

**Town of Mt. Tabor
P.O. Box 245
Mt. Tabor, VT 05739**

**Town Meeting
March 6, 2023
7:30 p.m.**

**Voting
March 7, 2023
10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.**



MOUNT TABOR, VERMONT

TOWN REPORT

JULY 1, 2021 - JUNE 30, 2022



MOUNT TABOR, VERMONT

TOWN OFFICE PHONE 802-293-5282

TOWN OFFICE E-MAIL mttabor@vermontel.net

TOWN CLERK
William Basso 802-293-5020

TOWN CLERK OFFICE HOURS
Tuesday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon
Wednesday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon
Or by Appointment.

FIRE WARDEN
Mark Audy 802-293-5628

ASST. FIRE WARDEN
Seth Beauregard 802-345-9813

SELECT BOARD MEETING
Second Tuesday of each month at Mt. Tabor town office at 5:00 p.m.

TRANSFER STATION HOURS - RECYCLE - RECYCLE - RECYCLE
Tuesday 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
East Dorset Transfer Station for disposal of
Tires, Toxic Waste, Appliances, Furniture, Electronics.

GLEASON ROAD HHW FACILITY IN RUTLAND
Mon. - Sat. 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
802-775-7209 / www.rcswd.com

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL SCHEDULE
April 29 Danby Transfer Station 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
July 22 Danby Transfer Station 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

**EMERGENCY CALLS - Quick and Best Response
911**

**NORTHSHIRE RESCUE SQUAD
DANBY/MT. TABOR VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

VERMONT STATE POLICE..... 1-802-772-9109
POISON CONTROL CENTER 1-800-222-1222
RABIES HOT LINE 1-802-863-7240

Town Meeting and Voting will take place at the Town Clerk’s Office, Mt. Tabor, VT.
Voting information is posted at the Town Office,
Mt. Tabor Market, Mt. Tabor-Danby Post Office.

*On the Cover - E. Laport and a Charcoal Rig on the Plank Road
near the Railroad in Mt. Tabor, VT - August 22, 1896*

TOWN AND TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS 2022

Moderator, Town	Robert Gasperetti	Term expires 2023
Select Board	Mark Audy	Term expires 2023
Select Board	R Matthew Gasperetti III	Term expires 2023
Select Board	Philip Lidstone	Term expires 2024
Town Clerk	William Basso II	Term expires 2023
Town Treasurer	William Basso II	Term expires 2024
Tax Collector	William Basso II	Term expires 2025
Delinquent Tax Collector	William Basso II	Term expires 2025
Auditor	William Gaiotti	Term expires 2024
Auditor	VACANT	Term expires 2023
Auditor	Linda Davison	Term expires 2023
Lister	William Basso II	Term expires 2025
Lister	VACANT	Term expires 2024
Lister	VACANT	Term expires 2023
Justice of the Peace	William Beauregard	Term expires 2025
	R Matthew Gasperetti III	Term expires 2025
	William Gaiotti	Term expires 2025
	Robert Gasperetti	Term expires 2025
	Herbert Ogden	Term expires 2025
	Herbert Ogden	Term expires 2023

Taconic & Green School Director

APPOINTED OFFICERS

Road Commissioners	Select Board	Term expires 2023
Town Service Agent	Select Board	Term expires 2023
Town Health Officer	Select Board	Term expires 2023
Fence Viewers	Ned Crawford	Term expires 2023
	William Gaiotti	Term expires 2023
	Robert Gasperetti	Term expires 2023
	Robert Gasperetti	Term expires 2023
Weigher of Coal		
Inspector of Wood, Lumber and Shingles	Mark Audy	Term expires 2023
Tree Warden	Mark Audy	Term expires 2023
Solid Waste Advisor	Select Board	
Deputy Registrars	Mark Audy	Term expires 2023
	Christopher Book (Aldous)	Term expires 2023
	Jon W. French (Brewster)	Term expires 2023
Truant Officer	VACANT	Term expires 2023
1st Constable	William Basso II	Term expires 2023
2nd Constable	VACANT	Term expires 2023
Dog Warden	Seth Beauregard	Term expires 2023
911 Coordinator	VACANT	Term expires 2023

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TOWN OF MT. TABOR
WARNING - ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

The legal voters in the Town of Mount Tabor, Vermont are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Town Office on **Monday, March 6, 2023 at 7:30 PM** and **Tuesday, March 7, 2023 from 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM** to act on the following:

TO BE VOTED ON MARCH 6, 2023 at 7:30 PM:

