

ROCKINGHAM, VERMONT ANNUAL REPORT JULY 1, 2021 – JUNE 30, 2022



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NOTICE:

Rockingham Town & Town School District
Business Meeting: Monday, March 6, 2023
Bellows Falls Opera House Lower Theater 7:00 p.m.
Balloting: Tuesday, March 7, 2023
Masonic Temple 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

DEDICATED TO TOM AND SALLY MACPHEE



The Rockingham Town Report this year is dedicated to Tom and Sally MacPhee. For many years they have been active in the Town, Village, and our community.

Tom served on the BFUHS board for ten years, five as chairman. His tenure on the Town Select Board was for twelve years, ten years as chairman, and six years as Bellows Falls Village President. Tom was actively involved in several community organizations including the Bellows Falls High School Alumni Association, Rotary Club, and an incorporator of Greater Rockingham Area Services (GRAS), to mention a few. Tom was Alumni Association Grand Marshall for the 1993 parade. In the Fall, Tom could be found at BFUHS football games working on the "chain gang" along the sidelines watched over by Sally, also at the games.

Sally has served as a Justice of the Peace for sixteen years as of this writing, including attending Board of Abatement and Board of Adjustment meetings, and is still going strong. She can be seen at the polls each year. Sally is active in many community organizations including twenty years in the Bellows Falls Women's Club, thirty years on the Bellows Falls Masonic Temple Board of Directors and is a member of the Eastern Star.

Tom and Sally also dedicated ten years to the Rockingham Swim Team, Tom as referee and Sally keeping score. They were co-recipients of the 2003 Springfield Savings and Loan Community People Award.

Thank you both!

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TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM ELECTED OFFICIALS
March 2022- March 2023

		<u>DATE ELECTED</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>
<u>Moderator:</u>	L. Raymond Massucco	March 2022	March 2023
<u>Town Clerk:</u>	Kathleen Neathawk	March 2022	March 2025
<u>Selectboard:</u>	Peter Golec, <i>Chair</i>	March 2022	March 2025
	Susan Hammond, <i>Vice-Chair</i>	March 2020	March 2023
	Rick Cowan	March 2022	March 2023
	Bonnie North	March 2021	March 2024
	Elijah Zimmer	March 2022	March 2023
<u>Town Treasurer :</u>	Kathleen Neathawk	March 2022	March 2025
<u>Listers:</u>	Paul Noble	March 2020	March 2023
	Tad Dedrick	March 2023	March 2024
	Michael Stack	March 2022	March 2025
<u>Trustees of Public Funds:</u>			
	Pat Fowler	March 2021	March 2024
	Deborah Wright	March 2023	March 2025
<u>Rockingham School Moderator:</u>			
	L. Raymond Massucco	March 2022	March 2023
<u>Rockingham School Directors:</u>			
	Chris Kibbe	March 2022	March 2025
	Priscilla Lambert	March 2022	March 2024
	James McAuliffe	March 2022	March 2024
	Bill Morse	March 2022	March 2023
<u>BFUHS #27 School Directors:</u>			
	Brenda Farkas	March 2020	March 2023
	Margo Ghia	March 2022	March 2025
	Deborah Wright	March 2020	March 2023
<u>Trustee of the Campbell Fund:</u>			
	Deborah Wright	March 2022	March 2025

TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM ELECTED OFFICIALS continued

March 2022- March 2023

Trustees of Public Library:

Carol Blackwood	March 2022	March 2025
Ryan Coyne	March 2022	March 2025
Margo Ghia	March 2022	March 2025
Martha Rowley	March 2021	March 2024
Mary Shepard	March 2020	March 2023
Claudia Sofield	March 2021	March 2024
Don Tretler	March 2021	March 2024
Brady Weinstock	March 2020	March 2023
Duane Whitehead	March 2020	March 2023

Justices of the Peace / Board of Civil Authority (BCA):

Justices of the Peace are elected biennially in November in the even year, the term begins the following February of the odd year. They were elected on November 8, 2022, terms begin on February 1, 2023, and expire January 31, 2025.

Carol Buchdahl	Sally MacPhee
Richard Cowan	Chelsey Obuchowski
Steve Crofter	Paul Obuchowski
Pat Fowler	Dorothy Read
Leslie Goldman	Gloria Vancor
Steven Golec	Cass Wright
Dennis Harty	Deborah Wright
Colin James	



TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Municipal Manager Scott Pickup

Finance Director Alyssa Harlow

Planning /Zoning Admin Chuck Wise, Jr.

Town Health Officer Chuck Wise, Jr.

Deputy Health Officer Shaun McGinnis

<u>Planning Commission</u>	Deborah Wright, <i>Chair</i>	2022	2025
	Kate Roome,	2020	2023
	Jana Bryan	2021	2023
	Jeff Dunbar	2020	2023
	Guy Payne	2021	2024
	Mary Wallace	2022	2023

<u>Development Review Board</u>	Archie Gleason	2021	2024
	Thaddeus Guild	2020	2023
	Travis Kemp	2021	2024
	Kathleen Martin	2020	2023
	Patrick Moyna	2021	2024

<u>Rockingham Conservation Commission</u>	Mike Ghia, <i>Chair</i>	March 2022	March 2026
	Christine Armiger	March 2022	March 2026
	Alex Barrett	March 2021	March 2025
	Peter Bergstrom	March 2020	March 2024
	Laurel Green	March 2020	March 2024

Rockingham Historic Preservation Commission

John Leppman, <i>Chair</i>	Annette Spaulding
Karen Jarret	Elijah Zimmer
Diana Jones	

Collector of Delinquent Taxes

Scott Pickup

Inspector of Lumber, Shingles & Wood

Raymond Perry

Tree Warden

Cass Wright

Pound keeper

Windham County Humane Society

Town Code Enforcement Officers

Shaun McGinnis
Charles Wise Jr.

Windham Regional Commission

Susan Hammond
Bonnie North

Rockingham Fire Chief

Kevin Kingsbury

Town Forest Fire Warden

Larry White

Animal Control Officer

Cass Wright

Cemetery Sexton

Malcolm Potter

WARNING

TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM

TOWN MEETING

TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM ANNUAL TOWN AND TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

MEETING MARCH 6 & 7, 2023

The legal voters of the Town of Rockingham and Town of Rockingham School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at Town Hall Lower Theater (Bellows Falls Opera House, 7 Square) in said Town on Monday March 6, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. to act upon all articles for expenditure of public funds.

Then to adjourn March 7, 2023, to the Masonic Temple (61 Westminster Street) in said Town at 8:00 a.m. to vote by Australian ballot on Article 1.

Monday meeting may also be seen via Zoom at (929) 205-6099 Meeting ID 696 830 477. *Please note voting by Zoom is not permitted.

ARTICLE 1: To elect Town Officers and Town School District Officers as required by law. (By Australian Ballot)

ARTICLE 2: To receive and act upon the reports of the Town Officers for the past year.

ARTICLE 3: Shall the voters of the Town of Rockingham authorize the Selectboard and Treasurer to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of tax collection, or payment of money due the Town from the State of Vermont for highway or other purposes or payment to the Town from Federal funds?

ARTICLE 4: Shall the voters of the Town of Rockingham authorize the Selectboard to seek out and/or accept funds available from non-property tax revenue sources and to spend those funds in appropriate ways after required public input?

ARTICLE 5: Shall the voters of the Town of Rockingham raise and appropriate the sum of Six Million, Three Hundred Fourteen Thousand, Nine Hundred Fifty-Nine Dollars (\$6,314,959) to pay the indebtedness of the Town, repair and maintain highways, and pay all other general and regular expenses of the town beginning July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, with Four Million Eight Hundred Eighty-Three Thousand, and Two Hundred Sixty-One Dollars (\$4,883,261) to be raised to be by taxes?

WARNING continued

ARTICLE 6: Shall the voters of the Town of Rockingham raise and appropriate the sum of Ninety-Three Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Eight Dollars (\$93,978) to be allocated to the following social service agencies as indicated?

Bellows Falls Bike Project	\$ 5,000
Bellows Falls Senior Center	\$21,384
Greater Falls Connections	\$ 4,000
Greater Falls Justice Center	\$ 3,000
Green Mountain Volunteer Center	\$ 500
Health Care and Rehabilitation Services	\$ 2,700
Meeting Waters YMCA	\$ 5,000
Our Place	\$ 5,000
Parks Place	\$ 4,000
Senior Solutions	\$ 1,500
Southeastern VT Comm Action (SEVCA)	\$ 4,770
Southeast Vermont Transit (Moover)	\$ 3,825
Springfield Supported Housing	\$ 2,500
Vermont Adult Learning	\$ 1,350
Visiting Nurses & Hospice of VT&NH	\$26,024
Women's Freedom Center	\$ 1,125
Youth Services	\$ 2,300

ARTICLE 7: Shall the voters of the Town of Rockingham raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand, Two Hundred Forty-Nine Dollars (\$435,249) in operating expenses for the support of the Rockingham Free Public Library, Three Hundred Seventy-Nine Thousand, Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$379,250) to be raised by taxes?

ARTICLE 8: Shall the voters of the Town of Rockingham vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Three Thousand Dollars (\$103,000) to fund the Town portion of the Rockingham Meeting House structural repairs for the purposes of preservation by matching existing grant funding opportunities?

ARTICLE 9: Shall the voters of the Town of Rockingham vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Two Thousand Dollars (\$22,000) to fund the Meeting House Capital Reserve Fund, with Twenty-Two Thousand Dollars (\$22,000) to be raised by taxes?

ARTICLE 10: Shall the voters of the Town of Rockingham vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand (\$1,000) dollars to fund the Maintenance of the BF Riverfront Park, with One Thousand (\$1,000) dollars to be raised by taxes?

ARTICLE 11: Shall the voters of the Town of Rockingham vote to raise and appropriate Six Thousand (\$6,000) dollars to fund a contract with the Windham County Sheriff for the purpose of providing public safety services in the Town of Rockingham, with Six Thousand (\$6,000) dollars to be raised by taxes?

WARNING continued

ARTICLE 12: Shall the voters of the Town of Rockingham vote by Australian ballot all expenditures of public funds beginning in the 2024 Town Meeting?

ARTICLE 13: To transact any other business deemed proper when not involving the expenditures of Town funds or any other business acted upon in the preceding articles?

Adopted and approved at a regular meeting of the Selectboard of the Town of Rockingham duly called, noticed, and held on January 3, 2023.

Kathleen Neathawk, Town Clerk

Peter Golec, Chair

Susan Hammond, Vice-Chair

Elijah Zimmer

Rick Cowan

RECEIVED FOR RECORDS

ROCKINGHAM TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

January 5, 2023

at 9:16 AM

Recorded in Book 348, Page 163

ATTEST: Kathleen Neathawk, Town Clerk

WARNING

RIVER VALLEY TECHNICAL CENTER SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING AND INFORMATIONAL MEETING THURSDAY, March 2, 2023

(Member districts: Bellows Falls Union High School District #27, Expeditionary School at Black River, Green Mountain Unified School District #35, and Springfield School District)

ANNUAL MEETING AND INFORMATIONAL MEETING

The legal voters of the River Valley Technical Center School District are hereby warned to meet in the RVTC Café, Rm. B106 at the Howard Dean Education Center, Springfield, Vermont, on Thursday, March 2, 2023, at 7:00 PM, to transact at that time business not involving voting by Australian Ballot or voting required by law to be by ballot.

The business to be transacted to include:

- ARTICLE 1: To see what compensation the School District will pay to the officers of the River Valley Technical Center School District.
- ARTICLE 2: To hear and act on the reports of the School District officers.
- ARTICLE 3: To see if the School District will authorize the Board of Directors to receive and expend funds received through grants, donations, or other outside sources during the ensuing year, so long as such funds do not change the technical-education tuition assessment derived from the operating budget approved by the School District voters.
- ARTICLE 4: To authorize the Board of Directors to borrow funds through a bridge loan to cover expenses while waiting for state funding to arrive.
- ARTICLE 5: To transact any other business that may legally be brought before this School District Annual Meeting.

The meeting will then be recessed to Tuesday, March 7, 2023, on which date the voters of each member district are further warned to vote on the following article by Australian ballot at their respective polling places:

VOTING BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT MARCH 7, 2023

- ARTICLE 1: Shall the voters of the River Valley Technical Center School District approve the sum of **three million, three hundred thirty-nine thousand five hundred seventy dollars (\$3,339,570)** to defray current expenses for the ensuing fiscal year and to pay outstanding orders and obligations?

The legal voters of the River Valley Technical Center School District are further warned that a Public Informational Meeting will be held concerning the aforementioned Australian ballot article on Thursday, March 2, 2023 in the RVTC Café, Rm. B106 at the Howard Dean Education Center, immediately following the business portion of the School District's Annual Meeting.

For more information about the proposed 2023-2024 budget, please contact the office of the RVTC Superintendent/Director at (802) 885-8301. Copies of the RVTC Annual Report are available at town clerk offices and high schools of the member districts, on our website at rvtc.org, or upon request by contacting the RVTC office.

Robert Flint, Chair
David Clark, Vice Chair
Andrew Pennell, Board Secretary/Clerk
Sarah Vogel
James Rumrill

Lois Perlah
Paul Orzechowski
Patti Kemp
Lyza Gardner
Brenda Blodgett, Clerk, RVTC School District

NOTICE TO VOTERS For Local Elections

BEFORE ELECTION DAY:

CHECKLIST POSTED at Clerks Office by February 5, 2023. If your name is not on the checklist, then you must register to vote. **SAMPLE BALLOTS** will be posted by February 25, 2023.

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.

REQUEST EARLY or ABSENTEE BALLOTS: You or a family member can request early or absentee ballots at any time during the year of the election in person, in writing, by telephone, email, or online at mvp.sec.state.vt.us. The latest you can request ballots for the March 7, 2023 Election is the close of the Town Clerk's office on Monday March 6, 2023 (Any other person authorized by you who is not a family member must apply in writing or in person for a ballot for you.)

WAYS TO VOTE YOUR EARLY BALLOT:

- You may vote in the town clerk's office before the deadline.
- Voter may take his or her ballot(s) out of the clerk's office and return in same manner as if the ballots were received by mail.
- Have ballot mailed to you, and mail or deliver it back to the clerk's office before Election Day or to the polling place before 7:00 p.m. on Election Day.
- If you are sick or disabled before Election Day, ask the town clerk to have two justices of the peace bring a ballot to you at your home. (Ballots can be delivered on any of the eight days preceding the day of the election or on the day of election.)

ON ELECTION 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 on Election Day. 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, or a bank statement, utility bill, or government document that contains your name/current address.

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 they 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 your 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)

If you believe that any of your voting rights have been violated, you may file an Administrative Complaint with the Secretary of State's Office, 128 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05633.

If you believe you have witnessed efforts to commit any kind of fraud or corruption in the voting process, you may report this to your local United States Attorney's Office.

If you have witnessed actual or attempted acts of discrimination or intimidation in the voting process, you may report this to the Civil Rights Division of the United States Department of Justice at (800) 253-3931.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTERS using Vote Tabulator Ballots

CHECK-IN AND RECEIVE BALLOTS:

- Go to the entrance checklist table.
- Give name and, if asked, street address to the election official in a loud voice.
- Wait until your name is repeated and checked off by the official.
- An election official will give you a ballot.
- Enter within the guardrail and go to a vacant voting booth.

MARK YOUR BALLOT: For each office listed on the ballot, you will see instructions to "Vote for not more than one, or Vote for not more than two, etc."

- To vote for a candidate, fill in the oval to the right of the name of the candidate you want to vote for.
- **WRITE-IN** candidate(s). To vote for someone whose name is not printed on the ballot, use the blank "write-in" lines on the ballot and either write-in the name or paste on sticker, then fill in the oval.

CHECK OUT:

- Go to the exit checklist table and state your name in an audible voice.
- Wait until your name is repeated and checked off by the official.

CAST YOUR VOTE by depositing your voted ballot into the vote tabulating machine.

LEAVE the voting area immediately by passing outside the guardrail.

TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM ANNUAL TOWN AND SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING Meeting Minutes February 28 & March 1, 2022

Present: Kathleen Neathawk, Town Clerk; Scott Pickup, Municipal Manager; Peter Golec, Board Chair; Board members Rick Cowan, Susan Hammond, Bonnie North and Elijah Zimmer; Gary Fox, Development Director

Moderator L. Raymond Massucco called the meeting to order at 8:10pm and asked the members of the audience to take a seat and to turn off their cell phones, and any other devices that could be disruptive to the meeting. He proceeded to establish the guidelines as to how the meeting would be run and stated that masks are optional. He reminded the participants on zoom that they could speak to an article but could not vote then asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Massucco then stated that the Annual Town Report this year was dedicated to Denis Jeffrey who retired after 50 years with the Rockingham Volunteer Fire Department. He asked Selectboard member Susan Hammond to read the dedication. She read the following, he was a founding member and helped to develop the department's by-laws and policies. Of the 50 years of service, 42 were spent as Chief. As a member he also dedicated tens of thousands of hours volunteering his time to serve our community. Members of the Rockingham Fire Department, past and present, thank Denis for his commitment to serving our community and asks that the Town of Rockingham share in this gratitude for his decades of service.

Massucco told those present that Articles 1 and 3-13 would be voted on tomorrow at the Masonic Temple and only Articles 2 and 14 would be voted on tonight from the floor. He then went on to the warning:

The legal voters of the Town of Rockingham and Town of Rockingham School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Town Hall Lower Theater in said Town on Monday, February 28, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. to act upon all matters which shall be voted upon by Australian Ballot at the Masonic Temple (61 Westminster Street) in said Town at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 1, 2022. Voters were also welcome to join the meeting via Zoom at (929) 205-6099 Meeting ID 696 830 477

Article 1: To elect Town officers and Town School District Officers as required by law.
To be voted on by Australian ballot.

Article 2: Motion made by Golec to receive and act upon the reports of the Town Officers for the past year. Motion seconded by North. There were a couple comments from voters that showed errors in the report such as names being left out and no actuals in the budget figures. After discussion the **Motion passed.**

Article 3: Shall the voters of the Town of Rockingham authorize the Selectboard and Treasurer to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of tax collection, or payment of money due the Town from the State of Vermont for highway or other purposes or payment to the Town from Federal funds. **There was no discussion on this article.**

YES 461 NO 43

Article 4: North moved that the voters of the Town of Rockingham authorize the Selectboard to seek out and/or accept funds available from non-property tax revenue sources and to spend those funds in appropriate ways after required public input. Motion was seconded by Cowan. **No Comments**

YES 475 NO 29

TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM ANNUAL TOWN AND SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

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Article 5: Cowan made the motion to allow the voters of the Town of Rockingham to authorize cannabis retailers in the Town. Motion was seconded by Golec. **Cowan then gave the audience some facts about ACT 164. There will be 40 towns voting on this item tomorrow. ACT 164 creates a Cannabis Control Board to oversee this just like the Liquor Control Board oversees the control of liquor at establishments. There would be no outward facing advertising to lure people in, must be at least 500 ft. from a school and no one under 21 would be allowed in the store. There was about a 25-minute discussion. To be voted on by Australian ballot**

YES 318 NO 187

Article 6: Golec made the motion that the voters of the Town of Rockingham raise and appropriate the sum of Six Million, Three Hundred and Fifty-Four Thousand, Two Hundred Fifty-Two Dollars (\$6,354,252) to pay the indebtedness of the Town, repair and maintain highways, and pay all other general and regular expenses of the Town beginning July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 with Five Million, Seventy-Nine Thousand, Eight Hundred and Eighty- Nine(\$5,079,889) to be raised by taxes? Motion was seconded by Hammond. **Golec brought up the fact that some of the areas may see an increase because of rising prices such as gas, fuel oil, propane. To be voted on by Australian ballot**

YES 435 NO 71

Article 7: Zimmer made the motion that the voters of the Town of Rockingham raise and appropriate the sum of Ninety-Four Thousand, Six Hundred and Three Dollars (\$94,603) to be allocated to the following social service agencies as indicated. Motion was seconded by Golec. **Jon Wright brought up the fact that the ballot is incorrect. Two of the agencies' numbers were switched around and he wondered if the ballot was legal. Dennis Harty then brought up the fact that the voters will be voting on the total dollar amount not each individual agency so the selectboard could give out the correct amounts. Seeing as there was no time to get a new ballot the board went with what was printed.**

Bellows Falls Community Bike Project	\$ 5,000
Bellows Falls Senior Center	\$21,384
Greater Falls Connections	\$ 4,000
Greater Falls Justice Center	\$ 3,000
Green Mountain RSVP & Volunteer Center	\$ 500
Health Care & Rehabilitation Services, Inc.	\$ 2,700
Meeting Waters YMCA	\$ 5,000
Our Place	\$ 5,000
Parks Place	\$ 4,000
Senior Solutions	\$ 1,500
Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA)	\$ 4,770
Southeast Vermont Transit, Inc. (The Current)	\$ 3,825
Springfield Supported Housing Program	\$ 2,500
Vermont Adult Learning	\$ 1,350
Visiting Nurse Alliance of VT & NH	\$ 26,024
Women's Freedom Center	\$ 1,750
Youth Services	\$ 2,300

This Article will be voted by Australian ballot YES 428 NO 90

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Article 8: North made the motion that the voters of the Town of Rockingham raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Thirty-One Thousand, Five Hundred Fifty-Five (\$431,555) to fund the operating expenses for the support of the Rockingham Free Public Library, Three Hundred Seventy-Nine Thousand, Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$379,250) to be raised by taxes. Motion was seconded by Cowan. **Ian Graham the Library Director thanked everyone for working together to create a budget that is the same as last year and will fund the same projects. To be voted by Australian ballot**

YES 398 NO 126

Article 9: Hammond made the motion that the voters of the Town of Rockingham vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000) to fund the Town portion of purchasing the Bellows Falls Train Station for the purpose of future preservation by utilizing existing grant funding opportunities. Motion was seconded by Golec. **Fox presented to the audience a proposal to apply for grants but in order to do that the Town must first own the station. He had drawings of a model that would work financially for the Town. In five-ten years the one route daily will turn into three daily routes. There is currently a \$200,000 grant available from the Downtown Transportation Fund. Golec said the board was in favor of this article and encouraged everyone to go back to FACT TV and watch the Trustees meeting in February as there was a presentation given and it was very good.**

To be voted by Australian ballot

YES 435 NO 92

Article 10: Golec made the motion that the voters of the Town of Rockingham vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000) to purchase a truck and plow for the primary purpose of snow and ice removal. Motion was seconded by Hammond. **Golec spoke to this article stating that because of a shortage of vehicles and the making of them, we have to order this now and will probably not receive it until next year. Pickup adds that this is to replace an older vehicle it is not to add to the fleet. To be voted on Australian ballot.**

YES 439 NO 72

Article 11: Cowan made the motion that the voters of the Town of Rockingham vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Two Thousand (\$22,000) to fund the Rockingham Meeting House Capital Reserve Fund, with Twenty-Two Thousand (\$22,000) to be raised by taxes. Motion was seconded by Golec. **Cowan stated that the Historical Preservation Committee has worked diligently to keep this building going and would like to see this passed. To be voted by Australian ballot**

YES 385 NO 122

Article 12: Zimmer made a motion that the voters of the Town of Rockingham adopt the budget of the Rockingham Free Public Library by Australian ballot, commencing with the 2023 Town of Rockingham Annual Meeting. Motion was seconded by Golec. Steve Crofter asked someone to clarify the legality of allowing this to be on the ballot. Moderator Massucco spoke briefly about this and stated that it was his understanding there will be further clarification in the future. This article will be on the ballot this year because of Covid but may require a Special Meeting to vote on this in the near future. **To be voted by Australian ballot YES 391 NO 118**

**TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM ANNUAL TOWN AND SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
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Article 13: North made the motion that the voters of the Town of Rockingham adopt the budget of the Town of Rockingham by Australian ballot, commencing with the 2023 Town of Rockingham Annual Meeting. Motion was seconded by Golec. The **same discussion as Article 12**

YES 378 NO 124

Article 14: To transact any other business deemed proper when not involving the expenditures of Town funds or any other business acted upon in the preceding articles? **Fox said all three boards are collecting projects that can be used in the public input portion of the ARPA funds meetings. Hammond thanked Camilla Roberts and Paul Obuchowski for their years of service as Listers for the Town of Rockingham.**

Moderator Massucco entertained a motion to adjourn, motion was made by Golec which was seconded by Hammond and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 10:13pm.

