

# TOWN OF WALLINGFORD VERMONT 2022

**OUR 162nd TOWN REPORT**  
**FISCAL YEAR: JULY 1, 2022 - JUNE 30, 2023**



*Summer Recreation Program. Photo by Virginia Turso*

**INFORMATIONAL MEETING: MARCH 6, 2023 - 7:00 P.M.**  
at Wallingford Elementary School  
**POLLS OPEN: MARCH 7, 2023 10:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M.**  
at Wallingford Town Hall

ARPA Committee  
 Conservation Commission  
 Development Review Board  
 Energy Committee  
 Planning Commission  
 Prudential Committee  
 Recreation Committee  
 Selectboard  
 Wallingford Historical Society  
 Mill River Unified Union  
 School District Board

## Town Meetings

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. Town Hall  
 4<sup>th</sup> Monday, 4:30 p.m. Town Hall  
 On Call by Chairperson  
 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall  
 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, 6:00 p.m., Town Hall  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, 5:30 p.m. Town Hall  
 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall  
 On Call by Chairperson  
 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. at Mill River, 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at  
 different schools

## Town Hours

Assessor  
 Gilbert Hart Library

Town Administrator  
 Town Clerk & Treasurer  
 Transfer Station

Zoning Administrator

By Appointment  
 Monday & Thursday - 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday & Friday - 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
 Saturday - 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
 Monday - Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
 Monday - Thursday - 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
 Monday & Wednesday - Noon - 5:00 p.m.  
 Saturday - 8:00 a.m. - Noon  
 Monday - 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

## Phone & E-Mail

Burn Permits-Roger Sheehan, Jr.	802-548-6298	
Burn Permits-Martin Rabtoy	345-5550	
Gilbert Hart Library	446-2685	<a href="mailto:ghlib@comcast.net">ghlib@comcast.net</a>
Assessor	446-2974	<a href="mailto:wallisters@wallingfordvt.com">wallisters@wallingfordvt.com</a>
Health Officer	802-345-6993	
Mill River Union High School	775-3451	
Selectboard	446-2872	<a href="mailto:selectboard@wallingfordvt.com">selectboard@wallingfordvt.com</a>
Town Clerk/Treasurer	446-2336	<a href="mailto:townclerk@wallingfordvt.com">townclerk@wallingfordvt.com</a>
Town Administrator	446-2872	<a href="mailto:townadmin@wallingfordvt.com">townadmin@wallingfordvt.com</a>
Town Garage	446-2472	<a href="mailto:roads@wallingfordvt.com">roads@wallingfordvt.com</a>
Transfer Station	446-2524	
Wallingford Elementary School	446-2141	
Wallingford Fire District #1	446-2964	<a href="mailto:wallfired1@vermontel.net">wallfired1@vermontel.net</a>
Zoning Administrator	446-2974	<a href="mailto:zoning@wallingfordvt.com">zoning@wallingfordvt.com</a>



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Rutland County, Vermont  
Population: 2,094  
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## Dedication

Nelson may have been born in Rutland in 1949, but he was a product of Wallingford having graduated from Wallingford High School in 1967 and later earned a degree from Vermont Technical College. He lived in the little white house just south of the village and was part of the fabric of his community. His most notable office was likely as Constable, but his most enduring impact may have been as a member of the Selectboard, serving as chair for the past seven years. During his tenure, Nelson provided an historical perspective to many issues and his quiet leadership often led to long lasting solutions. He was a champion of municipal employees and was adamant about comparable wages and benefit packages. He regularly donated his annual salary to various causes, including new chainsaws for the road crew, scholarships so youngsters could attend summer camp, new gutters for the Elfin Lake concession stand and, most recently, to fill the coffers for musicians entertaining residents at the Town Hall Concert Series.

“He sacrificed a lot of his time, personal time, to help the town. He was constantly working,” said Joyce Barbieri, retired Wallingford Town Clerk and Treasurer, in a Rutland Herald article when news spread Nelson had passed away last October. Selectboard Chair Bruce Duchesne noted in the same article “he’s been a pillar of the community for a lot of years. He was a constable, he was on the Selectboard, he’s going to leave a big hole on the Board.”

For his quiet, steadfast devotion to the Town of Wallingford as a family man, neighbor, friend, mentor and community leader, the citizens of Wallingford with heartfelt gratitude dedicate the 2022 annual Town Report to Nelson Tift.





**Elected Town Officers**  
**Officers Elected at Town Meeting (1-year term)**

Moderator.....Tammy Heffernan

**Selectboard**

Kathy Luzader  
Mark Tessier  
Bruce Duchesne  
Carolyn Behrendt  
Justin Jankus

**Term/Date Expires**

Two Year/2023  
Three Year/2023 (Appointed)  
Three Year/2024  
Two Year/2024  
Three Year/2025

**Auditors**

Elaine Warzocha  
Barbara Kaminski  
Patricia Pranger

Three Year/2023  
Three Year/2024  
Three Year/2025

**Delinquent Tax Collector**

Jill Stone Teer

Three Year/2025

**Town Clerk & Treasurer**

Julie Sharon

Three Year/2023

**Trustee of Public Funds**

Melissa Whitmore  
David Ballou  
Patricia Pranger

Three Year/2023  
Three Year/2024  
Three Year/2025 (Appointed)

**Mill River Unified Union  
School District Directors**

Nick Flanders  
Paul Garland  
Bruce Moreton  
Liz Filskov

Three Year/2023 (Appointed)  
Three Year/2024  
Three Year/2024  
Three Year/2025

## Town Officers

Assessor.....John Tiffany  
 Assistant Town Clerk & Treasurer.....Jill Stone Teer  
 Constable.....Robert Cook  
 Deputy Fire Warden.....Marty Rabtoy  
 Dog Warden.....Joseph Elwell  
 E911 Coordinators.....Eric and Dale Davenport  
 Emergency Management Director.....Jim Bagnall  
 Fire Protection Budget..Richard Kendall, Michael McMahon & Mark Tessier  
 Fire Warden.....Roger Sheehan, Jr.  
 Health Officer.....Trisha Nash  
 Road Commissioner .....Philip Baker  
 Town Administrator.....Sandi Switzer  
 Tree Warden.....Rob Barker  
 Zoning Administrator.....Erika Berner

### Planning Commission (3-Year Terms)

### Term Expires

Tony Masuck, Vice Chair  
 Erika Berner, Chair  
 Kevin Mullin  
 Lucy Thayer  
 Jill Burkett  
 Jeff Biasuzzi - Alternate

2023  
 2024  
 2024  
 2025  
 2025

### Development Review Board (3-Year Terms)

### Term Expires

Dave Ballou  
 Jill Burkett  
 Vacant  
 Lucy Thayer, Chair  
 Jason Stone  
 Beth Blaisdell and Jeff Biasuzzi – Alternates

2023  
 2023  
 2024  
 2025  
 2025



*The Standard newsletter is on the municipal website.*

**Conservation Commission (4-Year Terms)**

Carol Macleod	2023
Nick Bresinsky	2023
Rodney Ward	2024
Ralph Nimtz	2024
Deborah Scranton, Co-Chair	2025
Thomas Fort, Chair	2025
Jane Quigley	2026
Dennis Duhaime	2026

**Term Expires****Energy Committee (3-Year Terms)**

David Castonguay, Chair	2023
Ralph Nimtz	2023
John Armstrong	2024
Katherine MacLauchlan	2024
Ken Welch, Vice Chair	2024
Robbie Stubbins	2025
Doug Blodgett	2025
Jay White	2025

**Term Expires****ARPA Committee**

Robert Allen, Anne Awad (Vice Chair), Jim Bagnall, Bruce Dobbins, Richard Korchak, Elicia Pinsonault and Peg Soule (Chair).

**Rep. to Rutland Co. Solid Waste District**

William Weiss

**Alt. to Rutland Co. Solid Waste District**

Stacey Wicker

**Rep. to Rutland Reg'l Planning Commission**

Erika Berner

**Alt. to Rutland Regional Planning Commission**

Kenneth Fredette

**Rep. to Rutland Reg'l Transportation Council**

Bruce Dobbins

**Alt. to Rutland Reg'l Transportation Council**

Kenneth Fredette

**Justices of the Peace (Elected, Terms Expire 2025)**

Nan Dubin, Maureen Duchesne, Sandra Eddy, Gary Fredette, Kate Goetz, Curtis Lidstone, Tony Petrossi, Wendy Savery, Stanley Seward, and Ken Welch

**Recreation (Appointed, One-Year Terms)**

David Cornwell, Brian Ferguson, Shannon Pytlik and Sumio Seo



**Warning**  
**Town of Wallingford Annual Town Meeting**  
**March 6, 2023**

The legal voters of the Town of Wallingford are hereby Warned to gather for an Informational Meeting on Monday, March 6, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Wallingford Elementary School to review Town Meeting articles. The polls will be open Tuesday, March 7, 2023 from 10:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. at Wallingford Town Hall for the purpose of voting all articles by Australian ballot:

ARTICLE I. To elect all officers as required by law: **two Selectboard members**, one for a two-year term and one for a three-year term; **one Auditor** for a three-year term; **one Town Clerk** for a three-year term; **one Town Treasurer** for a three-year term; **two Trustees of Public funds**; one for a three year term and one for two years to complete a three-year term; a **Town Moderator** for a one-year term; and **one School Board Director**, for a three-year term with the Mill River Unified Union School District.

ARTICLE II. Shall the Town vote to have scholarships provided under Title 16 VSA, Section 2535, the same to be applied for on or before April 24, 2023 at the Mill River Unified Union School District Office?

ARTICLE III. Shall the Town vote to have one-half (1/2) of the fiscal year 2024 (July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024) property taxes and fire protection taxes paid to the Town Treasurer on or before October 16, 2023 at 4:30 P.M. and the remaining one-half of the fiscal year 2024 property taxes and fire protection taxes paid to the Town Treasurer on or before April 15, 2024 at 4:30 P.M.? Payments are physically due in the Town Office; post-marked dates WILL NOT be accepted.

ARTICLE IV. Shall the voters of the Town of Wallingford appropriate a sum not to exceed \$1,426,795.24 for the General Operation of the Town, with an amount not to exceed \$1,051,133.39 to be raised in Property Taxes for fiscal year 2024?

ARTICLE V. Shall the Town stabilize the real estate taxes of the Mt. Moriah Masonic Lodge #96, pursuant to Title 32 V.S.A. §3840, at \$150 annually for five years commencing as of July 1, 2023?

ARTICLE VI. Shall the Town stabilize the real estate taxes of the Wallingford Memorial Rotary Club, pursuant to Title 32 V.S.A. §3840, at \$150 annually for five years commencing as of July 1, 2023?