- ARTICLE 1.** Shall the town vote to appropriate a sum of **\$2,978 (Service Fee)** to support the **Northshire Rescue Squad**?
- ARTICLE 2.** Shall the town vote to allocate a sum of **\$1,923 (Dues)** to support the **Northshire Rescue Squad Ambulance Fund**?
- ARTICLE 3.** Shall the town vote a sum of **\$1,337** to join the **Vermont League of Cities and Towns**?
- ARTICLE 4.** Shall the town appropriate the sum of **\$770** to support the **VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region (VNAHSR)**?
- ARTICLE 5.** Shall the Town vote to appropriate the sum of **\$200** for the support of **Rutland Mental Health Services (formerly) Rutland Area Community Services** so that these services can be maintained?
- ARTICLE 6.** Shall the town vote to appropriate **\$250** to support the work of the **Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging** with Mt. Tabor elders?
- ARTICLE 7.** Shall the town vote to appropriate the sum of **\$100** to help support the **NewStory Center? (formerly Rutland County Women's Network and Shelter)**
- ARTICLE 8.** Shall the town vote to appropriate **\$200** to support the programs and services of **BROC (Bennington-Rutland Opportunity Council)**?
- ARTICLE 9.** Shall the town vote to appropriate the sum of **\$55** to support the **Vermont Center of Independent Living**?
- ARTICLE 10.** Shall the town vote to appropriate a sum of **\$100** to support the **Rutland County Humane Society**?
- ARTICLE 11.** Shall the town vote to appropriate the sum of **\$400** to support the **Neighborworks of Western Vermont**?
- ARTICLE 12.** Shall the town vote to appropriate **\$400** to support the **Child First Advocacy Center**?
- ARTICLE 13.** Shall the town vote to appropriate **\$250** to support the **Rutland Natural Resources Conservation District**?
- ARTICLE 14.** Shall the town vote to appropriate **\$250** to support the **American Red Cross of Vermont and the New Hampshire Valley**?
- ARTICLE 15.** Shall the Town of Mount Tabor vote to appropriate **\$8,527.20** for operating funds for the **Danby-Mt Tabor Volunteer Fire Department**?

- ARTICLE 16.** Shall the Town of Mount Tabor vote to appropriate **\$6,000** for capital expenditures for the **Danby-Mt Tabor Volunteer Fire Department**?
- ARTICLE 17.** Shall the Town of Mount Tabor, vote to appropriate **\$600** to support **The Mount Tabor-Danby Historical Society** to provide services to the residents of the Town of Mount Tabor?
- ARTICLE 18.** Shall the Town of Mount Tabor vote to appropriate **\$1,000** for dues to join the **Rutland Regional Planning Commission**?
- ARTICLE 19.** Shall the Town of Mount Tabor vote to appropriate **\$50** to support **Green Up Vermont**?
- ARTICLE 20.** Shall the Town of Mount Tabor vote to appropriate **\$100** to support the **Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force**?
- ARTICLE 21.** Shall the Town of Mount Tabor vote to appropriate **\$600** to support the **Rutland County Restorative Justice Center**?
- ARTICLE 22.** Shall the Town of Mount Tabor vote to appropriate **\$250** to support the **Vermont Family Network**?
- ARTICLE 23.** Shall the town vote a proposed budget to **meet the expenses** of the town for the year **2023-2024** and authorize the Select Board to **set a tax rate** sufficient to provide the same?
- ARTICLE 24.** Shall the town vote to print a **Town Report** for the year ending **June 30, 2023**?
- ARTICLE 25.** Shall the town vote to accept the **Report of the Town Officers** for the year ending **June 30, 2022**?
- ARTICLE 26.** **To transact any other business proper to come before this meeting.**

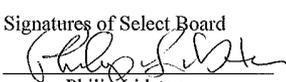
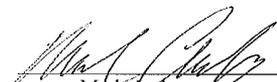
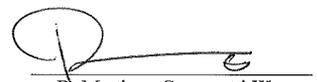
TO BE VOTED ON BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT, MARCH 7, 2023 FROM 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM

ARTICLE 27. To elect the following town officers for the ensuing term of office:

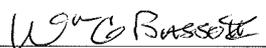
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|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Town Moderator for 1 year term | Auditor for 2 year term |
| Select Board for 3 year term | Auditor for 3 year term |
| Select Board for 2 year term | Lister for 1 year term |
| Town Clerk for 3 year term | Lister for 3 year term |

