community, an honor to those that contributed to the buildings construction.

OTHER

This year has seen the completion of an updated Town Plan. Thank you to the Planning Commission and Two Rivers Ottauquechee Regional Planning Commission for all the work to formulate a Plan that fits the needs of Topsham. (See Planning Commission report.)

The year also saw the revision of the town Animal Control Ordinance and an update of Topsham's Hazard Mitigation Plan.

FISCAL OUTLOOK

The Select Board has worked hard this year to present a budget that meets essential community needs. However, rising costs that are beyond our control have burdened the community much the same as our household budgets. The Select Board continues to exhibit constraint while still providing essential services.

As we close out another year, we need to thank all of those that continue to serve our community in so many ways. A special thank you to Cindy Flannigan who not only organizes our Memorial Day Ceremony and Town Picnic, but also contributes additional time ensuring that the needs of our community are met. The Select Board would like to acknowledge and thank Cindy for her years of service as our Town Clerk and Treasurer and wish her well as she retires from those positions this year.

I encourage all community residents to volunteer for town events and committees. Reach out to neighbors and town folks. Find those things we have in common instead of our differences.

Thank you for the opportunity to represent you.

Respectfully,
James Bulger, Select Board Chair

2023 AUDITORS' REPORT

In accordance with Section 3593, V.S. as amended, we have verified the existence of stated cash balances, examined the accounts and records of Town Officers, and, to the best of our knowledge, the financial statements and reports of receipts and disbursements present an accurate record of funds handled in the year ending December 31, 2023. We continue to update a procedures' manual for future auditors. We will be conducting periodic reviews of various financial activities of the town throughout the upcoming year.

Term 2024 Elaine Smith
Term 2025 Stephen Otterman (resigned)
Term 2026 Peggy Welch

TOWN CLERK/TREASURER'S REPORT

2023 has been a very busy year for the town office! The activities of the town office continues to be challenging as we try to stay up to date with the ever changing laws, rules, regulations, and new computer software programs the different State Departments require the clerks and treasurers to use. Town Clerk duties consisted of recording documents in the land records and into vital statistics, issuing dog licenses, processing motor vehicle registrations, as well as assisting those calling or coming into the office to do research. Time is also spent assisting the Select board, Listers, and Animal Control Officer. My assistant, Susan spent a great deal of time in cleaning out and reorganizing the vault in order to make room for the additional land records coming into the office for filing.

The treasurer's job consists of accounting for all revenues and expenses of the town, issuing account payable checks, processing payroll and the associated state and federal forms, the preparing of property tax bills and collecting tax monies. A fair amount of time also goes into keeping track of grant expenditures and making sure we meet deadlines for requesting reimbursement. This year there was a significant amount of time spent on getting all the required paper work and costs associated with the flood damage to our roads in July so as to request reimbursement from FEMA. That whole process is not finished but it is my hope to have it close to completion before I depart in March.

As I write this report for my last time I am overwhelmed with a multitude of emotions! First and foremost, I am so very thankful to the voters for giving me the opportunity to serve as your Town Clerk and Treasurer. I am very grateful to Juanita Clafin who hired me as her assistant back when she became Town Clerk and Treasurer in 2000. I am thankful to Polly Stryker for her many years of service being my assistant and then to Eva Downing and Susan Hood for stepping up when Polly retired. I am grateful to all the Selectboard members, Listers, Auditors and Highway Crew I've worked with over the years. Thanks to all those who take the time to serve our community as elected and appointed officials or as a volunteer.

I have a sense of pride in the work we have done with our town cemeteries and the very special Memorial Day Ceremonies honoring our Veterans. With that being said, I am disappointed I haven't been able to complete the Veterans Memorial plaques as of yet, but I am in hopes the Select board will let me continue working on that to get it accomplished. I also am pleased with the annual town picnic where we come together to enjoy visiting with our neighbors. I truly hope these traditions will continue going forward.

In closing, I have to say I have a feeling of relief not having to keep up with the many tasks the job now entails and dealing with the constant changes the State and Federal Government make. I look forward to the next chapter and the extra time that I hope to have to spend with family and friends. That being said, I am also feeling a real loss in not being in the office to greet you when you come in to register your dog, pay your taxes or just to gather some information. I have been so blessed to be a part of your lives and in serving as your Town Clerk and Treasurer. I truly hope you feel I have served you and our town well!

I want to say a huge thank you to my husband Tom, and the rest of my family for all the support over the years in helping me do my job. Especially with getting things set up and ready for the Memorial Day Ceremonies and annual town picnics.

Cynthia Flannigan
Town Clerk/Treasurer

2023 COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES REPORT

Property taxes became delinquent at the close of business on October 2nd and were turned over to the Delinquent Tax Collector for collection. Delinquent tax notices are mailed out on a monthly basis. I have made myself available for delinquent tax payments during regular Town Office hours as well as at my home. Delinquent Taxes prior to 2023 that do not have a payment plan agreement were turned over to the attorney to begin the tax sale process. The tax sale is scheduled to be held on February 26, 2024. A Delinquent Tax Collection Policy & Tax Sale Proceedings Policy is included in this report.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cynthia Flannigan, Topsham Delinquent Tax Collector

Town of Topsham Delinquent Tax Collection Policy & Tax Sale Proceedings

Purpose:

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

General Terms:

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

2023 LISTERS' REPORT

There will be an opening for a Lister position in March. Interested individuals can contact us at the Town Hall to get an understanding of Lister responsibilities. This is a 3-year commitment with an 8-10-hour work week. There are initial online training requirements of 20 hours or more, with on-going training as opportunities present themselves. The time commitment will likely increase based on the need for the town-wide reappraisal starting in July 2025. Property inspections can impact the hour and day commitment as these are generally performed at the convenience of the property owner. **It is important that you can commit to working 8-10 hours per week**, and possibly more during the reappraisal. Please consider this commitment when assessing your interest.

Parcel maps continue to be updated and revised as new surveys and boundary descriptions are received. We appreciate your efforts to help us get these maps as accurate as possible. Please feel free to bring your surveys and maps to our office.

In the past year, a Public Records Access tab has been added to the Town's website. Among other things, you will find the most current Grand List, parcel maps, and a link to the Vermont Parcel Viewer. Please feel free to explore this new part of the website. It could save you a call or trip to the Town Clerk's office!

ANNUAL REMINDER TO FILE YOUR HS-122 – HOMESTEAD DECLARATION - BY APRIL 15 OF EVERY YEAR. It is the responsibility of the homeowner to file the declaration, regardless of tax extensions filed with the IRS or your use of a tax preparer to file your taxes. Late filing results in property taxes being calculated under the non-residential tax rate, significant additional work in creating new tax bills, and a penalty equal to 3% of the education tax.

Also, **SCHEDULE HI-144** must be submitted with a Property Tax Credit claim. If you have questions, contact the Vermont Department of Taxes at tax.individualincome@vermont.gov, or call (802) 828-5860 or (866) 828-2865 (toll-free in VT).

TOWN WIDE REAPPRAISAL REMINDER: Our town-wide reappraisal will begin with data collection starting July 2025 and an expected completion date of June 2027. Expect to receive more information regarding the reappraisal prior to the start date. One of our challenges is current contact information for inspection appointments. We will reach out in some manner to get assistance from property owners. Any suggestions for obtaining this information are appreciated.

Board of Listers

John Hood

Amelia Evans

Heidi Wright



Pat Plaisted Retired Lister 2005-2023

Auditor 2011-2014

2023 ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER REPORT

There will be no report due to the resignation of the Animal Control Officer

2024 Rabies Clinics will be held in:

Bradford, VT

Wednesday March 13 th, Bradford Fire Station, 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Fairlee, VT / Orford, NH, Wednesday, March 27 th, Fairlee Fire Station, 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Rabies Vaccine only. Vaccine cost is \$10. All animals must be on a secure leash or in a carrier. Please Register ahead on-line at www.oxbowvetclinic.com

If you are unable to pre-register, please bring a copy of the previous year license or certificate or something with you and your pets' information written out.