I attest these to be the true minutes of the Town of Rockingham Annual Town Meeting business minutes.

ATTEST: Kathleen Neathawk, Town Clerk

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ROCKINGHAM TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

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Approved: _____
L Raymond Massucco, Moderator

Approved: _____
Peter Golec Selectboard Chair

SUMMARY OF TALLY SHEETS ROCKINGHAM TOWN & TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MARCH 1, 2022

MODERATOR- 1 YR. TERM L. RAYMOND MASSUCCO	477
SELECT BOARD – 3 YR. TERM PETER GOLEC	410
SELECT BOARD – 1 YR. TERM RICK COWAN WILL CROWTHER STEFAN GOLEC ELIJAH ZIMMER	347 46 150 360
LISTER – 3 YR. TERM MICHAEL STACK	440
LISTER – 2 YR. REMAINDER OF 3 YR. TERM TAD DEDRICK	396
TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC FUNDS – 3 YR. TERM DEBORAH WRIGHT	298
TRUSTEE OF CAMPBELL FUND – 3 YR. TERM DEBORAH WRIGHT	292
TRUSTEE PUBLIC LIBRARY – 3 YR. TERM CAROL BLACKWOOD RYAN COYNE MARGO GHIA	348 345 404
SCHOOL MODERATOR- 1 YR. TERM L. RAYMOND MASSUCCO	465
ROCKINGHAM SCHOOL DIRECTOR – 3 YR. TERM CHRIS KIBBE PRISCILLA LAMBERT	314 153
ROCKINGHAM SCHOOL DIRECTOR – 2 YR. TERM REMAINDER OF 3 YR. PRISCILLA LAMBERT	261
ROCKINGHAM SCHOOL DIRECTOR – 2 YR. TERM JAMES MCAULIFFE	340
BFUHS #27 SCHOOL DIRECTOR – 3 YR. TERM MARGO GHIA PRISCILLA LAMBERT	410 240
ARTICLE 6 – TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM ANNUAL BUDGET \$6,354,252	YES-435 NO-71
ARTICLE 8- ROCKINGHAM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY BUDGET \$431,565	YES-398 NO-126
ARTICLE 2- ROCKINGHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET \$9,697,976.38	YES-414 NO-102
ARTICLE 5- BFUHS #27 BUDGET \$7,310,950	YES-414 NO-108
ARTICLE 1- RIVER VALLEY TECH CENTER \$3,019,676	YES-403 NO-92

TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM GENERAL FUND REVENUES

REVENUES

	FY-2022	ACTUAL	FY - 2023 BUDGET	FY - 2024 Proposed
TAXES				
Property Tax Revenue	2,340,208.33		2,249,252	1,847,179
Railroad Land Taxes	1,556.30		1,911	1,911
TOTAL	2,341,764.63		2,251,163	1,849,090

ABATEMENTS

Abatements	-12,405.32		-5,000	-5,000
Penalty & Interest Abated	-7,634.78		-1,000	-1,000
TOTAL	-20,040.10		-6,000	-6,000

PENALTIES & INTEREST

Interest Current Taxes	43,209.15		40,000	40,000
Interest Delinquent Taxes	62,303.76		30,000	30,000
Penalty 8%	35,308.77		30,000	30,000
Bank Interest Earned	2,607.36		5,000	5,000
TOTAL	143,429.04		105,000	105,000

GRANTS

Grant Revenue	11,283		0	0
Elevator Modernization Grant	50,000		0	0
Planning Grants	5,891		0	0
CLG Grants	26,859		17,037	9,803
CF Grant	26,210		0	0
CF Grant match	9,583		0	0
TOTAL	129,826		17,037	9,803

TOWN/VILLAGE/SCHOOL FUNDS

Treasurer School Salary	0		625	0
School Share Town Expense	16,848.24		14,000	14,000
School Share Town Mtg.	3,350.83		1,500	3,000
TOTAL	20,199.07		16,125	17,000

STATE FUNDS

Land Use (State)	147,151		145,000	148,000
State PILOT Program	7,453.80		10,000	8,000
State Civil Fines	3,951.43		2,500	3,000
TOTAL	158,556.23		157,500	159,000

GENERAL FUND REVENUES

RENTAL INCOME	FY-2022 ACTUAL	FY - 2023 BUDGET	FY - 2024 Proposed
South Storefront	10,463.12	9,540	9,540
North Storefront	9,482.45	9,060	9,513
Waypoint Rentals	305	200	300
TOTAL	20,250.57	18,800	19,353
CHARGES FOR SERVICES			
Town Clerk Fees	40,907	45,000	41,000
Vault Usage	258	400	300
Photo-copying Fees Clerk	6	0	200
Online Copy Fees	1,634	0	1,600
Rockingham Meeting House	5,944	3,000	3,000
Fire Department Charges	1,721	0	1,000
CLG Book Sales	50	0	50
TOTAL	50,520	48,400	47,150
SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING			
Tires	4,994	3,500	5,000
Soda Cans	0	0	5,000
White Goods	4,578.50	5,000	95,000
Brown Goods/C&D	97,329.25	65,000	1,000
Miscellaneous Recycling	697.57	0	0
Scrap Metals	7,734.79	6,000	7,500
Electronics	3,241.76	3,500	4,000
Garbage Disposal Fees	97,526.75	90,000	95,000
Transfer Station Permits	12,727	15,000	15,000
TOTAL	228,829.62	188,000	227,500
RECREATION			
Recreation Center Rental	90	500	500
Daily Pool Admission	1,057	1,200	1,300
Season Swim Pass	3,315	2,500	4,500
Swim Lessons	1,150	1,500	1,000
Bellows Falls Day Camp	0	6,000	10,000
Adventure Day Camp	3,145	3,500	0
Ski Tow Daily Pass	0	100	0
Ski Tow Season Pass	0	100	0
Youth Basketball	720	1,000	750
Youth Softball	220	500	500
Field Hockey	1,215	1,500	1,200
Adult Volleyball	0	500	500
TOTAL	10,912	18,900	20,250

GENERAL FUND REVENUES

LISTERS	FY-2022 ACTUAL	FY - 2023 BUDGET	FY - 2024 Proposed
Listers Income	0	50	50
Equalization Payment (VT)	2,184	2,000	2,000
TOTAL	2,184	2,050	2,050
LICENSES/PERMITS			
Entertainment Licenses	600	1,000	800
Alcoholic Beverages	2,210	2,000	400
Dog Licenses	776	900	500
Animal Control Fees	1,450	1,500	1,000
Zoning Fees	2,585	2,500	2,000
Permit Report & Fees	0	100	100
Parking Permits	1,995	2,000	2,000
TOTAL	9,616	10,000	6,800
OTHER INCOME			
PILOT Payment	13,941.16	10,000	13,941
VLCT Insurance Refund	542	0	2,000
Miscellaneous Income	2,333.73	2,000	0
Prior Year Adjustment	722.62	0	0
Bank Reconciliation Items	-968.22	0	0
Refunds/Overpayments	1,661.31	0	0
TOTAL	18,232.60	12,000	15,941
CINEMA INCOME			
Cinema Box Office	108,675.75	113,040	115,000
Concessions	79,457.74	78,960	100,000
Contribution	2,536	0	0
On Screen Advertisements	11,983.19	15,000	10,000
Classic Films Sponsorship	17,598.80	14,400	15,000
Transfer In Shuttered Venue	139,361.12	72,000	0
TOTAL	359,612.60	293,400	240,000
THEATER INCOME			
Rental Income	13,751.99	21,700	10,000
Special Event Ticket Reve	48,367	14,400	15,000
Town Rep Reimbursement	0	0	0
Donations & Contributions	0	0	2,000
Advertisements	0	0	1,000
Attendance Overage	334	2,400	1,200
TOTAL	62,452.99	38,500	29,200
OTHER REV/TRANSFERS IN			
Use of Unassign Fund Balance	0	100,000	150,000
TOTAL	0	100,000	150,000
TOTAL REVENUES	3,536,345	3,270,875	2,892,137

GENERAL FUND EXPENSES

EXPENSES

	FY-2022 ACTUAL	FY - 2023 BUDGET	FY - 2024 Proposed
SELECTBOARD			
Selectboard Wages	5,100	6,300	6,300
Selectboard Expenses	1,761	2,000	2,000
TOTAL	6,861	8,300	8,300
TOWN MANAGER			
Manager's Salary	44,370.04	50,390	52,333
E A to Manager	13,452.46	12,000	20,000
Managers Advertising	0	500	500
Managers Telephone	-225.74	375	375
Manager's Development	454	1,200	1,200
Auto Expense	900	900	900
Manager's Miscellaneous	843.16	500	500
TOTAL	59,793.92	65,865	75,808
FEES & REIMBURSEMENTS			
Credit Card Fee	9,913.89	0	0
Memorial Day Celebration	2,100	2,100	2,100
Old Home Days Fireworks	4,500	4,500	4,500
Green Up Vermont	300	300	300
TOTAL	16,813.89	6900	6,900
ELECTIONS			
Ballot Clerks	511.49	3,000	3,000
Election Expenses	5,100.42	3,000	3,000
TOTAL	5,611.91	6,000	6,000
FINANCE OFFICE			
Treasurer's Salary	1,260	1,260	1,260
Finance Staff	56,789.16	60,000	58,000
Finance Director	33,601.47	30,000	33,072
Other Office Help	0	400	0
Resource Director	5,027.03	0	26,500
Interest & Penalties	43.29	0	0
Office Staff Training	1,758.38	1,000	1,000
Other Professional Service	21,800.62	5,000	2,500
Office Expense	1,608.54	0	0
Reconciling Items	199.52	0	0
IRS Penalty	625.73	5,000	0
Prior Years Adjustment	8,581.38	0	0
TOTAL	131,295.12	102,660	122,332

GENERAL FUND EXPENSES

AUDITING	FY-2022 ACTUAL	FY - 2023 BUDGET	FY - 2024 Proposed
Town Report	1,193.85	2,000	2,000
Auditor/Single Audit Town	11,805	22,000	22,000
TOTAL	12,998.85	24,000	24,000

LISTERS			
Listers Wages	43,881.42	49,920	42,000
Consulting	1,830	12,600	45,000
Mapping Maintenance	2,500	3,000	3,000
Software & Support	3,356.96	6,500	6,500
Training/Supplies/Dues	742.09	1,000	1,000
Listers Auto Expense	34.72	1,000	1,000
Tax Appeal Expense	0	1,000	1,000
TOTAL	52,345.19	75,020	99,500

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE			
Town Clerk's Salary	44,628.42	46,000	48,300
Office Assistant	25,533.50	38,700	42,275
Supplies Clerk	617.54	1,000	1,000
Town Clerks Copier	365.40	0	350
Meetings & Dues	1,554.54	500	1,220
Land Records System	12,572	12,240	12,240
TOTAL	85,271.40	98,440	105,485

OFFICE OPERATIONS TOWN HALL			
Town Hall Materials/Suppl	10,417.80	7,000	8,000
Server Hardware/Software	4.49	0	500
Town Hall Phone	8,885.96	4,880	13,400
Town Hall Internet	13,327.36	16,800	14,400
Postage	1,566.28	3,500	3,000
Software License/Security	5,494.01	13,530	14,000
Website Support	3,516.58	1,100	900
Outside Support	37,397.89	32,700	32,700
Computer Purchase	7,577.96	4,000	3,000
Office Equipment/Service	1,622.49	4,000	3,000
Finance Copier/Post Mach	5,360.47	6,000	6,000
TOTAL	95,171.29	93,510	98,900

GENERAL FUND EXPENSES

PLANNING & ZONING	FY-2022 ACTUAL	FY - 2023 BUDGET	FY - 2024 Proposed
Administrator's Salary	63,231.30	65,000	68,000
Wages - Board Stipend	4,800	5,000	4,500
Administrative Assistant	232.50	0	0
Administrator's Expense	4,750.57	4,500	4,500
Advertising	1,138.25	600	600
Windham Regional Planning	12,204.05	12,380	12,380
Legal	0	4,250	4,250
Zoning-Recording Fees	0	1,800	1,800
Planning Studies	1,265	5,000	5,000
Storm Water Master Plan	977.72	0	0
TOTAL	88,599.39	98,530	101,030
BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY			
Board of Civil Authority	572.43	1,000	1,000
TOTAL	572.43	1,000	1,000
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES			
Tax Sale Expense	3,435	0	0
Town Attorney	2,810	10,000	10,000
Property Appeals Legal	0	5,000	5,000
Other Professional Services	140	2,000	2,000
Union Negotiations Legal	157.50	7,500	0
B.F. Community TV	0	1,800	1,800
TOTAL	6,542.50	26300	18,800
TOWN HALL			
Custodial Supplies	1,402.42	5,000	2,500
Custodial Services	16,800	18,000	18,000
Rubbish Removal	4,363.08	4,600	3,500
Repairs & Maintenance	59,655.47	60,000	40,000
Parking Lot Lease	1	0	0
Electricity	11,611.40	11,000	11,000
Fuel	17,857.91	20,000	20,000
Water & Sewer	1,640.67	4,000	4,400
TOTAL	113,331.95	122600	99,400
TOWN OWNED PROPERTY			
Maintenance Waypoint	22,263.67	20,000	10,000
Park & Ride Electricity	757.77	500	500
TOTAL	23,021.44	20,500	10,500

GENERAL FUND EXPENSES

ROCKINGHAM MEETING HOUSE	FY-2022 ACTUAL	FY - 2023 BUDGET	FY - 2024 Proposed
Meeting House Wages	10,504.24	9,500	15,600
Contracted Cleaning	150	3,000	1,300
Mtg House Materials/Supplies	1,484.23	1,000	1,000
Meeting House Utilities	2,772.29	2,250	1,800
Meeting House Maint/Repairs	27,210	15,000	20,000
TOTAL	42,120.76	30,750	39,700
SANITATION			
SWWCSWMD Representative	0	650	650
TOTAL	0	650	650
RECYCLING EXPENSES			
Wages-Recycling	94,198.45	96,000	98,500
Recycling Materials & Sup	5,822.15	2,500	3,000
Repairs & Maintenance	9,529.49	15,000	10,000
Equipment	2,208.90	6,000	4,000
Taxes-Westminster	3,019.82	3,100	3,100
Recycling Phone/Internet	734.44	1,100	500
CFC Removal Expense	499	2,000	2,000
Construction & Demo Disposal	52,973.98	65,000	55,000
Tires	3,928	6,000	4,000
Recycling Electricity	2,090.48	1,300	1,200
Fuel	821.72	400	400
Public Education	0	500	500
Container Swap/Trucking	0	600	600
Single Stream Disposal Ch	52,521.82	50,000	53,000
Electronics Disposal	177.60	600	600
Food Compost	6,988.10	6,000	5,000
Mun Solid Waste Disposal	54,372.92	55,000	55,000
TOTAL	289,886.87	311,100	296,400
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT			
Director of Development	56,278.70	64,000	59,500
Development Assistant	0	0	22,500
CLG Administration	10,656.00	13,000	12,200
Professional Services	0	0	16,260
Advertising & Promotion	2,538.80	5,000	5,000
Development Telephone	916.05	700	700
CLG Projects	14,315.71	5,500	12,500
Director's Expenses	1,686.32	2,000	2,000
Downtown Planning Exp	0	5,000	5,000
BFDDA	7,500	7,500	10,000
SeVEDS	15,000	15,000	15,000
Chamber of Commerce	600	1,000	1,000
TOTAL	109,491.58	118,700	161,660

GENERAL FUND EXPENSES

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	FY-2022 ACTUAL	FY - 2023 BUDGET	FY - 2024 Proposed
FICA	49,964.70	31,000	56,200
Health Insurance	69,121.99	57,875	77,530
Dental Insurance	2,852.84	1,295	2,800
Employee's Pension	35,321	36,400	36,400
Life/Disability Insurance	2,232.36	1,210	2,400
Insurance Incentive	15,550.80	15,500	23,000
Unemployment Insurance	5,632.24	5,200	2,100
HRA	0	0	5,500
VMERS	21,358.06	21,885	26,500
Misc. Insurance/Benefits	534.57	0	0
Accrued Payroll Adjust	5,252.35	0	0
Flex Fitness	3,837.50	0	0
Employee Appreciation	0	0	1,000
TOTAL	211,658.41	170,365	233,430
TAXES			
110-10-3810-27.00 County Tax	43,009	43,000	43,000
110-10-3810-31.00 T. Forest Taxes	370.28	380	380
TOTAL	43,379.28	43,380	43,380
CONTRACTED SERVICES			
Wages-Animal Control Office	1,176.78	1,200	1,200
Veterinary Services	0	500	500
Damage/Miscellaneous	0	300	300
WCHS/Animal Control	1,514	1,500	1,500
TOTAL	2,690.78	3,500	3,500
SERVICE AGENCIES (Article 6)			Article 6
Meeting Waters YMCA	5,000	5,000	
Greater Falls Justice Ctr	3,000	3,000	
BF Senior Center	21,384	21,384	
Green Mountain RSVP	500	500	
Youth Services	2,300	2,300	
Women's Freedom Center	1,125	1,750	
Visiting Nurses Assoc	26,016	26,024	
HCRS	2,700	2,700	
Our Place Drop-In Center	5,000	5,000	
Parks Place Com Ctr	4,000	4,000	
VT Adult Learning	1,350	1,350	
Southeast Vermont Transit	3,825	3,825	
SEVCA	4,770	4,770	
Springfield Supported Housing	2,500	2,500	
Bellows Falls Community Bike	5,000	5,000	
Greater Falls Connection	8,000	4,000	
Senior Solutions	1,500	1,500	
TOTAL	97,970	94,603	0

GENERAL FUND EXPENSES

INSURANCE	FY-2022 ACTUAL	FY - 2023 BUDGET	FY - 2024 Proposed
Worker's Compensation	30,961.51	32,000	33,000
General Liability	7,446.74	6,900	11,900
Buildings and Contents	31,617.33	29,000	33,900
Public Officials Liability	18,494.50	19,275	16,500
Insurance Deductible	0	1,000	1,000
TOTAL	88,520.08	88,175	96,300

DUES			
VLCT Dues	7,663	7,850	7,850
TOTAL	7,663	7,850	7,850

TRANSFERS OUT			
Transfer out	0	75,000	75,000
TOTAL	0	75,000	75,000

TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	1,604,346.12	1,693,698	1,735,825
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PUBLIC SAFETY			
AMBULANCE/CIVIL DEFENSE			
Ambulance	72,000	72,000	72,000
Speed Signs Electric	735.86	1,000	1,000
Emergency Preparedness	0	2,000	2,000
Police Services (ARTICLE 11)	0	0	Article 11
TOTAL	72,735.86	75,000	75,000

FIRE DEPARTMENT			
Rock Fire Vol Acc/Sick In	1,691.58	3,000	1,500
Materials & Supplies	1,679.98	1,600	1,600
Equipment	7,062.45	7,500	7,500
Rockingham Fire Telephone	824.08	636	636
Mutual Aid Tone Contract	20,610	19,500	19,500
Seminars & Training	545	500	500
Gas, Oil, Maintenance	2,851.52	2,000	3,000
Hepatitis B Shots	0	100	100
TOTAL	35,264.61	34,836	34,336

TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	108,000.47	109,836.00	109,336.00
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UNSAFE BUILDINGS			
Unsafe Building Expense	467.55	0	0
Atkinson Street	65,029.88	0	0
9 Barker Street	804	0	0
TOTAL	66,301.43	0	0

GENERAL FUND EXPENSES

HEALTH, EDUCATION, WELFARE	FY-2022	ACTUAL	FY - 2023 BUDGET	FY - 2024 Proposed
Deputy Health Officer Stipend		6,400	6,400	6,400
HEW - Materials & Supplies		123.09	350	350
Health Order Expenses		1,156.87	1,500	1,500
Health Recording Fees		0	200	200
Administrator's Expense		0	900	900
Training		76	250	250
TOTAL		7,755.96	9,600	9,600
SERVICE OFFICER				
Service Officer Expense		163.50	1,500	1,500
TOTAL		163.50	1,500	1,500
RECREATION				
Recreation Director		31,136.86	34,500	34,000
Wages - Playground/Rec		29,345.74	35,000	36,000
Wages - BF Pools		27,317.76	29,000	30,000
Wages-SR Rec		5,738.78	5,000	6,000
Ski Tow Wages		0	1,000	1,000
Wages - Maintenance		13,282.80	6,000	7,000
Cultural Arts Supplies		152.42	200	200
Recreation Office Supplies		798.62	1,500	1,500
Playground Supplies/Equip		6,531.35	7,500	7,500
Pool Maintenance/Supplies		1,913.80	6,000	7,500
Ski Tow Maint/Supplies		1,207.84	2,000	2,500
Training & Certification		724	1,500	1,500
Rec Phone/Internet/Cell		652.99	1,800	1,800
Cultural Entertainment		1,245.52	2,500	2,500
Rubbish Removal		2,652	3,000	3,000
Buildings & Grounds Maint.		7,650.75	9,000	9,000
Mileage		0	100	100
Propane		1,120.77	1,000	1,000
Recreation Dept. Electric		3,843.29	3,500	3,500
Rec Building Water		0	0	0
SRRA Lease		2,000	2,000	2,000
TOTAL		137,315.29	152,100	157,600