Dated the 24th day of JANUARY, 2023

Signatures of Select Board

 Philip Lidstone  Mark Audy  R. Matthew Gasperetti III

Received for recording this 24th day of JANUARY, 2023

Attest:  Town Clerk
 William G Basso II
 Mount Tabor, VT

**TACONIC AND GREEN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANNUAL MEETING WARNING**

The legal voters of the Taconic and Green Regional School District, consisting of the towns of Danby, Dorset, Landgrove, Londonderry, Manchester, Mt. Tabor, Peru, Sunderland and Weston, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Currier Memorial School at 234 North Main Street in Danby, Vermont on Tuesday, February 28, 2023 at 7:00 PM to consider and act upon the following articles and to discuss the articles to be voted upon by Australian Ballot.

To be acted upon on Tuesday, February 28, 2023:

- Article 1: To elect a Moderator to serve from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.
- Article 2: To elect a School District Clerk to serve from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.
- Article 3: To elect a School District Treasurer to serve from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.
- Article 4: To determine the date and time on which the 2024 Annual Meeting of the Taconic and Green Regional School District shall be held, and where such meeting shall be held.
- Article 5: To hear and act upon the reports of the School District Directors and Officers.
- Article 6: To discuss articles to be voted upon by Australian ballot.
- Article 7: To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

To be voted by Australian Ballot on Tuesday, March 7, 2023:

- Article 8: Shall the voters authorize the School Board to borrow money by issuance of notes not in excess of anticipated revenue for the fiscal year July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024?
- Article 9: Shall the voters approve payment of the announced tuition rate of Burr and Burton Academy in the amount of \$19,987 for the 2023-2024 school year for resident pupils in grades 9 through 12 who attend any approved Vermont independent school?
- Article 10: Shall the voters of the school district approve the school board to expend \$36,829,647, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$20,862 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 9% higher than spending for the current year.
- Article 11: Shall the voters authorize the School Board to transfer any unassigned General Fund surplus existing on June 30, 2023, an amount estimated to be \$638,353, to the Building and Grounds Reserve Fund?
- Article 12: Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$250,000 for the Building and Grounds Reserve Fund?
- Article 13: Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$125,000 for the Bus Reserve Fund?
- Article 14: Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$50,000 for the Technology Equipment Reserve Fund?
- Article 15: Shall the Taconic & Green Regional School District advise the School Board, the Vermont General Assembly and Governor that:
 - 1. Because our district does not operate a public high school, students have the opportunity to choose from a variety of public and independent high school options;
 - 2. The electorate does not support the public funding of any school that discriminates against students or staff on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, disability, marital status, sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity;
 - 3. The electorate supports the current structure of independent schools having autonomy over their governance and operations within the current regulatory framework. This structure of oversight has enabled our districts to make high school education available, as required by the State of Vermont, while maintaining confidence that the schools serving our students provide a high quality of education; and
 - 4. The electorate opposes efforts to change the current structure in a way that eliminates educational opportunities made possible by our current practice of high school choice. The electorate believes our current local educational system, in a great example of Vermont traditions, has evolved within this current structure, through a high level of community commitment and an appropriate exercise of local control, to provide high quality, equitable educational opportunities for our students.

Article 16: To elect the following Officer and School Director positions:

- Danby – One (1) Director for a one (1) year term expiring March 2024
- Dorset – One (1) Director for a three (3) year term expiring March 2026
- Landgrove – One (1) Director for a three (3) year term expiring March 2026
- Mt. Tabor – One (1) Director for a three (3) year term expiring March 2026
- Peru – One (1) Director for a three (3) year term expiring March 2026
- Sunderland – One (1) Director for a three (3) year term expiring March 2026

For the purpose of voting by Australian ballot on Tuesday, March 7, 2023:

Voters of the Town of Danby will vote at the Danby Town Clerk’s Office at 130 Brook Road. The Polls will open on Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at 7:00 AM and close at 7:00 PM.

Voters of the Town of Dorset will vote at the Dorset Town Office at 112 Mad Tom Road. The Polls will open on Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at 7:00 AM and close at 7:00 PM.

Voters of the Town of Landgrove will vote at the Landgrove Town Hall at 88 Landgrove Road. The Polls will open on Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at 8:00 AM and close at 7:00 PM.

Voters of the Town of Londonderry will vote at the Old Town Hall at 139 Middletown Road, South Londonderry. The Polls will open on Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at 7:00 AM and close at 7:00 PM.

Voters of the Town of Manchester will vote at the Manchester Town Hall at 40 Jeff Williams Way. The Polls will open on Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at 8:00 AM and close at 7:00 PM.