VT SPAY NEUTER INCENTIVE PROGRAM (VSNIP)

The VT Spay Neuter Incentive Program (VSNIP), is administrated by VT Volunteer Services for Animals Humane Society (VVSA). Funded by a \$4.00 fee added to the licensing of dogs, resources are limited by the number of dogs licensed as required by law by 6 months of age. A rabies vaccination is required to license. The first vaccination can be given at 12 weeks of age. If unable to schedule an appointment with a vet office, Community Animal Aid (free to those on public assistance: 734-0259 at the E. Barre Fire Station) & at Tractor Supply host monthly clinics. After vaccinating, contact your Town Clerk to license your dog. By statute, unlicensed dogs can be seized. Rabies is in Vermont and it is deadly.

Licensing identifies your dog and is proof the dog is protected in the event bitten by an animal, but would still need immediate medical attention. Vaccinations and licensing protect if they bite another animal or person, which could result in the quarantine of the animal or euthanized. If not proven by being licensed to be currently vaccinated, testing for rabies requires the brain to be examined.

For an Application for VSNIP send a Self-Addressed Stamped Envelope to: VSNIP, PO Box 104, Bridgewater, VT 05034. Note if it is for a cat, dog, or both. To print out, go to: VSNIP.Vermont.Gov. VSNIP helps income challenged Vermonters with neutering and vaccinations. If approved, you'll receive a Voucher and instructions. If not, a list of low-cost resources will be sent. Several humane societies host spay neuter clinics open to the public. Your cost for a VSNIP surgery is \$27.00, if without complications. The balance is paid by fellow Vermonters with their \$4.00 fee collected at licensing. Veterinarians and their staff are the backbone of this important program. Thanks to their generosity and altruistic vision, Vermont no longer uses routine euthanasia as a means of population control. Sincerely thank your veterinarian for their participation in VSNIP. If not currently a participating office, please ask them to join and help make a difference in your community. They are much needed.

Facts: Female cats as young as 4 months can become pregnant. The "mom" cat can/will become pregnant when nursing is finished. Males travel for miles to find a female in heat, often not returning. Cats and dogs (naturally) mark their territory if not neutered. Resolve Carpet Cleaner and a single mothball in its place will help deter from repeat markings. (Do not use moth balls with young children in the house.) 70% of cats and 15% of dogs using VSNIP are reported as strays or abandoned, which is cruel and illegal. Please do promote VSNIP, helping those that cannot afford to neuter, that will otherwise reproduce over and over. Repeat litters can cause uterine infection, mammary tumors, kidney failure, etc., leading to death. "Farm" cats are especially at risk. Be wary of any seller of animals that won't allow you to see how they are kept before acquiring and want to meet in a parking lot. Animals are often used as a means of making money, and their life may be the inside a

VT SPAY NEUTER INCENTIVE PROGRAM (VSNIP CONTINUED)

room or cage. Please be the voice for those that cannot speak. Purchasing does not 'save' one, it 'enables' those to continue to misuse animals for money. Thank you for promoting this time proven program.

Thanks to now retired Lynn Murrell, DVM, who first agreed to extend reduced rates for animals in need and all the Veterinarians and Clinics that served for the last forty years plus. A sincere thank you to Bernard "Snook" Downing for helping support many animals in need over the years with his hard work, contributions, and the donors we are unable to thank in print – but you know who you are!

Together We Truly Do Make a Difference! 800 HI VSNIP (1-800-448-7647) Sue Skaskiw, Administrator: VSNIP Executive Director: VVSA

2023 TOPSHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY REPORT

The Historical Society members and friends continue in their efforts to reserve and share the history of our town. The Society has received several donations of interesting items this year. We invite you to join us at our monthly to learn more meetings held alternately at Topsham Town Hall and Riverside Grange about our heritage.

The society continues to place flags on all veterans' graves in Topsham and are honored to take part in the Annual Memorial Day Services. We wish to thank the Waits River School students and staff that help with the flags at the Waits River Cemetery.

Nancy Frost, Secretary

2023 HOME SHARE VERMONT PROGRAM

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

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

2023 NORTHEAST SLOPES REPORT

(802) 439-5789

10397 VT RT 25, East Corinth VT, 05040

Despite the new normal of challenging snow and weather conditions, Northeast Slopes was open 30 days this past season. The lifeblood of Northeast Slopes is the hard work of our dedicated volunteers, and through them we provide quality winter recreation and strive to play an important role in building and sustaining the sense of community in this area of Vermont. Our scheduling has changed a bit from past years: on days we are open, our hours are from noon to 4 PM. This has helped with retaining volunteers, which is always a challenge! We've also found that on the days that we were open, the hill is busy, busy busy with lots of smiling faces! Our expanded school programs had another successful season of providing equipment, lessons, and slope time for kids in the area. For over ten years, this aspect of our programming demonstrates our commitment to serving local children.

We have some exciting news: We'll be building a new outdoor pavilion to take the place of the covid era tent and the "deck" as it is sometimes called. Charlestown Productions, the production company for the Beetlejuice movie, gave us extensive amounts of building materials from the sets. Coupled with a grant of nearly \$20,000 from the State of Vermont's Recreational Facilities Grant Program, we'll be able to put the pavilion up without stretching our budget. Our board believes Northeast Slopes provides Topsham and surrounding towns with a vital and affordable local service that gives young people and their families a great place to meet and recreate outdoors during the long winter months. We work hard to open as many days as weather allows, organize fun local events, and seek financial support beyond our immediate community. Please keep in mind we are entirely volunteer staffed and run, and we always welcome the interest and involvement of new volunteers!

2023 ENERGY COORDINATOR REPORT

We tend to see what we want to see. Call it what you will, can't help but notice last year has seen an unprecedented uptick in extreme weather events breaking records worldwide. Drought caused wildfires and noxious smoke, heavy precipitation/flooding and winds that topple, downed power lines. Around the globe, there are no sides. Polar ice melts. Heat waves scorch. The science is clearer now. Oceans have absorbed 90% of the extra heat affecting sea life. We don't want disease-carrying parasites, ticks, and mosquitos spreading or saguaro cacti, forest and species die off, mass migrations and bad effects on crops and human health. Sweltering damp or dry heat can affect human hearts, lungs, and kidneys. Snowballing domino effects are uncertain. If the now slowing Atlantic Meridional Overturning Current (AMOC) that brings warm southern air northward to moderate our winters, stops, more disaster ensues. We humans have been impacting our world for a long time. There is much to do to ease its effects on us. Don't think this is just something to get used to and accept because without action the problems only increase.

The good news is that for the first time since man's use of fire, technologies cheaply make energy without burning anything. We are transitioning to renewable resources, electing kinder ways to satisfy our needs. Fossil fuel is on the way out. Many issues demand attention; health, economy, and immigration are all tied to the costs and risks of the changing weather patterns. Some politicians are seeing this. China has set a goal of net zero by 2060. US target is 2050, passing the Inflation Reduction Act to start. The EU is disengaging from Russia's polluting war and oil. Researching scientists and leaders around the globe are working for ways to protect our ecosystem. Hopefully toxics of Big Ag, deforestation, heavy equipment and air transport will find ways to become clean.

