



Town of Sunderland, Vermont
Annual Report
For the Fiscal Year Ended
June 30, 2022

Notice

→ **Town Business Meeting:** Monday, March 6th, 2023 at 7:00 PM
Sunderland Elementary School
98 Bear Ridge Road, Sunderland VT

→ **Ballot Boxes open for Australian Voting:**
Tuesday, March 7th, 2023 from 10:00 AM until 7:00 PM
Sunderland Town Municipal Building
104 Mountain View Road, Sunderland VT

TOWN OF SUNDERLAND CONTACT INFORMATION

SUNDERLAND TOWN WEBSITE		SUNDERLANDVT.ORG
TOWN CLERK/TREASURER'S OFFICE		802-375-6106
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LISTERS		<u>LISTERS@SUNDERLANDVT.ORG</u>
SELECT BOARD		<u>SELECTBOARD@SUNDERLANDVT.ORG</u>
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OTHER CONTACT INFORMATION

EMERGENCY CALLS - RESCUE SQUAD - FIRE - POLICE		911
STATE POLICE (non-emergency)		802-442-5421
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TRANSFER STATION-CASELLA'S		802-362-4082
<i>Hours: Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. 7:30 am - 2:00pm & Sat. 7:30 am - 11:30am</i>		
BCRC (Bennington County Regional Commission)		802-442-0713
ARLINGTON POST OFFICE		802-375-6904
MANCHESTER POST OFFICE		802-362-1170
MANCHESTER CENTER POST OFFICE		802-362-3070
MARTHA CANFIELD LIBRARY		802-375-6153
ARLINGTON TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE		802-375-2332
SANDGATE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE		802-375-9075
STRATTON TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE		802-896-6184
STATE FIRE SUPERVISOR	LARS LUND	802-777-4188
ENFORCEMENT OFFICER	PATRICK LOWKES	802-747-8127

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**WARNING
TOWN OF SUNDERLAND
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

The legal voters of the Town of Sunderland, Vermont in the County of Bennington are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Sunderland Elementary School at 98 Bear Ridge Road in said Town on Monday, March 6, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. to transact the following business: Articles 1 through 16 from the floor.

The legal voters of the Town of Sunderland, Vermont are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Sunderland Town Municipal Building at 104 Mountain View Road in said Town on Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at 10:00 A.M. until 7:00 P.M. for voting by Australian Ballot: Articles 17 through 20.

To be acted upon on Monday, March 6, 2023:

Article 1. To elect a Town Moderator.

Article 2. Shall the voters of Sunderland authorize the payment of the personal and property taxes to the Town Treasurer in equal installments with the payments to be in the hands of the Treasurer by Monday, October 16th 2023 and Monday, April 15th 2024?

Article 3. Shall the voters of Sunderland approve the sum of **\$70,000.00** to be added to the Highway Equipment Reserve Fund?

Article 4. Shall the voters of Sunderland approve the sum of **\$70,000.00** to be added to the Paving Reserve Fund?

Article 5. Shall the voters of Sunderland approve the sum of **\$15,000.00** to be added to the Road Projects Reserve Fund?

Article 6. Shall the voters of Sunderland approve the sum of **\$5,000.00** to be added to the State/Town Bridge Co-Op Reserve Fund?

Article 7. Shall the voters of Sunderland approve the sum of **\$1,500.00** to be added to the Guardrail Reserve Fund?

Article 8. Shall the voters of Sunderland approve the sum of **\$1,500.00** to be added to the Building Maintenance Reserve Fund?

Article 9. Shall the voters of Sunderland vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of **\$700.00** for the support of **Arlington Area Childcare, Inc.** (Happy Days Playschool) to provide services to the residents of the town?

Article 10. Shall the voters of Sunderland vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of **\$11,000.00** for the support of **Northshire Day School** to provide services to the residents of the town?

Article 11. Shall the voters of Sunderland vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of **\$1,500.00** for the support of **Arlington Community Public Health Nursing Service, Inc.** to provide services to the residents of the town?

Article 12. Shall the voters of Sunderland vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of **\$5,000.00** for the support of the **Recreation Park in Arlington** to provide services to the residents of the town?

Article 13. Shall the voters of Sunderland vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of **\$9,100.00** for the support of the **Martha Canfield Memorial Free Library, Inc.** to provide services to the residents of the town?

Article 14. Shall the voters of Sunderland vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of **\$700.00** for the support of **Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging** to provide elder services to the residents of the town?

Article 15. Shall the voters of Sunderland vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of **\$150.00** for the support of the **Project Against Violent Encounters (P.A.V.E)** to provide victim services to the residents of the town?

Article 16. Discussion of other non-binding business that may come before this meeting.

The following articles will be voted by Australian ballot on Tuesday, March 7, 2023:

Article 17. Shall the voters of Sunderland approve the sum of **\$ 16,000.00** for the Cemetery Maintenance Budget?

Article 18. Shall the voters of Sunderland approve the sum of **\$ 383,633.00** for the General Fund Budget?

Article 19. Shall the voters of Sunderland approve the sum of **\$ 537,600.00** for the Highway Fund Budget?

Article 20. To elect by Australian Ballot the following officers, as required by law:

Cemetery Commissioner – Remaining 1 year of 3 year term

Cemetery Commissioner – 3 year term

First Constable – 1 year term

Lister – Remaining 2 years of 3 year term

Auditor – 3 year term

Selectboard Member - 1 year term

Selectboard Member – 3 year term

Delinquent Tax Collector – 1 year term

Second Constable – 1 year term

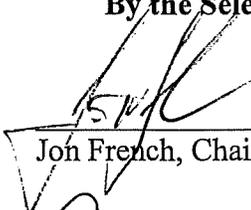
Lister – 3 year term

Auditor- Remaining 1 year of 3 year term

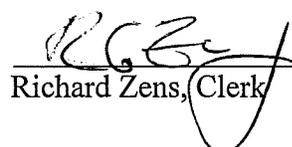
Selectboard Member – 1 year term

Town Moderator- 1 year term

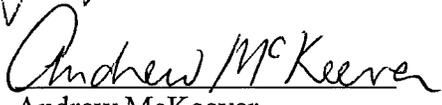
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By the Select board members of the Town of Sunderland, VT



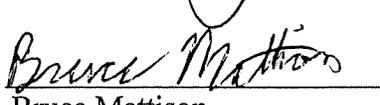
Jon French, Chair



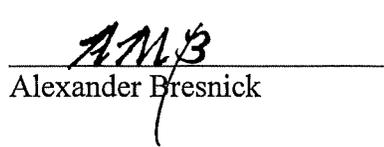
Richard Zens, Clerk



Andrew McKeever



Bruce Mattison



Alexander Bresnick

NOTICE TO VOTERS For Local Elections

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

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

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

WAYS TO VOTE YOUR EARLY BALLOT:

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

REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE OF TOWN OFFICIALS (Unless otherwise warned)

Select Board

2nd and 4th Monday of each month at the Sunderland Municipal Building at 7:00PM.

Cemetery Commission

2nd Wednesday of each month (Spring Through Fall) at the Sunderland Municipal Building at 10:00AM.

Planning Board

4th Wednesday of each month at the Sunderland Municipal Building at 6:00PM.

**ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS
2022-2023**

TOWN MODERATOR	Vacant
TOWN CLERK (3 year term) Expires 2025	Susan Whitney
TOWN TREASURER (3 year term) Expires 2025	Susan Whitney
SELECT BOARD:	
3 year term -Expires 2024	Jon French, Chair
3 year term -Expires 2025	Andrew McKeever
3 year term -Expires 2023	Bruce Mattison, Road Liason
1 year term -Expires 2023	Richard Zens, Clerk
1 year term -Expires 2023 -Appointed	Alexander Bresnick
FIRST CONSTABLE (1 year term)	Wayne Godfrey
SECOND CONSTABLE (1 year term)	Kevin Hewes
DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR (1 year term)	Richard Davis II
LISTERS:	
3 year term -Expires 2024	Peter Van Vleck Jr.
3 year term -Expires 2025	Vacant
3 year term -Expires 2023	Robert Goodfellow
CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS:	
3 year term -Expires 2024 -Appointed	Avis Hayden
3 year term -Expires 2025	Neil Humphrey
3 year term -Expires 2023	Kathleen Johnston
AUDITORS:	
3 year term -Expires 2024	Vacant
3 year term -Expires 2025	Sally Ayrey
3 year term -Expires 2023	Adam Annunziata
JUSTICES OF THE PEACE-Elected November 2022	
2 year term beginning February 2023	James Ayrey
2 year term beginning February 2023	Sally Ayrey
2 year term beginning February 2023	Julia Hutchinson Smith
2 year term beginning February 2023	Theodore Rappahahn
2 year term beginning February 2023	Lorene Zeif

**APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS
2022-2023**

(One year term unless otherwise noted)

ANIMAL CONTROL		Kevin Hewes
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR		Matt Vanderberg
ASSISTANT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR		Morgan Kelley
	<u>emergencymgmt@sunderlandvt.org</u>	
GREEN-UP CHAIRMAN		Jeff Dexter
HEALTH OFFICER		Kevin Hewes
DEPUTY HEALTH OFFICER		Vacant
POUND KEEPER		Vacant
SERVICE OFFICER	802-375-9510	Samuel Liss
TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN	802-375-2865	Marc Johnston
TREE WARDEN	802-375-2865	Marc Johnston
WEBMASTER	<u>webmaster@sunderlandvt.org</u>	Susan Whitney
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR	<u>zoningadmin@sunderlandvt.org</u>	David Kiernan
PLANNING BOARD:	<u>planningboard@sunderlandvt.org</u>	
Term Expires 2024		Robert Zeif, Chair
Term Expires 2023		Benjamin Travis
Term Expires 2023		David Kiernan
Term Expires 2023		Gordon Dossett
Term Expires 2023		Debra Clark-Fuentes
ZONING BOARD:	<u>zoningboard@sunderlandvt.org</u>	
Term Expires		Peter Van Vleck Jr.
Term Expires		Martin Nadler
Term Expires 2023		Matt Vanderberg
Term Expires 2023		Peter Van Haverbeke
Term Expires 2023		Robert Faley
TOWN GRAND JUROR		James Ayrey
BCRC REPRESENTATIVES:		Richard Zens
Bennington County Regional Commission Representatives		Steven Bendix

GENERAL FUND FY24 BUDGET

Account	Budget FY21/22	Actual FY21/22	Budget FY22/23	Anticipated FY22/23	PROPOSED BUDGET FY23/24
Payroll	97,500	83,837	90,000	84,000	88,000
Retirement	2,700	3,124	3,200	2,500	2,500
Fica/Medi/Emp Expense	-	8,678	9,000	8,500	9,000
Health Insurance	4,100	3,276	9,800	-	-
Office Equipment/lease	6,000	8,060	7,000	8,100	2,000
Software Maintenance/contracts	-	-	-	-	7,000
Office Supplies	6,000	5,988	5,000	5,000	5,000
Postage	-	-	-	-	1,000
Planning Expenses	1,000	86	1,000	1,000	500
Zoning Expenses	-	-	-	-	500
Town Meeting	-	232	-	300	500
Tabulator Programming	2,200	1,892	2,000	2,000	3,000
Town Meeting Officials	750	-	1,000	700	1,000
Town Reports	1,000	855	8,000	8,000	3,000
Electricity	1,500	1,146	1,500	1,500	1,500
Telephone/Internet	3,000	2,887	3,000	3,000	3,000
Heat	2,000	2,511	2,000	2,000	2,500
Office Maintenance	1,200	1,211	1,200	1,200	1,200
Technology Expense	2,000	904	2,000	2,000	2,000
Office Building Alarm Sys	1,200	1,317	1,200	1,980	2,000
Janitorial	4,000	3,355	4,000	4,000	3,500
Office Bldg Debt Service	26,500	26,421	25,900	25,835	25,300
Dues	2,400	-	2,725	2,500	2,600
Benn County Court	14,000	12,860	14,000	14,000	14,000
BCRC	4,000	4,000	4,000	5,000	5,000
Insurance	10,000	9,460	10,000	10,500	11,000
Ambulance/Rescue	26,750	26,750	26,750	26,750	26,750
Animal Control	3,500	364	2,000	500	1,000
Green Up Appropriation	50	50	50	50	50
Fire Protection	57,380	57,380	66,208	66,208	66,208
Fire Warden	100	-	50	50	50
Landfill/Recycling	8,000	7,659	8,800	8,800	8,800
Solid Waste Fees	5,500	7,768	7,000	13,000	13,000
Hazardous Waste	-	-	1,825	1,825	1,825
Law Enforcement	40,500	31,129	49,000	49,000	49,000
Legal	7,000	5,555	7,000	7,000	7,000
Legal Warnings	1,000	380	1,000	1,000	1,000
Public Communications-GNAT	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Training/Workshops	1,000	236	500	500	500
Audit	9,750	-	9,750	9,750	9,750
Miscellaneous	100	28	100	100	100
General Fund Budget Subtotals	355,680	321,399	389,558	380,148	383,633
VOTED ARTICLES					
Appropriations	17,450	17,450	28,150	28,150	28,150
Tech Reserve-Transfer	2,000	2,000	-	-	-
Town Office Bldg-Transfer	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
Voted Articles Subtotals	20,950	20,950	29,650	29,650	29,650
Total General Fund Budget with Separately Voted Articles	376,630	342,349	419,208	409,798	413,283