Voters of the Town of Mt. Tabor will vote at the Mt. Tabor Town Office at 522 Brooklyn Road. The Polls will open on Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at 10:00 AM and close at 7:00 PM.

Voters of the Town of Peru will vote at the Peru Town Office at 402 Main Street. The Polls will open on Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at 9:00 AM and close at 7:00 PM.

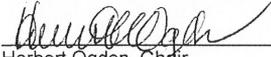
Voters of the Town of Sunderland will vote at the Sunderland Municipal Office at 104 Mountain View Road. The Polls will open on Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at 10:00 AM and close at 7:00 PM.

Voters of the Town of Weston will vote at the Weston Playhouse at 12 Park Street. The Polls will open on Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at 8:00 AM and close at 7:00 PM.

The legal voters of Taconic and Green Regional School District are further notified that voter qualification registration, and absentee voting relative to said meeting shall be as provided in Section 706(u) of Title 16, and Chapters 43, 51 and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

Dated this 11th day of January 2023.

On behalf of the Taconic and Green Regional School District Board of School Directors:



Herbert Ogden, Chair

Received for the record and recorded this 11th day of January 2023 by:



Sandra Pinsonault, Clerk of the District

**TOWN OF MOUNT TABOR WARNING SUPPLEMENT
NOTICE TO VOTERS**

TOWN MEETING: Town Office, Monday, March 6, 2023 at **7:30PM**

AUSTRALIAN BALLOT VOTING: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 **10:00AM - 7:00PM**
BEFORE ELECTION DAY.....

CHECKLIST POSTED: February 5, 2023

REGISTER TO VOTE:

WHEN: No later than **7:00PM on Tuesday, March 7, 2023.**

WHERE: Town Clerk's Office – **10:00 AM - 7:00PM.**

ABSENTEE BALLOTS: Upon request. No reason needed.

WHERE: Town Clerk's Office.

HOW: Voters, family members, authorized persons or health care providers.

WAYS OF VOTING BY ABSENTEE BALLOT:

1. Vote in Town Clerk's Office or going online to **olvr.sec.state.vt.us**
2. Have ballot mailed to you, and mail it back to clerk's office or place in Door Drop Box at Town Office
3. Have two Justices of the Peace bring a ballot to you at your home before the day of Australian Ballot voting.

SAMPLE BALLOTS POSTED: Saturday, February 15, 2023

**REPORT OF DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR
MT. TABOR, VERMONT
YEAR REPORTING AS OF JUNE 30, 2022**

TAX RATES for Fiscal Year 2022

Homestead Tax Rate - Education	\$1.5132
Non-Homestead Tax Rate - Education	\$1.5678
Municipal	\$0.40
Highway	\$0.03

2021 DELINQUENT TAXES

Grand Total \$ 2,386.69



William G. Basso II, Delinquent Tax Collector

TOWN TREASURER'S REVENUE REPORT July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022

CIVIL FINES		
Civil Fines & Annual Judicial Refund	51,350.74	
		51,350.74
TAXES		
Current Tax 22	349,233.34	
Homestead Tax Adj-GT PTA	3,884.00	
Delinquent Taxes 22	23,023.98	
Railroad Tax GT RCT	524.89	
Natural Resources PILOT	5,975.80	
Per Parcel Payment-EEG	152.00	
		384,268.01
OTHER REVENUE		
2nd Class License	70.00	
Smoke Williams Lease	250.00	
Dog Licenses	348.00	
IRS Reimbursement	2,054.19	
Records Restoration	1,406.74	
NEMRC Land Records	23.00	
Taconic & Green Refund	2,781.73	
T&G Education Refund	4,683.51	
Punch Card Receipts	4,700.00	
VLCT PACIF Refund	2,511.00	
Town Mapping	4.66	
		18,832.83
HIGHWAY INCOME		
Weight Permits	105.00	
Class 2 State Aid	12,478.19	
Class 3 State Aid	2,111.57	
Highway Grants in Aid	5,340.00	
Highway Supplement	1,614.76	
		21,649.52
Total Revenue		476,101.10

