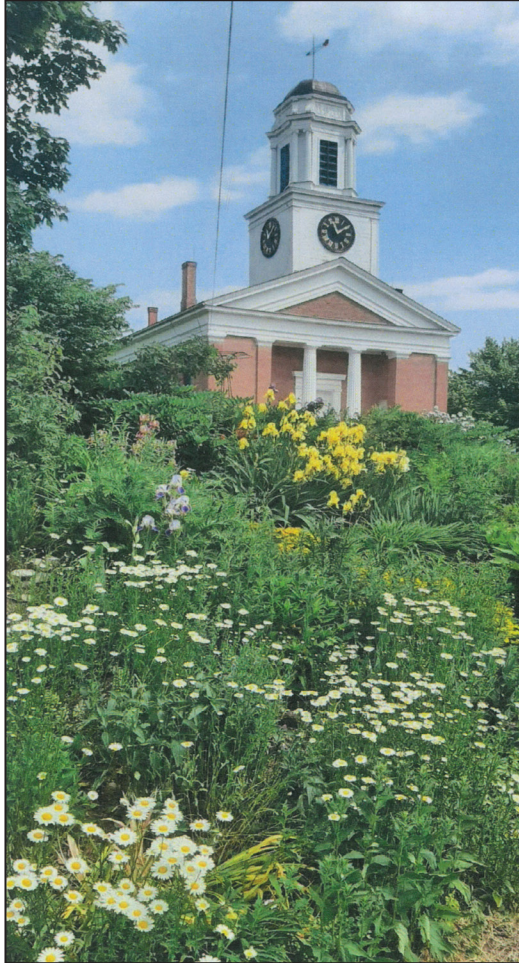


ANNUAL REPORT 2022

Town of Orwell, Vermont

For the Year Ending
December 31, 2022



Courtesy of Orwell Fortnightly

Please bring this report with you to:
Town of Orwell Meeting
◆ Tuesday, March 7, 2023 ◆ 10:00 a.m. ◆

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

FIRE/FIRST RESPONSE - 911

POLICE - 911 or 802-388-4919

Animal Control – Devon Duquette – 802-282-2636 *** *Health Officer* – Kent Anderson – 948-2156

Forest Fire Warden - Allen R. Alger, Sr. – 802-948-2212

IMPORTANT ORWELL DATES

FEBRUARY 27, 2023

SVUUSD School Meeting – 6:30pm

Fair Haven Union Middle/High School Band Room

MARCH 7, 2023

Town Meeting - 10:00 am

MARCH 24, 2023

Rabies Clinic at the Orwell Fire House

5:00pm to 7:00pm Dogs can be licensed at this clinic

APRIL 1, 2023

ON OR BEFORE - 2023 DOG LICENSE REQUIRED

Liquor/Tobacco Licenses expires on due date yearly

May 6, 2023

Green-Up Day

M-F 8 to Noon Sat 9-noon

Hazardous Waste Center at ACSWMD in Middlebury

Business hazardous waste by appointment

May 28, 2023

Orwell Memorial Day Parade 1:30pm

2023 Report for Mount Independence State Historic Site

497 Mount Independence Road Orwell, Vermont 802-948-2000

www.historicsites.vermont.gov/mount-independence.org

\$8.00 for adults, \$1.00 for ages 6-14, free for children under 6

As of the time of this Orwell Town Report, it is hoped that the opening day for the Mount Independence State Historic Site will be Friday, May 26, 2023. The site will be back to open daily, 10:00am to 5:00pm, through Sunday, October 15. Thank you to those of you who supported the site in 2022. Many people enjoy being able to walk the trails all year.

Planning for 2023 events is underway. Please check event listings later at www.historicsites.vermont.gov or www.mountindependence.org for information. Holders of Green Mountain Passports also receive free admission available for all Vermont Veterans and Vermont residents ages 62 and up from your Town Clerk's office for a one-time \$2.00 fee.

- Saturday, May 20: Early Bird Nature Walk, starting at 8:00a.m.

Bird expert Sue Wetmore is your guide. Meet in front of the museum, wear walking shoes, and bring your binoculars if you have them. Plan on spending the morning on this delightful walk, before the museum opens for 2023. Show your Mount Independence Coalition membership card, Green Mountain Passport, or pay the site admission fee.

- Friday, May 26: Opening Day, 10:00am
- June 3: National Trails Day Guided History Walk
Details to be determined.
- June 10-11: Vermont Days Weekend

Free admission at the Vermont State Historic Sites and day use State Parks

• End of June, three days to be determined: Children's Revolutionary Morning Camp
Likely 9:30am to 12:30pm. Children will enjoy Revolutionary times learning about Mount Independence, archaeology, and more, with walks and new hands-on activities. Attendees will make special items to bring home. Ages 6 to 11. Limited space. Pre-registration required. \$60, sibling discounts and scholarships. Call (802) 759-2412 for more information and to register. After May 26, call the site at (802) 948-2000.

- August 16: Bennington Battle Day

Free admission at all Vermont State Historic Sites

- September 2 and 3: Soldiers Atop the Mount Living History Weekend, during site hours

Reenactors will be encamped at the site for this annual program. Please note that Sunday's offerings may be more limited than on Saturday.

Planning is in the works for guided hikes into history, nature walks likely including another wild mushroom foray, and a variety of history talks and programs in the museum.

NOVEMBER 10, 2023

PROPERTY TAXES DUE

PLEASE PAY TOWN TREASURER AT THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF ORWELL

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Auditors' Report

Jan. 31, 2023

The undersigned, Auditors of the Town of Orwell, Vermont, have examined the accounts and reports of the various town officers and organizations for the 2022 calendar year. We declare them to be correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

The financial statements submitted herewith represent fairly the financial positions of the Town of Orwell for the year ending December 31, 2022. The Town of Orwell prefers to operate on a cash basis rather than an accrual basis. To the best of our knowledge there are no outstanding expenses or receipts unaccounted for.

The reports and projects presented by various social service agencies have been accepted as is without further consideration or inspection. Copies of the various agency reports are available at the Town Clerk's office.

We thank Steve James, Ted Michel, Wayne Weseman and Steve Buxton for their many years of service to Orwell!!

2022 was another year full of changes and challenges for everyone. Officers and the people of the town continued adjusting to the continuing pandemic, certainly the most unique of times for us all. Citizens of Orwell will continue to rise to this challenge. We thank all the people who have helped make our town government work! Stay well, stay safe!

Respectfully submitted,
Auditors, Town of Orwell

Karen Rowland
Danielle Rougeau
Robin Severy



Courtesy of Karen Rowland



***ATTENTION ALL HALE AND HARDY
ORWELLIANS***



**THE TOWN OF ORWELL, VERMONT
WAS FOUNDED IN 1763**



THEREFORE IN 2013



ORWELL CELEBRATED



**THE TOWN'S 250th ANNIVERSARY
ON AUGUST 17-18, 2013**



***AS ONE OF THE FINAL
DEDICATIONS TO THE EVENT,
A TIME CAPSULE WAS BURIED
AND IS TO BE
OPENED ON
AUGUST 18, 2063***



41 YEARS TO GO!

TOWN OFFICERS 2022

MODERATOR	Michael R. Audet
TOWN CLERK	Elizabeth “Betty” Walker
TOWN TREASURER	Bryan S. Young
TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC FUNDS	Bryan S. Young
SELECTMEN	
Rex D. Corey – 3 year	Term Expires 2023
Bill Goddard – 2 year	Term Expires 2023
Thomas Audet – 3 year	Term Expires 2024
Gary Murdock - 2 year	Term Expires 2024
Andrea Treadway - 3 year	Term Expires 2025
AUDITORS	
Danielle Rougeau (Appointed in 2022)	Term Expires 2023
Robin Severy	Term Expires 2023
Karen Rowland	Term Expires 2024
LISTERS	
Becky Quesnel (Appointed in 2022)	Term Expires 2023
Cheryl Tudhope	Term Expires 2023
Jean Audet	Term Expires 2024
LIBRARY TRUSTEES	
Virginia Wilson	Term Expires 2023
Karen DeMoy	Term Expires 2023
Rae Anne Barry	Term Expires 2024
Loretta Lee	Term Expires 2024
Anna “Kathy” Buxton	Term Expires 2025
Cindy Werner	Term Expires 2026
Emily Casey	Term Expires 2027
Sarah Harris	Term Expires 2027
Amy Buxton Torrey	Term Expires 2027
CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS	
Wayne G. Hall (Appointed in 2022)	Term Expires 2023
Stephen James	Term Expires 2023
Joanne Hornbeck	Term Expires 2024
Diane Jackson	Term Expires 2025
Jeff Wachelka	Term Expires 2026

FIRST CONSTABLE		Allen R. Alger
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR		Sandy Korda
DEPUTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR		Robert G. Arnebold
ASSIST. TOWN CLERKS		Sharon Macedo Susan Ann Arnebold
ASSIST. TREASURER		Mark S. Young
TAX COLLECTOR		Bryan S. Young
DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR		Diane Jackson
JUSTICES OF THE PEACE		
Glen Cousineau	Richard O. Buxton, Jr.	Walker James
Michael R. Audet	Stephanie Corey	
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR		Wayne L. Weseman Stephanie Corey
ASSIST. ZONING ADMINISTRATORS		Roland "Ted" Simmons Thomas J. Purdy, Sr.
LIBRARIAN		Kate Hunter
LIBRARIAN'S ASSISTANTS		Heather Ewing Michelle Goddard
HEALTH OFFICER		Kent Anderson
WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT OPERATOR		Edward Tracey
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER		Rebecca Heibler Devon Duquette
TREE WARDEN		Allen M. Alger
ORWELL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT CHIEF		Paul Metcalf
FIRST RESPONSE RESCUE SQUAD		Peter W. Ochs
PLANNING COMMISSION/DRB MEMBERS		
Joe Andriano, Chair	Stephanie Corey	Rex Corey, Vice Chair
Sharon Macedo, Sec.	Cian Quinn	
Carter Mealey	Devon Duquette	

WARNING

THE LEGAL VOTERS OF THE TOWN OF ORWELL, VERMONT,
ARE HEREBY WARNED TO MEET AT THE TOWN HALL IN SAID ORWELL,
ON

TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2023, AT 10:00 A.M.,

TO TRANSACT THE FOLLOWING BUSINESS:

PLEASE NOTE: The vote under Articles One will be by Australian Ballot. The Polls will be **open from 10:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 7, 2023**, at the Orwell Town Hall.

1. To Elect all Town Officers, required by law, as follows by Australian Ballot:

1 Town Moderator for one year	Michael R. Audet
1 Town Clerk for one year	Elizabeth "Betty" Walker
1 Town Treasurer for one year	Bryan S. Young
1 Trustee of Public Funds for one year	Bryan S. Young
1 Select Person for three years	Rex D. Corey
1 Select Person for two years	Bill Goddard
1 Auditor for three years	
1 Auditor for two years	Danielle Rougeau
1 Lister for three years	Cheryl Tudhope
1 Lister for two years	Becky Quesnel
1 Library Trustee for five years	Virginia Wilson
1 Library Trustee for five years	Karen DeMoy
1 Cemetery Commissioner for five years	Arlene Batschelet
1 Cemetery Commissioner for four years	Wayne G. Hall
1 Delinquent Tax Collector	Diane Jackson
1 First Constable for one year	Allen R. Alger

2. Shall the voters of the Town of Orwell vote to accept the Town Officers report submitted by the Auditors?
3. Shall the voters of the Town of Orwell vote to accept the report of the Board of Trustees of the Ethan M. & Eliza T. Wright Memorial Library, Inc?
4. Shall the voters of the Town of Orwell vote to appropriate funds for the following town projects (each item to be voted separately)?
 - A. \$15,000.00 for the operating expenses of the Ethan M. & Eliza T. Wright Memorial Library Building for 2023?
 - B. \$2,500.00 for the purchase of books and materials by the Orwell Free Library?
 - C. \$200.00 for St. Paul's Cemetery in order to defray a portion of the 2023 maintenance costs?
 - D. \$2,200.00 for the 2024 operating expenses of the Orwell Parade Committee?
 - E. \$750.00 for the Sixty-Plus Club of Orwell, funds to be used to defray the costs of operating said club for the Senior Citizens of the Town of Orwell?
 - F. \$1,000.00 for the 2023 operation of the Orwell Youth Recreation Program?