Especially key to the clean revolution is Regenerative Agriculture that acknowledges and works nurturing soil bacteria that support life, taking CO2 waste out of our atmosphere. USDA recently upgraded standards for organic livestock and poultry. DNA tests to assess soil fertility show that natural systems are the solution to preventing soil degradation and build sustainable living biology. Advancing Eco Agriculture (AEA) is working with farmers to transition to Regenerative Agriculture. Do plants trees and groundcovers

2023 ENERGY COORDINATOR REPORT CONTINUED

to shade and put CO2 back in the ground. Ethanol makers using 35% of the corn crop push for carbon capture direct at the source. Capture from the air is another of many solutions although return on investment, with costs to environment and in dollars is many times higher and compares poorly to solar and wind ability to fuel battery electric vehicles. Demand for EVs and heat pumps grows. Their benefits are financial as well as for the future weather. Not without drawbacks (weight wears out tires faster), they can supply backup power in emergencies. Contact Drive Electric Vermont for guidance to the model to suit your needs. Our power companies are focused on strengthening reliable access to electricity. We have a chance to build back better in addressing our flood-displaced and homeless needs for housing with others coming to VT from places more vulnerable to climate change. Interim and permanent housing stock is investment in public health and safety. Vermont legislators intend to emphasize affordable housing. VT has six million in ARPA funds left. With weather uncertain, climate and disaster response is a key issue, the bottom line is seeking improved emergency preparedness at state and local levels.

More stressors call for caring and cooperation and the ability to see clearly with a will to find and face facts. The more you know, the better you can cope. Realize our vulnerabilities, physical and psychological. Make changes in the ways we clothe, heat, cool, farm, travel, work, and eat, with an eye to what endures.

Maureen Hurley, Energy Coordinator, Topsham, VT 4peaches@gmail.com

2023 TRI-VILLAGE FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT

Tri-Village Fire Department had another busy year in 2023. Again, a large portion of our calls have been motor vehicle accidents. Please remember to fasten your seat belt and drive safely!

Fire Associations annual dues mailing.

Our raffle this year was a success! Thank you all who purchased tickets.

We currently have 25 active members and are always looking for new members!

Please remember to replace the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and check your fire extinguishers.

Have a safe and happy New Year!

This year we responded to:

Structure Fires: 7 Smoke/ CO Alarms; 9 Brush Fires; 1 Chimney Fires; 4 Motor Vehicle Accidents; 21 Pole fires/tree on line; 4 Smoke/Fire investigation; 10 Illegal Burn; 1 Medical Assist; 4 Flooding Issues; 3 Mutual Aid; 9.

Ernest Taylor: President. Richard Sampson: Chief. Richard Dolan: Vice-President. Steve Butler: Assistant Chief

2023 TRI-VILLAGE FIRE ASSOCIATION TRIAL BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023

CBNA checking	Beginning Balance:	\$ 37,372.74
Receipts:		
Town of Topsham:	\$ 30,000.00	
Town of Orange:	\$ 7,000.00	
Donations Lawrence Hart & Edgar Downing: \$	1,185.00	
Donation MacDonald Fund :	\$ 10,194.00	
Donations-Pools:	\$ 950.00	
Dues/Donations Annual Mailing:	\$ 11,453.00	
From Savings:	\$ 5,000.00	
Grant-CBNA:	\$ 650.00	
Insurance Refund:	\$ 449.00	
Raffle:	\$ 1,850.00	
	Total Receipts: \$ 68,731.00	
Debits:		
Annual Mailing:	\$ 812.95	
Active 911:	\$ 210.00	
Bank Service Charge:	\$ 12.00	
Capital West Dues:	\$ 400.00	
Dispatch:	\$ 8,842.60	
Dues- State Fire Association:	\$ 400.00	
Dues- UVRES	\$ 100.00	
Electricity	\$ 2,162.00	
Equipment:	\$ 10,714.65	
Gas/Diesel:	\$ 2,303.23	
Heating Oil:	\$ 4,164.79	
Insurance-Liability:	\$ 4,154.00	
Insurance-Vehicles	\$ 4,405.00	
Insurance-Workers' Comp.	\$ 1,218.00	
Misc:	\$ 1.19	
Office Supplies	\$ 193.32	
USPS:	\$ 190.65	
Raffle	\$ 336.90	
Repair-Maintenance Vehicles	\$ 6,131.75	
Telephone:	\$ 871.28	
To Savings:	\$ 10,000.00	
Training:	\$ 2,601.00	
Water Test:	\$ 60.00	
Westside- Eastside Buildings:	\$ 2,046.63	
	Total Debits: \$62,331.94	
	Balance Checking: \$43,771.80	
CBNA Savings:		
	Beginning Balance: \$ 5,489.30	
Receipts:		
From Checking:	\$10,000.00	
Interest:	\$ 3.45	
Debits		
To Checking:	\$ 5,000.00	
	Balance Savings: \$10,492.75	
	Total Balance:	\$79,223.75

EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM REPORT

2023 was another busy year for our community. In 2023 we had 217 calls. We continue to respond to both Fire and Medical calls. We responded to 20 motor vehicle accidents and 3 structure fires.

We thank the communities we serve for their continued support. As they did last year, our costs keep rising. The cost of training has sky rocketed. We lost two members this year but gained three! We are always looking for more volunteers. We will pay for the cost of education for most all levels. We can be contacted at ctert58@yahoo.com or cterclerk20@yahoo.com.

Mark Nickles, AEMT, Chairman Head of Service, Training Officer
Richard Dolan, EMR, Co-Chairman,
Annie Dolan, EMR, Treasurer/Clerk
Lindsay Tabor, EMT
Baylie Ordway, EMT
Morgan Morrisette, EMT
Trish Johnson, EMT
Tim Ouellette, VEFR
Rich Sampson, VEFR
Connor Daniels, VEFR

2023 Corinth-Topsham Emergency Response Team

Trial Balance December 28, 2023

WRSB checking Beginning Balance \$ 21,367.50

Receipts:

Town of Corinth	\$ 7,500.00	
Town of Topsham	\$ 7,500.00	
Town of Orange.	\$ 4,000.00	
TD Bank \$ 810.00		Total Receipts: \$ 19,810.00

Debits:

Training:	\$ 156.00
Dispatch:	\$ 8,842.00
Medications: \$	
Insurance/work Comp.	\$ 1,218.00
Insurance/ liability.	\$ 2,705.00
Oxygen:	\$ 625.42
CLIA	\$ 180.00
Fuel Stipend	\$ 650.00
Equipment/supplies:	\$ 1,969.00
Bank charges.	\$ 18.00
USPS:	\$ 150.80
VT District 6 dues:	\$ 100.00
WRF&R (Active 911):	\$ 120.00

Total Debits: \$16,734.82

Balance: \$24,443.20

Beginning Balance: \$4,803.19

2023 Corinth-Topsham Emergency Response Team Continued

Trial Balance December 28, 2023

WRSB WRF&R.

Receipts:

TVFD: \$9,052.60 (\$8,842.60 + \$210.00)
CFD: \$9,187.60 (\$8,842.60 + \$345.00)
CTERT \$8,960.60 (\$8,842.60 + \$120.00)

Total Receipts: \$
27,202.80

Debits:

Hanover Dispatch: \$ 26,527.66
Bank Service Charges \$ 18.00
Active 911: \$ 675.00

Total Debits: \$ 27,202.66
Balance: \$ 4,785.33

TOTAL BALANCE: \$29,228.53

2023 ORANGE EAST SENIOR CENTER REPORT

176 Waits River Road
Bradford VT 05033
(802) 222-4782

Serving: Bradford, Corinth, Fairlee, Newbury, Topsham and West Fairlee

Our primary focus is helping seniors. What did we accomplish in 2023?

We were open for in-person meals at noon on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays each week (except for certain holidays). We continue to offer Meals on Wheels and Takeouts on those days. These are state-approved nutritious meals.

We offer the following programs:

- *Well-being check for Meals on Wheels customers
- *Foot care clinics
- *Classes in exercise and balance
- *Income tax preparation and help with Medicare Part D and Medicaid forms
- *Distribution of donated medical equipment
- *Provide our space to AA, ALANON and a Cribbage Club
- *Host Bingo on Mondays, doors open at 4PM. Food is available.
- *Rental space with parking

In 2023 we have delivered 1,860 meals in Topsham. Our volunteers gave 3,477 hours to our Center and drove 20,574 miles delivering meals to participating seniors in our six towns.

Town appropriations are primarily used to offset the cost of providing in person or delivered meals. Our goal is to make sure no senior goes hungry.