**GENERAL FUND (NON-PROPERTY TAX) REVENUE/INCOME BUDGET
FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1ST, 2023 THROUGH JUNE 30TH, 2024**

Account	Budget FY21/22	Actual FY21/22	Budget FY22/23	Anticipated FY22/23	Budget FY23/24
Revenue-Beverage Licenses	115	115	115	115	115
Revenue-Dog Licenses	1,000	1,056	1,000	1,000	1,000
Revenue-Copier/Supply Reimbursement	5	9	5	5	5
Revenue -Zoning Fees	3,500	3,153	3,500	3,000	3,000
Revenue -Hauler Permit Fees	-	50	-	50	50
Revenue-Dog Fines	-	270	-	-	-
Revenue-Traffic Fines	3,500	2,346	2,500	2,400	2,400
Revenue-Checking Interest	250	374	500	600	500
Revenue-Delinquent Taxes Interest	-	3,794	-	1,310	-
Revenue -Late Taxes Interest	-	1,124	-	1,005	-
Revenue-Current Use Tax Adjustment	19,000	20,813	20,000	22,049	20,000
Revenue-State Property Tax Adjustment	-	13,772	-	10,547	-
Revenue-Fish & Wildlife Tax Adjustment	950	950	950	963	950
Revenue-Railway Tax Adjustment	275	276	275	275	275
Revenue-State Cannabis Control Bd. Fees	-	-	-	100	100
Revenue-Delinquent Taxes Collected	-	79,915	-	8,987	-
Revenue-Redeemed Property		2,102			
Revenue-Grant Reimbursement		5,944			
Total Revenues (EXCLUDING TAXES)	28,595	136,063	28,845	52,406	28,395

Proposed FY23/24 General Fund Expense Budget

383,633

Services included in the General Fund Budget:

<i>Arlington Fire Protection</i>	66,208
<i>Arlington Resue Squad</i>	26,750
<i>GNAT</i>	2,000
<i>Green Up Vermont</i>	50

FY23/24 Articles to be Voted Upon:

Town Office Building Reserve Fund	1,500
Arlington Area Childcare Inc.	700
Arlington Community Public Health Nursing Services	1,500
Arlington Recreation Park	5,000
Martha Canfield Memorial Library	9,100
Project Against Violent Encounters (PAVE)	150
Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging	700
Northshire Day School	11,000

Proposed FY23/24 General Fund Expense Budget with Articles

413,283

HIGHWAY FUND FY24 BUDGET

Account	Budget FY21/22	Actual FY21/22	Budget FY22/23	Anticipated FY22/23	PROPOSED BUDGET FY23/24
Payroll	133,000	119,621	140,000	138,500	194,200
Retirement	6,650	5,627	7,550	6,600	9,700
Fica/Medi	-	9,581	11,000	11,100	15,600
Health Insurance	14,000	14,162	14,000	13,900	28,400
Dental Insurance	1,300	1,196	1,300	1,196	1,800
Electric	1,500	1,374	1,500	1,500	1,500
Telephone/Computer	1,200	1,465	1,500	1,515	1,550
Heat- Propane	3,500	4,926	4,000	7,500	7,500
Garage Maint/Supplies	4,500	3,184	4,500	4,500	4,500
Insurance	20,000	12,382	20,000	16,000	21,000
Runoff Fee Permit	500	-	-	0	-
Storm Wtr Runoff St Permi	2,400	1,590	2,400	2,000	2,250
Sublet Services	7,000	3,800	7,000	7,000	8,000
Trash	1,000	431	1,500	1,000	1,000
Training/CDL/Testing	500	59	500	500	500
Uniforms	1,400	1,020	1,700	1,700	2,500
Tools/Safety	1,000	809	1,000	1,000	1,000
Road Signs	1,300	1,030	800	800	800
Culverts	4,000	4,125	4,000	4,011	5,500
General Truck Maintenance	45,000	41,493	45,000	45,000	50,000
Diesel & Gas	25,000	27,195	25,000	30,000	30,000
Radio Maint/Service	1,000	776	1,000	1,800	1,800
Erosion Control	1,500	1,252	1,500	1,500	2,000
Weed Control	-	-	-	380	-
Sand	19,000	18,383	23,000	23,000	25,500
Salt	50,000	48,501	55,000	53,000	60,000
Gravel	25,000	30,835	-	0	-
Road Material-gravel/stone	-	-	30,000	30,000	35,000
Stone/Tailings	4,000	1,220	-	0	-
Cold Patch	650	-	675	913	1,000
Chloride	12,000	11,107	12,000	12,000	16,000
Pavement Marking	7,000	192	8,000	8,000	8,750
Miscellaneous	400	38	250	250	250
Highway Fund Budget Subtotals	395,300	367,377	425,675	426,165	537,600
Bridge Co-op Fund-Transfer	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Equip Reserve Fund-Transfer	65,000	65,000	65,000	65,000	70,000
Paving Reserve-Transfer	65,000	65,000	65,000	65,000	70,000
Guardrail Reserve-Transfer	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
Road Proj Reserve-Transfer	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
Sun. Hill Rd Safety-Transfer	-	-	52,000	52,000	-
Voted Transfers Subtotals	151,500	151,500	203,500	203,500	161,500
Total Highway Fund Budget with Separately Voted Transfers	546,800	518,877	629,175	629,665	699,100

**HIGHWAY FUND (NON-PROPERTY TAX) REVENUE/INCOME BUDGET
FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1ST, 2023 THROUGH JUNE 30TH, 2024**

Account	Budget FY21/22	Actual FY21/22	Budget FY22/23	Anticipated FY22/23	Budget FY23/24
Revenue-Overweight Permits	150	210	200	200	200
Revenue-Interest earned	400	232	400	280	300
Revenue-State Aid to Hwys	87,692	96,601	95,000	89,333	88,000
Revenue-Road Cut Permits	50	50	40	40	40
Revenue-National Forest	62,000	62,566	62,000	64,093	62,000
Revenue- Hwy Insurance Reimbursement	-	278	-	-	-
Total Revenues (EXCLUDING TAXES)	150,292	159,936	157,640	153,946	150,540
Proposed FY23/24 Highway Fund Expense Budget					537,600
FY23/24 Articles to be Voted Upon:					
Bridge Co-op Reserve Fund					5,000
Equipment Reserve Fund					70,000
Paving Reserve					70,000
Guardrail Reserve					1,500
Road Projects Reserve					15,000
Proposed FY23/24 Highway Expense Budget with Articles					699,100

CEMETERY FUND FY24 BUDGET

Account	Budget FY21/22	Actual FY21/22	Budget FY22/23	Anticipated FY22/23	PROPOSED BUDGET FY23/24
Payroll	2,250	2,250	2,250	2,250	2,250
Fica/Medi	-	172	-	172	172
Sublet Mowing & Maint	10,600	9,600	13,000	12,650	13,000
Cornerstones/Foundation	-	-	-	5,270	-
Supplies	-	61	-	100	578
Headstone cleaning/repair	1,000	-	8,000	2,500	-
Road Relocation	5,000	-	-	-	-
Cemetery Fund Budget Totals	18,850	12,083	23,250	22,942	16,000

2022 Cemetery Commission Report

We, the cemetery commissioners, had several headstones cleaned and repaired in the old section of the Ira Allen Cemetery. We will have several more done this coming year- this is an ongoing project.

We are aware that the Lawrence Cemetery sign is in need of repair and will be replaced.

We would like to thank Lucille Morse for her many years of dedicated service to the town as a cemetery commissioner.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Johnston
Avis Hayden
Neil Humphrey

2023-2024
Proposed Schedule of Salaries, Wages and Allowable Expenses

Animal Control Officer	\$ 225.00	Monthly
Auditors	\$ 15.00	Hourly
Board of Civil Authority	\$ 15.00	Hourly
Cemetery Commissioners	\$ 750.00	Annually
Constables	\$ 15.00	Hourly
Delinquent Tax Collector	Fees Collected	
Emergency Management Coordinator	\$ 15.00	Hourly
Emergency Management Deputy	\$ 15.00	Hourly
Health Officer	\$ 15.00	Hourly
Health Officer Deputy	\$ 15.00	Hourly
Listers	\$ 15.00	Hourly
Listers-Chairman	\$ 20.00	Hourly
Moderator	\$ 100.00	per Meeting
Planning Board Member	\$ 700.00	Annually
Recording Secretary-Select Board	\$ 16.08	Hourly
Recording Secretary-Planning Board	\$ 22.50	Hourly
Road Foreman	\$ 33.10	Hourly
Road Worker	\$ 25.75	Hourly
Road Worker	\$ 20.00	Hourly
Select Board- Chairperson	\$ 2,000.00	Annually
Select Board- Member	\$ 1,500.00	Annually
Service Officer	\$ 15.00	Hourly
Town Clerk	\$ 21,000.00	Annually plus Fees
Town Clerk/Treasurer Assistant	\$ 22.00	Hourly
Town Treasurer	\$ 15,750.00	Annually
Webmaster	\$ 2,400.00	Annually
Zoning Administrator	\$ 31.00	Hourly
Zoning Board - Chairperson	\$ 350.00	Annually
Zoning Board - Secretary	\$ 300.00	Annually
Zoning Board - Member	\$ 200.00	Annually
Mileage Reimbursement	Federal Rate per Mile	

**Town of Sunderland Treasurer's Statement
Cash Balance for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022**

Bank of Bennington 6/30/22 Statement Balance	883,839.33
Petty Cash on Hand 6/30/2022	100.00
Subtotal Cash Balance as of June 30th, 2022	883,939.33
Less Outstanding Checks (Uncashed Payments issued)	(34,204.33)
Outstanding Deposit Correction	0.02
Total Cash Balance as of June 30th, 2022	849,735.02

General Fund Cash Balance 6/30/22	67,390.61
Highway Fund Cash Balance 6/30/22	77,254.60
Cemetery Fund Cash Balance 6/30/22	6,768.39
Reserve/Savings/Trust Funds Cash Balance 6/30/22	555,541.58
ARPA (American Rescue) Fund Cash Balance 6/30/22	142,779.84
Total Balance on Hand by Fund as of June 30th, 2022	849,735.02

Town Auditor's Statement of Opinion

The accompanying financial statements of the Town of Sunderland for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022 were supplied by the Town Treasurer. The Auditor's responsibility is to review these financial statements and offer an opinion of the accuracy of the information contained therein. Based upon the review, it is my opinion that the financial position of the Town of Sunderland as of June 30, 2022, has been presented fairly and in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Sally Ayrey