G. \$10,000 for the painting of the exterior of the Library Building requested by the Ethan M. & Eliza T. Wright Memorial Library Board?

5. Shall the Town of Orwell vote to have the Treasurer collect taxes on real property on or before November 10, 2023?
6. Shall the Town of Orwell vote delinquent taxes and delinquent sewer rents to have an 8% penalty charged against them and a 1% interest per month added from the due date?
7. Shall the voters of the Town of Orwell vote to conduct the next annual municipal meeting to be held at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, March 5, 2024, per 17 VSA §2640? (Election of Town Officers by Australian ballot will be on Tuesday, March 5, 2024.)
8. Shall the voters of the Town of Orwell vote to accept the proposed 2023 Town Budget in the amount of **\$1,364,711.63**, of which **\$828,275.13** shall be raised by taxes and **\$536,436.50** to be raised by non-tax revenues?
9. Shall the voters of the Town of Orwell accept the proposed 2023 Sewer Budget in the amount of **\$101,930.77**, such amount to be raised by user rents and dumping fees?
10. Shall the voters of the Town of Orwell appropriate funds for the following Social Services and other requests by petition (each item to be voted separately)?
 - A. Counseling Service of Addison County, Inc. **\$1,500.00**, funds to be used to help pay part of the cost of providing mental health care to town residents?
 - B. H.O.P.E., Inc. **\$1,750.00**, funds to be used to help defray part of the cost of providing housing, fuel, food, clothing, and other essential items?
 - C. Addison County Women Safe, Inc. **\$1,250.00**, funds to be used to support their mission to work toward the elimination of physical, sexual, and emotional violence against women and their children through direct service, education and social change?
 - D. Addison County Home Health and Hospice, Inc. **\$5,000.00**, funds to help defray costs for providing home health care services to infants, children and adults referred by their physicians, regardless of their ability to pay?
 - E. RSVP Retired & Senior Volunteer Program **\$320.00**, funds to support RSVP?
 - F. Tri-Valley Transit **\$775.00**, funds to maintain and improve transportation services for elders, persons with disabilities, and the general public?
 - G. Addison County Readers, Inc. **\$350.00**, funds for the purpose of improving literacy skills for children under five years of age?
 - H. Addison County Restorative Justice Services Inc. Inc. **\$740.00**, funds to provide restorative justice projects for offenders who have potential to learn from their mistakes and avoid incarceration and a criminal record?
 - I. Turning Point Center of Addison County **\$1,000**, for the purpose of supporting its mission to assist persons, their families, and their friends in recovery from substance use disorder and addictive behaviors?

11. To transact any other business which may legally come before the Town.

Signed and dated at Orwell, Vermont on this 23 day of January 2023.

Orwell Select Board

Thomas Audet, Chair

Rex Corey
Rex Corey

Bill Goddard
Bill Goddard, Vice Chair

Gary Murdock
Gary Murdock

Andrea Treadway
Andrea Treadway



Courtesy of Ginny Wilson

NOTICE TO VOTERS

*FOR HELP OR INFORMATION CALL
THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE
1-800-439-8683
(Accessible by TDD)*

BEFORE ELECTION DAY:

CHECKLIST POSTED: February 5, 2023

(No later than 30 days before election - 17:2141, 2501.

Please make certain that your name is on the checklist. If it is not,

Register to Vote. Same Day Registration (17:2144[a]). There is no deadline to register to vote. You will be able to register to vote on the day of the election. You can register prior by visiting the Town Clerk's Office or going online to olvr.sec.state.vt.us.

SECRET PARTY CHOICE. You do not register by party in Vermont.

EARLY OR ABSENTEE BALLOTS:

When - Voters, no later than **3:30 p.m.** on the day before election, in the Orwell Town Clerk's Office on

MONDAY, March 6, 2023 (17:2531[a], 2532[a][1]).

How - Request either in person, in writing, or by telephone.

Who - Voter or family member may apply all three ways. Non-family member with written authorization by the voter may apply in person.

ONLY A VOTER SHALL TAKE A BALLOT OUT OF THE TOWN OFFICE. (17:2537)

On ballot requests by other than a voter, ballots must be **MAILED** to voter.

EARLY OR ABSENTEE VOTING -

1. Vote in the Town Clerk's office before the deadline.
2. **Voter** can have ballots mailed or may take **their** ballots out of the clerk's office and then either return in person, via someone else or by mail to the Town Clerk before **7:00 p.m. on Election Day**.
3. If ill or disabled request that two Justices of the Peace bring a ballot to you at your home on the day before or the day of the election.

ONCE VOTED AND RETURNED, AN ABSENTEE BALLOT CANNOT BE RETURNED TO THE VOTER FOR ANY REASON.

POSTING OF SAMPLE BALLOTS: On or before February 24, 2023

(No later than 20 days before election - 17:2522[a]).

AT THE POLLS:

If your name was dropped from the checklist in error, explain the situation to your Town Clerk and ask that it be put back on.

If the problem isn't cleared up to your satisfaction, have the Town Clerk or a Select Person or other member of the Board of Civil Authority call an immediate meeting of the members of the board who are present.

If you are still not satisfied, you may appeal to a judge who will settle the matter that day. Call the Secretary of State's Office at 1-800-439-8683 for more information.

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

If you know voters who have physical disabilities, are visually impaired, or cannot read, let them know they may bring a friend or relative who is a registered voter to help them to vote.

DO NOT:

- A. *Knowingly vote more than once, either in the same town or in different towns.*
- B. *Mislead the Board of Civil Authority about your own or another person's eligibility to vote.*
- C. *Leave campaign materials in the voting booth or building containing a polling place.*
- D. *Socialize in a manner that will disturb other voters.*

**VOTING INSTRUCTIONS FOR
PAPER BALLOTS AT
TOWN MEETING OR SCHOOL MEETING**

If you have any questions after reading the following, or at any time during the voting process, ask your Town Clerk or another Election Official.

CHECK IN:

1. Go to “ENTRANCE” checklist table.
2. **GIVE YOUR NAME**, and if asked, your residence to the Election Official in a *clear audible voice*.
3. Wait until your name is repeated and checked off by the Election Official.

ENTER:

1. Take your ballot(s) from the election official and enter a voting booth. Fill in the oval to the right of the name of the candidate(s) or issue(s) you want to vote for. Follow the directions on the ballot as to how many to vote for (Example- “Vote for not more than two”).
2. To vote for someone whose name is not printed on the ballot, use the blank line labeled “WRITE-IN” on the ballot.

IF YOU SPOIL YOUR BALLOT ask an Election Official for another ballot.
The limit is three ballots.

CHECK OUT:

1. Go to the “EXIT” checklist table.
2. **GIVE YOUR NAME** to the Election Official in a *clear, audible voice*.
3. Wait until your name is repeated and checked off by the Election Official.
4. **VOTE** by placing your voted ballot(s) in the “VOTED BALLOTS” box(s).
5. Leave the voting area by passing outside the guardrail.

To save a lot of confusion, I am asking that voters, **when voting on a paper ballot at Town Meeting, to please vote only on the Article under debate. PLEASE do not ask the Election Official, at that time, for your Australian Ballot.**

Thank you for your help.

Respectfully,
Elizabeth “Betty” Walker, Town Clerk
Sharon Macedo, Assistant Town Clerk



Courtesy of Sue James

ABSTRACT OF GRAND LIST

2022 Tax Rate

Total Listed Value of Real Estate	\$ 151,983,500.00
TOTAL GRAND LIST	\$ 1,519,835.00

VOTED AMOUNTS TO BE RAISED BY TAXES

Wright Memorial Library	\$ 15,000.00
Orwell Free Library	2,000.00
St. Paul's Cemetery	200.00
Orwell Parade Committee	2,200.00
Orwell 60-Plus Club	750.00
Select Board Budget	800,319.47
Parent Child Center	1,250.00
Counseling Service of Addison County	1,500.00
H.O.P.E.	1,750.00
Addison County Women Safe, Inc.	1,250.00
Addison County Home Health & Hospice	5,000.00
Retired Senior Volunteer Program	320.00
Tri-Valley Transit	775.00
Addison County Readers, Inc.	350.00
Addison County Restorative Justice Services	740.00

TOTAL TAXES TO BE RAISED BY TOWN	\$ 833,404.47
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TAX RATE	=	AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAX BILLING	=	833,404.47	=	0.5484
		TOTAL GRAND LIST		1,519,835.00		

Municipal Rate Set by Select Board = 0.5484

STATE SET HOMESTEAD TAX RATE = 1.2651

STATE SET NON-RESIDENTIAL RATE = 1.4562

Grand List 2022	1,519,835.00
Grand List 2021	1,523,290.00
Grand List 2020	1,502,045.00

Respectfully submitted,
Bryan S. Young, Treasurer

TOWN OF ORWELL
2022 STATEMENT OF FUNDS

Balance December 31, 2021	\$	249,247.92	
Agency of Natural Resources		7,320.82	
ARPA Recovery Fund		181,683.19	
Beer & Tobacco Licenses		140.00	
Book Restoration Fees		4,408.00	
Borrowings			
Tax Anticipation		350,000.00	
Collector/Collected Taxes		95,607.29	
Penalties		7,485.01	
Legal Fees		1,258.17	
Warrant Interest		7,051.07	
Copier Fees		2,332.00	
Current Use Recording		75.00	
Dog Licenses		4,074.00	
Clerk Fees		13,316.00	
Grant Receipts- Library Program		2,616.96	
Grant-in-Aid		9,400.00	
Interest Income		6.66	
PILOT Payment State Property		6,489.00	
Reappraisal Payment- State		775.00	
Refunds		4,102.75	
Rental Income, Old Town Garage		2,400.00	
Speed Control		2,174.17	
State Highway Aid		150,165.26	
State Hold Harmless		91,639.00	
State Paving Grant		112,817.76	
Tax Adjustments- State, School		70,833.28	
Tax Receipts Total		2,328,173.39	
Zoning Fees		3,230.00	
Tax Paid Slate Valley USD			1,637,963.70
Payment of Borrowings			432,141.75
Payment of Select Board Orders			1,198,313.00
Line Items Paid			33,085.00
Bank Fees			59.00
Balance December 31, 2022			407,259.25
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	\$	3,708,821.70	\$ 3,708,821.70

Respectfully submitted,
Bryan S. Young
Town Treasurer

**TOWN OF ORWELL
RESERVE FUNDS 2022**

Reappraisal Fund

Balance December 31, 2021	\$	63,545.77		
2022 State Payment Received		6,587.50		
Interest Income		187.07		
Balance December 31, 2022			\$	70,320.34
	\$	70,320.34	\$	70,320.34

Book Restoration Fund

Balance December 31, 2021	\$	7,635.74		
2021 Fees Received		6,515.00		
Interest Income		29.59		
Balance December 31, 2022			\$	14,180.33
	\$	14,180.33	\$	14,180.33

Respectfully submitted,
Bryan S. Young
Trustee of Public Funds

**TOWN OF ORWELL
SCHEDULE OF INDEBTEDNESS 2022**

	Balance 12/31/21	Borrowed	Paid	Balance 12/31/22
<u>Town of Orwell</u>				
Fire Truck	302,400.00	-	37,800.00	264,600.00
Town Truck	\$ 31,341.75	\$ -	\$ 31,341.75	\$ -
Land Purchase	13,000.00	-	13,000.00	-
Tax Anticipation 2022	-	350,000.00	350,000.00	-
<u>Sewer Fund</u>				
Lagoon Project	\$ 433,717.52	\$ 83,717.52	\$ 101,217.52	\$ 416,217.52

Respectfully submitted,
Bryan S. Young
Town Treasurer

**TOWN OF ORWELL
2022 PAYROLL**

General

Allen R. Alger	168.00	
Joseph Andriano	350.00	
Jean Audet	3,000.00	
Thomas Audet	1,750.00	
Robert Barnes	1,500.00	
Rex Corey	1,850.00	
Stephanie Corey	633.50	
Devon Duquette	357.00	
Heather Ewing	5,506.50	
Michelle Goddard	1,706.25	
William Goddard	1,500.00	
Rebecca Heibler	913.50	
Kate Hunter	29,461.26	
Diane Jackson	7,664.50	
Stephen James	585.00	
David Larsen	750.00	
Sharon Macedo	27,439.50	
Carter Mealey	60.00	
Theodore Michel	602.50	
Becky Quesnel	1,650.00	
Karen Rowland	767.75	
Robin Severy	351.00	
Andrea Treadway	750.00	
Cheryl Tudhope	5,234.38	
Elizabeth Walker	55,141.00	
Wayne Weseman	1,312.75	
Bryan Young	22,281.73	
Mark Young	1,000.00	\$ 174,286.12