**Town of Mount Tabor Reserve & Trust Funds
July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022**

DELOS BROMLEY TRUST	1,006.63
LISTERS RESERVE FUND	1,825.19
KT GRIFFITH TRUST	5,464.35
SL GRIFFITH TRUST	1,501.10
PD RESERVE	767.15
RECORDS RESTORATION RESERVE	4,959.20
CIVIL FINES RESERVE	352.39
REAPPRAISAL RESERVE	40,676.39
GLEBE LOT RESERVE	387.37
TOWN MAPPING RESERVE	3,826.88
HIGHWAY RESERVE	112,060.84
HIGHWAY	42,021.24
USNF PILT RESERVE	187,377.47
TABOR SCHOOL TAX RESERVE	207.78
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN	38,601.87

Total Reserve & Trust Fund 441,035.85

EXPENDITURE REPORT July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022**Expenditures****ELECTED OFFICIALS**

Del. Tax Collector 8%	1,464.11
Tax Collector 1%	3,492.33
Town Clerk Service	18,999.96
Asst. Town Clerk	420.00
Treasurer Service	18,999.96
Auditor Service	285.00
Select Board Service	2,533.66
Election Services	700.00
Lister Service	3,202.50
Selectboard Clerk	2,680.00
Police Dept. Expenses	30.00
Police Dept. Clerk	510.00

Total ELECTED OFFICIALS**53,317.52****TOWN OFFICE**

Attorney Fees	0.00
Prep. of W2's & 1099's	137.54
Building Maintainance	1,870.00
Cemetery Maintainance	0.00
Office/Cemetery Mowing	0.00
Copier Maint.	477.40
Computer Network Maint.	2,275.68
Computer Software	8,222.98
NEMRC Annual Support	5,000.00
NEMRC Land Records Hosting	1,200.00
NEMRC Disaster Recovery	500.00
Legal Advertizing	0.00
Town Officers Conferences	246.00
Office Supplies	738.20
Election Supplies	131.50
Postage	110.00
P. O. Box 245 Rent	100.00
Furn. & Fixtures	0.00
Office Equipment	0.00
Records Books	629.00
Petty Cash	100.00
Telephone	1,811.47
Electric	792.16
Heat	1,836.89
Animal Tags & Forms	73.24
Animal Control	0.00
Town Work	0.00

Total TOWN OFFICE**26,252.06****GENERAL EXPENSES**

FICA/MEDI Expense	4,572.86
VT Unemployment Tax	69.64
Town Report Layout	720.00
Town Report Printing	700.00
Town Report Postage	226.74
In Memory Of	500.00
VLCT PACIF Insurance	1,812.75
VLCT Dues	2,716.00
Surety Bond	100.00
Rutland County Tax	3,229.62

Rutland County Sheriff's	47,207.50	
Rutland Reg Plan Comm	975.00	
VMCTA Annual Dues	100.00	
VALA Annual Dues	0.00	
Mileage- Select Board	0.00	
Mileage -Clerk/Treasurer	0.00	
Mileage-Listers	0.00	
Mileage-Animal Control	0.00	
Solid Waste Mileage	0.00	
Total GENERAL EXPENSES		62,930.11
SOLID WASTE		
Solid Waste Attendant	6,997.82	
Solid Waste Disposal	3,480.40	
Solid Waste Maintenance	183.71	
Solid Waste Punch Cards	65.00	
Total SOLID WASTE		10,726.93
HIGHWAY		
Winter Maint.	21,047.00	
Class 2 Road Exp	7,092.50	
Class 3 Road Exp	6,685.00	
State MRGP & STORMWATER	500.00	
Total HIGHWAY		35,324.50
APPROPRIATIONS		
Manchester Resque Squad	2,093.00	
Danby/Mt Tabor Fire Appro	8,527.20	
SW VT Council on Aging	250.00	
RAVNAH	770.00	
Rutland Mental Health Serv	200.00	
New Story	100.00	
Rutland County Humane Soc.	100.00	
BROC	200.00	
Northshire Rescue Ambulance	3,760.00	
VT Center for Independent Living	55.00	
Neighbor Works of Western VT	500.00	
Mt Tabor-Danby Historical Society	500.00	
Rutland Nat Res Cons Dist	0.00	
Red Cross of VT & NH	250.00	
Green Up Vermont	50.00	
The Mentor Connector	100.00	
VT Rural Fire Protection	100.00	
Rutland County Parent Child	300.00	
Danbt-Mt Tabor Now	250.00	
Child First Advocacy Cent	400.00	
VT Family Network	250.00	
Total APPROPRIATIONS		18,755.20
Total Expenditures		207,306.32

VITAL STATISTICS CALENDAR YEAR 2022

BIRTHS

Maddison Grace Short
Austin Slater Cobden
Robert Matthew Gasperetti III
Lexi Marie Shores