Town of Sunderland Auditor

Town of Sunderland Treasurer's Statement
Receipts & Disbursements for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022
GENERAL FUND

Beginning Balance-Cash in Bank 7/01/2021	\$ 74,471.77
Fiscal 21/22 Revenues:	
Tax Revenues-Current	\$ 196,525.75
Tax Revenues-Delinquent Collected	\$ 79,915.19
Redeemed Property Revenue	\$ 2,101.92
State of VT-Property Tax Adjustments	\$ 13,772.00
State of VT-Current Use Tax	\$ 20,813.00
State of VT-Railway Tax	\$ 276.03
State of VT-Fish & Wildlife Tax	\$ 950.35
Interest Earned	\$ 373.91
Interest-Delinquent Taxes	\$ 3,793.88
Interest-Late Paid Taxes	\$ 1,123.90
Dog Licenses & Penalties	\$ 1,326.00
Beverage Licenses	\$ 115.00
Hauler Permits	\$ 50.00
Zoning Fees	\$ 3,153.39
Traffic Fines	\$ 2,345.82
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$ 9.05
Grant Reimbursement	\$ 5,943.75
Total Revenues	\$ 332,588.94
Fiscal 21/22 Disbursements:	
Orders PR 1- PR 53 Paid:	
Payroll - Wages & Retirement	\$ (86,960.65)
Payroll - Expenses	\$ (8,677.88)
Orders GF 1- GF 24 Paid:	
Office Building Debt Service	\$ (26,421.46)
Services, Insurance & Dues	\$ (165,618.36)
Operational Expenses	\$ (33,720.68)
Voted Appropriations	\$ (17,450.00)
Subtotal Disbursements	\$ (338,849.03)
Voted Transfers to Reserve Accounts:	
Tech Reserve Fund	\$ (2,000.00)
Town Office Building Reserve Fund	\$ (1,500.00)
Subtotal Inter-Fund Transfers	\$ (3,500.00)
Grand Total Disbursed	\$ (342,349.03)
Ending Balance- 6/30/2022	\$ 64,711.68
Plus Outstanding Payables	\$ 2,678.93
Cash On Hand (Bank & Petty)-6/30/22	\$ 67,390.61

Town of Sunderland Treasurer's Statement
Receipts & Disbursements for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022
HIGHWAY FUND

Beginning Balance-Cash in Bank 7/01/2021	\$ 79,306.67
Fiscal 21/22 Revenues:	
Tax Revenues	\$ 356,888.00
Interest Earned	\$ 231.91
Overweight Permits	\$ 210.00
Road Cut Permits	\$ 50.00
State Aid to Highways	\$ 96,600.57
National Forest Revenue	\$ 62,566.00
Insurance Reimbursement	\$ 278.00
Total Revenues	\$ 516,824.48
Fiscal 21/22 Disbursements:	
Orders PR 1- PR 53 Paid:	
Payroll - Wages & Retirement	\$ (125,248.12)
Payroll - Expenses	\$ (9,581.46)
Orders HF 1- HF 23 Paid:	
Equipment Maintenance & Supplies	\$ (69,465.38)
Road Maint. Materials & Supplies	\$ (111,528.08)
Operational Expenses	\$ (51,553.51)
Subtotal Disbursements	\$ (367,376.55)
Voted Transfers to Reserve Accounts:	
Bridge Co-op Reserve Fund	\$ (5,000.00)
Equipment Reserve Fund	\$ (65,000.00)
Paving Reserve Fund	\$ (65,000.00)
Road Projects Reserve Fund	\$ (15,000.00)
Guardrail Reserve Fund	\$ (1,500.00)
Subtotal Inter-Fund Transfers	\$ (151,500.00)
Grand Total Disbursed	\$ (518,876.55)
Ending Balance-Cash in Bank 6/30/2022	\$ 77,254.60

**Town of Sunderland Treasurer's Statement
 Receipts & Disbursements for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022
 CEMETERY MAINTENANCE FUND**

Beginning Balance-Cash in Bank 7/01/2021	\$ 1,794.21
 Fiscal 21/22 Revenues:	
Tax Revenues	\$ 17,055.00
Interest Earned	\$ 2.31
Total Revenues	\$ 17,057.31
 Fiscal 21/22 Disbursements:	
Orders CEM 1- CEM 7 Paid:	
Payroll - Wages	\$ (2,250.00)
Payroll - Expenses	\$ (172.14)
Mowing and Maintenance	\$ (9,600.00)
Supplies	\$ (60.99)
Total Disbursed	\$ (12,083.13)
Ending Balance-Cash in Bank 6/30/2022	\$ 6,768.39

Town of Sunderland Treasurer's Statement
Receipts & Disbursements for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022
RESERVES-INVESTMENT, SAVINGS & TRUSTS

Account	Beginning Balance 7/1/2021	Interest Earned	Transfers In /Revenues	Transfers Out /Expenses	Ending Balance 6/30/2022
Record Preservation	\$ 10,358.12	\$ 21.25	\$ 7,273.00	\$ (1,200.00)	\$ 16,452.37
Landfill Litigation	\$ 12,825.68	\$ 17.43			\$ 12,843.11
Municipal Building	\$ 5,686.02	\$ 9.75	\$ 1,500.00		\$ 7,195.77
Technology	\$ 4,040.98	\$ 8.22	\$ 2,000.00		\$ 6,049.20
Tri-centennial	\$ 288.08	\$ 0.39			\$ 288.47
Cemetery Trust	\$ 96,508.81	\$ 136.11	\$ 4,700.00		\$ 101,344.92
Highway Equipment	\$ 398.97	\$ 87.56	\$ 65,000.00	\$ (8,579.00)	\$ 56,907.53
Paving	\$ 5,753.10	\$ 96.09	\$ 65,000.00		\$ 70,849.19
Bridge Co-op	\$ 38,691.05	\$ 57.68	\$ 5,000.00	\$ (1,234.64)	\$ 42,514.09
Housing Re-hab	\$ 6,291.22	\$ 8.52			\$ 6,299.74
National Forest	\$ 64,853.58	\$ 88.09			\$ 64,941.67
Guardrails	\$ 10,292.86	\$ 16.05	\$ 1,500.00		\$ 11,808.91
Reappraisal	\$ 119,207.95	\$ 169.96	\$ 5,941.50		\$ 125,319.41
Road Projects	\$ 37,197.79	\$ 46.80	\$ 15,000.00	\$ (21,378.93)	\$ 30,865.66
Sunderland Hill Rd. Safety	\$ 1,859.05	\$ 2.49			\$ 1,861.54
	<u>\$ 414,253.26</u>	<u>\$ 766.39</u>	<u>\$ 172,914.50</u>	<u>\$ (32,392.57)</u>	<u>\$ 555,541.58</u>

**Town of Sunderland Treasurer's Statement
 Receipts & Disbursements for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022
 ARPA (American Rescue Plan) FUND**

Beginning Balance-Cash in Bank 7/01/2021	\$ -
 Fiscal 21/22 Revenues:	
Grant Revenues	\$ 142,589.53
Interest Earned	\$ 190.31
Total Revenues	\$ 142,779.84
 Fiscal 21/22 Disbursements:	
NONE	\$ -
Total Disbursed	\$ -
Ending Balance-Cash in Bank 6/30/2022	\$ 142,779.84

LOAN SAVINGS SCHEDULE

Vermont Municipal Bond Bank
2017 Series 4 Refunding Bonds

Series 2013-1

Sunderland Town

Loan #21

Original Principal: \$351,000

Date	Loan Principal	Interest	Loan Debt Service	Annual Loan Debt Service	Savings Allocation	Adjusted Loan Debt Service	Annual Adjusted Loan Debt Service
8/2/2017	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11/1/2017	17,550.00	5,561.33	23,111.33	23,111.33	875.00	22,236.33	22,236.33
5/1/2018	-	5,391.63	5,391.63	-	-	5,391.63	-
11/1/2018	17,550.00	5,391.63	22,941.63	28,333.20	238.00	22,703.63	28,095.26
5/1/2019	-	5,187.70	5,187.70	-	-	5,187.70	-
11/1/2019	17,550.00	5,187.70	22,737.70	27,925.40	224.00	22,513.70	27,701.40
5/1/2020	-	4,954.82	4,954.82	-	-	4,954.82	-
11/1/2020	17,550.00	4,954.82	22,504.82	27,459.64	248.00	22,256.82	27,211.64
5/1/2021	-	4,698.24	4,698.24	-	-	4,698.24	-
11/1/2021	17,550.00	4,698.24	22,248.24	26,946.48	243.00	22,005.24	26,703.48
5/1/2022	-	4,416.22	4,416.22	-	-	4,416.22	-
11/1/2022	17,550.00	4,416.22	21,966.22	26,382.44	245.00	21,721.22	26,137.44
5/1/2023	-	4,112.26	4,112.26	-	-	4,112.26	-
11/1/2023	17,550.00	4,112.26	21,662.26	25,774.52	244.00	21,418.26	25,530.52
5/1/2024	-	3,793.38	3,793.38	-	-	3,793.38	-
11/1/2024	17,550.00	3,793.38	21,343.38	25,136.76	782.00	20,551.38	24,354.76
5/1/2025	-	3,459.58	3,459.58	-	-	3,459.58	-
11/1/2025	17,550.00	3,459.58	21,009.58	24,469.16	702.00	20,307.58	23,767.16
5/1/2026	-	3,109.99	3,109.99	-	-	3,109.99	-
11/1/2026	17,550.00	3,109.99	20,659.99	23,769.98	686.00	19,973.99	23,083.98
5/1/2027	-	2,749.87	2,749.87	-	-	2,749.87	-
11/1/2027	17,550.00	2,749.87	20,299.87	23,049.74	673.00	19,626.87	22,376.74
5/1/2028	-	2,380.10	2,380.10	-	-	2,380.10	-
11/1/2028	17,550.00	2,380.10	19,930.10	22,310.20	663.00	19,267.10	21,647.20
5/1/2029	-	1,999.80	1,999.80	-	-	1,999.80	-
11/1/2029	17,550.00	1,999.80	19,549.80	21,549.60	762.00	18,787.80	20,787.60
5/1/2030	-	1,609.84	1,609.84	-	-	1,609.84	-
11/1/2030	17,550.00	1,609.84	19,159.84	20,769.68	660.00	18,499.84	20,109.68
5/1/2031	-	1,214.62	1,214.62	-	-	1,214.62	-
11/1/2031	17,550.00	1,214.62	18,764.62	19,979.24	651.00	18,103.62	19,318.24
5/1/2032	-	813.26	813.26	-	-	813.26	-
11/1/2032	17,550.00	813.26	18,383.26	19,176.52	573.00	17,790.26	18,603.52
5/1/2033	-	407.51	407.51	-	-	407.51	-
11/1/2033	17,550.00	407.51	17,957.51	18,365.02	365.00	17,592.51	18,000.02
5/1/2034	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11/1/2034	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5/1/2035	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11/1/2035	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5/1/2036	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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5/1/2043	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11/1/2043	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5/1/2044	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11/1/2044	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5/1/2045	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11/1/2045	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5/1/2046	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11/1/2046	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5/1/2047	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11/1/2047	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	258,350	106,169	404,509	404,509	8,844	395,665	395,665

TOWN OF SUNDERLAND
TOWN CLERK'S STATEMENT OF
DOG LICENSE SALES
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30TH, 2022

2021 - July 1st Through December 31st

1 New Neutered/Spayed	@ \$13.00	\$ 13.00
4 New Males/Females	@ \$17.00	\$ 68.00
1 Late Neutered/Spayed	@ \$17.00	\$ 17.00
1 Late Fine	@ \$10.00	\$ 10.00
1 Prorated New Spayed	@ \$ 9.00	\$ 9.00
		2021 Subtotal \$ 117.00

2022 - January 1st through June 30th

137 Neutered/Spayed	@ \$13.00	\$ 1,781.00
29 Males/Females	@ \$17.00	\$ 493.00
22 Late Neutered/Spayed	@ \$17.00	\$ 374.00
4 Late Males/Females	@ \$23.00	\$ 92.00
26 Late Fines	@ \$10.00	\$ 260.00
		2022 Subtotal \$ 3,000.00

July 1st, 2021 through June 30th, 2022 Grand Total \$ 3,117.00

Less Town Clerk Fees 199 @ \$4.00 \$ (796.00)

Less State of Vermont Fees 199 @ \$5.00 \$ (995.00)

Total General Fund Revenue \$ 1,326.00

All dogs are required to be licensed by April 1st of each year. The licenses for the new year are available beginning January 1st. A copy of a current (non-expired) rabies vaccination certificate is required for licensing.