GENERAL FUND EXPENSES

PARKS EXPENSE	FY-2022 ACTUAL	FY - 2023 BUDGET	FY - 2024 Proposed
Wages-Tree Warden	1,100	1,200	1,200
FICA	0	10	10
Materials & Supplies	0	150	150
Rubbish Removal	2,630.40	2,700	2,700
Lawn Maint. Contracting	8,661	6,700	6,700
Parking Lot Lease	0	1	1
Tree Maintenance	5,100	5,000	5,000
Tree Program	0	500	500
Riverfront Park (ARTICLE 10)	0	0	ARTICLE 10
TOTAL	17,491.40	16,261	16,261
CAPITAL PROJECTS			
Computer Hardware	0	5,000	5,000
Clock Tower Lighting	10,000	0	0
Pump Track Expense	11,283	0	0
Town Hall Windows	0	30,000	0
Town Hall Roof	0	40,000	0
Town Hall Electric	0	25,000	0
TOTAL	21,283	100,000	5,000
RESERVES			
Fire Equipment Reserves	0	0	50,000
Meeting House Fund (ARTICLE 8&9)	22,000	22,000	ARTICLE 8&9
Gravel Pit Redevelopment	0	40,000	0
Bridge Reserve	0	0	50,000
TOTAL	22,000	62000	100,000
DEBT SERVICE			
Sewer Line Ext Principal	9,556.54	0	0
Sewer Line Ext Interest	187.79	0	0
Library Bond Principal	147,750	147,750	147,750
Library Bond Int	60,742.98	56,402	51,847
Town Hall Renovation Interest	20,085.77	22,148	15,883
Town Hall Renovation Principal	140,000	140,000	140,000
Fire Trucks Principal	100,000	0	0
Fire Truck Interest	1,803.75	0	0
Rec Ctr/Town Hall Principal	50,000	0	0
Rec Ctr/Town Hall Interest	901.88	0	0
10 Church PL Demo - Principal	5,250	5,250	5,250
Rescue Vehicle Principal	10,000	20,000	20,000
Rescue Truck Interest	2,303	2,058	1,568
Fire Truck Principal	75,000	75,000	75,000
Fire Truck Interest	9,212	7,375	5,537
TOTAL	632,793.71	475,983	462,835

GENERAL FUND EXPENSES

LIBRARY	FY-2022 ACTUAL	FY - 2023 BUDGET	FY - 2024 Proposed
Library Operating Costs (ARTICLE 7)	379,250	379,250	ARTICLE 7
TOTAL	379,250	379,250	0

CINEMA EXPENSE

Cinema Staff	85,689.49	81,000	92,200
FICA	5,331.13	4,800	7,000
Cinema Material/Supplies	2,674	2,225	2,500
Advertising	1,972.43	3,000	2,500
Film Carrier	1,460	1,500	1,500
Film Rental	49,625.98	53,460	55,000
Classic Film Series	1,669.58	10,800	11,000
Opera House Cell Phone	350.89	0	300
Concession	48,632.22	51,384	52,000
Rubbish Removal	1,340	780	780
Custodial Services	12,849.64	18,300	18,300
Movie Booker	3,150	2,700	2,700
Repairs & Main. Equip	9,867.36	6,600	5,000
Repairs & Maint. Facility	9,480.70	4,800	5,000
Electricity	4,749.08	3,000	4,700
Fuel	10,483.35	4,800	6,700
Interest Expense	0	6,498	0
Ticket Sales Expense	13,406.04	15,000	15,000
Refunds Expense	68.75	0	0
Miscellaneous Expense	-2,757	0	0
Theatrical Lighting Project	2,500.10	0	0
TOTAL	262,543.74	270,647	282,180

THEATER EVENTS EXPENSE

Theater Events	38,938.05	0	10,000
Talent Expense	758	0	2,000
TOTAL	39,696.05	0	12,000

TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENSES

3,286,205.59	3,270,875	2,892,137
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NET GENERAL FUND

-250,139.66	0	0
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CEMETERY FUND REVENUES AND EXPENSES

CHARGES FOR SERVICES	FY-2022 ACTUAL	FY - 2023 BUDGET	FY – 2024 Proposed
Transfer from Fiduciary	5,000	5,000	5,000
Oak Hill	300	200	200
Rockingham	350	500	500
Saxtons River	800	400	400
Cambridgeport	50	100	100
Markers/Posts	2,600	1,500	1,500
Vault Fees	58	500	500
Opening Graves	600	1,500	1,500
Property Taxes	54,360	61,645	55,176
TOTAL	64,118	71,345	64,876
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TOTAL REVENUES	64,118	71,345	64,876
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CEMETERY OPERATIONS			
Wages-Sexton	6,803.94	6,820	6,805
Cemetery FICA	520.28	525	521
Materials & Supplies	0	500	500
Corner Markers	750	1,000	1,000
Outside Service/Equipment	0	6,000	6,000
Building Maintenance	0	2,000	2,000
Repairs & Maintenance	0	4,000	4,000
Miscellaneous/Surveying	0	1,000	0
Prior Year Adjustments	25.89	0	0
TOTAL	8,100.11	21,845	20,826
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CONTRACT WORK			
Cambridgeport Cemetery	3,552	3,000	4,000
Oak Hill Cemetery	13,422	15,000	15,000
Restland Cemetery	5,337	4,500	5,500
Meeting House Cemetery	10,117	11,000	10,200
Saxtons River Cemetery	8,817	11,000	8,900
Wright Farm Cemetery	450	0	450
Capital Improvements	0	5,000	0
TOTAL	41,695	49,500	44,050
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TOTAL EXPENSES	49,795.11	71,345	64,876
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NET CEMETERY FUND	14,322.89	0	0
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HIGHWAY FUND REVENUE

STATE AID & TAX INCOME	FY-2022 ACTUAL	FY - 2023 BUDGET	FY – 2024 Proposed
Class I Road	17,371.24	16,700	16,700
Class II Road	66,305.36	63,600	63,600
Class III Road	97,529.15	93,100	93,100
Lane Mileage	1,240.82	1,240	1,240
Highway Supplement	20,055.40	0	0
VTrans Grants in Aid	35,720	0	51,000
VTRANS Better Roads Grant	7,987.50	0	0
Property Taxes	2,748,672	2,982,992	2,980,906
Highway Access Permit Fee	0	200	200
FD Memorial Park	51,020.06	0	0
Miscellaneous Highway Fees	240	200	200
TOTAL	3,046,141.53	3,158,032	3,206,946
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME			
Sale of Equipment	800	0	0
Insurance Claims	17,151.26	0	50,000
Town Highway Miscellaneous	3,389.17	1,000	1,000
Use of Surplus	0	100,000	100,000
Transfer in-Water	3,000	0	0
Transfer in-Sewer	3,000	0	0
Refunds/Overpayments	5,012.30	0	0
TOTAL	32,352.73	101,000	151,000
GRANT REVENUE			
FEMA Grant-July 21 Storm	609,685.31	0	0
TOTAL	609,685.31	0.00	0
TOTAL REVENUE	3,688,179.57	3,259,032	3,357,946

HIGHWAY FUND EXPENSE

HIGHWAY PERSONNEL	FY-2022 ACTUAL	FY - 2023 BUDGET	FY - 2024 Proposed
Salary-Highway Supervisor	74,840.02	76,400	81,000
Mechanic's Wages	44,932.22	59,300	62,880
Wages-Road Crew	514,559.15	458,392	500,636
Overtime Pay	34,854.31	35,000	35,000
Differential Pay	33,359.31	50,000	40,000
TOTAL	702,545.01	679,092	719,516
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS			
FICA	50,514.96	46,100	49,000
Health Insurance	120,142.85	100,000	132,000
Dental Insurance	4,580.95	3,900	3,900
Employee Retirement	33,185	26,000	28,000
HRA	0	0	10,500
Life/Disability Insurance	3,859.26	3,600	3,850
Insurance Incentive	19,290.83	23,000	33,420
Unemployment Insurance	3,775.34	4,000	2,800
VMERS	43,655.56	41,500	44,800
Miscellaneous Insurance	685.87	0	0
Accrued Payroll Adjustment	11,387.79	0	0
Uniforms/Boots	14,470.50	16,000	16,000
TOTAL	305,548.91	264,100	324,270
HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION			
Material/Supplies	716.33	1,000	1,000
Computer Hardware/Software	2,817.94	4,000	1,000
Highway Access Permit Fees	0	300	300
State Operating Fees	2,360	300	3,000
Excavation Permit Expense	0	10,000	0
Advertising	174	680	600
Cell Phone Exp - Hwy Admi	1,837.31	1,500	1,900
Training	2,309.28	2,000	2,000
Safety Equipment	4,451.04	4,000	4,000
Engineering Services	11,088.51	75,000	50,000
Miscellaneous Admin Expense	0	600	600
TOTAL	25,754.41	99,380	64,400
ROAD MAINTAINENCE			
Road Material/Supplies	130,614.80	100,000	100,000
Cold Patch	1,518.40	3,000	2,000
Winter Salt and Chloride	136,986.62	140,000	138,000
Summer Chloride			12,000
Winter Sand	46,331.69	75,000	70,000
Pavement Maintenance	465,689.65	887,000	820,000
Outside Services Roads	51,675	80,000	100,000
TOTAL	832,816.16	1,285,000	1,242,000

HIGHWAY FUND EXPENSE

BRIDGES	FY-2022 ACTUAL	FY - 2023 BUDGET	FY - 2024 Proposed
Materials/Supplies	0.00	1,500	1,500
Outside Services Bridges	0.00	15,000	5,000
Depot Street Bridge	52,186.68	1000	2,000
TOTAL	52,186.68	17,500	8,500
 STREET SIGNS/LIGHTING			
Streetlights-Maintenance	10,269.23	10,000	10,000
Streetlights-Usage	76,311.04	61,000	61,000
Street Signs	7,500.48	6,000	7,000
TOTAL	94,080.75	77,000	78,000
 SIDEWALKS			
Materials/Supplies	377.95	1,000	1,000
Crosswalks/Striping	2,967.52	5,000	5,000
SR Sidewalk Paving	3,750	10,000	10,000
Contract Services/Sidewalk	23,158.50	25,000	25,000
TOTAL	30,253.97	41,000	41,000
 INSURANCE			
Worker's Compensation	100,886.37	104,000	91,000
General Liability	7,306.29	7,500	10,000
Building and Contents	19,691.91	19,000	23,000
Vehicle Insurance	20,115.31	16,000	21,000
Insurance Deductible	0	3,000	3,000
TOTAL	147,999.88	149,500	148,000
 EQUIPMENT EXPENSES			
Vehicle Parts & Supplies	197,545.88	115,000	115,000
Article 10 Vehicle Purchase	0	150,000	0
TOTAL	197,545.88	265,000	115,000
 EQUIPMENT OPERATIONS			
Misc. Equipment Purchases	18,309.22	8,000	7,000
Other Small Tools/Repairs	6,509.58	8,000	7,000
Diesel Fuel	102,185.02	75,000	120,000
Grease & Oil	9,489.61	6,000	6,000
Gasoline	4,113.75	3,000	5,000
Tire Chains	8,059.56	5,000	5,000
TOTAL	148,666.74	105,000	150,000

HIGHWAY FUND EXPENSE

TOWN/VILLAGE GARAGES	FY-2022 ACTUAL	FY - 2023 BUDGET	FY - 2024 Proposed
Equipment Material/Supplies	4,902.95	3,000	3,000
Hwy Garage Phone/Internet	2,139.87	2,500	4,300
Hwy Rubbish Removal	2,186.28	2,000	2,500
Building/Maint/Repairs	13,448.28	15,000	20,000
Electricity	21,250.68	12,000	15,000
Heating Fuel Town Garage	15,129.87	9,600	14,500
Heating Fuel Blake St.	7,569.33	6,000	11,600
RTE 103 Generator	566.01	360	360
TOTAL	67,193.27	50,460	71,260
TRANSFERS OUT			
Transfer to Equip Fund	275,000	200,000	320,000
TOTAL	275,000	200,000	320,000
PROJECT EXPENDITURES			
Asphalt & Gravel Crushing	19,722	26,000	26,000
Gravel Pit Operations	0	0	50,000
FD Memorial Park	51,020.06	0	0
Contractors -Flood 7/29/21	322,225.86	0	0
Material - Flooding 7/29/21	200,767.71	0	0
TOTAL	593,735.63	26,000	76,000
DEBT SERVICE			
Brockways Mills Principal	220,000	0	0
Brockways Mills Interest	3,865.38	0	0
TOTAL	223,865.38	0	0
TOTAL EXPENSES	3,701,506.99	3,259,032	3,357,946
NET HIGHWAY FUND	-13,327.42	0	0

EQUIPMENT FUND REVENUE AND EXPENSES

INCOME	FY-2022 ACTUAL	FY - 2023 BUDGET	FY - 2024 Proposed
Transfer Highway Fund	275,000	200,000	320,000
TOTAL	275,000	200,000	320,000
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			
Equipment Note Proceeds	222	0	0
TOTAL	222	0	0
TOTAL REVENUES	275,222	200,000	320,000
MISC EXPENSES			
Office Supply & Expense	34	0	0
TOTAL	34	0	0
CAPITAL OUTLAY			
Equipment Purchases	136,391	165,524	320,000
TOTAL	136,391	165,524	320,000
DEBT SERVICE			
2018 & 19 6 & 10-Wheeler Principal	61,326	0	0
2018 & 19 6 & 10-Wheeler Interest	1,698.48	0	0
2019 Western Star - Mascoma	33,472	33,472	0
2019 Western Star-Mascoma	1,991.81	1,004	0
TOTAL	98,488.29	34476	0
TOTAL EXPENSES	234,913.29	200,000	320,000
NET EQUIPMENT FUND	40,308.71	0.00	0.00

LIBRARY FUND REVENUES

TRANSFERS	FY-2022 ACTUAL	FY - 2023 BUDGET	FY - 2024 Proposed
Transfers In General Fund	379,250	379,250	379,250
TOTAL	379,250	379,250	379,250
INVESTMENT, TRUST, INTEREST			
Bank Interest	0.17	1	1
Barker Trust Interest	11,970.36	13,500	11,500
Tidd Trust Interest	5,860	6,000	5,600
802 CU MMT Int	66.62	74	97
SecureFore 5 Annuity-2	2,130.06	2,190	0
Athene Annuity interest	3,222.05	3,220	3,365
Reliance Annuity Interest	0	0	4,466
TOTAL	23,249.26	24,985	25,029
GRANTS			
Miscellaneous Grants	500	200	300
Inter-Library Loan	1,073.54	520	570
ARPA Grant	7,773.93	0	0
TOTAL	9,347.47	720	870
DONATIONS			
Miscellaneous Donations	6,928.01	3,500	5,000
Miscellaneous Designation	1,044.99	500	500
Historical	0	100	100
Memorial	270	100	100
TOTAL	8,243	4,200	5,700
FUNDRAISING			
Miscellaneous Fundraising	1,604.16	1,500	1,500
Book Sale	2,187.80	3,500	3,500
Direct Appeal	6,536.66	10,000	10,000
TOTAL	10,328.62	15,000	15,000
FEES			
Fines	21.30	1,400	0
Non-Resident	1,155	1,800	1,500
Printing	1,984.90	3,500	2,200
Lost/Replaced	153.87	300	200
Supplies	2.50	200	0
TOTAL	3,317.57	7,200	3,900

LIBRARY FUND REVENUES

	FY-2022 ACTUAL	FY - 2023 BUDGET	FY - 2024 Proposed
MISCELLANEOUS			
Miscellaneous Income	834.99	200	500
Insurance Proceeds	0	0	0
TOTAL	834.99	200	500
 REVENUE FROM RESERVES			
Reserve-Historical Collection	750	0	0
Reserve-Building Repair	5,040.20	0	5,000
TOTAL	5,790.20	0	5,000
 TOTAL REVENUES	440,361.11	431,555	435,249

LIBRARY FUND EXPENSES

EXPENSES

SALARIES & BENEFITS

Library Director Wages	71,108.68	64,260	66,191
Full-Time Wages	84,672.73	89,000	88,678
Part-time Wages	83,309.27	83,627	79,100
TOTAL	239,090.68	236,887	233,969

BENEFITS

FICA	14,439.95	20,257	19,900
Health Insurance	0	100	10,548
Dental Insurance	1,043.42	1,000	864
Pension/VMERS	21,539.20	17,314	20,903
Workers Compensation	4,291.63	3,600	3,610
Life/Disability Insurance	1,073.32	1,200	1,500
Insurance Incentive	35,183.07	33,881	27,000
Unemployment Insurance	1,682.42	1,680	1,655
Accrued Payroll Adjustment	-956.61	0	0
TOTAL	78,296.40	79,032	85,980

OTHER EMPLOYEE EXPENSE

Dues & Workshops	230	450	300
Travel	-14.15	300	300
TOTAL	215.85	750	600

LIBRARY MATERIALS

Adult Fiction Books	4,846.66	4,800	4,900
Adult Non-Fiction Books	3,677.68	4,000	3,900
Youth Books	3,688.36	3,900	3,900
Adult Audio Books	629.87	1,300	1,200
Youth Audio Books	233.71	600	600
Electronic Resources	4,312.72	4,480	4,990
Adult Visual/Music	1,230.77	1,900	1,800
Periodicals	2,042.35	2,500	2,400
TOTAL	20,864.34	24,130	24,340

LIBRARY FUND EXPENSES

PROGRAMMING	FY-2022 ACTUAL	FY - 2023 BUDGET	FY - 2024 Proposed
Adult Library Programs	169.25	200	200
Youth Library Programs	737.66	700	700
TOTAL	906.91	900	900
SUPPLIES			
Office Supplies	1,411.74	2,500	1,600
Printing Supplies	706.33	1,960	1,000
Custodial Supplies	966.30	1,000	800
Archival	0	100	0
Postage & Shipping	2,901.68	2,600	3,000
TOTAL	5,986.05	8,160	6,400
FIXTURES & EQUIPMENT			
Fixtures	142.99	250	100
Tech Equipment	2,158.36	1,750	1,645
Tech Software	748.11	870	195
Telephone Equipment	0	90	90
Tools	0	50	0
TOTAL	3,049.46	3,010	2,030
SERVICES			
Auditor	1,300	1,300	1,300
Legal Expenses	0	250	250
Computer/Technology	3,101.87	2,390	2,350
Automated Library System	1,804.77	1,850	1,750
Custodial	7,498	9,350	7,920
Security	300	300	300
Repairs & Maintenance	11,172.59	13,500	15,520
TOTAL	25,177.23	28,940	29,390
UTILITIES			
Library Electricity	21,910.75	25,800	25,800
Library Telephone	4,088.03	4,460	5,330
Library Water & Sewer	717.98	650	650
TOTAL	26,716.76	30,910	31,780
INSURANCE			
Property/Liability Insurance	15,785.16	16,886	18,900
TOTAL	15,785.16	16,886	18,900

LIBRARY FUND EXPENSES

MISCELLANEOUS	FY-2022 ACTUAL	FY - 2023 BUDGET	FY - 2024 Proposed
Miscellaneous Expense	133.35	100	100
TOTAL	133.35	100	100
 GRANT EXPENSE			
Miscellaneous Grants	200	200	300
ARPA Grant Expenses	7,773.93	0	0
VT Hum. Council Grant Exp	351.57	0	0
TOTAL	8,325.50	200	300
 DONATIONS EXPENSE			
Designated Donation Expense	880	500	0
Historical	0	100	0
Memorial	270	100	0
TOTAL	1,150	700	0
 FUNDRAISING EXPENSE			
Fundraising Miscellaneous	820.03	950	560
TOTAL	820.03	950	560
 RESERVE FUND EXPENSES			
Reserve-Historical Collection	750	0	0
Reserve-Building Repair	5,040.20	0	0
TOTAL	5,790.20	0	0
 TOTAL EXPENSES	438,994.32	431,555	435,249
 NET LIBRARY	1,366.79	0	0

DEVELOPMENT FUND BALANCE SHEET

ACCOUNT	BALANCE
<u>GRANTS RECEIVABLE</u>	
Grants Receivable	-350.00
<u>RECEIVABLES</u>	
BF Housing Partnership	19,250.22
Catherine Sherwood	4,372.32
C&K Foods RLF	29,079.03
Barrett Saltzman RLF	3,518.94
Flat Iron	6,802.60
Chroma RLF	27,003.23
7 PV RLF	41,305.29
Red Dog Ventures LLC Loan	48,951.16
Twin Falls Training RLF	38,000.00
Loan Exner Block	419,000.00
Howard Block Res. VCDP	51,322.00
Howard Block Com'l VCDP	423,678.00
Town Loan Howard Block	100,000.00
BF Housing Partnership	150,000.00
Loan Smallest City	38,500.00
Armstrong Loan	11,250.00
BFACD Loan	90,000.00
BFADC-Robertson Paper	50,000.00
TOTAL RECEIVABLES	<u>1,552,032.79</u>
<u>FROM OTHER FUNDS</u>	
Due From/To Other Funds	496,574.71
<u>RESERVES</u>	
Barrett Saltzman RLF	-3,518.94
Flat Iron	-6,802.60
TOTAL ALLOWANCE FOR DOUBTFUL ACCOUNTS	<u>-10,321.54</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>2,037,935.96</u></u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>	
Accounts Payable	<u>15,900.00</u>
<u>DEFERRED REVENUE</u>	
Deferred Revenue	159,250.00
Def Loan-BF Housing	150,000.00
Def Loan-Smallest City	38,500.00
Def Loan-Howard Block	575,000.00
Def Loan-Armstrong	11,250.00
Def Loan-Exner Block	419,000.00
Unspent Grant RMO Waypoint	3,744.52
Unspent Grant CT River Pt	847.00
TOTAL DEFERRED REVENUE	<u>1,357,591.52</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>1,373,491.52</u>
Fund Balance	521,329.74
Fund Balance Current Year	<u>143,114.70</u>
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	<u>664,444.44</u>
TOTAL LIABILITY FUND BALANCE	<u>2,037,935.96</u>