ARTICLE VII. Shall the Town stabilize the real estate taxes of the Maple Valley Grange property, pursuant to Title 32 V.S.A. §3840, at \$150 annually for five years commencing as of July 1, 2023?

ARTICLE VIII. Wallingford Day has historically been a financially independent and separate activity from town government. The current group seeks planning and financial support thru the Town Recreation Committee. Therefore, the Selectboard has included funds in the currently proposed budget. This article is to allow the Selectboard to gather a sense of how townspeople feel concerning the Town Recreation Committee assuming responsibility for Wallingford Day. Do you favor use of taxpayer support and town management for Wallingford Day (Yes) or do you favor Wallingford Day remaining independent from town government and financing? (No)

ARTICLE IX. To conduct such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

*The legal voters of the Town of Wallingford, Vermont are further notified that voter qualification, registration and absentee voting shall be as provided in Chapters 43 and 51 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated and 17 V.S.A § 2642(b)*

#### WALLINGFORD SELECTBOARD

Bruce Duchesne, Chair Bruce Duchesne

Kathy Luzader, Vice Chair Kathy Luzader

Carolyn Behrendt Carolyn Behrendt

Justin Jankus Justin Jankus

Mark Tessier Mark Tessier

Dated at Wallingford this 17th day of January, 2023

### Auditor's Report

We, the undersigned auditors for the Town of Wallingford, have examined the accounts and records for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022. This audit included a review of bank accounts, statements, selected accounts payable, financial statements and payroll records. We are of the opinion, after having conducted this audit, to the best of our knowledge and belief, that the reports accurately represent the financial status of the Town of Wallingford for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022.

Barbara Kaminski Barbara Kaminski

Patricia Pranger Patricia Pranger

Elaine Warzocha Elaine Warzocha

## Statement of Revenues

Revenues	Budget Jul 21 - Jun 22	Actual Jul 21 - Jun 22	Budget Jul 22 - Jun 23	Budget Jul 23 - Jun 24
4501 · Green Mtn National Forest PILT	25,000.00	27,719.00	25,000.00	27,500.00
4502 · Highway State Aid	83,500.00	83,495.04	83,500.00	85,750.00
4503 · Ordinance Fines	17,000.00	15,922.03	7,500.00	10,000.00
4504 · Town Share RR Taxes	350.00	1,049.30	350.00	1,050.00
4505 · Office Rent	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
4506 · Motor Vehicle Registration Renewals	50.00	156.00	90.00	125.00
4510 · Dog Licenses	5,300.00	5,336.00	5,300.00	5,300.00
4511 · Liquor & Cannabis Licenses	555.00	810.00	695.00	750.00
4512 · Civil Marriage Licenses	700.00	770.00	700.00	700.00
4513 · Zoning Permits	4,000.00	5,905.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
4514 · Transfer Station Fees	20,000.00	42,280.00	25,000.00	40,000.00
4515 · Scrap Metal/Recycling	1,000.00	2,794.10	2,000.00	2,000.00
4516 · Hunting/Fishing Licenses	37.50	37.00	37.50	25.00
4517 · Recording Fees	20,000.00	21,468.00	20,000.00	19,000.00
4518 · Records Restoration Fees	3,000.00	8,925.00	3,000.00	5,000.00
4519 · Copy Fees	3,500.00	3,559.50	3,000.00	2,800.00
4520 · 8% Penalty Delinquent Taxes	8,000.00	10,411.80	5,600.00	4,800.00
4521 · 1% Interest on Past Due Taxes	13,000.00	25,360.76	13,000.00	10,000.00
4522 · Interest Earned on Bank Accounts	300.00	90.87	100.00	300.00
4523 · Current Property Taxes	894,738.82	795,900.66	992,037.06	1,051,133.39
4524 · Previous Yr's Carry Forward Balance	28,913.11	-18,541.27	0.00	0.00
4526 · Delinquent Property Taxes	80,000.00	149,402.87	70,000.00	60,000.00
4527 · Fernfield Farms Income	6,014.52	6,014.52	6,184.44	7,156.61
4528 · Ralph Stafford Scholarship	4,005.95	4,005.95	4,235.05	5,155.24
4530 · Overweight Permits	250.00	355.00	250.00	250.00
4533 · Green Mountain Passports	50.00	70.00	50.00	50.00
4534 · Grants Awarded	0.00	390,097.50	0.00	0.00
4540 · Miscellaneous	100.00	1,187.00	0.00	0.00
4543 · Land Use Reimbursement	35,000.00	39,461.00	35,000.00	38,000.00
4545 · Summer Recreation Program	0.00	2,870.00	2,500.00	7,000.00
4546 · Cell Antenna Lease Payments	18,900.00	19,126.74	19,650.00	20,250.00
4547 · Elfin Lake Gate Income	0.00	6,227.50	6,000.00	7,500.00
4548 · Elfin Lake Concession Income	0.00	2,447.05	2,200.00	2,200.00
4549 · Rec Field Advertising	0.00	250.00	0.00	0.00
4550 · Donations	0.00	1,600.00	0.00	0.00



<b>Revenues</b>	<b>Budget Jul 21 - Jun 22</b>	<b>Actual Jul 21 - Jun 22</b>	<b>Budget Jul 22 - Jun 23</b>	<b>Budget Jul 23 - Jun 24</b>
4553 · Communications Group Income	4,800.00	6,172.24	4,800.00	5,000.00
4554 · Wallingford Day	9,949.02	13,340.02	0.00	0.00
<b>Total REVENUES</b>	<b>1,292,013.92</b>	<b>1,680,076.18</b>	<b>1,345,779.05</b>	<b>1,426,795.24</b>

<b>Administration</b>	<b>Budget Jul 21 - Jun 22</b>	<b>Actual Jul 21 - Jun 22</b>	<b>Budget Jul 22 - Jun 23</b>	<b>Budget Jul 23 - Jun 24</b>
5000 · Auditor Stipends	150.00	100.00	150.00	150.00
5001 · Selectboard Stipends	5,100.00	5,100.00	7,600.00	7,600.00
5002 · Assessor				
5002-A · Assessor Clerk Salary	3,000.00	397.27	2,000.00	1,500.00
5002-B · Assessor Expenses	7,000.00	7,091.17	7,250.00	7,250.00
5002-C · Property Tax Maps	2,000.00	1,650.00	1,650.00	2,000.00
5002-G · Assessor Contract	15,000.00	14,175.00	18,400.00	18,400.00
<b>Total 5002 · Assessor Expenses</b>	<b>27,000.00</b>	<b>23,313.44</b>	<b>29,300.00</b>	<b>29,150.00</b>
5003 · Town Administrator Salary	40,700.00	41,655.14	49,140.00	51,600.00
5004 · Zoning				
5004 · Zoning Administrator Salary	5,100.00	6,010.77	5,100.00	6,250.00
5004-A · Zoning Expenses	300.00	232.58	300.00	300.00
<b>Total 5004 · Zoning</b>	<b>5,400.00</b>	<b>6,243.35</b>	<b>5,400.00</b>	<b>6,550.00</b>
5005 · Town Clerk & Treasurer Salary	51,900.00	51,899.98	53,500.00	56,175.00
5006 · Road Crew Salaries	133,420.00	133,420.00	155,460.00	163,250.00
5007 · Road Crew Overtime Salaries	13,400.00	13,400.00	15,000.00	15,750.00
5008 · Transfer Station Salaries	25,100.00	23,755.10	28,900.00	28,900.00
5009 · Assistant Town Clerk/Treasurer Salary	16,325.00	16,655.19	18,500.00	19,800.00
5010 · Road Commissioner Stipend	1,800.00	1,800.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
5011 · Tree Warden Stipend	0.00	0.00	250.00	250.00
5012 · Delinquent Tax Collector Salary 8%	8,000.00	11,952.29	5,600.00	4,800.00
5023 · Employer - Medicare & SS	25,000.00	26,227.25	27,450.00	28,875.00
5024 · Employer's Retirement Fund Match	14,130.00	16,231.40	18,450.00	19,350.00
5025 · Unemployment, PACIF, Health, Etc.	115,000.00	99,853.19	96,750.00	104,000.00
5026 · Fire Warden Stipends	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

<b>Administration</b>	<b>Budget Jul 21 - Jun 22</b>	<b>Actual Jul 21 - Jun 22</b>	<b>Budget Jul 22 - Jun 23</b>	<b>Budget Jul 23 - Jun 24</b>
5027 · Grant Expenses	0.00	368,217.69	0.00	0.00
5041 · Health Officer Stipend	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00
5540 · Miscellaneous Expense	0.00	0.05	0.00	0.00
<b>Total ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>482,875.00</b>	<b>840,074.07</b>	<b>513,700.00</b>	<b>538,450.00</b>

<b>Town Government Operations</b>	<b>Budget Jul 21 - Jun 22</b>	<b>Actual Jul 21 - Jun 22</b>	<b>Budget Jul 22 - Jun 23</b>	<b>Budget Jul 23 - Jun 24</b>
5112 · Elections & Town Meeting	650.00	1,141.93	3,000.00	1,300.00
5113 · Town Report	2,350.00	1,969.52	3,000.00	3,150.00
5114 · Office Expenses	13,000.00	11,045.00	13,000.00	13,000.00
5114-A · Del. Collector Office Expenses	300.00	25.48	350.00	375.00
5115 · Legal Expenses	2,500.00	2,172.50	5,000.00	3,000.00
5116 · Planning & Zoning Notices	500.00	279.63	750.00	750.00
5117 · Ads & Warnings	500.00	645.23	1,100.00	750.00
5118 · Seminars/Meetings & Mileage	750.00	105.12	500.00	500.00
5122 · Records Restoration	3,000.00	8,925.00	3,000.00	5,000.00
5123 · Memorial Day Expenses	250.00	288.04	300.00	300.00
5125 · VLCT Dues	3,700.00	3,659.00	3,774.00	3,900.00
5126 · Rutland Regional Planning Comm. Dues	975.00	975.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
5130 · Workplace Safety Expenses	250.00	37.51	250.00	250.00
5133 · Dog License Fees to State of VT	2,500.00	2,485.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
5134 · Civil Marriage License Fees to State of VT	500.00	750.00	500.00	500.00
5150 · Transfer Station Operating Expenses	105,000.00	84,404.47	110,000.00	110,000.00
5151 · Town Hall Operating Expenses	17,000.00	17,200.25	18,500.00	19,000.00
5153 · Cemeteries	500.00	315.00	500.00	0.00
5155 · Rutland County Tax	16,000.00	15,759.00	20,630.00	23,775.00
5157 · Conservation Commission	1,830.00	1,830.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
5158 · Energy Committee	500.00	42.00	500.00	500.00
5160 · Communications Group Expenses	0.00	4,162.92	4,800.00	4,800.00
<b>Total TOWN GOVERNMENT OPS</b>	<b>172,555.00</b>	<b>158,217.60</b>	<b>195,454.00</b>	<b>196,850.00</b>

