

**TOWN OF
BRAINTREE
VERMONT**

**ANNUAL REPORT
YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2022**



FRIENDLY REMINDERS

Due Dates:

FY2023 Taxes – March 15, 2023 (Wednesday). **Do not be late or you will be delinquent.** We do accept postmarks, we do have a drop box, I do make appointments, and the office will be open March 15th from 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. You can also go to braintreevt.gov to make a credit card payment.

FY2024 Taxes – If Article 5 is approved, FY2024's due dates will be October 15, 2023 and March 15, 2024.

Dog Licenses – Dogs must be licensed on or before April 1st of every year. We must have proof of their current rabies vaccination.

Town Meeting – We will be holding Town Meeting in person, at the Town Hall, March 4th at 10:00 a.m. A potluck lunch will follow. Please bring your favorite dish to share. Any help to get lunch ready will be greatly appreciated. Call Jessie with any questions – 802-728-9787 x3.

FY 2023 GRAND LIST

\$1,094,383.00

TAX RATE FY2023

	<u>RESIDENTIAL</u>	<u>NON-RESIDENTIAL</u>
TOWN GENERAL	\$ 0.3477	\$ 0.3477
TOWN HIGHWAY	0.5551	0.5551
HOMESTEAD EDUCATION	1.4406	
<u>NON-RESIDENTIAL EDUCATION</u>		<u>1.4409</u>
TOTAL	\$2.3434	\$ 2.3437

1 ¢ OF 2022/23 TAX RATE RAISED **\$10,943.83**

5 ¢ OF 2022/23 TAX RATE RAISED **\$54,719.15**

10 ¢ OF 2022/23 TAX RATE RAISED **\$109,438.30**

Thank you Barbara Carter for the cover drawing!



Photo courtesy of Luanne Masterson

The 2022 Braintree Town Report is dedicated to

Jeff Masterson

In this town report, we bring to you another overdue dedication, but a very deserving one. While Jeff Masterson retired as the road foreman in September of 2020, we are reminded of his legacy and the impact that he had on this town every day. Jeff joined the Braintree Highway Crew in the summer of 2011, and dove into the position of Road Foreman right in the middle of the chaos and catastrophic damage caused by Hurricane Irene. He emerged from the crisis that the storm brought as a leader, an expert in maintaining roads with an eye towards preparing for the worst, and with an intimate knowledge of working with federal and state partners to fund critical highway infrastructure projects. Over Jeff's nine years with the Town, he oversaw:

- \$1.9 million worth of work, and secured \$1.2 million of that in grant funding (not related to Irene); and
- \$2.6 million worth of work to repair damage from Irene, and secured all but \$32,000 in grant funding to cover the costs.

While Jeff worked for the town, taxpayers only had to spend \$79,000 annually for highway projects, keeping taxes as low as possible in the midst of major improvements that would have otherwise been costly and made a big dent in our capital budget. Aside from securing grant funding, Jeff was always focused on serving Braintree residents as best as possible while doing work in a cost-effective and efficient way.

The job of Road Foreman can be a thankless one, and we can only imagine how many complaints Jeff received that he took in stride. Jeff always tried to address each issue or challenge as best as possible while staying professional and looking for creative solutions.

Many often remark that Braintree's roads are some of the best maintained in our region. As we drive along the roads, too often in a hurry to get to where we're going, we neglect to notice the simple elegance of a well-maintained, passable road that is constructed with safety and environmental health in mind. Thank you, Jeff, for your good work and dedication to Braintree.

Office Hours

Town Clerk/Treasurer’s Office Hours:

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. or by Appointment

Administrative Assistant Office Hours:

Monday – Friday from 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Meeting Schedules

Selectboard Meetings:

1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Office

Cemetery Commission

1st Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Office
(Except in the off-season – 1st Thursday in November – 1st Wednesday in April)

Conservation Commission

4th Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Office

Planning Commission Meeting – as needed.

2nd Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Office

Development Review Board – as needed.

4th Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Office

Town Contact Information (Website: braintreevt.gov)

Town Clerk.....802-728-9787 ext. 3. braintreetownclerk@gmail.com

Selectboard:

Charles McMeekin.....802-728-5587.... braintreesb.cmcmeekin@gmail.com

Megan O’Toole.....802-565-8284..... braintreesb.motoole@gmail.com

Keegan Haupt802-279-5141 braintreesb.khaupt@gmail.com

Loren Bent802-728-9475..... braintreesb.lbent@gmail.com

Daniel Burson802-728-3879..... braintreesb.dburson@gmail.com

Admin. Assistant.....802-728-9787 ext. 6.....braintreeadm@gmail.com

Listers.....802-728-9787 ext. 5..... braintreelisters@gmail.com

Fire Warden.....802-728-9475

Treasurer.....802-728-9787 ext. 3...braintreetreasurer@gmail.com

Zoning Administrator.....802-728-9812.....braintreeza932vt@gmail.com

Highway Foreman802-728-9787 ext. 4..braintreerdf.dpratt@gmail.com

Braintree Elementary School.....802-728-9373

Randolph Union High School.....802-728-3397

Randolph Technical Career Center...802-728-9595

Superintendent’s Office.....802-728-5052

Mountain Alliance <http://www.mtalliance.org/>

Emergency – Dial 911

Fire Department 802-728-3322

Ambulance 802-234-6800

Local Emergency Management..... 802-728-9787 ext. 7

State Police..... 802-234-9933

Fire Warden..... 802-728-9475

Constable/Dog Warden 802-728-3157

Legislators

Sen. Ann Cummings802-223-6043..... acummings@leg.state.vt.us

Sen. Andrew Perchlik.....802-279-0471..... aperchlik@leg.state.vt.us

Sen. Anne Watson.....802-828-2228..... awatson@leg.stat.vt.us

Rep. Larry Satcowitz.....802-828-2228 lsatcowitz@leg.state.vt.us

Rep. Jay Hooper.....802-828-2228..... jhooper@leg.state.vt.us

Please join us for

BRAINTREE TOWN MEETING

SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 2023

10:00AM

at the

Braintree Town Hall

5379 VT-RT 12A

We will offer an option to view the meeting remotely
According to state law, voters are not allowed to voice their vote virtually
To vote from the floor, you must attend in person

Please bring something to contribute to our traditional

POTLUCK LUNCH

Following the meeting

To tune in remotely, visit braintreevt.gov for more information

Your vote at Town Meeting is your voice in local government!

2022 ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator	Jackson Evans
Town Clerk Three-Year Term Expires 2024	Jessica Brassard
Town Treasurer Three-Year Term Expires 2024.....	Jessica Brassard
Selectboard.....	
Three-Year Term Expires 2023	(Chair) Megan O’Toole
Two-Year Term Expires 2023	Loren Bent
Two-Year Term Expires 2023	Charles McMeekin
Three-Year Term Expires 2024	Keegan Haupt
Three-Year Term Expires 2025	Daniel Burson
Listers	
Term Expires 2023.....	Derek O’Toole
Term Expires 2024	(Chair) Jackson Evans
Term Expires 2025.....	Luke Fisher
Auditors	
Term Expires 2023.....	(Resigned) Stephanie Barrett
.....	(Appointed) Allison Jassen
Term Expires 2024	Linfield Brown
Term Expires 2025.....	(Chair) Tom Cooch
Collector of Delinquent Taxes	Jessica Brassard
First Constable	Stephen Brassard
Trustee of Public Funds	Jessica Brassard
Cemetery Commission	
Term Expires 2025.....	Seth Bent
Term Expires 2026.....	Vacant
Term Expires 2027.....	Karl Jassen
Term Expires 2023.....	Mike Gaidys
Term Expires 2024.....	(Chair) Kris Haupt
Orange Southwest School District Board:	
Term Expires 2024.....	(Clerk) Chelsea Sprague
Term Expires 2024.....	Megan Sault
Term Expires 2024.....	Rachel Gaidys
Term Expires 2025.....	Sarah Haupt
Term Expires 2025.....	(Chair) Anne Kaplan
Term Expires 2023.....	Sam Hooper
Term Expires 2023.....	Hannah Arias
Term Expires 2023.....	(Vice Chair) Katja Evans
Justice of the Peace	Elected at the General Election
Terms Expire January 31, 2025	Richard Bowen
.....	Bob Moyer
.....	Katja Evans
.....	Sherri Richardson
.....	Jackson Evans

2022 APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS

Agent to Deed Land	Kris Haupt
Assistant Town Clerk.....	Lori Keene
Assistant Town Treasurer	Lori Keene
Development Review Board - Three Year Term	
Term Expires 2023.....	Linda Doane
Term Expires 2023	Joan Richmond-Hall
Term Expires 2024	(Chair) Robert Moyer
Term Expires 2024.....	Jennifer L. Phipps
Term Expires 2025.....	Malcolm Fitzpatrick
Alternate Member	Steve Zind
Conservation Commission - Three Year Term	
Term Expires 2023.....	Sanders Stephen
Term Expires 2023.....	Gina Logan
Term Expires 2024.....	Joan Richmond-Hall
Term Expires 2024.....	(Chair) Paul Shriver
Term Expires 2025.....	Linda Morse
Planning Commission - Three Year Term	
Term Expires 2023.....	Malcolm Fitzpatrick
Term Expires 2023.....	Jennifer L. Phipps
Term Expires 2024.....	Jackson Evans
Term Expires 2024.....	Paul Kendall
Term Expires 2024.....	(Chair) Nathan Cleveland
E-911 Coordinator	(Term Expires 2023) Janice Russell
ECFiber Representative	Jackson Evans
Alternate ECFiber Representative	(Vacant)
Emergency Management Director	Derek O’Toole
Fire Advisory Committee Representative.....	Loren Bent
Fire Warden	(Term Expires 2024) Loren Bent
Mountain Alliance Representative.....	Sandy Cooch
Health Officer	(Term Expires 2023) Lindsay Haupt
Tri-Valley Transit Services, Inc. Representative	Paul Kendall
Town Service Officer.....	Jennifer L. Phipps
Tree Warden.....	Dylan Pratt
Truant Officer	(Vacant)
Two Rivers Ottawaquechee Regional Planning and Development Commission Representative	
	Marlys Eddy
Transportation Advisory Committee	Robert Moyer
White River Valley Ambulance Representative	Linda Lubold
Zoning Administrator.....	(Term Expires 2023) Gary Blatz

TOWN OF BRAINTREE
WARNING
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 2023

The legal voters of the Town of Braintree in the County of Orange are hereby notified and warned to meet in the Braintree Town Hall in person in said Town on Saturday, March 4, 2023 at 10:00 A.M. to transact the following business from the floor:

Article 1. To elect a moderator for the year ensuing.

Article 2. To hear the reports of the town officers for the past year.

Article 3. To elect all the Town Officers as required by law:

- a) A Selectperson for a three-year term;
- b) A Selectperson for a two-year term;
- c) A Selectperson for a two-year term;
- d) A Lister for a three-year term;
- e) An Auditor for a three-year term;
- f) A Delinquent Tax Collector for a one-year term;
- g) A First Constable for a one-year term;
- h) A Cemetery Commissioner for a five-year term;
- i) A Cemetery Commissioner for a five-year term;
- J) A Trustee of Public Funds for a one-year term.

Article 4. Shall the voters authorize total fund expenditures for operating expenses of \$1,322,834, of which \$1,043,554 shall be raised by taxes and \$279,280 by non-tax revenues?

Article 5. Shall the town collect its real property taxes in two installments, with the due dates being October 15, 2023 and March 15, 2024?

Article 6. Shall the voters of the Town of Braintree authorize the creation of a reserve fund to be called the "Braintree Town Campus Fund," for the purpose of making improvements to or replacements of existing town owned buildings and infrastructure, as well as payments for routine maintenance and emergency repairs to be funded by tax and non-tax revenues and financing in accordance with 24 V.S.A. Section 2804?

Article 7. Shall the Town Voters appropriate \$1,000.00 for the not-for-profit operation of the Friends of the Historic Playhouse Theatre in Randolph, Vermont?

Article 8. To transact any other business not of a binding nature.

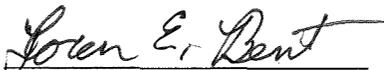
Dated at Braintree, County of Orange, and the State of Vermont this 24 day of January 2023.

Braintree Selectboard:


Megan O'Toole, Chair


Daniel Burson, Vice Chair


Charlie McMeekin


Loren Bent


Keegan Haupt

**TOWN OF
BRAINTREE
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2022**

The legal voters of the Town of Braintree in the County of Orange met at the Braintree Town Hall in person on Saturday, February 26, 2022 at 9:00 A.M. for the annual Town Meeting. Jackson Evans, current moderator, stated that it was our 233rd in-person town meeting, due to missing the previous year because of Covid-19! We met both in-person and remotely. People attending remotely were unable to participate other than watching. There were approximately 35 people in all. Mr. Evans read the names of the townsfolk that had passed away in the year previous and checked in to see who the longest running attendees were! Richard Bowen and Tom Cooch! From there, an excerpt was read, as it is each year, from a book written by Middlesex Town Moderator, Susan Clark, called All Those in Favor. The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited by all. As many attendees hoped to get to Winterfest celebration in Randolph, a rundown was given of Roberts Rules and the meeting was turned over to Selectboard Chair, Megan O’Toole, to get the voting started.

Article 1. To elect a moderator for the year ensuing. Paul Kendall, seconded by Tim Caulfield, nominated Jackson Evans. There were no other nominations and Ms. O’Toole directed the town clerk, Jessica Brassard, to cast one ballot for Mr. Evans. After which, the meeting was turned back over to Mr. Evans.

Article 2. To hear the reports of the town officers for the past year. Lin Brown, seconded by Richard Bowen moved to hear the reports. Mr. Evans explained that this is a good time for the town officers to discuss their reports and also for voters to ask questions regarding these reports. Sherri Richardson, who had moved into Braintree a year ago, asked questions on the Listers report. There were no other questions on the rest of the reports.

Article 3. To elect all the Town Officers as required by law:

- a) A Selectperson for a three year term; Paul Kendall nominated Daniel Burson. There were no other nominations. Mr. Evans directed Ms. Brassard to cast one ballot for Mr. Burson.
- b) A Lister for a three year term; Mr. Caulfield nominated, Lewis “Luke” Fisher. There were no other nominations. Mr. Evans directed Ms. Brassard to cast one ballot for Mr. Fisher.
- c) An Auditor for a three year term; Paul Kendall nominated Tom Cooch. There were no other nominations. Mr. Evans directed Ms. Brassard to cast one ballot for Mr. Cooch.
- d) A Delinquent Tax Collector for a one year term; Mr. Brown, seconded by Charles McMeekin, nominated Jessica Brassard. The body voted in Ms. Brassard
- e) A First Constable for a one year term; Mr. Caulfield nominated Stephen Brassard. There were no other nomination. Mr. Evans directed Ms. Brassard to cast one ballot for Mr. Brassard.
- f) A Cemetery Commissioner for a five year term; There was not a returning cemetery commissioner. The position was discussed and Paul Kendall nominated Karl Jassen. There were no other nominations. Mr. Evans directed Ms. Brassard to cast one ballot for Mr. Jassen.
- g) A Town Agent for a one year term; Mr. Caulfield nominated Shannon Bent. There

were no other nominations. Mr. Evans directed Ms. Brassard to cast one ballot for Ms. Bent.

- h) A Trustee of Public Funds for a one year term. Mr. Kendall, seconded by Michael McShane nominated Jessica Brassard. The body voted in Ms. Brassard

Article 4. Shall the voters authorize total fund expenditures of \$1,263,275.49, of which \$964,085.49 shall be raised by taxes and \$299,190.00 by non-tax revenues? Mr. Kendall, seconded by Mr. Bowen moved to discuss the article. Kris Haupt had questions regarding the possible purchase of an excavator. Ms. O'Toole explained that it seems more cost-effective to have our own excavator as opposed to renting or hiring one due to all the grant-funded projects that the town carries out. Loren Bent explained that due to the new mandates by the state that need to be followed in order to receive funding and grant money, owning an excavator would make ditch work faster and easier. Ditch work is a necessity and will always be there. Kris Haupt thought that because of current world conditions the town should maybe be a bit frugal in their money spending and wait a year or two to revisit the issue. Ms. Brassard noted that voting the budget yay or nay would not get the town an excavator. Because there is money in the reserve fund to purchase equipment without financing the Selectboard is able to make the decision on their own.

Ms. O'Toole appreciated the input. Ms. Sandy Vondrasek Cooch asked a question regarding the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funding from the federal government and how the town may be spending that. As the guidelines continue to change, the scope of the towns' uses will change, as well. Ms. Richardson had some questions regarding the FY21 numbers – the property tax abatements were double what was budgeted and the line for the sand was also doubled. Ms. Brassard explained that the abatements were higher due to tax abatement requests because of Covid-19. The hope is to get that money back from the ARPA funding. There were no other questions, the vote was called and passed unanimously.

Article 5. Shall the town collect its real property taxes in two installments, with the due dates being October 15, 2022 and March 15, 2023? Mr. McShane, seconded by Mr. Bowen made the motion and it passed unanimously.

Article 6. Shall the town post meeting agendas in accordance with 1 V.S.A. Section 312(d)(1)(B) in the following places: 1) the Braintree Town Office, 2) the Braintree Town Hall, and 3) the Braintree Elementary School? Mr. Bowen, seconded by Mr. Kendall moved to discuss the Article. Kris Haupt asked why there is no place on the Route 12 side of the town to post anymore. Due to the fact that the previous location on Route 12 is now a private residence and the board needed to be moved. There is no other public property on Route 12 that works. Also, the meeting house area was discussed and the question was asked regarding how many people actually look at these postings anyway. No amendments were made. The question was called and passed with a majority vote and one nay.

Article 7. To transact any other business not of a binding nature. Mr. Kendall gave a shout out to our highway crew and how our roads are always in much better shape than other towns. Mr. McShane mentioned the Lyon's Club. Mr. McMeekin discussed the multi-town

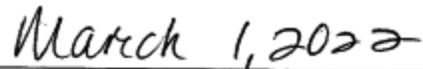
consortium on energy reduction program. He asked for a show of hands from those present on how many thought this was a subject that should be pursued. There was a large showing of hands. There was a question regarding the WWI monument and what ever happened with it. The monument was moved and sits to the side of the town hall. Mr. Evans stated that there was a need for an ECFiber representative. Lastly, Mr. Evans noted that the town report was dedicated to Tim Caulfield who was recognized with a round of applause.

Mr. Caulfield, seconded by Mr. Bowen made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 10:05 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted:

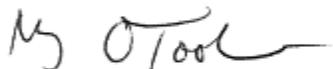


Jessica Brassard – Town Clerk

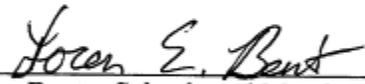


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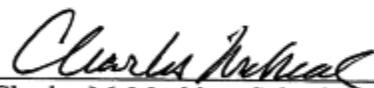
Megan O'Toole – Selectboard Chair



Loren Bent – Selectboard Member



Keegan Haupt – Selectboard Member



Charles McMeekin – Selectboard Member



Jackson Evans – Moderator

Selectboard Report - FY22

In FY 2022, the Braintree Selectboard continued to work to support the town's employees and officials as we are now comfortably settled into a new normal. Running hybrid meetings and pivoting to remote work (for any reason, not just COVID related) seems familiar and easy at this point. In this year's update, I'd like to highlight a few things that I hope will be of interest to those hardy and dedicated constituents who read this report!

First, I'd like to again recognize the outstanding employees and officials that serve Braintree residents every day. These folks are an impressive bunch - always willing, knowledgeable, and dedicated to their responsibilities to the town. Whether you are a town employee, official, or engaged voter, I want to extend a hearty "thank you" and also a plea that you work hard this year to spread the word about the importance and excitement of participating in your local governance. This work is significant, and it is meaningful, but it is also being done by fewer folks as we de-centralize and drift away from one another in a digital and divided world. We've had a handful of vacant appointed positions for a few years now, which means that the interests of Braintree residents are not necessarily being well represented in the various government and quasi-government structures in which we participate. After being on the selectboard for almost 8 years now, I have seen a significant decrease in the number of residents engaged and in attendance at various discussions related to critical town decision-making. I hope that we can work together to reverse this trend and re-engage with our community and our government. So, when you're out and about or happen to meet someone new to town, or anyone that you just haven't had the pleasure of meeting yet, let them know that there are fun and fulfilling ways to get involved, make connections, and do good work to serve the local community.

Second, and along the same lines of my first point, and maybe from a somewhat biased perspective, our current selectboard is a well-rounded, diverse, and thoughtful crew. We are interested in working together to improve town governance and infrastructure, and always willing to hear and respond to questions, concerns, comments, or a good story. I am so proud to work alongside each of them, and so grateful for the outstanding support that we get from Jessie, Janice, and Dylan in doing our work. We meet the first and third Tuesdays of each month and extend an invitation to you to participate in our meetings and lend your voice to our work.