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Parcel	Description	Name	Total
085050528-001	MOBILE HOME ONLY	ANDERSON, MIKE	\$1,453.02
101210946	BUILDING AND LOT	ARMSTRONG, ELIZABETH	\$1,189.78
233280010	HOUSE AND LOT	BARBER, ALBERT	\$5,799.60
170970012-2	HOUSE AND LOT	BARNETT, LEO	\$1,247.06
60020961	LAND AND BUILDINGS	BATCHELDER, ROY	\$16,426.58
181210450	BUILDINGS & LOT	BEMIS, ELEANOR	\$2,327.00
60140061	LAND & BUILDINGS	BOWART & WILLIAMS	\$24,973.01
233380005	HOUSE AND LOT	BRODHURST, CHERI	\$1,416.14
181210479	BUILDINGS AND LAND	CARON, JASON	\$1,928.92
140520510	BUILDING AND LAND	CHEVRIER, SUZANNE	\$1,614.47
234500064	BUILDINGS AND LAND	CLARK, MARILYN	\$2,566.72
205010212-001	MOBILE HOME	CLARK, WAYNE	\$1,995.98
263820005	BUILDINGS LOT POOL	COYNE, MARIA	\$1,244.56
60041489	LAND MOBILE HOME	DAVIS, WAYNE	\$5,435.03
261210037	HOUSE AND LOT	DAWSON, ASHLEY	\$13,585.42
110050306	BUILDING AND LAND	DICKERSON, DALE	\$3,488.05
60020696	LAND AND TWO MH	DOLLOPH, ROGER	\$1,437.91
70041762	LAND AND CAMP	DONALDSON, FAMILY	\$1,155.49
235010090	DINER	FATHER'S INK CORP	\$9,277.84
20080249	BUILDING AND LAND	GAY, NICOLE	\$5,121.06
880000193	PER. PROP. EQUIPT	GREEN MOUNT SPECIALTIES	\$7,757.07
70060233	LAND	GRIFFIN, CHRISTIAN	\$7,264.38
160410015	HOUSE AND LOT	HALBERG, DEBORAH	\$13,254.64
405050734	LAND AND BUILDING	HARPER, RODNEY	\$7,648.52
70060233	LAND MOBILE HOME	HARRIS, OLIVER JR	\$1,528.43
233720015	BUILDINGS AND LOT	HATFIELD, WILLIAM	\$2,447.86
70220086	LAND	HILLS, BENJAMIN	\$2,437.10
234400026	HOUSE AND LOT	HORNE, ERIC	\$15,739.80
60820035	LAND AND BUILDING	HUNT, EDNA	\$19,748.63
233360012	HOUSE AND LOT	HURD, MARGERY	\$2,607.84
234460025	LAND ONLY	ISLAND HOLDINGS LLC	\$1,022.12
235010113	BUILDING AND LAND	KANE REALTY CORP	\$1,694.05
101210995	BUILDINGS AND LOT	KENNETT, JOYCE	\$14,609.62
264060036	BUILDINGS AND LOT	KIRKPATRICK,SCOTT	\$4,369.96
235020055-1	BUILDING ONLY	LAWRENCE, ALEXANDER	\$14,912.31
170970005	HOUSE AND LOT	LAWRENCE, KENNETH	\$4,203.38
261210036	HOUSE AND LOT	LEVEILLEE, JUSTIN	\$5,751.99
264060037	HOUSE AND LOT	MCALLISTER, SHERRY	\$19,142.01
274160030	BUILDINGS AND LOT	MCALLISTER, STEPHEN	\$28,113.02
100341125	MOBILE HOME LAND	MERCHANT, CLAIRE	\$3,035.30
65001347	LAND AND BUILDINGS	MOODY, HELEN	\$1,056.06
234300006	BUILDINGS AND LOT	MOZAFFARI, JAHANGIR	\$2,329.22
233160014	BUILDINGS AND LOT	AINSWORTH, CLARENCE	\$4,831.37
223500008	BUILDING AND LOTS	NIEDBALA, CHARLES	\$5,625.70
264040025	HOUSE AND LOT	NOE, JOHN	\$23,370.49
80220012	BUILDING AND LAND	OLMSTEAD, TIMOTHY	\$1,205.71

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Parcel	Description	Name	Total
234400010	BUILDINGS AND LOT	REMY-POWERS, ROBERT	\$2,621.73
70070085	BLDG AND LAND	RICE, MELVIN & GRET	\$15,446.30
150870010	BUILDINGS LAND TENNIS COURT POOL	RUGGIERO, JUDITH	\$10,347.99
234400046	BUILDING AND LOT	SAAF, DONALD	\$7,702.69
65001153	BUILDING AND LAND	SAUNDERS, BRANNAN	\$3,400.77
60042109	LAND AND BUILDINGS	SAWYER, STANLEY	\$1,457.75
101210946	HOUSE AND LAND	SIMONDS, BRUCE	\$3,546.92
170170010	BUILDINGS AND LAND	SIMONDS, BRUCE A II	\$2,152.81
70070128	LAND AND BUILDINGS	SPAULDING, ANNETTE	\$12,407.80
177050016	HOUSE GARAGE LOT	SPRAGUE, LEO	\$1,565.26
213140009	BUILDING AND LOTS	TRETTLER, DONALD	\$4,578.82
264000001	BUILDINGS AND LOT	VAN SCHOICK, LINDSA	\$3,251.43
125050127-031	MOBILE HOME	VANACORE, CHRISTOPH	\$2,885.18
234280018	HOUSE AND LOT	YOUNG, SR HARRY	\$5,320.10
			<hr/> \$396,075.77

Delinquent tax amounts reflected above are as of 1/6/2023
Some delinquent taxpayers have reached payment agreements with the Town,
Some accounts are in bankruptcy and cannot be collected at this time.
Some delinquent accounts have been forwarded to the Town Agent for tax sale.
This report does not reflect payments made after that date,
account balances less than \$1000, or current taxes due.

REPORT OF THE SELECTBOARD

The community was saddened by the sudden passing of Ray Massucco, local and municipal attorney, union negotiator for the municipality, town moderator and purveyor of many entertainment venues. He will be sorely missed.

The board has been attentive and busy with local issues. Going forward the board and administration will be busy with monetary and personnel issues. We have several positions to be filled with a sparse field of applicants. Heather Hitchcock, our new HR person will be a great help in this area.

After concentrating our paving efforts in Saxtons River, we will be turning our efforts to the Village of Bellows Falls, which has been waiting patiently for work to be done. Other projects include bridge repair and replacement, building maintenance (Town Hall Roof) and sidewalks.

Community improvement projects that will improve the appearance of our town include the BF Garage project, the railroad station project and demolition of the fire ravaged building on Barker Street that can be seen when entering the Village from the South. A new tire and food scrap building is being built at the recycling center.

We anticipate using ARPA funds for some of the projects that would qualify. The Rockingham Meeting House and fire equipment replacement are ongoing concerns as well as revitalizing our cemeteries. A study to assess our fire services will be moving forward. We have applied for a grant from USDA for this project. Another issue of concern is our ambulance services.

It should be a busy year for the board.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Golec, Chair
Susan Hammond, Vice Chair
Bonnie North
Elijah Zimmer
Rick Cowan

MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S REPORT

2022 has been a return to normal as COVID impacts continue to fade. Community traditions returned and were received with a renewed energy. This spirit of renewal is also a theme that resonates as we continue to secure funding to preserve some of our most recognizable public buildings, the Rockingham Meeting House and the Bellows Falls train station.

Working with federal and state partners, Town employees have been coordinating structure reports, abatement reports and historic preservation reviews, all necessary to ensure our funding will qualify for a host of grant programs. A continued thank-you to the taxpayers in Rockingham who have continued to support our requests for local funding to encourage the additional state and federal program dollars.

Exciting additions are also coming to our historic opera house theater as we have again leveraged federal funds and a state grant to upgrade our theater lighting systems to support more live events and concerts.

Finally, a tip of the hat to all of our municipal staff who work to deliver you the best local government services.

Sincerely,

Scott D. Pickup, Municipal Manager



BF Train Station: Elijah Zimmer

TOWN REPORT- BELLOWS FALLS OPERA HOUSE

Despite strong headwinds, The Bellows Falls Opera House is serving the Town of Rockingham well. Facility Coordinator Tim Heidbrink, Operations Coordinator Jennifer Tolaro-Heidbrink, Special Events Coordinator Sean Roberts, and the staff are keeping operations thriving, and Rockingham Entertainment Development (RED) continues to work on marketing and development.

FIRST RUN FILMS attendance is very dependent on available films. Blockbusters do well (especially in the first two weeks of a three-week run), whereas more specialized first-run movies, in general, give lackluster numbers. Comparing June-November 2022 to 2021, we have a 20% increase in attendance, although attendance is still only about half what it was pre-pandemic, a trend that mirrors national patterns.

SPECIAL EVENTS - In fiscal year (FY) 22 we had 11 live event nights. We expect FY23 to end with 15 live event nights. In FY24 we are likely to reach our goal of 24 live event nights per year. Each live event brings in a solid profit to the BFOH, and also is a major spur to downtown business. The risk for live events is born by the event promoter, not the taxpayer. Additionally, the BFOH is host to several special events each year, such as regional film screenings, food drives, etc., and numerous private film screenings. We enjoy an excellent working relationship with local theater groups, most notably Wild Goose Players, FACT TV, Main Street Arts, Bellows Falls Rotary, the Greater Falls Chamber of Commerce and BFDDA.

CLASSIC FILM WEDNESDAY sponsorships are fully subscribed. This covers all expenses attached to showing films that, in general, tend to appeal to a more niche, older, audience, with profit left over to help defray regular BFOH programming.

ON-SCREEN ADVERTISING is bringing in over \$1,400 per month. We thank Alan Fowler for voluntarily assembling the weekly slide carousel of on-screen ads.

THE WWW.BELLOWSFALLSOPERAHOUSE.COM WEBSITE is running smoothly, and we have recently rolled out new pages for SUPPORT (the Take A Seat program, and a series of tiered memberships). All funds raised go directly to defraying the expenses BFOH operations incur to taxpayers. Please join us with a sustaining membership!

The BFOH FACILITY itself is receiving much-needed upgrades, both to concession equipment (new ice machine, popcorn machine, etc.), customer experience enhancers such as special needs equipment (ordered before the pandemic but not installed until this autumn) and credit card machine, and technical equipment (special thanks to Town Manager Pickup, Development Director Fox, Planning Director Wise and the Rockingham Selectboard).

Respectfully submitted,

Charlie Hunter, Rockingham Entertainment Development, Ltd.
802-289-1105, bfoh.red@gmail.com
12/22/22

CEMETERY REPORT

The Town of Rockingham owns and maintains five cemeteries within the Town including Oak Hill, Restland, Saxtons River, Rockingham Meeting House, and Cambridgeport.

Oak Hill Cemetery, located on the Bellows Falls/Westminster town line, is the largest cemetery based on the number of lots. All mapped lots are sold at this time, but roadways are still being filled in.

Restland Cemetery, located at the corner of Oak Hill Terrace and West Street in Bellows Falls, currently has no lots available for sale and is considered inactive.

Saxtons River Cemetery, located in the Village of Saxtons River, currently has mapped lots available.

Cambridgeport Cemetery, has mapped lots available and a considerable amount of room for expansion.

Rockingham Meeting House Cemetery is located behind the Rockingham Meeting House located off Route 103 in Rockingham. All lots in the original lot are sold at this time, however, a new section was opened several years ago and it is anticipated that lots will be available for several years. Also available is a large lot adjacent to the Meeting House Cemetery which can be developed if necessary.

It is anticipated that cemetery space in the Town of Rockingham will be sufficient for the next 200 years or so. All cemeteries are monitored closely, and repairs are ongoing as time and funds allow.

If you have questions related to the town-owned cemeteries, please call the Cemetery Sexton at Fenton & Hennessey Funeral Home, 55 Westminster Street, Bellows Falls, VT at 802-463-4111.

J. Malcolm Potter, Cemetery Sexton

****Maps, plots, and fees can be found at Town Clerk, on the second floor of the Town Hall.**

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICE FY22 (JAN 2-23)

The Development Office carries out economic improvement projects and programs, increasing development with the goal of making Rockingham a better place to live, work and do business. The roles of the Development Office are to work with state and regional partners, obtain and manage grants and work to improve the economic climate by working with prospects to increase economic activity and developing projects to benefit the entire community.

FY 22 Community and Economic Development Successes in the Town of Rockingham

- 83% of voting Rockingham residents supported the purchase of the Bellows Falls Train Station raising \$75,000 in taxes for local match which leveraged over \$850,000 as of December 2022
- Completing the Island and Under the Hill Area Wide Plan guiding cleanup and redevelopment for empty and underutilized properties.
- Worked with Saxtons River to fund and develop a West End of Main St revitalization plan
- Increased funding for VCDP Grants for Light Up BF and Town Facilities
- Funded and procured professional theater lighting system, planning for the roof truss reinforcement, and lighting system installation for FY 2023

Development Director, Gary Fox works within the following committees and corporations:

Revolving Loan Fund (RLF), a source of capital to assist start-up or expansion of business and attract new business. This program provides additional capital so businesses can create and retain jobs. The loans help facilitate private investment to assist with purchase, construction, rehabilitation or renovation of commercial/industrial facilities or equipment. This year we added a Housing RLF component, partially funded by a USDA Housing Preservation Grant, and partially from the Business RLF.

In FY 22 The Town awarded businesses (1st column) and Housing (2nd column) RLF loans

- New loans opened	1	3
- Number of loans Closed	1	0
- Number of active revolving loans	7	3
- Realized interest from repayment	\$1,875.25	Some of column 1
- Amount loaned	\$38,000.00	\$15,000
- Amount of outstanding loans	\$194,660.30	\$14,372.32
- Fund balance	\$664,444.44	Some of column 1

The new business loan in FY 22 was for a start-up Twin Falls Training Center gymnastics classes and camps in Rockingham.

The \$15,000 housing loans were matched with \$15,000 grants, plus \$36,560 in grants through Windham and Windsor Housing Trust to restore owner-occupied rental housing with deferred maintenance and other repair issues. Additionally, the Town recouped \$28,872 in principle and \$5,774 in admin reimbursement from a USDA Housing Preservation Grant utilized in a collaborative program with a huge lift from WWHT.

Stabilization of tax requests by new and expanding businesses. If the application is approved by a five-member Tax Stabilization Committee and Selectboard, businesses may receive a reduction of municipal property and equipment taxes for a period of up to five years helping stimulate start-up expansion activity.

Development Corporations and Regional Planning: Locally, with the Bellows Falls Area Development Corporation (BFADC) and Sustainable Valley Group (SVG) who focus on industrial and commercial development and regionally, with the Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation (BDCC) who provides technical assistance, support and economic development services for Windham County. The BDCC implements the Southeastern VT Economic Development Strategies (SeVEDS) 5-year Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) and staffs the SeVEDS Board. The SeVEDS calls for annual CEDS projects, rated on their ability to attract/retain population and how well the physical, social, or business infrastructure are supported. These projects can be municipal, non-profit, or for-profit businesses and by submitting them to the CEDS program, state and federal funding can be further leveraged. All submitted projects are adopted into the CEDS, and the top projects for the region are designated “priority”.

Bellows Falls Downtown (BFDDA), a non-profit devoted to downtown revitalization and economic development. As part of the Main Street program, Bellows Falls is one of 23 Designated Downtowns in VT, this designation offers property owners state tax credits within the district on façade and code improvements. Recipients in 2020 included 3 Rockingham Street and 20 The Square. In 2020, Rockingham applied for and received two grants that benefited BFDDA; a Community Development Block Grant and a Regional Marketing Grant and with these “Light Up BF” was born. In 2020, the Community Facilities Grant helped purchase new waste receptacles, cigarette snuffers and one bike rack, installed this summer.

Great Falls Regional Chamber of Commerce (GFRCC) and Rockingham Arts Museum Project (RAMP) collaborate with BFDDA and Development Office on a database of available rental space and buildings and discussions of a Town wide community calendar have Town and Village support.

Certified Local Government (CLG) program is advised by the five-member CLG Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) for the Town of Rockingham and is responsible for the historic preservation marketing, education and development. Walter Wallace is the part-time CLG Coordinator. Each year, the HPG holds the “Old Home Awards” program, honoring homes and buildings throughout Rockingham that have been rehabilitated and restored. FY 22 included a major push on the Rockingham Meeting House Preservation: plaster, paint and finishes, and some windows.

Rockingham Incremental Development Working Group (RIDWG) from the Incremental Development Alliance (IncDev) technical assistance program sponsored by BDCC’s Southern Vermont Economy Project. IncDev’s principles are to focus on incremental, small-scale development, one landlord at a time. Small projects done by local people, members have taken steps to explore Accessory Dwelling Units in our over 85 carriage barns, worked with the Planning Commission on zoning bylaw updates, shared target market analysis with bankers and realtors and attended workshops involving pro-forma training and multi-family homeownership classes. RIDWG is made up of landlords, residents, property owners and municipal officials and holds presentations quarterly at the Tri-board meeting on the fifth Tuesdays of the month. RIDWG is an open group and encourages participation and new members, e-mail rockinghamidwg@gmail.com



Private Rail Car Photo Credit: Elijah Zimmer

Planning played a major role in Development Office Work in FY22. The advent of the Area Wide Plan, ARPA Public Process and Prioritization, Train Station Feasibility Plan, work with IncDev/RIDWG, work with EPA Consultants on implementation of the Area Wide Plan, made close coordination of all these efforts with the **Planning and Zoning Department** a crucial part of the year’s work. The new 8-Year Town Plan was drafted by the Planning Commission, which will be followed by new Zoning Bylaws, with the help of a Bylaw Modernization Grant. All these aspects work together to make progress and redevelopment feasible. It was enlightening working with Planning and Zoning Administrator Chuck Wise as he, Chair Deb Wright and the 6 other visionary volunteers who staff the commission led this effort. Alignment of Planning, Zoning and Development work is critical to a user-friendly Municipality that can continue to make real progress.

Submitted by Gary Fox, Development Director

The Development Office is located on the 3rd floor of the Town Hall. For Questions and assistance:

Development Office: Gary Fox 802-376-5425 or 802-463-3964 ext.1110 development@rockbf.org

Development Assistant: Betsy Thurston execasst@rockbf.org

CLG and Part-Time Coordinator HPC Walter Wallace clg@rockbf.org

ROCKINGHAM HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION (HPC) CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT ANNUAL REPORT MARCH 7,2023

The Historic Preservation Commission continues in its mission to advise and support the select board and town officials on matters related to historic preservation, promoting historic preservation in the community, and conserving historic districts and landmarks.

Our Meeting House opened for the 2022 season on Memorial Day weekend, staying open by chance through the end of October and was open the weekend of the Southern Vermont Flannel Festival October 15th-16th. Docents Rosemarri Roth, Barbara Woods, Nina Lamson, Caitlin Clark, and your humble scribe welcomed nearly 1,100 visitors. Cash donations, book purchases, a quilt raffle, and private contributions to the Meeting House Reserve fund out-paced prior years with \$4,929 collected.

Special events included the Annual 1st Sunday in August Pilgrimage sponsored by the Rockingham Meeting House Association. This year's speaker was Vermont humorist Bill Mares who presented the history of Vermont humor. In addition, we hosted two weddings, a meet-up of the Hartford Antique Car Collectors, a field trip of 8th graders from the Charlestown, New Hampshire Middle School, and the "Photo Soup" Conference, a gathering of photography scholars.

The Brattleboro-based band Eloise & Co. chose the Meeting House as the setting to shoot their latest music video, "Caps in the Air/Right Up the Street." The project was supported by the VT Arts Council and the VT Community Foundation. A link to the video is posted on the Commission's web page.



Interior of the Rockingham Meeting House from the balcony, currently closed to visitors

The late Vermont Historic Preservationist Paul Bruhn once said that “historic preservation is a team sport.” During this past year a volunteer network was developed to help with the Meeting House cyclical maintenance plan. Under the direction of Bill Morse, the GOP Town Committee restored the Hearse House, re-set ancient granite carriage hitching posts and cleared brush along the east perimeter of the graveyard. Jim Mullen focused attention on restoring the historic landscape, bush-hogging fields, cutting back hedgerows on the north perimeter, and taking on the task of restoring the graveyard picket fence. Charlie Jarras, Diana Jones, Karen Jarret, Stan Telstra, and Cass Wright leaned into assessing graveyard preservation, grave marker cleaning, and plot restoration.

This past year the Commission partnered with the Rockingham Meeting House Association to hold two public Conservation Conversations (March 23 and May 7, 2022) to look at existing conditions of the Meeting House and how best to establish funding sources to pay for preservation work. Frail plaster, condition of interior and exterior woodwork, foundation stability, and the shape of the building’s timber frame are of concern. The Commission recommended, and the selectboard acted, to contract for a Historic Structures Report to help fundraise and undertake a major preservation of the main building. An initial report with cost estimates was made to the select board in December 2022. The full report is due April 1, 2023. Core funding for this assessment is made possible through a major private donation and funded in part through the Preservation Trust of Vermont, the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation, and the Meeting House Building Reserve Fund. The preliminary report is on the Historic Preservation Commission’s web page at <https://www.rockinghamvt.org>

While the Rockingham Meeting House is unique in our Town for its status as a National Historic Landmark, it is one of many historically significant buildings and sites. New GIS historic resource maps are available on the Town website and find an immersive tour of the Meeting House. Historic district and site layers have been added to the lister’s interactive GIS map. Online resource links on the Commission’s web page help property owners access technical information for historic conservation and restoration of their properties.

In December 2021 the HPC partnered with the Abenaki Elnu Tribe to prepare a National Park Service Underrepresented Communities grant to review the sacred landscape of Kchi Pontegok, the Bellows Falls Petroglyph Site. In April 2022 the project was awarded the grant, the first such award in the state. The project will broaden general knowledge and education about the site. The intent is to raise awareness of their place as a sacred landscape. The project is driven by comprehensive Indigenous consultation as a Traditional Cultural Landscape review to form a cohesive landscape of significance to the Indigenous Western Abenaki Tribe. Archaeologist Gail Golec and Abenaki Historic Officer Rich Holshuh co-direct the project. The research team includes Elnu Abenaki Chief Roger Longtoe Sheehan, Laura Longtoe Sheehan, Diana Jones, and Annette Spaulding.

Rockingham voters overwhelmingly voted at Town Meeting 2022 to approve purchase of the Bellows Fall train station. The HPC has been reviewing in detail existing conditions of both the exterior and interior and offering rehabilitation ideas and strategies. The Rutland Railroad Historical Society held its annual convention in Bellows Falls on April 30 and May 1, 2022. The Commission had a table at the convention showcasing the railroad station project. Town Development Director Gary Fox gave a presentation to the group about the project. The BF Historical Society organized a reception at the Society’s storefront museum featuring local railroad history displays and a guided tour along the Society’s Under the Hill History Trail, past location of pulp and paper mills.

The HPC continued its tradition of sponsoring the annual Rockingham Old House Awards, recognizing owners of historic homes and commercial properties who have worked hard to maintain and restore their piece of the town's rich architectural history. 21 properties were nominated in 2022, narrowed down to 9 winners. Plaques and certificates were presented to this year's winners at a public awards ceremony held October 16th at the Meeting House. More details can be found on the web page.