DEATHS

Gloria-Jean Merrow
Sheila H Carr

MARRIAGES

Joanna Rose Cram & Dylan Slater Cobden

Highway Expenditure Report 07-01-2021 to 06-30-2022

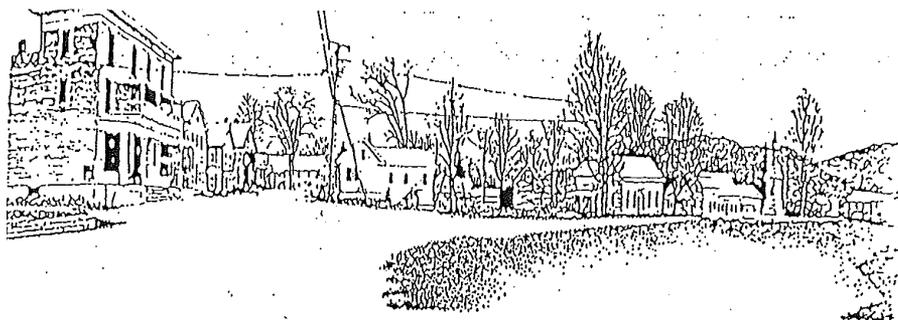
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Class 2 Road Exp	7,092.50
Class 3 Road Exp	6,685.00
State MRGP & STORMWATER	500.00
	35,324.50

Taconic & Green School District Expenditure July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022

\$280,940.22

MOUNT TABOR DOG ACCOUNT - YEAR ENDING 12/31/2022

	#	Rate	Fees	State	Late Fees	Total Fees
Spayed	21	8.00	168.00	105.00	25.00	298.00
Unneutered	15	10.00	158.00	80.00	0.00	238.00
	36		326.00	185.00	25.00	536.00



MT. TABOR – DANBY HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

Our members meet at 6:30pm on the first Monday of each month at our headquarters in the lower level of the S. L. Griffith Library, 74 South Main St. When legal holidays coincide with our normal monthly meeting it is postponed one week. Please check the calendar on the home page of our website, Mt. Tabor-Danby Historical Society. If you have not had an opportunity to view this wonderful site, please make some time to do so. It has many historical photographs, oral histories, videos, and in the *Portraits* section, a long list of biographies of late citizens. One of the projects this year was to include a list of *cemetery cards* which tells the name and locations and dates of burials—very helpful for those doing family history research.

We hosted three events this year. Marty Podskoch spoke about the CCC camp in Mt. Tabor and showed pictures and artifacts. Netanel Crispe gave a presentation on Civil War Dog Tags and William Bromley who had a truly patriotic record of service, and whose tag is part of our collection. Herb Ogden lead a short hike to the location and cellar hole of the once grand Clark Lodge in East Mt. Tabor: The Clarks were in the thread business with the Coates and also Singer Sewing Machines and built one of the original skyscrapers in Manhattan.

The Society continues to collect post cards depicting scenes of our towns, and many of these scenes appear on our website. Several other local photographers have contributed photographs as well and for these we are grateful.

Mark your calendars for Saturday June 24th when we will be hosting an outdoor Art Event on the back lawn of the library. Peter Huntoon, who painted an iconic scene of South Main Street will be on hand explaining his work as well as a number of other local artists who will have their works on sale. The Fire Department will be grilling burgers and hotdogs and there will also be live music.

We ask that you once again approve our appropriation at Town Meeting.