Third, I mentioned in my last report that we have been given the challenge of appropriating around \$357,000 allocated to the town via the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). We have assembled an ARPA Committee and have been meeting regularly since this past Spring to brainstorm funding ideas and hear about priorities for investments from the public. After much deliberation, we recommended several projects to the Selectboard at the end of 2022 and beginning of 2023, and the Selectboard has implemented those recommendations. Projects

funded to date: investments in IT infrastructure to better facilitate hybrid meetings, improved IT services and cybersecurity in the form of a new contract for services with an IT service provider, and a heating assistance fund to help Braintree residents that have difficulty affording fuel to heat their homes (administered through Capstone). We also continue to advance a town record digitization project, which we are still planning for in the upcoming year. The Committee also discussed the potential use of ARPA funds to plan for updates to town buildings and infrastructure, which was partly the impetus for asking the voters to create a new town fund to reserve resources for such projects in the future. The Committee is also considering the creation of an emergency relief fund, modeled after what some other Vermont towns have in place, to help assist residents when the unexpected happens. The ARPA Committee meetings are warned and open to the public, so please continue to share your ideas with us in 2023.

Finally, I'd like to note a new development that took place at the end of 2022, so not technically in the last fiscal year, but seems timely to mention in this report. With the support of the Selectboard, Jessie decided to convert the Assistant Town Clerk position to a full-time one, citing a long-standing need for additional capacity and redundancy in the Town office. Since this is a new position, we are still developing our long-term vision for the roles and responsibilities. At this point, we are hopeful that much needed support will be given to Jessie, the Listers, and the Selectboard, as well as having more than one person who understands the critical and legal tasks that need to be completed in the event that another employee is absent. We interviewed an impressive suite of candidates and welcomed Grace Persons to the position at the end of the year. We are so glad to have Grace on board and look forward to working with her in her new role!

We hope to see you all at Town Meeting, and I am excited to share that we will resume our tradition of a potluck lunch following the meeting. See you then!

Megan O'Toole, Selectboard Chair



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by Lisa Allard*

Town Highway Report - FY22

It has been another eventful year for the Highway Crew. In addition to completing projects around Town, the Highway Crew experienced a changeover in staff. Mark Murray entered a much-deserved retirement in October 2022. The Town and Crew extend a “Thank You”, to Mark, for his decade-plus of hard work and service to the town. Upon Mark’s leaving, Chris Blanchard joined the Crew as our new full-time member. Chris has been a welcome asset to the team in his time with us these past months.

In addition to the regular maintenance of the roads, the staff has been working hard on various Town and grant-funded projects. With the help of a VTrans grant, over a mile of Thresher Road was resurfaced, beginning at Wilson Road and continuing to the “hairpin” at the top. Additionally, trees were removed from the southern right-of-way and ditches reworked in hopes of alleviating some of the mud season problems in that area. Also with the aid of a grant, a section of guardrail was replaced on Thayer Brook Road, and the underlying slope was stabilized as there have been erosion problems in the area.

Looking forward to the next fiscal year, there are two major grant-funded projects planned for the summer. The first project will be completed on a section of Duclos Road. The Crew will be putting in under-drain and working on the ditches to mitigate the mud spots like those experienced last mud season. This job will require some tree removal, so if you have any questions or concerns please reach out to Dylan or Daniel. The second project will be a replacement of the big culvert on Thresher Road, right above the intersection of Woodchuck Hollow. Due to the nature of the project, residents and other road users should be aware that the road will be closed for a period of time. We hope to keep the closure time to a minimum. Again, if you have any questions or concerns, please, contact Dylan or Daniel.

Dylan Pratt, Road Foreman

and

Daniel Burson, Road Commissioner



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Town Clerk Report – FY22

We registered 191 dogs this year. Money from the registrations goes to the state to help fund the rabies and spay/neuter programs. Not to mention, registering your beloved family member could help get them home sooner if they happen to wander off.

A dog or wolf-hybrid more than six months old must be registered, numbered, described, and licensed annually before April 1st in the office of the clerk of the municipality wherein the dog or wolf-hybrid is kept pursuant to Vermont Statute 20 V.S.A. §3581.

Registration Fees before April 1, 2023:

Spayed/Neutered dogs & wolf-hybrids.....\$4.00(town) + \$5.00(state) = \$9.00
Unaltered dogs & wolf-hybrids\$8.00(town) + \$5.00(state) = \$13.00

Registration Fees after April 1, 2023:

Spayed/Neutered dogs & wolf-hybrids.....\$6.00(town) + \$5.00(state) = \$11.00
Unaltered dogs & wolf-hybrids\$12.00(town) + \$5.00(state) = \$17.00

191 Dog Registrations	\$1,805.00
State Regulated Programs	<u>-\$899.00</u>
Total	\$906.00

The ARPA Committee has earmarked the needed funds for digitizing our land records. Many believe this is something that will be mandated down the road. Best to do it now while there are funds available. By digitizing the records, researchers will be able to look at records online. They can tell if they need to come to the office for anything or they will be able to print the records for a fee. Part of that fee will come to the Town in Clerk Fees.

We have continued to require appointments to search the land records due to the small office and vault space. Getting an appointment is usually not a problem. The Clerk's office is open without appointments for any other need. If you have any questions, please call 802-728-9787 ext. 3 or email braintreeclerk@gmail.com



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Treasurer Report – FY22

The finances of the Town continue to be in good shape all the way around. The Vehicle/Equipment Fund and the Capital Budget Fund are both on target to be self-sustaining. This means we shouldn't need any loans for vehicles, equipment or regular road maintenance in the foreseeable future!

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) Committee continues to work on a number of uses for the \$357,000 that has been given to the Town. The list of possible uses is extensive, but not all fit smaller towns like Braintree. Currently money has been earmarked for digitizing land records and lister information, cybersecurity and funding for heating needs of Braintree residents. If anyone has any ideas or would like to learn more, contact Megan O'Toole at braintreesb.motoole@gmail.com.

Current taxes are due March 15, 2023. There will have extended hours that day only – 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Our normal hours are Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 9-4. If I am at the office, I am open. If you are wondering if I will be in the office at a certain time, please call 802-728-9787 ext. 3 or email braintreetreasurer@gmail.com. There is a drop box, you can mail payments or you can call and make an appointment for a time that is more convenient for you. If you would like a receipt, please remember to send a self-addressed stamped envelope with your payment.

Filing Your Homestead Declaration (HS-122). All residents of Vermont must file a Homestead Declaration (HS-122) with the Vermont State Tax Department. This must be done every year before April 15th and can be done separate from your income tax filing. If you are filing your income tax information late – still file your HS-122 before April 15th. You can file and find answers to your questions at <https://tax.vermont.gov/property-owners/homestead-declaration/filing-checklist>. This is the only way that your property tax is billed out at the homestead rate. Anyone that has not filed their HS-122 will be billed at the non-residential rate. You must contact the tax department if you feel you have filed but are showing non-residential on your tax bill. At the same time you should fill out the HI-144 Property Tax Adjustment form for a possible state payment to the town to go towards your property taxes.



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TOWN STATISTICS

Marriages

<u>Name</u>		<u>Name</u>
Simpson, Carol D.	to	Simpson, Gary B.
Tucker, Tara	to	Dudek, Brett J.
Pratt, Megan E.	to	Wright, Melinda S.
Green, Cheyanne M.	to	Bent, Seth A.
Catmull, Jeannie M.A.	to	Musselman, Rydar N.B.

Births

<u>Name</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Parents</u>
Owen, Octavia Violet	F	Messier, Andrew & Owen, Brooke
Wheeler, Bentley James Ryan	M	Wheeler, Wessley & White, Britany
Hammond, Ezra Alexander	M	Hammond, Kyle & Herring, Nicole
Coon, Hagan Michael	M	Coon, Duane & Townsend, Brianna
Tanner, Athena Lynn	F	Tanner, Ethan & Alonso-Gonyo, Sierra

Deaths

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>
Czapla, Cathy A.	71
MacAdams, Donald J.	62
Mayotte, Natasha R.	27
Abel, Sally V.	99
Hockman, Robert A.	94
Ferris, Joyce W.	98
Benoir, Barbara M.	79
Davis, Nancy A.	86
Waite, Richard F.	93
Grout, Dylan R.	28
Davis, Barbara	72
Burtis, Jeffery K.	60

Burials

<u>Name</u>	<u>Cemetery</u>
Ferris, Joyce W.	Mountain View

This page is created from information that is received and recorded by the Town Clerk. If a community member is born or dies out of state that information is not recorded in the town records. Apologies for anyone that is inadvertently left off the list for any reason.

Listers - FY22

Property Sales: This year the trend of quick property sales with higher than assessed closing prices continued. The year ended with very few homes available for sale. This trend is likely to continue into 2023 but with rising interest rates and limited availability, the trend will likely slow.

Reappraisal? While property sales numbers were good news for sellers, they are not very positive as it relates to Braintree's 2019 (Pre-Pandemic) Town Wide Reappraisal. Rising sales prices sparked by COVID buyers meant that nearly all sales in 2022 were higher than the assessed values. This rise in the comparison of assessed value to sale price was reflected in our Annual Sales Study carried out by the Vermont Department of Taxes, driving our statistical numbers in an unfavorable direction. As the numbers continue their downward trend, we will eventually be forced into another State-order town-wide reappraisal. If sales trends continue, this could be ordered as early as late 2023. Having spent the State supplied reserve money we had accrued for the last town-wide reappraisal, this will require additional town funds to complete.

Braintree is certainly not alone in this reappraisal conundrum. Following the most recent Equalization Study carried out state-wide, 165 of the 254 municipalities reviewed are being ordered to reappraise, including 22 who had reappraisals completed in 2019 (the same year as Braintree). All of this is to say that we should anticipate a new town-wide reappraisal sooner rather than later, and we will need to prepare to pay for it with more tax money than we have in previous reappraisals.

Homestead Declarations: As usual, the listers would like to offer a reminder to all homeowners who occupied their residence as of April 1, 2022, to file a *Homestead Declaration Form by Tax Day, which is April 18, 2023*. Failure to do so may result in a penalty and being taxed at the non-homestead educational tax rate.

Contact Us: As always, the Board of Listers is here to serve the community. If you have any questions or concerns about your property please contact the listers through any of the following ways:

Office Hours: Tuesday 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. or by appointment

Phone: (802)728-9787 ext 5

Email: braintreelisters@gmail.com

Respectfully submitted: Jackson Evans, Derek O'Toole, Luke Fisher

Zoning Administrator - FY22

This year we had 27 permits issued which is a little more than we've had in the last two years. Other than sheds, garages, houses, camps and wood sheds some of the unusual ones were for an Airbnb tree-house and nine trailers installed in the trailer park.

As always I have enjoyed getting to know and help all of you and answering your questions. Looking forward to another year of prosperity in our community.

Respectfully submitted: Gary Blatz (email: braintreeza932vt@gmail.com)

Braintree Planning Commission - FY22

In the past year the Planning Commission has continued to work with staff from Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Commission (TRORC) to complete revisions to the Town Plan. By statute, Town Plans are only Valid for eight years. Our current Town Plan was readopted in 2017 with only minor changes made from the plan that was first drafted and approved in 2012 using 2010 US Census data. As part of the revision and readoption process the Planning Commission and Selectboard each hold public hearings to obtain comments from the public. These comments are incorporated into the revised plan that the selectboard will eventually be asked to approve prior to seeking approval from TRORC and the State of Vermont.

The Plan will also be used by the State of Vermont, its Regional Planning Commission, and its Environmental Court in Act 250 reviews and Section 248 proceedings, as well as to determine the Town's eligibility for certain State grants.

Copies of the proposed Town Plan are available on the Town's website (see link address below) and may be viewed at the Town Office. A draft of the proposed Town Plan has been mailed to neighboring Towns, and the Planning Commission will hold their first public hearing on the draft plan on February 23, 2023 at 7pm at the Braintree Town Hall, 5379 VT Route 12A. By State Statute, the Proposed Town Plan may be edited in response to comments received by the public.

Please reach out to the town office or email the planning commission at BraintreePC@gmail.com with your comments and questions.

After any changes are made, the proposed Town Plan will be presented to the Selectboard for review. The Selectboard must hold at least one public hearing before voting to adopt the updated Plan. The proposed plan can be edited based on the comments that are received by the Selectboard.

After the Town Plan is readopted the Planning Commission will consider updating the Town's Zoning Bylaws. The Town's Zoning regulations have not been updated since 2010.

Residents are encouraged to attend Planning Commission meetings, which are scheduled for the second Thursday of the month and take place at the Town Office.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Braintree Planning Commission
Nathan Cleveland, Jackson Evans, Paul Kendall, Malcolm FitzPatrick, Jennifer Phipps

Web address for viewing the Draft Braintree Town Plan:

<https://braintreevt.gov/draft-of-braintree-town-plan-january-15-2023/>

Report of the Development Review Board – FY22

The Development Review Board (DRB) has had an interesting and educational year examining issues pertaining to home occupations. A public hearing was held regarding the Bent Hill Brewery, at which strong support was expressed for the operation, as well as complaints about noise and traffic. After several deliberative sessions and studying home enterprise/home occupation definitions used by various other area towns, we are preparing suggestions for clarifying our bylaws to our planning commission for consideration in their upcoming revisions, which will hopefully provide better guidance to folks considering these activities going forward.

No other issues have come before us this year.

DRB Hearings and/or meetings are usually held when required on the fourth Thursday of the month at 7 pm at the town office, although we can usually reschedule a monthly meeting or schedule an extra session upon request if the regular date is inconvenient. Notice and agendas of such meetings are posted in advance as required.

Residents are reminded that new construction or renovations generally require a permit from the Zoning Administrator. Larger projects may require a DRB Hearing. Residents are always welcome to attend DRB meetings and hearings, and respectful public input is always welcome.

Thank you,

Bob Moyer



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Braintree Conservation Commission - FY22

The Braintree Conservation Commission's (BCC) membership has remained the same in 2022. Paul Shriver continues as chair and Sandy Stephen vice chair. Gina Logan has filled the role of secretary. Joan Richmond-Hall and Linda Morse round out our membership.

The BCC continues to plan and host seminars that might be of interest to community members from Braintree and surrounding towns. In February we hosted a Pollinator Talk. Laura Johnson, a pollinator specialist from UVM extension, gave a talk on the importance of pollinators. She suggested things that we could all do to support and possibly increase pollinator numbers.

The BCC is presently working on a bird species survey of Braintree. We are interested in finding out what species Braintree residents have seen and not seen as frequently in the past year. When the survey is ready we hope to post it on Front Porch Forum this spring and collect results.

In the coming year the BCC will continue to keep abreast of the spread of Emerald Ash Borer (EAB). We hope to assist the Selectboard in how best to combat the future arrival of the EAB by helping gauge the number of ash trees we have along our roadways etc. We also will continue to monitor and educate ourselves about other invasive species.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Shriver Chair

Emergency Management Report - FY22

In the past year, the emergency management group has again focused on maintaining existing emergency management resources and monitoring significant weather events and power outages. In the event of an extended power outage, we have the capability of setting up the Town Hall as a warming shelter and this resource will be mobilized if the need arises.

We continue to experience varied, "unseasonal," and more extreme weather events, which can cause unexpected and unusual damage. If you have any questions about the emergency resources in the town, or if you have interest in working on town emergency preparedness, please get in touch with me via the contact information listed at the beginning of this report.

Thank you.

Derek O'Toole

Auditors Report - FY22

The Town Auditors have continued to review all the components of the Town's finances and reporting as recommended by the Vermont League of Cities and Towns. Although Sullivan, Powers & Co. has not yet conducted the professional audit of the Town's finances at the time of this writing, we believe that the financial situation presented in the current Town Report for Fiscal Year 2022 is accurate.

One of the goals of our Board over the past ten years has been to identify procedures that best examine the different aspects of the Town's finances and to write detailed manuals for these procedures. Revisions will always need to be made, but the task is essentially completed. These procedure manuals will greatly facilitate transitioning in new members.

Allison Jassen joined our Board in the spring and has been a valuable addition. We will be looking to replace our other auditors over the next two years. Please contact us if you think this work might interest you.

Lin Brown
Tom Cooch
Allison Jassen

Sullivan, Powers & Co., P.C.

Certified Public Accountants

January 31, 2023

Selectboard
Town of Braintree, Vermont
932 VT Route 12A
Braintree, VT 05060

We have audited the financial statements of the Town of Braintree, Vermont as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022. Our opinion on the governmental activities, each major fund and aggregate remaining fund information, which collectively comprise the basic financial statements of the Town of Braintree, Vermont, was unqualified.

The financial statements and our report thereon will be available for public inspection at the Town Office.

Sullivan, Powers & Co.

STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED FY2022

Municipal Grand List

Real Estate (Appraised Value x 1%)	1,086,698.40
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Education Grand List

Homestead Real Estate (Appraised Value x 1%)	712,314.00
Non-residential Real Estate (Appraised Value x 1%)	375,760.67

Taxes Assessed and Billed:

TOWN

General Tax Rate	0.3365 x	1,086,698.40	\$365,674.01
Highway Tax Rate	0.5599 x	1,086,698.40	\$608,442.43
Town Tax Rate	0.8964 x	1,086,698.40	\$974,116.45

EDUCATION

Homestead Education Tax Rate	1.5627 x	712,314.00	\$1,113,133.09
Non-residential Education Tax Rate	1.594 x	375,760.67	\$598,962.51
			\$1,712,095.60

Late HS-122 Filing Penalty			\$577.29
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Total \$2,686,789.33

Tax Reconciliation

Taxes Collected	\$2,609,251.62
Delinquent Taxes	\$77,537.79

Total \$2,686,789.41

SCHEDULE OF TOWN INDEBTEDNESS - FY22

Notes Payable Date Issued	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Balance 6/3/2021	New Borrowing	Loan Repayments	Balance 6/30/2022
2019 Mack Truck 12/18/2018	12/18/2023	2.90%	\$74,441.63	\$0.00	\$29,418.03	\$45,023.60
2021 Mack Truck 4/2/2021	4/2/2024	2.85%	\$71,000.09	\$0.00	\$24,406.92	\$46,593.17
Totals			\$145,441.72	\$0.00	\$53,824.95	\$91,616.77

**Town of Braintree
Balance Sheet - General Fund - FY22**

Account	Description	FY 2022	FY 2021
Assests			
10-1011-00.00	Bar Harbor Checking	6,856.83	9,227.69
10-1015-00.00	MSB Sweep-Gen'l Fund	1,112,217.88	740,826.33
10-1100-00.00	Petty Cash	150.00	150.00
10-1101-00.00	Taxpayer Change Fund	150.00	150.00
10-1201-00.00	FY07 Property Taxes	0.00	403.96
10-1201-20.00	FY20 Property Taxes	54,398.44	61,874.93
10-1201-21.00	FY21 Property Taxes	48,858.07	67,700.77
10-1201-22.00	FY22 Property Taxes	77,537.79	0.00
10-1210-00.00	FY10 Property Taxes	361.67	361.67
10-1213-00.00	FY2013 Property Taxes	0.00	1,023.49
10-1216-00.00	FY2016 Property Taxes	0.00	394.22
10-1217-00.00	FY2017 Property Taxes	89.24	2,457.69
10-1218-00.00	FY2018 Property Taxes	1,841.12	4,364.16
10-1219-00.00	FY2019 Property Taxes	5,737.61	13,854.53
10-1220-00.00	Del Tax Interest Rec	25,404.98	19,447.51
10-1230-00.00	Del Tax Penalty Rec	15,106.03	12,194.94
10-1245-00.00	Allowance for Del Taxes	0.00	(4,800.00)
10-1249-00.00	A/R - Other	7,612.50	7,612.50
10-1300-00.00	Due To/From Other Funds	(698,636.24)	(457,454.07)
10-1400-00.00	Prepaid Expenses	11,653.50	33,408.91
Total Assets		<u>669,339.42</u>	<u>513,199.23</u>
Liabilities			
10-2000-00.00	Accounts Payable	25,603.78	26,683.75
10-2000-00.05	Accounts Payable -- Audit	0.00	1,475.00
10-2001-00.00	Deferred Tax Revenue	208,000.00	149,000.00
10-2003-00.00	Deferred Rev Grants - 60	7,612.50	7,612.50
10-2005-00.00	Prop Tax Overpayments	3,324.28	2,299.42
10-2015-00.00	Due To Delinquent Tax Col	15,106.03	12,194.94
10-2100-20.00	VMERS Payable	(19.66)	0.00
10-2110-00.00	Accrued Payroll & Taxes	9,605.79	9,310.16
10-2320-05.00	Due To State - Dogs	32.00	704.00
10-2320-10.00	Due to State - Rabies	8.00	192.00
Total Liabilities		<u>269,272.72</u>	<u>209,471.77</u>
Fund Balance			
Total Prior Years Fund Balance		303,727.46	316,115.95
Fund Balance - Current Year Profit/(Loss)		<u>96,339.24</u>	<u>(12,388.49)</u>
10-2998-00.00	Fund Balance - Total	<u>400,066.70</u>	<u>303,727.46</u>
Total Liabilities, Reserves, Fund Balance		<u>669,339.42</u>	<u>513,199.23</u>