Library Summer Program

Sara Quesnel	1,200.00	
Elizabeth Volpe	1,200.00	\$ 2,400.00

Highway

Allen M. Alger	75,796.68	
Benjamin Alger	222.00	
James Booska	974.75	
Peter Parent	59,868.16	\$ 136,861.59

Sewer

Diane Jackson	579.46	
Edward Tracey	19,510.00	\$ 20,089.46

Respectfully submitted,
Bryan S. Young
Town Treasurer

Orwell Selectboard Report 2022

Traffic safety was an issue of much discussion over the past year, especially the frequency of accidents on Route 22A and an increase of speeding on town roads. Fortunately the State finally acted on the concerns of local communities and completed a resurfacing project of Route 22A from West Haven to Orwell. While the resurfacing project resulted in a much smoother road with a center rumble strip, the number of accidents is still a concern. The Select Board will continue to press for the State to honor its commitment to widen and totally rebuild Route 22A beginning in 2025/26. The Selectboard was successful in getting a “no parking zone” approved by the State Transportation Committee for the intersection of Route 22A and Route 73. The parking ban allows for better visibility when crossing. We were also successful in lowering the speed limit on North Orwell Road. Data from a traffic counter justified the change. The next step will be to include more Sheriff patrol time on all our roads. The newly elected County Sheriff has indicated that will be possible with more deputies recently hired. December invoicing indicates movement in a positive direction.

Another safety and health concern included our animal population. The Selectboard, through the Town's Animal Control Officer, is actively enforcing dog registrations and vaccinations. The Town is held accountable and is following Town and State laws. Rabies is a serious disease and we will enforce the laws to protect Orwell residents. We would ask you to take advantage of the Rabies Clinic held at the Orwell Firehouse each spring.

Plans for a new gazebo and facelift for our town green continue making progress. The Town Green Committee was created by the Selectboard to add diversity and more public input to the process. Funding for the projects hopefully will include State and Federal grants, matching with local funds, as well as local fundraising. Some of the results already can be seen in the removal of dead trees and branches, new plantings, and mulching around existing trees. The Committee has been working with outside firms on options and design work on the proposed structure. Progress beyond design will be hampered by inflation and availability of materials and labor. These concerns may push work scheduling into late 2023 and beyond. With this in mind, the Selectboard has authorized limited repairs to the existing structure to facilitate its use for the 2023 season.

The receipt of ARPA monies has spurred a discussion of Orwell's future needs. A committee of local citizens was formed to seek input from the community about ways to spend the money in the most beneficial way for the Town and prioritize those ideas for the Board. To date, the Selectboard has used ARPA funds to complete a necessary ditching project at the Town Sewer Plant, and have plans to put a new roof on the Town Office building and drill a new well for the Fire/Rescue and Town garage. Other areas under consideration include: monies for tree removal and gravestone repairs at the Town's cemeteries; improvements at the ballfield on 22A; the Town Green Project; matching funds for a library grant, and upgrades to the Town Garage and salt/sand storage area.

The Selectboard has engaged in many discussions about how to best meet the present and future needs of the highway department. The Town's inventory of equipment has grown over the years and can no longer fit in the existing garages, resulting in a need for more storage. After reviewing various options, the Board has chosen to pursue adding additional bays to the existing town garage and replacement of the existing salt shed as long-term goals. The salt shed is old and storage capacity is inadequate. Increasing capacity would allow us to purchase early with off-season pricing and provide better containment of run-off.

The Selectboard has been monitoring progress on the eventual build out of fiber internet for Orwell residents. During a recent meeting with GONETSPEED's Manager of Government Affairs, we were notified that residents will start to receive marketing materials mid-2023, with service being available to select areas by the end of 2023/beginning of 2024. Service area maps for fiber have been requested, and updates will be provided when these maps become available. Maple Broadband updates will be requested and provided when they become available. We understand how important these projects are to residents, and we will do everything possible to stay up to date as these important projects progress.

Recently the Boy Scouts property has been offered for sale. Even though only a small part of the acreage is in Orwell, the Select Board approved a resolution directing the State of Vermont to purchase it. We recognize many Orwell residents enjoy the recreational opportunities it provides, and we fully support its purchase by the State for public use.

We want to recognize the Orwell Fire Department and thank them for 75 years of public service. This kind of volunteerism is so important to our small community. We would also like to thank all the people who have served on the various other Town committees. There are many committees looking for new energetic members to bring Orwell into the future!

Respectfully submitted by the Orwell Selectboard:

Thomas Audet, Chair
Rex Corey

Bill Goddard, Vice-Chair
Andrea Treadway

Gary Murdock

****GREEN UP DAY IS SATURDAY MAY 6, 2023****

MANY THANKS TO ALL the Green Up helpers for 2022

Cindy Watrous and Barbara Young - another great job of service for Orwell

The Select Board cannot succeed with this project without your help.

In order to keep our Town looking beautiful, we continue to need volunteers for the 2023 State Road-side cleanup.

This Year Cindy Watrous, Barbara Young and Wayne Hall, Co Assistant, will be glad to sign you up for Green Up/Road Side Day.

Sign-up sheets will be at Town Meeting/Buxton's Store.

CATEGORY		2022	2022	2023
		BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGE
Balance forward General Fund		67,650.36	67,650.36	49,821.50
Agency of Nat'l Resc-F&W		6,500.00	7,320.82	7,000.00
Beer /Tobacco Licenses		140.00	140.00	140.00
Better Roads Grant		0.00	0.00	15,000.00
Book Restoration Fees		4,500.00	4,408.00	3,500.00
Borrowings - Tax Anticipation		0.00	350,000.00	0.00
Borrowings - Line Items/Capital		0.00	0.00	0.00
Clean-up Day		0.00	0.00	1,500.00
Copier Fees		2,000.00	2,332.00	2,000.00
Current Use Rel/App Recordings		400.00	75.00	400.00
Delinquent Penalties		0.00	7,485.01	0.00
Delinquent Tax Collected Past Yrs		75,000.00	47,069.13	75,000.00
Delinquent Tax Current Yrs		0.00	48,538.16	0.00
Delinquent Tax Interest		7,000.00	7,051.07	7,000.00
Delinquent Tax Legal Fees		0.00	1,258.17	0.00
Dog Fees/Kennel		3,500.00	4,037.00	3,500.00
Fees		10,000.00	13,353.00	10,000.00
Grand List- Act 60-Reappraisal State		775.00	775.00	775.00
Grand List-Reappraisal Fund Transfer		0.00	0.00	77,000.00
Grant-Library Summer Program		0.00	2,616.96	0.00
Grant - ARPA		0.00	0.00	0.00
Grant-in-Aid			9,400.00	15,900.00
Interest Income		0.00	6.66	0.00
Legal Settlement		0.00	0.00	0.00
Misc. Income		0.00	0.00	0.00
Pilot Payment		5,000.00	6,489.00	6,000.00
Refunds		0.00	4,102.75	0.00
Rent, Old Town Garage		2,400.00	2,400.00	2,400.00
Sheriff Contract		5,000.00	2,174.17	2,500.00
State Highway Aid		134,000.00	150,165.26	145,000.00
State Hold Harmless Payment		85,000.00	91,639.00	85,000.00
State Paving Grant		0.00	112,817.76	0.00
Tax Adjustment w/State, School		25,000.00	70,833.28	25,000.00
Tax Receipts		800,319.47	657,124.69	828,275.13
Zoning Fees		2,500.00	3,230.00	2,000.00
TOTAL INCOME		1,236,684.83	1,674,492.25	1,364,711.63
* ARPA Income		0.00	181,683.19	0.00
* ARPA Income Carry-over		181,597.56		357,437.75
* Not Allowed To Reduce Tax Dollars				

TOWN OF ORWELL - EXPENSES				
		2022	2022	2023
CATEGORY		BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Ambulance		12,500.00	12,500.00	12,500.00
Animal Control		1,500.00	450.00	1,500.00
Ball Field		4,500.00	1,240.00	3,500.00
Bank Service Charge		60.00	59.00	60.00
Better Back Roads Exp		0.00	0.00	0.00
Borrowings - Tax Anticipation		0.00	350,000.00	0.00
Borrowings - Line Items/Capital		0.00	0.00	0.00
Cemeteries		18,000.00	18,000.00	15,000.00
Clean-up Day		100.00	100.00	15,100.00
Dues and Fees		18,000.00	16,554.19	18,000.00
Election Fees		450.00	650.00	250.00
Emergency Services Dispatch		5,500.00	3,517.00	5,500.00
Fire Truck	Principal	37,800.00	37,800.00	37,800.00
	Interest	7,560.00	7,560.00	6,615.00
Fire Department				
	ACFA/VSFA Dues	600.00	863.00	600.00
	American Tower Rent	1,100.00	1,110.30	1,100.00
	Building Maintenance	5,000.00	3,804.93	5,000.00
	Electricity	1,300.00	1,588.30	1,700.00
	Equip Vehicle Repair	10,000.00	1,348.86	10,000.00
	Equip Purchase	12,000.00	36,717.88	13,000.00
	Fire Extinguisher	500.00	4,397.45	1,000.00
	Heat-Propane	2,000.00	1,074.92	2,000.00
	Hose Test	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00
	Hydrant & Pond Maint	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
	Insurance	8,257.00	8,256.76	8,260.00
	Radio Repair	8,500.00	0.00	4,000.00
	Sewer Rent	318.00	313.50	333.00
	Telephone	400.00	276.11	400.00
	Training	1,000.00	670.50	1,000.00
	Turnout Gear - 3 sets	9,000.00	772.31	11,000.00
	Total Fire Department	64,975.00	61,194.82	64,393.00
First Response				
	American Tower Rent	1,100.00	1,110.24	1,100.00
	Building Maintenance	1,500.00	1,658.62	1,500.00
	Dues	200.00	150.00	200.00
	Electricity	600.00	591.44	600.00
	Equip Vehicle Repair	600.00	200.28	600.00
	Equip Purchase	1,850.00	5,889.99	1,850.00
	Heat - Propane	2,000.00	438.49	2,000.00
	Insurance	1,300.00	1,300.00	1,300.00
	Oxygen	100.00	0.00	100.00
	Personnel - Health	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Radio Purchase	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Radio Repair	8,500.00	6,610.00	1,000.00
	Sewer Rent	318.00	313.50	333.00
	Supplies	3,000.00	1,481.15	3,000.00
	Telephone	1,200.00	276.08	1,200.00
	Training	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00
	Total First Response	23,768.00	20,019.79	16,283.00