<b>Appropriations</b>	<b>Budget Jul 21 - Jun 22</b>	<b>Actual Jul 21 - Jun 22</b>	<b>Budget Jul 22 - Jun 23</b>	<b>Budget Jul 23 - Jun 24</b>
5202 · Ralph Stafford Scholarship	4,005.90	4,005.90	4,235.05	5,155.24
5203 · VNA & Hospice	0.00	0.00	250.00	250.00
5204 · So. Western Vt. Council on Aging	0.00	0.00	250.00	250.00
5205 · Gilbert Hart Library	38,000.00	38,000.00	38,000.00	40,000.00
5206 · Rutland County Humane Society	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
5207 · Rutland Mental Health Services	0.00	0.00	250.00	250.00
5208 · BROC	0.00	0.00	0.00	250.00
5209 · RSVP & The Volunteer Center	0.00	0.00	250.00	250.00
5210 · Wallingford Rescue, Inc.	21,000.00	21,000.00	21,000.00	21,000.00
5211 · Mt. Holly Rescue Squad	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
5212 · Regional Ambulance Service	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,100.00	750.00
5213 · NewStory Center	0.00	0.00	250.00	250.00
5214 · VT Center for Independent Living	0.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
5215 · VT Adult Learning	0.00	0.00	250.00	250.00
5216 · VT Association for the Blind	0.00	0.00	90.00	90.00
5218 · Green Up Vermont	100.00	100.00	100.00	150.00
5219 · Rutland Nat'l Resource Conservation	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00
5220 · Rutland County Parent Child Center	0.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
5221 · Wallingford Flag Expenses	150.00	147.30	150.00	150.00
5222 · Irving Smith Scholarship	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
5227 · Advocacy Resources Community	0.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
5228 · The Preservation Trust of Vermont	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
5231 · American Red Cross	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
5232 · VT Rural Fire Protection Task Force	0.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
5233 · Child First Advocacy	0.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
5235 · VT Family Network	0.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
5237 · VT Council on Rural Development	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
5238 · Rutland Cty Restorative Justice Center	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
5239 · NeighborWorks of Western Vermont	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
5240 · Nelson Tift Scholarship	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
<b>Total APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<b>68,505.90</b>	<b>68,503.20</b>	<b>71,025.05</b>	<b>74,295.24</b>



<b>Highway Department</b>	<b>Budget Jul 21 - Jun 22</b>	<b>Actual Jul 21 - Jun 22</b>	<b>Budget Jul 22 - Jun 23</b>	<b>Budget Jul 23 - Jun 24</b>
5301 · Town Garage Operating Expenses	9,500.00	10,027.81	11,850.00	15,400.00
5302 · Equipment-Misc.	2,000.00	2,648.64	2,600.00	3,000.00
5307 · 2000 Gallon Road Grader	3,000.00	1,225.51	3,900.00	0.00
5308 · 2011 Caterpillar Backhoe	2,000.00	1,894.16	2,000.00	2,500.00
5310 · Sanders/Plows	2,000.00	3,031.33	2,000.00	2,500.00
5314 · Hired Equipment	7,600.00	9,500.00	12,000.00	12,000.00
5315 · Diesel Fuel	25,000.00	33,399.81	27,500.00	34,375.00
5316 · Gasoline	1,000.00	784.93	1,200.00	1,200.00
5317 · Tree Service/Landscaping	2,500.00	2,497.55	3,250.00	4,000.00
5318 · Winter Sand	37,000.00	25,411.14	38,100.00	35,000.00
5319 · Winter Salt	50,000.00	42,404.77	60,000.00	60,000.00
5320 · Chloride	750.00	0.00	975.00	975.00
5321 · Culverts	7,500.00	0.00	9,750.00	9,000.00
5322 · Oil and Grease	2,500.00	416.67	3,250.00	2,000.00
5323 · Gravel	85,000.00	101,584.63	107,500.00	125,000.00
5324 · Blades, Chains & Shoes	2,500.00	2,996.60	3,250.00	3,250.00
5325 · Paving	50,000.00	46,352.99	65,000.00	75,000.00
5327 · Traffic Control Devices	500.00	482.23	650.00	500.00
5328 · Road Crew Clothing Stipend	1,500.00	1,375.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
5332 · Special Projects	2,000.00	2,500.00	2,000.00	2,500.00
5336 · 2014 Kenworth Truck	5,000.00	18,387.27	6,500.00	6,500.00
5337 · 2016 Kenworth Truck	4,000.00	4,556.11	5,500.00	5,500.00
5338 · 2006 Chevrolet Truck	1,000.00	392.91	1,000.00	500.00
5339 · Municipal Roads General Permit	1,350.00	1,350.00	2,090.00	1,350.00
5340 · 2018 Dodge Ram Truck	21,000.00	20,470.30	1,500.00	1,500.00
5342 · 2019 Milton CAT Loader (4 of 4) & main.	22,150.00	21,730.00	21,320.00	21,325.00
5343 · 2020 Milton CAT Excavator (3 of 4) & main.	13,000.00	12,690.00	12,455.00	12,450.00
5344 · Carry Forward Balance	0.00	-23,132.18	0.00	0.00
5345 · 2014 International Truck	0.00	16,371.82	0.00	2,000.00
5346 · New Grader	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,000.00
<b>Total HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>361,350.00</b>	<b>361,350.00</b>	<b>408,640.00</b>	<b>443,825.00</b>

<b>Public Safety</b>	<b>Budget Jul 21 - Jun 22</b>	<b>Actual Jul 21 - Jun 22</b>	<b>Budget Jul 22 - Jun 23</b>	<b>Budget Jul 23 - Jun 24</b>
5402 · First Constable Stipend	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00
5406 · Special Officer Contract	86,254.00	56,786.07	46,000.00	57,900.00
5408 · Dog Warden Stipend	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,250.00	1,250.00
5410 · Dog Warden Expenses	50.00	0.00	50.00	50.00
<b>Total PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	<b>87,754.00</b>	<b>58,236.07</b>	<b>47,550.00</b>	<b>59,450.00</b>

<b>Capital</b>	<b>Budget Jul 21 - Jun 22</b>	<b>Actual Jul 21 - Jun 22</b>	<b>Budget Jul 22 - Jun 23</b>	<b>Budget Jul 23 - Jun 24</b>
5710 · Route 140W Bridge Phase II	10,200.00	10,207.19	10,835.00	0.00
5712 · Bridge Reserve Fund	30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	40,000.00
5713 · Building Reserve Fund	18,900.00	18,900.00	19,650.00	20,250.00
5716 · Highway Reserve Fund	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
<b>Total CAPITAL</b>	<b>79,100.00</b>	<b>79,107.19</b>	<b>80,485.00</b>	<b>80,250.00</b>

<b>Recreation</b>	<b>Budget Jul 21 - Jun 22</b>	<b>Actual Jul 21 - Jun 22</b>	<b>Budget Jul 22 - Jun 23</b>	<b>Budget Jul 23 - Jun 24</b>
5801 · Elfin Lake Salaries	9,000.00	8,160.24	9,500.00	10,400.00
5901 · Summer Recreation Salaries	9,700.00	7,457.93	8,200.00	8,600.00
5803 · Telephone	250.00	255.97	250.00	325.00
5804 · Electric	400.00	338.30	450.00	450.00
5805 · Maintenance	1,000.00	9,600.84	2,500.00	2,500.00
5806 · Portable Restroom	1,300.00	1,283.57	750.00	1,375.00
5807 · Field Trips	2,000.00	1,296.00	1,500.00	1,800.00
5808 · Lake Supplies	525.00	7,884.42	525.00	525.00
5809 · Recreation Supplies	650.00	1,679.49	650.00	400.00
5810 · Lake Concessions	1,000.00	1,037.60	1,000.00	1,300.00
5812 · Mowing	2,600.00	3,085.00	2,600.00	3,000.00
5814 · Youth Sports	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
5816 · Wallingford Day	9,949.02	13,340.02	0.00	1,750.00
5817 · Recreation Programs	1,000.00	0.00	500.00	750.00
5820 · Recreation CD Account Closeout	0.00	-15,703.61	0.00	0.00
<b>Total RECREATION</b>	<b>39,874.02</b>	<b>40,215.77</b>	<b>28,925.00</b>	<b>33,675.00</b>

<b>Total EXPENSES</b>	<b>1,292,013.92</b>	<b>1,605,703.90</b>	<b>1,345,779.05</b>	<b>1,426,795.24</b>
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# Annual Informational Meeting Minutes

February 28, 2022

**Selectboard Members Present:** Bruce Duchesne, Kathy Luzader, Patricia Pranger, Nelson Tift, and Rose Regula.

**Others present:** Sandi Switzer, Julie Sharon, Peg Soule, Mark Noble, Debbie Scranton, Lynn Pilcher, Tammy Heffernan (moderator), Art Peterson, Tom Burditt, Justin Jankus, and Christine Palmer. There were 38 people connected to the meeting via Zoom. Only Town officials and those who addressed the Board were listed as present.

Selectboard Chair Nelson Tift called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the annual Informational Meeting.

N. Tift introduced members of the Selectboard, Town clerk and Treasurer Julie Sharon, Town Administrator Sandi Switzer and then turned the meeting over to Moderator Tammy Heffernan.

Ms. Heffernan provided an overview of the guidelines for the Zoom Informational Meeting and detailed how members of the public could ask questions or make comments.

Ms. Heffernan introduced statehouse Representatives Art Peterson and Tom Burditt. She requested they provide legislative updates without campaigning as other individuals seeking office would not be provided the same opportunity. They offered summaries of their work and committee assignments in Montpelier.

**Article I.** Ms. Heffernan read Article I of the Informational Meeting Agenda. No public input.

**Article II.** Ms. Heffernan read Article II of the Informational Meeting Agenda. No public input.

**Article III.** Ms. Heffernan read Article III of the Informational Meeting Agenda. No public input.

**Article IV.** Ms. Heffernan read Article IV of the Informational Meeting Agenda. N. Tift said R. Regula would provide an overview of the budget. R. Regula explained the proposed Fiscal Year 2023 budget of \$1,345,779.05 was up \$53,765 and would require \$992,037.06 to be raised in taxes. She said using the 2021 Grand List, the municipal tax rate would increase slightly from \$0.3926 to \$0.4059. She indicated it was just an estimate as the tax rate would be calculated using the 2022 Grand List. R. Regula provided a detailed overview of the proposed revenue and expense budget.

Lynn Pilcher asked for more information about the Bridge Reserve Fund. N. Tift replied the fund was set up for the Creek Road Bridge initially and Article VIII was largely for administrative purposes to create the Reserve Fund for municipal bridge repairs.