FY2022 Actuals and FY2024 Budget

Account	Budget FY22	Actual FY22	Budget FY23	Budget FY24
10-30 Taxes				
10-3001-00.00 Current Taxes	977,065.27	929,202.12	989,085.49	-
10-3054-00.00 Delinquent Tax Interest	10,000.00	10,137.04	10,000.00	10,000.00
10-3056-00.00 Delinquent Tax Penalty	9,500.00	10,593.03	10,000.00	10,000.00
10-3061-00.00 PILOT	50.00	76.40	50.00	50.00
10-3064-00.00 Education Billing Fee	2,500.00	3,228.51	2,500.00	2,500.00
10-3065-00.00 1% Late File	700.00	577.29	500.00	500.00
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	999,815.27	953,814.39	1,012,135.49	23,050.00
10-32 State of Vermont				
10-3205-00.00 Hold Harmless	135,000.00	136,699.00	137,000.00	137,000.00
10-3210-00.00 Railroad Tax	3,500.00	1,775.41	3,500.00	3,500.00
10-3215-00.00 AOT	88,000.00	112,908.76	88,000.00	88,000.00
10-3217-00.00 Land Use Change Tax	-	1,276.00	-	-
10-3223-00.00 Equalization Study	700.00	711.00	700.00	700.00
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	227,200.00	253,370.17	229,200.00	229,200.00
10-36 Fees & Permits				
10-3605-00.00 1st Class Liq/Rest License	-	115.00	115.00	115.00
10-3615-00.00 Clerk Fees	9,000.00	13,950.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
10-3618-00.00 Tire Recycling Fees	50.00	654.00	100.00	100.00
10-3620-00.00 Dog Licenses	1,000.00	926.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
10-3625-00.00 Marriage Licenses	50.00	60.00	70.00	60.00
10-3630-00.00 DMV	50.00	60.00	50.00	50.00
10-3635-00.00 Over Weight Permits	200.00	285.00	200.00	200.00
10-3655-00.00 Zoning Permits	1,000.00	705.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
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	11,350.00	16,755.00	12,535.00	12,525.00
10-37 Other GF Revenue				
10-3705-00.00 Rochester Hollow	6,000.00	6,367.09	6,000.00	12,000.00
10-3708-00.00 Town Report	700.00	817.50	700.00	800.00
10-3710-00.00 Town Hall Rentals	200.00	700.00	500.00	500.00
10-3730-00.00 Scrap Metal Sales	200.00	-	200.00	200.00
10-3735-00.00 Sweep Interest	4,000.00	741.56	2,000.00	1,000.00
10-3735-00.05 Bar Harbor-Treasurer Interest	-	3.81	5.00	5.00
10-3750-00.00 Misc Income	-	64.90	-	-
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	11,100.00	8,694.86	9,405.00	14,505.00
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Total Revenues	1,249,465.27	1,232,634.42	1,263,275.49	279,280.00
10-4000 Executive				
10-4000-10.00 Selectboard Salaries	7,100.00	7,100.04	7,100.00	7,100.00
10-4000-10.05 Admin. Assistant Wages	30,448.00	31,766.78	33,813.78	37,492.00
10-4000-10.30 Admin. Assistant Overtime	2,409.00	73.48	2,675.38	1,236.00
10-4000-20.00 FICA/Medicare	2,514.00	2,978.85	3,334.57	2,963.00
10-4000-22.00 Admin. Asst. Retirement	1,479.00	1,487.38	1,642.01	1,743.00
10-4000-24.00 Health Insurance	8,323.56	9,061.78	8,418.00	9,279.00
10-4000-25.00 Transfer to Health Benefit	2,650.00	2,650.00	2,650.00	2,756.00
10-4000-30.00 Transfer To Capital Res	8,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00	4,000.00
10-4000-70.00 Dues, Subscripts & Misc	4,400.00	4,629.99	5,000.00	5,000.00
10-4000-80.00 Mileage	250.00	88.69	250.00	250.00
10-4000-81.00 Training	250.00	50.40	250.00	250.00
10-4000-82.00 Town Report	1,350.00	1,635.00	1,430.00	1,684.00
10-4000-84.00 Green Up Day	1,000.00	908.20	1,100.00	1,000.00

FY2022 Actuals and FY2024 Budget

Account	Budget FY22	Actual FY22	Budget FY23	Budget FY24
10-4000-87.00 Property Tax Abatements	3,000.00	5,839.57	3,000.00	3,000.00
10-4000-88.00 Tax Sale Property Expense	2,000.00	-	2,000.00	2,000.00
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	75,173.56	76,270.16	80,663.74	79,753.00
10-4200 Town Clerk				
10-4200-10.00 Town Clerk Salary	20,805.00	21,284.19	22,880.00	24,710.00
10-4200-10.05 Assist Town Clerk Wages	2,500.00	1,172.13	2,500.00	33,579.00
10-4200-10.10 Ballot Clerk Wages	150.00	-	150.00	150.00
10-4200-20.00 FICA/Medicare	1,592.00	1,718.33	1,953.05	6,547.00
10-4200-22.00 Town Clerk/Assistant Retirement	936.00	1,005.62	1,029.60	3,851.00
10-4200-24.00 Health Insurance	11,694.62	12,718.57	11,925.00	31,032.00
10-4200-25.00 Transfer to Health Benefit	2,645.00	2,645.00	2,645.00	8,268.00
10-4200-68.00 Vault Supplies	1,200.00	971.79	1,200.00	1,200.00
10-4200-70.00 Dues & Subscriptions	65.00	40.00	65.00	65.00
10-4200-72.00 Elections/Town Meeting	50.00	-	100.00	50.00
10-4200-80.00 Mileage	-	-	-	50.00
10-4200-81.00 Training	150.00	78.00	150.00	300.00
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	41,787.62	41,633.63	44,597.65	109,802.00
10-4400 Auditing				
10-4400-10.00 Auditors Salaries	500.00	-	500.00	500.00
10-4400-20.00 FICA/Medicare	39.00	-	39.00	39.00
10-4400-35.00 Professional Audit	15,000.00	16,000.00	16,000.00	18,000.00
10-4400-36.00 Contracted Services	750.00	2,288.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
10-4400-80.00 Mileage	100.00	-	100.00	100.00
10-4400-81.00 Training	-	-	-	150.00
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	16,389.00	18,288.00	18,639.00	20,789.00
10-4500 Delinquent Tax Collecting				
10-4500-10.00 Wages	9,500.00	10,304.83	10,000.00	10,000.00
10-4500-20.00 FICA/Medicare	728.00	565.60	765.00	765.00
10-4500-31.00 Attorney Fees	-	-	-	-
10-4500-81.00 Training	65.00	-	65.00	65.00
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	10,293.00	10,870.43	10,830.00	10,830.00
10-4700 Treasurer				
10-4700-10.00 Treasurer Salary	21,955.00	22,460.73	25,053.00	27,058.00
10-4700-10.05 Asst. Treasurer Salary	1,500.00	733.80	1,500.00	750.00
10-4700-20.00 FICA/Medicare	1,680.00	1,773.96	2,031.30	2,070.00
10-4700-22.00 Retirement	988.00	1,036.92	1,127.41	1,218.00
10-4700-24.00 Health Insurance	11,694.62	12,718.51	11,925.00	13,151.00
10-4700-25.00 Transfer to Health Benefit	2,645.00	2,645.00	2,645.00	2,756.00
10-4700-37.00 Bank Service Charges	600.00	420.00	600.00	600.00
10-4700-70.00 Dues & Subscriptions	50.00	40.00	50.00	50.00
10-4700-80.00 Mileage	-	-	-	-
10-4700-81.00 Training	180.00	-	180.00	100.00
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	41,292.62	41,828.92	45,111.71	47,753.00
10-4800 Planning & Zoning				
10-4800-10.00 Zoning Admin Wages	2,000.00	1,222.50	3,900.00	5,489.00
10-4800-20.00 FICA/Medicare	298.00	93.52	298.00	419.00
10-4800-22.00 Retirement	175.00	-	-	247.00
10-4800-24.00 Health Insurance	-	-	-	-
10-4800-25.00 Transfer to Health Benefit	-	-	-	-
10-4800-32.00 Advertising	100.00	-	100.00	200.00
10-4800-68.00 Supplies	75.00	-	75.00	75.00

FY2022 Actuals and FY2024 Budget

Account	Budget FY22	Actual FY22	Budget FY23	Budget FY24
10-4800-80.00 Mileage	75.00	-	75.00	75.00
10-4800-81.00 Training	180.00	-	250.00	250.00
10-4800-85.90 Zoning & Planning Grants	-	2,000.00	-	-
10-4800-85.95 Hazard Mitigation Plan	-	-	-	-
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	2,903.00	3,316.02	4,698.00	6,755.00
10-4900 Listers				
10-4900-10.00 Lister's Wages	5,500.00	5,369.00	7,700.00	6,000.00
10-4900-20.00 FICA/Medicare	500.00	410.73	589.05	459.00
10-4900-30.00 Transfer to Reappraisal	-	-	-	-
10-4900-36.00 Contracted Services	1,600.00	-	1,500.00	2,900.00
10-4900-70.00 VT Marshall Swift Tables	300.00	235.95	240.00	300.00
10-4900-80.00 Mileage	150.00	-	75.00	200.00
10-4900-81.00 Training	300.00	-	200.00	100.00
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	8,350.00	6,015.68	10,304.05	9,959.00
10-5000 Town Office				
10-5000-10.00 Custodian	-	-	-	3,640.00
10-5000-20.00 FICA/Medicare	-	-	-	-
10-5000-30.00 Transfer to Cemetery Fund	12,500.00	12,500.00	12,500.00	12,500.00
10-5000-32.00 Adv & Public Notices	400.00	1,288.38	2,000.00	2,000.00
10-5000-35.00 Professional Services	9,000.00	2,721.85	5,000.00	5,000.00
10-5000-36.00 Service Contracts	800.00	553.84	800.00	800.00
10-5000-40.00 Electricity	1,750.00	1,503.94	1,750.00	1,750.00
10-5000-41.00 Heat	1,000.00	1,290.50	1,000.00	1,500.00
10-5000-42.00 Office Equipment	500.00	87.99	1,500.00	500.00
10-5000-43.00 Telephone	2,500.00	3,308.10	2,500.00	3,500.00
10-5000-44.00 Postage	1,600.00	1,572.30	1,800.00	1,800.00
10-5000-50.00 Building Maintenance	500.00	450.00	500.00	500.00
10-5000-51.00 Solid Waste	-	344.51	-	350.00
10-5000-68.00 Office Supplies	2,000.00	1,695.28	2,000.00	2,000.00
10-5000-68.05 Custodial Supplies	100.00	6.25	100.00	100.00
10-5000-68.10 Covid-19	150.00	-	-	-
10-5000-69.00 IT Software & Support	7,275.00	9,341.13	7,275.00	7,275.00
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	40,075.00	36,664.07	38,725.00	43,215.00
10-5200 Town Hall				
10-5200-10.00 Custodian	-	515.00	400.00	1,820.00
10-5200-20.00 FICA/Medicare	-	-	-	-
10-5200-30.00 Transfer to Town Hall Res	-	-	-	5,000.00
10-5200-40.00 Electricity	700.00	746.83	700.00	800.00
10-5200-41.00 Heat	1,500.00	1,364.77	1,500.00	3,000.00
10-5200-43.00 Telephone	1,400.00	1,529.55	1,400.00	1,600.00
10-5200-52.00 Grounds Maintenance	500.00	580.00	500.00	600.00
10-5200-67.00 Repairs & Maintenance	5,000.00	60.00	5,000.00	-
10-5200-67.01 Transfer Out	-	5,000.00	-	-
10-5200-68.00 Cleaning Supplies	100.00	-	100.00	100.00
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	9,200.00	9,796.15	9,600.00	12,920.00
10-5300 Tree Warden				
10-5300-10.00 Tree Warden Wages	250.00	-	-	-
10-5300-20.00 FICA/Medicare	20.00	-	-	-
10-5300-68.00 Supplies	-	-	-	-
10-5300-76.00 Tree Trimming/Removal	500.00	-	500.00	500.00
10-5300-80.00 Mileage	50.00	1.68	-	-
10-5300-81.00 Training	40.00	-	40.00	40.00

FY2022 Actuals and FY2024 Budget

Account	Budget FY22	Actual FY22	Budget FY23	Budget FY24
	860.00	1.68	540.00	540.00
10-5400 Conservation Commission				
10-5400-68.00 Supplies	100.00	-	100.00	100.00
10-5400-70.00 Dues & Membership Fees	50.00	-	50.00	-
10-5400-81.00 Training	250.00	-	250.00	250.00
10-5400-81.20 Presentations & Events	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
	500.00	100.00	500.00	450.00
10-5500 Health Officer				
10-5500-10.00 Health Officer's Wages	300.00	-	300.00	300.00
10-5500-20.00 FICA/Medicare	23.00	-	23.00	23.00
10-5500-68.00 Supplies	100.00	-	100.00	100.00
10-5500-80.00 Mileage	100.00	-	100.00	100.00
10-5500-81.00 Training	60.00	-	60.00	60.00
	583.00	-	583.00	583.00
10-5600 Town Insurance				
10-5600-46.10 Employment Liability	-	243.00	-	197.00
10-5600-46.15 Property & Liability	7,271.00	4,441.63	8,643.00	9,598.00
10-5600-46.20 Worker's Compensation	328.00	248.00	387.00	425.00
10-5600-46.25 Unemployment Insurance	400.00	430.00	671.00	500.00
10-5600-46.30 Short Term Disability Ins	60.00	56.64	60.00	120.00
	8,059.00	5,419.27	9,761.00	10,840.00
10-5700 Emergency Services				
10-5700-10.00 Ambulance	77,252.00	77,252.00	78,455.00	94,150.00
10-5700-10.05 Fire Department	75,265.23	53,965.69	70,734.00	68,000.00
10-5700-10.10 Constable Wages	500.00	-	500.00	500.00
10-5700-20.00 FICA/Medicare	39.00	-	39.00	39.00
10-5700-53.00 Dry Hydrant	700.00	-	700.00	700.00
10-5700-54.05 Emergency Generator	500.00	404.99	500.00	500.00
10-5700-55.00 Dog Impoundment Fees	200.00	-	200.00	200.00
10-5700-67.00 Emergency Radio & Mainten	250.00	-	250.00	250.00
10-5700-68.00 Supplies	1,000.00	25.50	1,000.00	250.00
10-5700-80.00 Mileage	500.00	-	500.00	-
10-5700-81.00 Training	100.00	-	100.00	100.00
	156,306.23	131,648.18	152,978.00	164,689.00
10-5800 Special Appropriations				
10-5800-90.05 Arts Bus	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
10-5800-90.10 CVCOA	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00
10-5800-90.20 Clara Martin Center	2,054.00	2,054.00	2,054.00	2,054.00
10-5800-90.25 Greater Randolph Senior	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
10-5800-90.35 Kimball Public Library	10,500.00	10,500.00	10,500.00	12,000.00
10-5800-90.40 Orange Cty Restorative Justice	350.00	350.00	350.00	350.00
10-5800-90.45 Orange County Parent Child Ctr	750.00	750.00	750.00	750.00
10-5800-90.55 Randolph Area Food Shlf	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
10-5800-90.60 Safeline	700.00	700.00	700.00	700.00
10-5800-90.65 Tri Valley Transit	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
10-5800-90.70 Visiting Nurse Assoc	3,200.00	3,200.00	3,200.00	3,200.00
10-5800-90.75 Braintree Historical Society	-	-	-	10,000.00
	23,154.00	23,154.00	23,154.00	34,654.00
10-5900 County Expense				
10-5900-33.00 County Tax	25,000.00	25,426.63	25,000.00	25,000.00

FY2022 Actuals and FY2024 Budget

Account	Budget FY22	Actual FY22	Budget FY23	Budget FY24
	25,000.00	25,426.63	25,000.00	25,000.00
10-6000 Highway				
10-6000-10.00 Full-time Wages	176,001.00	141,229.53	196,460.91	200,847.00
10-6000-10.05 Part-time Wages	5,000.00	3,946.40	7,500.00	5,000.00
10-6000-10.30 Overtime	24,883.00	15,899.20	13,875.77	14,821.00
10-6000-20.00 FICA/Medicare	15,367.00	11,812.02	16,664.51	16,483.00
10-6000-22.00 Retirement	8,864.00	7,224.33	9,465.15	9,696.00
10-6000-24.00 Health Insurance	33,294.24	27,171.60	25,254.00	18,558.00
10-6000-25.00 Transfer To Health Benefit	10,600.00	10,600.00	7,950.00	5,512.00
10-6000-34.00 Uniforms	3,750.00	3,597.72	4,000.00	4,000.00
10-6000-70.00 Dues & Subscriptions	-	-	25.00	25.00
10-6000-80.00 Mileage	500.00	-	500.00	250.00
10-6000-81.00 Training	750.00	330.00	750.00	500.00
	279,009.24	221,810.80	282,445.34	275,692.00
10-6150 Highway Insurance				
10-6150-46.00 Property & Liability	10,000.00	9,264.12	12,232.00	14,459.00
10-6150-46.20 Worker's Compensation	13,000.00	12,767.50	14,873.00	12,371.00
10-6150-46.30 Short Term Disability Ins	340.00	241.92	340.00	340.00
	23,340.00	22,273.54	27,445.00	27,170.00
10-6200 Highway Operations				
10-6200-30.00 Transfer to Gravel Pit Res	31,000.00	31,000.00	31,000.00	31,000.00
10-6200-30.05 Transfer to Capital Res	101,000.00	101,000.00	101,000.00	50,500.00
10-6200-35.00 Permit Fee	1,690.00	1,590.00	1,450.00	1,590.00
10-6200-36.00 Contracted Services	2,500.00	1,148.26	2,500.00	2,000.00
10-6200-40.00 Misc Road Exp	1,500.00	67.58	1,500.00	1,000.00
10-6200-56.00 Gravel	40,000.00	53,264.00	40,000.00	40,000.00
10-6200-58.00 Sand	41,000.00	43,300.00	41,000.00	41,000.00
10-6200-60.00 Salt	2,500.00	2,378.75	2,500.00	2,500.00
10-6200-61.00 Chloride	6,000.00	5,999.90	8,000.00	8,000.00
10-6200-62.00 Rental Equipment	5,000.00	-	-	-
10-6200-63.00 Culverts	3,000.00	2,462.00	5,000.00	3,000.00
10-6200-66.00 Bandrail	3,000.00	-	1,000.00	1,000.00
10-6200-71.00 Signs & Posts	2,000.00	3,474.10	2,000.00	2,000.00
	240,190.00	245,684.59	236,950.00	183,590.00
10-6400 Bridges				
10-6400-61.00 Maintenance	500.00	87.71	500.00	500.00
	500.00	87.71	500.00	500.00
10-6500 Fuel				
10-6500-75.05 Fuel & Oil Diesel	40,000.00	43,532.94	40,000.00	60,000.00
10-6500-75.10 Fuel & Oil Gasoline	200.00	73.02	200.00	200.00
	40,200.00	43,605.96	40,200.00	60,200.00
10-6600 Garage				
10-6600-00.00 Garage - Other	-	22.11	-	-
10-6600-40.00 Electricity	1,750.00	1,503.86	1,750.00	1,750.00
10-6600-41.00 Heat	3,500.00	3,596.68	3,500.00	3,500.00
10-6600-43.00 Telephone/Pagers	500.00	196.02	500.00	250.00
10-6600-67.00 Maintenance	1,500.00	500.07	1,500.00	1,000.00
10-6600-67.05 Radio Maintenance	500.00	-	500.00	250.00
10-6600-67.10 Salt Shed Maint/Repairs	2,500.00	-	-	-
10-6600-68.00 Supplies	3,000.00	1,142.37	3,000.00	1,500.00

FY2022 Actuals and FY2024 Budget

Account	Budget FY22	Actual FY22	Budget FY23	Budget FY24
10-6600-76.00 Rubbish Removal	750.00	873.20	800.00	900.00
10-6600-78.00 Safety Budget	2,000.00	123.94	1,000.00	500.00
10-6600-79.00 Small Equipment/Tools	5,300.00	1,913.69	2,500.00	2,500.00
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	21,300.00	9,871.94	15,050.00	12,150.00
10-6700 Vehicle/Equip Maintenance				
10-6700-67.01 Heavy Equipment Maintenance	60,000.00	37,527.82	60,000.00	60,000.00
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	60,000.00	37,527.82	60,000.00	60,000.00
10-6800-30.00 Transfer to Veh Eq Cap Res	125,000.00	125,000.00	125,000.00	125,000.00
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	185,000.00	162,527.82	185,000.00	185,000.00
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Total Expenses	1,249,465.27	1,136,295.18	1,263,275.49	1,322,834.00
Total General Fund	-	96,339.24	-	(1,043,554.00)
		Less Anticipated Income		279,280.00
		Taxes to be Raised		1,043,554.00



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**PROPOSED BUDGET: Vehicles/Equipment
FY2022-FY2028**