			2022	2022	2023
CATEGORY			BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Fuel & Oil			25,000.00	36,069.71	36,000.00
Gasoline			3,500.00	5,157.61	5,000.00
Health Insurance			9,727.00	9,891.48	0.00
Highway Improvements					
	Chloride		25,000.00	24,279.78	27,000.00
	Contracted Services		25,000.00	22,047.64	50,000.00
	Culverts		8,000.00	15,352.80	8,000.00
	Ditching		3,000.00	1,547.40	3,000.00
	Equipment Rental		11,000.00	4,150.00	15,000.00
	Gravel		100,000.00	95,764.64	100,000.00
	Paving		80,000.00	190,323.61	80,000.00
	Salt, for Winter		50,000.00	64,569.30	50,000.00
	Sand, for Winter		70,000.00	76,842.30	70,000.00
	Signage/Guard Rails		1,000.00	711.75	1,500.00
	Snow Removal		1,000.00	425.00	1,000.00
	Stone		4,000.00	5,088.54	10,000.00
	Training/Other		500.00	0.00	500.00
	Total Highway Improve.		378,500.00	501,102.76	416,000.00
Highway, Equipment Maintenance					
	Chains		4,500.00	0.00	4,500.00
	Equip Purchase		15,000.00	15,200.00	5,000.00
	GMC Pickup 2017		2,500.00	93.08	4,000.00
	Grader		5,000.00	1,304.00	5,000.00
	Loader		5,000.00	206.56	5,000.00
	Mack Truck 2017		5,000.00	4,267.44	10,000.00
	Mack Truck 2019		6,000.00	7,327.93	10,000.00
	Miscellaneous Parts		3,000.00	2,856.72	3,000.00
	Oil, Grease, Filters		4,000.00	2,470.08	4,000.00
	Road Side Mower		5,000.00	2,770.11	5,000.00
	Shoes,Edge,Plow		5,000.00	4,293.00	6,000.00
	Small Equip Repair		500.00	931.13	500.00
	Sundries		400.00	280.82	500.00
	Tools		2,000.00	2,045.71	2,000.00
	Wetland Permit		2,400.00	0.00	2,400.00
	Total Equip Maint		65,300.00	44,046.58	66,900.00
Insurance			25,872.00	22,449.24	25,000.00
Interest on Borrowings			4,000.00	1,533.02	2,000.00
Listers					
	Dues		400.00	196.00	400.00
	Equip Purchase		400.00	2,053.83	1,500.00
	Lister Maps		6,000.00	5,900.00	1,000.00
	Postage		250.00	240.33	3,000.00
	Supplies & Licensing		950.00	242.12	750.00
	Total Listers		8,000.00	8,632.28	6,650.00
Land Purchase Note					
	Principal		13,000.00	13,000.00	0.00
	Interest		404.68	404.69	0.00
Legal Fees			5,000.00	3,941.05	5,000.00

		2022	2022	2023
CATEGORY		BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Mack Truck Note 2019	Principal	31,341.75	31,341.75	0.00
	Interest	861.90	861.88	0.00
Mileage		500.00	432.24	1,200.00
Misc. Exp		350.00	0.00	350.00
Payroll (Includes Summer Grant Payroll)		320,000.00	313,547.71	371,250.00
	Payroll Retirement	13,000.00	12,161.96	13,500.00
	FICA + MCARE	25,000.00	23,986.44	28,400.63
	Total Payroll	358,000.00	349,696.11	413,150.63
Planning Commission/DRB		3,500.00	3,654.04	3,500.00
Property Appraisal		0.00	0.00	85,000.00
Property Tax Adjustment		1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Street Lights		4,000.00	4,303.31	5,000.00
Sundries/Rental Unit		720.00	770.00	720.00
Sheriff Contract		20,000.00	10,237.84	20,000.00
Town Clock		6,000.00	4,942.00	2,000.00
Town Green				
	Bandstand	18,687.50	5,142.42	16,000.00
	Grounds	2,500.00	1,057.28	2,500.00
	Maintenance & Improvements	8,000.00	1,800.00	3,000.00
	Mowing	2,200.00	3,550.00	5,000.00
	Electricity	250.00	266.97	300.00
Town Garage				
	Electricity	2,100.00	2,336.49	2,500.00
	Heat - Propane	1,600.00	308.31	2,500.00
	Garage Repairs	3,000.00	1,312.42	8,000.00
	Sewer Rent	636.00	627.00	666.00
	Waste Removal	720.00	725.42	1,000.00
	Total Town Garage	8,056.00	5,309.64	14,666.00
Town Office				
	Book Restoration Reserve Transfer	6,515.00	6,515.00	4,408.00
	Book Restoration	500.00	0.00	500.00
	Books - Land Records	1,100.00	1,482.45	1,600.00
	Books - Microfilm	1,000.00	761.48	1,000.00
	Building Repair	1,500.00	272.00	1,500.00
	Copier	2,150.00	1,873.58	2,300.00
	Electricity	1,300.00	1,208.07	1,300.00
	Equipment Purchase	8,800.00	2,820.21	4,200.00
	Equipment Repair	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00
	Heat	1,500.00	122.42	1,300.00
	Postage	2,500.00	2,344.59	2,500.00
	Sewer Rent	636.00	627.00	666.00
	Supplies	4,000.00	3,084.19	3,000.00
	Telephone	3,200.00	3,136.06	4,000.00
	Waste Removal	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
	Total Town Office	36,201.00	24,247.05	30,774.00
Town Report & Ballots		1,500.00	1,185.00	1,500.00
TOTAL ORDERS BUDGETED/PAID		1,236,684.83	1,624,670.75	1,364,711.63
ARPA Expenditures		0.00	5,843.00	
Borrowings Paid				
Balance 12/31/22			407,259.25 *	
TOTAL			* This amount includes ARPA Income Carry-over	

Town of Orwell
Taxes Billed vs. Collected 2022

Total Taxes Billed	2,865,080.42
Less State Payments	<u>(421,558.13)</u>
Net Taxes Due	2,443,522.29
Less Uncollected 2022 Taxes Due in 2023	(1,944.46)
Less Taxes Collected	<u>(2,329,934.13)</u>
2022 Tax Warrant	111,643.70
Less Delinquent Taxes Collected	<u>(48,538.16)</u>
2022 Delinquent Taxes Due as of 12/31/22	63,105.54

Town of Orwell
Delinquent Tax Report 2022

Tax Year	Balance 12/31/21	Additions	Payments	Balance 12/31/22
2018	5,258.69	-	5,258.69	-
2019	9,128.99	-	3,878.19	5,250.80
2020	13,034.65	-	2,757.75	10,276.90
2021	58,252.72	-	35,174.50	23,078.22
2022	-	111,643.70	48,538.16	63,105.54
Totals	85,675.05	111,643.70	95,607.29	101,711.46

TOWN OF ORWELL- DELINQUENT SEWER COLLECTOR
STATEMENT OF FUNDS 2022

Balance December 31, 2021	\$ 3.17	
Delinquent Rents Collected	4,820.51	
Warrant Interest Collected	524.70	
Penalties Collected	384.56	
Savings Interest Earned	1.21	
Payments to Town		5,729.77
Balance December 31, 2022		4.38
	\$ 5,734.15	\$ 5,734.15

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Jackson
Delinquent Tax Collector

Town of Orwell
Delinquent Tax List- December 31, 2022

2019	Wist, John Joseph et al	
	Subtotal	\$ 5,250.80
2020	57 Sanford St, LLC	
	Kenney, Donald	
	Wist, John Joseph et al	
	Subtotal	\$ 10,276.90
2021	Cawley, James & Christina	
	H & B Land Holdings	
	Kenney, Donald	
	Sherman, Leona (Estate)	
	Valley Stock Farm LLC	
	Wist, John Joseph et al	
	Subtotal	\$ 23,078.22
2022	Bruce, Michael & Dawn	
	Cawley, James & Christina	
	Crocker, David	
	Ewing, Aja	
	Fuller, Brian & Anne	
	H & B Land Holdings	
	Hall, Louis & Phyllis	
	Holley, Gregory	
	Kenney, Donald	
	Krol, Jessica	
	Lamontagne, David & Deborah	
	Legault, Chad	
	Metcalfe, Christopher	
	Rohne, Kyle & Amy	
	Sherman, Leona (Estate)	
	Steyert, Donald	
	Tatour, Duna	
	Valley Stock Farm LLC	
	Wilcox, Jarod & Shandell	
	Wist, John Joseph et al	
	Subtotal	\$ 63,105.54
	Total	\$ 101,711.46

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Jackson, Collector

**TOWN OF ORWELL
TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC FUNDS
2022 ANNUAL REPORT**

Cash and Securities December 31, 2021	\$	157,110.49
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Interest Earned in 2021, distributed in 2022		(28.83)
Gain (Loss) on Eaton Vance Fund		(8,591.44)
Interest Earnings- Munger Fund		76.99
Perpetual Care Added		500.00
Interest Earnings to be distributed in 2023		12.95

Cash and Securities December 31, 2022

Combined CD

School Fund	2,989.75
Lake View Cemetery	1,000.00
Coates Cemetery	1,084.18
Town- McQuade Fund	214.50
Wright Memorial Library	22,961.25
Orwell Free Library	1,000.00
Mountain View Cemetery	47,241.77
Accrued Unallocated Interest	12.95
Mountain View Cemetery- Munger Fund	29,623.33
Mountain View Cemetery- Eaton Vance	42,952.43

	\$	149,080.16		\$	149,080.16
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Dividends Received- Eaton Vance	\$	584.46
Interest Earnings		220.24

Paid to:

SVUSD for benefit of Orwell School	\$	8.66
Town of Orwell- fbo Lake View Cemetery		2.90
Town of Orwell- fbo Coates Cemetery		3.14
Town of Orwell		0.62
Wright Memorial Library		66.55
Orwell Free Library		2.90
Mountain View Cemetery		719.93

	\$	804.70		\$	804.70
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Respectfully submitted,
Bryan S. Young
Trustee of Public Funds

TOWN OF ORWELL
STATEMENT OF THE TOWN CLERK
December 31, 2022

Dog Registration:	# of Dogs	Fee/dog	Total
	0	\$7.00	\$0.00
	191	\$9.00	\$1,719.00
	0	\$11.00	\$0.00
	26	\$13.00	\$338.00
	72	\$17.00	\$1,224.00
	36	\$21.00	\$756.00
Totals	325		\$4,037.00
1 Pet Dealer Permit			\$37.00
1 Replacement Tags			\$0.00
<i>325 Dogs and 1 Pet Dealer Permit</i>			\$4,074.00
Money to the Town Treasurer:			
1 Pet Dealer Permit			\$37.00
Dog Fees			\$2,412.00
<i>State Rabies & Spay/Neuter Program</i>			\$1,625.00
	Total		\$4,074.00

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth "Betty" Walker
Town Clerk



Courtesy of Stacey Stanhope

TIME TO SPAY AND NEUTER YOUR CATS AND DOGS!

The VT Spay Neuter Incentive Program (VSNIP), under the VT Department of Children & Families, is administered by VT Volunteer Services for Animals Humane Society. **Funded by a \$4.00 fee added to the licensing of dogs, this monetary resource is limited by the number of dogs licensed, which is required by law at six months of age.** By statute, unlicensed dogs can be confiscated. Puppies and kittens can have the first rabies vaccination after 12 weeks of age. If unable to schedule an appointment with a veterinary office for this vaccination, Tractor Supply Stores hold monthly clinics. Call for their schedules. After the vaccination, contact your town clerk and provide proof of the rabies vaccination to license your dog.

Rabies IS in Vermont and it IS deadly.

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 still needs immediate medical attention}.
- 3) Protects your animal if they bite another animal {or person – which could result in the quarantine of your dog or possibly euthanized in order to test for rabies if not currently vaccinated}.
- 4) Pays for this necessary program addressing the population situation in VT.

For a VSNIP Application and a List of Participating Offices, send a 10" SASE: Self-Addressed, Stamped Envelope to: VSNIP, PO Box 104, Bridgewater, VT 05034. Note if your request is for a cat, dog or both. Once fully completed, please mail it back. If approved, you will receive a Voucher and instructions.

The cost for the surgery to you is only **\$27.00**, providing there are no complications. Fellow Vermonters pays the balance of your account from funds collected at the time of dog licensing. Please be **SURE** your cat or dog is completely flea and tick free **before** the visit, or you will be charged for treatment. Pain medication is highly recommended **after** the surgery, but would be your responsibility. It is also wise to buy an "E" collar to avoid having sutures pulled out. These are the right choices!

Animals left UN-neutered are more prone to forms of cancer.

Thank veterinarians for their participation in this important program. **These altruistic veterinarians are the backbone of the program!** If your veterinarian is not a participant, please encourage them to join. Several veterinarians have retired, leaving a reduced number of participating offices. VSNIP offices are accepting less reimbursement than what they would usually charge for their services. We NEED them :) Let them know you appreciate the difference they have made in our state over the years when euthanasia was the routine means of animal over-population control. Those days are behind us ~ let's keep it that way!

Sue Skaskiw, Administrator 1-800-HI VSNIP (1-844-448-7647)

Annual Report of the Orwell Planning Commission and Development Review Board 2022 Report

This was a very big year for the Orwell Planning Commission and Development Review Board. We had three members leave our ranks: Ken Carpenter departed after many long years of service, Devon Duquette stepped down due to his great service to the town in other areas, and Stephanie Corey stepped down in order to become the Zoning Administrator. Many thanks to all of them for their service to these boards. Cian Quinn joined the group—thank you Cian for stepping up in this new role. We presently have openings for one member and two alternate members. Please consider joining if you're looking for a way to get involved in town!