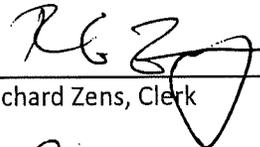
TAX RATES

			<u>Grand List</u>	
General Fund Amount to be Raised	\$ 299,751.00	÷	\$ 1,555,657.81	
				Rate = \$ 0.1927
Municipal Bldg. Debt Amount to be Raised	\$ 25,900.00	÷	\$ 1,555,657.81	
				Rate = \$ 0.0166
Highway Fund Amount to be Raised	\$ 394,280.00	÷	\$ 1,555,657.81	
				Rate = \$ 0.2534
Cemetery Fund Amount to be Raised	\$ 16,482.00	÷	\$ 1,555,657.81	
				Rate = \$ 0.0106
Local Agreement to be Raised	\$ 4,187.41	÷	\$ 1,555,657.81	
				Rate = \$ 0.0027

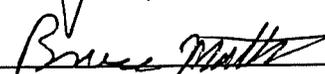
By the authority duly granted by Title 17 Sec. 2664 of the Vermont Statutes Annotated, we do hereby establish the foregoing rates of taxation for the 2022-2023 fiscal year which concludes June 30, 2023



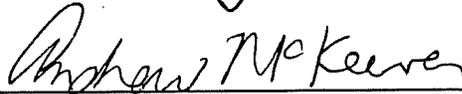
 Jon French, Chairperson



 Richard Zens, Clerk



 Bruce Mattison



 Andrew McKeever



 Alexander Bresnick

Sunderland Select Board Report

We have finally made it through a year without too many interruptions due to Covid or any other unseen tragedies. The Town of Sunderland has received the ARPA funds from the government with the total amount being approximately \$290,00.00 The Selectboard has held several meetings asking for participation on how best to allocate these funds. We will continue to have these meetings in the near future. The Town must have these funds earmarked for expenditure by December 31, 2024, and the funds must be spent by December 31, 2026. We encourage townspeople to attend these meetings so we can get feedback on how best to spend these funds.

The Selectboard has also been holding joint meetings with the Planning Board as we work with the State of Vermont's Agency of Commerce and Community Development. Village center designation supports the revitalization efforts of smaller communities. Once a town becomes designated opportunities and benefits become available in technical assistance, village center tax credits, priority consideration for state grants, priority consideration by State Building and General Services and Neighborhood Development Area eligibility.

The selectboard has also met with a representative from the Vermont Council of Rural Development (VCRD). The VCRD helps Vermont communities "develop the capacity to create a prosperous and sustainable future through coordination, collaboration, and the effective use of public and private resources." This begins with a "Community Visit" which would consist of a meeting combined with a community dinner. Town goals and ideas would be discussed and then narrowed down to the most important concerns/projects. These meetings will be announced.

The town will be hiring a third road crew member in the next fiscal year as workload warrants it and also the need for stricter safety standards. We are also looking for town residents to fill various open positions on town boards and other much needed functions. Look for great things to happen in Sunderland in 2023.

Town of Sunderland Delinquent Tax Collectors Report
Delinquent Taxes as of 12/31/2022

Parcel ID	Property Owner	2020	2021	2022	Total
0835	PHYLISS ALLEN	\$41.50	\$83.28	\$82.22	\$207
0567	GENE COLE			\$888.06	\$888.06
0646	VALERIE DONATELLI	\$2583.75	\$2592.22	\$2559.34	\$7735.31
0472	DONNA LIVINGSTON			\$510.28	\$510,28
0632	RICHARD MARZEC			\$156.75	\$156.75
0832	BARBARA PORCARO	\$1028.09	\$5017.86	\$4954.24	\$11000.19
0270	RON&LINDSAY RAY			\$132.59	\$132.59

Parcels 0646 and 0832 will be processed for tax sale in 2023. I would like to Thank Susan our Town Clerk for all of her help and support.

Richard Davis II

2022 VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

Name	Date of Event
Wilkins, Jackson Pascal	1/27/2022
Frank-Clausen, Sylvia Cathleen	2/2/2022
Budro, Iroh Amadeo Albus	4/27/2022
Delaney, Lennoc David-Prince	5/3/2022
Smith, Briar Thomas	5/7/2022
Gajewsky, Carter Matthew	7/18/2022
Morse, Jeffrey Michael	10/4/2022
Schiavi De Zayas, River Wilde	11/12/2022

DEATHS

Name	Date of Event
Veitch, Thomas McDonald	2/14/2022
Lewis, Jean Frances	4/18/2022
Rogers, Cheryl May	5/28/2022
Housman, Russell	5/28/2022
Godjikian, Michael P.	6/9/2022
Gabert, Scottie R.	7/1/2022
Gabert, Tina M.	11/24/2022
Moffitt, Anne May	12/12/2022
Wilcox, Austin Howard	12/15/2022

MARRIAGES

Names	Date of Event
Noe, Lenore Winifred	1/26/2022
Bresnick, Alexander Mason	
LeBlanc, Nicole Lynn	2/22/2022
Sommers, Shawn Douglas	
Healy, Molly Anne	3/12/2022
Gnoza, Matthew Thomas	
Stroffoleno, Connor Dean	9/3/2022
Wright, Hallie Gene	
Battaglia, Kimmarie Cafora	10/16/2022
Giannattasio, John Michael	
Martin, Todd Glenn	12/30/2022
Gomez, Juan Diego	

**TOWN OF SUNDERLAND
MINUTES
INFORMATIONAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 21, 2022
AND
TOWN MEETING ELECTION RESULTS
MARCH 1, 2022**

Selectboard Chairman Jon French called the Town of Sunderland Informational Meeting to order at 7:00 PM via Zoom with approximately twenty-five participants. This meeting is to discuss and answer questions on the articles that will be voted upon on March 1, 2022, by Australian ballot.

Chairman French introduced State Representatives David Durfee, Kathleen James and Seth Bongartz and asked them to address the people.

State Representative David Durfee gave an overview of his activities on the Ways and Means Committee. Representative Durfee stated that the State revenues are strong, the ARPA money and infrastructure money has contributed to this. Representative Durfee also stated that with the redistricting it looks like Sunderland will remain as it has been for the past ten years.

Representative Kathleen James stated she would be keeping an eye on the child tax credit. The House has passed the new budget but now are waiting to see what adjustments will be made to take a final vote. The budget includes sixty million dollars for the workforce and six million dollars for the childcare act. Representative James also stated that a compromise has been reached on the pensions and is getting ready to become a bill.

Representative Seth Bongartz stated that Vermont has demographic challenges. Representative Bongartz stated that changes made to the current use program and H 492 Act 250 will make it easier to live and work in Vermont.

Chairman French thanked the Representatives and noted that they will be once again attending the Selectboard meetings once a month.

Chairman French noted that Rose Keough will be retiring from the position of Town Clerk and Treasurer after more than thirty years of service and extended his thanks to Rose for her dedication to the town.

Jon French then read the warning and opened discussion on the articles that will be voted upon on March 1, 2022, at the Sunderland Municipal Office from 10:00am until 7:00pm.

There was no discussion on articles 1 through 12.

Article 13: Nick Gault explained why Northshire Day School is asking for funds from all the towns they serve. The tuition charged does not cover their expenses and the parents would have difficulty paying more. Jeff Dexter asked how many Sunderland children attend the school and Jen Luty stated that there are eight. Lily Vanhaverbeke promoted the article and stated that she would not have been able to work without them.

There was no discussion on article 14.

Article 15: Cynthia Gubb stated that committee members did attend a Sunderland Selectboard meeting on December 27, 2021, to go over the details and another Zoom meeting will be held if anyone has any questions. Kristen Jemiolo asked why the fieldhouse does not have a swimming pool. Cynthia Gubb stated that a pool was considered and was cost prohibited. The family yearly fee would have to go up to \$1,000.00 to \$1,200.00 per year to cover the cost and not the estimated \$250.00 per year. Kristen Jemiolo asked where the fieldhouse is being built and Cynthia Gubb stated it would be at the Manchester Rec Park. Lauren McGrath asked if residents from other towns would be charged differently than a Manchester resident and Cynthia Gubb said all contributing towns will pay the same rate. Andrew McKeever asked what would happen if Sunderland voted no on this article. Cynthia stated a bond vote would take place after all calculations are done.

There was no discussion on articles 16 through 19.

Jon French introduced Jeff Dexter as a member of the Energy Committee and asked him to report to the town. Jeff Dexter stated that the Energy Committee is in its third year. Mr. Dexter stated that there is a tab on the Town of Sunderland website and people should review the information. The committee built 260 window inserts last fall and plan to do the project again around November. The committee hopes to have seminars on e-vehicles and e-bikes. The committee is in the process of checking the energy efficiency of the Town Offices and the Town Garage and town owned vehicles. Jeff Dexter thanked the legislators and GNAT for all their help. Jeff Dexter announced that Green Up Day is May 7, 2022 from 9:00am until 1:00pm. Jeff Dexter also acknowledged that Marc Johnston and the public works department helps with the days event.

Chairman Jon French then asked Jeff Dexter to speak about Lucy Prince. Jeff Dexter stated that a well-attended event was held in July to commemorate the 200th year of the death of Lucy Prince, a Black woman that once owned property in Sunderland. A quilt is being made which will hang in the meeting room of the Sunderland offices and a state marker will be placed at a site on Hill Farm Road.

Jon French stated that the polls will be open at the Sunderland Municipal Offices at 104 Mountain View Road on March 1, 2022, from 10:00am until 7:00pm for Sunderland residents to cast their ballots.

Chairman Jon French then adjourned the meeting at 7:55 pm.

The ballot boxes were declared open on March 1, 2022, at 10:00am by Town Clerk Rose Keough and closed at 7:00pm. The results follow:

Article 1. Shall the voters of Sunderland appropriate the sum of \$65,000.00 to be added to the Highway Equipment Reserve Fund?

Yes 152 No 17 Overvotes 1 Blank 7 **TOTAL 177**

Article 2. Shall the voters of Sunderland appropriate the sum of \$65,000.00 to be added to the Paving Reserve Fund?

Yes 151 No 18 Blank 8 **TOTAL 177**

Article 3. Shall the voters of Sunderland appropriate the sum of \$15,000.00 to be added to the Road Projects Reserve Fund?

Yes 153 No 17 Blank 7 **TOTAL 177**

Article 4. Shall the voters of Sunderland appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 to be added to the State/Town Bridge Co-Op Reserve Fund?

Yes 151 No 23 Overvotes 1 Blank 2 **TOTAL 177**

Article 5. Shall the voters of Sunderland appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 to be added to the Guardrail Reserve Fund?

Yes 146 No 30 Blank 1 **TOTAL 177**

Article 6. Shall the voters of Sunderland appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 to be added to the Building Maintenance Reserve Fund?

Yes 152 No 22 Blank 3 **TOTAL 177**

Article 7. Shall the voters of Sunderland appropriate the sum of \$700.00 for the support of **Arlington Area Childcare, Inc.** (Happy Days Playschool) to provide services to the residents of the town?

Yes 136 No 40 Blank 1 **TOTAL 177**

Article 8. Shall the voters of Sunderland appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 for the support of **Arlington Community Public Health Nursing Service, Inc.** to provide services to the residents of the town?