Activity	FY2022 Actual	FY2023 Plan	FY2024 Plan	FY2025 Plan	FY2026 Plan	FY2027 Plan	FY2028 Plan
Beginning Equipment Fund Balance	\$ 24,531.79	\$ (14,678.44)	\$ 78,252.36	\$ 44,559.74	\$ 114,594.74	\$ 24,629.74	\$ 4,664.74
Income							
Interest Earned	\$ 11.97	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00
Borrowed Funds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Trade-In of 2013 Backhoe for Excavator	\$ 43,200.00						
Trade-In of 2016 Mack Truck			\$ 75,000.00				
Trade-In of 2019 Mack Truck						\$ 75,000.00	
Trade-In of 2021 Mack Truck							
Sale of Hay Mulcher	\$ 7,000.00						
G.F. Contribution	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 125,000.00
Total Income	\$ 175,211.97	\$ 125,035.00	\$ 200,035.00	\$ 125,035.00	\$ 125,035.00	\$ 200,035.00	\$ 125,035.00
Expenses							
2021 Truck Replacement - 8 yrs (FY2029)							
2017 1 Ton Pick-up/Plow Replacement - 8 yrs (FY2025)				\$ 55,000.00			
2006 Grader Replacement - 20 yrs (FY2026)					\$ 215,000.00		
2016 Truck Replacement - 8 yrs (FY2024)			\$ 215,000.00				
2019 Truck Replacement - 8 yrs (FY2027)						\$ 220,000.00	
Emergency Generator - 30 yrs (FY2039)							
2017 JD Loader - 15 yrs (FY2032)							
2013 Backhoe - 20 yrs (FY2033) - Excavator Purchase	\$ 125,121.00						
5 Year Preventative Maintenance - Excavator	Included						
2010 TV6070 Tractor - (FY2030)							
Purchase of Mulcher/Hydroseeder	\$ 4,450.00						
Purchase of Trailer	\$ 27,547.00						
Principal on Borrowed Funds	\$ 53,824.95	\$ 31,145.68	\$ 18,560.20	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Interest on Borrowed Funds	\$ 3,479.25	\$ 958.52	\$ 167.42	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Expenses	\$ 214,422.20	\$ 32,104.20	\$ 233,727.62	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 215,000.00	\$ 220,000.00	\$ -
Balance on Hand	\$ (14,678.44)	\$ 78,252.36	\$ 44,559.74	\$ 114,594.74	\$ 24,629.74	\$ 4,664.74	\$ 129,699.74

CAPITAL PLAN & BUDGET: Other Projects - 2022-2027						
Activity	FY2022 Actual	FY2023 Plan	FY2024 Plan	FY2025 Plan	FY2026 Plan	FY2027 Plan
Beginning Capital Plan Fund Balance	271,094.88	312,007.55	213,863.55	153,413.55	139,463.55	125,513.55
Income						
Interest Earned	265.18	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
April 2019 Storm Damage - FEMA-Braintree Hill	7,525.12					
Peth Road - Grant in Aide	30,707.31					
Better Road Grant - Hockman Hill/Peth - Ditching (Rec'vd-10/7/22)		20,000.00				
DuClos Road - Grant in Aide - Mud Mitigation		31,000.00				
State Structure Grant - Woodchuck Hollow Culvert		175,000.00				
Class 2 Road Grant - Proposed						
G.F. Contribution - Highway (6200.30.05)	101,000.00	101,000.00	50,500.00	101,000.00	101,000.00	101,000.00
G.F. Contribution - Executive (4000.30.00)	8,000.00	8,000.00	4,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Income	147,497.61	335,050.00	54,550.00	101,050.00	101,050.00	101,050.00
Expense						
Lemery Road Class 4 Bridge	38,500.00					
Misc. Expenses - Paddock Gravel	14,875.00					
Specific Road Projects not covered by grants - Proposed	2,585.60	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00
Resurfacing - Road Maintenance - Proposed	17,910.00	65,000.00	65,000.00	65,000.00	65,000.00	65,000.00
State Structure Grant - Woodchuck Hollow Culvert		194,444.00				
DuClos Road - Grant in Aide - Mud Mitigation		38,750.00				
Class 2 Road Grant -						
Braintree Hill - Grant in Aide	7,103.40					
Thayer Brook Road - BRG	11,528.06					
Class 2 Road Grant - Thresher Road	4,805.00					
Better Road Grant - Hockman Hill/Peth - Ditching	9,277.88					
Building Upgrades - Garage/Proposed - Move to Campus Fund		75,000.00				
Building Upgrades - Town Office - Move to Campus Fund		10,000.00				
Total New Expenses	106,584.94	433,194.00	115,000.00	115,000.00	115,000.00	115,000.00
Balance on Hand	312,007.55	213,863.55	153,413.55	139,463.55	125,513.55	111,563.55

HEALTH BENEFIT RESERVE FUND

Purpose: contingency funding of the annual health plan deductible obligation.

Description	Beg. Balance	Income	Expenses	Balance
Beginning Balance (July 1, 2021)	\$ 26,300.56			\$ 26,300.56
Town Funding		\$ 18,540.00		\$ 44,840.56
Interest Income		\$ 21.59		\$ 44,862.15
Expenses Paid			\$ 4,391.09	\$ 40,471.06
Ending Balance (June 30, 2022)				\$ 40,471.06

REAPPRAISAL RESERVE FUND

Purpose: to set aside funds each year for state required reappraisals.

Description	Beg. Balance	Income	Expenses	Balance
Ending Balance (July 1, 2021)	\$ 29,338.20			\$ 29,338.20
Interest Income		\$ 29.43		\$ 29,367.63
EEGL Funds Rec'd		\$ 6,043.50		\$ 35,411.13
Expenses Paid			\$ -	\$ 35,411.13
Ending Balance (June 30, 2022)				\$ 35,411.13

TOWN CLERK RESTORATION FUND

Purpose: to restore and preserve the Town records.

Description	Beg. Balance	Income	Expenses	Balance
Beginning Balance (July 1, 2021)	\$ 15,765.04			\$ 15,765.04
Restoration Fee*		\$ 4,340.00		\$ 20,105.04
Interest Income		\$ 17.06		\$ 20,122.10
Ending Balance (June 30, 2022)				\$ 20,122.10

*Funding comes from \$4/page of the recording fees.

TOWN HALL RESERVE FUND

Purpose: to assist in the maintenance and upkeep of the Town Hall.

Description	Beg. Balance	Income	Expenses	Balance
Beginning Balance (July 1, 2021)	\$ 23,127.31			\$ 23,127.31
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Town Funding - FY22		\$ 5,000.00		\$ 28,127.31
Misc Income/Donations		\$ 446.00		\$ 28,573.31
Interest Income		\$ 23.62		\$ 28,596.93
Expense			\$ -	\$ 28,596.93
Ending Balance (June 30, 2022)				\$ 28,596.93

*Town Hall Funding comes from unexpended funds in the TH Repairs & Maintenance line.

GRAVEL PIT RESERVE FUND

Purpose: to set aside funds each year for the gravel pit debt services and expenses and build reserve funds for pit closure with any excess going to the purchase of a new gravel pit.

Description	Beg. Balance	Income	Expenses	Balance
Beginning Balance (July 1, 2021)	\$ 60,104.42			\$ 60,104.42
Town Funding		\$ 31,000.00		\$ 91,104.42
Interest Income		\$ 65.47		\$ 91,169.89
Expense			\$ -	\$ 91,169.89
Ending Balance (June 30, 2022)				\$ 91,169.89

ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) Fund

Description	Beg. Balance	Income	Expenses	Balance
Beginning Balance (July 1, 2021)	\$ -			\$ -
Funding		\$ 178,608.29		\$ 178,608.29
Interest Income		\$ 129.79		\$ 178,738.08
Covid Updates to Office			\$ 1,094.00	\$ 177,644.08
Remote Meeting Equipment			\$ 3,002.46	\$ 174,641.62
Ending Balance (June 30, 2022)				\$ 174,641.62

CEMETERY FUNDS - GENERAL FUND

Purpose: to maintain the town cemeteries

Description	Beg. Balance	Income	Expenses	Balance
Beginning Balance (July 1, 2021)	\$ 11,786.88			\$ 11,786.88
Town Funding		\$ 12,500.00		\$ 24,286.88
Lot Sales		\$ -		\$ 24,286.88
Bequest		\$ -		\$ 24,286.88
Interest		\$ 9.76		\$ 24,296.64
Cemetery Mowing/Maintenance			\$ 9,411.25	\$ 14,885.39
Ending Balance (June 30, 2022)				\$ 14,885.39

EDWARD JONES INVESTMENT

Purpose: interest from bequests to maintain the town cemeteries

Description	Beg. Balance	Income	Expense/Loss	Balance
Beginning Balance (July 1, 2021)	\$ 98,841.11			\$ 98,841.11
Bequest Money From General Account		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 98,841.11
EJ Bequest Interest Income/Loss		\$ -	\$ 5,142.03	\$ 93,699.08
Ending Balance (June 30, 2022)				\$ 93,699.08

Cemetery Commissioner's Report- FY22

All the Resident and Non-Resident prices are the same as last year. **The Rules and regulations are posted each spring by the entrance to each cemetery, and they must be followed without exceptions.**

All cemeteries were cleaned and stones repaired in May 2022, including Bruorton Hill and Connecticut Corners. Fall cleanup was completed in November 2022. Jason's Handiworks is contracted to mow the cemeteries for 2023.

Green burials were addressed and the policy is in place, if and when, a request is made. Mike Gaidys' term as a cemetery commissioner ended December 31st, 2022. Thank you Mike for your years of service and dedication to Braintree Cemeteries.

A special thank you to Janice Thresher and Family for the Lower Branch Cemetery sign.

Resident Prices:

2-grave lot deed (\$100) & perpetual care bequest (\$500):	\$600.00
4-grave lot deed (\$200) & perpetual care bequest (\$800):	\$1000.00
8-grave lot deed (\$400) & perpetual care bequest (\$1600):	\$2000.00
Corner posts for all lots:	\$185.50

Non-Resident Prices:

2-grave lot deed (\$300) & perpetual care bequest (\$1500):	\$1800.00
4-grave lot deed (\$600) & perpetual care bequest (\$2400):	\$3000.00
8-grave lot deed (\$1200) & perpetual care bequest (\$4800):	\$6000.00
Corner posts for all lots:	\$185.50

Braintree Cemetery Commission Rules and Regulations:

Hours: Dawn to Dusk

No artificial flowers or wreaths allowed

No glass containers allowed

Flowers that are wilted or dried out are to be removed

No dumping around the cemetery

No fence curbs, bark mulch, rocks or other material on or around gravesite allowed

Please always conduct yourself with dignity and respect. Remember these are Hallowed Grounds.

Thank you,
Kris Haupt

DELINQUENT TAXES - FY22

Arbuckle, Clifford	Daigneault, Greg	Marino, Ronette*	Simpson, Robert
Bedell, Sherrienne	Duclos, Trajon*	Maxham, Daniel	Staff, Jeffrey
Benoir, Larry	Gendron, Travis*	McHugh, Matthew	Starck, Herbert*
Berg, Michael	Gerstenmaier, Douglas	Messer, JoEllen*	Stickney, Peter Jr.*
Borcuk, Roy*	Howe, Michael Jr.	Miller, Edward*	Stockwell, Howard
Branstetter/Murdough	Hunt, Raymond	Osgood, Jeffrey	Stockwell, Howard
Burgess, Gloria*	Jarvis-Lunna, Janeen	Payette, Peter*	Therrien, Jessica
Campbell, Nicholas	Johnson, Baron	Potrzeba, Candy	Webster, Ronald*
Colson, Stacey*	Lacillade, Ethel	Roderick, James*	White, Brandi
Daigneault, Donovan	Larocque, Andrew	Senecal, William	Whitney, Carolyn
	MacAdams, Paul	Shepard, Ernest	

* Paid off taxes by 12/31/2022

Year	Balance as of 12/31/2021	Collected	Abated	Balance as of 6/30/2022	Collected	Balance as of 12/31/2022
2010	\$ 361.67	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 361.67	\$ 361.67	\$ -
FY2013	\$ 482.09	\$ 482.09	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
FY2016	\$ 394.22	\$ -	\$ 394.22	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
FY2017	\$ 276.43	\$ -	\$ 187.19	\$ 89.24	\$ -	\$ 89.24
FY2018	\$ 1,952.29	\$ -	\$ 111.17	\$ 1,841.12	\$ -	\$ 1,841.12
FY2019	\$ 7,055.47	\$ 148.92	\$ 1,168.94	\$ 5,737.61	\$ 695.91	\$ 5,041.70
FY2020	\$ 57,604.81	\$ 2,220.33	\$ 986.04	\$ 54,398.44	\$ 6,441.82	\$ 47,956.62
FY2021	\$ 56,344.12	\$ 6,237.74	\$ 1,248.31	\$ 48,858.07	\$ 3,599.67	\$ 45,258.40
FY2022*	\$ 133,486.25	\$ 54,875.63	\$ -	\$ 77,537.79	\$ 10,118.83	\$ 67,418.96
TOTALS	\$ 124,471.10	\$ 63,964.71	\$ 4,095.87	\$ 188,823.94	\$ 21,217.90	\$ 167,606.04

*FY2022 as of going delinquent



*Love Life Photography
by Lisa Allard*



Mountain Alliance

This year's Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events will be held on

Saturday, April 8, 2023

From 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

At 84 Landfill Lane in Randolph (Randolph Transfer Station)

Saturday, September 23, 2023

From 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

At 128 Wall Street in Northfield (Behind the Fire Station)

This event is for the **residents** of:
**Randolph, Braintree, Brookfield,
Northfield & Roxbury ONLY!**

Materials Accepted at the Event:

Acids, Adhesives, Aerosols, Antifreeze, Brake Fluid, Cements, Charcoal Lighters, Chlorine, Cleaning Fluid, Degreasers, Disinfectants, Drain Cleaners, Dry Gas, Epoxies, Dyes, Fiberglass Resins, Flea Powders, Furniture Strippers, Hair Removers, Herbicides, Insect Repellents, Lacquers, Lubricants, Mothballs or Flakes, Nail Polish Removers, Oven Cleaners, Oil Based Paints, Paint Removers, Paint Thinners, Permanent Solutions, Pesticides, Photo chemicals, Rat Poisons, Rug & Upholstery Cleaners, Rust Solvents, Wood Preservatives, Spot Removers, Toilet Bowl Cleaners, Tub and Tile Cleaners, Turpentine, Varnish, Weed Killers, Wood Polishes, Wood Stains, and Mercury containing products.

Materials NOT Accepted at the Event:

Asbestos, Automotive Paint, Automotive and Marine Batteries, Tires, Used Oil, Explosives or Shock-Sensitive Materials, Ammunition, Radio-Active Wastes, Pathological Wastes, Infectious Waste, Medicines, Dioxins, Compressed Gas Cylinders, Fluorescent Light tubes (accepted at the transfer station), Electronic equipment, TV's, Computers (accepted at the transfer station).

If you have any questions about the event or acceptable materials please call the Randolph Town Office at (802) 728-5433

If you are a business that qualifies as a Conditionally Exempt Generator (CEG) and wish to bring your material to one of the events, you must register with Clean Harbors one week prior to the event.

To register, please call Kristen Mahoney at **Clean Harbors (617) 293-0608**

For information on where and how to recycle certain items, please visit www.mtalliance.org



GREEN UP VERMONT
www.greenupvermont.org

Green Up Day
May 6, 2023



Green Up Day on May 7, 2022 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 for further our impact with waste reduction initiatives, additional clean-up efforts, and educational programs.

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

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

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

ECFiber and the Town of Braintree

Braintree is a member of the East Central Vermont Telecommunications District, the state's first communications union district (CUD), whose mission is to provide world-class fiber-optic based internet service to homes and businesses in its area. The District consists of 31 member-towns, and owns the business which operates under the trade name ECFiber. The business added over 1,000 new customers despite critical labor shortages, and now serves over 7,700 premises in 28 towns via 1,700 miles of network, which, when fully built out, will bring fiber-to-the-premises (FTTP) to about 31,500 locations over more than 2,000 miles network.

The District contracts with ValleyNet, Inc., and Great Works Internet (GWI) to operate the business. The addition of GWI to the operations team should enable ECFiber to expand its customer service hours and start the work of bringing its network up to carrier-grade status, which will enable us to offer service level agreements to larger business clients.

Unlike the new CUDs, we have built our network almost entirely using borrowed money, and, since 2016, borrowing only in the municipal revenue bond market. With \$63.3 million in bonds issued, the District anticipates additional borrowing in early 2023, during which time we hope to finally become a rated entity which will allow more institutions to purchase our bonds and consequently lead to lower interest rates. Unfortunately, all the new federal grants are only for construction after March of 2021.

In Braintree, ECFiber has completed construction of its network. As of November, 2022, there were 220 customers along 50 miles of network.

Vermont is a national leader in deploying ARPA and BEAD funding to support its CUDs and their mission to solve the state's rural broadband crisis. ECFiber established the model the state is following, and the biggest roadblock we face now is not funding, but rather finding enough folks to construct the networks – people who know how to operate bucket trucks, splice fiber while 40 feet above the ground, and be willing to work outside in difficult weather. ECFiber is actively participating in state and regional workforce development efforts. If you are or know of someone who may be interested in these well-paid jobs, please let us know!

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

Braintree's two seats on the ECFiber Governing Board are currently vacant! If you are interested in representing Braintree in this capacity, please contact former Delegate Jackson Evans jacksontevans@gmail.com or 802-345-5684 for more information.

WHITE RIVER VALLEY AMBULANCE

Thank you, neighbors, for your continued support of White River Valley Ambulance. We are a non-profit, professional emergency medical service and ambulance transport agency serving the towns of Barnard, Bethel, Braintree, Brookfield, Granville, Hancock, Pittsfield, Randolph, Rochester and Stockbridge, an area of over 500 square miles. We are designated as a Vermont Critical Care Paramedic service, the highest licensed skill level that the state recognizes. With our 14 full-time staff and several part-time staff we maintain two Paramedic level staffed ambulances 24/7, 365 days a year. From January 1, 2022, through November 30, 2022, White River Valley Ambulance responded to 1,550 emergency calls and transfers. This includes Advanced Life Support transfer between hospital.

Training in emergency medical response is also an important part of our mission. We are a regional American Heart Association Training Center, providing CPR and First Aid courses to community members across central Vermont. We also provide advanced practice training to emergency response professionals and volunteers from throughout the state.

Funding for WRVA comes from billed insurance and budget allocations from the towns we serve. Every town pays the same amount per capita. In 2022, the per capita amount will increase from \$65.00 to \$72.00. Town contributions pay for about 54% of the cost of ambulance activities.

Looking back on 2022 and ahead to 2023, we are ever grateful for the numerous first responders and fire departments with whom we work with and who volunteer their time to help a neighbor in need. Your dedication and commitment to serve makes a difference in the lives of those who call for help. For that, we can never thank you enough. **3190 Pleasant St., Bethel, VT 05032 802-234-6800 www.wvra.org**

**Matthew Parrish,
Executive Director**

Vermont League of Cities and Towns

Serving and Strengthening Vermont Local Government

The Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, owned by its member municipalities, with a mission to serve and strengthen Vermont local government. It is directed by a 13-member Board of Directors elected by the membership and comprising municipal officials from across the state.

Member Benefits - All 247 Vermont cities and towns are members of VLCT, as are 142 other municipal entities that include villages, solid waste districts, regional planning commissions, and fire districts. Members have exclusive access to a wide range of specialized benefits, expertise, and services, including:

- **Legal and technical assistance**, including prompt responses to member questions that often involve how to comply with state and federal requirements. During the past year, staff responded to thousands of member questions and published guidance, templates, research reports, and FAQs. In 2022, VLCT began offering additional government finance training and consulting services and launched the new Federal Funding Assistance Program (FFAP). FFAP offers communities advice on complying with federal rules surrounding pandemic funding, provides direction and insight on accessing billions of dollars in federal infrastructure funding, and provides input to state leaders on designing and implementing grant programs for municipalities.
- **Trainings and timely communications on topics of specific concern to officials** who carry out their duties required by state law. The League provided training via webinars, onsite classes, and during the hallmark annual event, Town Fair, the largest gathering of municipal officials in the state. VLCT's Equity Committee also published an online equity toolkit that assists municipalities in centering the work of justice, diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging in their decision making, policies, practices, and programs.
- **Representation before the state legislature, state agencies, and the federal government**, ensuring that municipal voices are heard collectively and as a single, united voice. VLCT's recent legislative efforts have helped provide cities and towns additional resources to respond to the pandemic, address road and bridge repair, tackle cybersecurity, improve housing and economic growth, promote renewable energy, provide emergency medical services, address equity and inclusion, and ensure the quality of our drinking water. Specific success in 2022 includes securing \$45 million in funding to help municipalities make energy improvements in their buildings, securing \$250,000 for VLCT's Federal Funding Assistance Program, increasing Municipal Planning Grants to \$870,000, securing \$250,000 for the Vermont Office of Racial Equity to launch the Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Action, Leadership Program, and increasing municipal authorities in statute. Members are also represented at the federal level to Vermont's Congressional delegation and through our partner, the National League of Cities.
- **Access to insurance programs.** The Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund (PACIF) provides comprehensive and cost-effective property, liability, and workers' compensation insurance coverage, programs, and services that protect the assets of your community. The VLCT Unemployment Insurance Trust provides unemployment insurance at stable pricing. VLCT also provides members with the option to purchase life, disability, dental, and vision insurance products at a competitive price. All the programs offer coverage and products that members need and ask for, help Vermont municipalities stretch their budgets, and are *only* available to VLCT members.

Members are welcome to contact VLCT anytime to ask questions and to access resources to help them carry out the important work of local government. **To learn more about the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, visit vlct.org.** Recent audited financial statements are available at vlct.org/AuditReports.