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

Respectfully submitted, Victoria R. Chaffee, Director

2023 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT REPORT

Over the past year Barre Town EMS has increased its full-time staff by 32%. We now staff 3 Paramedic level Ambulances 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Additionally, we are currently staffing a 4th ambulance on our statistically busiest days, Monday and Friday. Our primary service area covers the towns of Barre Town, Berlin, Orange, Topsham, Washington, Williamstown and Northern Brookfield. We also provide the largest number of Paramedic intercepts and back up aid service for Washington County, as well as the primary agency that transports patients in and out of Central Vermont Medical Center.

Barre Town EMS staff size ranges from 40-50 employees (19 full time). We currently have 21 Paramedics on the roster, seven of which are Board certified as Critical Care Paramedics. Over the past year we have had 2 retirements and added 6 full-time positions. We were able to promote all 8 new staff from within our per diem ranks and we continue to grow our per diem roster to ensure we have qualified staff to fill our full-time ranks to which we have added 13 per diem staff this past year.

Barre Town EMS had a very busy year. Our call volume decreased due to COVID it has rebounded and is significantly higher now. We ended the year with 4376 calls for service. This is a 2% increase over the previous year and an 8% increase over 2022. With the addition of the Town of Williamstown to our response area we will see an increase in call volume in the coming year, which is part of the reason we expanded to 3 staff Paramedic Ambulances 24/7.

We have expanded our fleet to six (6) Critical Care Ambulances to ensure we can continue to provide timely high quality pre-hospital care to the communities we serve. This past year we took delivery of two (2) new ambulances and are scheduled to take delivery of three (3) more in 2024. All our ambulances are equipped with power-load systems and power stretchers that assist our crews in keeping our patients safe.

Below you will find a chart of our responses broken down by community and the type of response needed. Note that not all calls for service end up being a transport, over 25% of our calls result in a cancellation, non-transport or refusal of care.

We would like to thank you for trusting us to care for your family, community and visitors. We look forward to the year ahead and are excited to continue to provide timely high quality pre-hospital care to all of those we serve.

Respectfully submitted,
David Danforth, NRP, FP-C
Director
Town of Barre
Department of Emergency Medical Services

**BARRE TOWN EMS-2023 911
RESPONSE(S)**

Town	Total Calls
Barre Town	812
Berlin	1057
Brookfield	28
Orange	91
Topsham	83
Washington	63
Other Calls	
Mutual Aid	306
Paramedic Intercepts	286
Transfers	1650

2023 SAFELINE, INC. REPORT
P.O. Box 368, Chelsea, VT 05038
safelineinfo@safelinevt.org
(802) 685-7900 office
(800) 639-7933 24/7 hotline

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

For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, Safeline provided 2,325 services for 262 victims of domestic violence, stalking and sexual abuse. 64 services were provided for 6 victims who identified themselves as residents of Topsham. It is likely that these statistics are understated, as victims often choose not to give any identifying information out of fear for their own safety. 4 females and 2 males received these services for 3 domestic violence, 2 stalking, and 1 family violence situation. The services included assistance with 2 Relief from Abuse orders, 8 safety planning, 11 crises interventions, 6 information/referrals, and 11 emotional supports along with other services.

Safeline provides free confidential services, including: crisis support, safety planning, medical advocacy, economic empowerment, financial education and legal advocacy. Day shelter services, a resource library and information and referrals are also available.

In addition to providing direct services, Safeline is a resource to the community at large and is committed to changing the culture of violence in our society. As part of this work, Safeline offers a full-range of prevention education activities for community organizations, faith communities, youth groups and other groups seeking information about domestic and sexual violence.

A trained advocate is always available to provide crisis support, safety planning, resources, information and referrals through Safeline's 24 hours a day/7days a week Hotline (1-800-639-7233). Survivors can also choose from a wide array of additional services including legal advocacy, day shelter services, job readiness skills development, and financial management. We thank the voters for your support as we work to end domestic violence and sexual abuse in Topsham.

2023 VERMONT VETERANS HOME REPORT
Phone Number 1 (802) 447-6510 Website is VT VETS Home in Bennington

Many Vermont Veterans, or Veterans in the surrounding tristate area, do not know that a residential facility for Veterans exists in Vermont, nor are they aware of the programs and care that are provided for service men and women and their spouses. Also the link offers important information for children who may be required to coordinate the future care of an aging parent who was in the military or for their spouse.

2023 VISITING NURSE & HOSPICE FOR VERMONT & NEW HAMPSHIRE
Home Health, Hospice and Pediatric Services

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

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

Between July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023, VNH made 677 in-home visits.

- **Home Health Care**: 17 residents with short-term medical or physical needs.
- **Hospice Services**: 3 residents who were in the final stages of their lives.
- **Long-Term Care**: 7 residents with chronic medical problems who need extended care in home to avoid admission to a nursing home.
- **Skilled Pediatric Care**: 3 residents for well-baby, preventative and palliative medical care.

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

It is with your help that we are able to provide services like this to those in need. Topsham's annual appropriation to VNH helps to ensure that all have access to quality care when and where it is needed most. On behalf of the people we serve, we thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Anthony Knox,
Anthony Knox, Community Relations Manager

2023 TRI-VALLEY TRANSIT (TVT), FORMERLY STAGECOACH) SERVICES REPORT

Thank you for the Town of Topsham's generous support last year. During the past four years, your support helped us provide an annual average of 697 free Dial-A-Ride trips for Topsham residents either by volunteer drivers or on wheelchair accessible vehicles. TVT's Dial-A-Ride and Shuttle Bus Systems provided a total of 158,302 rides for the year. All of TVT's transportation programs enable community members to maintain their independence, gain and keep employment and access critical healthcare and quality-of-life services. Dial-A-Ride Programs – Focus on specialized populations including elders, persons with disabilities and low-income families/individuals who are unable to access the bus system. In Topsham, Dial-A-Ride offers direct access from home to: medical treatments, meal site/senior programs, adult day care services, pharmacies, food shopping, social services, vocational rehabilitation, radiation & dialysis and substance abuse treatment. Bus System – Promotes economic development, energy conservation, mobility independence and quality of life. The state and local grants through which we provide these services require us to raise up to 20% "local match" dollars. TVT's requests from towns account for approximately 5% of the 20% requirement. To contact TVT for more information about services, please call 802-728-3773.

2023 CENTRAL VERMONT COUNCIL ON AGING REPORT
CVOCA HELPLINE 1 (802) 477-1364

Central Vermont Council on Aging (CVCOA) is dedicated to the mission of supporting older Vermonters to age with dignity and choice. CVCOA services are available to those age 60 and up, caregivers, and families. For more than 40 years, CVCOA has assisted older Vermonters to remain independent for as long as possible. CVCOA serves 54 towns throughout the Central Vermont region.

CVCOA makes a difference in the lives of older Vermonters by connecting them to the network of benefit programs and services that they need to thrive, free of charge. CVCOA utilizes town funding to provide individualized support to Topsham residents through case management, information and assistance, options counseling, resource and benefit enrollment (nutrition, transportation, mental health counseling, legal services, etc), long-term care planning, health insurance counseling, family caregiver support, connection to wellness and social activities, and more.

CVCOA supported 14 residents of Topsham. CVCOA Case Manager Marianne Barnett was designated to serve older adults in Topsham.

CVCOA served 4,040 unduplicated clients from 07/01/2022 through 06/30/2023. CVCOA mobilized 497 volunteers through our AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP and general volunteer programs. These volunteers served over 40,000 hours, providing direct service, delivering meals on wheels, supporting nutrition sites, leading wellness classes, offering companionship and creative encouragement, and more. All of us at CVCOA extend our gratitude to the residents of Topsham for their ongoing commitment to the health, well-being, independence, and dignity of older Vermonters in the Topsham community.