Yes 154 No 21 Blank 2 **TOTAL 177**

Article 9. Shall the voters of Sunderland appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for the support of the **Recreation Park in Arlington** to provide services to the residents of the town?

Yes 152 No 23 Blank 2 **TOTAL 177**

Article 10. Shall the voters of Sunderland appropriate the sum of \$9,100.00 for the support of the **Martha Canfield Memorial Free Library, Inc.** to provide services to the residents of the town?

Yes 147 No 26 Blank 4 **TOTAL 177**

Article 11. Shall the voters of Sunderland appropriate the sum of \$150.00 for the support of **Project Against Violent Encounters (PAVE)** to provide victim services to the residents of the town?

Yes 150 No 24 Blank 3 **TOTAL 177**

Article 12. Shall the voters of Sunderland appropriate the sum of \$700.00 for the support of **Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging** to provide elder services to the residents of the town?

Yes 153 No 20 Blank 4 **TOTAL 177**

Article 13. Shall the Town of Sunderland vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$11,000.00 for the support of Northshire Day School to provide services to residents of the Town? (By petition)

Yes 90 No 84 Blank 3 **TOTAL 177**

Article 14. Shall the voters of Sunderland appropriate for a proposed Vtrans grant, the required 50% match in the sum not to exceed \$52,000.00 to extend the south end of the current bicycle/pedestrian paved shoulder on Sunderland Hill Road from property 2539 to Bacon Hollow Road and if so voted, authorize an increase to the Sunderland Hill Road Safety Reserve by this amount?

Yes 109 No 66 Overvotes 1 Blank 1 **TOTAL 177**

Article 15. Shall the voters indicate support for the concept of a regional field house at the Dana Thompson Recreation Park in Manchester, with the understanding that towns would participate in its construction costs under a formula based on a combination of grand list, population, and distance, in exchange for a special use status for those who live or own a second home in the Town of Sunderland. This article is advisory in nature and does not bind the town to further action.

Yes 88 No 89 **TOTAL 177**

Article 16. Shall the voters of Sunderland approve the sum of \$23,250.00 for the Cemetery Budget?

Yes 147 No 28 Blank 2 **TOTAL 177**

Article 17. Shall the voters of Sunderland approve the sum of \$389,558.00 for the General Fund Budget?

Yes 158 No 18 Overvotes 1 **TOTAL 177**

Article 18. Shall the voters of Sunderland approve the sum of \$425,675.00 for the Highway Fund Budget?

Yes 156 No 17 Overvotes 1 Blank 3 **TOTAL 177**

ARTICLE 19. To elect by Australian Ballot the following officers, as required by law:

Auditor, 2-yr term		Auditor, 3-yr term	
Write in Kevin Hewes	1	SALLY AYREY	154*
Blank	176	Blank	23
TOTAL	177	TOTAL	177

Cemetery Commissioner, 2-yr term

LUCILLE MORSE	146 *
Write in Others	3
Blank	28
TOTAL	177

Cemetery Commissioner, 3-yr term

NEIL HUMPHREY	152*
Write in Others	1
Blank	24
TOTAL	177

Delinquent Tax Collector, 1-yr term

RICHARD A. DAVIS, II	154*
Overvotes	1
Blank	22
TOTAL	177

First Constable, 1-yr term

WAYNE M. GODFREY	134*
Others	4
Blank	39
TOTAL	177

Second Constable, 1-yr term

KEVIN HEWES	142*
Blank	35
TOTAL	177

Lister, 3-yr term

Write in Martin Nadler	2
Blank	175
TOTAL	177

Town Clerk, 3-yr term

SUSAN WHITNEY	159*
Blank	18
TOTAL	177

Selectboard Member, 3-yr term

ANDREW MCKEEVER	156*
Write in Others	3
Blank	18
TOTAL	177

Selectboard Member, 1-yr term (vote for two) TOWN MODERATOR, 1-yr term

Write in RICHARD "Dixie" ZENS 10*	
Write in Others	6
Blank	338
TOTAL	354

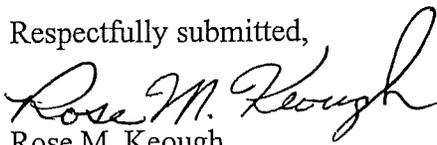
Write in Kevin Hewes	1
Write in Andrew McKeever	1
Blank	175

Town Treasurer, 3-yr term

SUSAN WHITNEY	152*
Write-in Others	1
Blank	24
TOTAL	177

*Denotes elected.

Respectfully submitted,



Rose M. Keough
Sunderland Town Clerk

**SOUTHWEST VERMONT REGIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO V009
WARNING OF ANNUAL MEETING
MARCH 6TH AND MARCH 7TH, 2023**

The legal voters of the Southwest Vermont Regional Technical School District Service Region (consisting of Arlington, Bennington, Dorset, Glastenbury, Manchester, North Bennington, Pownal, Readsboro, Sandgate, Searsburg, Shaftsbury, Stamford, Sunderland, and Woodford) are hereby NOTIFIED and WARNED to meet at the Bennington Fire House, 130 River Street, Bennington, Vermont or to participate in the meeting by videoconference by joining Zoom Meeting Link <https://tinyurl.com/3mnexk8f>, at 6:45 in the evening, on Monday, March 6, 2023 to transact the following business from the floor.

- ARTICLE 1: To establish the annual salaries of the District Directors at \$1,500 each.
- ARTICLE 2: To establish the annual salary of the District Treasurer at \$14,200.
- ARTICLE 3: To establish the annual salary of the District Clerk at \$1,200.
- ARTICLE 4: To establish the annual salary of the Assistant District Clerk at \$600.
- ARTICLE 5: To establish the annual salary of the District Moderator at \$100.
- ARTICLE 6: To authorize the School District Board to borrow money in anticipation of revenues to meet current operating expenses of the District.
- ARTICLE 7: To hold a public informational hearing on articles to be voted upon by Australian Ballot on March 7, 2023.
- ARTICLE 8: To transact any other business found proper when met.

The legal voters of Southwest Vermont Regional Technical School District #V009 are hereby NOTIFIED and WARNED FURTHER to meet on Tuesday, March 7, 2023, when the polls will be open to transact business by Australian Ballot as follows:

- ARTICLE A: To elect three (3) School Directors, who are legal residents of the Service Region as listed above in accordance with the bylaws of the Southwest Vermont Regional Technical School District for three (3) year terms.
- ARTICLE B: Shall the voters of the Southwest Vermont Regional Technical School District approve the school board to expend \$4,383,830, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year?
- ARTICLE C: Shall the voters of the Service Region of Southwest Vermont Regional Technical School District increase the existing Reserve Fund for Capital Improvements and existing Reserve Fund for Equipment by the sums of \$60,000 and \$20,000 respectively?

Voting on Tuesday, March 7, 2023 shall be at large by Australian ballot. The polls will be open as indicated below for each respective town, as follows:

Residents of Arlington vote at Arlington Memorial High School, 529 East Arlington Road, Arlington, Vermont. Polls will be open from 10 AM to 7 PM.

Residents of Bennington vote at Bennington Fire House, 130 River Street, Bennington, Vermont. Polls will be open from 7 AM to 7 PM.

Residents of Dorset vote at The Dorset School, 130 School Drive, Dorset, Vermont. Polls will be open from 7 AM to 7 PM.

Residents of Glastenbury vote at Shaftsbury Town Garage, 526 North Road, Shaftsbury, Vermont. Polls will be open from 7 AM to 7 PM.

Residents of Manchester vote at Manchester Town Hall, 40 Jeff Williams Way, Manchester Center, Vermont. Polls will be open from 8 AM to 7 PM.

Residents of North Bennington vote at Village Trustees Office, 2 Depot Street, North Bennington, Vermont. Polls will be open from 7 AM to 7 PM.

Residents of Pownal vote at the Pownal Center Valley Station (Fire House), 2872 North Pownal Road, Route 7, Pownal Center, Vermont. Polls will be open from 10 AM to 7 PM.

Residents of Readsboro vote at Readsboro Central School, 301 Phelps Lane, Readsboro, Vermont. Polls will be open from 10 AM to 7 PM.

Residents of Sandgate vote at the Sandgate Town Hall, 3266 Sandgate Road, Sandgate, Vermont. Polls will be open from 10 AM to 7 PM.

Residents of Searsburg vote at Searsburg Town Office, 18 Town Garage Road, Searsburg, Vermont. Polls will be open from 10 AM to 7 PM.

Residents of Shaftsbury vote at Town Garage, 526 North Road, Shaftsbury, Vermont. Polls will be open from 7 AM to 7 PM.

Residents of Stamford vote at Stamford Community Room, 986 Main Road, Stamford, Vermont. Polls will be open from 10 AM to 7 PM.

Residents of Sunderland vote at Sunderland Town Hall, 104 Mountain View Road, Sunderland, Vermont. Polls will be open from 10 AM to 7 PM.

Residents of Woodford vote at Woodford Town Office Building, 1391 VT Route 9, Woodford, Vermont. Polls will be open from 7 AM to 7 PM.

Register to Vote! Residents of Member Towns may register to vote at their Town Clerk's Office or online at www.olvr.sec.state.vt.us. Eligible residents registering on Election Day must do so at the polling place where they will cast their Town Meeting ballot.

Interpreting services for this meeting will be provided upon request. If this service is required, please notify SVRTSD at 447-0220, at least three (3) days before the meeting.

Signatures

Kenneth Swierad, Chair *Kenneth Swierad*

Dane Whitman, Vice Chair _____

Jacqueline Kelly, Clerk *Jacqueline Kelly*

Michael Cutler *Michael Cutler*

Asher Edelson *Asher Edelson*

Leon Johnson *Leon Johnson*

Francis Kinney *Francis Kinney*

John MacDonald *John MacDonald*

Charles Putney *Charles Putney*

Anthony Williams, Jr. *Anthony Williams, Jr.*

Received for recording this 31 day of Jan 2023
Cassandra Barbeau, Clerk or Kayla Thompson, Assistant Clerk SVRTSD, *Cassandra Barbeau*

TACONIC AND GREEN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT DIRECTORS' REPORT January 2023

It has been another unusual year in our schools. We are deeply grateful to everyone who works in our District for shouldering extra work, quickly figuring out new ways to do things, and always putting our children's learning first. It has not been easy!

Although we are through the worst of the COVID-related challenges, we are by no means out of the woods. In particular, the pandemic worsened an already existing teacher shortage. Also, the lack of substitute teachers and support staff has been exhausting for many in the schools as well as at home. We have become more aware of the limits and effects of extended remote learning, and we are trying hard to help students regain skills and behaviors that declined during their time at home with little contact with school or with each other.

Our focus has primarily been on ensuring that the Superintendent has adequate structures and supports to deliver the best possible education for all the students in our District. We are a Policy Governance board, so we do not micromanage details like bus routes and lunch menus. Instead, we emphasize creating clear, ambitious, and achievable expectations for student outcomes.

In 2021, we asked for input on several fundamental questions about the purpose of schools in today's world and what the District should strive for. Over 600 people gave us their opinions, helping us revise District goals and policies (available on our District website). One topic that has lasting interest is whether it makes educational and financial sense to establish a single middle school for all nine towns in our District. We need input on this and will create opportunities for community engagement. We also publicize our meetings on electronic bulletin boards like Front Porch Forum and in the local print media, and our part of the Supervisory Union website can be used for comments. Public input is important, and we wish we had more!

Our proposed budget would result in a lower overall tax rate for all sending towns – if property values had not shot up. When property values rise, our towns' Common Level of Appraisal falls. This increases the tax bills for people who do not benefit from income sensitivity. The increase in the value of residential real estate has more than canceled out the decrease in the base tax rate, so tax bills are up. More details on the budget and related tax rates are at www.brsu.org or in our printed report, available from the supervisory union office (802) 362-2452 or your Town Clerk. Everyone is invited to attend any of our monthly board meetings in person or on Zoom, or to reach out directly with any questions or concerns.