TRORC 2022 Year-End Report

The Two Rivers-Ottauquechee Regional Commission is your regional planning commission. We are governed by a Board of Representatives appointed by each of our 30 member towns. We work to make the area better today, and to articulate a vision for tomorrow that has a thriving regional economy and keeps the Region's outstanding quality of life. The following are highlights from our work in 2022.

Technical Assistance on Planning Issues

Our staff support your local officials by being a wealth of information on many subjects, enabling them to serve you better. We provide advice on zoning, capital budgeting, and preventing flood damage; review solar and cell tower projects; stay abreast of state and federal initiatives so that local government can take advantage of these; and have worked hard to address the region's housing crisis. TRORC staff have also assisted numerous towns with revisions to municipal plans, bylaws and studies.

Economy and Public Health

This year, TRORC obtained Federal grant funding to support the Region's talented artists, food producers, and other parts of the creative economy sector through training and networking events. We also were able to provide many small businesses with grant funds to weather Covid, as well as guidance to towns on using their federal recovery funds. TRORC worked on public health projects with local hospitals, helped towns grapple with new cannabis legislation, and incorporated health-related goals and policies into town plans.

Emergency Management and Preparedness

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

Energy/Climate Change

TRORC assisted six towns on Enhanced Energy Plans to save money for communities and further the State energy goal of meeting 90% of energy needs from renewable sources by 2050. TRORC has continued working to support town Energy Committees on energy efficiency outreach and education with funding from Efficiency Vermont. We also work on state-level climate policy and local adaptation measures.

Transportation

TRORC managed the Municipal Roads Grants-In-Aid program in our Region getting funding for towns to implement projects including grass and stone-lined ditches, upsizing and replacement of culverts, and stabilizing catch basin outlets. We also work to support our transit agencies, build park and ride lots, and help towns with traffic counts and speed studies.

Specifically in Braintree this past year, TRORC assisted the town with updating its Local Emergency Management Plan, as well as in updating its Town Plan. TRORC also assisted the town with a Grants in Aid program to complete ditching and culvert improvements on Thayer Brook Road. TRORC also conducted a traffic volume study at six road locations in Braintree. Staff also supported the town in navigating how to use ARPA funding.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Peter G. Gregory, AICP, Executive Director

Jerry Fredrickson, Chairperson, Barnard

Vermont Spay and Neuter Incentive Program “VSNIP”

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

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

Licensing a dog: 1) helps identify your dog if lost, 2) provides proof your dog is protected from rabies in the event your dog is bitten by a rabid animal, but would still need immediate medical attention, 3) if your dog bites an animal or person – which could result in quarantine or possible euthanasia to test for infection, and 4) helps pay for VSNIP, addressing the population situation in Vermont.

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

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

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

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

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

Sue Skaskiw, VWSA Humane Society Director / VSNIP Administrator

Local Health Office Annual Report 2022

Twelve Local Health Offices around the state are your community connection with the Vermont Department of Health. Your district office is at the address and phone number above. We provide essential services and resources to towns in Washington and Orange counties in order to protect and promote the health and well-being of people in Vermont. For example, in the past year and beyond, the Barre 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.

Worked to prevent and control the spread of disease: In collaboration with community partners, since response efforts began, we hosted over 100 COVID-19 vaccination clinics and provided over 7,900 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.

Ensured local preparedness for future emergencies: We worked with partners like schools, skilled nursing facilities, shelters, 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, 25 hMPXV vaccine doses have been administered locally.

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. For example, we provided vaccine at schools, shelters, senior housing, farms, food distribution sites, and more.

Collaborated with Town Health Officers around 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 WIC services and resources to families and children: Provided WIC nutrition education and support to 1,337 individuals between July 1, 2021 and June 31, 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.

Supported student health and youth empowerment: According to the Vermont Youth Risk Behavior Survey, only 58% percent of students in Washington County, and only 54% in Orange County, agree or strongly agree that they “believe they matter to people in their community.” 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.

Healthy Communities: We were excited to host Governor Scott, legislators and advocates at a signing event for Vermont’s two big 2022 housing bills in a May celebration at RACDC’s Salisbury Square site. Yearly, RACDC provides safe and affordable homes for about 250 people of all ages and we are working to improve and create more with the help of these additional funds and programs.

- Our \$6 million project to update and add community space at Randolph House senior apartments is nearly completed. Look for information about a spring ribbon-cutting.
- New rental units at Salisbury Square are scheduled to begin construction in 2023, with single family homes soon after. These will be solar-powered, Zero Energy modular units, connected together in a neighborhood DC microgrid, to enable storage of solar energy to have as backup power in grid outages.
- We’ve also begun conceptual planning for 24-30 new apartments near downtown Randolph, and other potential community projects.

Economic Opportunity:

- RACDC provided a \$40,000 start-up loan to Wee Bird Bagel Café, in collaboration with the White River Investment Club.
- At our September annual meeting, the membership honored the creators of the Gear House (Robin Crandall & Robbie Leeson Mace) and The Underground (Vincent Freeman) with “Energy Rising” awards, and Sharon Rives & Paul Kendall with the Hutchinson Award for selfless service.
- Properties owned and developed by RACDC paid over \$225,000 in property taxes this past year alone.

Community Connections: In addition to hosting our regular events, RACDC worked with local businesses and organizations to sponsor “First Friday” events in downtown Randolph on the first Friday evenings of every month from May through October. Hundreds of people of all ages enjoyed the events.

Collaboration: RACDC is a founding participant of the White River Valley Consortium, a group representing 14 communities surrounding Randolph and Royalton, including Braintree and Brookfield, working together to find ways to spur diverse workforce housing options and to strengthen regional ties and collaboration. In 2022, the Consortium received a 3-year Working Communities Challenge Grant to support its work.

Capacity-Building: We are so grateful for the dedicated members and volunteers who contribute to fundraising and community-building activities. Our board includes members from Randolph, Braintree and Brookfield, and we welcome more participation! If you are interested in volunteering, please contact us at 802-728-4305, or through our website at www.racdc.com. Our annual report can be viewed on the website, or contact us if you’d like a printed copy.
Thank you for your support! Julie Iffland, Executive Director



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

White River Junction VA Medical Center
215 North Main Street
White River Junction, VT 05009
866-687-8387 (Toll Free)
802-295-9363 (Commercial)

In Reply Refer to: 405/00

December 23rd, 2022

Dear Veteran,

The White River Junction VA Medical Center is attempting to contact all Veterans in our catchment area of Vermont and New Hampshire who are not enrolled or are enrolled and no longer utilizing our services. If you currently receive our services, please pass this note on to a Veteran who may benefit.

We offer a wide variety of services including assistance to Veterans who are homeless or unemployed to providing primary and specialty care. We have a robust mental health department offering one-on-one counseling, peer support, group sessions, and more. There is a designated treatment area for our women Veterans at the Women’s Comprehensive Care Clinic; a safe space.

The White River Junction VA Medical Center has seven community-based outpatient clinics. They are located in Bennington, Rutland, Brattleboro, Newport and Burlington, Vermont; in New Hampshire we offer services in Keene and Littleton. We are here to serve all Veterans, please do not hesitate to contact us, if for no other reason than to register/enroll with us in case of future need.

Our eligibility office in White River Junction can be reached at 802-295-9363 extension 5118. A single form - VA form 10-10EZ – and a copy of the DD214 is all that is needed.

The American Legion, Disabled American Veterans and the Veterans of Foreign Wars have full time service officers that are knowledgeable about our programs. These independent organizations serve all Veterans including nonmembers in processing disability and pension claims. They can be reached in White River Junction at:

Table with 2 columns: Organization Name and Phone Number. Rows include American Legion (802-296-5166), Disabled American Veterans (802-296-5167), and Veterans of Foreign Wars (802-296-5168).

Thank you for your service to our nation. On behalf of the White River Junction VA Medical Center team, we look forward to serving you.

Respectfully;

Handwritten signature of Becky Rhoads

Becky Rhoads, Au.D.
Associate Medical Center Director

Randolph Area Food Shelf

The Randolph Area Food Shelf has been serving the local community since 1977. Our services are focused on Randolph, Braintree, Brookfield, and East Granville, though all are welcome.

In 2022 we provided food to 391 households in our service area, representing 1,026 individuals. Of these 391 households, 50 are in Braintree, representing 151 individuals.

In addition to our regular food pantry, the Food Shelf administers two USDA federal nutrition programs: The Commodity Supplemental Food Program and the Emergency Food Assistance Program. Also in 2022, the Food Shelf's School Kids' Program (SKiP) served thousands of meals to area children during its February, April, and summer school vacation periods. These nutritious meals are so important to students who normally receive free breakfasts and lunches at their schools. Finally, during the 2022 holiday season, we distributed 144 Thanksgiving turkeys, and we prepared and distributed 193 Holiday Meal Bags, which contained all the ingredients for a complete and healthy holiday meal.

The Randolph Area Food Shelf is overseen by a 9-member Board of Trustees and operates solely with the help of over 80 dedicated volunteers; there is no paid staff. Money appropriated from the Town of Braintree by vote at town meeting will help us continue our mission as we strive to create a community in which every individual has access to sufficient food.

Many thanks to the Braintree community for your support! For more information, or if you are interested in volunteering, please visit us on the web at www.randolphareafoodshelf.org or call us at 802-431-0144.



The Greater Randolph Senior Center

The Greater Randolph Senior Center serves older Vermonters of Braintree, Brookfield and Randolph and is open 9 am–2 pm, Monday-Thursday. We are open for lunch and also offer Grab & Go meals, with a 24-hour notice. Ongoing activities are exercise classes, cribbage, card games, bingo, book club, mahjonn, foot clinics, crafts, live music, wellness speakers and trips. The Meals on Wheels program is available for people 60 years and older, who may be temporarily or permanently unable to prepare meals for themselves or their spouses. Also available to people under 60 years old, who apply and are approved, through the VT Center for Independent Living. The Senior Center is available for use by Braintree residents for family parties/dinners/meetings and memorial services.

Become a volunteer! Volunteers help with various duties, such as serve on the Board of Directors, help in the kitchen, serve lunch, set and bus tables, deliver meals on wheels, lead exercise classes, bake goods for fundraisers, fold and label monthly newsletters, provide computer and AARP tax assistance, host educational programs, and are relied on to make the Center a welcoming place to visit.

The Center has been serving Braintree, Brookfield and Randolph since 1973, and the continued support of these communities will ensure we are here for the future. Revenues come from participants in our meals programs, from community members, from municipal contributions, fundraising activities, Bequests, gifts made “In Memory of” and through contracts with the Central VT Council on Aging and VT Center for Independent Living.

We are your local senior center and adults of all ages (yes, even under 60 years old) are welcome to participate in activities, trips and meals. Last year we delivered 14,610 meals to homebound residents, bagged 765 Grab & Go meals and served 2,484 meals for lunch. Check out our Facebook page “Greater Randolph Senior Center” to see the monthly menus and events and please drop in to see us.

Report for Braintree, VT. Emilie P. Daniel, Executive Director, Dec. 22, 2022



The Art Bus

Now in its 2nd decade of service, The Arts Bus continues to travel over hills and through valleys to empowering children to find joy & authentic self-expression through the arts. In 2022, the big green bus achieved its biggest impact ever, making 154 stops in 17 towns from Rutland City to Montpelier, teaching 295 classes with 7 art educators while adding 36 new mediums/projects, and directly connecting art education & supplies to a child over 4,250 times. The Arts Bus continued to serve communities in many ways – whether on the bus, in classrooms, on farms, in & after school, at summer camps, public libraries, facilities, town events. We continued with our award-winning Ever After Kids Program plus introduced Art from the Start (for pre-K children) and New RouTEEN (for 12-16 year olds), while providing free art supplies like paints, brushes, markers, crayons, paper, glue, and 3D building pieces through our Go Big & Go Home initiative funded by Vermont Children’s Trust Foundation.

In 2022, The Arts Bus took children on artistic adventures through space by making alien Muppets, galaxies in a jar and UFO light catchers; we discovered our talents in puppet & stage performances; personalized fabrics with markers, stencils and tie-dye; made sharks tooth necklaces; sculpted in snow; explored STEAM with soap-making, Rube Goldberg machines, 3D building & coloring; painted birdhouses; played with clay in miniatures; and created sock-puppet, elf, fairy and comic characters. In Braintree, The Arts Bus made 23 stops and taught 46 classes, primarily exploring the world of art in the afterschool program at Braintree Elementary School, plus plein air watercolor painting at Braintree Bluegrass Brunch. One of our biggest achievements was producing & recording “*Vermont, Our Home*” with Ida Mae Specker and over 70 children in summer camps, using our rolling recording studio & traveling sound technician from The Underground Studio, which we hope everyone hears, learns & shares for years to come. (YouTube singalong music video: <https://youtu.be/dGeITl6VO k>)

As ever, there is no charge to climb aboard The Arts Bus and we are driven to provide a creative resource right where our communities need it. As we have for several years, we are requesting \$500.00 in town appropriations from Braintree for the 2023 fiscal year to support The Arts Bus, though we continually increase our program and quality. We remain committed to finding ways to safely bridge the gap between the future artists, inventors & creators and the cost of guides & tools they need to realize their dreams. To learn more and see pictures of the young artists’ creations you make happen, we invite you to our Facebook page @artsbusvt or to visit our website www.artsbusvt.org.



Central Vermont Council on Aging
FY22 Report of Services to Town of Braintree
December 6, 2022

As a private nonprofit organization, the Central Vermont Council on Aging (CVCOA) is dedicated to the mission of supporting older Vermonters to age with dignity and choice. CVCOA Services are available to those age 60 and up, or to adults with disabilities. For more than 40 years, CVCOA has assisted older Vermonters to remain independent for as long as possible. We connect older adults in our communities to the network of benefit programs and services that they need to thrive. All services are made available to our clients at no charge without regard to health, income, or resources.

At CVCOA, we are the leading experts and advocates in healthy aging for central Vermonters. As the area agency on aging for Central Vermont we are the only community-based provider delivering care coordination, case management, information and assistance, and innovative caregiver supports directly to older Vermonters in their homes, at our office, or by phone.

CVCOA provided one or more of the services listed below to 26 residents of Braintree, including 23 residents who received home-delivered and/or congregant meals, 7 who received case management services, and 8 who worked with our Information and Assistance team. CVCOA Case Manager Brenda Traegde was designated to work directly with older adults in Braintree.

CVCOA Helpline - (802) 477-1364 - has the answers to hundreds of common questions from older Vermonters, their families, and caregivers.

Information & Assistance staff counsels older Vermonters and families on the many available benefit programs and services, such as 3SquaresVT, seasonal fuel assistance, housing, and more.

Case Managers work with clients in their homes to assess needs and develop, implement and coordinate individualized long-term care plans.

Nutrition Services oversees the menu development and technical assistance for home-delivered, congregate, and grab and go meals, and provides the largest source of funding for the 12 nutrition sites that prepare and deliver these meals.

State Health Insurance Program (SHIP) provides personalized Medicare counseling, Medicare & You workshops (now on Zoom), and enrollment assistance for Medicare Part D plans.

Family Caregiver Program promotes the well-being of family members caring for loved ones, administration of the Dementia Respite Grant (which provides much needed financial assistance for respite), training, and Memorable Times Café/Memorable Times Online.

Volunteer Programs provide direct service to community members. Volunteers offer companionship, transportation, assistance with technology, organizing, wellness classes, meal delivery, special event support, errands and grocery shopping, yardwork, creative guidance, and more.

Special Projects and Programs are designed to help alleviate social isolation and loneliness, addressing the accessibility gap for homebound older adults and enhancing social connection through arts and technology opportunities.

In FY21, CVCOA mobilized 238 volunteers to provide direct service, deliver meals on wheels, support nutrition sites, provide wellness classes, assist with Medicare counseling, provide companionship and creative encouragement, and more. These volunteers served over 18,000 hours in Central Vermont communities.

CVCOA served 2,974 unduplicated clients in FY22, plus 2,597 additional interactions with community members for outreach and support throughout our service area.

All of us at CVCOA extend our gratitude to the residents of Braintree for their ongoing commitment to the health, well-being, independence, and dignity of older Vermonters in the Braintree community and throughout Central Vermont.





Orange County Parent Child Center

One of 15 parent child centers in Vermont, the Orange County Parent Child Center strengthens families with young children and connects them to their communities. We accomplish this through home visiting, supervised visitation, weekly playgroups, case management, onsite programming, and community outreach events. Some of our programs serve all families while others require income eligibility or place an emphasis on pregnant and parenting teens and families lacking support due to social isolation, poverty, insecure housing, or lack of other vital community resources.

OCPCC's programs include: Children's Integrated Services Family Support and Family Support Nursing, Welcome Baby visits, free community playgroups, Kids Place supervised visitation and exchanges, Families Learning Together program, Early Care & Education, parent education, kinship care support groups, and resource & referral services. We are a public pre-k partner under Act 166.

You can learn more at www.orangecountypcc.org. (Please excuse our website appearance as we are currently making updates.)

Last year, with the continued support of your community, we were able to serve 12 families from Braintree including 15 adults and 12 children.

Lindsey Trombley
Executive Director

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July 2021 through June 2022 saw the rise and fall COVID-19 transmission in the community, and ongoing adaptation at Kimball Library to ever-changing conditions. The lack of mechanical ventilation in the building led the trustees to make the safest choice for the overall well-being of the community: to resume “at the door” services during the coldest months, from November 2021 through March 2022. With the experience of COVID Year One under our belts, library staff were able to transition from in-person to low-contact and back again while providing great service in Year Two. We hope not to have to make this hard decision in the future: the Library has secured \$75,000 in grant funding to install HVAC equipment during FY2023 for ventilation and better overall climate control.

In April 2022, staff started opening windows for fresh air to welcome people into the building more safely and also return to a robust schedule of weekly programs and special events. Kellie Burke has settled into her role as adult services librarian, offering innovative programming like a field trip to a community member’s cider barn, basket-weaving workshops, and a snowshoe led by Rob and Robin of the Gear House. Also new to the staff is outreach librarian Killian White. Youth librarian Courtney Bowen restarted weekly preschool storytimes and monthly book groups for kids and teens, and was visited the elementary school classes in June. Technology help guru Jessamyn West, Dungeons & Dragons dungeon master Devon Hannan, and intrepid substitute Jane Bennett continue their superior work. The Library and the community are lucky to benefit from the stellar staff!

Thank you for being so incredibly generous with praise, gratitude, suggestions, and even some unexpected donations. We are grateful to serve such a resilient community.

Orange County Restorative Justice (OCRJC)

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

We offer 10 programs to Orange County residents: Circles of Support and Accountability (CoSA), Court Diversion, Driver’s License Reinstatement, Pre-Trial Services, Reparative Panels, Restorative Re-entry after Incarceration, Safe Driver Education, Transitional Housing, Victim Assistance and the Youth Substance Awareness Safety Program.

During the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, 311 people were referred to us for services. Local volunteers provided 1,170 hours of their time to support 275 Restorative Meetings. We served 60 harmed parties (victims) and distributed \$3,729 in restitution to those who experienced losses due to crime. OCRJC helped: 90 people connect with counseling services (including 26 youth), 9 people secure housing, 8 people find legal support and 13 people reinstate their driver’s license. We held CoSAs for 6 individuals, secured 3 apartments for transitional housing and had 58 people in our Safe Driver program.

In FY22, OCRJC worked with 5 people who live in or whose incidents took place in Braintree. For each incident referred to OCRJC, the person responsible and the individuals impacted by the crime are offered services.

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

SAFELINE, INC.
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(802) 685-7900 office
(800) 639-7933 24/7 hotline

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

Safeline provided 2,305 services for 337 victims of domestic violence, stalking and sexual abuse. 25 services were provided for 5 victims who identified themselves as residents of Braintree. Services were provided for 4 females and 1 male for assistance with 1 domestic violence, 2 stalking, and 1 sexual abuse situation. It is likely that these statistics are understated, as victims often choose not to give any identifying information out of fear for their own safety.

A trained advocate is always available to provide crisis support, safety planning, resources, information and referrals through Safeline's 24 hours a day/7days a week Hotline (1-800-639-7233). Survivors can also choose from a wide array of additional services including legal advocacy, day shelter services, job readiness skills development, and financial management education.

In addition to providing direct services, Safeline is a resource for the community at large and is committed to changing the culture of violence. As part of this work, Safeline offers a full range of prevention education for community organizations, schools, medical centers, faith communities, youth groups, and anyone who is seeking information about domestic violence, sexual abuse and stalking.

We thank the voters for your support as we work to end domestic violence and sexual abuse in Braintree.

REPORT TO BRAINTREE ON TRI-VALLEY TRANSIT (TVT) SERVICES October 2022

Thank you for the Town of Braintree’s generous support last year. During the past four years, your support helped us provide an annual average of **159 free Dial-A-Ride** for Braintree residents either by volunteer drivers or on wheelchair accessible vehicles. TVT’s Dial-A-Ride and Shuttle Bus Systems provided a total of 158,302 rides for the year. All of TVT’s transportation programs enable community members to maintain their independence, gain and keep employment and access critical healthcare and quality-of-life services.