MOUNT TABOR BUDGET REPORT 2023-2024

	2021-2022 BUDGET	2021-2022 ACTUAL	2022-2023 FINAL BUDGET	2023-2024 PROPOSED
ELECTED OFFICIALS				
Del. Tax Collector 8%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tax Collector 1%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Town Clerk Service	19,000.00	20,000.00	21,000.00	21,000.00
Asst. Town Clerk	0.00	750.00	750.00	750.00
Treasurer Service	19,000.00	20,000.00	21,000.00	21,000.00
Auditor Service	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Select Board Service	2,400.00	2,400.00	2,700.00	2,700.00
Election Services	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,800.00	1,800.00
Town Constable/Dues/Train	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Lister Service	2,000.00	2,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Asst. Treasurer	0.00	750.00	750.00	750.00
Selectboard Clerk	2,400.00	2,400.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Police Dept. Expenses	0.00	0.00	200.00	200.00
Police Dept. Clerk	700.00	700.00	200.00	200.00
Total ELECTED OFFICIALS	48,200.00	51,700.00	55,900.00	55,900.00
TOWN OFFICE				
Attorney Fees	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Prep. of W2's & 1099's	150.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
Building Maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cemetery Maintenance	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Town Office Mowing	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Copier Maint.	400.00	450.00	450.00	450.00
Computer Maint.	3,000.00	3,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Computer Software	500.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
NEMRC Annual Support Agre	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
NEMRC Land Records Hostin	2,000.00	2,000.00	800.00	800.00
NEMRC Disaster Recovery	0.00	500.00	0.00	0.00
Legal Advertizing	0.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Town Officers Conferences	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00
Office Supplies	800.00	600.00	700.00	700.00
Postage	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
P. O. Box Rent	120.00	120.00	120.00	120.00
Furn. & Fixtures	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00
Office Equipment	100.00	100.00	200.00	200.00
Records Books	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Petty Cash	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
COVID-19	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Telephone	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,800.00	1,800.00
Electric	900.00	800.00	900.00	900.00
Heat	1,500.00	1,500.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Animal Tags & Forms	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Animal Control	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Town Work	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Town Mapping	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Reappraisal Fund	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Total TOWN OFFICE	20,720.00	21,620.00	22,920.00	22,920.00
GENERAL EXPENSES				
FICA/MEDI Expense	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,700.00	4,700.00
VT Unemployment Tax	100.00	100.00	75.00	75.00
Town Report Layout	1,000.00	1,000.00	800.00	800.00
Town Report Printing	650.00	650.00	700.00	700.00
Town Report Postage	150.00	150.00	300.00	300.00
Records Restoration	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Early Ed Enrichment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
In Memory Of	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
VLCT PACIF Insurance	7,500.00	7,500.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
VLCT Dues	1,400.00	1,337.00	1,337.00	1,337.00

MOUNT TABOR BUDGET REPORT 2023-2024 - continued

	2021-2022 BUDGET	2021-2022 ACTUAL	2022-2023 FINAL BUDGET	2023-2024 PROPOSED
Surety Bond	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Rutland County Tax	1,550.00	1,900.00	1,702.00	1,702.00
Rutland County Sheriff's Dept	50,000.00	50,000.00	500.00	500.00
Rutland Reg Plan Comm	975.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
VMCTA Annual Dues	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
VALA Annual Dues	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
Clerk Marriage Lic. Fee	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
VT Marriage License Fee	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mileage- Select Board	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Mileage -Clerk/Treasurer	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
Mileage-Listers	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
Mileage-Animal Control	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Asst Clerk-Mileage	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Solid Waste Mileage	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
Total GENERAL EXPENSES	68,775.00	68,850.00	18,064.00	18,064.00
SOLID WASTE				
Solid Waste Attendant	8,000.00	8,000.00	9,000.00	9,000.00
Solid Waste Disposal	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Solid Waste Maintenance	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Solid Waste Punch Cards	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
Total SOLID WASTE	13,000.00	13,100.00	14,500.00	14,500.00
HIGHWAY				
Winter Maint.	24,000.00	24,000.00	24,000.00	24,000.00
Winter Maintenance Sand	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Better Backroads Grant			0.00	0.00
Highway Grants in Aid			0.00	0.00
Class 2 Road Exp	6,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00
Class 3 Road Exp	25,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
State MRGP & STORMWATER	500.00	740.00	500.00	500.00
Total HIGHWAY	55,500.00	55,740.00	55,500.00	55,500.00
APPROPRIATIONS				
Manchester Resque Squad	3,483.00	3,483.00	2,978.00	2,978.00
Northshire Rescue Ambulance	2,400.00	2,370.00	2,370.00	2,370.00
Danby/Mt Tabor Fire Appro	8,527.20	8,527.00	8,527.20	8,527.20
Danby/Mt Tabor Fire Capital	0.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
SW VT Council on Aging	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00
RAVNAH	770.00	770.00	770.00	770.00
Rutl Mental Health Serv	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
New Story (Womens Network)	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Rutl Cty Humane Soc.	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
BROC	100.00	100.00	200.00	200.00
Rutland County Restorative Justice	0.00	600.00	600.00	600.00
Vt Center for Ind Living	55.00	55.00	55.00	55.00
Neighbor Works of Western VT	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00
Mt Tabor-Danby Historical	500.00	500.00	600.00	600.00
Rutland Nat Res Cons Dist	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Red Cross of VT & NH	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00
Green Up Vermont	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
The Mentor Connector	100.00	100.00	100.00	0.00
Vt Rural Fire Protection	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Rutland Cnty Parent Child	300.00	300.00	300.00	0.00
Danbt-Mt Tabor Now	250.00	250.00	250.00	0.00
Child First Advocacy Cent	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00
VT Family Network	0.00	0.00	250.00	250.00
Total APPROPRIATIONS	18,335.20	25,078.00	24,850.20	24,200.20
Total Expenditures	224,530.20	236,088.00	191,734.20	191,084.20