We are glad that the state's careful response to the pandemic has enabled us to resume the usual Annual District Meeting on February 28th, with floor votes including the election of the District Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer. As always, voting on the budget, reserve funds, and high school tuition will be by Australian Ballot on March 7th at your normal polling place or earlier by mail. **You will not automatically receive an absentee ballot.** If you want to vote by mail, you must request a mail ballot from your Town Clerk. Please do this by Monday, March 6, 2023 or go to your Town Clerk and pick up a ballot.

Respectfully submitted,
Taconic and Green Regional School District Board of Directors



January 2023

Dear Residents,

For over four decades, Long Trail School has maintained a commitment to educating students in southern Vermont. We are grateful for the support of our community members and our school-choice model, which enables us to deliver powerful experiences for students each and every day. Long Trail School seeks to be both a center of educational excellence and a resource for our broader community. We are grateful for your continued support.

For the 2022-2023 school year, Long Trail serves 240 students in grades 6-12 hailing from 31 towns and 2 countries. Families choose Long Trail for our unparalleled intellectual and creative challenges. LTS students have ambitious and diverse goals in the classroom, on the playing fields, in the arts, and within their communities. We are proud that Long Trail is a school where students thrive and upon graduation enter the world prepared to lead purposeful lives.

In my first year serving as Head of School at Long Trail, I have quickly come to realize the transformative power of this school, and I warmly invite you to visit our campus to experience Long Trail for yourself. Please email Paula Allen (pallen@longtrailsschool.org) to schedule a visit or feel free to reach out to me directly at cigoe@longtrailsschool.org or 802-857-5717.

Thank you for caring about our students and our school. We are grateful for tuition funding from our area towns and for your commitment to students in our region. Your investment in Long Trail School is an investment in our community and a commitment to a bright future.

With gratitude,

Colin Igoe
Head of School



Southern Vermont
Communications
Union District

Arlington Bennington Dorset Landgrove Londonderry
Manchester Peru Pownal Rupert Sandgate Shaftsbury
Sunderland Winhall Woodford

210 South Street
Suite 6
Bennington, VT 05201

January 19, 2023

To our Member Towns and their Residents:

The Southern Vermont Communications Union District, a political subdivision of the State of Vermont, is a multi-municipal organization working to solve the longstanding rural broadband connectivity challenges in its fourteen member towns. Since forming in March of 2020, the CUD has grown to include Arlington, Bennington, Dorset, Landgrove, Londonderry, Manchester, Peru, Pownal, Rupert, Sandgate, Shaftsbury, Sunderland, Winhall, and Woodford.

SoVT CUD has had a very busy, and successful third year. The CUD worked with its partner, Consolidated Communications Inc. (CCI) to submit an application to the Act 71 Construction Grant Program, which was successfully funded in the amount of \$9,009,085. The CUD also signed a Master Services Agreement with CCI to begin construction of a fiber network in the CUD's service territory. In June, the CUD and CCI celebrated the launch of Phase 1 of CCI's three-phase buildout in Bennington County, and in August, the first customer was connected to the new fiber network. **All 14 towns in the CUD are expected to be covered by the end of 2023.**

CCI, in consultation with the CUD, has developed the following three-phase construction plan for the CUD territory:

- **Phase 1:** Now Complete! This phase is financed by CCI as part of their Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (RDOF) obligations and covered most of the Southshire, including Bennington, Woodford, Glastenbury, and part of Pownal and Shaftsbury.
- **Phase 2A:** This phase will be financed by the Act 71 Construction Grant. Set to begin in early 2023 and complete by the end of the year, this phase of the buildout will cover approximately 1,300 unserved and underserved addresses in the CUD's territory. Most of SoVT CUD's territory will be covered at the conclusion of this phase.
- **Phase 2B:** Funded by CCI, the second part of Phase 2 will begin in early 2023 and complete by the end of the year. This portion of the project involves a fiber build to an additional 619 unserved addresses and is part of CCI's RDOF obligations.
- **Phase 3:** The final phase will build out fiber to the "hardest 100" addresses in the CUD's territory, which has since been narrowed to the "hardest 17" addresses.
- Additionally, because of the strong partnership between the CUD and Consolidated, Consolidated has agreed to invest its own capital to cover an additional 4,689 served addresses across the CUD.

By way of closing, we would like to thank the many people and organizations who continue to support our work: the Department of Public Service; the Vermont Community Broadband Board; our elected officials; and the Bennington County Regional Commission. Most importantly, however, we would like to recognize the delegates that you have appointed to the CUD's Governing Board. They have dedicated their time and energy to solving an immensely difficult problem, and we would not have made the progress that we have made to date without them.

We meet the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at 6:00 PM. Please join us, and learn more at sovtcud.net.

Sincerely,

Eric Hatch, Chair
Southern Vermont Communications Union District

Bennington County Regional Commission

The Bennington County Regional Commission (BCRC) works with and on behalf of its member municipalities to build strong, resilient, and sustainable communities, to foster economic prosperity, and to promote a high quality of life for residents of the region. The BCRC plays an important role in coordinating work among local governments, state and federal agencies, regional public and nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, and private interests. The organization is governed by local appointees from seventeen area municipalities and commissioners who represent interests ranging from public health to economic development. Regular meetings are held on the third Thursday of every other month, with frequent special meetings throughout the year (information at: www.bcrevt.org).

In addition to its ongoing role in supporting the comprehensive planning work of municipal officials, the BCRC is a regional center for programs in community and economic development, transportation, energy, environmental conservation, water quality, public health, solid waste management, and emergency management. BCRC staff is available to provide direct assistance in these areas and to serve as a liaison with state and federal agencies.

During the past year, the BCRC has worked to implement its comprehensive plan through a variety of programs and cooperative work with member municipalities. Economic development planning at the BCRC is conducted by dedicated staff and supported by a committee with representatives appointed by the regional development corporation. The goal of this BCRC program is to support business retention, growth, and recruitment. Related BCRC planning and community development initiatives support redevelopment initiatives in downtowns and village centers, grant assistance for local businesses, and have produced reuse planning studies for key properties such as the former SVC campus, the recently idled Energizer complex and the Bennington Armory. Concern over the state's water quality has led the BCRC to identify and implement local projects that not only reduce stormwater runoff, but also protect roads, bridges, culverts, and private property from damage. Other important activities have included: an assessment of land use regulations affecting housing in each town and village, expanded staff capacity to assist with implementation of local energy plans, village center and neighborhood development area designations, implementation of the regional solid waste management plan, and planning for roadway, bicycle and pedestrian, and public transportation improvements.

In the coming year, the BCRC will continue to provide information and resources to assist business and local governments and to take advantage of opportunities created through the federal American Rescue Plan and other programs. We expect to see continued focus on infrastructure (including broadband) improvement projects, pandemic recovery and business support services, planning for workforce housing, and measures to support implementation of the Vermont Climate Action Plan.

While our downtown Bennington offices, located at 210 South Street, have reopened, staff still work remotely at times, so it generally is easiest to contact us via email (see contacts at www.bcrevt.org). Fortunately, technology has allowed us to continue work with little interruption in progress on any projects.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Colvin, Director



Strengthening Communities Through Local Independent Media

GNAT-TV Service Territory:

Arlington
Dorset
Londonderry
Manchester
Peru
Rupert
Sandgate
Stratton
Sunderland
Weston
Winhall

WAYS TO WATCH

COMCAST CABLE

CHANNELS:

1074 (PUBLIC)

1084 (GOVERNMENT)

1094 (EDUCATION)

GNAT-TV.ORG

YOUTUBE

ROKU & APPLE TV

LISTEN VIA PODCAST

Thank you for your past support of GNAT-TV. Your continued support enables us to provide authentic local information, and transparent access to your government. GNAT-TV is the only local independent nonprofit media outlet in our area. People rely on us to keep them informed and connected to one another, and to Vermont.

In 2022 alone, we aired and archived 32 Sunderland select board, school board, and other town government meetings on cable and online (and nearly 200 in total across our region in 2022). We produced interviews and discussions with your legislators, and aired Governor Scott's press conferences; helping to bring the implications of statewide issues to the local level, so you can be better informed.

GNAT-TV Operating Revenue / Expense Summary Year Ending 9.30.2022

Operating Revenue

Mandated Cable Funding	\$432,864
Municipal Contributions (7 Towns)	\$13,000
Program Services, Contributions, Grants	\$60,125
Investments / Other	-\$8,555
Net Asset Release from Restrictions	\$24,090
Total Operating Revenue	\$521,524

Operating Expenses

Program / Production	\$413,915
General / Management	\$94,922
Fundraising	\$1,605
Total Operating Expense	\$508,837

Full financial reports available at gnat-tv.org

2022 Usage Data

621 Local Public Programs Produced
189 Government Meetings
97 Community Video Announcements
237 Community Bulletin Announcements
231,005 Online Video Views
620 Equipment & Facility Reservations
275 Training Sessions
405 People Trained

We are committed to our role as an independent non-commercial informational resource and a facilitator of diverse community voices. Our commitment, to every citizen we serve, has never been more evident than during the past few years.

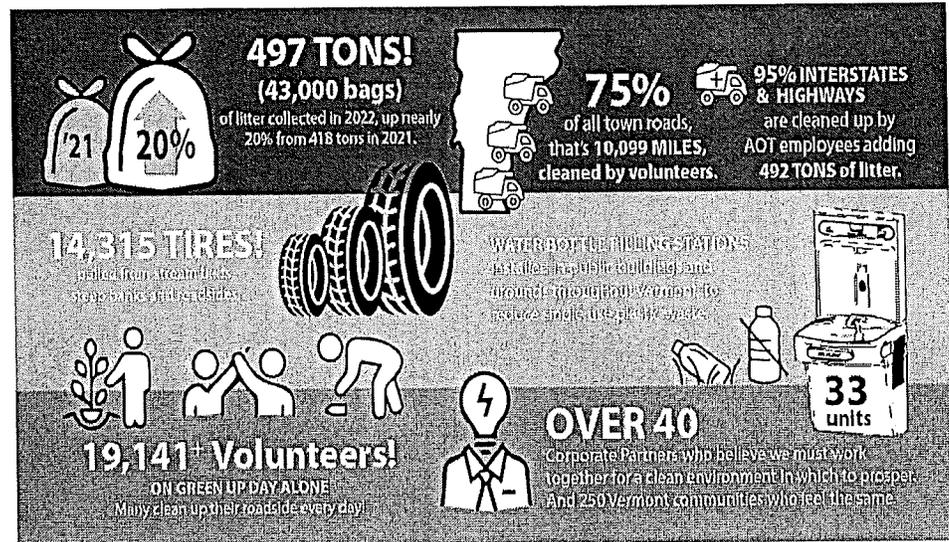
- We worked with local schools to share their stories and live stream their graduation ceremonies.
- We also made it possible for the faith community to share their weekly services on cable and online.
- We provided skill building opportunities for everyone in our community via our youth education program, mentorship program, and adult media training.
- We produced 214 local News Project segments
- We expanded our weekly community calendar to provide real time local information to our community
- We captured and archived 42 community events for current and future citizens to view with pride.

As we navigate the impact of a changing global media industry, and our traditional cable funding becomes unstable, we rely on your support, now more than ever. A strong local community media organization is vital to our community, to our democracy, and to our collective futures. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration and financial support.



GREEN UP VERMONT
www.greenupvermont.org

Green Up Day
May 6, 2023



Green Up Day on May 7, 2022 was a wonderful success thanks to 19,141 volunteers statewide who participated on Green Up Day. The infographic shows that all your hard work to beautify Vermont is crucial and that it makes where we get to live, work, and play, a truly special place. As one of Vermont's favorite unofficial holidays, it is imperative for today and future generations to build pride, awareness, and stewardship for a clean Vermont environment, as well as keep residents civically engaged.