Dial-A-Ride Programs – Focus on specialized populations including elders, persons with disabilities and low-income families/individuals who are unable to access the bus system. **In Braintree, Dial-A-Ride offers direct access from home to: medical treatments, meal site/senior programs, adult day care services, pharmacies, food shopping, social services, vocational rehabilitation, radiation & dialysis and substance abuse treatment.**

Bus System – Promotes economic development, energy conservation, mobility independence and quality of life. **Braintree residents have direct access to the Randolph Circulator from Mobile Acres and nearby stops in Randolph for the 89’er Commuter Service and the Saturday Shopper to West Lebanon.**

The state and local grants through which we provide these services require us to raise up to 20% “local match” dollars. TVT’s requests from towns account for approximately 5% of the 20% requirement.



Visiting Nurse and Hospice for Vermont and New Hampshire Home Health, Hospice and Pediatric Services

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

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

Between July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2022, VNH made 1250 in-home visits to 30 residents. This included approximately \$7,230 in unreimbursed care to residents.

- **Home Health Care**. 281 home visits to 17 residents with short-term medical or physical needs.
- **Hospice Services**. 802 home visits to 4 residents who were in the final stages of their lives.
- **Long-Term Care**: 101 home visits to 2 residents with chronic medical problems who need extended care in home to avoid admission to a nursing home.
- **Skilled Pediatric Care**: 66 home visits to 7 residents for well-baby, preventative and palliative medical care.

VNH serves many of Braintree'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. Braintree'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

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**Orange Southwest Unified Union School District
(Orange Southwest School District)
For Braintree, Brookfield, and Randolph
ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
Monday, March 6, 2023**

TO THE LEGAL VOTERS OF RANDOLPH, BRAINTREE, and BROOKFIELD:

You are hereby notified that the Annual Meeting of the voters of Randolph, Braintree & Brookfield will be held in the Auditorium at the Randolph Union High School in the Town of Randolph on Monday, March 6, 2023 commencing at 6:00 p.m. Following updated guidance from state agencies and in order to comply with those directives, this meeting will be also be available remotely. Members of the public wishing to join the meeting remotely, please use the following link:

meet.google.com/zjr-eukh-tus

Phone Number

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PIN: 990 273 983#

NOTICE TO VOTERS: ARTICLES I, II, III, IV, V, and VI will be voted on the Floor on Monday, March 6, 2023.

Polls for voting on Articles VII, VIII, IX, X, XI, XII, XIII, & XIV will be open on Town Meeting Day, Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at the following locations and at the following times in each town:

Braintree: Braintree Town Clerk's Office from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Brookfield: Brookfield Elementary School from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Randolph: Randolph Town Hall from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

- ARTICLE I: To elect a Moderator for a one year term beginning July 1, 2023.
- ARTICLE II: To elect a Clerk for a one year term beginning July 1, 2023.
- ARTICLE III: To elect a School District Treasurer for a one year term beginning July 1, 2023.
- ARTICLE IV: To fill any vacancies existing or occurring on March 6, 2023.
- ARTICLE V: To hear and act upon recommendations contained in the reports of the officers of the school district.
- ARTICLE VI: To see whether the school district will authorize the School Board to borrow money pending receipt of payments from the member towns, by the issuance of notes or orders payable not later than one year from the date thereof.
- ARTICLE VII: To vote by Australian ballot on the following Orange Southwest School District Officer:
1. - One School Director from the residents of Randolph, VT for a term of three years.
- ARTICLE VIII: To vote by Australian ballot on the following Orange Southwest School District Officer:
1. - One School Director from the residents of Braintree, VT for a term of three years.
- ARTICLE IX: To vote by Australian ballot on the following Orange Southwest School District Officer:
1. - One School Director from the residents of Brookfield, VT for a term of three years.

ARTICLE X: To vote by Australian ballot on the following monetary item:
1. Shall the voters of the Orange Southwest School District approve the school board to expend \$24,717,628, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year. It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$21,523.53 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 10.30% higher than spending for the current year.

ARTICLE XI: To vote by Australian ballot on the following monetary item:
1. Shall the voters of the Orange Southwest School District approve the transfer of \$760,439 in surplus funds from the 2021-2022 school year to the Operational Reserve Fund?

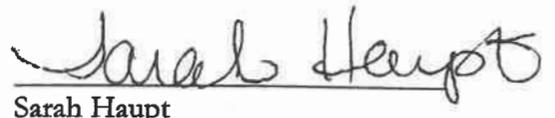
ARTICLE XII: To vote by Australian ballot on the following monetary item:
1. Shall the voters of the Orange Southwest School District approve the transfer of \$100,000 in surplus funds from the 2021-2022 school year to the Facilities Maintenance Reserve Fund?

ARTICLE XIII: To vote by Australian ballot on the following monetary item:
1. Shall the voters of the Orange Southwest School District approve the transfer of \$50,000 in surplus funds from the 2021-2022 school year to the Legal Reserve Fund?

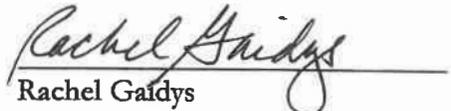
ARTICLE XIV: To vote by Australian ballot on the following monetary item:
1. Shall the voters of the Orange Southwest School District approve the transfer of \$50,000 in surplus funds from the 2021-2022 school year to the Special Education Reserve Fund?

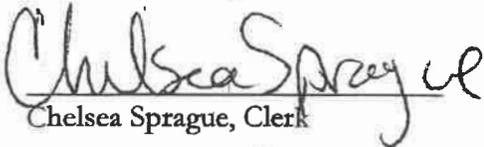
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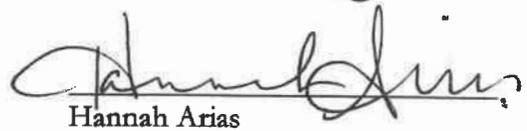

Anne Kaplan, Chair


Sarah Haupt


Katja Evans Vice-Chair


Rachel Gaidys


Chelsea Sprague, Clerk


Hannah Arias


Megan Sault


Sam Hooper
OSSD School Board Directors

Received and recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Orange Southwest School District, in Randolph on January 26, 2023 before being posted.

ATTEST: 
Clerk

**ORANGE SOUTHWEST UNIFIED UNION
SCHOOL DISTRICT
(ORANGE SOUTHWEST SCHOOL DISTRICT)**

SPECIAL BOARD BUDGET INFORMATIONAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 2023

**RANDOLPH UNION HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
@ 6:00 P.M.**

Following updated guidance from state agencies and in order to comply with those directives, this meeting will be also be available remotely. Members of the public wishing to join the meeting remotely, please use the following link:

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**IMPORTANT DISCUSSION BEFORE AUSTRALIAN BALLOT VOTE
ON TOWN MEETING DAY -
TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2023**

MINUTES

**Orange Southwest Unified Union District
(Orange Southwest School District)
For Braintree, Brookfield, and Randolph
ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
Monday, February 28, 2022
Randolph Union High School Auditorium @ 6 p.m. &
Remote access due to COVID**

Minutes to be approved at the OSSD Meeting on March 3, 2022

NOTICE TO VOTERS: ARTICLES I, II, III, IV, V and VI will be voted on the Floor.

Board Members present: Rachel Gaidys, Anne Kaplan, Chelsea Sprague, Megan Sault & Katja Evans

Administrators present: Layne Millington

Moderator: Peter Nowlan Treasurer: Teresa Godfrey Clerk: Linda Lubold

Guests: ORCA Media Video Taping, Mark MacDonald, Sherri Richardson, Wes Gibbs, Danny Bellavance, Marie Patton, Linda Boutwell, Kristin Chandler, Nick Exler, Jason Finley, & Thomas Javery

The meeting was called to order by Peter Nowlan at 6:02 p.m.

The meeting was held both in person and by remote access due to COVID.

Everyone stood for the pledge of allegiance. Board member introductions were made.

Peter Nowlan reminded everyone of the polls being open on the following day, March 1, in each of the three towns for voting on Articles VII, VIII, IX, X, XI, XII, XIII & XIV.

ARTICLE I: To elect a Moderator for a one year term beginning July 1, 2022.
Layne Millington nominated Peter Nowlan for Moderator which was seconded by Katja Evans. The motion passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE II: To elect a Clerk for a one year term beginning July 1, 2022.
Anne Kaplan nominated Linda Lubold for Clerk which was seconded by Layne Millington. The motion passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE III: To elect a School District Treasurer for a one year term beginning July 1, 2022.
Linda Lubold nominated Teresa Godfrey for School District Treasurer which was seconded by Layne Millington. The motion passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE IV: To fill any vacancies existing or occurring on February 28, 2022.
No vacancies were existing or occurring.

Layne Millington reviewed the proposed budget and referred folks to look at pages 4 & 5 of the Annual Report for information regarding the budget, the proposed tax rates, and surplus & reserve funds. He thanked the communities for their support.

Sherri Richardson asked about the operational reserve fund, surplus funds, and what was in the current reserve accounts. Layne went over his previous budget presentation, explained the plan to use the operational reserve fund to offset taxes for the next 3 years, and explained the reason for each reserve fund.

ARTICLE V: To hear and act upon the reports of the officers of the school district. Sherri Richardson made the motion to accept the report of the Officers of the school district which was seconded by Linda Lubold. The motion passed by voice vote.

Anne Kaplan made the motion to accept the report of the Superintendent of the school district which was seconded by Sherri Richardson. The motion passed by voice vote.

Sherri Richardson made the motion to accept the report of the Elementary Principals of the school district which was seconded by Anne Kaplan. The motion passed by voice vote.

Sherri Richardson made the motion to accept the report of the Randolph Union High School Principals of the school district which was seconded by Anne Kaplan. The motion passed by voice vote.

Sherri Richardson made the motion to accept the report of the Randolph Technical Career Center Director of the school district which was seconded by Anne Kaplan. The motion passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE VI: To see whether the school district will authorize the School Board to borrow money pending receipt of payments from the member towns, by the issuance of notes or orders payable not later than one year from the date thereof.

Layne Millington made the motion which was seconded by Linda Lubold to authorize the School Board to borrow money pending receipt of payments from the member towns, by the issuance of notes or orders payable not later than one year from the date thereof. The motion passed by voice vote.

There was a brief discussion regarding tax rates. Layne referred folks to look at page 5 of the Annual Report. Mark MacDonald mentioned town reappraisals. Mark MacDonald also stated that the recent federal funds are intended for the schools to use for additional things that are needed.

Peter Nowlan reviewed the remaining articles that will be voted on tomorrow at the polls in each town and reminded of each polling place & time.
Peter Nowlan asked if there was any other business to be discussed at this meeting.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 p.m. was made by Sherri Richardson seconded by Anne Kaplan.



Peter Nowlan, Moderator



Linda Lubold, Clerk

ARTICLE IX:

Write In continued:
Joe Voci
Laura Rochat – 6 votes
Kym Anderson – 3 votes
Tim Gershon
Krista Sargent
Dalyn Luedtke
Judy Townsend
Al Wilker
Ray Churchill
Jane Hickin
Bill Donnelly – 2 votes
Steve Webster
Penny Carpenter
Christine Gilbert
Ted Elzey – 2 votes
Jeff Higgins
William McLaren
Sam Proctor
Ed Koren
Teresa White
Stephen Allen

ARTICLE X: To vote by Australian ballot on the following monetary item:

1. Shall the voters of the Orange Southwest School District approve the school board to expend \$22,165,294, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year. It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$19,559 per equalized pupil.

YES **450** NO **125** Blank **5**

ARTICLE XI: To vote by Australian ballot on the following monetary item:

1. Shall the voters of the Orange Southwest School District approve the transfer of \$916,666 in surplus funds from the 2020-2021 school year to the Operational Reserve Fund?

YES **499** NO **76** Blank **5**

ARTICLE XII: To vote by Australian ballot on the following monetary item:

1. Shall the voters of the Orange Southwest School District approve the transfer of \$524,997 in surplus funds from the 2020-2021 school year to the Facilities Maintenance Reserve Fund?

YES **501** NO **73** Blank **6**

ARTICLE XIII: To vote by Australian ballot on the following monetary item:

1. Shall the voters of the Orange Southwest School District approve the transfer of \$48,000 in surplus funds from the 2020-2021 school year to the Legal Reserve Fund?

YES **458** NO **115** Blank **7**

ARTICLE XIV: To vote by Australian ballot on the following monetary item:

1. Shall the voters of the Orange Southwest School District approve the transfer of \$250,000 in surplus funds from the 2020-2021 school year to the Special Education Reserve Fund?

YES **487** NO **90** Blank **3**

Attest: Linda S. Lubold
Linda S. Lubold, Clerk

OSSD Annual Report 2023

To the communities of Braintree, Brookfield, and Randolph

The story underpinning this year's school budget season is closely tied to the dramatic increase in Vermont real estate values. With mortgage rates at historic lows during the COVID pandemic, the demand for property far outpaced the supply, driving up real estate values. Further, in a state like Vermont, which served as a haven for remote workers fleeing crowded cities during the pandemic, we saw an even larger surge in demand and a commensurate increase in property values. For property owners this news comes with good and bad consequences: good, because the value of our homes has grown significantly; bad, because as those values increase so too does what we pay in property taxes. In fact, property values increased so much that sixty-five percent of Vermont's 254 towns will be ordered to reappraise in the coming year. The level of change is historic and will have a dramatic impact on our local taxes.

It is very important to remember that your property taxes are governed by two elements: one that is within the school district's control and one that is not. We control how much we ask from the taxpayers to run our local schools – we do this by limiting expenses and generating revenues. We have no control over dramatic changes to the real estate market. While the district seeks to increase spending in support of students next year, we will more than offset those expenses with significant additional revenues – we did it last budget season to support the 2022-23 school year, and we will do so again as we seek community support for the 2023-24 OSSD budget. If your property tax rates were only based on the school side of things:

- They would have gone down by \$.0685 per \$100 of assessed value this year (2022-23).
- They would go down an additional \$.0752 per \$100 of assessed value next year (2022-23).

Based on this, the owner of an average priced home would have seen an annual decrease in their property taxes of \$482. The district has done its job to reign in its impact on taxpayers; unfortunately, we have no control over the dramatic swing that has occurred in property values.

Given all this, our focus when creating this year's budget was a simple one: maintain the programs and systems we've built to support students while minimizing, as much as we can, the impact of the wild swing in property values on our local taxpayers.

The Bottom Line: Your Tax Rates

We are looking at an increase of \$2,552,334 million in expenses for next year which will be offset by \$3,495,868 million in additional revenues. This means that the district is requesting \$943,534 million less from taxpayers than last year. In terms of the increased expenses, approximately \$365,000 (fifteen percent) is discretionary; the rest is required to meet our legal and contractual obligations under the master agreements with the staff and to offset the significant increases in heating oil, fuel, supplies, and

materials due to inflation. The discretionary increase primarily supports expanding educational programming: Carnegie Math, Robotics, Project Lead the Way, LEAD health curriculum, an afterschool activity bus, a new teacher at Braintree to offset their increasing enrollment, and three separate programs to support reading, writing, and enhanced understanding. Despite these increases, we have significant revenues to not only offset all the new costs, but to also reduce our ask from taxpayers.

In summary, local taxes are controlled by two elements: one that is within the district’s control, and one that is not.

- The OSSD budget is within our control, basically how much we spend on education relative to the revenues we receive. We are asking for \$943,534 less from the taxpayers next year.
- The Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) that the state uses as part of the tax formula is independent of our control. If the values of homes in your town have gone up over the past year, then the CLA will change so that you pay more in taxes (i.e., your property is worth more, so you pay more). CLA has to do with changes in the value of real estate in your town, not the district’s budget – and property values have gone up significantly statewide this year.
- If your tax rate were only based on the school side of the equation, your rates next year would go down by about 7.52 cents per \$100 of assessed value, or about \$290 for the year for an average priced home (\$385,000).

The table below shows the expected tax rate for each of our towns taking into account both the decrease caused by the school budget and the increase caused by changes to the CLA.

Town	CLA	*Change in Tax Rate from Last Year	**Annual Impact
Braintree	88.72%	+ \$0.1267	+ \$488
***Brookfield	109.53%	- \$0.2464	- \$948
Randolph	84.55%	+ \$0.0985	+ \$379

*Per \$100 of assessed value

**Based upon the average home value of \$385,000

***Brookfield town did a reassessment last year; their taxes will go down significantly this year.

Surplus and Reserve Funds

In addition to approving the overall budget this March, voters will be asked to determine the use of our surplus funds; therefore, it is important to understand what they are and how they are used by the district to benefit both the students and the taxpayers.

- Surplus funds are unspent monies left over at the end of a budget year.
- Reserve funds are surplus monies the voters have set aside for specific uses in the future. For example, the voters typically approve that some surplus funds go into our facilities reserve account so that we have money available to maintain and repair our buildings when needed without having to borrow the money or ask the taxpayers for more.

Surplus Amount and Proposed Allocations

During the last few school years, districts used federal grant monies to cover the additional costs due to COVID and to offset as much of their normal expenses as possible; because of this, we have \$1,310,439 in surplus funds to allocate. The below bullets outline what will happen with these surplus funds if voters vote yes on school ballot articles XI through XIV. Voting yes means:

- \$1,050,000 will be split into equal amounts and used to reduce the burden on taxpayers for the next three budget cycles. \$350,000 will be directly applied to next year's budget, \$700,000 will be allocated to the Operational Reserve fund to be used in 2024-25 and again 2025-26 to reduce your property taxes.
- In addition to the above, an extra \$60,439 will be added to the Operational Reserve Fund to allow for future emergencies.
- \$100,000 will be allocated to the facilities reserve fund. This is to begin rebuilding what was spent repairing the RTCC/RUHS heating system.
- \$50,000 will be allocated to the Legal Reserve Fund. There is an exodus going on from the teaching profession after three years of COVID and the potential exposure faced every day by staff working in congregate settings. This means that the quality of the candidate pool has decreased overall which results in more human resource issues that must be managed often with the advice of legal counsel.
- \$50,000 will be allocated to the Special Education Reserve Fund. The state mandated change in special education funding has gone into effect. Districts are no longer reimbursed for most special education costs. Instead, we receive a block sum of money that must carry us through a school year – this puts us at risk, if a student moves in with severe needs after the start of the year, we may not have what we need to cover the additional costs of their services. This reserve fund would cover such costs should they occur.

In Closing

We are proud of our work on behalf of the district's students and our efforts have changed from a focus on keeping students and staff safe during the active phase of the COVID pandemic to a focus of learning recovery and acceleration as we slowly return to normal. Educational losses, especially in terms of the Board's Foundational Knowledge Ends were experienced due to remote learning, absences due to illness, school closures, and classroom level quarantines. This year the district shifted both regular budget resources as well as leveraged grants to mitigate the impact of the pandemic on these specific Ends:

- Increased internet connectivity both at school and in the homes of students with limited access.
- Replaced all SMART Boards with Clear Touch technology to take advantage of the skills acquired by the staff during remote session that promote enhanced in-person instruction.
- Delivered summer programming (K-12) for the purpose of increasing socialization skills and providing for academic recovery. This included district supplied transportation.
- Provided after school programming to extend time on learning for academic recovery.
- Increased staffing to provide full day pre-school to reverse lost socialization due to isolation during the pandemic. Further, to increase academic readiness for elementary school.
- Hired and deployed academic interventionists to provide extended time on learning opportunities during the school day for students in need.
- Hired and deployed an early education speech and language pathologist to address minor needs early to prevent them from expanding into more severe issues over time.
- Delivered staff training in the STERN Center's Lead to Read program in order to improve losses to basic literacy.
- Employed two STEM teachers (K-12) who also serve as integration specialists to increase students' foundational knowledge in science and to improve their critical thinking skills.
- Purchased and implemented the Carnegie Math Program across grades 6-12 and reinvested in Bridges Math (PK-5) to increase and accelerate the acquisition of foundational knowledge in mathematics.
- Purchased and implemented Geodes and Wit and Wisdom to increase student literacy and foundational knowledge across all disciplines.

The budget we have created for 2023-24 serves to continue these good works while raising the academic achievement of all students and their overall engagement in school. On behalf of all the staff and students across the OSSD, we thank you for your support as we look forward to another year working together in the service of your children our students.

Sincerely,

Layne W. Millington
OSSD Superintendent

Letter from the Board

To the Communities of Randolph, Braintree, and Brookfield

Greetings. It has been a busy year here at OSSD, and we are pleased to provide this report to the community on the activities, initiatives, and accomplishments taking place at our five schools. With the worst of the pandemic finally behind us, we have been grateful to return to a sense of normalcy in our day to day operations. Like most school districts across the country, we do have some catching up to do, but our schools continue to be happy and vibrant places of learning, and we are making good progress on a number of fronts. We hope you will take a few minutes to read through this year's report to learn more about where we are - and where we are going - as a unified school district.

We spent a good deal of time this past year looking at the district's "Ends," otherwise known as our student learning outcomes. As a reminder, our Ends Statement reads: Students have the knowledge, skills and tools to be prepared for the next stage of their lives, which justify the resources invested by the community. Examples of Ends include critical thinking, foundational knowledge (math, science, reading, writing and communication, social studies, life skills and the arts), the ability to adapt, and an understanding of information technology. In addressing student learning outcomes on a statewide basis, the Vermont Agency of Education recently released its "Portrait of a Graduate," and encouraged school districts throughout the state to do the same. A Portrait of a Graduate defines what a student should know and be able to do by the time he/she/they are ready to graduate. While Ends tend to be more focused on specific academic areas, the Portrait tends to be more general, and includes such skills as Learning, Global Citizenship, Academic Proficiency, Well-Being, Critical Thinking & Problem Solving, and Communication. We will continue to work on defining a Portrait of an OSSD Graduate through the balance of the school year, adjusting and aligning our Ends in these general categories.