The Commission updated the Historic Resources chapter for the Planning Commission which aligns with a variety of planning documents including the 2002 Cultural Center study and *Let's Take Action 2020*. New goals and action steps have been developed related to historic preservation and treatment of historic resources.

The Commission is coordinating with the state cleaning of two VT State Historic Markers that are in our town, one for the Bellows Falls Canal and the other for the Rockingham Meeting House. They have been removed and are currently undergoing restoration. Following several years of public controversy about its placement, the RMH marker will be relocated to the entry way of the RMH grounds to allow for easier access and viewing. Costs are paid for by the State of Vermont.

Partnering with the Rockingham Free Public Library, the Winter-Spring 2022 historic preservation workshop and speaker series included a series of talks via Zoom. The program theme was historic landscapes with an emphasis on Kchi Pontegok and the Bellows Falls petroglyph site. On February 16, 2022, Gail Golec presented "Interpreting Historic Landscapes in the Upper Connecticut River Valley." Rich Holshuh presented "The Great Falls and an Abenaki Relationship with Place" on March 31, 2022. The series wrapped up May 11, 2022 with Michael Fuller, "Great Falls Petroglyphs and Their Global Meanings." The presentations were recorded and are available for public viewing on YouTube. The series was well received, gathering an audience from all over Vermont and into Massachusetts.

Members of the Historic Preservation Commission are John Leppman (chair), Karen Jarret, Annette Spaulding, Elijah Zimmer, and Diana Jones. Development Director Gary Fox and Commission coordinator Walter Wallace serve as ex-officio members. Our jobs are made much easier by the help we receive from the Bellows Falls Historical Society, the Rockingham Free Public Library, the Rockingham Meeting House Association, and the Saxtons River Historical Society, as well as our colleagues at Town Hall.



The greatest asset are town residents who take great pride in our community's past and feel it is worth preserving for future generations.

The work of the Commission is underwritten with funding from the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation and the National Park Service.

Respectfully submitted,
Walter Wallace
Coordinator, Historic Preservation Commission



RockBF.org/historic-preservation-commission

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

While the Town of Rockingham saw a number of significant storms this past year, there was no damage recorded. The Rockingham Highway Department worked to replace culverts and drainage along roadways to help prevent issues in the future. The Local Emergency Management Plan was also updated to meet the current state and federal requirements. Updating and having these plans in place helps us to better prepare for emergencies and qualifies us for federal money.

As always, Emergency Management monitors all situations which could have an impact on our community and remains in active communications with other department heads and outside agency directors to better serve our community should an incident occur, which would require the activation of our Emergency Operation Center and applicable management plan.

I would like to thank the citizens of the Town of Rockingham for their continued support and look forward to another year.

Shaun McGinnis
Emergency Management Director
Fire Chief

Bellows Falls Fire Department
170 Rockingham Street
Bellows Falls VT 05101
802-463-4343
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TOWN HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT

Health officers enforce rental housing health codes.

All rental apartments must comply with Vermont's Rental Housing Health Codes. The most common rental housing deficiencies are lead paint exposure, trash accumulation, pest infestations, and insufficient apartment heating. Most challenging is identifying children who ingested unsafe levels of lead paint due to the negligence of property owners. Vermont's lead law has been in effect for over two decades, and ignorance of the rules is no longer an acceptable response.

Investigate, cooperate, but try never to regulate.

Town Health Officers have been unusually successful in working cooperatively with landowners and addressing violations before the Town issues a formal violation. The goal is always to work cooperatively and address the violation before official action is considered. The problem is solved quickly and relieves all parties from costly legal action.

Lead safety is the law.

The Vermont Department of Health frequently requests that the Health officer review rental properties for lead paint safety violations. All rental housing must follow essential maintenance practices for protection against human exposure to lead paint. Every landlord must submit an annual compliance statement to the Department of Health stating they have complied with the regulations. Falsification of compliance statements still occurs, and Health officers work directly with the State to hold those property owners accountable.

Partnerships matter.

Many of the public health complaints are in the Village of Bellows Falls. Public health issues are rarely singular issues but symptoms of a more significant problem in an individual or family's life. We have learned that any success with these complex issues is wholly dependent upon working partnerships at all levels of government. Health matters are generally coordinated with BF Police Chief David Bemis, who provides investigative and protective services at the local level. We also work closely with the Vermont Division of Fire Safety for building code environment, who has the ability to enforce certain codes we cannot enforce.

Submitted by:

Shaun McGinnis and Charles Wise
Rockingham Health Officers

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

I would like to thank the citizens of Rockingham for their support of the pavement management program and the equipment fund. The Town of Rockingham Highway Department and the Village of Bellows Falls Utility Departments have the following responsibilities:

Town of Rockingham Highway Responsibilities:

- Road maintenance (Highway Department)
- Winter Maintenance of Roads and sidewalks (Highway Department)
- Catch basins and Culverts (Highway Department)
- Trees and brush removal (Highway Department)
- Equipment (Highway Department equipment fund)
- Sidewalks and street lights (Highway Department)

The Village of Bellows Falls Water and Wastewater Departments Responsibilities:

- Wastewater treatment plant (Wastewater Dept)
- Sewer Manholes (Wastewater Dept)
- Water Treatment plant (Water Dept)
- Water mains, Fire Hydrants and gate valves (Water Dept)



Highway problems can be reported to these numbers during business hours:

Bellows Falls Garage (for problems within the Village of BF) 802- 463-3059

Rockingham Garage (for problems outside the Village of BF) 802-463-5106

After hour emergencies- contact the Bellows Falls Police Dept 802-463-1234

Highway Construction Projects completed in FY2022-2023 Budget:

- Paving and chip sealing on Pleasant Valley Rd, Shepard Lane, and Rounds Rd.
- Reconstructing the end of Corey Hill Rd and paving
- Removing ledge and widening/ adding ditches on the Narrows Rd.
- Replaced approximately 29 culverts throughout town.
- Ditching Lower Parker Hill, Obrien, Williams, Osgood, and sections of Lawrence/ Alden Rds.
- Reconstructed numerous catch basins throughout Bellows Falls
- Crosswalk, line painting
- Grading roads/Roadside mowing
- Grants & Aid work on Gaskill Rd to improve water runoff



Many thanks to all the contractors who stepped up and helped us in this work. Your generosity and hard work is greatly appreciated.

I would like to thank all the Highway department employees for the hard work and dedication throughout the year on projects, spring and fall cleanup, winter snow removal and mud season. Thank you to their families for the early morning phone calls and the long hours away from their homes.

I would like to end this by passing along our appreciation to the citizens of Rockingham for their patience and understanding of temporary road closures and delays throughout the year. The safety of the employees and driving public is a primary concern for me.

Thank you for your support and cooperation.

Andy Howarth, Highway Superintendent

ROCKINGHAM LISTERS DEPARTMENT

Grand List

The 2021-2022 Rockingham Grand List is based on taxable parcels of 2180 that have a municipal total taxable value of \$471,210,803: This total taxable value includes 78 taxable business personal property parcels with a value of \$14,802,480 While the actual Grand List is at 1 % of full value for tax calculation purposes, the values for this report are at 100%.

The 2022-2023 Grand List taxable value is over 1.2 million dollars higher than the previous year. This increase was due mostly to increases in business personal property.

Equalization Study:

The Vermont Department of Taxes conducts a study to compare the Town Grand List values with the real estate sales of the previous three years. The resulting statistics establish a Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) and Co-efficient of Dispersion (COD).

Rockingham - CLA 95.55% COD 16.53% effective 1/1/2021.

Rockingham - CLA 91.24% COD 17.83% effective 1/1/2022

Rockingham- CLA 83.45% & COD 23.14% 12/23/2022

The CLA is applied in the Education Tax Rate to assure equity among towns across the state. If the CLA drops below 80% then a Town Wide Reappraisal is mandated. While the ideal CLA is 100%, it is reasonable to see some minor variation around the 100% mark because markets are dynamic, and the evaluation and reporting of the grand list is a snapshot at a specific time.

The COD is a measure of fairness within the town. Assessment standards generally hold that CODs of 15% or less are good. When a town COD rises above 20%, a town wide reappraisal is mandated by state law.

Pending Reappraisal

The Rockingham Board of Listers withdrew its application for a partial reappraisal in 2022 due to the uncertainty and volatility of the housing market. Current market analysis of the market indicates that a reappraisal will be needed in the near future. Anticipating this, the Listers are conducting a Data Validation Study in order to confirm the accuracy of all property cards.

Homestead Filing and Property Tax Adjustment for State Payment

The Homestead declaration is required to be filed with the state annually. (Form HS-122) The normal due date is April 15. It is important to file on time as a penalty is assessed for late filing. Optionally, resident taxpayers may also file for a Property Tax Adjustment based on income, usually at the same time as filing state income tax and HS-122. Approximately 60% of Rockingham resident homeowners qualify for an adjustment. Forms (HS-122 and HI-144) and information can be found in the Vermont Income Tax booklet or online at Vermont Department of Taxes website. Forms can be ordered by email at formsrequest@state.vt.us or call 802-828-2515.

Business Personal Property Reporting

For business personal property Rockingham only taxes equipment used in producing income. Such property is taxable for municipal tax only, not the state education tax. In 2008 Rockingham voted to exempt the first \$5,000 of taxable business personal property value, but business owners must still file an inventory report with the Listers by April 20. A copy of this form is available from the Listers office.

Grievances

Annually, if the Listers change your assessed value for any reason, formal Change of Appraisal Notices are sent out to all affected property owners by June 1st. All property owners have the right to grieve the value of their property by sending their concerns in writing to the Board of Listers by Grievance Day date provided on that Notice and posted public notices. If you have any questions or concerns about your property value, please feel free to contact the Listers Office informally at any time. However, once the grand list abstract is lodged by June 1, the formal grievance period begins.

Online information

To access, go to the Town website www.rockinghamvt.org, click on Municipal Government/Departments/Listers for the map link, instructions to access parcel information and more. Of course, the same information is also available at the Listers Office. We are always happy to see you!

Rockingham Board of Listers: The Listers office is on the third floor of the Town Hall. The Listers are in the office to conduct general business on Monday through Thursday from 9:00 am to 12:00-noon. Phone: (802) 463-1229

Email: listers@rockbf.org.

This year's Board of Listers consists of Paul Noble (Chairman), Michael Stack, and Tad Dedrick

PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT REPORT

The Planning & Zoning Department comprises a professional planner and fourteen citizen planners who serve on the Planning Commission and the Development Review Board. We are also supported by the Windham Regional Commission, the Rockingham Selectboard, and participating landowners/residents. These partnerships are essential as we approve land development and maintain the Town's plans and land use regulations.

2022 was a frenetic year. Housing purchases and new construction continues at a pace. Even the unprecedented inflation levels failed to deter new property owners from home improvement projects. We are still working with new residents who purchase homes 'sight unseen'. This demographic shift is occurring statewide, and community planners are only beginning to comprehend its inevitable impacts. What has become evident is that the current housing crisis has been fueled by a larger pool of individuals attempting to purchase a diminishing inventory of available housing. This is only expected to get worse in the next couple of years.

Development Review-Residents and businesses have contacted our office and received feedback before submitting an official application. We strongly encourage all applicants to contact us early to develop a zoning application together. This is especially true for development proposals with complicated engineering, planning, and permitting requirements and can benefit from early input.

The great majority of applications can be handled administratively, which means the applicant works with planning staff who issue the permit. We made every effort to issue permit approvals promptly. Staff approved a total of 49 permits. No permits were denied.

Some applications are sophisticated enough that the Development Review Board can only approve them. This process involves a public meeting, hearing testimony, and a written decision. In 9 meetings, the Development Review Board reviewed 17 applications involving zoning, subdivision, administrator appeal, and sketch plan. In 2022, two zoning applications were denied, the rest were approved.

One-stop development review and approval-The Planning & Zoning Department continues to review and coordinate the approval of highway access permits, excavation/work within the public right-of-way permits, and water/sewer connection permits. This is an essential service to ensure departmental coordination and the timely approval of work. Often these permits are issued in conjunction with zoning permits.

Enforcement-Zoning enforcement is a rewarding job. We sometimes see violations firsthand but more often depend upon input from neighbors and active community members. We only issue a zoning violation after all other avenues to achieve voluntary compliance have been fully exhausted. Our goal when addressing a violation is to promote positive, respectful, and voluntary steps that achieve timely and sustained compliance. If zoning violations exist, especially those that negatively impact neighbors, we strongly encourage you to contact us early. We process zoning violation complaints promptly and when necessary, with complete confidentiality.

Flood Hazard Planning-All development located in flood-prone areas is strictly regulated by the state and federal government. The Town chooses to comply with these standards so that all landowners can participate in the National Flood Insurance Program. Even a development that does not require a town zoning permit (e.g., a small fence) might need a permit if it is in a flood-prone area. If you want to build anything anywhere near a river or stream, please call us, and we will help you navigate the process.

Town Plan update- The Rockingham Planning Commission is finishing the update of the Town Plan. The draft town plan is now entering its last phases of completion with maps and graphics being added to support the text. Public hearings are being scheduled this winter.

Please come by! The Planning & Zoning office is on the 3rd-floor in the conference room. We still have an open-door policy and want to help all those interested in developing their property. We are available to give advice, help develop applications, and provide everyone with an efficient path to obtaining their permits. Please stop by; we want to work with you!

Copies of the Town Plan, Zoning Bylaw, Flood Hazard Area Bylaw, and the Subdivision Regulations are available at www.rockinghamvt.org. Application forms for various permits are also available on the website or contact us directly at planning@rockbf.org.

Submitted by: Charles Wise

ROCKINGHAM RECYCLING CENTER & TRANSFER STATION

We are open Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

We accept household trash, yard debris, food scraps, construction, scrap material and we are now a collection site for Rich Earth Institute's urine recycling program. Free electronic recycling is available throughout the State. We accept televisions, stereos, computers, monitors, and printers.

If you are interested in home composting, contact the Southern Windsor/Windham Counties Solid Waste Management District at www.vtsolidwastedistrict.org 802-674-9235

To dispose of materials not accepted here, contact VT Environmental Assistance 800-974-9559

You can purchase tickets and permits (Permits are free to Rockingham residents) at the Town Clerk's office. Household trash tickets are \$2 each.

Single bag Prices: 13 gallon \$2, 30 gallon \$4, 42 gallon \$6, 4 or more bags must be weighed.

We are putting up a new shed this year for tires and food scraps and I would like to thank our workers for a great job; it's been a great year at the Recycling Center.

Larry White

ROCKINGHAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION (RCC) & ROCKINGHAM ENERGY COMMISSION (REC)

SUBMITTED BY MIKE GHIA, RCC CHAIR AND PETER BERGSTROM, REC CHAIR

Rockingham Conservation Commission Activities:



Fig. 1 Barrett (right) showing how to install a bluebird nest box, 4-21-22.

- RCC member Peter Bergstrom worked with Margaret Van den Bergh, RCC members Alex Barrett and Christine Armiger & Vermont Academy (VA) students to build and install 32 bluebird nest boxes in Saxtons River in April-May 2022. (Fig. 1) The pieces were cut for an Earth Day workshop on April 21, when VA students assembled them. The locally milled wood was donated by Jon Williams of Best Wood Custom Sawing in Putney, and the nest boxes were designed and placed to attract both Eastern bluebirds and tree swallows, which eat many insects while they are feeding their young. They were placed on the VA campus and in Saxtons River at the Park, Historical Society, Elementary School, and Cemetery.

- Bergstrom surveyed vernal pools in Saxtons River during the amphibian breeding season, looking for mating adults and/or egg masses. He added 2 “confirmed” and 1 “probable” vernal pools to the Vermont Vernal Pool Atlas. All are Class II wetlands that require a 50’ buffer from any permitted disturbance. <https://val.vtecostudies.org/projects/vermont-vernal-pool-atlas/>
- Bergstrom organized a public bird walk at the Bellows Falls Riverfront Park on May 14, 2022, assisted by Jean Cannon. The group of 12 people recorded 30 bird species that morning, including a bald eagle. The park’s bird list now includes 123 species, with 6 species added in 2022. <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L385047>

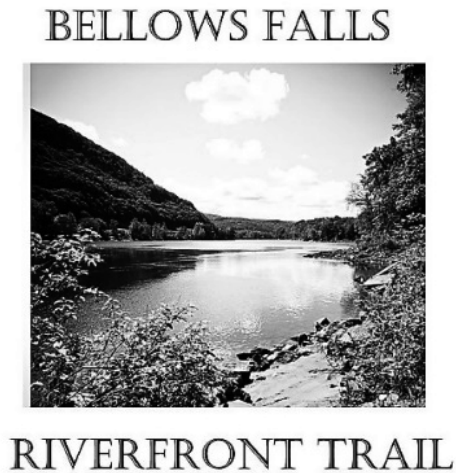


Fig. 2 RCC member Green speaking at the dedication of the new recycling depot.

- Member Laurel Green worked with the Rich Earth Institute to set up a Urine Recycling Depot in Westminster in 2022. The project uses a new shed attached to the main building at the Recycling Center and was dedicated on Sep. 24, 2022 (Fig. 2)

- Green, who leads Sustainable Rockingham, collaborated with Town Manager Scott Pickup, Fire Chief Shaun McGinnis, Rockingham Library Program Director Anne Dempsey and Rockingham Help and Helper leader Lyn Haas to completely revise the town’s Hazard Mitigation Plan. The final version was approved by the State May 2022.
- Two community resilience events happened in the Old Terrace neighborhood in Bellows Falls as part of fulfilling the Hazard Mitigation Action Plan. The events in September and November were presented by Sustainable Rockingham.

- Bergstrom continued to lead the Saxtons River Valley Trail Initiative (SRVTI) together with the Windmill Hill Pinnacle Association, Bellows Falls Historical Society (BFHS), and several other local partners. He decided in October to make the projects of this group part of the new **Rockingham Walk-Bike Committee**, and he was appointed to that committee by the Selectboard. That committee, with concurrence of the (BFHS) agreed to call the whole trail along the Connecticut River the “**Bellows Falls Riverfront Trail**,” and install new signs with that name (Fig. 3).



(Fig.3) Riverfront Park visitors at the kiosk dedication, 6-11-22 (left), and Mock-up of new trail sign (right).

Main projects in 2022 were:

- The Bellows Falls Historical Society (BFHS) installed three **trailside interpretive panels in the Riverfront Park** to describe the park’s history and trails, with assistance from Bergstrom. Two of the panels are on the two sides of the trail head kiosk that was installed in December 2021, and one is on a low, angled “wayside” frame that can be read by wheelchair users, near the base of the Poets Seat (Fig. 3).



Fig. 3 VA students & faculty removing knotweed, 9-21-22. Fig. 5 Compass School students & faculty removal 9-29-22.

- Continuing the **mechanical knotweed control** along the planned trail that we started in 2019. Summer knotweed control in 2022 was done by volunteers organized and led by Bergstrom. He led knotweed work sessions on 9/4 (VA students & faculty, 13 people), 9/21 (VA students & faculty, 7 people), 9/29 (Compass School students & faculty, 10 people), and 10/1 (community volunteers, 4 people). See **Figs. 4-5** above.
- The remaining funds from a 2019 grant from the Claremont Savings Bank for knotweed control will be used to **buy shovels & loppers to use on future workdays**, and to pay part of the cost of new trail marker signs (Fig. 3). Knotweed control along the trail by volunteers will continue in 2023; contact Bergstrom if you’d like to help.

- Rockingham Development Director Gary Fox, with assistance from Bergstrom, submitted an Enhancement of Recreation Stewardship and Access (**ERSA**) **grant** proposal in late 2021. We did not receive funding, and they suggested that we needed to show more community support in future proposals to get funding. Making the trail a project of the Walk-Bike Committee will help demonstrate that support. Fox wrote and submitted another grant proposal in late 2022 to the VTrans **Transportation Alternatives (TA) program** titled “Bellows Falls Riverfront Trail Scoping,” requesting \$50,000 for detailed engineering, surveying, and permitting for building about 1,650 feet of the trail from the end of Mill Street to the end of Paper Mill Road. The town has approved the required \$10,000 local match.



Figure 4 Map of 8 of the 10 local trails that will be described at the public meeting on 1-11-23.

- Bergstrom worked with the Walk-Bike Committee to prepare for a public meeting about local hiking and biking trails planned for January 11, 2023 at the Rockingham Library. He prepared a slide show for that meeting describing 10 local trail networks, including the Bellows Falls Riverfront Trail. (Fig. 6)

RCC members in 2022 were Mike Ghia, Chair; Peter Bergstrom; Laurel Green; Alex Barrett; and Christine Armiger.

SRVTI participants in 2022 included Peter Bergstrom and Bob Gay, co-chairs: Cathy Bergmann; Gary Fox; Jennifer Waite; Berta Martin; Alex Barrett; and Duane Case.

ROCKINGHAM ENERGY COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES:



- We recruited seven local Electric Vehicle (EV) owners to be in the Saxtons River 4th of July parade (Fig. 7) and had a booth at the parade with information about Window Dressers. Several EV owners parked after the parade to display their cars and answer questions.

Figure 5 Electric vehicles in the 2022 Saxtons River 4th of July parade.

- We organized and led a 6-day **community workshop in October 2022 to build 230 inside storm windows for 28 local households in the “Window Dressers” program.** A team of two “measurers” visited all homes to measure windows for the inserts. About half of the inserts were provided free to low-income households, and the other customers paid about \$40-60 per window for, which was the cost of materials. Part of the cost of the free inserts was covered by a Grow Grant that Bergstrom wrote. St. Charles Catholic Church generously provided their Social Hall for the workshops. Several of the customers reported an immediate reduction in drafts and increase in comfort after they installed their inserts. We plan to hold another Window Dressers workshop in Fall 2023; contact Bergstrom if you want to get inserts.
- We started discussions with Manager Scott Pickup and Bellows Falls Village President Deb Wright about **adding rooftop solar panels** to buildings owned by the municipalities.
- We planned some energy outreach events for 2023, including **another EV event, and one displaying electric lawn and garden tools.**
- REC member Guy Payne continued on the Planning Commission, and he led an effort to **revise the Energy Chapter of the Town Plan**, which is now done. He will start working soon on turning that chapter into a Town Energy Plan.

REC members in 2021 were Peter Bergstrom, Chair; Laurel Green; Guy Payne; and Kelley Tully. Duane Case assisted with some projects.