**Article V.** Ms. Heffernan read Article V of the Informational Meeting Agenda. N. Tift said the Board discussed using 2/3 of the Revenue Augmentation Trust for a Capital expense, such as a new grader or salt shed with the remaining 1/3 to be under the custody of the Trustees of Public Funds. He said funds would not be available until the Trust terminated in December of 2023. He noted terms of the Trust required voter input at the 2022 Town Meeting. No public input.

**Article VI.** Ms. Heffernan read Article VI of the Informational Meeting Agenda. N. Tift explained the



Building Reserve Fund was set up for the purpose of maintaining municipal buildings and income from the Town Hall cell tower lease went into the fund. No public input.

**Article VII.** Ms. Heffernan read Article VII of the Informational Meeting Agenda. N. Tift said this article sought authorization to put cell tower income into the Building Reserve Fund. No public input.

**Article VIII.** Ms. Heffernan read Article VIII of the Informational Meeting Agenda. N. Tift said this was largely for administrative purposes to create the Bridge Reserve Fund. No public input.

**Article IX.** Ms. Heffernan read Article IX of the Informational Meeting Agenda. N. Tift said this article asked voters to transfer \$30,000 from the FY'22 budget into the Bridge Reserve Fund. No public input.

**Article X.** Ms. Heffernan read Article X of the Informational Meeting Agenda. N. Tift said 43 Vermont towns opted to give voters a chance to decide on the issue of future sales of cannabis within their respective communities. Christine Palmer asked if a portion of cannabis sales would be used for specific purposes. N. Tift said the ballot item, if approved, would merely allow the possibility of cannabis sales within the community in the future without laying the groundwork as to how that would be implemented.

Peg Soule asked if the Town could opt-in at a later date or was this an "all or nothing" vote. N. Tift said he was unsure whether the Town could opt-in later. It was noted the article was petitioned onto the ballot. B. Duchesne explained current Town zoning banned the sale of cannabis so the zoning administrator and planning commission would be looking for public input on this matter as zoning regulations were being updated. Mark Noble said the state may only approve a limited number of permits for the sale of cannabis. Debbie Scranton said she was concerned about the vagueness of the issue and would support a small-scale operation, but perhaps not a large operation.

Justin Jankus said Town zoning would have to be amended if voters approved the article and new zoning regulations may require full review of applications. Mark Noble added the Town could regulate cannabis sale operations through zoning.

**Other Business.** Lynn Pilcher asked for an ARPA update. Peg Soule (chair of the ARPA Committee) said a committee had been formed, met twice and would continue to meet monthly. She said the committee developed a Mission Statement and had been reviewing U.S. Treasury's 400-page Final Rule and Vermont League of Cities and Towns interpretations of the Final Rule. She said the committee would be seeking public input and she noted the municipal website included information pertaining to ARPA funds as well as Committee work with agendas and meeting Minutes. She said VLCT advised the Town to proceed cautiously as the Final Rule took shape. Ms. Soule added the Town had two years to obligate funds and two additional years to spend it.

With no further public input, Tammy Heffernan thanked everyone for participating in the meeting. N. Tift extended his appreciation to Board members, Tammy Heffernan, the town administrator, town clerk and treasurer, and citizens for their participation.

R. Regula made a motion that was seconded by P. Pranger to adjourn at 7:54 p.m. Motion carried (5-0).

Submitted By: Sandi Switzer/Town Administrator

Approved March 7, 2022

## Selectboard Report

The Wallingford Selectboard welcomed new members Carolyn Behrendt and Justin Jankus and returning board member Mark Tessier. We thank Rose Regula and Patricia Pranger for their service and dedication. The Selectboard as well as the entire Wallingford community sadly said goodbye to longtime Selectboard Chair Nelson Tift who passed away. His expertise, knowledge and deep commitment to the community will long be remembered and appreciated. A scholarship in his name will be set up this year with funds included in the FY'24 budget proposal.

The Board hired Co-Directors Lisa Cotrupi and Lawrie Roundy to oversee the popular Summer Recreation Program with the assistance of Senior Counselor Virginia Turso. Four part time employees – Annika Heintz, Emma Joy Steever, Solan Farmer and Charlotte Burch- ran Elfin Lake concessions and Ethan Kenny served as lifeguard to watch over swimmers on weekdays.

The Town was awarded a VTrans Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Grant in the amount of \$542,828 to replace School Street sidewalks. Special thanks to the Sidewalk Committee of Peg Soule, Kathy Luzader, Bruce Dobbins, Town Administrator Sandi Switzer and RRPC's Devon Neary for their diligent work on an extensive grant application. The Town was awarded a \$22,000 Watersheds of Vermont grant for Elfin Lake erosion reduction preliminary and final designs. Thank you to Conservation Commission members and a number of local citizens who assisted with the application. Other grants awarded to the Town this year, included: Grants in Aid in the amount of \$27,000 for road work; a VLCT Safety Grant totaling \$2,500 for road sign packages; and a Grants in Aid Equipment grant for \$5,600 to purchase a debris blower. The Town is waiting to hear on three Better Road grant applications totaling approximately \$65,000 for Highway Department projects on Church Street, Bear Mountain Road and Sugar Hill Road.

The hardworking road crew maintained the 46 miles of Town roads and completed a number of special projects, including ditching and culvert replacement work on Blackwood and Chapin Roads. A Milton CAT grader was purchased to replace a 22-year-old Galion grader. Line striping completed this year improved public safety, especially with more visible crosswalks in the village.

Town Hall floors were refinished last summer, new gutters installed on the Elfin Lake concession stand, a new raft was purchased for the lake, and a beautiful sunflower themed mural graced the concession stand wall thanks to talented Macey DeLorme Smith. The Town collaborated with the Carving Studio to install (thanks to the road crew) a beautiful stone bench on a pristine slab of marble on the Gilbert Hart Library front lawn.

The Selectboard adopted a Public Works Mutual Aid Agreement; a Hot Weather Annex making Town Hall a location site; and a Public Records Request Policy. The municipal Purchasing Policy and Employee Handbook were updated, and a counselor-in-training program approved for the Summer Recreation program. The Board also approved a Master Gardner Project at the Boy With the Boot garden.

The Town Hall Concert Series started up again playing to large and enthusiastic audiences. Concerts are scheduled for March (Extra Stout - Irish music) and April (legendary Sky Blue Boys) with more in the works later this year. In other news, the Board issued a Request for Proposal for a townwide reappraisal ahead of a state mandate and, therefore, avoided state requisite deadlines.

The Board worked diligently on the Fiscal Year 2024 budget to balance the needs of the municipality with the pocketbooks of community members. We have reduced and/or level funded line items wherever possible.

Finally, a heartfelt thank you to the municipal employees and the many volunteers who serve on boards, committees and commissions. Our wonderful community is a reflection of your hard work and dedication and your efforts do not go unnoticed. Please remember, the Selectboard meets twice monthly and appreciates your input. We are here to serve you.

***Bruce Duchesne (Chair), Carolyn Behrendt, Justin Jankus, Kathy Luzader, and Mark Tessier,***  
*Wallingford Selectboard*

## **Town Clerk & Treasurer Report**

The Town Clerk and Treasurer's Office continues to offer notary service, motor vehicle registration renewals, dog licenses, hunting and fishing licenses, copying, civil marriage licenses, posting property, a food shelf, voting registration, Green Mountain Passports, tax payment collection, certified copies of vital records, the town newsletter, and much more.

Don't forget that all dogs, age six months and older, must be registered annually by April 1<sup>st</sup>. A valid rabies certificate must be submitted or be on file. We are happy to issue licenses through the mail. Fees are \$10 fixed; \$14 not fixed. The State receives \$5 from each license for the rabies and spay/neuter programs. We hope to offer a rabies vaccination clinic again in March.

Vermont residents, who owned and occupied their dwelling as of April 1, 2022, must file the Homestead Declaration Form HS-122, even if they are not required to file a VT income tax return. The deadline for filing is April 17, 2023, regardless of filing extensions; otherwise, a late filing penalty is assessed. If you lived here for all of 2022, you may be eligible for a state rebate. The Household Income Schedule HI-144 must be filed for this rebate.

We were busy with elections in 2022 – Town Meeting, the August Primary, the November General election, and a Runoff election. Online voter registration can found be at: "<https://olvr.vermont.gov>". Registered voters can log in at: "<https://mvp.vermont.gov>" to request an absentee ballot, update voter information, view a sample ballot, etc.

Wallingford is an exceptional community, and I continue to be honored to serve you in my capacity.

***Julie Sharon, Town Clerk and Treasurer***

## **Wallingford Seniors**

A monthly foot and blood pressure clinic is held the first Wednesday of each month at 10:30 a.m. at the Wallingford House. Another program intended to keep Seniors active and healthy is the "Bone Builders" program held at Gilbert Hart Library on Tuesdays and Thursday at 9:00 a.m.

# Fund Balances

Fund Balances  
(as of December 31, 2022)

		2022
	Balance	Interest Earned
ARPA	\$ 585,202.48	\$1,453.93
Bridge	\$266,706.36	\$970.73
Building	\$ 92,812.89	\$644.80
Cemetery	\$ 5,962.14	\$0.60
Conservation Commission	\$ 2,021.69	\$0.28
Highway Reserve Fund	\$ 36,219.56	\$94.88
Reappraisal Fund	\$ 79,459.95	\$558.89

## ARPA Committee

The Wallingford Selectboard appointed a seven-member American Rescue Plan Act Committee, including Robert Allen, Anne Awad (vice-chair), James Bagnall, Bruce Dobbins, Richard Korchak, Elicia Pinsonault, and Peg Soule (chair). Richard Korchak withdrew, and Grey Wicker was appointed in his place.

It has been the goal of the ARPA Committee to be transparent in our functioning, to recommend projects to the Selectboard that will serve our community as broadly and fairly as possible, and to use the ARPA funds as a means for utilizing outside funds as extensively as possible. The committee has been guided by the original intention of ARPA, and, more specifically, by the Final Rule available on the VT League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) website.

The deadline of November 1, 2022 was set for the submission of proposals, and 27 proposals were submitted. The committee worked extensively on developing criteria for evaluating proposals, both in terms of a philosophy and priorities, and in terms of a manageable and objective framework. The committee then reviewed the proposals and returned requests for further information on a number of them. VLCT was extremely helpful in suggesting other sources of funds such as matching grants and alternative grant opportunities to aid us in maximizing the impact of our town's funds. We passed these along to proposal representatives.

The ARPA Committee is approaching the point of making its recommendations to the Selectboard. We are hoping that this will be accomplished by this spring. Our recommendations will be spread out across all three of our villages and will improve town services. They will include infrastructure

repair and upgrading, health and safety issues, improvement of the energy efficiency of town buildings, and amelioration of some of the financial impacts of COVID on our business sector. Some projects will have an major impact on a small group of people, and some will have a smaller impact on the entire town.