As we approach this work, we will also be addressing how we can best manage the impacts of social, political, and cultural disagreements that influence the learning climate in our schools, with an emphasis on ensuring that all of our stakeholders (students, parents, and caregivers) feel safe, accepted, heard, and included, regardless of their differences. While we are bound to a certain degree by state and federal laws, it is our goal to listen to, and be sensitive to, the concerns of all constituencies, and make decisions based on equity, fairness, and best practices. This is not always an easy task, and we ask for the community's patience and support as we work through these sometimes polarizing processes and decisions. In all cases, our work is directed towards ensuring that every student has equal access to the best education possible.

Directly related to this work and to the development of our Portrait of an OSSD Graduate, we have formed a committee to look at "Ownership Linkage." Ownership Linkage involves gleaning information from large groups of people (the above stakeholders, plus taxpayers, community members, and other interested parties) through meetings, forums, interviews, and other means to

determine what they believe is important in our schools and what our current Ends might be missing. We invite your participation in this process.

The Board has also continued its work on policy governance this year with an eye towards helping new and existing board members understand what their roles as board members are in terms of overseeing the operation and direction of the OSSD schools. This work includes examining board policies, processes, and procedures in the areas of communications, handling and settling complaints, and setting district goals, which are then carried out by our administrative teams. After a strategic planning process completed at the end of the 2021 school year, our administrators have been focusing on four primary goals: strengthening school climate and culture; improving communication between the school and community; building students' capacity to acquire foundational knowledge; and expanding students' personal development skills.

Our school district has so much to offer, and many families from outside the district choose to send their children here. We are grateful for the support our communities give to each of our schools every day. Our administrators, teachers, support staff, coaches, volunteers, and everyone connected with our schools go above and beyond in their efforts to provide a safe and healthy learning environment; and they prove time and again that it really does take a village to raise a child. And while we may have our differences on how to best educate and protect and nurture our students, there is no doubt that we all have their best interests in mind. Serving on your school board is a privilege and responsibility that each of us takes very seriously, and we will continue to do all we can to live up to the trust you have placed in us to govern and oversee your schools.

Anne Kaplan, Katja Evans, Chelsea Sprague, Hannah Arias,
Rachel Gaidys, Sarah Haupt, Megan Sault & Sam Hooper

Annual Report for Braintree Elementary, Brookfield Elementary and Randolph Elementary Schools

We are excited to have a year that looks more like a normal school year. We are still finding some effects from Covid19, with some students and staff having to be out, but our classes are able to continue moving forward in the schools. With students in school each day, we are working diligently on all academic areas.

Our math curriculum is the focus for all elementary school teachers this year. The kindergarten through fifth grade teachers have readopted Bridges Mathematics to improve consistency in language and numeracy approaches throughout the grades. Our sixth grade teachers adopted a program called Carnegie, the same curriculum used by seventh through ninth graders in middle school. This alignment between sixth grade math and the middle school will aid in a smoother transition to middle school math and create the consistency we are looking for to bridge the elementary and middle schools.

In literacy, our elementary schools are increasing the amount of time spent on word work (or phonics) in the classrooms. All kindergarten through fourth grade classrooms continue to implement the research based curriculum, Foundations, to improve decoding skills, which is critical for developing successful readers.

We welcomed Jeff Green to the district this year as our new Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) instructor. He collaborates with classroom teachers to provide STEM instruction in all of our schools in grades kindergarten through six while classroom teachers continue with our regular science curriculum.

This year, the Agency of Education changed the statewide assessment from the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) that we have been administering to the Cognia Assessment which we will give at the end of this school year. This change will take time this winter and spring so that we can ensure that our teachers and students are prepared for any changes in format or testing protocols.

Braintree Elementary School

At Braintree Elementary, students enjoy a place-based learning environment that encourages an appreciation of the natural world and its inhabitants. This mission is supported by several partnerships and opportunities.

Farm to School

Our Farm to School program provides students with hands-on experiences growing, harvesting, cooking, and eating fresh produce. This year, we opened Braintree Blossoms, our school

farmstand. Students in all grades have made items to sell at the farmstand, including apple sauce and pies, granola, and potpourri. Our intermediate students are learning firsthand how to operate a small business. They set prices, create advertisements, organize inventory, engage with customers, and complete financial analyses. We have also been fortunate to partner with local farmers and families who have donated items to support the farmstand, and students had a great time designing and painting the farmstand sign with local artist Barbara Carter.



This year we have also been utilizing a social studies curriculum provided through a grant with the Clemmons Family Farm that highlights the diversity in agriculture and history in Vermont and the rest of the United States.



STEM Learning

With the introduction of Jeff Green, district STEM instructor, students in kindergarten through grade six receive weekly lessons in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math). These lessons support and extend science learning already happening in the classroom. Students have studied adaptations of birds, created interactive online books, and built robots to solve problems using Makey Makey and LittleBit components. We celebrated National STEM Day in November with stations celebrating each letter of STEM. Students built their own LED flashlights and coded robots to cruise the gym with Tina Scheindel,

OSSD's Director of Technology.

Family & Community Engagement

Braintree students have been taking advantage of being able to go on field trips again. Students have visited apple orchards, farms, and the Chandler Music Hall to see a performance from the Garifuna Collective. They've hiked Mount Cardigan, visited the Rock of Ages Quarry after learning about minerals and the rock cycle, and had a blast at Motio Recreation Center as a school-wide reward.



Families have come together as our Partners in Education (PiE) Club, a family advisory council which meets monthly. Seeing a need for field trip fundraising, they have already held a successful fundraiser baking and selling pies for Thanksgiving. We had excellent turnouts for our annual pumpkin carving and story walk event as well as our winter concert and community potluck. Inviting families back inside our building has been wonderful!

Brookfield Elementary School

Outdoor learning: At Brookfield Elementary School we continue our commitment to outdoor education and our connection to nature. Beginning in our preK classroom, classes use the outdoors as a calming learning environment as well as a natural laboratory. Last spring we constructed a timber frame structure nestled against the north side of the pine windbreak which classes now use for outdoor learning in all seasons and weather.

Farm to School: We provide opportunities for our students to make the vital connection between healthy farms, healthy foods and healthy communities. We already have raised beds that are planted by fourth grade students and have plans to increase the number of them, so more classes can participate. Students have participated in preparation and taste-testing of local foods in collaboration with our farm to school coordinators and will continue with a monthly schedule. It is always fun to watch them prepare and enjoy these foods.

After School Program: Our after school program provides a safe and nurturing environment for students who need a place to be after school. The Arts Bus comes weekly to provide enriching opportunities for participants. The program which serves one-third of our students is at capacity.

School Club: Our parent organization has re-formed and seeks greater participation from families. They have sponsored a bake sale on election day and put on a successful movie night that was well attended. They have scheduled a bonfire evening in January to bring families together.

Randolph Elementary

Student Leaders: Our students at Randolph Elementary continue their work on learning what it means to be a leader this year through our new Social Emotional curriculum called Leader In Me. This curriculum centers around teaching the seven habits of highly effective people (which are highlighted in blue for your reference). Students are focusing on how they can be proactive and make choices in an insightful manner rather than a reactive way. Classes are learning to choose goals and set targets for themselves within their social and academic life by beginning with the end in mind. Prioritization of tasks is taught within classrooms by putting first things first - students decide what they need to do first, second, third, etc., in order to make progress on or achieve their goals. Students are also learning to work together by thinking of win-win scenarios, meaning individuals involved in a problem work together towards a compromise where everyone wins rather than someone having to lose. Another skill promoted within the classrooms is to “seek first to understand, then to be understood,” meaning students are practicing actively listening to one another and then sharing their thoughts on an idea. The next skill that is developed

is to synergize, where students collaborate and incorporate individual ideas to create something even bigger and better.

Finally, students are taught and modeled the importance of “sharpening the saw,” discussion and practice around living healthy and balanced lives, physically, mentally and emotionally. Through this development of leadership skills, students are learning to set academic and personal goals and how to embark on the steps it takes towards achieving or revising these goals. This life-long critical skill is fostered through this learning and opportunities around our school. Students can apply for a variety of leadership positions within the school and are given opportunities to help others within our school community. From helping the kindergarteners pack up at the end of the day to helping with the care of our school garden to helping plan school wide assemblies, our student leaders work together to apply these skills on a regular basis within their positions at school. We are excited to see the growth in our students throughout this process and the teaching of this new curriculum.

PBIS Targeted Interventions: Our school has focused for many years on Universal PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports). Students are taught what it means to respect themselves, respect others, and respect the environment in each setting within the school and children earn tokens for following these expectations. This year, we added targeted support for some of our students who are struggling with these three areas. A team of teachers and staff work to set clear goals, create interventions for behavior and monitor the progress of the interventions for students who need them. These new target supports have made a positive impact for our students to increase their access to learning within our school.

CLIF Year of the Book- We are excited we received a \$25,000 grant for our first through sixth grade through the Children’s Literacy Foundation. With this grant, students meet authors, are exposed to new books, and learn about the process of writing a book to inspire the young writers in our school. The grant has allowed for authors and storytellers like Duncan McDougall and James Arnosky to come and present to our students and for students to select a free book to take home each month.

Since our kindergarten and prekindergarten grades are not included within the Year of the Book grant, Randolph Elementary School applied for and received an early literacy grant that allows for books to go home with our youngest students six times a year. We are so thankful for these opportunities to provide more reading material to our students as well as have authors come and present their paths towards becoming an author.

RU Annual Report December, 2022

December 22, 2022

Dear Randolph Union School Community,

It is our privilege to have the opportunity to share with you all of the wonderful things that are happening at your local middle and high school; we feel very fortunate that we get the chance to share these details with you every year and in anticipation of Town Meeting Day. We continue to be so inspired by this resilient, caring community, and the students who we have the privilege of working with every day. In the following report, you will find information about the various areas of focus that have been maintaining our attention throughout this year and last. While we could not possibly relay everything we have been working on, as that content could fill a novel, we have done our best to feature some of the most relevant information for your knowledge and review, with a particular emphasis upon some of the efforts we have made to attend to the learning needs of our students as a result of the ongoing pandemic, which has necessitated innovation, adaptation, and flexibility on the part of both students and faculty alike.

To provide some context, Randolph Union consists of a middle and high school, grades 7-12, that hovers around 375 to 400 students. While most of our students come from our three sending towns of Braintree, Brookfield, and Randolph, every year students and families from neighboring towns in Vermont have the opportunity to engage in a school choice lottery, and this year, 22 families from 8 towns, including Stockbridge, Tunbridge, Hancock, and Chelsea, have selected Randolph Union as their middle and high school.

There are many reasons why families choose to send their students to us at Randolph Union, and why we feel so proud to represent this caring and vibrant school community:

Co-curricular Opportunities

For a school of our size, we offer an incredible bounty of co-curricular opportunities for our students. Students can choose to participate in 11 different options for athletics, including wrestling, gymnastics, bowling, bass fishing, and track and field, with co-op opportunities for other sports we do not host through RU, such as ice hockey; students have access to an equal number of clubs, including poetry, Manga & Anime, robotics, and cooking, as well as leadership opportunities on our Captain's Council and Campus Life Committee. Our new Athletics and Activities Director, Nick Bent, reports that currently about half of our students take part in a co-curricular activity, and his goal is to increase student participation to 55% by the Fall of 2023, and to continue to work toward providing more options for students to grow these programs and increase student participation and engagement.

Career Education and Flexible Pathways

This year, Jason Finley joined RUHS as the Director of Career Education and Flexible Pathways. In this role, he hopes to help students explore career education and flexible pathways as a means to making better-informed decisions about their aspirations and goals.

Currently, Mr. Finley is working with students to support internships, such as at Applied Research Associates, a local scientific research and engineering company with a focus on addressing safety and national security, where a student is developing CAD and engineering skills using SolidWorks. Other students he works with are working towards high-demand, high-pay careers in healthcare, such as through enrollment in Gifford Health Care's Medical Assistant Training Program, which is a 14-week training program where students spend half the day in a classroom setting led by Gifford staff and the remainder of the day in supervised clinical training in primary care and surgical clinics. Students enrolled in this program are paid full-time employees for the duration of the program and at the end of the training and after passing the national exam will be Certified Medical Assistants and guaranteed a job at Gifford!

Another high-demand career path that RU students are exploring with Mr. Finley is in the area of Early Childhood Education. Mr. Finley and school counselor Beverly Taft recently helped students explore this career path through a social mixer with educators in PreK through Middle School as well as from Capstone Community Action's Head Start, Montessori School of Central Vermont, and the Turtle Island Children's Center. This event was followed by a session learning about postsecondary education and professional development opportunities through the Community College of Vermont, Aspirations with Northern Lights, Vermont Association for the Education of Young Children, and learning about the financial support available through the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation. Like most of Mr. Finley's work, a key component of the day was to help students understand the intersection of career and education pathways.

Next semester we are excited to announce that Mr. Finley will also be offering, through the Community College of Vermont, a free 3 credit college course at RU. Students participating in CCV's INT-1520: Exploratory Workplace Experience course will be exploring careers, practicing professional communications, and making connections between classroom learning and a career-based field study.

We look forward to seeing more career education woven throughout our school as well as the exciting ways students are personalizing their education through RU's flexible pathways!

Advanced Placement Courses and Standardized Assessments

Randolph Union offers a large selection of Advanced Placement courses for a school of its size. This year we are offering Calculus, Computer Science Principles, Literature and Composition, French Language and Culture, Physics, and United States History, and in alternating and previous years we have also offered Biology, Language and Composition, and World History. We encourage any student who wants to take an Advanced Placement course to take it and we

do not have prerequisites; this is important to us in encouraging all students to strive for academic excellence at RU.

Last year, around 40% of the students who sat for an Advanced Placement exam at RU received a “passing” score of a “3” or higher, which allows a student to fill a prerequisite at most colleges and universities that they may apply to for their postsecondary study; this includes 55% of our students enrolled in Advanced Placement Computer Science Principles, 53% of students enrolled in Advanced Placement Language and Composition, and 100% of students who were enrolled in Advanced Placement World History.

As far as standardized assessments are concerned, this Fall’s “Star” assessment data, which maps to the state’s standardized assessments, indicates that each grade level has at least 40% of students scoring “proficient” in reading and math, with the grade 9 cohort with the highest proficiency rate of 63% in math.

The state is currently rolling out a new standardized assessment this year to replace the former SBAC called “Cognia”, and we will resume a similar testing schedule as we have in the past and will report those results as we receive them.

Project- Based Learning and Community Partnerships

RU’s Project-Based Learning program is intended to prepare our students for their postsecondary pursuits by providing them with exposure to authentic and relevant problem-solving experiences to further develop the transferable skills that our community partners have highlighted as being vital to prepare students for work and study beyond high school. This work includes opportunities for on-site field work with our community partners. This year, RUHS is offering five Project-Based Learning courses: Yearbook PBL, Interact PBL, Digital Music PBL, Racial Justice PBL, and Mindfulness and Movement PBL.

Across these classes, students and lead teacher partners pursue authentic and engaging learning experiences employing the Core Elements of Project-Based Learning: Personalizing Learning, Keeping It Real, Engaging Experts, Engaging Emotions, Igniting Inquiry, Showcasing Success, Infusing the Arts, Gamifying, Fostering Design Thinking, Teaching/Learning Across Disciplines, Empowering The Team, and Reimagining The Classroom.

The Interact PBL has already partnered with experts at the Red Cross to offer a blood drive in the RUHS gymnasium. The Yearbook PBL seeks to showcase success by creating a stunning, professional and polished yearbook. Digital Music PBL personalizes learning through skill-building in creating personalized ring tones. The Racial Justice PBL has reimagined the classroom by attending the Day of Racial Justice on the State House lawn, as well as participating in an evening listening session at Kimball Library. Mindfulness and Movement engages the emotions through daily mindfulness activities, journaling, and collaborative group work focused on improving student wellness across the building.

Two primary goals focus our work moving forward: the first goal is to pursue opportunities for high quality exhibitions of learning for an authentic audience by the end of the year. The second goal is to reestablish a PBL Advisory Board made up of a diverse group of students, teachers and local community members to brainstorm, collaborate, and expand upon project-based learning opportunities already offered at RUHS.

Mathematics & STEM

RU's mathematics/STEM department has been working to re-adopt the newest edition of the award-winning Carnegie Learning Math program. This year, our district grade 6 classrooms have joined the RU continuum so as to help students bridge the transition from elementary to middle school. This now offers our students a fully aligned integrated mathematics Common Core State Standards (CCSS) curriculum from grades 6 to 12, with Computer Science, Robotics, Pre-Calculus, Calculus, Math For Everyday Life, and Innovation Center courses as program offerings for extensions.

Our instructors have participated in program specific implementation training throughout the year, as well as meeting in team collaborations for materials use and assessment analysis. The Carnegie Learning company trainer will be onsite in our classrooms in the Spring, and continues to be available for troubleshooting and advice as it is needed. This program meets the CCSS expectations for rigor and mathematical practices by utilizing tasks that are aligned to real world situations and by supporting foundational content through multiple formats.

RU has also continued our work to enhance STEM opportunities by expanding our Robotics offering in Middle School with Tom Zani, and fielding a Robotics Team, coached by Tim Moynihan.

Student Services: Support, College Exploration & Graduate Data

At Randolph Union, we have a department mission to create universal social emotional support by pushing into classrooms and co-teaching specific units with classroom teachers. Last year, Beverly Taft co-taught a unit within the US History course during an economics unit. Beverly led classes that looked at cost of living, level of education, and projected incomes along with how to be an informed consumer. Additionally, Kara Merrill co-taught a unit with Angela Bauer in English 9. As students read the book *Speak*, Kara used the SAFE-T curriculum from Prevent Child Abuse Vermont. This seven-week unit that includes the topics of consent and sexual abuse fulfills the school's responsibility laid out in Act 1, a bill passed in the legislature in 2009. Student Services will continue co-teaching these classes, with the intention to add more co-teaching across more grade levels in the coming years.

Martha Gold, our licensed mental-health counselor, currently offers specific therapeutic work to targeted students. The student services department works hard to prioritize students whose families might not have the resources to engage in outside mental health services. Therefore,

she offers two different small groups, she meets for individual therapy with 25 students, and she offers drop in support and Act 264 coordination for the school.

Student Services at RU has long been an exemplar across the state in terms of the college exploration process. Research indicates that one of the best ways to inspire students to apply and matriculate to college is to bring them onto college campuses. Prior to the pandemic, Student Services coordinated one visit per year for each grade level. Unfortunately, COVID greatly impacted the ability of our department to access college campuses over the last two and a half years. However, we were able to once again take our juniors to visit Northeastern University and Suffolk University last May. Furthermore, we anticipate being able to bring our grade 8 students to Vermont State University, Johnson, our grade 9 students to a CCV access day, our grade 10 students to the University of Vermont, and our grade 11 students on a trip to explore college campuses in Boston. Lastly, this will be the first year that we will be able to help seniors attend school-specific instant decision days.

With a 5-year average graduation rate of 95%, RU continues to graduate students well above the statewide average of 85%. Just about half of our senior students attend a 2 or 4 year college upon graduation, with 15% taking a gap year to pursue college the following year, and 30% entering the workforce or an apprenticeship. Some of the colleges and universities our students are attending after graduating from RU include Middlebury College, University of Vermont, Vermont Technical College, Northern Vermont University, Castleton University, The New School, University of Colorado, University of Wisconsin at Madison, Villanova, University of Montana, Montana State University, St. Lawrence University, UMass Amherst, UMass Boston, University of New England, Skidmore College, Sarah Lawrence University, Champlain College, Northeastern University, University of Maine at Farmington, Norwich University, and Parsons School of Design in NYC.

Thank you for this opportunity to share with you some of the amazing work happening at RU. We are grateful for the dedication and commitment of our colleagues, who earnestly strive to provide the best possible educational experiences for our students, as well as the support of our nursing staff, technology, maintenance, transportation, and food services departments, who are instrumental in providing us with the support we need to provide our students with incredible resources and expertise.

Finally, we wish to thank you, the Randolph Union school community, for your unwavering support throughout these most challenging years; years that have consisted of tremendous adversity as we continue to face the repercussions of the ongoing pandemic. So many of you have generously donated your time and expertise on behalf of our students; we are dearly grateful to you, and dearly fortunate to work in service of this community.

On behalf of our faculty, staff, and students,
Cathy Sutton & Lisa Floyd, RU Co-Principals

Dear Community,

It is with great pride that I share with you the successes of RTCC over the past year.

Our students' desire to learn a trade through a hands-on approach is what makes RTCC special. Students have thrived this year as we have had the most "normal" educational year since the onset of the pandemic in 2020. Aside from the time away during the recent heating break, students have had more classroom and shop hours than they have had in the past 3 years. Enrollment is steady and through a comprehensive local needs assessment completed in 2022, we know that our programs are of high quality and scope.

Work Based Learning provides RTCC students with practical experience and opportunities to interact with professionals from industry in order to extend and deepen the learning that happens in our programs. This also supports and promotes the development of college and career readiness. Students receive valuable experience and the opportunity to work and learn new skills. As many former graduates can attest to, these experiences range from job shadows to paid internships, which can often lead to full-time job offers following graduation.