Late in 2021, we learned that we successfully obtained a Municipal Planning Grant for the purpose of upgrading our Town Plan, which has been expired for several years. This grant specifically focused on updating our Village Center part of the Town Plan, given the recent acquisition of the Green from the school district.

Throughout the year, the Planning Commission has worked diligently on its responsibilities under the grant. We developed, distributed, and marketed a Town Plan Survey. This survey was broadly advertised via a postcard to all Orwell residents, posters around town, on Facebook, and on Front Porch Forum. The results of the survey were presented to the town at an open meeting in early December, and the Planning Commission is using this information to update the appropriate sections of the Town Plan.

Orwell's Planning Commission is made up of the same members as the Development Review Board, which gives us good insight into how our Land Use Regulations are serving the town. This year, the Planning Commission unanimously agreed that the Land Use Regulations were too complicated and confusing for our town's needs. A subcommittee of the Planning Commission is working on updating these regulations so they will be more user friendly, clearer, and better take into account the realities of the applications being brought before the Development Review Board.

The Development Review Board met monthly throughout the year to process all applications. Our Zoning Administrator has worked closely with applicants to make sure they conform to the Land Use Regulations.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please do not hesitate to come to our meetings or to email our chair, Joseph Andriano, at andrianoj@gmail.com.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joseph Andriano, Chair

2022 Orwell Planning Commission and Development Review Board Members:

Joseph Andriano, Chair
Rex Corey, Vice Chair
Sharon Macedo, Secretary/Member
Carter Mealey, Member
Cian Quinn, Member

The Common Level Appraisal (CLA) went from 100.67% to 89.14%. This was the result of the 2022 State of VT Equalization Study which encompasses three years of sales. Most of the sales in Orwell were twice the assessment from April 2021 through April 2022. This increase in sale prices has continued through 2022 to the present. The CLA is going to continue to go down and due to this, the listers have initiated a reappraisal. The Town has signed a contract with Real Capital Consulting Inc. (RCC) founded by Alyth Hescock. RCC will be doing a town wide reappraisal beginning in June of 2023. This reappraisal will include interior and exterior inspection of all parcels / properties. The last town wide interior and exterior reappraisal was done in 2003. Listers will be contacting everyone in town via phone or USPS mail beginning in May to make appointments for visits with RCC. Actual inspections will commence in June 2023. Questions or concerns should be directed to orwell.listers@gmail.com or by calling the Town Office.

Cheryl Tudhope, Jean Audet and Becky Quesnel

Zoning Activity 2022

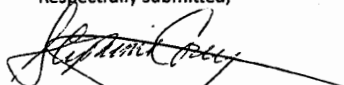
Permits:

- New Construction – 1
- Additions – 3
- Porches and Decks – 4
- Farm Related – 5
- Garages, Accessory Structure or Additions Thereto – 12
- Extensions – 1
- Certificates of Compliance for Real Estate transactions – 11
- Certificate of Compliance for completed building permit - 1
- Lot Line Adjustments - 3

Please note, once a permit is issued, it is valid for 12 months. It is up to you to notify me when you are done your building project so that I can return to verify the project was completed in accordance with your permit. Upon completion, you will be issued a Certificate of Compliance. Extensions to your building permit may be granted as needed upon request.

Zoning regulations can be a bit challenging to navigate, so if you have a building project in mind, I welcome your questions during the planning stages. Often times, a quick phone call in advance can help you avoid unnecessary delays. You may also schedule time for to meet with me in person at my real estate office by calling 802-353-8150 or emailing me at Stephanie@AdirmontRealEstate.com.

Respectfully submitted,



Stephanie Corey

Zoning Administrator

TOWN OF ORWELL, VERMONT
TOWN MEETING INFORMATIONAL HEARING MINUTES

FOR THE
MARCH 1, 2022 TOWN MEETING

The Select Board for the Town of Orwell held a public Informational Hearing by electronic means on Tuesday, February 22, 2022, at 6:00 PM to discuss the Australian ballot Articles on the 2022 Town Meeting Warning.

Statement from the Select Board Chair.

As Chair of the Select Board of the Town of Orwell, I call this Public Informational Hearing, of the Town of Orwell, to order at 6:00 PM. This is a remote hearing and I am to advise you that this hearing is being recorded.

Please note that, while we strive to provide means for those attending remotely to participate in the public comment period, there may be technical difficulties or reasons that otherwise prevent or interrupt remote public participation.

Instructions and information necessary for accessing this meeting were included in our posted meeting agenda. Instructions for attending can also be found on the Town website at townoforwellvt.org.

If a member of the public has technical difficulties accessing this meeting remotely, please alert us by calling the Town Clerk's Office number at 802-948-2032.

In the event of a technical difficulty that cannot be resolved, we may continue the hearing, if necessary, to February 24, 2022 at 6:00 PM, using the same login information.

Participants will have time for "public comment" after each Article is read. Speakers must state their name before each presentation, comment or question. All participants must be recognized by the Moderator before speaking.

Town meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Select Board Chair, Thomas Audet.

Roll call attendance of the Select Board was taken. Thomas Audet, Chair, Robert Barnes (Virtual), Bill Goddard, Vice-Chair and Andrea Ochs were in attendance.

As per the Warning:

Article 1. Election of Town Officers. The polls are open from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Orwell Town Hall.
No public comment.

Article 2. Shall the voters of the Town of Orwell vote to accept the Town Officers report submitted by the Auditors?
No public comment.

- Article 3. Shall the voters of the Town of Orwell vote to accept the report of the Board of Trustees of the Ethan M. & Eliza T. Wright Memorial Library, Inc?
No public comment.
- Article 4. Shall the voters of the Town of Orwell vote to appropriate \$15,000.00 for the operating expenses of the Ethan M. & Eliza T. Wright Memorial Library Building for 2022?
No public comment.
- Article 5. Shall the voters of the Town of Orwell vote to appropriate \$2,000.00 for the purchase of books and materials by the Orwell Free Library?
No public comment.
- Article 6. Shall the voters of the Town of Orwell vote to appropriate \$200.00 for St. Paul’s Cemetery in order to defray a portion of the 2022 maintenance costs?
No public comment.
- Article 7. Shall the voters of the Town of Orwell vote to appropriate \$2,200.00 for the 2023 operating expenses of the Orwell Parade Committee?
No public comment.
- Article 8. Shall the voters of the Town of Orwell vote to authorize \$750.00 for the Sixty-Plus club of Orwell, funds to be used to defray the costs of operating said club for the senior Citizens of the Town of Orwell?
No public comment.
- Article 9. Shall the voters of the Town of Orwell vote to have the Treasurer collect taxes on real property on or before November 10, 2022, by delivery to treasurer postmarked on or before that date?
No public comment.
- Article 10. Shall the voters of the Town of Orwell vote delinquent taxes and delinquent sewer rents to have an 8% penalty charged against them and a 1% interest per month added from the due date?
No public comment.
- Article 11. Shall the voters of the Town of Orwell vote to conduct the next annual municipal meeting to be held at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 7, 2023, per 17 VSA §2640? (Election of Town Officers by Australian ballot will be on Tuesday, March 7, 2023. See Article One.)
No public comment.
- Article 12. Shall the voters of the Town of Orwell vote to accept the proposed 2022 Town Budget in the amount of \$1,236,684.83, of which \$800,319.47 shall be raised by taxes and \$436,365.36 by non-tax revenues?
Arlene Batschelet asked what actually are the non-tax revenues. Bill Goddard explained that on the Income sheet, on page 17 of the Annual Town Report, it would be everything except the “Tax Receipt Line” and the “ARPA” funding.
- Article 13. Shall the voters of the Town of Orwell vote to accept the proposed 2022 Sewer Budget in the amount of \$94,131.49, such amount to be raised by user rents and dumping fees?
Paul Stone inquired about the Sewer Budget shown on page 35 of the Town Report with the total debt being shown on page 13. What is the plan for paying this down? Thomas Audet

answered that outside sewage (Dundon's) and user rents are making the payments on that note. No plan to pass this on to non-sewer user residents. Paul Stone said he hopes there is a plan before the next maintenance on the sewer plant is needed. Thomas Audet stated that the Select Board is sensitive to this. It was twenty (20) years from the last maintenance. There has been an increase applied to the user rents to pay this off. Bill Goddard stated that the rate increase is in effect for the April billing. Joseph Andriano inquired what the rate increase was. Thomas Audet said it is a 5% increase.

- Article 14. Shall the voters of the Town of Orwell move to appropriate funds for Parent/Child Center, **\$1,250.00**, funds to be used to support classes, transportation, infant care, and family education services used by town residents?
No public comment.
- Article 15. Shall the voters of the Town of Orwell appropriate funds for Counseling Service of Addison County, Inc. **\$1,500.00**, funds to be used to help pay part of the cost of providing mental health care to town residents?
No public comment.
- Article 16. Shall the voters of the Town of Orwell appropriate funds for H.O.P.E., Inc. **\$1,750.00**, funds to be used to help defray a part of cost of providing housing, fuel, food, clothing and other essential items?
No public comment.
- Article 17. Shall the voters of the Town of Orwell appropriate funds for Addison County Women Safe, Inc., **\$1,250.00**, funds to be used to support their mission to: work toward the elimination of physical, sexual and emotional violence against women and their children through direct service, education and social change?
No public comment.
- Article 18. Shall the voters of the Town of Orwell appropriate funds for Addison County Home Health and Hospice, Inc., **\$5,000.00**, funds that provides home health care services to infants, children and adults referred by their physicians, regardless of their ability to pay? (\$1,650 in 2021)
No public comment.
- Article 19. Shall the voters of the Town of Orwell appropriate funds for RSVP Retired & Senior Volunteer Program, **\$320.00**, funds to support RSVP in 2022?
No public comment.
- Article 20. Shall the voters of the Town of Orwell appropriate funds for Tri-Valley Transit (formerly ACTR), **\$775.00**, funds to maintain and improve transportation services for elders, persons with disabilities and the general public?
No public comment.
- Article 21. Shall the voters of the Town of Orwell appropriate funds for Addison County Readers, **\$350.00**, funds for the purpose of improving literacy skills for children under 5 years of age?
No public comment.
- Article 22. Shall the voters of the Town of Orwell appropriate funds for Addison County Restorative Justice Services, Inc. (formerly ACCD), **\$740.00**, funds to provide restorative justice projects for offenders who have potential to learn from their mistakes and avoid incarceration and a criminal record? (\$370.00 in 2021).

John Wurzbacher had a question about Social Service Articles #14 through Article #22. These organizations are required to get forty-six (46) signatures to get on the ballot. Could you possibly just ask for a letter of services they provide? Thomas Audet stated that we had this conversation in the fall. It's not too much to ask for signatures. It's a way of keeping them connected to Orwell. If we made it easy, we would have to have it open for everyone. We know these organizations do so much for the town. A new one may not have that background with the town. This can be another conversation for the future.

Paul Stone spoke about the ARPA money survey on page 15 of the Orwell Town Report. We need a plan. The Government has given us more categories than those. Paul Stone suggests that the Select Board set up a committee. These were the main categories we had to choose from originally. Bill Goddard stated that the government just put out a "Final Rule" which makes it easier for smaller communities to spend, or how they spend. Towns are not going to have to calculate if they receive under \$10,000,000. This wasn't talked about for smaller towns originally. VLCT (Vermont League of Cities and Towns) just put out more advice on this. Thomas Audet said that if people are interested, they should attend a Select Board meeting.

Thomas Audet received a notice saying that the Memorial Day Parade will be Sunday, May 29, 2022. The Orwell Parade Committee is looking for volunteers. If interested contact the Parade committee on Facebook, stop by the Orwell Town Office or call us at 802-948-2167.

Green-Up Day is May 7, 2022. There is **no** scrap metal day! Green-Up bags are bags are available at the Orwell Town Office or call Cindy Watrous.

The Select Board thanks Kate Hunter, Librarian, for being a host for people with no internet access, to join the Town Hearing and thank you Bryan Young for setting up your screen, projector and camera.

Hearing Adjourned at 6:30 PM until March 1, 2022, for voting of Officers and Articles.