The Rockingham Conservation Commission (RCC) and the Rockingham Energy Committee (REC) are both looking for volunteers to assist in our efforts. Please contact:

Mike Ghia (802) 869-1214 or rockinghamconservation@gmail.com

Peter Bergstrom (802) 869-1020 or pwbergstrom@gmail.com

ROCKINGHAM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT

July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022



It is my pleasure (and relief) to provide this annual report to the Town of Rockingham on the activities of its public library. My pleasure because it is always a pleasure to represent the library; and my relief because the library was open to residents for the duration of the period of this report. In fact, the library had just reopened to the public the month previous—June 2021—after an extended closure due to the pandemic.

It is also my pleasure to submit this report because it encompasses the time period when I started as library director. Having now been at the library and in the area for a little more than a year, I can report that the library is doing very well, having recovered from the impact of the pandemic, re-engaging with the residents of the community in both traditional and new ways, and re-imagining the ways in which the Rockingham Free Public Library can serve the public.

While some activities took time to recover following the residents return to the building, other services bounced back immediately. For example, July 2021 saw the highest monthly circulation of books for the year (1,917 checkouts). Computer use, on the other hand, had the lowest number for the year in July 2021.

Events and programming, which had been conducted on Zoom during the pandemic and had been popular throughout, continued along a similar trend until returning to the building about halfway through the fiscal year. Combining all events, the library held or hosted 142 events between July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2022, drawing an attendance of 2,046.

Programming Highlights-2021's Summer Reading Program—which kicked off fiscal year 2022—included a slightly scaled-down version that was still wildly popular with local youth. Activities included Modern Times Theater, Southern Vermont Natural History Museum, Storyteller Michael Caduto, and the Twelfth (!!) Annual Stuffed Animal Sleepover.

In September, the Mills of Bellows Falls Walk & Talk was held in the old mill district, beginning at the Adams Gristmill. Former Bellows Falls resident and current SUNY history professor David Deacon led the discussion.

In October, Dan Jaffe Wilder gave a presentation entitled Building Resilient Landscapes. Wilder is the author and photographer of Native Plants for New England Gardens who specializes in native plant ecology, habitat construction, and native edible landscapes.

In November, architectural restorer Dr. Susan Buck presented Rockingham Meeting House Paint Analysis, in which she offered new details about the paint and finish used on the Meeting House over the centuries. Among other information, she reported that the building was painted a deep red with cream-colored trim following a 1798 town meeting in which funds were raised to paint the Meeting House.

Also in November, The Vermont Humanities Council sponsored its annual Vermont Reads program, which featured the young adult book *We Contain Multitudes* by Sarah Henstra. Programming partners included BFUHS, Compass School, Flat Iron Coop, Greater Falls Connections, Parks Place, and Friends for Change. In February, the Youth Department hosted Winter Reading Bingo Blackout. Local youth (up to grade 6) read books across different categories as they complete their bingo cards at their own pace, and then select from a group of free books to keep once they complete their card.

Also in February, local expert Gail Golec gave a presentation titled “Interpreting Historical Landscapes in the Upper Connecticut River Valley,” which drew 79 attendees and included a lively discussion.

In March, Rich Holschuh presented a program titled “The Great Falls and Abenaki Relationship with Place,” done in collaboration with Walter Wallace and John Leppman of the Rockingham Historic Preservation Commission.

Also in March, in recognition of Women’s History Month, Elayne Clift presented “Hidden Women: Contributions to Healthcare, War and Resistance, Literature, and Leadership,” which showcased women who had made important contributions in medicine (including indigenous healing), wartime fighters and peace activists, truth-tellers, and other leaders.

In May, Dr. Michael J. Fuller, Professor Emeritus of Anthropology at St. Louis Community College, presented on petroglyphs. Later that month, University of Vermont faculty member Dr. Josef Gorres discussed the jumping worm invasion and possible ways to manage and mitigate the problem.

Grant-Funded Activities

The library received two significant grants in fiscal year 2022: the American Rescue Plan Act and the Vermont Afterschool Program.

The library received \$7,773.93 from the American Rescue Plan Act, and used that money to upgrade patron computers and purchase a projector to improve equipment for programming, among other things.

The library was awarded \$26,700 from Vermont Afterschool through the Afterschool and Summer Expanding Access Grant. That grant supports the library’s Biblio Bike program, which is funded for fiscal year 2023 and 2024, and which we will report about in next year’s annual report to the Town!



Annual Statistic

Physical Items Checked Out	20865	Summer Reading Program: Programs	33
New Titles Added	2587	Summer Reading Program: Attendance	968
Total Books in Collection	43096	Summer Reading Program: Books Read	2070
Audio Books Streamed	4415	Summer Reading Program: Teen Hours Read	144
Inter-Library Loan	2725	Public Computer Use	1631
New Library Cards	172	Website Traffic	43551

ROCKINGHAM RECREATION DEPARTMENT

What a great year we had! The town was ready to get back to normal which led to a fantastic summer! We had a hot one too which we served over 1000 swimmers to beat the heat in that 2-week heat wave. Everything went well and lots of fun was had by all, if you would like information, please stop by the Center or visit www.rockinghamvt.org under Recreation Dept. or call 802-463-9732.

- We had great fall, spring, winter, and summer programs with many more swimmers than the year before and our summer camp was open and packed all summer long, kids in grades k-6 played basketball again, girls played fall field hockey, and we had good numbers for softball for grades 3-6! We also had some great family Bingo nights with lots of free prizes! Coed adult volleyball returned in the winter and 6 teams played Tuesday and Thursday nights.
- The Rec's annual Carnival was back on and what a great turnout we had this year!!! Over a 100 people came and took turns at two bounce houses, face paintings, and many more games that were provided for the kids. Thanks for everyone that came out and enjoyed the fun night!
- Fall Sports went well, we were able to hold our field hockey program this fall. We provide field hockey for children in grades K-6th and had close to 60 players this year. Big Thanks goes out to Bethany Coursen and Her Team for providing a safe activity for our girls in the community.
- The ski tow was open for the winter, but snow was lacking even for sledding; fingers crossed for late winter snow. The ice rink was a blast and a cold spell in January kept the rink open from 8am - 9pm.
- The Rec's Annual Easter Egg Hunt was back on and we had a big turnout this spring even with the rain; nearly 100 kids met the Easter Bunny and found 2000 eggs and 1 lucky golden egg.

Please visit our website www.rockinghamvt.org and Like us Facebook at Rockingham Recreation for updates on upcoming events or programs. **The Rec is open year-round.**

Open: Monday – Friday 3 -5 pm and closed on Weekends for off-season hours
During school vacations: open 12 pm - 5pm
Summer Hours are 10 am to 7 pm Monday-Friday and weekends 12 -5 pm



Rockingham Recreation and Pool



Lifeguard Jaxon Clark



Youth Basketball



Rockingham Youth Softball #1

Anyone interested in volunteering for any programs or helping coach any sports please contact Ryan at the Rec Center. **Call 802-463-9732 to book birthday parties** during the week and weekends

Thanks, Ryan Stoodley, Parks and Recreation Director recreation@rockbf.org

ROCKINGHAM VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Rockingham Volunteer Fire Dept. has had a busy year in 2022 with still two weeks to go, we have responded to 270 calls. We also responded to 8 service calls to assist community members with Misc. problems. We will likely see an increase in calls of 18% by years end. Motor Vehicle accidents are up this year, thankfully with the safety improvements many were without injury.

In addition to the 1260 Man Hours, calls members put many hours of their own time into training and meetings to better serve our community.

The Fire Dept. would like to thank the community for their continued support, and we welcome anyone interested in joining us to reach out. We can always use more help.

Contact: Chief Kevin Kingsbury rvfd@rockbf.org

Calls	Quantity	Man Hours
EMS	138	294
Brush Fires	4	133
Illegal Burns	6	43
MVA	54	312.5
Structure Fires	3	273.5
Tree/Wires	8	37
Fire Alarm/CO	13	32
Vehicle Fire	1	3
Chimney Fire	1	3
Dryer Fire	1	5
Propane Tank explosion	1	6
Mutual Aide Provided	20	50
Misc Calls	12	50
Service Calls	8	18
Totals	270	1260

SUMMARY OF FREDERICK K. CHAMPAGNE TRUST

I, (We) the trustees of public funds for the Town of Rockingham, trustee of the above-named trust estate account to the court as provided in this summary and the schedules attached hereto for the period 07/01/2021 to 06/30/2022.

Total from Inventory or pervious accounting	\$3,595.04
Other Receipts	\$0.00
Net gain (or loss) on sales or other disposition	\$2,737.40
Distributions	<u>\$3,707.35</u>
Balance:	\$2,625.07

The foregoing is a just and true account balance.

Subscribed and sworn to this 6th day of July 2022

Before Me, Kathleen K Neathawk
(Trustee)

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT 2022

These are challenging times for clerks with the elections being so contentious. I am happy to have a new Assistant Clerk whom I am pretty sure will stay longer than 1 year. Mary Moore joined the clerk's office on February 14, 2022 and has been a blessing. The day-to-day business of the office remains the same with the sale of transfer station coupons, dog licenses, marriage licenses, cemetery lots, recorded copies, auto registration renewals and copies of vital records. We have our land records online now back to 1980 which is a tremendous help to title searchers. Soon I hope to have all Property Transfer Tax Return's (PTTR) online as well. We also recently worked with DiBernardo and Associates to put our survey maps on the computer. We have paid for these upgrades through our "Restoration and Preservation Funds" and not with taxpayer dollars. The extra \$4.00 per page for recording gets restricted for these purposes.

As always, we appreciate and are thankful for the support of our taxpayers, our Select Board, our BCA and all those we work with in Town Hall. We will continue to do the best job possible in serving our community.

ANNUAL RABIES CLINIC AND DOG LICENSING

The Rockingham Veterinary Clinic, Dr. Vincent DiBernardo, will conduct our annual rabies clinic which will be held Saturday, **March 18, 2023** from 10:30a.m. to noon at the **Bellows Falls Fire Station at 170 Rockingham Street**. The rabies fee will be the same as last year, **\$15.00 (subject to change)**. All dogs and wolf-hybrids over 3 months of age shall be vaccinated against rabies. Within 9 to 12 months of the initial vaccination, the animal must receive a booster vaccination. All subsequent vaccinations shall be valid for 3 years (Section 1 20 V.S.A. § 3581(e) (A)).

The clerks will also be at the clinic to license dogs. All dogs and wolf-hybrids must be licensed by April 1st, annually, and a current rabies vaccination certificate is needed before a dog license can be issued. **After April 1st, there is a late fee.**

DOG REGISTRATION FEE ON OR BEFORE APRIL 1

Neutered/Spayed \$14.00

Not Neutered/Spayed \$18.00

WITH LATE FEE AFTER APRIL 1

Neutered/Spayed \$16.00

Not Neutered/Spayed \$22.00

If you no longer have your dog, or are moving out of town, please call the clerk's office (802-463-4336) to let us know so we can delete your dog's record from our computer system, Otherwise, you will get a reminder notice or delinquent notice. We have no way of knowing if you have moved, if your pet has died or has been given away to someone else if you don't notify us.

REVENUE

LIQUOR LICENSES

\$2,210.00

AUTO RENEWALS

87 Renewals @ \$ 3.00= \$261.00

DOG LICENSES

300 Dogs Licensed= \$1500.00

VITALS FILED

Births	15
Deaths	54
Marriages	26

To our taxpayers, thanks for your support.

Kathleen Neathawk, Town Clerk

Mary Moore Asst. Clerk

Town Clerk's Office is on the second floor of Town Hall, Open Monday-Thursday, 7 a.m. to 4:30 pm

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE ROCKINGHAM WALK-BIKE COMMITTEE

The Walk-Bike Committee was authorized as a volunteer advisory group by the Rockingham Selectboard in February 2022 and began meeting in May 2022. The intent of our members is to advocate for pedestrian and bicyclist safety and to ensure that planning and development in Rockingham—along with maintenance of roads and sidewalks—addresses the needs of anyone who chooses to walk or bike. In our first 8 months, we have

- contributed ideas to the Transportation and Recreation sections of the current Town Plan
- arranged the placement of a previously stored bike rack in a parking space on the Square
- won approval for the purchase and Spring 2023 installation of new U-shaped racks for the parking lot behind Hetty Green Park
- won approval for the pedestrian zone on the west side of Rockingham Street between the Legion Hall and Walgreens to be painted red in Spring 2023
- worked with the Rockingham Development Office to submit a feasibility grant to VTrans for an accessible extension of the Bellows Falls Riverfront Trail along the Connecticut River to the former Liberty Mill
- kept informed of state projects in our area (for example, bridge construction, state roads) so that we can give timely input
- hosted a public meeting on January 11, 2023, with speakers from area-wide organizations interested in connecting walkable and bikeable routes throughout the region.

Our plans for the upcoming year include:

- host an electric bike tryout program
- advocate for improvements to the pedestrian/bike routes and crossings in Bellows Falls
- consider signage or other solutions to road-sharing on Rte 121 between Bellows Falls and Saxtons River.

We will be most effective with input from the people on foot and on bikes. Our agendas and minutes are posted on the Rockingham website, and meetings are accessible through Zoom. We look forward to expanding our work and our committee membership in 2023.

submitted December 22, 2022

Committee Members

Marsha Stern, Chair
marshacar@gmail.com

Bonnie Anderson

Peter Bergstrom

Richard Cowan (Selectboard liaison)

Stanley Talstra



BF COMMUNITY BIKE PROJECT - 2022

As the BF Community Bike Project nears its 10th anniversary, our Board and Staff would like to thank the residents of Rockingham for your continued support of our work.

Our mission is to provide the Greater Falls community a space for all to access affordable bicycles, learn bike repair and safe riding skills. Our vision is a flourishing culture of bicycling, as a means of alternative transportation, self-sufficiency and overall wellness.

Your support helps us to continue as a year-round resource for all ages and allows us to serve the community straight through the Winter.

Among the many bikes that passed through our doors to be refurbished, nearly two dozen were donated to area refugees, asylum seekers and local citizens in need.

We worked with the Town Selectboard to create the Rockingham Walk-Bike Committee, to focus on improving local infrastructure for bicycles and pedestrians.

Thanks to our volunteers, many local Seniors enjoyed another season of fresh air rides around the community in our Duet Wheelchair Bike.

We installed an Outdoor Community Work Station (built locally by Frank the Welder), so now we can now offer 24/7 public access to a tire pump and basic repair tools!

We continue to inspire and provide advice to the budding non-profit bike projects in Springfield and Brattleboro, both of which aim to serve youth and adults in need of transportation. The latter group seeks to pattern itself after the BF Community Bike Project. We would love to see a community bike shop in every town!

The Bike Project is seeking level funding of \$5000 for 2023. We hope you will support our work once again!

If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please email info@bfbike.org

Visit us at www.bfbike.org

Submitted by Bonnie Anderson, Founding Director

BELLOWS FALLS DOWNTOWN (BFDDA)



PO Box 924 Bellows Falls, VT 05101

www.bellowsfallsvt.org 802.460-2333

The Bellows Falls Downtown Development Alliance (BFDDA) began in 1999 and our Downtown Designation enables historic tax credits to property owners for rehabilitation, façade and code improvements within the Downtown District. This year \$93K in tax credit awards will bring \$184K in investment to sprinkler system upgrades to 5 Canal Street and 20 The Square. These system upgrades are a lasting asset improvement, increasing the property value of the building stock. Without the Downtown Designated tax credits, many property owners would not be able to invest in these historical and essential buildings in our rural "city center".

Thanks to the Development Office from 2020 onwards, BFDDA has leveraged grant awards of \$45K+. This matches the last three years of taxpayer investment, resulting in a 1-to-1 match of state and federal awards for Town and Village Funding. The awards we received from the Community Development Block Grants and a Regional Marketing Grant paid to advertise our first "Light Up BF" and the Bellows Falls Parade of Lights; add additional lighting throughout the Square, Canal and Rockingham Streets, and maintain the decorated trees and festival lights over the street for future enjoyment.

In 2022, we attended workshops and the annual retreat that had been cancelled since COVID, thanks to our friends at the Rockingham Arts & Museum Project (RAMP). We continue to work with our non-profits and merchants on events and promotions, we have 2.5K Facebook followers and many posts have reached over 10,000 likes.

Our Board is growing and we welcome new member's; Abbie Garrett (M&T Bank) and Alicia Thomas (TD Bank) with continued weekly support and enthusiasm from President, Emmett Dunbar (SEVCA), Vice President Debra Collier (Chamber), Secretary Elijah Zimmer (Chair of Design Committee, Windham Antique Center and Selectboard), Treasurer Pat Fowler (Chair of Promotions Committee, Village Square Booksellers, Friends of the Library) and Business members Jesi Bashaw (Cota & Cota), Marsha Austin (Halladay's Flowers & Gifts), Gary Fox (Rockingham Development Director); Committee members; Jon Midura, Michael Bruno (Windham Antique Center), Alain Martinez (Wunderbar) and Deborah Wright (Village President).

Thanks to our 100+ volunteers we have organized and marketed "Keep BF Beautiful" with volunteer clean-ups, the addition of planters in the square, and "Light Up BF" with lights and garland to the lamp posts. We continue securing grants and have expanded "Shop Local" to the surrounding area, including Saxtons River, Grafton, and Westminster. The Shop Local program alone accounts for more than 250 hours of volunteer time to administer and count the important data we collect for our business community. (Data results example.: *1/3 of customers are our supportive neighbors in NH*). If these were paid hours, this one successful marketing campaign would cost over \$3,500. Last year, \$550K was spent locally, this year we anticipate \$800K!

We have secured successful Fundraisers, Thank you to all who support BFDDA!

- \$750 on donations through Advertising contracts for BFDDA members at the Opera House and T-shirt sales online at Clever Cow Designs. Find link at bellowsfallsvt.org
- "I Heart BF" Stickers for sale at Village Square Bookseller, Halladay's & Flat Iron for \$5
- Elijah Zimmer donated \$1,500 from his Birthday fundraiser on Facebook
- We leveraged over \$1,500 for planters and Keep BF Beautiful projects
- The 2nd annual Parade of Lights Parade of Lights Committee raised \$1,000 in donations. **Thank you Donovan's** for your Donation to buy vests and Iron Kettle Farm for Santa!
- For the 3rd year, we have received \$250 grant support from NH Charitable Foundation

In January, we will receive consumer/ tourist-based market data paid for by a grant from the State with useful information to use on future grant applications for the Town and by our business owners on advertising dollars.

This type of collaborative and statewide scope that we are harnessing makes Bellows Falls, Rockingham and Saxtons River a great place to live, work and play, because a vibrant Downtown, benefits everyone. BFDDA requests **\$2,500** additional funding to increase the growth capacity for the Downtown in FY2024.

On behalf of the entire Board and our volunteers, we thank the Town for its continued support!
Betsy Thurston, Executive Director bfdda1@gmail.com

BELLOWS FALLS SENIOR CENTER

It has been another exciting and successful year for the Center!

A daily average of 47 Meals-on-Wheels and 15 congregate meals were served which translates into 16,000+ meals for the year. Our dedicated volunteers donated over 2700 hours of in-kind service.

Activities and services remained constant. The center hosts six Bone Builders courses weekly, taught by GMRSVP volunteers. We now offer three weekly Tai Chi for Fall Prevention classes. Ongoing activities also include Bingo, Cribbage, Card Games, Knit & Stitch, Line Dancing, and a full circuit gym. Special events include numerous 3Squares, fuel assistance and Vermont Foodbank presentations. We held monthly day trips, birthday celebrations, art instruction classes, live music events and well attended holiday luncheons. Major improvements this year included a new kitchen sink, and a new mini split unit.

Our major fundraising efforts included the Annual Appeal Letter. This year we are excited to resume our Holiday Bazaar in December.

The Bellows Falls Area Senior Center would like to request level funding in the amount of \$21,384.00 from the Town of Rockingham.

We do not charge any membership fees. Our local seniors are free to take part in any of our numerous activities. Because of your generosity and ongoing support, the center can continue its mission of serving our senior community.

With appreciation, Teagen Kosut, Executive Director

CONNECTICUT RIVER JOINT COMMISSIONS (CRJC)

The Connecticut River Joint Commissions (CRJC) is a bi-state organization dedicated to helping preserve the visual, ecological, and working landscape of the Connecticut River Valley while encouraging and maintaining economic viability throughout.

Guided by this mission, the CRJC strives to help guide proposed watershed activities by initiating, reviewing, and commenting on a wide variety of projects and regulatory proposals such as shoreland protection, energy issues and clean water initiatives. While the Vermont and New Hampshire Commissioners and the local representatives focus on independent activities, they are all united in a shared regard and reverence for the Connecticut River, the surrounding landscape, and the regional ecosystem. This spirit allows them to appreciate successes over the past century, and to identify and share efforts for responsible stewardship into the future.



Ashley Ferry Boat Landing, Claremont, NH, 2022

With its full commissions board and its five Local River Subcommittees (LRS), more than 60 volunteers regularly engaged in the CRJC mission during Fiscal Year 2022 (FY22) or July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. Commissioners work of FY22 was informed by the CRJC's longstanding Connecticut River Corridor Management Plan, its current 2020-2025 Strategic Plan, and 30 years of experience. Commissioners prioritized a full review of organizational functioning, as well as advance bi-state interaction, especially on water quality. During FY22 the CRJC Commissioners specifically engaged in the following activities through research and proactive engagement of local and state stakeholders from both states:

- Water quality conditions and data gaps of the Connecticut River
- FERC hydro-power dam relicensing for the Vernon, Bellows Falls, and Wilder stations
- Climate migration in the Connecticut River Valley
- Series of virtual expert presentations on watershed management topics for CRJC Commissioners, local representatives, and the public
- Public meeting laws that support CRJC functioning as a bi-state organization that convenes representatives from 53 riverfront communities

CRJC Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2022 or July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022

We are pleased that both Vermont and New Hampshire have again agreed to fund and sustain the CRJC as we move forward on this array of projects. State funding allows the CRJC to consistently serve communities of the Valley. The CRJC continues to value connection, advocacy, and mutual support, and is dedicated to elevating collective efforts and collaborating with partners. The CRJC acknowledges the funding assistance of the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation and the Vermont LaRosa Partnership to advance water quality monitoring in the Connecticut River during the 2021 and 2022 seasons.

In the coming year, the CRJC will:

- Continue to make improvements for accessible and informative communications
- Convene bi-state staff and stakeholders to discuss collaborative management of the Valley around topics; local business, local government, agriculture, riverfront landowners, recreation, and conservation
- Advance activities on water quality priorities with state partners and each LRS
- Convene stakeholders to gather input for the Tactical Basin Plans in Vermont
- Produce a New Hampshire Biennial LRS report

The following individuals comprised the Executive Committee of the Joint Commissions for FY22: Steve Lembke, President (VT); Jennifer Griffin, Vice President (NH); Ted Cooley, Secretary (NH); Jason Rasmussen, Treasurer (VT); Ken Hastings (NH); and Marie Caduto (VT).