The ARPA Committee has been very fortunate to have members who represent a wide range of perspectives and all three villages of our town. This has truly enriched this challenging process. We are very excited to see the significant impact Wallingford's ARPA funds will have on the quality of life in our town.

***Peg Soule, Chair***



*Carving Studio bench project installed at Gilbert Hart Library. Photo by Sandi Switzer*

## **Enhanced 911**

We would like to start by thanking everyone working at the Town Office for all the continued help and support they have given us throughout the past year.

2022 has been a good year for the committee. We have added a few new numbers and changed a few also. We would like to continue to remind everyone to please have your locatable address visibly displayed with 3-inch reflective numbers so Emergency Services can readily locate your address from the road.

If you are building on a new lot or changing the use of a current lot, please have the personnel at the Town Offices OR you notify us, and we would be happy to assist you in assigning your locatable address. Also, as a reminder, your parcel number is NOT your E911 locatable address.

If you have any questions or would like to verify your correct E-911 number, please contact us at telephone: 802-446-2007.

***Eric and Dale Davenport, E-911 Coordinators***



## Transfer Station

The Wallingford Transfer Station provides valuable services to residents, including Zero Sort recycling, the collection of electronic waste, yard waste, and solid waste. Food is banned from the solid waste stream and must be composted or placed in the food scrap bin. Free collection of household hazardous waste will take place May 13 and September 23 in 2023. Check the municipal website and newsletter for exact dates. Reminder, only recyclables go in the Zero Sort bin and NOT garbage.

**NEW!!** Thanks to efforts by the Conservation Commission, the transfer station has partnered with the Trex Plastic Film Recycling Program to provide special bins to accept: grocery bags, bread bags, bubble wrap, dry cleaning bags, newspaper sleeves, ice bags, plastic shipping envelopes, zip-lock and other re-closable food storage bags, cereal bags, case overwrap, salt bags, pallet wrap and stretch film, wood pellet bags, produce bags. As with all recycling, the materials should be relatively CLEAN. These items must go in the specially marked bins and NOT mixed with Zero Sort. Trex does NOT accept pet food bags, mesh/net produce bags, pool covers, frozen food bags, candy bar wrappers, chip bags, six pack rings, vinyl shower curtains (see transfer station employees if you have questions).

Property owners are required to display municipal stickers on their motor vehicles in order to access the transfer station. Stickers are available for purchase at Town Hall at a cost of \$3 each. Residents will receive free 50-punch and 20-punch cards with their property tax bills in August. Punch cards may only be used for bagged garbage. Punch cards may be purchased at Town Hall or the Transfer Station. For those interested in composting, Rutland County Solid Waste District is selling residential compost bins. For more information, call RCSWD at (802) 775-7209. As always, residents are encouraged to recycle, reduce and reuse. Wallingford Transfer Station hours are Mondays and Wednesdays from noon to 5:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to noon.

## Assessor Report

We are going into our third year of "Covid" sales as people continue to migrate out of populated areas. Sales continue to be much higher than assessments, some by a huge margin. There are still more buyers out there than sellers. With the increase in interest rates, asking prices have come down a little, but valid sales still remain higher than assessments.

These higher than assessment sales have drastically eroded many Vermont town's Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) and Coefficient of Dispersion (COD) numbers that the State uses when determining every town's Equalized Education Tax Rate. There are 164 towns that have received letters from the State requiring reappraisal. The Town of Wallingford is one of those towns. New England Municipal Resource Center (NEMRC), the Town's Assessor, has recommended to the Town of Wallingford to start the process of performing a town wide reappraisal, prior to the letters being sent out. The Selectboard issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) requesting bids for the project and accepted NEMRC's bid. Once started, it is usually a two-year project. The COD and the Education Tax is about 80% of every property's tax bill. CLA is determined through a statistical analysis of the previous three years of sales. For the 2022 tax year, sales from 2021, 2020 and 2019 were reviewed. For the 2023 tax year, 2022 is added and 2019 is taken off.



The last reappraisal was completed in 2018 with a COD of 4.75% and the CLA was 103.14%. These numbers have been inching toward the maximum of 20% for the COD and the minimum of 85% for the CLA. The CLA for 2020 was 99.42%; in 2021 it was 94.48%. The COD change was even greater. In 2020, it was 9.89%. It has soared to 16.68% for 2021. For 2022, the CLA is 84% and the COD 20.38%, both below the state's threshold.

It has been suggested by some that properties sold be assessed at their selling price (sales chasing) or that a factor be used to increase assessments rather than performing a town wide reappraisal. Sales chasing in many states is illegal, including Vermont. Applying a factor is not going to work as not all properties have changed equally.

On top of this, there are many property owners who have taken out building permits for everything from sheds to porches, additions and new homes.

Keep in mind that after a reappraisal with an increase in values, if Town and school budgets stay relatively the same, the tax rate goes down.

***John Tiffany, Assessor***



*Photo by Gary Fredette*

## Gilbert Hart Library Association Budget (2022-23)

### Operating Income:

Town Funding	\$40,000
Memberships	\$8,000
Interest & Dividends	\$10,000
Memorials/Honorariums	\$1,000
Fundraising	\$2,000
Donations	\$2,500
Library Cards	\$50
Petty Cash Fees/Donations	\$600
Friends	\$2,000
Grants	\$1,000
<b>Total Revenue:</b>	<b>\$67,150</b>

### Operating Expenses:

Salaries	\$33,075
Bookkeeper	\$1,600
Payroll Taxes	\$2,800
Insurance (workers comp)	\$600
Insurance-Building	\$2,000
Electricity	\$2,100
Fuel Oil	\$3,000
Telephone	\$700
Equipment Expense	\$1,000
Maintenance – Bldg	\$10,000
Maintenance – Grounds	\$1,000
Postage	\$1,000
Library Supplies	\$1,000
Printing/fund-raising	\$500
Technical Support	\$250
Workshops/Dues/Mileage	\$300
<b>Total Operating Expense</b>	<b>\$60,925</b>

### Library Acquisition

Books	\$6,000
Periodicals	\$500
Audios, Videos	\$750
Programming	\$1,400
Computer Software	\$0
Automation	\$1,400

<b>Total Resource Expense</b>	<b>\$10,050</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$70,345</b>

<b>Income/(Loss)</b>	<b>-\$3,195</b>
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## **Gilbert Hart Library**

The year at the Gilbert Hart Library has passed uneventfully other than the addition of new items to the collection, new shelving for picture books, two new chrome books, two new acer laptops, and a new Wi-Fi extender that increased the signal for internet connection both in and outside our walls. All the aforementioned items were funded through grants connected to the American Rescue Plan. These were issued by the Institute of Museum and Library Services and the Vermont Department of Libraries. Trustees Pat Bowen and Abbey Harlow along with Librarian Wendy Savery enrolled the library as a sponsor of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, so families of children under age 5 in Wallingford and East Wallingford may enroll and receive a free book each month for their young reader(s). We continued to provide selections for The Book Path at Stone Meadow for all ages to enjoy, helped Wallingford Day efforts with programming and by serving as host to some food trucks, and welcomed the addition of a beautiful stone bench out in front of the library donated by the Carving Studio & Sculpture Center in West Rutland.

Programming included our traditional candy house decorating and staged reading event in December, as well as book discussions that brought in a new group of avid readers to explore *Once There Were Wolves*, *Between the World and Me*, and *Wish You Were Here*. Young adults as well as seniors participated in a painting class held in June. Special STEM programming from the MINT makerspace, also partially funded by a Vermont Department of Libraries grant, drew over 40 participants during Wallingford Day. The Book Path and Little Free Library are continued additions to library offerings around the community. Bone Builders and a local Bridge group meet regularly at the library. A VT Reads discussion of 2022 selection, *The Most Costly Journey*, is slated for November.

**Wendy Savery**, Librarian and **Michael Luzader**, Chair of GHL Board of Trustees

## **Wallingford Community Thrift Shop**

Wallingford Community Thrift Shop is all about Neighbors helping Neighbors. This group of volunteers is dedicated to supporting and helping residents in Wallingford and surrounding communities.

In 2022, we helped many families directly with either household goods, clothing, gift cards or cash donations for expenses due to medical or other disastrous events. In addition, the shop made donations to the Serenity House, Tinmouth Fire Department, Rutland Youth Theater, Burr and Burton Theater, Rutland Humane Society, Open Door Mission, The Brick Church "Yellow Box" project and roof repair, Hospice of North County, Mount St. Joseph School, BROCC, The Wallingford Standard newsletter, Rutland Welcomes, Rutland's Promise, Bridge to Rutland, Wallingford Summer Recreation Program scholarships, Mill River Union Project Graduation, Friends of Music and Honor Society Food Baskets, Bromley Family Farm, NewStory, Middletown Springs Elementary School, 4-T's Thrift Shop, Vermont Foodbank, United Way's "Happy Feet" program, Roy and Anne Wilbur Fund (Tinmouth Elves), Rutland Community Cupboard, Open Door Mission, Rutland County Parent Child Center, Dodge House, WSYB Christmas Fund and the Lenny Burke Farm Inc.

We also supplied a small food shelf outside the front of the shop. We call it "The Giving Box". With the food insecurity in the State, we have found that this food shelf has been used more and more by our neighbors. Please feel free to take whatever food or supplies you need. We just ask that you limit yourself to items you need to get by and save some food for other neighbors.

We could not do this without the support we receive from the community, both from the donations you give us as well as the purchases you make. We thank everyone who has made the Wallingford Community Thrift Shop a success. Located at 218 North Main Street in Wallingford, the shop is open Thursday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, please call (802) 446-6040. If you are looking for a volunteer opportunity (and have fun), please contact us.

## **Mt. Holly Volunteer Rescue Squad**

The Mount Holly Volunteer Rescue Squad would like to thank everyone in the town for your support throughout the year. On average, East Wallingford is about 25% of Mt. Holly Volunteer Rescue Squad call volume.

***Anna McGee Hanson, President***

## **Tree Warden**

Last year with funds from the State of Vermont Department of Forests and Parks, three shade trees were planted. With another grant this year, three more trees will help provide more canopy for shade.

Storm damaged trees were taken down in Stone Meadow, West Hill Cemetery, the Transfer Station, and on Church Street.

Although the Emerald Ash Borer has not been officially reported in Wallingford, indications are that it will soon be here if it isn't here already. An inventory is being done to measure the impact once trees start dying.