Attest: Elizabeth Walker

Date: March 14, 2022

Orwell Select Board

Thomas Audet
Thomas Audet, Chair

Bill Goddard
Bill Goddard, Vice Chair

Robert Barnes

Andrea Ochs
Andrea Ochs

Rex Corey
Rex Corey

Town of Orwell Wastewater Treatment Facility Calendar Year 2022



The Town of Orwell Wastewater Treatment Facility has enjoyed another year of permit compliance and excellent treatment of the wastewater entering the facility. The Facility continues to improve in compliance with a rating of excellent from the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation this past September. As demonstrated by the facilities track record the proactive forward thinking of the Select Board/ Sewer Commissioners continues to provide the sewer users and town with an effective and efficient facility.

The aeration system continues to perform well and supplies the facility with excellent mixing and aeration so that the biological treatment process can perform at or above design and permit parameters.

A refurbishment project of an overgrown drainage ditch on the west side of the lagoon system has been completed and is effectively isolating the treatment process from storm runoff and spring snow melt. This further highlights the foresight of the Select Board/ Sewer Commissioners, correcting a potential problem before it occurs.

The users of the Town of Orwell Wastewater Treatment Facility and the Town in general are fortunate to have a Select Board that supports the efforts to provide a well-maintained Town and Facility. Their commitment to a proactive approach has provided a Facility the Town can be proud of.

As always the staff of the Wastewater Treatment Facility welcomes visitors and will be more than happy to conduct a tour of the Facility to any interested parties.

Respectfully submitted,
Edward Tracey

TOWN OF ORWELL - SEWER REPORT				
CATEGORY		2022	2022	2023
		<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
INCOME				
Balance Forward		17,965.49	17,965.49	22,558.77
Borrowings		0.00	0.00	0.00
Delinquent Collector Penalty		0.00	384.56	0.00
Delinquent Rents Collected		0.00	4,820.51	0.00
Interest - Warrant		0.00	524.70	0.00
User Rents		58,566.00	53,048.05	61,372.00
Dumping Fees		17,600.00	15,313.59	18,000.00
TOTAL INCOME		94,131.49	92,056.90	101,930.77
EXPENSES				
Bank Fees		24.00	24.00	24.00
Evaluation Project		0.00	800.00	0.00
Insurance				
	Property & Liability	571.00	571.00	588.00
	Workers Compensation	1,518.00	1,518.00	1,200.00
Laboratory		1,000.00	795.00	700.00
Lab: Sludge Testing		0.00	0.00	0.00
Lab: WET Test		0.00	0.00	0.00
Lagoon Reserve		0.00	0.00	0.00
Loan Payment	Principal	44,208.49	17,500.00	45,603.91
	Interest	7,400.00	9,162.40	9,500.00
Payroll		19,560.00	20,089.46	21,240.00
Payroll expenses		0.00	0.00	0.00
	FICA & MCARE	1,400.00	1,536.85	1,624.86
Postage		150.00	174.20	200.00
Project Costs		0.00	0.00	0.00
Repairs	Building	500.00	233.20	500.00
	Equipment	1,500.00	1,538.83	1,500.00
	Other	250.00	28.75	250.00
Mileage		500.00	832.48	800.00
Miscellaneous Expense		0.00	0.00	800.00
Sundries		250.00	240.56	250.00
Supplies	Chlorine	800.00	895.00	1,000.00
	Equipment	1,000.00	842.11	1,000.00
	Lab Chemicals	100.00	75.79	100.00
	Other	350.00	457.92	500.00
	Training & License	350.00	104.00	350.00
Utilities, Electricity		12,000.00	11,881.37	13,500.00
	Propane	700.00	197.21	700.00
TOTAL EXPENSES		94,131.49	69,498.13	101,930.77
Balance December 31, 2022			22,558.77	
TOTALS			92,056.90	

Town of Orwell

Delinquent Sewer Report 2022

Tax Year	Balance 12/31/21	Additions	Payments	Balance 12/31/22
2018	\$ 360.00	\$ -	\$ 360.00	\$ -
2019	360.00	-	360.00	-
2020	690.00	-	540.00	150.00
2021	1,759.71	-	1,193.51	566.20
2022	-	4,743.00	2,367.00	2,376.00
Totals	3,169.71	4,743.00	4,820.51	3,092.20

TOWN OF ORWELL- DELINQUENT SEWER COLLECTOR STATEMENT OF FUNDS 2022

Balance December 31, 2021	\$ 3.17	
Delinquent Rents Collected	4,820.51	
Warrant Interest Collected	524.70	
Penalties Collected	384.56	
Savings Interest Earned	1.21	
Payments to Town		5,729.77
Balance December 31, 2022		4.38
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	\$ 5,734.15	\$ 5,734.15

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Jackson
Delinquent Tax Collector

**TOWN OF ORWELL- SEWER FUND
2022 STATEMENT OF FUNDS**

Balance December 31, 2021	\$	17,965.49		
Borrowings		83,717.52		
Collector/Collected Rents		4,820.51		
Penalties		384.56		
Warrant Interest		524.70		
Dumping Fees		15,313.59		
User Rents		53,048.05		
Payment of Borrowings			101,217.52	
Payment of Select Board Orders			51,998.13	
Balance December 31, 2021			22,558.77	
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	\$	175,774.42	\$	175,774.42

Respectfully submitted,
Bryan S. Young
Town Treasurer

**Town of Orwell
Delinquent Sewer Rents- December 31, 2022**

2020	Sherman, Estate of Leona	150.00		
	Subtotal		\$	150.00
2021	Sherman, Estate of Leona	566.20		
	Subtotal		\$	566.20
2022	Bouffard, Jonathan	477.00		
	Madison, Danielle	318.00		
	Minyati, Solange	477.00		
	Mitchell, Orin & Brook	318.00		
	Nichols, Sheila	159.00		
	Sherman, Estate of Leona	627.00		
	Subtotal		\$	2,376.00
	Total		\$	3,092.20

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Jackson, Collector



ORWELL FREE LIBRARY

2022 Town Report

Cautious optimism characterized the previous year at Orwell Free Library. Visitors returned, bringing our total number of library users back to pre-pandemic levels. During the spring and summer, we eased into hosting programs and events and found eager attendees.

We applaud the families who made our weekly story time a habit. Their dedication to early literacy and the library encouraged staff to feel enthusiastic about bringing in-person programming back to OFL after a two-year hiatus. Offering a

variety of programming for all ages while maintaining daily library services is a challenge but an important part of what we do.

In early 2022, OFL Trustees and staff updated the Strategic Plan. The pillars of the plan that will guide our focus in the coming years include more broadly supporting and engaging with the community, continuing to update our space to meet the needs of users, and renewing library operations to reflect sustainable and resilient practices.

A number of grant funded programs made the year feel particularly successful. Two of note include the completed renovation of a quiet study room (funding arrived in late 2021 from Association for Small & Rural Libraries) and a middle grade summer day camp funded by Vermont Humanities Council. We and the Ethan M. & Eliza T. Wright Memorial Library Board (WMB) partnered with Preservation Trust of Vermont who funded the creation of a Maintenance Plan for the library structure and an Accessibility Audit for the public library space. These documents have proven helpful when considering the needs of our patrons and our financial sustainability and will continue to guide future decisions.

At the library, we offer:

- free 24/7 WIFI in our parking area and around the town green.
- public computers for use during open hours & to check out.
- computer, device, and internet help.
- a meeting place for local groups.
- a public gallery for local artists to display their work.
- access to online libraries of eBooks, audiobooks, movies, informational databases, and more.
- a place to donate used, in good condition, books and media.
- new and emerging technologies to experience, like VR and 3D printing.
- a “Library of Things” including an egg incubator, wood moisture reader, projector & screen, Kindle, board games, puzzles, RODE microphone, and more to borrow.
- passes to local attractions.
- quiet & comfortable work space.
- Over 9,000 books, DVD’s, audiobooks, and kits for kids to borrow.

2022 Circulation and Usage

Borrowed items: 1935 adult books, 2980 children and teen books, 1,916 eBooks & audiobooks, 92 kits & things, 305 interlibrary loans sent and received

4721 library visits, 117 programs offered, 1201 program attendees, 676 items added to the collection

OFL thanks local taxpayers for their continued support and the WMB for their attention & care to the library building.

Respectfully submitted,
Kate Hunter

ORWELL FREE LIBRARY
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
2022

Opening Balances January 1, 2022

Checking	\$ 5,907.44	
Savings	<u>15,203.21</u>	
Total Opening Balances		<u>\$ 21,110.65</u>

Receipts

Town Appropriation	2,000.00	
Trustee of Public Funds	2.90	
Interest on Savings	17.58	
Grants	5,701.38	
Donations - General & Memorial	5,280.00	
Fundraising:		
Book/Plant/Bake Sales	13,685.32	
Adopt An Author	739.23	
Bottle Returns	1,717.17	
Other	229.00	
Copier Fees	<u>48.37</u>	
Total Receipts		<u>\$ 29,420.95</u>
Total Opening Balances and Receipts		<u>\$ 50,531.60</u>

Disbursements

Books/eBooks/DVDs/CDs	\$ 6,762.87	
Magazines	462.88	
Media	1,241.06	
Postage & Box Rental	255.52	
General Operating Supplies	1,028.97	
Programming Supplies	1,513.01	
Book Supplies	379.83	
Kits	381.12	
Hardware & Software	3,310.75	
Furniture/Equipment	435.42	
Institutional Memberships	280.00	
Presenters	1,050.00	
Librarian/Asst. Librarian Bonus¹	1,900.00	
Subscriptions	1,782.93	
Advertising	55.71	
Fundraising Expenses	220.01	
Grant Expenses	<u>12,215.10</u>	
Total Disbursements		<u>\$ 33,275.18</u>

Closing Balances December 31, 2022

Checking	\$ 2,430.31	
Savings	<u>14,826.11</u>	
Total Closing Balances		<u>\$ 17,256.42</u>

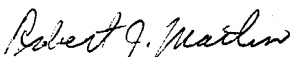
Total Disbursements and Closing Balances	<u>\$ 50,531.60</u>
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Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Buxton, Treasurer

**Ethan M. & Eliza T. Wright Memorial Library
Annual Report 2022**

Balance as of Dec. 31, 2021	\$15,346.08	
		\$15,346.08
Receipts:		
Town appropriations	\$15,000.00	
Trustee of public funds	\$66.55	
Donation	\$4,500.00	
Total receipts		\$19,566.55
Total opening balance plus receipts		\$34,912.63
Disbursements:		
Cleaning & supplies	\$1,040.00	
Telephone/Internet	\$1,150.96	
Sewer	\$627.00	
Insurance	\$2,317.00	
Mowing	\$275.00	
Green Mountain Power	\$1,817.90	
Repair & Maintenance	\$15,215.18	
Fuel Oil	\$2,093.22	
Misc.	\$260.98	
Total disbursements		\$24,797.24
Ending balance as of Dec. 31, 2022	\$10,115.39	\$10,115.39
Total Disbursements and Closing Balance		\$34,912.63

Respectfully submitted,



Robert J. Martin

Treasurer

Ethan M. & Eliza T. Wright Memorial Library

Annual Report 2022

The members of the Wright Memorial Library Board would like to thank all of those who have supported us this past year in our efforts to maintain and preserve your library.

The library is looking great. Currently, the lobby (at the writing of this report) will be painted by Joanne Hornbeck. Painting the lobby area is one of the many projects undertaken by the board to make our building structurally sound and attractive.

Next on our list is exterior painting of the building. The board will be seeking contractors to submit bids for this work. The funding request appears as a separate article in the March 2023 Town Meeting Warning.

Currently we have been monitoring the proper working of the library's heat pumps. Anne Nichols and Bob Martin have spent countless hours researching how best to regulate the pumps for comfort, efficiency and cost saving measures.

We wish to recognize: Alan Wilson from Wilson Electric, Mike Dundon and George Reynolds. These individuals have helped us with many projects and are not always on the clock when answering the call.

A special thank you to the Helmer family for their continued support of the Wright Memorial Library Board.

Again, we thank our community for its continued support as the new year brings more library maintenance projects.

Respectfully submitted,

Wright Memorial Board Members:

Laura Coro, Co-Chair

Sharon Fletcher, Co-Chair

Robert Martin, Treasurer

Ann Nichols

Thomas Pinsonneault

The **Orwell Volunteer Fire Department**

would like to thank the local community and surrounding towns for coming to our 75th Anniversary in 2022, and thank you for your support.