2023 ORANGE COUNTY RESTORATIVE JUSTICE CENTER

Orange County Restorative Justice Center (OCRJC) is a community-based restorative justice agency, offering cost-effective alternatives to the Family, Criminal, and Civil Courts and the State Corrections system. We remain committed to our mission and vision—building and advocating for just communities by providing restorative programs to address legal issues, wrongdoing, conflict and the needs of harmed parties; and connecting participants to services that improve the health, well-being and positive behavior of individuals and the community.

We want the everyday life in Orange County communities to be safe, just and provide opportunities for all people to thrive. We offer 11 programs to Orange County residents: Circles of Support and Accountability (CoSA), Community Restorative Practices training, Court Diversion, Driver's License Reinstatement, Pre-Trial Services, Reparative Panels, Restorative Re-entry after Incarceration, Safe Driver Education, Transitional Housing, Victim Assistance and the Youth Substance Awareness Safety Program.

During the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, 289 people were referred to us for services. Local volunteers provided 1,203 hours of their time to support 272 Restorative Meetings. We served 62 harmed parties (victims) and distributed \$9,107 in restitution to those who experienced losses due to crime. OCRJC helped: 53 people connect with counseling services, 17 people access our emergency support fund, and 22 people reinstate their driver's license. We secured 4 apartments for transitional housing and had 70 people in our Safe Driver program.

In FY23, OCRJC worked with 1 person who lives in or whose incident took place in Topsham. For each incident referred to OCRJC, the person responsible and the individuals impacted by the crime are offered services.

CRJC's FY23 operating budget was \$534,247. We are proud to be supported by appropriations from every town in Orange County. The Town of Topsham appropriated \$125 for FY23 to support our work. OCRJC requests \$125 in 2024 to support ongoing programs.

Thank you for your support! For additional information, find our website at <https://ocrjvt.org> or contact Jessica Schmidt, Executive Director, at 802-685-3172 or info@ocrjvt.org.

2023 E-FIBER EAST CENTRAL VT TELECOMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT REPORT

www.ecfiber.net

Topsham is a member of the East Central Vermont Telecommunications District, the state's first communications union district (CUD), whose mission is to provide world class fiber-optic based internet service to all on-grid homes and businesses in its member towns. The District consists of 31 member towns, and owns the business which operates under the trade name ECFiber. The business added over 800 new customers despite critical labor shortages, and now serves over 8,500 customer locations via 1,700 miles of network, which, when fully built out, will bring fiber-to-the-premises (FTTP) to about 32,000 premises over more than 2,000 miles network.

In June, ECFiber celebrated the completion of its original 23 town network when it activated its operation center in White River Junction. In August, the District was awarded a \$13 million construction grant that will support the first three or four stages of its \$30 million, nine stage, and network completion plan. In November, its Series 2023A municipal revenue bond received a "BB" rating from Standard & Poor's Global Credit arm, a historic moment in US financial history: the first time a municipal revenue bond not backed by taxes, and not for a regulated utility or exclusive service territory, received a rating. This was extended to the six earlier bonds as well.

Topsham is Stage III of the plan and customers will be online in autumn, although some will be served earlier than that because they will be built as part of the Stage II buildout in Newbury.

The District contracts with Great Works Internet (GWI) of Vermont to operate the business. The biggest challenges we face now are not funding, but rather finding enough folks to construct the networks – people who know how to operate bucket trucks, splice fiber while 40 feet above the ground, and be willing to work outside in difficult weather. ECFiber is actively participating in state and regional workforce development efforts. If you are or know of someone who may be interested in these well-paid jobs, please let us know!

We invite you to visit our website to learn more about ECFiber, and encourage you to subscribe. You won't be charged anything until we start service.

- Rob Rinaldi Jr, volunteer ECF Topsham Delegate topsham@ecfiber.net | www.ecfiber.net |
802-ECFiber 415 Waterman Rd Unit 2, South Royalton, Vermont 05068-5418 (802)-ECFIBER
(802-323-4237)

2023 TOPSHAM-CORINTH LITTLE LEAGUE

25 WILLEY HILL RD, TOPSHAM VT, 05086

Topsham-Corinth Little League was created by caring parents who wanted to provide a sports program for children in the towns of Topsham and Corinth. The league is open to boys and girls from ages 5- 12. Our non-profit organization supports and fosters teamwork, community, and a love of baseball/softball. We were fortunate last year to have three major league teams [one softball team and two baseball teams], three minor league teams [one softball team and two baseball teams], two machine pitch teams and two tee-ball teams. We also hosted the CVNLL opening day this year and one of our two baseball teams was able to finish as runner up!

The Topsham-Corinth league continues as the fastest growing league in the CVNLL area. We purchased new catchers equipment this year to replace the very old and used equipment from years ago and we purchased equipment bags that are utilized to carry team supplies. We are requesting \$500.00 this year to help offset equipment and uniform cost, field lining machine and to look at the possibility of installing new bleachers and upgrades to the concession building structure.

For the 2023 season, TCLL provided baseball and softball instruction to over 100 children from the towns of Topsham and Corinth. We hope to be able to continue our program as it is a positive way to encourage our children to be team players and stay physically active.

Thank you from the TCLL board, parents and the players.

Sincerely, Mark Snider Jr., TCLL President

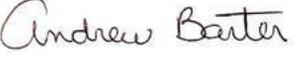
2023 LITTLE RIVERS HEALTH CARE REPORT
Federally Qualified Health Center, Fiscal Year 2023-2024

As Little Rivers celebrates its 18th anniversary, we are focused on the sustainability of vastly expanded services over the past three years. As with so many of our community partners, ensuring that our residents receive the vital services they need has been a challenge like no other.

For the 3-year pre-pandemic period of 2017-2019, LRHC operated with average annual excess revenues of \$230,125, and in 2022, LRHC operated with a loss from operations of \$2,117,454 from impacts of the public health emergency. In the past year, LRHC significantly improved facilities, continued providing services at all six OESU schools at no cost to schools and municipalities, increased provision of behavioral health and psychiatric services, and added programming to support those adversely affected by food and nutrition insecurity.

Our patient population increased by 71% to 6,531 in 2022 and patient appointments increased by 60% to 39,309 visits, demonstrating both the need for and capacity of Little Rivers. Our strong collaborations with local food security organizations allowed us to more than double the quantity of food given to our community (now over 1,000 pounds a week).

In addition to our services, LRHC also contributes to the local economy. In 2022, Little Rivers employed over 80 people in well-paying jobs, spent over \$9 million locally, and brought in over \$3 million in federal dollars to our communities. In return for our grant funding, we need to demonstrate financial support from our towns, so we are deeply grateful to our area towns and generous donors who continue to support us in this work. Many thanks to you all.

Sincerely, , CEO

Offices in: **Wells River** 802-757-2325; **East Corinth** 802-439-5321;
Bradford 802-222-9317; Newbury 802-866-3000;
Administration and Billing 802-222-4637

2023 RIVERSIDE GRANGE REPORT

2023 Riverside Grange Report The Grange was founded in 1867 and continues connecting citizens in rural communities. The Riverside Grange provides a meeting space for various groups in the community, including the New Hope Food Shelf, Boy Scout Troop 727, the Historical Society, ARPA meetings, and The Friends of Topsham. In order to provide heat and electricity to keep the building open, the Grange fundraises for most of its operating expenses in addition to donations and a small percentage of member dues. The Grange is proud to share the building with community groups and always welcomes new members of all ages. For more information contact Greg Tilton, President @439-6503 Thank you for your continued support!