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

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

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

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

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

Martha Canfield Library

Town Report 2022

The Martha Canfield Library is here to help you read, learn and expand your horizons in a variety of ways. We have books, movies, games and puzzles, interlibrary loan, and printing services. We have 24/7 online access to audio and ebooks, along with other databases for research and classes through the links on our website: marthacanfieldlibrary.org. All you need is your library card barcode. We can also help with navigating the internet and online forms or answer your technical questions. We have a variety of programs for adults as well as children, including a preschool story-time on Tuesday mornings. And, thanks to a grant from the Berkshire Bank, we were able to provide activities and free books for children during our summer reading program.

2022 saw Russell Collection activity begin to return to normal following the loosening of COVID restrictions and anxiety. We helped researchers from as far away as New Mexico and South Carolina searching for answers to history and genealogy questions. We also received a number of important donations including black and white and colored post cards focused on local and state-wide images; the photo collection of Ellen Lipshutz; a painting by L. H. Towsley titled "Butternut in Arlington;" four paintings by Dorothy and John Fisher's friend, Jack Knox, painted in Arlington and showing the Red Mountain area; Mack Molding company picnic photos from about 1948; and a moving letter from Dorothy Canfield Fisher to Eleanor Hayden about the death of Fisher's son Jimmy during WW II. The Kelley Stand ledger donated several years ago was in very poor condition. Avis Hayden donated the cost of re-binding the ledger, and we hope to publish a transcription of hotel visitors in 2023. We have also started to prepare a digital reprint of the popular Arlington Along the Battenkill by Hugh Henry.

We greatly appreciate your support through the years as we strive to provide services essential to a well-informed community. Let us know how we can help: check our webpage, follow us on Facebook, email with requests and questions, call us.

Respectfully submitted, Phyllis Skidmore, Director, Laura Crosslin, President, Board of Trustees

Martha Canfield Library, 528 East Arlington Rd., P.O. Box 267, Arlington, VT 05250

802-375-6153, marthacanfieldlibrary.org, martha_canfield_lib@hotmail.com.

Russell_vermntiana_collection@hotmail.com.



Rutland Office: 802-786-5990
Bennington Office: 802-442-5436
Helpline: 1-800-642-5119

Report to the Citizens of Sunderland

This report describes the services that the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging (SVCOA) provided to elders in Sunderland during SVCOA's most recent annual reporting period of 10/1/2021 through 9/30/2022.

Nutrition Support

The Council helped provide 662 meals that were delivered to the home of 4 elders in your community. This service is often called "Meals on Wheels". In addition, 3 Sunderland elders came to a luncheon site in your area to enjoy a nutritious meal and the company of others; 101 meals were provided.

Additionally, SVCOA provided 6.5 hours of one-on-one nutrition support, including nutrition assessments and resource connections and referrals, to 4 residents of Sunderland.

Case Management Assistance:

SVCOA case management and outreach staff helped 3 elders in your community for a total of 32.5 hours. Case managers meet with an elder privately in the elder's home or at another agreed upon location and assess the elder's situation. They will work with the elder to identify needs and talk about possible services available to address those needs. If the elder desires, the case manager will link the client to appropriate services, coordinate and monitor services as necessary, and provide information and assistance to caregivers. Case managers also help elders connect with in-home assistance programs, including a program called Choices for Care. This program is especially helpful to frail elders facing long term care placement who still wish to remain at home.

Other Services and Support:

1) "Senior Helpline" assistance at 1-800-642-5119. Our Senior HelpLine staff provide telephone support to elders and others who need information on available programs and community resources; 2) Medicare and health benefit counseling information and assistance through our State Health Insurance Program; 3) Legal service assistance through the Vermont Senior Citizens Law Project; 4) Information about elder issues and opportunities via various agency articles and publications 5) Nutrition education and counseling services provided by SVCOA's Registered Dietician; 6) Senior Companion support for frail, homebound elders; 7) Outreach services to elders dealing with mental health issues through our Elder Care Clinician. This service is provided in cooperation with Rutland Mental Health; 8) Transportation assistance; 9) Caregiver support, information and respite to family members and others who are providing much needed help to elders in need of assistance; 10) Money Management programs that offer either a volunteer bill payer or representative payee services to elders and younger disabled individuals.



**PROJECT AGAINST
VIOLENT ENCOUNTERS**

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www.pavebennington.org

Town of Sunderland

In the past year our community has been confronted by issues that bring many of us to despair; drugs, gangs and community violence abound. PAVE stands with our community daily, combatting domestic & sexual violence and promoting hope in our community.

Community violence, as well as substance abuse heavily effect and are entangled with the issue of domestic and sexual violence. One cannot address one concern without bumping up against the other. Therefore, collaboration between community providers is essential in efforts to address these issues.

PAVE continues to provide our core services to survivors which include; emergency housing, crisis hotline, advocacy services for housing and systems navigation, as well as community education. Our shelter provided 5461 nights of safety for survivors and advocates conducted 1138 service sessions in the past year.

In the past year, PAVE provided services to 231 survivors, which equals approximately one new survivor a business day. The highest areas of service utilization were in regards to housing, emotional support, and systems navigation advocacy.

PAVE is asking for level funding this year; \$150.00.

In the coming year PAVE will continue to focus on prevention, collaboration with our community partners, and maintaining our core services. We will strive to bring the hope of nonviolence to our community, while aiding survivors in taking the steps to heal their lives.

On behalf of our board of directors, staff, and the families we served, I thank the Town of Sunderland for your ongoing support. It allows us to create greater opportunities for those that are impacted by domestic and/or sexual violence, and need our services each year.

Respectfully submitted,

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Suzanne Kirkpatrick, Board President

Arlington Community Public Health Nursing Service, Inc.
P.O Box 62 Arlington, Vermont 05250

December 10, 2022

Town of Sunderland Select Board
104 Mountain View Rd.
Sunderland, VT 05250

Dear Members of the Select Board,

On behalf of the Arlington Community Public Health Nursing Service, I am writing to express our appreciation for the continued financial support of the board and the citizens of Sunderland. The Nursing Service is respectfully requesting that the board consider funding for the year 2023 in the amount of \$1500. The costs of Rutland Area Visiting Nurses providing home care to our residents in need continues as well as various other medical assistance needs that are appropriately funded as they arise in our community. Our scholarship program continues each year as well, with four scholarships in place to four worthy graduating students who receive it for their entire four years depending on their diligently continuing their studies. We sincerely hope you are able to grant our request, so we may continue to provide these important services.

On behalf of the thirty citizens that make up our board we thank you for your service to our town and for your support of our missions.

Sincerely,



Donna Gunther, President
Arlington Community Public Health Nursing Service, Inc.



426 E. Arlington Road Arlington, VT 05250
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Arlington Area Childcare, Inc.

An Early Childhood Education Center

Arlington Area Child Care Annual Report 2022

As the new Executive Director of Arlington Area Childcare Inc. I am excited to write this Annual Report for you and to introduce myself. My name is Ginelle Hunter, I am an Early Educator with 15+ years of experience in the Early Special Education field. I have resided and worked in New York my entire life but am so excited to finally change directions. Working as a Director in Vermont is certainly a new adventure, but one I am really enjoying.

In 2022 68 students from Arlington, Sunderland, Sandgate and neighboring towns attended our program either part or full time. These children (age 6 weeks-12 years old) attended either our Early Education program, our Afterschool program or our Summer Camp.

Accomplishments-

- Maintains our 4 STARS with the State of Vermont.
- Surviving Covid (which for a Child Care Program is huge)!
- Family Advocacy program- We have worked a lot since Covid on our Family Advocacy program which helps families in need with food, gas, and safe transportation by helping to fix their cars.
- Fundraisers-The Board of Trustees has been challenged coming out of the pandemic to find fundraising ideas that people want to support. In 2023 we are excited to bring back some old favorites such as the Little Caesars pizza kits (January 2023) and the Mac and Cheese Extravaganza and Dessert Auction in conjunction with the Federated Church!
- Staff Growth- We currently have 8 teachers enrolled in CCV, in either college courses or the Fundamentals For Early Childhood Professionals course to further their education. We also offer both short and full day trainings to help all our current staff members earn 30 professional development hours annually.
- Camp Community Connections-This past Summer we were excited to have our School Ageds partner with several Community Organizations. The children visited the organizations and learned about what each organization does and how we can help them

Northshire Day School

The early childhood educators and staff at Northshire Day School wish to express our thanks to **Sunderland residents and the Town of Sunderland** for appropriating support to our program. **Last year, the voters approved our request for \$11,000 and we are hoping that voters will do the same this year!** Your support benefits our entire community by providing a nurturing and inclusive place where children grow and thrive while their families serve our community as bakers, builders, landscapers, cleaners, lawyers, electricians, mechanics, teachers, volunteers, veterinarians, firefighters, doctors, and so much more. The voters of Manchester and Dorset also supported NDS last year and we will be requesting their support again this year. The Manchester appropriation is \$87,000 and Dorset's is \$13,000. These numbers are based on the numbers of children served from those communities.

In June 2022, NDS achieved 5 STARS in the Vermont Step Ahead Recognition System (STARS), the highest quality rating for early childhood education in Vermont. We hire talented educators and staff, offer affordable access to families from all backgrounds, and are committed to providing top-quality early learning experiences. We strengthen families and communities through early childhood education, family support, and community partnerships.

What We Spend

Top-quality early childhood education is expensive. During the 2021-2022 school year, we invested \$17,950 in each child in our program, resulting in a total expenditure of \$1,555,744. Eighty-eight percent of our spending goes toward our employees. Northshire Day School has low student-to-educator ratios, which allows us to implement a rich emergent curriculum and offer individualized instruction. For the first time since the pandemic began, Northshire Day School is fully-staffed with credentialed educators. We are pleased to announce that as of January 2023, we currently have 6 licensed educators in our classrooms, with 5 more who will become licensed in 2023. The seven percent of our budget spent on classrooms, enrichment, and more includes administrative costs, activity supplies, playground equipment, and classroom enrichment programming - all of the non-human resources that make NDS a wonderful place for children to grow. The six percent of our spending going toward facilities includes cleaning supplies, building maintenance, and custodial expenses.

Our Revenue Sources

Family tuition covers 47% of the total cost of running our early childhood education program, with CCFAP and Act 166 PreK Funding also going toward tuition expenses. These funding sources combined to pay an average of \$13,350 per child during the 2021-2022 school year. Annual giving is our second most critical revenue source. The Growth Fund contributed \$155,821 last year. These investments enhance every aspect of our program. NDS relies on multiple grants each year to further support our program. In 2021-2022, NDS established the President's Fund, an endowed fund to build fiscal solvency.

Value Added

The difference between the \$17,950 we spend on each student and the \$13,350 received in tuition reflects the \$4,600 annual subsidy enjoyed by every family, thanks to the resources provided by endowment earnings, grants, and gifts. A quarter of our families receive additional subsidy and tuition relief based on their ability to pay. Our commitment to need-based tuition relief makes it possible for all families to access opportunities at NDS regardless of their family circumstances and explains why our actual revenue per child falls short of tuition. It is our goal to ensure that no family pays more than 10% of their income to NDS.

The Power of Your Appropriations

The \$4,600 subsidy per student leaves a significant annual gap. We rely on CCFAP subsidy from the State of Vermont, Act 166 PreK Funding, grants, scholarships, special programs, and endowment income to fill this gap. To secure our top-quality programming for the future, we must maintain the real purchasing power of our endowment in perpetuity. Our Board of Trustees has limited endowment spending and works to ensure that we do not rely on the endowment to fill the entire gap in our budget. Town Appropriations help NDS fulfill our commitment to deliver top-quality early childhood education to as many children and families as possible.

To view our Annual Report, please visit:

<https://www.northshiredayschool.org/support-nds/growthreport/>



Photo 1 Foliage at the base of Mount Abraham in Lincoln, Vermont. USDA Forest Service photo.