In 2022, the department responded to 28 calls:

- 16 - MVA
- 3 - Wildland/Brush
- 2 - Chimney Fires
- 2 - Smell of Smoke
- 1 - Flooded Basement
- 1 - Carbon Monoxide Alarm
- 1 - Landing Zone
- 1 - Canceled on route
- 1 - Storm Damage/Wind Damage

Paul Metcalf - Chief
Allen M. Alger, Jr. - 1st Asst. Chief
Jim Booska - 2nd Asst. Chief
Ben Alger - Captain
Peter Ochs - Firefighter
Jesse Booska - Firefighter
Susan Hauck - Treasurer /
Training Officer
Louis Hall - Trustee
Bob Arnebold - Trustee /
Asst. Treasurer
John Wist - Firefighter
Alex Kansky - Firefighter /
Training Officer

Seth Gero - Firefighter
Sandy Korda - Firefighter
Allen R. Alger, Sr. - Trustee
Cain Quinn - Firefighter
Scott Messer - Firefighter
Devon Duquette - Firefighter
Jeremiah Nolan - Firefighter
David Carpenter - Chairman /
Firefighter
Jess Krol - Secretary
Samual St. Peter - Cadet
Max Carpenter - Cadet
Jonathan St. Peter - Firefighter
Thomas Banard (TJ) - Firefighter

Hope everyone has a safe year in 2023. Thank you.

Orwell Volunteer Fire Department

Orwell Fire Department 2022 Annual Report

Balances, Dec. 31, 2021

Checking	\$9,044.31	
Savings	\$24,187.97	
CD	\$5,582.45	
Sub-Total		\$38,814.73

Income

To Checking

Fund Drive	\$505.00
Orwell First Response Reimbursement (P.O. Box)	\$50.00
Brush Truck Old Skid Sale	\$500.00
Donation for Traffic Control	\$1500.00
Truck Accidents	\$7,300.00
75 th Anniversary Event Donation	\$1,744.00
75 th Anniversary Cornhole Event	\$1,445.00
75 th Cash in for Cornhole Event	\$200.00
75 th Anniversary T-Shirts	\$520.00
75 th Anniversary 50/50	\$200.00
Sale of Old OFD Refrigerator	\$200.00
Adding back in Voided Checks	\$360.00

To Savings

Private Donations	\$300.00
Roger Young's Training Fund	\$100.00
In Memory of (Parent, B.)	\$240.00
In Memory of (Maynard, S.)	\$200.00
Interest	\$24.63

CD Interest \$16.77

Sub-Total **\$15,405.40**

Beginning Balance + Income **\$54,220.13**

Expenses

From Checking

ACFA Meetings	\$111.00
Background Checks	\$180.00
Donations	\$150.00
P.O. Box Rental	\$108.00
Supplies	\$275.37
Supplies-Vacuum Cleaner for Station	\$263.28
Cadet Academy	\$300.00
Parent, B. Funeral Flowers	\$130.00

75 th Anniversary Event T-Shirts	\$1953.00
75 th Anniversary Event	\$6030.80
Cash Out for 75 th Anniversary Cornhole Event	\$1300.00
Share of Truck Accident (Benson FD)	\$2,000.00
Computer for OFD	\$722.59

From Savings

\$.00

Sub-Total

\$13,524.04

Balances, Dec. 31, 2022

Checking	\$10,044.27
Savings	\$25,052.60
CD	\$5,599.22

Sub-Total

\$40,696.09

Ending Balances + Expenses

\$54,220.13

Respectfully Submitted
Susan M. Hauck
Treasurer
Orwell Fire Dept.

Champlain Large Animal Technical Rescue

c/o Orwell Volunteer Fire Department

January 1, 2022 Opening Balance	344.31
Interest	.35
December 31, 2022 Closing Balance	344.66

Respectfully Submitted
Susan M. Hauck

Orwell Fortnightly Club Annual Report 2023

The Orwell Fortnightly Club has returned to its founding roots of 1898. We have voted to withdraw from the General Federation of Women's Clubs on the state and federal levels. Orwell Fortnightly had joined the GFWC in 1904. We will remain as the Orwell Fortnightly Club and honor the tradition of community service through friendship, sharing ideas and common goals.

As we move on to a new vision for the Orwell Fortnightly we will dedicate our projects and volunteer service to the local community. The OFC has gained some new younger members with fresh ideas and enthusiasm. Fortnightly will continue with tending the garden by the Congregational Church, supporting the Whiting Food Self, presenting the Mabel Young Music Scholarship, Project Graduation and with support of local businesses hanging wreaths for the Christmas season.

Orwell Fortnightly thanks the community for your support of our fundraisers over the years. We will be looking for more ways to support and volunteer in our community as we reorganize. If you would like to find out more about OFC please contact a member of email OFC at toomeyec@gmail.com.

Respectfully submitted

Eileen Toomey, President



Courtesy of Orwell Fortnightly

The 60 Plus Club of Orwell

The 60 Plus Club was able to meet most every month in 2022. The highlight of the year was our outing in August when 32 went for a luncheon cruise on the Lac du Saint Sacrement steamship out of Lake George.

Each month two members co-host the meeting. It's their responsibility to set up the room, make the coffee, decorate as they choose and offer a door prize. They also plan a program or activity after the lunch. The First National Bank of Orwell continues to furnish the meat dish for the meal, Thank you so much.

Anyone 55 or older may attend. It's a great way to catch up with old friends or make new ones. Come join us.

Loretta Lee, Treasurer

1/11/2023



Courtesy of 60 Plus Club

Financial Report for 60 Plus Club for Calendar Year 2022

Checkbook balance 1/1/22		deposits	debit	\$	408.68
	18-Mar	\$ 57.00		\$	465.68
#429	28-Mar		\$ 125.00	\$	340.68
	20-Apr	\$ 27.00		\$	367.68
	18-May	\$ 19.00		\$	386.68
	17-Jun	\$ 73.29		\$	459.97
#430	18-Jul		\$ 116.00	\$	343.97
	20-Jul	\$ 51.05		\$	395.02
#432	27-Jul		\$ 1,528.00	\$	(1,132.98)
	29-Jul	\$ 1,500.00		\$	367.02
#431	1-Aug		\$ 100.00	\$	267.02
	4-Oct	\$ 48.00		\$	315.02
	19-Oct	\$ 65.00		\$	380.02
	18-Nov	\$ 84.00		\$	464.02
#433	5-Dec		\$ 16.00	\$	448.02
	21-Dec	\$ 67.00		\$	515.02
#434	23-Dec		\$ 27.50	\$	487.52

Savings Balance 1/1/2022		deposits	debit	\$	1,938.15
Interest	31-Mar	\$ 0.48		\$	1,938.63
Interest	30-Jun	\$ 0.48		\$	1,939.11
transfer to checking	25-Jul		\$ 1,500.00	\$	439.11
Interest	30-Sep	\$ 0.23		\$	439.34
Town allotment	28-Nov	\$ 750.00		\$	1,189.34
Interest	31-Dec	\$ 0.18		\$	1,189.52

Prepared by Loretta Lee, Treasurer

10-Jan-22



**Orwell First Response Squad
604 Main Street/ P.O Box 124
Orwell, Vermont 05760**

Opening Balance January 1, 2022

Checking	1897.69
Savings	36124.9
Total Opening Balances	38022.59

Reciepts

Donations	1340.00
Interest Income	36.15
Total Reciept	1376.15

Total Reciepts/Opening Balance **39398.74**

Squad Reimbursements	21.06
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Total Expenses **21.06**

Closing Balance December 31, 2020

Checking	3166.63
Savings	36211.05
Total	39377.68

Total Expenses and Closing Balances **39398.74**

Respectfully Submitted

Peter Ochs, Co-Treasurer

Mary Miller, Co-Treasurer



**Orwell First Response
604 Main Street/P.O. Box 124
Orwell, Vermont 05760**

2022

Orwell First Response was dispatched to the following calls:

82 Medical
5 Fire/Standby
12 Motor Vehicle Incidents
2 Mutual Aid

Members 2023

Peter Ochs, President/ Co-Training
Joe Miller, Vice President
Mary Miller, Captain/Treasurer/Co-Training
Devon Duquette, Secretary
Sandy Korda
Cian Quinn
Louis Hall
Paul Metcalf

If you are interested in becoming a part of our team, please contact a member above.

Thank You all for your continued support.

Be Safe & Healthy

Mary Miller, Captain

Mountain View Cemetery Association
Annual Report 2022

Beginning Balance-December 31, 2021

Checking	\$840.62
Savings	\$22,818.62

Total Opening Balances	<u>\$23,659.24</u>
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Receipts:

Town of Orwell	\$18,000.00
Trustee of Public Funds	\$719.93
Lot Sales	\$2,500.00
Perpetual Care	\$500.00
Markers	\$0.00
Misc	\$50.00
Interest Savings	\$23.03

Total Receipts	<u>\$21,792.96</u>
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Total Opening Balance & Receipts	<u>\$45,452.20</u>
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Disbursements:

Mowing- Mountain View	\$10,275.00
Mowing- Other Cemeteries	\$3,255.00
Tree and Stump Removal - Mt. View	\$1,900.00
Trustee of Public Funds	\$500.00
Gravestone Repairs - Mt. View	\$2,250.00
Flags	\$641.80
Brush Removal, etc @ Small Cemeteries	\$0.00
Misc	\$204.86
Deed Recording	\$0.00
Maps Copied - Mt. View	\$106.82

Total Disbursements	<u>\$19,133.48</u>
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Closing Balances-December 31, 2022

Savings	\$25,391.65
Checking	\$927.07

Total Closing Balances	<u>\$26,318.72</u>
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Total Closing Balances & Disbursements	<u>\$45,452.20</u>
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Respectfully submitted,
Diane Jackson, Treasurer

Mountain View Cemetery Association

Project Report

Well, 2022 is in the record books. We are beginning another year of hopefully doing a few more projects in all of our cemeteries in town.

Mountain View Cemetery Association takes care of our cemetery, but as directed by the selectboard, we oversee the smaller cemeteries in town, also. They include Lake View, North Orwell, Hack, and Coates.

Mowing and maintenance in all town cemeteries was done by Sam James and Brian Fowler and crew for the first couple of times in the early spring. They were not able to continue doing the job for the rest of the season. The board hired Vermont's Finest Lawncare out of Chittenden to mow. Jeremy mowed all the cemeteries. They all did an amazing job!

Fran and Joan Bradish worked some more on the trimming of the cedar trees in the back of Mountain View Cemetery. They have donated their time to keep them shaped up. We appreciate the work that they have done. Randy Jones took down another tree that was not in good shape. Wayne Hall did a lot of brush work down to Coates cemetery that is located on Young Road.


Mountain View Cemetery Association had Artistic Memorials come in and repair ten grave stones that were in desperate need of help. We plan on doing some more grave stone repairs in all the town cemeteries, in the upcoming year. We also took all of our maps to Blueprints, Etc. in Burlington to have another couple of sets made up.

Mountain View Cemetery board is sad to say that our leader and President, Steve James, has decided not to seek reelection. Steve has been on the board close to 20 years. Steve has done a lot of work with knowing the location of where most people are buried in the cemetery. That takes a lot of time, and many hours of studying the maps to accomplish that. He has done most of the grave preparation for the people that are cremated. Steve has made sure that all projects have been completed. We hope Steve is still willing to show us all the things that he has done, so we can hopefully take over where he has left off.

Mountain View Cemetery Association hopes that everyone takes the time, and visits all of our town cemeteries to see what has been done, and continues to be done to improve them. We, the board, would like to THANK YOU for all the support that we get.

Respectfully submitted,

Mountain View Cemetery Association



ORWELL MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

12-31-22

The much anticipated return of the Orwell Memorial Day Parade was a success!

The parade honored the sacrifices made by Orwell's Veterans as well as Veterans everywhere. Thanks to Cathy Tester for helping to organize. Master of Ceremonies Joe Andriano recognized Grand Marshal Wayne Weseman for his service to Orwell.

The committee looks forward to Memorial Day weekend 2023, and as always we will work to bring Orwell a classic parade for the entire family that will honor Veterans and the sacrifices they have made.