2023 CLARA MARTIN CENTER REPORT

Child and Family Services Community Support Services Adult and Children Outpatient Services
Ayers Brook, Randolph, VT 05060 4 South Main St., Randolph, VT 05060
1483 Lower Plain Rd., Bradford, VT 05033 (802) 728-4466 (802) 728-6000 (802) 222-4477

Farmhouse East Valley Academy P O Box 278, Bradford, VT 05033
579 VT Rte. 14 So., East Randolph, VT 05041 (802) 222-4477 (802) 728-3896

Safe Haven Regional Alternative Program Wilder 4 Highland Ave., Randolph, VT 05060 Norwich
Avenue, Wilder, VT 05088 PO Box 816, Wilder VT 05088 (802) 728-5233 (802) 295-8628 (802) 295-1311

Clara Martin Center provides a multitude of services throughout greater Orange County to best meet the needs of community members in a holistic approach. These include individual, couples, and group therapy and services for co-occurring mental health and substance use. We also offer psychiatric consultations and evaluations and medication management services. Services are confidential and include:

- Outpatient Counseling
- Psychiatric Services
- Short-term crisis intervention
- School and Home-based services
- Education for families
- Community resource assistance
- Hospital Diversion
- Walk-in Clinic
- Vocational Services
- Alcohol and other drug treatment
- Respite Care
- 24-hour emergency system

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FY23 TOTAL SERVED AT CMC
Children & Family Services 463
School Services 102
JOBS 71
Adult Services 677
CSP Services 160
Supportive & Transitional Housing 15
Substance Abuse Services 284
Corrections Services 94
Emergency Contacts/Walk-in Clinic 293
Access 662
CCBHC Services 1,081
Total Served - unduplicated 2,191

TOTAL SERVED Topsham
Children & Family Services 9
School Services 1
JOBS 1
Adult Services 6
CSP Services 5
Supportive & Transitional Housing 0
Substance Abuse Services 5
Corrections Services 0
Emergency Contacts/Walk-in Clinic 6
Access 6
CCBHC Services 4
Total seen: 30

2023 CLARA MARTIN CENTER REPORT CONTINUED

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Topsham Annual Report submission- January 2024

2023 BLAKE MEMORIAL LIBRARY REPORT

676 Village Rd, P. O. Box D, East Corinth, VT 05040 • 439-5338 • blakememorial.org

Blake is a publicly supported non-profit public library operating under 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status. We are so grateful for our staff, volunteers, community, and donors for the support received in 2023. The generosity of our donors, Vermont Humanities Council grants, a Vermont Afterschool grant, a Winnie Belle grant, a FIRSTinVT grant, and endowment funds allowed Blake Memorial Library to continue developing our collection and offering quality programming. The contribution of two dollars per capita from the residents of Topsham and Corinth has also been helped us to continue to provide many resources and services.

Here are some of our many offerings:

- Almost 20,000 books, videos, and audiobooks available for loan, with items added monthly
- Access to downloadable e-books and audio books
- Rotating collection of videos and audiobooks from the Librarians of the Upper Valley
- Circulating and non-circulating periodicals
- Kanopy movie-streaming
- Public access desktop and laptop computers
- Help accessing and using technology
- Local history resources and special collection
- Printing, scanning, faxing, and copying
- Large print book collection and quarterly rotating collection
- Interlibrary loan service
- Local conservation resources
- Vermont attraction passes
- Children's board book tote bag kits
- Robotics/STEM programming
- Jigsaw puzzle lending library
- Access to LearningExpress (a job search, job skills training, and test prep service)
- Access to Universal Class
- Access to America's historic newspapers
- Access to the Digital Public Library of America
- Access to Vermont genealogy resources
- Access to the Vermont Online Library
- Weekly Story Hour for children
- Regular book discussion series
- Meeting space available for community use
- Exhibits featuring local artists
- Summer Reading Program, complete with activities, events, and prizes
- OneCard Network
- Toy lending library
- Chess and board game clubs
- Public WiFi extending into the parking lot

2023 BLAKE MEMORIAL LIBRARY REPORT CONTINUED

It's been a busy year at the library. More of our programming has been offered in person with the reduced threat from Covid-19. We also continue to offer hybrid in-person/virtual programming. Some highlights this year were the creation of a kids' robotics team, the second annual Art-House-Garden Tour, the Vermont Golden Dome and Green Mountain book award reading challenges, basket making and needle felting workshops, and the fall photo contest.

The 119th annual Blake Memorial Library Association meeting and Board of Trustees election was held in September. We were happy to welcome Zoe Tilley Poster to the board. A new fundraising committee has formed as well.

We wish to thank our large group of dynamic and energetic volunteers for sharing their time and talents with the library and the community. They help keep the library running by staffing the circulation desk, processing new books, managing interlibrary loan services, recommending books and other items for our collection, returning books to the shelves, and much, much more. This assistance allows our small staff to offer first-rate services and programming to our community.

Our vision: *Blake Memorial Library is a community resource developed by community members to promote learning and sharing. We aim to encourage the people of Waits River Valley to read, to explore, to think critically and creatively, and to come together to share ideas and inspire each other; we strive to provide them with the tools to do so. Blake Memorial Library supports civil discourse to strengthen and preserve democracy.*

Board of Trustees: Shirley Montagne – President/Treasurer, Rob Rinaldi – Vice-President, Carl Demrow – Secretary, Tania Aebi, Dina DuBois, Nick Kramer, Kathryn Price, Zoe Tilley Poster

Library Director: Jennifer Spanier

Assistant Librarian: Kimberly Hotelling

2023 TWO RIVERS-OTTAUQUECHEE YEAR-END REPORT

The Two Rivers-Ottauquechee Regional Commission is your regional planning commission governed by a Board of Representatives appointed by each of our 30 member towns. We work to make the area better today, and to articulate a vision for a thriving regional economy that enhances the Region's outstanding quality of life. The following are highlights from our work in 2023.

Technical Assistance on Planning Issues: Our staff support your local officials by being a wealth of information on many subjects, enabling them to serve you better. We provide advice on zoning, capital budgeting, and preventing flood damage; review solar and cell tower projects; stay abreast of state and federal initiatives so that local government can take advantage of these; and have worked hard to address the region's housing crisis. The Municipal Technical Assistance Program has supported eligible towns in identifying project opportunities and funding sources to undertake those projects. TRORC staff have also assisted numerous towns with revisions to municipal plans, bylaws and studies.

Economy and Public Health: This year, TRORC supported the Region's talented artists, food producers, and other parts of the creative economy sector through training and networking events. We also were able to provide many small businesses with grant funds to weather Covid-19, as well as guidance to towns on using their federal recovery funds. TRORC also helps identify and clean contaminated parcels of land for reuse.

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

Energy/Climate Change: TRORC assisted towns on Enhanced Energy Plans to save money for communities and further the State energy goal of meeting 90% of energy needs from renewable sources by 2050. TRORC has continued working to support member towns through assessing town buildings for energy conservation upgrades. We also work on state-level climate policy and local adaptation measures.

Transportation TRORC also worked with towns to get funding to implement road improvement projects. We also work to support our transit agencies, build park and ride lots, and help towns with traffic counts and speed studies. Specifically in Topsham this past year, TRORC helped complete the Local Emergency Management Plan, and TRORC worked with the town to complete its Town Plan update. Staff worked with the town to receive a state grant to make road improvements. Staff assisted the town with applying for and receiving an energy assessment grant for the Town Office. TRORC is also working with the Selectboard to identify local needs and funding programs that could help make progress on needed projects.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Peter G. Gregory, AICP, Executive Director, William B. Emmons III, Chairperson, Pomfret

Serving and Strengthening Vermont Local Government. The Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, owned by its member municipalities, with a mission to serve and strengthen Vermont local government. It is directed by a 13-member Board of Directors elected by the membership and comprising municipal officials from across the state. Member Benefits - All 247 Vermont cities and towns are members of VLCT, as are 142 other municipal entities that include villages, solid waste districts, regional planning commissions, and fire districts. Members have exclusive access to a wide range of specialized benefits, expertise, and services, including:

- Legal and technical assistance, including prompt responses to member questions that often involve how to comply with state and federal requirements. Staff responds to thousands of member questions and publishes guidance, templates, research reports, and FAQs. In 2023, VLCT specialists provided government-specific finance training as well as resources and consultation that help Vermont's cities and towns comply with federal rules for receiving federal ARPA and infrastructure funding. Staff also provides input to state leaders on designing and implementing grant programs for municipalities.
- Trainings and timely communications on topics of specific concern to local officials. The League provides training via webinars, classes at members' locations, and its annual member conference, the largest gathering of municipal officials in the state. In the wake of the 2023 floods, VLCT became a crucial information hub for local officials. VLCT's Equity Committee assists local officials in centering the work of justice, diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging in their municipalities' decision making, policies, practices, and programs.
- Representation before the state legislature, state agencies, and the federal government, ensuring that municipal concerns are heard collectively and as a single, united voice. VLCT's recent legislative efforts have helped cities and towns access additional resources to respond to the pandemic, repair roads and bridges, enact cybersecurity, improve housing and economic growth, promote renewable energy, provide emergency medical services, address equity and inclusion, and ensure the quality of our drinking water. Specific success in 2023 includes securing \$3 million for towns to expand their capacity to access state and federal grants through the Municipal Technical Assistance Program, fighting to balance changes to local zoning laws with state land use laws to facilitate housing construction, elevating awareness of the financial difficulties rural emergency medical services face, amplifying municipal concerns as the Legislature contemplates moving toward a state-led reappraisal system, and increasing municipal authorities in statute. Members are also represented at the federal level to Vermont's Congressional delegation and through our partner, the National League of Cities.
- Access to insurance programs. The Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund (PACIF) provides comprehensive and cost-effective property, liability, and workers' compensation insurance coverage, programs, and services that protect the assets of your community. The VLCT Unemployment Insurance Trust provides unemployment insurance at stable pricing. VLCT also offers members group rates on important benefits for municipal employees: life, disability, dental, and vision insurance. All the programs offer coverage and products that members need and ask for, help Vermont municipalities stretch their budgets, and are only available to VLCT members. Members are welcome to contact VLCT anytime to ask questions and to access resources to help them carry out the important work of local government. To learn more about the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, visit vlct.org. Recent audited financial statements are available at vlct.org/AuditReports.

2023 LOCAL VERMONT HEALTH OFFICE ANNUAL REPORT

St. Johnsbury Local Health Office | 107 Eastern Ave, Suite 9, St. Johnsbury, VT
802-748-5151 | AHS.VDHStJohnsbury@Vermont.gov

Twelve Local Health Offices around the state are your community connection with the Vermont Department of Health. The St. Johnsbury Local Health Office serves towns in Caledonia, southern Essex and a portion of Orange counties. Some highlights of 2023 are below. For more information on our work and the areas we serve, visit HealthVermont.gov/local/st-johnsbury

Pregnant People, Infants and Children: Our Women, Infants & Children (WIC) team received 1 of only 13 national Premiere Level 2023 WIC Breastfeeding Awards of Excellence.

- In 2023, our WIC Program helped more than 775 pregnant people, infants and children under 5. We offer healthy food, breastfeeding support, nutrition education and community service connections.
- We worked with Salvation Farms to give families free local fresh seasonal produce.
- To make our services more accessible, our staff provided tele-WIC and expanded to 5 community clinic sites, including 2 daycares. Collaborations and Collective Impact: Our team participates in many collaborative efforts in our community. Some 2023 highlights include:
 - NEK Prosper! - The Caledonia & Southern Essex County Accountable Health Community - working to leverage relationships and collaborative action to build community health equity.
 - NEK United - Bringing together public health and community leaders to work towards advancing health equity and well-being for all. Our work together will bring limited national funding to our region.
 - Radon Test Kit Distribution - Our pilot program worked with town clerks, librarians and health centers. It led to an increase in test kits distributed in Caledonia and Southern Essex counties.

Prepared and Responsive. Our team is prepared to respond to changing community needs and emerging public health threats. In 2023 our staff:

- Investigated reports of infectious diseases and outbreaks.
- Vaccinated uninsured or underinsured people with COVID, flu, Mpox and other immunizations.
- Distributed free home drinking water test kits after historic flooding affected many in our community.
- Joined the collaborative NEK long-term recovery planning efforts post-flooding.
- Supported the Northeast Kingdom Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) —contact us to volunteer!

Scan to access the report online.

2023 TOWN HEALTH OFFICER ANNUAL REPORT

2023 was a fairly quiet year for the THO -- no landlord/tenant situations. But a September dog bite report involving two Topsham residents took center stage for over a month resulting in the dog's impoundment. (I am not including the names of the complainant or dog owner's name in this report, even though they both are a matter of public record in my written report, and a well-attended public hearing, including the attendance of the Animal Control Officer.)

I reminded the selectboard that our Animal Control Ordinance included the definition of a "vicious dog" and therefore it was required to be impounded. More specifically, I told them that this ordinance authorized the Town to "immediately impound" a "vicious dog" if it presents an imminent danger to people or other animals. The Animal Control Officer reported that she had written multiple letters to the dog's owner during previous two years. The selectboard ultimately agreed with my position and ordered the dog to be impounded.

The aftermath of this incident resulted in the selectboard updating our Animal Control Ordinance to make it easier to handle this type of situation in the future.

My term expires on March 31. I have served as THO for five years and have provided advance written notification to the selectboard that I will not be seeking reappointment for another three-year term. I appreciate all of the cooperation I have received over the years from selectboard chair Jim Bulger.

Remember to get your dog licenses renewed by April 1! No Fooling.

Respectfully submitted,

Hank Buermeyer

2023 VERMONT GREEN-UP PROGRAM REPORT

GREEN-UP DAY IS ON MAY 4, 2024

Green Up Day, continued to grow with 23,500 volunteers statewide who cleaned up nearly 348 tons of litter and 15,000 tires. We saw 23% more volunteers lend a hand and heard in many cases there was less litter (30%) to be cleaned up. Tire collection saw a 4.8% increase. The statistics show that the hard work to beautify Vermont is still needed but also that our efforts for awareness are paying off. As one of Vermont's favorite traditions, it is imperative for today and for future generations to keep building pride, awareness, and stewardship for a clean Vermont, as well as keep residents civically engaged.

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

Green Up Vermont is a private nonprofit organization that relies on your support to execute the tradition of cleaning up our roads and waterways, while promoting civic pride, and community engagement. **Thank you for supporting this crucial program that takes care of all our cities and towns.**

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

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

Summary of the Minutes of Town Meeting, March 7, 2023

The Legal voters of the Town of Topsham, Vermont, met at the Town Hall on Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at 10:00 in the forenoon. The meeting was opened by Select Board Chair, James Bulger. Boy Scout Troop 727 presented the colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance. James Bulger led the invocation and asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of Edgar Downing and Lawrence Hart for their service to the community especially for their many years as members of the Tri-Village Fire Department.

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

Henry Buermeyer was nominated. Motion was made and seconded for nominations to cease and the Clerk cast one ballot for **Henry Buermeyer**.

So voted by voice vote.

The Moderator then asked all Veterans to stand and be recognized for their service. They were recognized for their service with a hearty round of applause.

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

Auditor Elaine Smith noted that the NEKWMD Budget was inadvertently omitted but there were copies available.

She also noted that the website vnh.vermont.gov and the phone number 802-447-6510 for the Vermont Veterans Home Report is missing from their report on page 47.

Tom Otterman noted that on page 4 Jane Kitchel is not our senator just Mark MacDonald.

So voted by voice vote to accept and adopt the Town Report.

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

Nominee was Jake Thompson.

Motion made and seconded for nominations to cease and the clerk to cast one ballot for **Jake Thompson**.

So voted by voice vote.

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

Jim Bulger, Carol Appleton, Jeffrey Smith and Gary Hall Sr.

The results of the paper ballot were:

86 votes cast, Necessary for choice 44

Jim Bulger **56**

Carol Appleton 9

Jeffrey Smith 20

Gary Hall Sr. 1

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

Nominees were: Amelia Evans, Pat Plaisted and Gary Hall Sr. Pat Plaisted declined the nomination.

The results of a paper ballot were:

76 votes cast. Necessary for choice 39

Amelia Evans **64**

Gary Hall 11

Pat Plaisted 1

Pat Plaisted was thanked with a round of applause for her many years of service as lister.