If you would like more information on any of our projects, or if you are interested in assisting us, please e-mail us at info@crjc.org.

For general information on the CRJC see <https://www.crjc.org/>

Giving voice to New England's great river New Hampshire - Connecticut River Valley Resource Commission
Vermont - Connecticut River Watershed Advisory Commission

GREATER FALLS COMMUNITY JUSTICE CENTER

Thank you so much for appropriating \$3,000 to the Greater Falls Community Justice Center in 2022!

In 2022, we were able to use these funds to continue our online Parenting with Respect course for fathers and contribute to completing a mural designed by local artist Mark Ragonese painted by some of these fathers and their children, as well as some Afghani women muralists who now live in the area. This mural, that looks like a tree with the word GROW at the bottom will go up on the old fire station in the Village of Bellows Falls. This also supports our work to lead restorative practices training in area schools, and our Village Square office overhead.

We are asking for the same amount for 2023.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Ungerleider". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Thank you for your ongoing generous support!

John Ungerleider, Ed.D. –

Executive Director **Greater Falls Community Justice
Center** 39 Village Square Bellows Falls, VT 05101

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Greater Falls **CONNECTIONS**

Greater Falls Connections (GFC) is a substance misuse prevention organization whose mission is to connect the community of Windham Northeast by inspiring and empowering people through education and collaboration to promote wellness and prevent the abuse of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs, with an emphasis on youth substance use prevention. Located in Bellows Falls, we serve the towns of Athens, Grafton, Rockingham, and Westminster. GFC's membership includes more than 200 community members, social service providers, law enforcement, business owners, school staff, youth, and others who care about our community and our kids.

2021-2022 Highlights:

Increasing Youth Peer Supports: In the last year, GFC worked closely with Friends for Change Youth Club (a program of Youth Services of Windham County) to help secure funding and ensure that youth and young adults from diverse backgrounds have a safe place to go where they can have fun and connect with peers and supportive adults. Through this program, youth find powerful peer connections with other youth who experience some form of adversity due to their identities-LGBTQ+, racial identity, neurodiversity, or generational trauma or poverty.



Photo above: Members of Friends for Change (a program partnership with Youth Services of Windham County) enjoying nature and outdoor explorations.

GFC secured funding to create Passion Empowered Projects, which allows FFC youth to explore and implement a project that they're passionate about and that helps the community in some way, via a paid mini-internship. Funding was also secured to develop a mental health- focused youth Intentional Peer Support curriculum.

Trauma & Adverse Childhood Experiences: GFC is continuing to do work around generational trauma through a federal Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act Local Drug Crisis Grant. Core activities have addressed and reduced the impacts of Adverse Childhood Experiences, including providing training and technical assistance to employers and other agencies and reducing service barriers for youth and families impacted by trauma and substance misuse.

LGBTQ+: GFC has begun work with the LGBTQ+ community including work with the Gay Straight Alliance groups in local schools as well as planning training for early childhood education centers to provide training to help them be more aware of how to be more inclusive with LGBTQ+ parents and students with our partner Think Again Training.

Tobacco Cessation: This past summer, recovery coaches Michelle Greene and Taysa Lynch, both from Turning Point Recovery Center of Springfield (TPRC), participated in tobacco cessation training to become cessation coaches. The skills and information will help them be better able to assist those they work with not only with their substance abuse recovery but also with tobacco cessation.



Opioid Response & Overdose

Prevention: In addition to increasing access to Narcan and harm reduction services, GFC continues to provide support and assistance for TPRC's satellite office at Parks Place Community Resource Center. GFC recently received a grant to support those who have experienced stigma around their substance use abuse and recovery.

Brett Ann Stanciu (center) shared her story and book about opioid addiction and healing with community members in mid-November. The event was sponsored by GFC, Rockingham Free Public Library, Turning Point Recovery Center of Springfield, Greater Falls Community Justice Center, and Village Square Booksellers

Thank you to the voters of the Town of Rockingham for supporting Greater Falls Connections and being part of the solution. If you want to get more involved, contact us through our website greaterfallsconnections.org or call 802-463-9927, ext. 208.

We have a very active Facebook page that provides the most up-to-date information on our programs and activities -look for "Greater Falls Connections".

Feel free to come by our offices at Parks Place any time!

Respectfully submitted,

GFC's Community Advisory Board Members-

Shelby Bixler

Michelle Bos-lun

Katrina Bostwick

Sam Howard

Lama Tomas O'Flaherty

Doreen Stoodley

Staff-

Neil Allen

Laura Schairbaum

Deb Witkus



GREEN MOUNTAIN RSVP- ROCKINGHAM ANNUAL REPORT FY 2022

Green Mountain RSVP (GMRSPV), an AmeriCorps Seniors program, is for people age 55 and older who volunteer in their community. GMRSPV helps local non-profit organizations by recruiting and matching volunteers engaging them in the service of others and helping community partners meet their mission.

Your town's funds help us continue supporting and developing programs for older adults who wish to volunteer. Federal funds from the AmeriCorps Seniors Program cover our staff and administrative costs. GMRSPV serves Bennington, Windham, and Windsor Counties.

GMRSPV provides exercise programs, outreach and education about volunteering, transportation services, senior programs, fraud awareness, AARP Tax-Aide, and senior meals to the area's residents through the library, town office, and Bellows Falls Area Senior center. The Bone Builders exercise program is provided six times weekly at the senior center. All three classes resumed after the senior center re-opened in July 2021 and the training of two new instructors provides necessary backup and assistance to the existing crew of three. The volunteer instructors receive ongoing training and support, and we provide all the weights free of charge so there is no cost to participants. Please check our class schedules at www.rsvpvt.org/bonebuilders.

GMRSPV also continues to provide two volunteer drivers for Meals on Wheels. GMRSPV. We are still looking for volunteer instructors to train as walking group leaders at the senior center. Local volunteers help with our Sunshine Cards postcard projects which provided area seniors living alone, at housing sites, or receiving meals-on-wheels with handmade postcards and positive messages during the pandemic. GMRSPV staff attends the senior lunch and provides information about volunteer opportunities, online learning programs, and changes to The Moover's Elderly and Disabled ride program.

78% of GMRSPV volunteers continued to serve during the pandemic. Programming pivoted to serve the community and focused on addressing social isolation, wellness, and food insecurity. GMRSPV's recruitment efforts broadened to fill new and existing needs.

Contact Volunteer Coordinator Steve Ovenden in Windham County at (802) 254-7515 to learn more about GMRSPV and how you can volunteer in Rockingham.

HEALTH CARE AND REHABILITATION SERVICES OF SOUTHEASTERN VT

HCRS is a comprehensive community mental health provider serving residents of Windsor and Windham Counties. HCRS assists and advocates for individuals, families, and children who are living with mental illness, developmental disabilities, and substance use issues. HCRS provides these services through outpatient mental health services, alcohol and drug treatment program, community rehabilitation and treatment program, developmental services division, and emergency services programs.

During FY22, HCRS provided 37,383 hours of services to 322 residents of the Town of Rockingham. HCRS requests an appropriation of \$2,700 from the Town of Rockingham at the 2023 Town Meeting to help support same day access to our services for residents of your community.

This funding will support our Access Navigator positions, which allow us to provide mental health and substance abuse support to residents when they need them. Same day access is now more essential than ever due to the increased anxiety experienced by so many during the COVID-19 pandemic. In the year ending June 30, 2022, our agency provided a comprehensive range of community-based services to 3,840 Windsor and Windham count. Services available to the residents of your community include:

Adult Mental Health and Addiction Services: HCRS offers comprehensive services for adults who are experiencing mental health and/or substance use difficulties. These services include assessment of need, treatment, referral services, and limited psychiatric services. HCRS is committed to building on the strengths of the individuals we serve. Our goal is to help clients and their families achieve improved wellness, health, and quality of life while addressing their mental health and substance use needs.

Children, Youth, and Families Program: We provide a comprehensive system of care for youth of all ages who are experiencing emotional, behavioral, developmental, or substance use difficulties in their life, as well as education and support for family members. We offer many services including psychiatry, counseling, case management, respite services, school-based services, behavioral consultation services, summer therapeutic programs, and employment assistance for older youth.

Kindle Farm School: Our alternative school in Newfane serves boys in grades 2 - 12, who are unable to remain in a traditional classroom setting. Kindle Farm uses a unique approach of strong relationships, a low student to staff ratio, and hands-on learning experiences to engage these students, many of whom are able to return to their sending schools after learning new skills.

Developmental Services (DS): The DS program provides services to people with developmental disabilities and their families. Services are available to people of all ages who have been found eligible, and each person served receives an individualized program to meet their unique needs.

Residential Services: HCRS offers residential care including short term crisis stabilization, intensive residential care, and therapeutic community residential services. Each program is specifically designed to offer individuals an appropriate level of care to support their personal recovery and wellness needs.

Emergency Services: This team has a very specific mission to act quickly in critical situations. Specially- trained mental health professionals are available 24 hrs./day for emergencies. Anyone may use this service when a mental health emergency arises including individuals of any age, family or friends of an individual in crisis, hospitals and nursing homes, police, schools, clergy, businesses, and other community agencies.

We thank the Board and the citizens of Rockingham for your past support and for your continued interest in Health Care and Rehabilitation Services of Southeastern Vermont

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

MEETING WATERS YMCA

For the 58th consecutive year, our Y Day Camp program provided 8 weeks of enriching summer camp at our Lewis Day Camp facility in Springfield, with busing from Bellows Falls and several other area locations. 15 Rockingham children attended Y Day Camp an average of 6 weeks each, for a total of 84 camper weeks. 47% of those children received financial assistance to access the summer program at little or no cost to the family. With bussing, our Y Day Camp cares for Rockingham youth from 8-5 every day, a schedule that supports working parents and their employers. Our various bus stops allow parents to choose one where the time and the location work for their schedule. While our bus costs increased significantly in 2022, we know that transportation, like our financial assistance program, is an essential component of "access" to quality licensed summer programs like Y Day Camp. In addition, through our partnership with WNESU Farm to School Cafe, those children who attended received breakfast and lunch each day at no cost. MWYMCA provided additional snacks every afternoon, and through our partnership with Springfield Rotary, weekend food bags were provided to any child who needed them. We are grateful to the citizens of Rockingham for supporting us in our mission. As a community responsive organization since our founding in Bellows Falls in 1895, we continue to look for opportunities to serve the youth and families of Rockingham, including re-establishing our Y-ASPIRE after-school program should the school district decide to partner with us again in the future.

OUR PLACE

Our Place Drop-In Center is happy to accept the \$5000 in assistance offered to our organization this year and find the amount satisfactory. As you likely know, Our Place is a daytime facility that provides nutritious ready to eat prepared meals, as well as supplemental groceries, and other essential needs, in a non-judgmental, safe, and respectful atmosphere.

Our Place serves over 125 freshly prepared meals every day to anyone who asks and provides free supplemental groceries to well over 100 families every month in the community. The clients we serve at Our Place come from many backgrounds and circumstances. A small percentage are homeless or addicted to substance, while many are living on a fixed income due to age, illness, or job loss, while others may be either underemployed or increasingly, working full-time but because of inflation in rent, food, fuel and utilities, have found themselves increasingly short during the month to cover their own expenses and have begun to come to Our Place and facilities like ours to get assistance.

Our Place Drop-In Center is primarily funded by the generosity of our local community, philanthropic grants and through corporate benefactors. We are grateful to all our donors who help us to provide more than 160,000 pounds of food each year to people in our community. Our Place has consistently exceeded its fundraising goals and we have proudly met the increasing need for our services in the community year over year. Our primary mission is to feed anyone who shows up at our door and we have NEVER failed at that mission.

We are grateful for the financial support that the residents of the Town of Rockingham provide to Our Place each year. The five thousand dollars that you provide helps directly in feeding those people in need that live in our local area. Your direct investment in the folks of our community alleviates suffering, comforts many, creates hope, and provides a sense of belonging to those who

often feel forgotten.

We thank the residents of Rockingham for their generosity and kindness in supporting Our Place and the work we do within our shared community.

Gratefully,

David Billings, Executive Director

Our Place is a daytime drop-in center that offers help with food and other essential needs in a non-judgmental, safe and respectful atmosphere. Serving up food and community to the greater Rockingham, Westminster, and Grafton Vermont and Walpole, New Hampshire areas

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PARKS PLACE COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER

In FY22, with your support, Parks Place Community Resource Center was able to remain flexible and offer programming and services to our community that reflected the ever-changing circumstances of living through a global pandemic while simultaneously actively trying to better the lives of people in our surrounding towns and villages.

Our community faces new challenges in accessing the resources they need to make these changes and our most important work here at Parks Place has been to stay ready to meet the community's needs in the face of changing circumstances and new barriers brought on by COVID 19.

Some of our proudest moments in the past year include establishing a virtual meeting computer lab to erase the barrier of low or no WIFI access for meetings with social service agencies. The computer lab has been used multiple times for virtual job interviews, as well, and we're happy to report that several new careers have been launched from the humble halls of Parks Place during this era of constant change and flux.

We were able to continue a fun tradition this year, our Back-to-School Neighborhood Block Party, which kicked off the new school year this past August. We closed down School Street extension on a Saturday afternoon, fired up the Cota & Cota grill with free hotdogs and burgers, and welcomed families to play free carnival games, earn prizes, and interact with more than a dozen community service agencies with potentially life-changing programs. It was a smashing success and hopefully the first of many. FY22 also marked the creation of a holiday toy program at Parks Place. We partnered with neighboring businesses to help bring holiday toys to the hands of community families this winter season.

When our early founders Catherine Davignon, Gloria Dawson, Andy Broderick and founding director Barbara Ternes opened the doors to Parks Place in 1995, their mission was clear--to provide the community a warm, homey space where individuals and families could face their challenges and problems with help from agencies, counselors, and more.

Parks Place Community Resource Center now has more than a quarter of a century, twenty-seven years and counting, of being the hub of the Greater Falls community that provides a place for collaboration, education, problem-solving and horizon expanding for every resident in our surrounding towns and villages.

We've been here the whole time and will continue to be here with your support.
Thank you for letting us do what we do!

With gratitude,
Executive Director Jennifer Tolaro-Heidbrink
Office Manager, Julie Cermola



SENIOR SOLUTIONS

(1-802-885-2669 or 866-673- 8376 toll-free) www.seniorsolutionsvt.org

Senior Solutions, Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont, Inc. has served the residents of Rockingham and Southeastern Vermont since 1973. We have offices in Springfield (main office), Windsor and Brattleboro. Our mission is to promote the well-being and dignity of older adults. Our vision is at every person will age in the place of their choice, with the support they need and the opportunity for meaningful relationships and active engagement in their community.

Our mission and vision have guided us throughout the COVID crisis. All our programs except group wellness and group dining activities have remained operational subject to reasonable precautions. Throughout this public health emergency, we expanded our cohort of volunteers helping people with groceries, food distribution and other needs. We continue to collaborate closely with local aging-in-place, Cares and Mutual Aid groups to help assure needs are being met in local communities.

Supporting caregivers is an important part of our work. We partner with local and statewide organizations to promote and operate programs that provide financial resources, rest, and relief for those taking care of dementia patients and older adults with serious health conditions. We encourage counseling for caregivers and host memory cafes where caregivers and their loved ones can relax and socialize in a safe and supportive setting. This year, Senior Solutions obtained a Public Health AmeriCorps grant to train and support volunteers who will provide respite to families caring for individuals with conditions such as Parkinson's Disease and dementia.

As we all know, the population of older adults in Vermont is increasing, as are the costs of goods and services across the board. For Senior Solutions, this means that both the cost of each service and the total number of people requesting each service is going up. Although we continually seek funding from

new sources, financial support from the towns we serve is critical to enabling us to do more for the older Vermonters we serve.

We work to develop programs to meet evolving interests and needs. Our Friendly Visitor program continues to provide older Vermonters with companionship and assistance with meal preparation, light housekeeping, errands, and more- all of which are often unmet needs of families caring for loved ones with serious health conditions. Our Vet-to-Vet program matches older veterans with volunteers who are also veterans.

This past year, we trained volunteer instructors in Tai Chi for falls prevention. We offered the HomeMeds program that screens older adults for medication problems such as drug interactions or harmful side effects. We provided financial support for training volunteers interested in teaching classes in their community or starting new evidence-based wellness programs. Wellness programs remain available to anyone 60 and over in Rockingham and throughout our service area of greater Windsor and Windham counties.

This is a summary of services provided to Rockingham residents in the last year (7/1/2021-6/30/2022).

Information and Assistance: 293 Calls or Office Visits. Our Helpline (1-802-885-2669 or 866-673- 8376) offers information, referrals and assistance to older Vermonters, their families, and their caregivers to problem-solve, plan, locate resources, and obtain assistance with benefits. We also provide assistance completing applications. Callers were assisted with applying for benefits, health insurance problems, housing needs, fuel assistance, and other services. Extensive resources www.seniorsolutionsVT.org.

Medicare Assistance: 60 Rockingham residents received assistance with Medicare issues through our State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP). SHIP provides Medicare education and counseling, classes for new Medicare enrollees, and assistance in enrolling in Part D or choosing a drug plan.

In-Home Social Services: We provided 91 seniors with in-home case management or other home-based assistance (totaling 994.25 hours) to enable them to remain living safely in their homes. Often minimal services can prevent nursing home placement. A case manager works with adults in their home to create and monitor a plan of care, centered on the individual's personal values and preferences. Many people would not be able to remain in their homes if not for these services. Senior Solutions also investigates reports of self-neglect and assists those facing challenges of abuse, neglect, or exploitation using a community collaboration approach.

Nutrition services and programs: 82 residents received 14,056 Meals on Wheels provided by Bellows Falls Area Senior Center. We financially supported these home-delivered meals. We have also supported community meals at Bellows Falls Area Senior Center and other meal sites in our region, but please note that most community senior meal sites have been closed since the advent of COVID-19.

Senior Solutions administers federal and state funds that we provide to local organizations to help them operate senior meals programs and provide food safety, quality monitoring and oversight. However, these funds do not cover the full cost of providing meals, so local meal sites must seek additional funding. Senior Solutions does not use town funding to support the senior meals program and does not benefit from any funds given by the town to support local Meals on Wheels. Senior Solutions provides the services of a registered dietician to older adults and meal sites. Assistance is also provided with applications for the 3SquaresVT (food stamp) program.

Volunteer Visitors: 12 residents received 321.25 hours of volunteer service. Senior Solutions provides volunteers who serve isolated older Vermonters through home visits, telephone reassurance, and help

with shopping and other errands. Our Vet-to-Vet program matches Veteran volunteers with Veteran recipients.

Caregiver Respite: We provide respite assistance through grants for caregivers of those diagnosed with dementia or other chronic diseases.

Transportation: Senior Solutions provides financial support and collaborates with local and regional transit providers to support transportation services for older Vermonters, that may include a van, a taxi, or a volunteer driver. Special arrangements can be made for individuals without Medicaid who require medical transportation.

Special Assistance: Senior Solutions provides flexible funds that can help people with one-time needs when no other program is available.

Other Services: Senior Solutions supports a variety of other services including health, wellness and fall prevention programs, legal assistance (through Vermont Legal Aid), assistance for adults with disabilities, and home-based mental health services.

Senior Solutions is enormously grateful for the support of the people from the Town of Rockingham.

Submitted by Mark Boutwell, Executive Director

SOUTHEASTERN VERMONT COMMUNITY ACTION (SEVCA)

SEVCA is an anti-poverty, community-based, nonprofit organization serving Windham and Windsor counties since 1965. Our mission is to *empower and partner with individuals and communities to alleviate the hardships of poverty; provide opportunities to thrive; and eliminate root causes of poverty.* SEVCA has a variety of programs and services to meet this end including: Head Start, Weatherization, Emergency Home Repair, Family Services (crisis intervention, fuel & utility, housing and food assistance), Homelessness Prevention, Micro-Business Development, VT Matched Savings (asset building & financial literacy), Ready-for-Work (workforce development), Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, Emergency Rental and Mortgage assistance, VT Health Connect Navigation, Thrift Stores, Community Solar Program.

In the community of Rockingham we have provided the following services during FY2022:

Weatherization: 40 homes (80 people) received Weatherization services.

Emergency Heating System Replacements: 13 homes (25 people) received repairs or replacements.

VT Matched Savings and Financial Fitness: 9 households (16 people) received financial literacy education services.

Micro-Business Development: 5 households (6 people) received information, training, and assistance to start, sustain, or expand their small business.

Ready-for-Work: 9 households (13 people) received classes and instruction such as resumé writing, interview skills, or computer skills, geared toward returning to work or enhancing their job skills.

Tax Preparation: 75 households (100 people) received tax credits, refunds and services= \$131,560.

Family Services: 199 households (391 people) received 751 services (including crisis intervention/ resolution, financial counseling, nutrition education, forms assistance, referral to and assistance with accessing needed services).

Fuel/Utility Assistance: 100 households (209 people) received 138 assists.

Solar Energy Assistance: 9 households (15 people) received energy credits on their electric bill= \$3,662.

Housing Assistance: 15 households (28 people) received 16 assists.

Vermont Emergency Rental Assistance: 70 households (137 people) received Emergency assistance with paying their monthly rent or mortgage expenses.

Emergency Home Repair Services: 5 households (9 people) received Emergency Home Repairs to address and repair immediate health or safety concerns.

Head Start Program: 1 household (2 people) received comprehensive early education and family support services.

Thrift Store Vouchers: 14 households (18 people) received goods & services valued at \$814.

The combined value of these services provided for Rockingham's residents exceeded \$395,057.00. Community support, through town funding, helps to build a strong partnership. The combination of federal, state, private, and town funds allow us to not only maintain, but to increase and improve service. We thank the residents of Rockingham for their support.

Kevin Brennan, Executive Director SEVCA 91 Buck Dr. Westminster, VT 05158 sevca@sevca.org

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SOUTHERN VERMONT ECONOMY DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES (SEVEDS)

Improving wages, creating jobs, & attracting and keeping people in the region is critical economic development work that is beyond the capacity of any single community to advance. **SeVEDS was founded as an affiliate of the Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation (BDCC)** in 2007 to create regional strategies and attract resources that help us act together to build a thriving economy. BDCC, Southeastern Vermont's Regional Development Corporation, contracts with SeVEDS to develop and implement these strategies in the Windham Region.

Our work is guided by the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), a 5 year regional plan with simple goals: **Strengthen Business, Support People**. It was developed with input from communities across Southern Vermont, and is available online at www.sovermontzone.com/ceds

Background & Request- To support this work, SeVEDS requests funding at \$3.00 per person from all 27 towns we serve. Therefore, we are asking the Town of **Rockingham to appropriate \$15,846.00** (based on a population of 5282) to support SeVEDS.

In 2022, 19 communities, representing over 80% of Windham residents, voted to invest in SeVEDS.