We anticipate having a flag fund raiser to replace flags that are no longer fit to be on display in the village. Details will be announced. Due to the difficulty in finding an organization willing to install the flags on the power poles and having them removed in a safe and timely manner for Green Mountain Power, we will continue to display them at ground level as we have for the past several years.

Please help us make the 2023 parade the best ever. We will need volunteers to assist along the parade route and at the ceremony on the town green after the parade. If you are interested, contact a committee member, message us through our facebook page or stop into the Orwell town office.

Thanks to the Orwell Fire Dept. and Orwell First Response Squad for traffic control in the village. A special Thank You to everyone who came out to support the parade in 2022.

George Macedo
Sue James
Ray Leonard
Andrea Treadway
Lisa Limoge
Joe Andriano
Michelle Wiggington



ORWELL MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Financial Report 2022

Opening Balance - January 1, 2022

Checking #4906	729.58
Savings #7451	11.08
Total:	740.66

Receipts

Town of Orwell (funds 2022)	2,200.00
Total:	2,200.00

Total Beginning Balance & Receipts **\$2,940.66**

Expenses

Stamps, Printer Ink and Paper pd. to Sue James	110.00
Vermont Field Music Fife and Drum Corp	300.00
Catamount Pipe Band	1,200.00
Cairo Clowns	100.00
Cairo Mini Cars	100.00
Cairo Choppers	100.00
Sound System & Speakers pd. to Joe Andriano	476.95

Total: **2,386.95**

Closing Balances - December 31, 2022

Checking #4906	542.63
Savings #7451	11.08

Total: **\$553.71**

Ending Balance **\$553.71**



The **Town Green Committee** members are Joe Andriano, Andy Buxton, Rex Corey, Kate Hunter, and Dan Werner.

The Town was successfully awarded a Communities Caring for Canopies Grant. This grant is managed by the Vermont Urban & Community Forestry Program. Our grant

application was for \$14,702 and we requested \$5,000 in grant funds; the maximum amount available. The balance of the project's cost (Town share) came from Town funds and volunteer labor. The project included mulching beneath the tree canopies, planting of four (4) new trees, canopy trimming of dead wood, and removal of four dying and weakened trees. Many volunteers worked the week of May 9, 2022 delivering mulch to the Green and spreading it around the trees. We appreciate their enthusiastic help. In August, the Select Board contracted with Black Bear Tree Service to perform the canopy trimming of 10 trees.

We continue to make progress on the bandstand replacement. The Select Board contracted Engineering Ventures, Inc., to prepare structural engineering documents based on architectural drawing prepared by Harris & Harris Consulting. Once the structural plans are completed, we anticipate a professional cost estimate for the project.

Our committee is also exploring options for new benches and picnic tables.



2022 Town Report

"Dedicated to the preservation and presentation of over 260 years of treasures from Orwell's past for present & future generations."

Throughout 2022, the Orwell Historical Society remained relatively quiet, despite the lessening of COVID restrictions. Although not as publicly active as in years past - we gave a few intimate group tours, provided research on a genealogical inquiry or two, and continued to share information about events of local and regional historical interest on our Facebook page.

We wish to thank those who made donations to the bottle and can redemption shed - as funds raised are shared jointly between the Orwell Free Library and the Orwell Historical Society. Money from this effort go toward the preservation of current items in our collections and to the specific acquisition of new items related exclusively to the Town of Orwell.

Volunteers are vital to the life of historical societies and we're always looking for anyone interested in collection processing, digital archiving, photography, genealogical research, print and social media promotion, and fundraising!

Remember: Many hands make for light work!

Contact us at: OrwellMuseum@gmail.com

Submitted by Sandy Korda, Curator

***Be a part of
a busy hive
of activity!***

**WORKERBEES
WANTED**



Orwell Beekeepers Club ~ in the 1890s

**Are you interested in helping
to preserve local history?**

**IF YOU HAVE THE TIME,
WE NEED YOUR HELP!**



ORWELL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT *TOWN REPORT: 2022*



As Vermont faces an ever-evolving global landscape of natural and man-made threats - coordinating the Town of Orwell's preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation efforts is our sole purpose.

2022 was another busy year, as we continued to provide timely warnings of weather-related emergencies, power outages, and school closings. We shared news about the latest COVID vaccination clinics, RSV outbreaks, seasonal tick & poison parsnip exposure, updates on fire season bans, how to avoid phone and online scams - and posted reminders about heat and cold weather emergencies. We also shared recall notices about vehicles, smoke detectors and baby formula.

By Fall, we had welcomed two new member - Devon Duquette and Cian Quinn - both with Orwell Fire Department & Orwell Rescue.

With donations from a number of local law enforcement agencies, Orwell Emergency Management provided over 100 FREE Gun Locks at Buxtons Store, and also conducted a successful Bike Helmet Giveaway at the Orwell Free Library - just in time for the Holidays.

A severe winter storm left many in Vermont without power just days before Christmas, including many of us in Orwell. We opened a warming center & shelter at the Orwell Fire Station where a few folks came to charge their phones, tablets & laptops, use the internet, get a hot drink, something warm to eat, and just relax. It was especially appreciated by those who had no other means to heat their home.

For Emergency and
Weather Notices



Humbly Submitted,
Sandy Korda,
Director



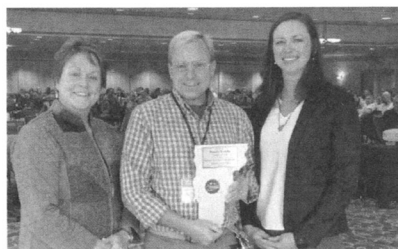
Follow us on
Facebook

For Non-Emergent
Community Posting



Town of Orwell's Emergency Official Recognized as *Vermont's* 2022 Emergency Management Director of the Year

Sandy Korda - receiving the award Sept. 20, 2022 - from
Vermont Public Safety Commissioner Jennifer Morrison, and
Vermont Emergency Management Director Erica Bornemann



As the Emergency Management Director for the Town of Orwell, Sandy Korda has been a true community leader during the COVID-19 crisis and beyond. At the beginning of the pandemic, Sandy helped-organize a four-person emergency management team to keep the Orwell community knitted together by employing modern technology as well as plain old-fashioned Vermont neighborliness. The team adapted various tech tools, including online resources, such as Facebook and smartphone applications, to quickly and easily communicate safety guidance.

Sandy set-up signs in front of the Orwell Town Clerk's office with 'QR' codes, (seen at lower left) readable by a smartphone's camera app, that takes you to the official Orwell Emergency Management's Facebook and the Orwell Community Network's group page. The first page addressed emergent issues and guidelines, while the second provided community updates on all-things-COVID: from what to do with kids on 'coronavirus break', to meal prepping/cooking/and drop-off, to online streaming of yoga, exercise, and dance classes; to working at home; to grocery shopping and medication pick-up and delivery; to local barter exchange; babysitting, childcare, eldercare and welfare check-ins of the homebound.

As the lock-down limited many town residents, Sandy established a community call tree, with volunteer road wardens assigned portions of their neighborhood to do regular check-ins, and organized volunteers to pick up and deliver medications, groceries, and hot meals.

In addition to the COVID-response, Korda has acted proactively for several hazardous weather and traffic incident warnings and has been a prompt and reliable contact for damage reporting. He was an active participant in the previous Local Emergency Planning Committee and the current Regional Emergency Management Committee. Sandy continues to serve as an EMT with Orwell Rescue, Vergennes Rescue, Woodstock Fire/EMS, and as a Firefighter with Orwell Fire Department - and has been involved in emergency response for over 50 years (he still has the certification card from his first CPR training in 1971!).

Sandy's efforts have undoubtedly kept Orwell and all of Addison County informed and reassured during the COVID-19 pandemic and will continue to be an important resource for hazard planning and responses that arise in the community in the future.



Addison County
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

*- Andrew L'Roe, Emergency Management Planner,
Addison County Regional Planning Commission*

BIRTHS

Child	Mother	Date of Birth	Place	Father
Ennis, Levi James	Leite, Amanda Elizabeth	1/10/2022	Rutland	Ennis, John James
Brown, Lawson Timothy	Brown, Shannon Elizabeth	1/15/2022	Middlebury	Brown, Kevin Nicholas
Smith, Violet Annlouise	Smith, Jennifer Lynn	2/12/2022	Middlebury	Smith, Timothy Michael
Mealey, Milo Davidson	Mealey, Georgia Ruth	4/26/2022	Middlebury	Mealey, Carter Davidson
Duquette, Iris Hope	Duquette, Morgan Marie	5/19/2022	Middlebury	Duquette, Devon Adam
Booska, Bohannon Klaus	Bullis, Samantha Joan	7/28/2022	Middlebury	Booska, Levi Austin
Quinn, Ryiah Marie	Quinn, Rebecca Harley	8/10/2022	Middlebury	Quinn, Cian Palash
Betourney, Evan Reginald	Betourney, Cassandra Leigh	11/9/2022	Middlebury	Betourney, Travis Keith
Pierre, Josie Joan	Pierre, Courtney May	11/25/2022	Middlebury	Pierre, Kesly

CIVIL MARRIAGE

		Date	Place	Residence
Treadway, Jeffrey Lee	Ochs, Andrea	6/18/2022	Orwell	Orwell
Kansky, Alexander Craig	Krol, Jessica Lee	6/25/2022	Orwell	Orwell
Simkowitz, Maurice Henry	Moore, Mindy Lee	8/19/2022	Castleton	Maine
Constable, Hunter Ross	Pouliot, Colleen Jessica	8/27/2022	Benson	Orwell
Stearns Lydia Aline	Euber, Jordan Patrick	9/25/2022	Orwell	Orwell

DEATH

	Residence	Age	Date	Place
Hall, Robert Carruth	Orwell	93	1/13/2022	Rutland
Moller, Sven George	Orwell	77	3/22/2022	Rutland
Robbins, Sherry Ann	Orwell	63	5/27/2022	Rutland
Werner, Janet I	Orwell	93	5/31/2022	Rutland
Cassanelli, Kathleen Rose	Orwell	70	6/24/2022	Burlington
Hendricks, Mark "Bud" Jr	Orwell	87	7/11/2022	Burlington
Maynard, Alton "Skip"	Orwell	78	10/28/2022	New Hampshire
Grant, Joan C	Orwell	86	11/10/2022	Middlebury
Griggs, Mary Jane	Orwell	65	11/19/2022	Orwell

MEETING SCHEDULES

Town Boards and Organizations

Select Board: Second and Fourth Monday of each month,
7:00 p.m. at the Orwell Town Office
802-948-2032 selectboard@townoforwellvt.org

Planning Commission/DRB: Third Thursday of each month (January-May), 7:00pm
Third Wednesday of each month (June-December), 7:00pm
at the Orwell Town Office – 802-948-2032

Slate Valley Unified Union School District/SVUUSD: For meeting dates and times please visit
the website at slatevalleyunified.org or call 802-265-4905

Fortnightly Club: Every other Tuesday from October to May [except January-February]
Meeting dates/locations to be determined – 802-948-2338

Independence Lodge #10: Second Tuesday of each month [except June, July and August],
7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Hall

Orwell Free Library: 802-948-2041 Orwellfreelibrary.org
Hours: Tuesday-11:00am to 7:00p.m.
Wednesday-3:00p.m. to 6:00p.m. Thursday-3:00p.m. to 6:00p.m.
Friday-11:00a.m. to 4:00p.m. Saturday-9:00a.m. to 1:00p.m.

Orwell Historical Society: Third Tuesday of each month
6 PM at the Orwell Free Library
President Danielle Rougeau, redwater.vt@gmail.com

Sixty Plus Club: Third Wednesday of each month 12:00 Noon
at the First Congregational Church of Orwell

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday - 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 Noon and 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
802-948-2032

TOWN GARAGE
802-948-2433

FIRE HOUSE
802-948-2392

CHURCHES

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF ORWELL - every Sunday at 10:00a.m.

Dr. David Anderson, Pastor 802-948-2900

ABUNDANT LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH-Sunday Service at 10:30a.m.

Bill Welch, Pastor 802-770-4516

ST. PAUL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH - St. Paul's in Orwell - Sunday at 11:00a.m.

Father Kevin Chalifoux 802-265-3135

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