Representative Joe Parsons was introduced and gave a legislative update.

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

Nominee was: Jason Rogers.

Motion was made and seconded for nominations to cease and the Clerk cast one ballot for

Jason Rogers

So voted by voice vote.

Article 7. Nominations for Collector of Delinquent Taxes for a term of one year.

Nominations were Cynthia Flannigan and Gary Hall Sr.

The results of the paper ballot were:

73 votes cast. Necessary for choice 37

Cynthia Flannigan **66**

Gary Hall 6

Rogers 1

Article 8. Nominations for an Auditor for a term of three years.

Nominations were Peggy Welch and Gary Hall. Peggy was not present but had sent an e-mail saying she would accept the position.

The results of the paper ballot were:

65 Votes Cast. Necessary for choice 33

Peggy Welch 60
 Gary Hall 3
 Cindy Flannigan 1
 Blank 1

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to exempt the River Side Grange in whole or in part from taxes for a period of five years.
 Motion made and seconded to exempt the taxes in whole for a period of five years.
 So voted by voice vote.

if the Town will vote to exempt the West Topsham Community Hall, in whole or in part, from taxes for a period of five years.
 seconded to exempt the taxes in whole for a period of five years. Discussion followed. The motion was made and seconded to amend the motion to
 exempt the taxes in whole for a period of one year.
 amendment was so voted by voice vote.
 motion as amended was voted by voice vote.

if the Town will vote to put the surplus of \$6967.00 from FY 2022 Town Operations into the Surplus Fund.
 on was made and seconded to put the 2022 Surplus into the Surplus Fund.
 So voted by voice vote.

. Motion made and seconded to have the Town’s taxes collected by the treasurer with a due date of
 October 2, 2023 at the close of business.
 So voted by voice vote.

. Donna Otterman, Secretary of the Budget Committee made the motion to accept the proposed budget in the amount of \$1,264,500.00 with
 \$857,200.00 to be raised by taxes for expenses and indebtedness for the ensuing year. The motion was seconded.
 Carol Appleton made the motion to amend the motion that the amount to be raised by taxes be \$767,200.00
 The amendment was seconded. Discussion followed with Carol stating that she felt there were places the budget could be cut specifically the monies
 paid for rubbish removal and in the highway... Tom Otterman noted that the Select Board has contacted Casella and asked them to attend a board
 meeting to discuss the costs. More discussion followed.
 The moderator called the vote on the amendment to decrease the amount to be raised by taxes to \$767,200.00.
 The Amendment failed by voice vote.
 The original motion was so voted by voice vote.

. Motion made and seconded to appropriate \$16,824.00 for the following organizations which have filed requests as set forth below.
 So voted by voice vote.

Clara Martin Center	1,652.00	
Central Vermont Council on Aging	500.00	
Northeast Ski Slope	1,199.00	
Orange County Restorative Justice Center	125.00	
Visiting Nurse Alliance of VT & NH	4,000.00	
Orange East Senior Center	3,500.00	
Blake Memorial Library	2,398.00	
Little Rivers Health Care	1,100.00	
Safeline, Inc.	500.00	
Tri-Valley Transit	850.00	
Topsham Corinth Little League		500.00
Orange County Parent Child Center	<u>500.00</u>	
TOTAL	16,824.00	

Article 15. It was noted that there is an open auditor position due to a resignation. No nominations were received.
 Motion was made and seconded to pass over the article.
 So voted by voice vote.

Article 16. The Select Board was asked for an update on the status of the new town garage. Brad Calhoun gave an update and noted that they were
 going to be appointing a committee to help with the design of the new building to get ready to go to bid and a bond vote.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn at 12:29 pm. So voted by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

 Cynthia Flannigan
 Town Clerk

 Henry Buermeyer
 Moderator

 Donna Otterman
 Justice of the Peace

2023 Record of Vital Statistics Filed in the Town Clerk's Office

BIRTHS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PARENTS</u>
COLTER RICHARD MUSTY	January 19, 2023	Emily Jean Musty/ Lucas Dalton Musty
HARMONY VIOLET MCNEIL	May 13, 2023	Heidi Frances Wright /Anthony Michael McNeil
EVA MARY ANN DRINKWINE	September 2, 2023	Gabrielle Stacy /Issac Murray Drinkwine

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

MARRIAGES

Joseph Alan Johnston	Cassady Julia Wright	June 10, 2023
ETHAN JAMES SMITH	KAYLIE RAE LITTLE	August 19, 2023
BRENDAN ALAN PARTINGTON	REBERCCA ANNE SANTAMORE	October 7, 2023

DEATH CERTIFICATES FILED

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>DATE of DEATH</u>
EDGAR A. DOWNING	87	February 10, 2023
JEROME D. FRIEDMAN	87	February 11, 2023
LAWRENCE L. HART	80	March 6, 2023
JUAN ANTONIO SANTIAGO	65	March 24, 2023
BARBARA A. HALL	86	April 14, 2023
RICHARD DARREN TUCKER	57	July 2, 2023
FREEMAN H. TUTTLE	72	July 20, 2023
LOIS E. BUTLER	89	August 3, 2023
WILLIAM DONAHUE MCMAHON	53	August 12, 2023
PAUL R. HODGE	76	August 19, 2023
ROY ALLEN THOMPSON	53	November 9, 2023
MARIE A. BROOKS	85	December 29, 2023
MARJORIE JOHNSON	83	May 11, 2021

BURIAL PERMITS FILED

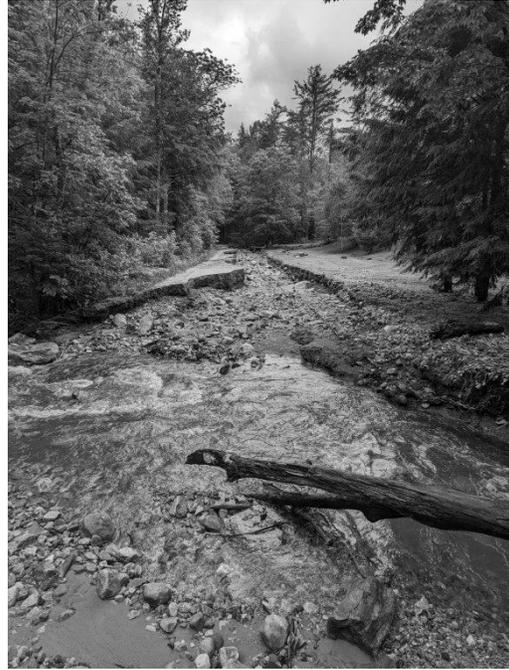
<u>NAME</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>DATE OF DEATH</u>
Bruce O'Meara	71	April 2, 2023
PAUL R. HODGE	76	August 19, 2023
Jerry E. Smith	58	May 16, 2023

Note: ALL CAPITALS indicate residents of Topsham

STORM DAMAGE 2023



Pike Hill Road Damage 2023



Honey Corner Damage 2023



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Cross Road Damage 2023



Wiley Hill Damage 2023

STORM DAMAGE 2023



Territory Road Damage 2023



Upper Territory Road Damage 2023

IN CASE OF FIRE or PHYSICAL EMERGENCY, Dial-911

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

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

Forest Fire Wardens:

Fire Warden- George Appleton	439-5530
Key man – Richard Sampson	584-3327

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

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

Dog Licenses:

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

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

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

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

Rabies Clinic: **Bradford VT:** Wednesday, March 13, 2024 at the Bradford Fire Station, 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Fairlee, VT/Orford, NH, Wednesday, March 27, Fairlee Fire Station, 5:30pm – 6:30 p

Cats: State Law required cats to be vaccinated against rabies.

Vehicle Registration Renewals:

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

Green Mountain Passport:

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

Passports to National Parks:

Golden Access Passport:

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

Golden Age Passport:

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

Golden Eagle Passport:

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

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Meeting**

TOPSHAM Town Meeting—March 5, 2024 – at Topsham Town Hall @ 10:00 A.M.