***Rob Barker, Tree Warden***

## **Recreation Committee**

During the spring of 2022, the Recreation Committee began working on opening the ballfields for a great season of baseball and softball. Funds donated from Long Trail Baseball were used to add much needed clay to all three fields. There were 49 Wallingford children who participated and the recreation center was often overflowing with youngsters and adults attending games. Softball had three full teams this past year with one of the teams completing the season undefeated!

The annual Memorial Day parade took place on a beautiful day with a fantastic turn out. Look for this



year's parade information in the municipal newsletter and on the Town website to see how your team, organization or group can participate.

The Recreation Committee received resident inquiry into the utilization of the current concession building at Elfin Lake. Several layouts and designs were completed by a committee member that would provide access for those with disabilities. Further work will continue this coming season with the hope of providing residents of Wallingford a great place to access the jewel of our town, Elfin Lake.

The summer recreation camp was well attended this year. The camp provides resident children a great opportunity to be outside enjoying our Town's facilities under the care and guidance of some great camp counselors.

Thanks to the Wallingford Day folks for hosting another great day filled with fantastic games, music and fireworks. Can't wait for next summer! A generous resident has donated funds to replace the basketball hoops at the rec center. This is a fantastic opportunity to continue with the great work that has already taken place over there. The basketball court and tennis court have been resurfaced and the park looks great! Make sure and take some time to use the facilities or just take a nice walk across the footbridge to Stone Meadow.

Currently, the committee is working on redeveloping some programs for seniors in our community. Dance classes and Bone Builders have peaked the discussion, but we encourage the community to assist us in ideas and planning for these programs, your input leads our direction.

If you have any ideas for programs or interest in serving on the committee, please reach out to us through employees at Town Hall, we'd love to hear from you.

***David Cornwell, Brian Ferguson, Shannon Pytlik and Sumio Seo, Recreation Committee***



*Summer Recreation Program, photo by Virginia Turso*

# Wallingford Rescue, Inc.

## For the Year Ended September 30, 2022

### RECEIPTS

#### Town Allocations:

Wallingford	\$11,000	
Tinmouth	<u>\$3,000</u>	\$14,000
Ambulance Fund		\$10,000
Transport		\$54,189
Donations		\$2,885
Miscellaneous		\$100
Gain <loss> investments		<u>(\$22,412)</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$58,762

### TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS

Medical Supplies	\$1,244	
Insurance	\$10,974	
Fuel	\$2,224	
Stipends	\$7,445	
Equipment Repair	\$1,253	
Ambulance	\$10,000	
Vehicle Expense	<u>\$1,232</u>	\$34,372

#### General & Administration:

Fees	\$3,750	
Commissions	\$4,438	
Utilities, Property Taxes	\$4,807	
Mortgage Interest/Principle	\$18,705	
Building Maintenance/Supplies	\$7,312	
Postage and Supplies	\$1,184	
Dues & Conferences	\$425	
Miscellaneous	\$520	
Treas. & Secretary Compensation	<u>\$1,000</u>	\$42,141
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		<u>\$76,513</u>

Excess Cash Receipts over Disbursements (\$17,751)

Cash Balance October 1, 2021 \$220,542

Cash Balance September 30, 2022 \$202,791

As of September 30, 2022 cash consisted of the following:

Cash-Checking	\$105,925
Morgan Stanley	\$96,866
Cash Balance, September 30, 2022	\$202,791



## **Wallingford Rescue, Inc.**

From October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2022, Wallingford Rescue, Inc. was called out a total of 254 times. This included 18 calls in Tinmouth and a total of 27 mutual aid calls to assist in East Wallingford, Danby, Poultney, Clarendon, Middletown Springs, and Rutland. The total amount of calls has significantly risen this past year. That fact along with a staffing shortage has made everything very difficult. Please have patience with us as we try to manage for the next year. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of Wallingford Volunteer Fire Department for their continued assistance and support throughout the year. Thank you to Regional Ambulance Service for their help with both coverage and Paramedic level intercepts.

In the summer of 2022 Wallingford Rescue decided to replace one of the 2000 ambulances with one that is 16 years newer. After a face lift and a little bit of TLC, it is now in service for our area. We are planning to sell one of our 22-year-old ambulances.

Unfortunately, the biggest fundraiser that we have had to be canceled again this year. The annual 50/50 Raffle fell victim to COVID as we did not feel comfortable enough to host the social event of the summer in Wallingford for a third year. So far, the 50/50 Raffle is on schedule for 2023. The date of Friday, July 21<sup>st</sup> has been tentatively scheduled at the Boys Camp. More information will follow early next year. Thanks to those of you who still donated the amount that they would have spent on tickets. Our squad greatly appreciates all your support.

If anyone is interested in joining Wallingford Rescue, please call squad headquarters at 802-446-3942 and leave a message. A member will return your call. We are actively recruiting qualified members, drivers and auxiliary members to help better serve our communities. Daytime coverage is especially needed and training will be provided. Special thanks go out to the townspeople for their constant support throughout the year. Wallingford is a very special place with generous, awesome people who live in it.

***Greg Ricketts, President***

## **Conservation Commission**

It has been a busy 2022 for the Wallingford Conservation Commission. The annual spring Green Up Day was coordinated and with your help, resulted in hundreds of bags of litter being removed from our roadsides. Honey from our hives was sold at Wallingford Day as well as throughout the year at Town Hall. We worked with Ribbon Trails to survey the trails at Stone Meadow resulting in considerable input on how to improve the trails and make them more accessible and sustainable.

The Rutland Audubon Society led a birdwatching walk-through at Stone Meadow this fall with a great diversity of species identified. In addition to the commission's usual work to keep the park beautiful, a new picnic table painted with tracks of local wildlife has been added and Gilbert Hart Library once again updated The Book Path. The local group, Vermont Mindful Walks, has

prepared a section of ground in Stone Meadow for installation of a community wildflower pollinator garden.

Moving beyond Stone Meadow, work was initiated with Fitzgerald Environmental Consulting to create preliminary and final designs to reduce erosion and its impact on Elfin Lake. The commission also supported the conservation of land near Hartsboro Road by the National Park Service and the expansion of the Otter Creek Wildlife Management Area by the Trust for Public Lands. The commission brainstormed numerous potential projects over the summer and worked with the Transfer Station team this fall on ways to reduce waste. One example is a new plastic bag and film recycling project to handle plastic that is not suitable for the zero-sort bin, such as wood pellet bags and bubble wrap. We have also initiated a new segment in the monthly newsletter to keep everyone informed of what the commission is up to and how you can get involved. We look forward to seeing everyone sledding at the Stone Meadow Cabin Fever Fun Day in February and walking the trails throughout 2023.

***Dennis Duhaime, Tom Fort (Co-Chair), Carol Macleod, Ralph Nimtz, Jane Quigley, Debbie Scranton (Co-Chair), Rodney Ward, Conservation Commission***

## **Wallingford Historical Society**

The Wallingford Historical Society has had a very busy and productive year.

One of our projects was to have the "History of Wallingford, Vermont" written by Walter Thorpe in 1911 reprinted. Thanks to the diligent effort of board member Elaine Warzocha – a.k.a. the book peddler - we were able to recoup 50 percent of our cost within two months.

The Society held an open house on Wallingford Day and had many visitors viewing our collection and the alumni collection.

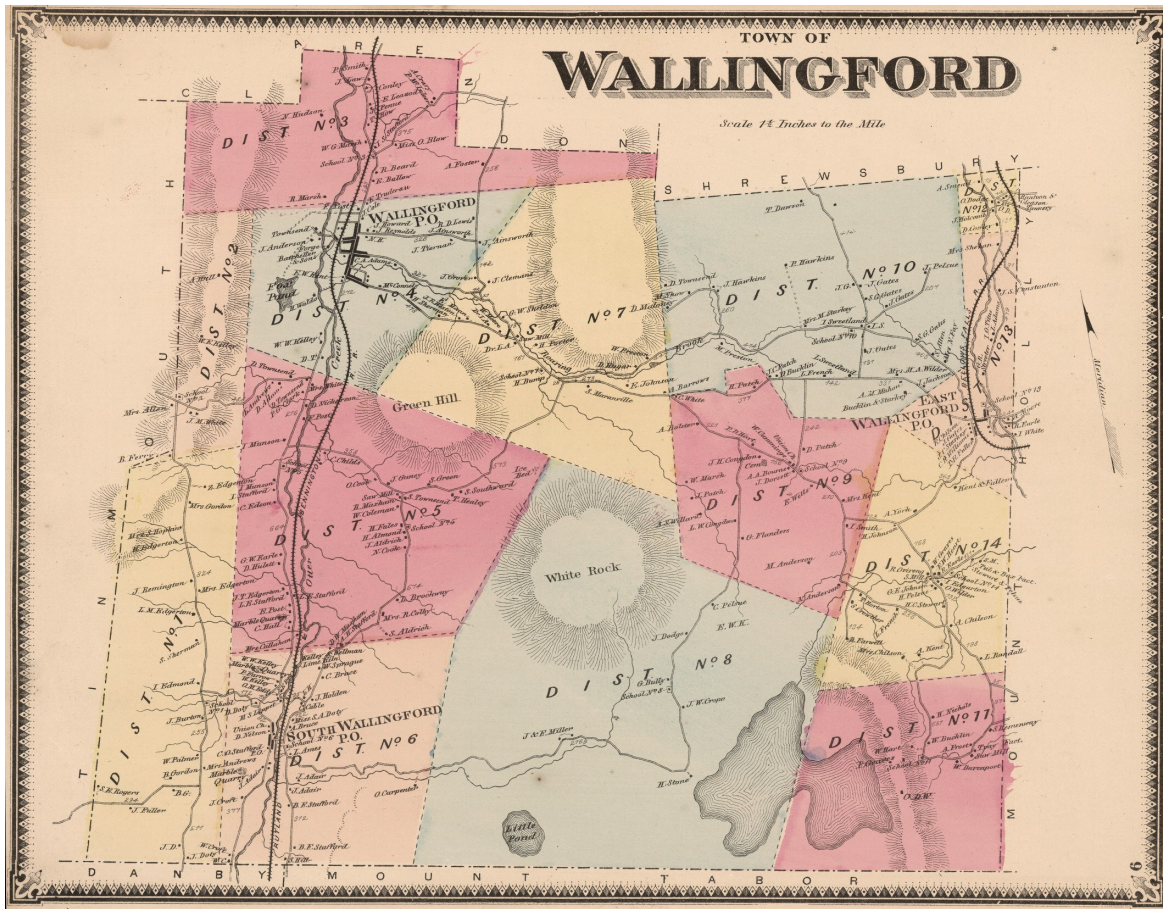
We hosted a video presentation of a 1990 meeting featuring Roberta Thayer Willard on the big movie screen located on the stage in our museum thanks to the assistance of our new helper, Jordan Jankus. Roberta's father Paul Thayer was a self-taught architect and built many of the cottages located on Lake Elfin. We are fortunate to have some of his original blueprints. With the help of Sandy and David Wasco, we are looking forward to having these prints as part of an exhibit about Paul in the Bennington Museum sometime soon.