Green Mountain National Forest

Town Meeting Report

The employees of the Green Mountain National Forest (GMNF) depend heavily on support from many municipalities, volunteers, partners, and contractors. The Forest would like to take this time to thank you and your community for the support and interest that you have shown in helping with the management of the approximately 400,000-acre GMNF. Receiving several million outdoor recreation enthusiast visits annually, these visitors seek enjoyment in a natural setting while providing critical benefit to our local economies. The GMNF is proud to be a part of Vermont and your town. It is truly one of Vermont's treasures and the largest contiguous public land area in the state. Forest staff work hard to achieve quality public land management under a sustainable multiple-use management concept to meet the diverse needs of all people -- people in your town as well as all of the visitors who come to Vermont every year. This has been another exciting year for us, and we have worked hard to support new opportunities on the National Forest that benefit the people and communities that we serve.

As mentioned in our Town Report last year, we are in the process of building a new Forest Supervisor's Office in Mendon which we expect to be open for staff and visitors in the coming year. The former Rutland-based headquarters (231 North Main Street) for the Green Mountain and Finger Lakes National Forests has transitioned to a full-time virtual work schedule which will continue until our new office is completed on U.S. Route 4 in Mendon, Vermont. While our main phone number (formally for the Rutland Office) will remain the same (802) 747-6700, our mailing address has changed to: USDA Forest Service, Green Mountain & Finger Lakes National Forests, PO Box 220, Rutland, VT 05702. Please use this new mailing address and also visit our website for a current listing of Forest Service employees who can assist you throughout this temporary transition:
https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/stelprd3838044.pdf.

******* The complete report is available at the Sunderland Town Clerk's Office *******

TIME TO SPAY AND NEUTER YOUR CATS AND DOGS!

The VT Spay Neuter Incentive Program (**VSNIIP**), 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 by six months of age.** 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 as well as humane societies during the month of March. 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 an Application for VSNIIP and a List of Participating Offices, send a S.A.S.E. (a 9" Self-Addressed, Stamped Envelope) to: VSNIIP, PO Box 104, Bridgewater, VT 05034. Or, to download and print, go to: VSNIIP.VERMONT.GOV Indicate if it's for a cat, dog or both. Once *fully* completed, you will mail it back. If approved, you will receive your Voucher and instructions.

The cost for the surgery to you is only \$27.00, providing there are no complications. Fellow Vermonters pay the balance of your account from funds collected at the time of dog registration. Please be SURE your cat or dog is completely flea and tick free **before** the visit. Animals left UN-neutered are more prone to forms of cancer.

Thank veterinarians for their participation in this important program. If your veterinarian is not a participant, please encourage them to join. Several veterinarians have retired, leaving a reduced number of participating offices. VSNIIP 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've made in our state over the years when euthanasia was the means of animal over-population control. Those days are behind us ~ let's keep it that way!

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

VSNIIP is funded by \$4.00 added to the licensing of dogs. Dogs are required by law to be licensed in the town in which you live by six months of age. Proof of a rabies vaccination within the last year is required to be able to license a dog. Puppies and kittens can have a rabies vaccination after 12 weeks of age. Tractor Supply stores offer monthly rabies clinics as do some humane society shelters.

Below is a list of places that offer low cost spay & neuter clinic options to VSNIIP. Animals usually come home the day of surgery. If you must travel, enjoy the day in the area! You may want to call your local humane society to see if they've added a spay day to their schedule.

LOW COST SPAY NEUTER OPTIONS: LOOK UP THEIR WEB SITES ☺

Cat Crusaders of Franklin CTY: Franklin CTY residents considered first. 802-782-9968

Community Pet Clinic: Humane Society of Chittenden CTY, 3 clinics a week! 802-923-9023

Feline & Friends Foundation: 802-323-4793 Cats ONLY in Caledonia, Orleans & Essex Counties considered first. Outside area will be considered as space allows AND Barn & Feral (frightened) Cats in the Northeast Kingdom are welcome. If possible: [Schedule on FFFVT.org](http://Schedule.on.FFFVT.org)

Franklin County Humane Society, St. Albans 802-524-9650 X 707

Frontier Animal Society, Orleans, VT 754-2228 Cats ONLY

Homeward Bound: Addison CTY Humane Society, VT "Taxi Cat" 802-388-1100

Humane Society of Chittenden County's Community Pet Clinic, So. Burlington 802-923-9028

Lucy Mackenzie Humane Society: 802-484-5829 West Windsor, VT

Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Shelter: 802-754-2228 Orleans, VT Cats ONLY

Riverside Rescue: 802-892-5300 Lunenburg, VT 524-9650 X

Rutland County Humane Society: 802-483-6700 Rutland, VT

Second Chance Animal Center: 802-375-2898 Shaftsbury, VT

Second Chance Animal Rescue Inc.: 603-259-3244 Littleton, NH

Springfield Humane Society: 802-885-3997 Springfield, VT

Sullivan CTY Humane Society: 603-542-3277 Claremont, NH

The Feline Connection: Rutland County: thefelineconnection.vt@gmail.com

Upper Valley Humane Society: 603-448-6888 Enfield, NH

Windham County Humane Society: 802-254-2232 Brattleboro, VT

VT- CAN: 802-223-0034: Middlesex, VT

N.E. Kingdom Spay-Neuter Program: 802-334-7393 Orleans, Essex County

Local Health Office Annual Report 2022

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

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

Worked to prevent and control the spread of disease: In collaboration with community partners, since COVID-19 response efforts began, we hosted over 60 COVID-19 vaccination clinics and provided over 5,500 COVID-19 doses. Since August 2021, all local health offices have also documented and helped manage 8,125 COVID-19-related situations, including 1,271 COVID-19 outbreaks.

Ensured local preparedness for future emergencies: We worked with partners like schools, hospitals, and emergency personnel to ensure effective pandemic response and support preparedness to distribute medicine, supplies, and information during public health emergencies. This year, we responded to the emergence of human monkeypox virus by sharing information and providing vaccine to community members. As of November 15, 2022, 25 hMPXV vaccine doses have been administered.

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

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

Provided WIC services and resources to families and children: Provided WIC nutrition education and support to 1,037 individuals between July 1, 2021 and June 31, 2022, while enabling them to save on groceries so they can have more to spend on other things their family needs. WIC also empowers families with breastfeeding/chestfeeding support and provides referrals to other health and nutrition services. Learn more at www.healthvermont.gov/wic.

Supported student health and youth empowerment: According to the Vermont Youth Risk Behavior Survey, only 54% percent of students in Bennington County agree or strongly agree that they "believe they matter to people in their community." Regionally, efforts like mentoring and after-school enrichment programs help to ensure youth feel valued and included.

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

Learn more about what we do at <https://www.healthvermont.gov/local/Bennington>

2022 Legislative Report

The 2022 legislative session saw lawmakers return to Montpelier for in-person legislating. As happens every decade, we were required to redraw the House legislative map using the latest population counts from the census. Due to population growth in Sunderland, a slightly larger section of the town, including homes on South Road, is now in the Bennington-3 district that I represent along with Shaftsbury and Glastenbury.

As a member of the House Committee on Ways & Means, I was able to help guide several changes to tax policy. We increased the social security tax exemption, expanded the child and dependent care credit, added a new student loan interest deduction and created a Vermont Child Tax Credit—which beginning in 2022 provides an annual \$1000 credit per child to most Vermont families. This new tax credit comes amid unsuccessful efforts to make the expanded federal child tax credit permanent.

In a similar vein, during the pandemic the federal government provided free breakfast and lunch for all students. With that assistance scheduled to end last June, the legislature voted to apply part of the surplus in the state Education Fund to pilot a one-year extension of the Universal School Meals program for the current school year. The success of that program is now being evaluated, and the legislature is considering making it permanent.

Ways & Means also did extensive work on the pupil weighting formula that helps determine local education tax rates. Beginning next year and phasing in over the next few years, the share of statewide school taxes paid by property owners will gradually decrease in more rural and economically disadvantaged areas of the state.

In 2022 the Legislature also expanded eligibility for childcare financial assistance; stabilized the state employee and teacher pension plans; designated more funding for UVM and the Vermont State Colleges (where I now serve as a Trustee); amended the state constitution to ensure reproductive liberty (which the voters then ratified in November); created new scholarships and loan repayment programs for nurses and other critical occupations; directed additional funding to home weatherization and vehicle electrification efforts.

With the economy still buoyed by the impact of unprecedented federal investments, we begin 2023 with a large surplus in the current year budget. This will allow for additional one-time investments in areas such as housing construction and rehabilitation. There is also \$9 million proposed towards construction of a much-needed youth inpatient psychiatric facility, potentially at SVMC.

The Legislature is typically in session in Montpelier from January through May, and visitors are always welcome to observe the proceedings. Please let me know if you are planning a visit and I would be happy to show you around. I am available year-round to hear input on legislation and provide assistance with issues related to state government. Feel free to email me at ddurfee@leg.state.vt.us, or contact me at the Statehouse at 802 828-2228 or at home at 802 442-4414.

Respectfully submitted,

David Durfee, State Representative, Bennington 3

2023 Legislative Report: Reps. Kathleen James and Seth Bongartz

The 2023–2024 legislative biennium began on January 4 with a swearing-in ceremony at the Vermont State House in Montpelier. Rep. Jill Krowinski was elected with tri-partisan support to her second term as Speaker of the House.

The first session of the biennium will adjourn sometime in May. During the session, representatives are in Montpelier every Tuesday through Friday and at home every Saturday through Monday, with a one-week break over Town Meeting week in March.

As in recent years, all floor sessions and committee meetings are livestreamed and archived for public viewing on the Vermont General Assembly website: <https://legislature.vermont.gov/>. On the website, you can also research bills, read written testimony, check out voting records and much more.

Reps. Kathleen James and Seth Bongartz, who together represent the two-seat Bennington-4 district, will hold regular constituent coffee hours during the session. Some will be held in person at meetings across the district, while others will be held remotely on Zoom (see the full schedule below). All residents of the district (Arlington, Manchester, Sandgate and northwest Sunderland) are welcome to join. These meetings are a great way to ask questions, raise concerns and stay informed about legislation. All meetings are held on Saturdays from 9 to 10 am. To attend a Zoom meeting, email KJames@leg.state.vt.us at least 30 minutes prior for the link.

James was elected Assistant Majority Leader and will serve as ranking member of the General and Housing Committee. This committee works on housing, labor, equity and inclusion, and other policies. Bongartz will serve as ranking member of the Energy and Environment Committee, a newly expanded committee that will work on conservation and development, climate change mitigation, energy, broadband, and land, air and water resources.

Constituent Coffee Hours: 2023

January 7: Charlie's Coffee House

39 Bonnet Street, Manchester Center

With Rep. Mike Rice

January 21: Online meeting (Zoom)

With Rep. Mike Rice

February 4: Wayside Country Store

3307 Vermont Route 313, West Arlington

March 4: Bonnie and Clyde's

13 Old Mill Road, East Arlington

With Rep. Dave Durfee

March 4–7: See you at your annual town and school meetings!

March 18: Online meeting (Zoom)

With Rep. Mike Rice

April 1: Charlie's Coffee House

39 Bonnet Street, Manchester Center

May 13: Wayside Country Store

3307 Vermont Route 313, West Arlington

May 20: Online meeting (Zoom)

With Rep. Mike Rice

June 3: Bonnie and Clyde's

13 Old Mill Road, East Arlington

With Rep. Dave Durfee

Beyond these scheduled constituent meetings, it's easy to connect with your state legislators. We work hard to represent all residents with transparency, integrity and accountability. Please stay in touch and reach out anytime with questions or concerns. We respond to constituent correspondence as promptly as possible.

Note: To meet printing and mailing deadlines, this report was submitted to town clerks on January 9, less than a week after the 2023 session began. We provide frequent progress reports on social media and via our e-newsletter, delivered to your inbox throughout the session. We also publish a mid-session report that we distribute at Town Meeting and post online. Stay tuned!

Rep. Kathleen James

Assistant Majority Leader

General and Housing Committee, Ranking Member

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