We use this municipal funding in three key ways:

1. To directly **fund implementation** of programs & projects serving local communities, businesses and people.
2. For **capacity**. We use SeVEDS regional municipal funds to create programs, conduct research and

planning, secure and administer grants, and to help regional partners – in FY21 we helped bring over **\$8 Million** directly to other organizations – towns, businesses and nonprofits.

3. As **seed funding**. We leverage your dollars to bring additional money to the region to provide technical assistance and programs: **every dollar contributed by towns is matched to bring in outside funding.**

BDCC implements SEVEDS led programs for communities, businesses, and workforce development

- Our **Business Services Team** provides access to technical assistance, micro lending, and business succession services for businesses of all sizes. We work with businesses from startup to retirement.
- Our **Workforce Team** creates programs like **Pipelines and Pathways**: a program that in 2022 provided career training and support to **550** students in area High Schools. **The Welcoming Communities** program supported **61** New Americans who have filled positions in **19** local companies. The **Southern Vermont Young Professionals** group helps young adults in their 20's-40's advance their careers and deepen their connections in the region.
- Our **Community Programs** include the **Community Facilities Technical Assistance Program** and **The Southern Vermont Economy Project**, both of which help towns and non-profits improve community vibrancy through local projects. Since 2017 SVEP has provided 100+ trainings with over 2,000 participants to help community projects solve problems and find resources.

For a deeper overview of our programs in FY22, visit our website at www.brattleborodevelopment.com. You can download our annual report, or call the office to receive your own copy 802-257-7731 x230. To learn more about the CEDS, CEDS projects, the Southern Vermont Economy Summit visit www.sovermontzone.com.

Our website also features upcoming events and trainings, ongoing programs, and resources. You can sign up for our e-newsletter to get updates including state and federal economic and community development resources.

Southeastern Vermont Economic Development Strategies & Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation 76 Cotton Mill Hill, Brattleboro, Vermont 05301 www.brattleborodevelopment.com **802-257-7731**

SOUTHEAST VERMONT TRANSIT, THE MOOVer ROCKINGHAM FY23

Thank you again for Rockingham \$3825 donation last year. As a private non-profit 501c3 transportation company since 2003, The MOOVer Rockingham relies heavily and more than ever on local contributions. These funds allow us to draw down federal funds to provide operating support and the required match for our replacement vehicles. Rockingham has contributed to us for many years, and we thank you again for your support.

The MOOVer Rockingham 's mission is to provide a safe, reliable and efficient transportation system that supports economic opportunity and quality of life for 30 Windham and southern Windsor County towns. We operate bus routes and senior and disabled transportation services via our fleet of 23 buses and a network of volunteer drivers. We receive state and federal grants, contributions from towns and resorts, fares, and contributions from our human service partners.

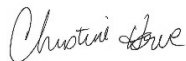
The MOOver Rockingham's total operating expenses last year were \$3,126,525.85. We provided 124,706 bus, van, taxi, and volunteer rides. Our buses and vans traveled 482,303 miles over 29,326 hours.

Rockingham contribution supports continuing public transit in your town and throughout the region. Service levels vary by town and from year by year. A town's transportation needs can be minimal some years and large the next. We need your help to remain a healthy company to be able to respond to needs of the elderly, disabled, or in an emergency or crisis when the need arises.

We are requesting a \$ 3825 contribution from Rockingham this year. We hope you will support our funding request.

We are always seeking input to improve our services. Please contact me to let us know how The MOOver Rockingham may improve service in your community.

Thank you!



Christine Howe
General Manager

SPRINGFIELD LOCAL HEALTH OFFICE REPORT

Twelve Local Health Offices around the state are your community connection with the Vermont Department of Health. The contact information for your district office is listed at the top of this page. We provide essential services and resources to your towns to protect and promote the health and well-being of people in Vermont. For example, in the past year, the Springfield Local Health Office:

Protected communities from COVID-19: Since the pandemic began three years ago, our doors have remained open, and we've been able to serve communities thanks to individuals, families, schools, businesses, first responders, and countless others that collaborated with us to meet the needs of local towns. We provided vaccine, testing, personnel, and information, along with other key public health services.

Worked to prevent and control the spread of disease: In collaboration with community partners, we hosted over 70 COVID-19 vaccination clinics and provided over 6,540 COVID-19 doses. Since August 2021, all local health offices have also documented and helped manage 8,125 COVID-19-related situations, including 1,271 COVID-19 outbreaks. <https://www.healthvermont.gov/disease-control/covid-19>

Ensured local preparedness for future emergencies: We worked with partners like schools, hospitals, and emergency personnel to ensure effective pandemic response and support preparedness to distribute medicine, supplies, and information during emergencies. This year, we responded to the emergence of human monkeypox virus by sharing information and providing vaccine to community members.

Stayed attentive to people and communities most underserved: We provided services and resources to people who are more likely to experience adverse health outcomes due to health inequities. We provided vaccine at schools without access, shelters, meal, and food distribution sites, farms, and more.

Collaborated with Town Health Officers on environmental health: To help Vermonters better understand the relationship between their environment and their health, we collaborated with towns and other local partners. Find information about environmental health including lead, cyanobacteria (blue-green algae), food safety, drinking water, climate change, healthy homes, healthy schools, and more at www.healthvermont.gov/environment.

Provided Special Supplemental Nutrition to Women, Infant and Children (WIC) services and resources to families and children: Provided WIC nutrition education and support to 892 individuals between July 1, 2021 and June 31, 2022, while enabling them to save on groceries so they can have more income to spend on other pressing family needs. WIC also empowers families with breastfeeding/chestfeeding support and provides referrals to other health and nutrition services. Learn more at www.healthvermont.gov/wic.

Supported student health and youth empowerment: According to the VT Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 60% percent of students in Windsor County and 56% in Windham County agree or strongly agree that they “believe they matter to people in their community.” The state average is 58%. Regionally, efforts like mentoring and after-school enrichment programs help to ensure youth feel valued and included.

Promoted health in all policies: Health is not just individual behaviors and access to care, it’s also housing, transportation, food access, education, natural resources, and other social determinants of health. We worked with towns, schools, worksites, healthcare providers, and other community organizations to establish plans, policies, and programming that improve health and wellness. To achieve health, we must continue to work together to improve opportunities for health across all sectors and periods of our lives.

State of Vermont Department of Health

Springfield Local Health Office
100 Mineral Street, Suite 104 Springfield, VT 05156

[phone] 802-289-0600

[toll free] 888-296-8151

HealthVermont.gov



SPRINGFIELD SUPPORTED HOUSING PROGRAM (SSHP)

56 Main St. Suite 208 P.O. Box 178 Springfield, Vermont 05156

Phone: (802) 885 – 3034 Fax: (802) 885 – 3035

SSHP ANNUAL REPORT 2022

The Springfield Supported Housing Program (SSHP) is a private, non-profit agency that helps families and individuals who are experiencing homelessness or potentially homeless locate and secure permanent, affordable housing, and then provides program participants with up to two years of at home case management to address any issues that led to the housing crisis and to pursue positive life goals. Case managers provide help with budgeting, landlord-tenant mediation, assistance pursuing employment, education, childcare, substance abuse treatment and other services that lead to healthy, productive living.

SSHP covers the Springfield Agency of Human Services district and places participants in housing from Windsor to Saxtons River. SSHP has four, two-bedroom apartments, two three-bedroom apartments,

one four-bedroom apartment, and ten one-bedroom units that provide transitional housing to families and individuals experiencing homelessness. For the fiscal year July 2021 to June 2022 SSHP worked with a monthly average of 146 households comprised of an average of 171 Adults and 77 children. Additionally, we supported an average of 50 households within the hotels monthly, with an increase of families using the motels each month. Our 17 shelter units were available and utilized for the entire year with limited vacancies and served as housing for 12 families with 23 children and 17 adults over the year. Of these households we were able to transition 40 households to permanent housing options. All these families and individuals can receive ongoing support services for up to two years. One of our two-bedroom units is in Bellows Falls which was able to serve as transitional housing for two families over the year. All these families and individuals can receive ongoing support services for up to two years. SSHP administers a Housing Opportunity Program (HOP) that provides financial assistance for 1st month's rent, security deposit, back rent or back utilities owed to prevent housing insecurity. For the fiscal year July 2021 to June 2022 SSHP was able to provide financial assistance to 62 households. A dedicated case manager assists people who are literally homeless to move into either transitional or permanent housing and then provides ongoing support. In this last year, we created a Landlord Liaison position that is dedicated to working with area landlords and helping our case management team navigate the ever-shrinking rental market options. This allows our case managers to focus on addressing our clients' obstacles to housing while the Landlord Liaison tries to find appropriate rental units. We also developed our intake specialist who is the first point of contact for our agency. This position helps to direct each client to the appropriate community partner or internal staff that can help with their housing crisis. SSHP is also the lead agency for Coordinated Entry for the Springfield AHS district, which is a process by which each person experiencing a housing crisis is met with and directed to the best resource. As a result of this process, we have met many households in our area experiencing a housing crisis.

Lee Trapeni
Executive Director

VERMONT ADULT LEARNING *Learning Lasts a Lifetime*

Vermont Adult Learning, a private nonprofit corporation, has served tens of thousands of adult learners, ages 16 years and older, since our founding in 1980. Our programs include basic education and literacy, high school completion program, GED tutoring and testing, courses for English Language Learners, workforce readiness and development, and transition to post-secondary education. Our services are free to Vermont residents. VAL instructors and educational advisors work personally with adult learners to determine the best way for learners to achieve educational, English language, and career goals.

We collaborate with high schools in Windham County to help at-risk students achieve their high school diploma. We provide instruction and advise and develop a Personalized Learning Plan which is signed off by the principal of the high school. We served 15 students from Rockingham in FY22: 5 were in the High School Completion Program; and 8 were working to improve their basic skills in English and Math to work towards getting their high school education.

Our Springfield and Brattleboro Learning Centers both serve students from Rockingham. We offer in-person and online options. The Brattleboro office, led by Jackie Trepanier can be reached at (802) 257-

9449, while the Springfield office, led by Karen Harker can be reached at (802) 546-0880. We are in the midst of a phone system transition, so patience with phone contact is appreciated.

We'd like to express our appreciation for the town of Rockingham for their generous contribution to our organization. We will continue to serve the community in the years to come.

VISITING NURSE AND HOSPICE FOR VT & NH 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 childcare 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 case.

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

Between July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2022, VNH made 5198 in-home visits to 162 residents. This included approximately \$39,0421 in unreimbursed care to residents.

- Home Health Care-1968 home visits to 114 residents with short-term medical or physical needs
- Hospice Services- 1487 home visits to 11 residents who were in the final stages of their lives
- Long-Term Care-1717 home visits to 32 residents with chronic medical problems who need extended care in home to avoid admission to a nursing home
- Skilled Pediatric Care- 26 home visits to 5 residents for well-baby, preventative and palliative medical care

VNH serves many of Rockingham'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. Rockingham'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

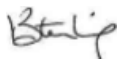
WOMEN'S FREEDOM CENTER SERVICES AND REPORT FOR THE TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM

The mission of the Women's Freedom Center is to work to end physical, sexual, and emotional violence against the women and children of Windham County. The Freedom Center works to fulfill its mission by educating the community regarding the root causes of violence against women, challenging the systems that help keep it in place and by providing support and services, including shelter and safe housing, to women and their children who have experienced domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence. Since our beginnings in 1977, we have provided support to the survivors of these crimes, as well as consultation and educational activities to a wide range of community groups to help create a community in which violence is not tolerated.

Emergency support such as shelter, safety planning, financial assistance, and information and referral is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Ongoing individual and group support for women and children; legal, medical, housing, and social services advocacy; and cooperative work with other agencies are provided during the week. Due to the rural nature of Windham County and the isolation inherent in many abusive relationships, we are committed to meeting with women wherever we may do so safely. Sometimes this means assisting her to get to us and other times it means us going to her, somewhere safe in her community.

During the fiscal year July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, the Women's Freedom Center responded to over 1,800 crisis telephone calls, sheltered 128 people and provided thousands of hours of individual and group support, advocacy, emergency financial and housing assistance, access to legal representation, transportation and childcare to 936 people (546 women, 3 non-binary individuals, 18 men, and 369 children) who had been abused. These figures include 30 survivors and their 31 children from Rockingham. In addition, we provided 38 community outreach activities including school presentations and workshops to over 600 people throughout Windham and southern Windsor County.

The Women's Freedom Center is a private, non-profit organization relying heavily on community support to provide our free and confidential services. We thank you for your Town's contribution to the Freedom Center and hope you will look at it as an investment in creating a future free from violence, something we all deserve.



Vickie Sterling

Executive Director Women's Freedom Center

The mission of the Windham Regional Commission (WRC) is to assist towns in Southeastern Vermont to provide effective local governance and to work collaboratively with them to address regional issues. The region is comprised of 27 member towns: the 23 towns of Windham County; Readsboro, Searsburg and Winhall in Bennington County; and Weston in Windsor County.



The Commission, a political subdivision of the state, is composed of and governed by town-appointed Commissioners. Towns choose their own representatives to serve on the Commission. After town meeting, each Selectboard appoints up to two representatives to serve on the Commission for a one-year term. Rockingham is currently represented by Susan Hammond and Bonnie North. Each Commissioner represents their town's interests within a regional context before the Commission, brings information from the Commission back to their town, and serves on at least one of a number of WRC committees that address regional and municipal issues and concerns. All WRC meetings are open to the public and subject to Vermont open meeting law. Committees and meeting schedules can be found on our website www.windhamregional.org.

We assist towns with a wide variety of activities, including town plans and bylaws; community and economic development; local emergency and hazard mitigation planning, including flood hazard area and river corridor bylaw assistance; natural resources, including assisting towns with watershed restoration projects and implementation of the state's clean water law; Act 174 town energy planning; transportation, including traffic counts (automotive, bicycle, pedestrian), inventories (bridges, culverts, signs, road erosion), road foremen training, and serving as a liaison with VTrans to report damage to town road infrastructure to the state as a result of flooding; redevelopment of Brownfields sites (sites that are or may be contaminated by hazardous substances); review of projects submitted for review through Act 250 (land use), Section 248 (energy generation and transmission, telecommunications), and federal permitting processes; grant application and administration; training of municipal officials and volunteers across a range of topics; and mapping and geographic information system (GIS) analyses. The maps in your town office were likely produced by the WRC.

We help towns, both individually and collectively, make the most of the financial and human resources they have, assisting with projects in, between, and among towns, building and augmenting the capacity of volunteer-based town boards and commissions, and providing professional services to towns that may want to take on a project that is beyond what they can comfortably manage with their own staff and volunteers. Our relationship with towns is inherently collaborative. For instance, towns may choose to have their town plans reviewed by the Commission; town plan review and approval by the WRC is not mandatory, but is a requirement of some state municipal grant programs. The regional plan, which was readopted in 2021, is developed in consultation with member towns, reflects town plan policies, and is ultimately approved by our towns.

2022 has been a busy year. We continued assisting towns with American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) management and deliberation about how to use these funds. We successfully applied for Congressionally directed spending (an earmark) through Senator Sanders to collaborate with Green Mountain Power to assist towns with planning for greater electricity resiliency in the event of grid instability or outages using renewable energy and battery storage. This project will get underway in 2023. We are developing a report for the Windham Region Seniors' Health Collaborative, which seeks to prepare the region for the needs of our rapidly growing senior population. Our Brownfields program continues to assist with the assessment and remediation of contaminated sites, and we continue to assist our towns with flood mitigation, water quality, and habitat restoration projects.

Funding for the WRC is provided through contracts with state agencies, federal and other grants, and town assessments. Town assessments made up approximately 7 percent of our total budget. Each town's individual assessment makes it possible for us to leverage the resources to serve all towns. The town's assessment for this year is \$12,361.97. To see our detailed Work Program and Budget for FY2023, visit our website, www.windhamregional.org, and click on the heading "About Us."



Windham & Windsor Housing Trust (WWHT) is a non-profit organization founded in 1987, serving the residents of Windham and southern Windsor County. We provide housing for residents of low and moderate incomes, preserve and revitalize neighborhoods, help residents acquire their own homes, and generally improve the social, economic, and cultural health of communities of Windham and southern Windsor County.

WWHT's mission is to strengthen the communities of Southeast Vermont through the development and stewardship of permanently affordable housing and through ongoing support and advocacy for its residents.

The organization applies its mission to practice through three branches: Homeownership, Housing Development, and Property Management. The **Homeownership**'s Home Repair Program assisted 42 homeowners by providing low-cost loans to make critical repairs. The one-to-one counseling assisted 41 new homeowners in 2022 by navigating them through the purchase process to closing on their new home. The Shared Equity program has 140 homes currently and provides grants to income-eligible homebuyers to subsidize the purchase of single-family homes which lowers the cost to the homebuyer. The VHIP (Vermont Housing Improvement Program) works with private landowners to rehab and/or create new units. There are 40 Active projects spread across the whole of Windham and Windsor Counties with 45 potential projects awaiting shovel-readiness. Our Housing Retention Program has assisted renters and homeowners impacted by Covid in stabilizing their housing with access to relief funding.

Housing Development: WWHT develops affordable rental housing opportunities which meets the diverse housing needs of a community. This takes the form of both rehabilitation of existing housing and the construction of new apartments. The Bellows Falls Garage, slated to open at the end of March '23, will introduce 27 new apartments to Downtown Bellows Falls, and contribute to the revitalization of this portion of the historic Vermont village. The Alice Holway Drive development in Putney is proposed to create 25 new homes within the village and awaits the end of the appeal process. This year, WWHT worked on deep retrofits and renovations on 26 apartments in Brattleboro and Windsor, comprising some of the oldest buildings in our portfolio. Breathing new life into these units will allow us to serve our residents in the coming decades. The Central & Main development in downtown Windsor is entering into the permitting phase at the beginning of 2023.

Property Management: WWHT owns 878 residential properties and 16 commercial properties with rental apartments with over 1500 tenants. We manage the rental properties in and near Brattleboro and contract with Stewart Property Management Services for the properties in northern Windham and Windsor Counties. WWHT takes pride in the appearance of our multi-family housing and is committed to providing the staff financial resources necessary to ensure long-term health and safety for our residents as well as preservation of property values. This includes helping give tenants access to rent relief funding through the State's VERAP program before it closed in the Fall of '22. We've expanded our supportive services capacity through participating in the SASH For All program, connecting residents of all ages to critical resources to meet their self-driven health and well-being goals. Although WWHT is a non-profit, we pay local property taxes on our rental properties and our shared-equity homeowners pay property taxes to the Towns and Villages.

For more information, please visit us on the web at www.homemattershere.org

YOUTH SERVICES REPORT TO THE TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM

Youth Services was established in 1972. We provide transformative programs in prevention, intervention and restorative justice services for young people, individuals and families in Windham County communities. We assist over 1,000 children, youth and families annually. We help youth and young adults living in difficult circumstances learn the life skills that will assist them in living successfully on their own and as engaged and productive community citizens. Our broad array of program services include:

- Transitioning youth in foster care to independent living as young adults
- Assistance to teens leaving home or at-risk for running away with counseling, family mediation, and housing
- Restorative justice-based programming with the Brattleboro Community Justice Center and Windham County Court Diversion & Pre-Trial Services. Program services engage with community members and referred individuals to repair harm caused by conflict and crime as an alternative to the traditional court system.
- Friends for Change in Bellows Falls
- Therapeutic case management services, support and referral
- Workforce and career development programs for high school students and young adults
- Youth Substance Awareness Safety Program- substance use prevention for youth and young adults
- Counseling services for young adults including Assessment, Intervention and Recovery
- Youth-led screen printing business start-up named DemoGraphiX

This year, we respectfully request \$2,300 from the Town of Rockingham to help fund our agency's services. We served 113 residents from Rockingham during Fiscal Year 2022 and remain available to provide services in the future. Your continued support is beneficial to the children, youth and families in your town.

For additional information please see our new website at www.youthservicesinc.org, call

802-257-0361 or email info@youthservicesinc.org. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Russell Bradbury-Carlin

Executive Director

Transforming Lives, Inspiring Futures

EMERGENCY AND NON-EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Ambulance (Golden Cross).....802-463-3726

Emergency..... **9-1-1**

Fire – Bellows Falls..... non-emergency.....802-463-4343

Fire – Rockingham..... non-emergency.....603-352-1291

Emergency..... **9-1-1**

Fuel Assistance

During working hours.....802-722-4575

Crisis assistance after hours or on weekends.....866-331-7741

Furnace repair - after hours, weekends, holidays.....877-295-7998

Health Center at Bellows Falls 1 Hospital Court.....802-463-9000

Hours: Mon-Fri 8:00 am - 5:30 pm/Sat & Sun 9:00 am - 2:30 pm

Highway Department (problems Monday-Friday, 7:00 am - 3:30 pm)

Within Bellows Falls Village.....802-463-3059

Outside Bellows Falls Village.....802-463-5106

After hours emergencies..... **9-1-1**

Poison Control Information:

Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center.....603-650-5000

Vermont Poison Control Center, Portland, Maine.....800-222-1222

Police – Bellows Falls..... non-emergency.....802-463-1234

Emergency..... **9-1-1**

Police – State.....802-722-4600

Windham County Sheriff.....802-365-4942

TOWN GOVERNMENT

Civil Defense.....	802-463-3964
Development Office.....	802-376-5425
Health Officer.....	802-463-1229
Highway Department.....	802-289-3759
Listers' Office.....	802-463-1229
Manager.....	802-463-3964
Recreation.....	802-463-9732
Rockingham Volunteer Fire Department.....	802-463-4382
Tax Information.....	802-463-3964
Town Clerk/Treasurer.....	802-463-4336
Zoning Administrator.....	802-463-1229

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Wendy Harrison.....	wharrison@leg.state.vt.us
Nader Hashim.....	nhashim@leg.state.vt.us

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Peter Welch.....	202-224-4242
Bernard Sanders.....	202-224-5141

United States House of Representatives

Becca Balint.....	202-225-4115
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OTHER LOCAL AGENCIES

Bellows Falls Downtown (BFDDA).....	802-460-2333
Great Falls Regional Chamber of Commerce.....	802-463-4280
Greater Falls Connections.....	802-463-9927
Our Place.....	802-463-2217
Parks Place Community Resource Center.....	802-463-9927
Rockingham Free Public Library.....	802-463-4270
Rockingham/Westminster Recycling Center.....	802-463-9219
Schools:	
Central Elementary.....	802-463-4346
Bellows Falls Middle School.....	802-463-4366
Saxtons River Elementary.....	802-869-2637
Bellows Falls Union High School.....	802-463-3944
Superintendent's Office.....	802-463-9958
Senior Center.....	802-463-3907
SEVCA.....	802-722-4575