In November the Historical Society presented a talk about the fourteen school districts situated in Town in 1869. The many photos and audience participation added a lot of personal information. To view this talk, go to PEG-TV's website or YouTube channel.

Jordan again came through for us in December and presented a program called "Safety in This Digital World" offering tips on internet safety, social media, and smartphones.

If you would like to participate and/or help, please contact us.

***Joyce Barbieri, President***



1869 Beer's Atlas of the Town of Wallingford

## Planning Commission

The Planning Commission worked on the proposed Zoning Regulations throughout the year, meeting in person. The proposal was sent to the Rutland Regional Planning Commission for review in November. It was received back in December with suggestions for minor changes.

**Erika Berner**, Planning Commission Chair



Wallingford Standard available online.  
[www.wallingfordvt.com/community/newsletter/](http://www.wallingfordvt.com/community/newsletter/)

## Zoning

### Issued (Approved) Permits :

A total of 50 permits were issued as of 19 December 2022 (see table below):

Type of Permit	Amount Issued
Home Occupation	1
Additions / Renovations/Sheds/Decks/ Fire damaged replacement buildings	25
Signage (Permanent and Temporary)	3
New Building	3
Vendor/Peddler License	5
Driveway	4
Commercial License / Change of Use	7
Lot Line Adjustment / Property Subdivision	2
	<b>50</b>

### Conferences / Workshops:

The Zoning Administrator attended two on-line workshops.

### Development Review Board (DRB) Interactions:

The DRB held warned public hearings during the months of May, June, and August. (Complete Minutes and hearing decisions can be found on the Town of Wallingford website under Board Agendas and Minutes.)

### Planning Commission Interactions

The Planning Commission continued to revise the Town Zoning Regulations meeting in-person.

*Erika Berner, Zoning Administrator*

## Trustees of Public Funds

The Trustees of Public Funds have the responsibility to receive, hold, manage, invest and reinvest the assets of the Trust. The Trustees shall collect and distribute the income in accordance with the underlying bequests or Trust Agreements. The trustees have invested in well-diversified moderate allocation mutual funds. The status is as follows:

	<u>Shares Held</u>	<u>Market Value 12/31/2022</u>
1993 Revenue Augmentation Trust	10,380.962	\$234,921.17
Ralph E. Stafford Memorial Fund	7,119.750	\$161,119.94

In line with a down year in the stock markets, the accounts experienced a negative rate of return in



calendar year 2022. However, the negative performance substantially outperformed the average return for similar moderate allocation funds. The investment holds an overall four-star rating from the investment research firm, Morningstar, and continues to be awarded a low-risk rating. Quarterly dividend distributions sustain the investments. American Funds Income Fund of America (AMECX) continues to be an appropriate investment.

By January 31 of each year, the 1993 Revenue Augmentation Trust shall distribute net income up to a maximum of 5% of Trust assets to the Town as "Other Income" or for such other category designated by the Selectmen. The Revenue Augmentation Trust shall terminate December 7, 2023. In accordance with the trust document, voters at Town Meeting in March of 2022 approved Article V: *Shall the voters of the Town of Wallingford appropriate 2/3 of the Revenue Augmentation Trust balance at the time of its termination in December 2023 to be used for Capital Project(s) as determined by the Selectboard with 1/3 of the balance in the fund at termination in December 2023 to remain in the custody of the Trustees of Public Funds to lower future taxes.*

The Ralph E. Stafford Memorial Fund, created by bequest, shall distribute net income "to grant scholarships to worthy and needy students who are residents of the Town of Wallingford, and, who wish to attend schools of higher learning beyond the high school level."

The 2022 Ralph E. Stafford Memorial Fund scholarship recipients were Annika Heintz and Christopher Burnett.

***Dave Ballou, Patricia Pranger and Melissa Whitmore, Trustees of Public Funds***

## **Energy Committee**

The Wallingford Energy Committee has been active during 2022, holding monthly meetings with the exception of a summer recess for the months of July and August. A summary of our activities included:

- The committee presented an electric vehicle demonstration and information expo at Wallingford Day 2022. Electric vehicles by Tesla and Hyundai were displayed. Information on purchase options, rebates, tax credits and cost of ownership were distributed to over 70 visitors.
- The committee submitted a number of proposals to the ARPA Committee for consideration by the Selectboard:
  - HVAC renovations to improve energy efficiency and reduce cost to the taxpayers in the Town Clerk and Town Administrator's Offices.
  - HVAC renovations to improve energy efficiency and reduce cost to the taxpayers in the Fire District Office in Town Hall.
  - HVAC renovations to improve energy efficiency to the Town Hall second floor. This includes replacing the current oil boiler and AC coils that are near the end of their useful life.

- Weatherization/Insulation of the Town Hall basement.
  - Weatherization/Insulation in the Town Fire House (leased from the railroad).
  - Installation of a back-up generator for Town Hall to comply with state and FEMA mandates for Emergency Center operations.
  - Funds to subsidize energy audits for town residents of modest income by Efficiency Vermont.
- Attended webinar on the new state **Municipal Energy Resilience Program** regarding weatherization of municipal buildings.

**David Castonguay, Chair.**



## American Legion Ralph H. Pickett Post #52, Wallingford, VT

In 1919, the American Legion was founded on four principles or "pillars". These four are: Veteran's affairs and Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism, and Children and Youth.

Post 52 was established on April 10, 1946 and named after Ralph H. Pickett, who was the first Wallingford man killed in World War II. The Post vehemently adheres to these four pillars as set forth from the inception of the American Legion. Our membership is currently around 56 members. This number changes due to some of our members passing on.

Post 52 continues its involvement in the Wallingford community from meeting with the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders at the Wallingford Elementary School every year on the Friday before Memorial Day and share our experiences with them. The students assist us in placing American flags on the graves of veterans in the surrounding cemeteries in Wallingford. We also coordinate the events at the yearly Wallingford Memorial Day parade.

Post 52 also provides an honor guard for families who request that service for their fallen veteran member.

Any veteran who has served can now join the American Legion. This is a change from previous years, where one could only join if they served during certain qualifying times of service, usually during war. All they need to bring with them is their DD214 and our Adjutant can complete the process for them. We are currently seeking veterans to join our post. They are welcome to join us at our monthly meetings held on the first Tuesday of the month at 0800 hours at the Wallingford First Congregation Church. We also have a picnic on the third Tuesday of the month at 1200 hours at the Danby Fun Center.



More information can be found on [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org). I can also be reached at 802-342-8096 or at [msloseby@yahoo.com](mailto:msloseby@yahoo.com).

**Mark Loseby**, Commander Post 52

## **Delinquent Tax Collector Report 12/31/2022**

**Current Year Warrant 4/26/2022      \$126,182.29 (Principal only)**

Total Collected & Remitted to Town  
For Current & Previous Years      \$91,282.47

**Delinquent Principal Balance  
Including Years from 2020-2022      \$34,566.14**

The following are delinquent in the payment of their taxes as of December 31, 2022.

Raymond Blanchard 2021-2022  
Burton Burnett 2021-2022  
Melissa Bushey 2021-2022  
Todd Galiano & D. Fouracre 2020-2021 & 2021-2022  
Todd Galiano & D. Fouracre 2020-2021 & 2021-2022  
Todd Galiano & D. Fouracre 2020-2021 & 2021-2022  
Todd Galiano & D. Fouracre 2020-2021 & 2021-2022  
Michael & Gayle Morabito 2020-2021 & 2021-2022  
Spencer Nimtze 2020-2021 & 2021-2022  
Christopher Phillips 2021-2022  
Sarah Seward 2021-2022  
Richard Skiba 2021-2022

**Jill Stone-Teer**, Delinquent Tax Collector

## **Rutland County Solid Waste District**

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

The District also has developed many efficiencies. A new annual permit can be obtained from the convenience of your home or business via [www.rcswd.com/permits](http://www.rcswd.com/permits). Debit and credit cards will all be accepted as an added means of payment accepted at our facilities.

A small convenience fee will be charged. The District has worked and will continue to engage local businesses informing them about recycling, composting and hazardous waste and the programs that we offer. The District will also be working with local schools on many of these same issues. To this end, RCSWD was awarded a USDA, rural development grant this year. This will assist the District in providing an expanded outreach program to member towns with 2,000 or fewer residents. This will include reaching out to every household and business in these towns and working with town Boards, employees, residents, and business owners to find out what each town needs to reduce reliance on landfills through waste reduction, reuse, and recycling programs. Pre and post surveys will assist in measuring these efforts.

***Mark S. Shea, District Manager***



*Tree Warden Rob Barker planting a tree at the ballfield.*



*Elfin Lake Concession Stand Mural created by Macey DeLorme Smith.*

## Civil Marriages

Spouse	Residence	Spouse	Residence	Date
Michael Daly	E. Wallingford	Rachel Rogers	E. Wallingford	3/12
Regina Ahern	Massachusetts	Rex Kletschka	Minnesota	4/20
Lindsay Wells	Connecticut	Trey Maserang III	Nevada	5/28
Zachary Campbell	Massachusetts	Brittany MacMurray	Massachusetts	6/11
Samuel Laitinen	Wallingford	Lyn Rinaldi	Wallingford	8/15
Krishant Prashad	New York	Isabella Acevedo	New York	8/17
Zara Mecier	Wallingford	John Falk	Wallingford	9/22
Stephen Baumann	Florida	Sara Browning	Florida	9/23
Tessa Davenport	Wallingford	Kevin Maguire	Wallingford	9/23
Sarah Niedzwiecki	Massachusetts	Steven Muhlhauser	Massachusetts	12/1
Shannon Towle	Wallingford	Alejandro Garrido Rosa	Peru	12/22

Births				
Child's Name	Sex	Date	Mother's Name	Father's Name
Elijah Paul Warnecke	M	1/12	Alyssa Munsie	Daniel Warnecke
Alfred John Roser	M	1/20	Tara Alberico	Matthew Roser
Autumn Barter Hunter	F	2/23	Karla Molina	Benjamin Hunter
Amelia Grace Peer	F	2/24	Deena Martin	Corey Fitzgerald
Hunter Joseph Cushman	M	4/10	Katelyn Savoy	Timothy Cushman
Jayce Michael Lohsen	M	4/13	Faith Allen	Drew Lohsen
Conor Talon Lewis	M	4/22	Colleen Davis	Nathaniel Lewis
Layla Aspen Johnson-Mashteare	F	4/26	Isabella Johnson-Caycan	Jessie Mashteare
Thalia June Houghton	F	6/8	Melinda Henderson	Kyle Houghton
Quinn Jacqueline Janey Oprendeck	F	6/10	Bethany Bosch	Leon Oprendeck
Jett Eglantine Moll	F	6/25	Melanie Myers	Brian Moll
Ruby Tylene Fassett	F	8/10	Stephanie Hekler	Mathew Fassett, Jr.
Silas Avery LaRock	M	8/18	Chelsey Keyes	Kaleb LaRock
Austin Jacob Boudreau	M	9/19	Kristen Pisanelli	Kevin Boudreau
Sudeque Gavaska Boyd, Jr.	M	9/20	Caitlin Sears	Sudeque Boyd
Caleigh Thayer	F	11/19	Lisa Taggart	Leighton Thayer