All of our technical programs offer students the chance to earn valuable industry-recognized certifications (IRCs). In addition to being requested and accepted by business and industry, these IRCs are another way our students and programs demonstrate competence. This year our IRCs include Licensed Nursing Assistant (LNA), Game of Logging, which is the premier international forestry certification, OSHA 10 safety training, ASE Certifications, Vermont Department of Motor Vehicle Inspection License and many more. As always, we are looking to expand the IRC opportunities throughout all of our programs. Students also earn American Heart Association certificates in Basic Life saving (BLS), which is taught in house by our nurse within all program areas.

Students can take two free college level courses at over 20 Vermont Colleges via their sending school and are also able to access additional "Fast Forward" college credits through the Community College of Vermont and Vermont Technical College. Taking college classes and earning college credit while still enrolled in high school not only helps students understand the demands of college, but also helps them make the leap from high school to post-secondary education. RTCC works with a number of colleges and universities to connect our programs to theirs.

We are also proud of the number of community partnerships we have. It's long been our tradition to invite guests to share their experiences in their career pathway, as well as college and post-secondary technical school representatives to help students envision the next steps in their pathway towards successful careers. This year we have hosted speakers from numerous industries and backgrounds who have shared their unique perspectives on what the "real world" looks like; what career paths are available; the educational paths that are available after high school; and to offer words of advice along the lines of: "this is what I wish I knew when I was your age."

We will continue to host our annual “Challenge Day” to young women in grades 7, 8, and 9, virtually in March. Challenge Day allows students to learn about non-traditional career fields. These activities are funded by our Perkins grant and help us to have some of the best non-traditional program enrollments in the state.

There is simply not enough room in this report to describe the accomplishments of all of our programs so, please, follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/rtcc/ or visit our website at www.orangesouthwest.org/rtcc to keep abreast of what’s happening at RTCC! The website includes program information, applications for enrollment, and other RTCC information.

To the voters of our region: thank you for your ongoing support of career and technical education. We take seriously the trust you have placed in us to educate your children to be college and career ready. Please join us for our annual Spring Fling and Signing Night on Thursday, May 25 from 5pm-7pm. At this event we celebrate our students, staff, community partnerships, and families with food, games, activities, raffles and more. We also welcome the class of 2024 to RTCC.

With appreciation,
Felicia Allard, Director



RTCC offers students an opportunity to learn from one of twelve different pathways that can lead to college or career placements. We value and appreciate the community’s support of our teachers, staff, and center. We hope you see the return from your investment, and thank you for validating our student outcomes by approving our budget.

FOTHERGILL SEGALE & VALLEY

Certified Public Accountants



To the Board of School Directors of the Orange Southwest School District,

We are engaged to audit the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Orange Southwest School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022

The audited financial statements will be available for public inspection at the office of Orange Southwest School District located at 24 Central Street, Randolph, Vermont when they are completed.

Sincerely,

Fothergill Segale & Valley, CPAs

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**ORANGE SOUTHWEST SCHOOL DISTRICT
BUDGET SUMMARY**

	2021-22 BUDGET	2021-22 ACTUAL	2022-23 BUDGET	2023-24 PROPOSED	DIFFERENCE
1 GENERAL FUND					
REVENUE:					
A. LOCAL REVENUE	1,057,393	1,271,113	1,071,912 1.37%	1,165,277 -8.33%	93,365
B. SPECIAL PROGRAMS	2,323,107	2,159,847	2,120,149 -8.74%	2,377,539 10.08%	257,390
C. STATE REVENUES	16,040,467	16,069,870	17,350,584 8.17%	18,895,649 17.58%	1,545,065
D. FEDERAL FUNDS	876,478	0	876,478	1,182,660	306,182
E. BEGINNING BALANCE:	826,342	826,342	746,171	1,096,503	350,332
TOTAL REVENUE	21,123,787	20,327,172	22,165,294 4.93%	24,717,628 11.52%	2,552,334
EXPENDITURES:					
E. INSTRUCTION	7,718,808	7,104,127	8,127,344 5.29%	8,531,955 20.10%	404,611
F. SPECIAL EDUCATION	3,993,213	3,369,191	3,995,922 0.07%	4,554,839 35.19%	558,917
G. ADMINISTRATION	1,357,699	1,219,571	1,352,596 -0.38%	1,429,672 17.23%	77,076
H. CENTRAL OFFICE	721,582	656,590	899,455 24.65%	949,273 44.58%	49,818
I. SUPPORT SERVICES	1,752,603	1,543,521	1,895,527 8.15%	2,096,351 35.82%	200,824
J. MAINTENANCE	2,135,760	2,247,420	2,169,745 1.59%	2,545,420 13.26%	375,675
K. TECHNOLOGY	558,195	551,920	728,215 30.46%	768,715 39.28%	40,500
L. TRANSPORTATION	629,871	590,111	648,277 2.92%	779,306 32.06%	131,029
M. OTHER EXPENSES	126,682	89,855	126,409 -0.22%	148,989 65.81%	22,580
N. TECHNICAL EDUCATION	859,605	863,221	928,674 8.03%	1,216,132 40.88%	287,458
O. PRE-SCHOOL	393,291	350,477	416,652 5.94%	514,316 23.44%	97,664
SCHOOL TOTAL:	20,247,309	18,586,002	21,288,816 5.14%	23,534,968 10.55%	1,861,030
P. FEDERAL FUNDS	876,478	0	876,478	1,182,660	306,182
P. SURPLUS/DEFICIT	0	1,741,170	0	0	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	21,123,787	20,327,172	22,165,294 4.93%	24,717,628 11.52%	2,552,334

The 2021-22 financials as presented are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge:


 Teresa Godfrey, OSSD Treasurer

ORANGE SOUTHWEST SCHOOL DISTRICT - REVENUE

Account Name	2021-22 Budget	2021-22 Actual	2022-23 Budget	2023-24 Proposed	Under (Over)
<u>LOCAL REVENUES:</u>					
Tuition	305,000	465,465	348,000	385,000	37,000
Overhead Tuition	40,000	54,744	20,000	45,000	25,000
Transportation	55,000	38,314	50,000	40,000	-10,000
Interest	85,000	88,179	85,000	75,000	-10,000
Early Ed Receipts	35,000	0	0	0	0
Lease Land - Brookfield	5	0	5	5	0
Athletic Fees	0	0	0	0	0
Contracted Services	27,685	27,685	35,292	52,940	17,648
OSSU - Maint & Tech Contracted Svc	0	0	0	0	0
RTCC - Shared Services	463,133	463,133	487,760	523,000	35,240
Admin Svcs - EPSDT	1,600	3,294	1,500	0	-1,500
Admin Svcs - VIP	0	0	0	0	0
Admin Svcs - RAVEN	44,620	46,550	44,005	44,332	327
Rental Income	350	0	350	0	-350
SWP - Salary Reimb	0	0	0	0	0
Prior Year Refunds	0	83,749	0	0	0
Total Other Revenues:	1,057,393	1,271,113	1,071,912	1,165,277	93,365
<u>SPECIAL ED:</u>					
Core Block Grant	368,860	368,860	0	0	0
Special Ed Reimbursement	1,690,920	1,388,967	1,426,162	1,743,537	317,375
State Placed Students	0	0	0	0	0
Extraordinary Reimbursement	180,000	212,695	601,338	515,328	-86,010
Essential Early Ed	75,327	75,327	80,649	103,674	23,025
IDEA-B - Pre-School	0	83,807	0	0	0
IDEA-B	0	0	0	0	0
Excess Costs Reimbursement	8,000	30,191	12,000	15,000	3,000
Total Special Ed	2,323,107	2,159,847	2,120,149	2,377,539	257,390
<u>STATE REVENUES:</u>					
State Technical Centers	444,585	449,273	483,574	565,552	81,978
State Education Fund	15,164,676	15,159,988	16,430,804	17,893,456	1,462,652
Health Care Recapture	0	0	0	0	0
State Unenrolled Residents at Tech	0	6,895	0	0	0
State Transportation	250,000	272,292	255,000	255,435	435
Small Schools Grant	177,706	177,706	177,706	177,706	0
Driver Education	3,500	3,716	3,500	3,500	0
Total State Revenues	16,040,467	16,069,870	17,350,584	18,895,649	1,545,065
BEGINNING BALANCE:	826,342	826,342	746,171	1,096,503	350,332
SCHOOL TOTAL:	20,247,309	20,327,172	21,288,816	23,534,968	2,246,152
<u>FEDERAL FUNDS:</u>					
IDEA - B	202,846	0	202,846	329,400	126,554
IDEA - B - PreSchool	143,632	0	143,632	6,800	-136,832
Title I and II - School Wide	415,000	0	415,000	680,960	265,960
Medicaid	95,000	0	95,000	155,000	60,000
EPSDT	20,000	0	20,000	10,500	-9,500
Total Federal Funds	876,478	0	876,478	1,182,660	306,182
TOTAL VOTER APPROVAL:	21,123,787	20,327,172	22,165,294	24,717,628	2,552,334

Account Name	2021-22 Budget	2021-22 Actual	2022-23 Budget	2023-24 Proposed	Balance Under (Over)	Percent Inc/Dec
<u>INSTRUCTION:</u>						
Salaries	4,612,500	4,513,108	4,896,410	4,969,420	73,010	1.49%
Benefits	1,811,450	1,514,979	1,877,885	1,932,867	54,982	2.93%
Drivers Education	3,500	4,130	3,500	4,000	500	14.29%
Remedial/Interventionist Servic	186,995	133,362	207,204	247,900	40,696	19.64%
Testing/Tutorial/OT-PT Svcs	11,775	10,264	13,775	20,475	6,700	48.64%
Contracted Services	43,000	45,496	44,400	45,600	1,200	2.70%
Staff Training	199,482	182,486	210,797	269,062	58,265	27.64%
Co/Extra Curricular	435,636	319,109	443,753	501,788	58,035	13.08%
Tuition	54,000	67,041	54,000	54,000	0	0.00%
Travel/Field Trips	55,514	14,292	40,280	39,020	-1,260	-3.13%
Supplies/Textbooks/Equip	304,956	299,860	335,340	447,823	112,483	33.54%
Total Instruction	7,718,808	7,104,127	8,127,344	8,531,955	404,611	4.98%
<u>SPECIAL EDUCATION:</u>						
Salaries	1,767,806	1,579,959	1,729,595	1,855,957	126,362	7.31%
Benefits	786,820	552,787	688,205	804,165	115,960	16.85%
Contracted/Prof Services	0	5,000	0	0	0	
Transportation	119,060	82,101	89,350	158,450	69,100	77.34%
Travel/Conferences	10,500	13,658	10,500	11,700	1,200	11.43%
Supplies/Textbooks/Equipment	26,700	21,156	26,700	27,275	575	2.15%
Tuition	632,615	509,396	840,000	982,000	142,000	16.90%
Behavioral Services	167,347	167,892	198,817	213,198	14,381	7.23%
Testing/Tutorial/OT-PT Svcs	215,000	220,905	139,000	164,000	25,000	17.99%
Speech Services	267,365	216,337	273,755	338,094	64,339	23.50%
Total Special Education	3,993,213	3,369,191	3,995,922	4,554,839	558,917	13.99%
<u>ADMINISTRATION:</u>						
Salaries	885,215	883,223	892,932	930,100	37,168	4.16%
Benefits	381,509	274,803	366,439	392,107	25,668	7.00%
Repairs/Maint	9,000	779	9,000	9,000	0	0.00%
Postage/Telephone	30,600	29,894	32,700	36,250	3,550	10.86%
Travel	9,300	13,621	9,300	17,100	7,800	83.87%
Supplies/Equipment	42,075	17,252	42,225	45,115	2,890	6.84%
Total Administration	1,357,699	1,219,571	1,352,596	1,429,672	77,076	5.70%
<u>CENTRAL OFFICE:</u>						
Salaries	427,327	412,234	548,250	600,210	51,960	9.48%
Benefits	196,405	169,238	250,055	250,218	163	0.07%
Contracted Services	26,000	29,038	26,000	7,500	-18,500	-71.15%
Legal Fees	0	0	0	0	0	
Staff Development	2,000	755	2,000	5,000	3,000	150.00%
Repairs/Maintenance	15,000	18,377	17,500	25,000	7,500	42.86%
Board Expense	0	0	0	0	0	
Building Construction	0	0	0	0	0	
Insurance	0	0	0	0	0	
Travel	5,900	649	5,900	7,900	2,000	33.90%
Supplies/Equipment	48,950	26,299	49,750	53,445	3,695	7.43%
Total Central Office	721,582	656,590	899,455	949,273	49,818	5.54%
<u>SUPPORT SERVICES:</u>						
Guidance	493,256	467,698	518,574	568,502	49,928	9.63%
Behavioral/Social Work	284,346	285,723	302,638	323,784	21,146	6.99%
School Nurse	247,358	264,157	329,824	367,208	37,384	11.33%
Media Services	309,613	256,806	318,141	381,092	62,951	19.79%
Curriculum Develop	27,055	38,879	30,555	31,255	700	2.29%
C.A.R.	113,500	40,221	113,500	113,500	0	0.00%
Teacher Mentoring	46,800	52,180	46,800	50,645	3,845	8.22%
Board of Education	97,675	98,674	100,495	116,365	15,870	15.79%
Legal Fees	53,000	18,515	53,000	59,000	6,000	11.32%
Fiscal Services	80,000	20,669	82,000	85,000	3,000	3.66%
Total Support Services	1,752,603	1,543,521	1,895,527	2,096,351	200,824	10.59%
<u>MAINTENANCE:</u>						
Salaries	622,775	589,297	539,020	760,850	221,830	41.15%
Benefits	350,560	264,904	310,000	393,385	83,385	26.90%
Contracted Services	95,000	190,655	225,000	112,000	-113,000	-50.22%
General Liability Ins	65,400	64,461	69,200	81,500	12,300	17.77%
Repairs/Maintenance	230,000	303,875	230,000	271,000	41,000	17.83%
Utilities	407,750	424,138	405,250	459,310	54,060	13.34%
Supplies/Travel/Equipment	197,750	241,590	224,750	272,850	48,100	21.40%
Care of Grounds	147,000	148,183	147,000	173,000	26,000	17.69%
Reserve - Repairs/Maint	0	0	0	0	0	
Vehicle Services	19,525	20,316	19,525	21,525	2,000	10.24%
Total Maintenance Svcs	2,135,760	2,247,420	2,169,745	2,545,420	375,675	17.31%

Account Name	2021-22 Budget	2021-22 Actual	2022-23 Budget	2023-24 Proposed	Balance Under (Over)	Percent Inc/Dec
<u>TECHNOLOGY:</u>						
Salaries	244,955	252,528	313,920	338,600	24,680	7.86%
Benefits	97,090	94,241	145,985	153,515	7,530	5.16%
Contracted Services	20,500	44,845	24,500	24,500	0	0.00%
Technology Fund Transfer	108,500	0	108,500	108,500	0	0.00%
Repairs/Maintenance	2,500	0	2,500	2,500	0	0.00%
Supplies	84,650	160,307	132,810	141,100	8,290	6.24%
Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	
Total Technology	558,195	551,920	728,215	768,715	40,500	5.56%
<u>TRANSPORTATION:</u>						
Salaries	233,965	235,971	245,081	254,045	8,964	3.66%
Benefits	49,253	44,370	51,863	55,718	3,855	7.43%
Contracted Svcs/Rent	64,500	67,986	66,785	70,000	3,215	4.81%
Travel/Conferences	100	0	100	100	0	0.00%
Repairs/Supplies/Equip	54,925	43,215	55,300	58,700	3,400	6.15%
Diesel Fuel	59,500	50,242	59,500	90,800	31,300	52.61%
Unallowed Spec Ed	0	0	0	0	0	
After School Transportation	0	0	0	70,800	70,800	
Field Trips	25,088	9,855	25,118	33,000	7,882	
Tuition Student Transportation	42,540	38,472	44,530	46,143	1,613	2.92%
Bus Purchase	0	0	0	0	0	
Bus Fund Reserve	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	0	0.00%
Total Transportation	629,871	590,111	648,277	779,306	131,029	20.21%
<u>OTHER EXPENDITURES:</u>						
Food Service Transfer	35,000	0	35,000	35,000	0	0.00%
Operational Fund Transfer	0	0	0	0	0	
Child Care - COVID-19	0	0	0	0	0	
Debt Service	16,355	16,353	10,760	10,315	-445	-4.14%
EEE Services	75,327	73,502	80,649	103,674	23,025	28.55%
Total Other Expenditures	126,682	89,855	126,409	148,989	22,580	17.86%
<u>TECHNICAL EDUCATION:</u>						
State - Act 68	444,585	449,273	483,574	565,552	81,978	16.95%
Local Tuition	415,020	413,948	445,100	650,580	205,480	46.16%
Total Tech Education	859,605	863,221	928,674	1,216,132	287,458	30.95%
<u>PRE-SCHOOL</u>						
Salaries	245,760	225,443	229,635	285,474	55,839	24.32%
Benefits	81,856	87,744	118,042	172,967	54,925	46.53%
Tuition/Partnerships	39,000	22,783	39,400	25,000	-14,400	-36.55%
Supplies/Travel/Equip	26,675	14,507	29,575	30,875	1,300	4.40%
Total Pre-School	393,291	350,477	416,652	514,316	97,664	23.44%
SUPRLUS/DEFICIT	0	1,741,170	0	0	0	
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ORANGE SOUTHWEST SCHOOL DISTRICT
ESTIMATE - 2023-24

State Property Yield Rate	\$1.00
State Non-Residential Tax Rate	\$1.386

BUDGET -		\$23,534,968.00
REVENUE - Categorical Grants		<u>-\$5,075,960.00</u>
Total Education Spending (Act 68)		\$18,459,008.00
Equalized Pupils -2023-24 (Projection 01-05-23)	857.62	
Education Spending per Equalized Pupil (Act 68)		<u>\$21,523.53</u>
		\$22,204.00

Excess Spending Threshold

Property Yield		\$15,479.00
		139.05%
O.S.S.D. Projected Tax Rate		\$1.3905

	<u>O.S.S.D - Est</u>	<u>2022-23 Equal</u>	<u>\$ Diff</u>	<u>% Diff</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>Projected O.S.S.D.</u>	<u>2022-23</u>	<u>Proj 2023-24</u>
	<u>Equal Tax Rate</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>			<u>Town CLA</u>	<u>Tax Rates</u>	<u>Tax Rates</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Braintree	\$1.3905	\$1.4657	-\$0.0752	-5.13%	88.72%	\$1.5673	\$1.4406	\$0.1267
Brookfield	\$1.3905	\$1.4657	-\$0.0752	-5.13%	109.53%	\$1.2695	\$1.5159	-\$0.2464
Randolph	\$1.3905	\$1.4657	-\$0.0752	-5.13%	84.55%	\$1.6446	\$1.5461	\$0.0985

ORANGE SOUTHWEST SCHOOL DISTRICT

INDEBTEDNESS

<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>ORIGINAL ISSUE</u>	<u>PRINCIPAL AMOUNT</u>	<u>REISSUE</u>	<u>INTEREST RATE</u>	<u>INTEREST PAID BY 6/30/2022</u>	<u>PRINCIPAL PAID BY 6/30/2022</u>	<u>6/30/2022 OUTSTANDING</u>
RANDOLPH ELE	7/23/1998	\$3,810,000	N/A	4.80%	\$1,925,240	\$3,810,000	\$0
BRAINTREE ELE	7/25/2005	\$280,000	N/A	4.70%	\$112,470	\$240,000	\$40,000

RESERVE FUND BALANCES - As of 6/30/2022

	<u>Facilities</u>	<u>Transportation</u>	<u>Operational</u>	<u>Legal</u>	<u>Special Education</u>
Orange Southwest School District	\$3,364,012	\$1,126,335	\$1,743,007	\$90,000	\$465,697
Total:	\$3,364,012	\$1,126,335	\$1,743,007	\$90,000	\$465,697

***The audited financial statements for the 2021-22 school year are available at the Orange Southwest School District,
24 Central Street, Randolph, Vermont.

YEAR	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Preschool	7	23	12	12	7	18	9	19	12	13	13
Kindergarten	10	9	17	6	13	6	19	10	8	13	9
Grade 1	12	9	9	20	7	14	6	19	7	21	12
Grade 2	13	11	10	9	20	6	16	7	18	7	19
Grade 3	8	11	11	11	11	20	7	16	6	20	7
Grade 4	15	7	10	11	11	9	21	6	14	6	19
Grade 5	9	15	7	9	12	8	11	19	6	13	6
TOTALS	74	85	76	78	81	81	89	* 114	* 89	*102	*94

* includes Preschool



RU BRAINTREE SECONDARY POPULATION 10/1/2022

Grade 7	9
Grade 8	5
Grade 9	15
Grade 10	6
Grade 11	6
Grade 12	11
TOTAL	52

2022 -2023 ENROLLMENT BREAKDOWN

	7	8	9	10	11	12	TOTAL
RUHS	9	5	15	4	2	4	39
RTCC	0	0	0	2	3	6	11
RTCC - 1/2 Day Pre-Tech	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
RAVEN	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
TOTAL	9	5	15	6	6	11	52



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