<b>Deaths</b>			
<b>Name</b>		<b>Date</b>	<b>Residence</b>
Jennifer Pearce	44	1/2	Wallingford
Kevin Daly	75	1/5	E. Wallingford
Peter Carrara	68	1/10	E. Wallingford
Michael Blackburn	55	2/19	Wallingford
Meredith Patch	85	2/21	Wallingford
Heather Hunt	41	3/30	Wallingford
Eric Pramuk	50	4/2	Wallingford
Edward Gilmore	91	4/7	Wallingford
Robert John Keyes	68	4/22	Wallingford
Peggy Coleman	88	6/12	Wallingford
Katherine Smith	67	6/24	Wallingford
Beverly Choiniere	73	7/11	Wallingford
Nancy White	69	8/19	Wallingford
Robert Amsden	79	9/12	Wallingford
Joan Reil	77	9/20	Wallingford
Ruth Thrall	92	9/30	W. Rutland
Barbara Wood	84	10/26	Wallingford
James Kennedy	70	10/27	Wallingford
Andrew Mullin	43	11/7	Wallingford
Robert LaFrancois	84	11/20	Wallingford
Gordon Holden	90	12/4	Wallingford
Maria Thompson	87	12/13	E. Wallingford
Mary Gleason	83	12/20	Wallingford
Janice Wilcox	72	12/21	E. Wallingford

## **Wallingford Fire Chief's Report**

The Wallingford Fire Department had a very successful 2022. We provided assistance just under 100 times for emergency and non-emergency situations throughout the year. Some examples of our responses were, structure fires, auto accidents, carbon monoxide, alarms, wildland fires, assist Wallingford Rescue with entry to locked areas, lift assist with rescue, car fires, mutual aid to area towns, elevator rescues, burnt food on the stove, etc.

The department was able to achieve its goal of firefighter training at the same level as a full-time professional fire department at 24 hours per month or 288 hours per firefighter each year. This training takes place virtually as well as at the fire station on Tuesday evenings throughout the year. We also utilize additional resources for training, with area departments, Wallingford Rescue for CPR, the State Fire Academy etc.

We have made progress with our "Lights on for Safety" program. Emergency personnel request you

please turn on as many lights as possible if you have an emergency at your home only if it is safe to do so. This will make your home more visible to maneuver and easier for the fire and rescue departments to find you. But again, only if it is safe to do so.

We have a good roster of men and women volunteers currently, but we are always looking for additional people to join our department. We accept volunteers with or without experience, as we will train and help you grow with us. We also have a junior program, for ages 13 through 17. If you have an interest or would just like to stop in and see us on a Tuesday evening at the fire station, we would love to meet you.

My last request is that you review the location of your house number and assure that is visible from your street, so we can find you quickly.

Please have a safe 2023 and thank you for your support.

***Michael Hughes, Fire Chief***

## **Rutland Regional Planning Commission**

The Rutland Regional Planning Commission (RRPC) is a resource for towns and a platform for ideas. We balance local desires, best practices, and regional planning for communities that are vibrant today and strong for years to come.

RRPC and the Town of Wallingford continued working together in 2022 on many community development initiatives, including:

- Worked with Town to review Section 248 applications to Public Utilities Commission for solar electric generation facilities.
- Worked with Town to prepare successful grant application to VTrans Bicycle and Pedestrian Program to fund replacement of School Street sidewalks.
- Worked with Town Administrator and TAC to submit Bridge #59 (Creek Road) as regionally driven candidate for Vermont Project Selection and Project Prioritization.
- Assisted Town Energy Committee with Button Up Workshops.
- Assisted Town Administrator and EMD with Local Emergency Management Plan, Hot Weather Annex and Public Works Mutual Aid Agreement.
- Worked with Planning Team to update Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- Worked with Town Administrator and Road Foreman to complete FY22 Grants in Aid construction projects (8 segments improved) and applied for FY23 GIA construction and equipment purchase programs funding.
- Worked with Town Administrator and Highway Department on MRGP and erosion inventory trainings to meet 2022 15% milestone. Achieved 15% target.

***Devon Neary, Executive Director***



## FIRE PROTECTION BUDGET

	Actual	Actual	Budget	Proposed Budget
	July '21-Jun '22	July '22-Dec'22	July '22-June '23	July '23-June '24
<b>4400 · FIRE PROTECTION INCOME</b>				
44XX-Prior year Carry Over (Loss)	\$ 16,067.97	\$ 20,881.01		
4401 · Interest - Checking	\$ 25.76	\$ 42.98	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00
4402 · Contract Payment from Town/Tax	\$ 109,967.46	\$ 52,597.11	\$ 123,280.00	\$ 142,810.00
4403 · Miscellaneous Income				
<b>Total 4400 · FIRE PROTECTION INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 126,061.19</b>	<b>\$ 73,521.10</b>	<b>\$ 123,300.00</b>	<b>\$ 142,830.00</b>
<b>5400 - FIRE PROTECTION EXPENSE</b>				
5401 · Administrative Expense	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 7,600.00	\$ 7,600.00	\$ 8,100.00
5404 · Emergency Phone	\$ 380.60	\$ 232.60	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
5405 · State Dispatching Annual Fee	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
5406 · Office Equipment Expense	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
5407 · Utilities	\$ 7,801.37	\$ 2,802.06	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
5408 · Chief's Stipend & FICA	\$ 1,345.63	\$ 1,614.75	\$ 1,625.00	\$ 1,625.00
5411 · Attorney Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
5412 · Insurance Expense	\$ 7,603.29	\$ 3,313.93	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
5413 · Miscellaneous Expense	\$ 320.37	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
5416 · Education/Training Expense	\$ 2,467.35	\$ 327.57	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
5417 · Fire Hydrants/Dry Hydrants	\$ 3,787.55	\$ 840.65	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
5419 · Firefighter Equipment	\$ 23,752.49	\$ 84.90	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
5420 · Pager/Radio/Computer/Software	\$ 2,970.00	\$ 987.20	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00
5421 · Fire Vehicles Repairs/Maint.	\$ 5,162.27	\$ 3,863.49	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00
5422 · Fire Vehicles - Diesel	\$ 1,271.79	\$ 1,792.48	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
5423 · Station Expense	\$ 120.00	\$ 570.28	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
5427 · Truck Replacement Fund	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 27,000.00
5433 · Testing/Maint.	\$ 4,843.33	\$ 4,727.22	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,500.00
5435 · Firefighters Stipend	\$ 5,089.39	\$ -	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00
5438 - Air Pack Replacement	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 17,000.00
5439 - Deputy Chief's Stipend & FICA	\$ 1,614.75	\$ 2,153.00	\$ 2,155.00	\$ 2,155.00
5440 - Repeater Radio Fund	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
<b>Total 5400 · FIRE PROTECTION EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$ 105,180.18</b>	<b>\$ 60,860.13</b>	<b>\$ 123,330.00</b>	<b>\$ 142,830.00</b>
<b>YEAR OVER (LOSS)</b>	<b>\$ 20,881.01</b>	<b>\$ 12,660.97</b>		



## VT Dept. of Health

Twelve Local Health Offices around the state are your community connection with the Vermont Department of Health. In Rutland, we are located at 300 Asa Bloomer Building at 88 Merchants Row. The telephone is (802)786-5811. We provide essential services and resources to towns in order to protect and promote the health and well-being of people in Vermont. For example, in the past year and beyond, Rutland 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 worked with us to meet the needs of local towns. We provided vaccine, testing, and information, along with other key public health services.

**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 public health emergencies. This year, we responded to the emergence of human monkeypox virus by sharing information and providing vaccine to community members. As of November 15, 2022, 12 hMPXV vaccine doses have been administered.

**Provided WIC services and resources to families and children:** Provided WIC nutrition education and support to 1,695 individuals between July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2022, while enabling them to save on groceries so they can have more to spend on other things their 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](http://www.healthvermont.gov/wic).

**Supported student health and youth empowerment:** According to the Vermont Youth Risk Behavior Survey, only 52% percent of students in Rutland County agree or strongly agree that they "believe they matter to people in their community." Regionally, efforts like mentoring and afterschool enrichment programs help to ensure youth feel valued and included.

### **Green Up Vermont** **Green Up Day is May 6, 2023**

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

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

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

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

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

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**Kate Alberghini, Executive Director**

## Green Hill Cemetery

On behalf of the trustees of the Green Hill Cemetery Association, I would like to submit this report to the Town of Wallingford. The beautiful, historical Green Hill Cemetery was established as an Association in 1870. It is an active cemetery that operates as a 501(c)3 organization. It is governed by a Board of Trustees of not less than seven or more than eleven members. All meetings are open to the public and lot owners.

The Cemetery trustees are always concerned that the cemetery will be well maintained. We rely mostly on lot sales and internment fees to function. There are many lots available that can be paid with time-sale financing with 20% down, balance paid in 10 monthly payments. The deed is issued following the final payment. Many people purchase their lot well in advance of when it may be needed.

We are especially grateful for the support from the Town and to the lot owners who donate to us. These donations help immensely. On behalf of the board, I would like to thank our Superintendent

Curtis Lidstone, caretakers and volunteers for their hard work. That is what keeps the cemetery well maintained and always looking so nice. If you would like to purchase a lot in Green Hill Cemetery, you can contact Curtis Lidstone at (802)558-5276. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (802)446-3239.

***William H. Brooks III, President***

## **Green Mountain National Forest**

The employees of the Green Mountain National Forest (GMNF) depend heavily on support from the many municipalities, volunteers, partners and contractors who help us accomplish our robust program of work every year. We would like to take this time to thank you and your community for your support and the interest that you have shown in helping us manage the more than 400,000 acre GMNF, which several million outdoor recreation enthusiasts enjoy and is critical to our local economy. We are proud that the GMNF is part of Vermont and part of your town. It is truly one of Vermont's treasures and the largest contiguous public land area in the state. Our staff works hard to achieve quality public land management under a sustainable multiple-use management concept to meet the diverse needs of the people -- people in your town as well as all of the visitors who come to Vermont every year.



*Beautiful Wallingford Block, photo by Ralph Nimtz*

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