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 micro-manage 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

BURR AND BURTON ACADEMY



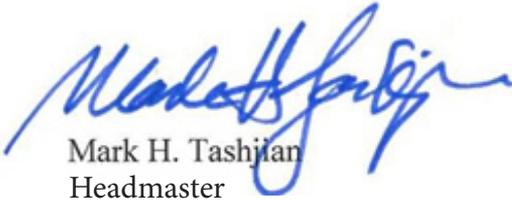
Dear Members of our Sending Towns:

The Board of Trustees of Burr and Burton Academy has set the tuition for the 2023-2024 school year at \$19,987, a 4.1% increase. In reaching this decision, we have sought to balance the challenges of inflation, which has been running at an annual rate of approximately 8%, while maintaining affordability for you. The entire increase will be passed on to our faculty and staff, the lifeblood of our school. It is our goal to help them partially offset the challenge of inflation while they continue to dedicate themselves to each and every student we serve.

Since 1829, Burr and Burton has strived to be the best possible high school for our community. We will continue to raise money privately not only to support annual operations, but also all capital projects. Each year, our fundraising contributes approximately \$1 million toward operating costs, and all of our buildings and grounds have been purchased and built through private philanthropy.

We are extremely grateful to work in partnership with you. Thank you very much for your support.

Respectfully submitted,



Mark H. Tashjian
Headmaster



Edgar T. Campbell
Chair, Board of Trustees

DANBY-MT. TABOR VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

The Department responded to **60** calls this year. The Members put in approximately 4,000 hours of labor at calls, drills, building the addition to the station and administration.

We would like to thank Meg Mancheski and Marge Abbot for another year of their hard work with the Community Calendar to raise funds for the fire department.

The addition is coming along nicely. The outside is complete. We are currently working on the heat and wiring inside. We've been doing projects slowly so that we can pay at the time of to keep ourselves from owing money.

We are planning on holding the lawn party again this year along with the teddy bear raffle in July. We will have the tractor pull and the gun raffle Columbus Day weekend.

With the help of the town of Danby we have a land deal in place that secures the space for our #2 station. We are in the process of updating our communications system. When this update is completed it will not only help the fire department but also the town and rescue services.

We would like to thank all the townspeople and businesses who have helped support us this past year!

Item 1:

The Danby-Mt. Tabor Volunteer Fire Department is requesting funds for 2022 capital expenditures. This year, the department is asking from the towns of Danby and Mt. Tabor a total of \$42,636.00.

This sum has been broken down between the two towns:

80% from the Town of Danby - \$34,108.80

20% from the Town of Mt. Tabor - \$8,527.20

Item 2:

In 2021 the department finished paying off the pumper purchased in 2013, which has been in the budget annually since then. Moving forward we would like to continue to receive that same amount to create a fund to save for upgrade of equipment, support communications and vehicle replacement so that in the future we could update as necessary. One of the updates needing to happen sooner than later would be our radio system. Another would be to replace the 1976 Tanker truck at station 2. We are asking for \$31,000.00 split between the towns of Danby and Mt. Tabor as follows:

From the Town of Danby - \$25,000.00

From the Town of Mt. Tabor - \$6,000.00

The total amount requested is the same as we have been receiving.



Kenneth G. Abbott, Chief
(802) 786-9797

**DANBY-MT. TABOR VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
2022 ANNUAL REPORT**

Beginning Balance\$174,783.99

INCOME

Fund Raising Events\$31,461.10
 Town of Danby 34,108.80
 Town of Mt. Tabor 14,527.20
 Donations..... 18,507.33
 Interest 673.99
 Building Fund 0.00
 Grants 0.00

Total Income..... \$99,278.42

EXPENSES

Phone & Internet \$3,251.10
 Electricity2,174.39
 Insurance 10,472.00
 Vehicle operation6,001.86
 Equipment purchase/maint.5,019.89
 Building operations 39,636.77
 Fund raising 10,531.77
 FF Support, Dues, Training..... 1,959.01
 Office Supplies 1,575.06
 Radios/communications.....4,225.99
 Fire House Addition 12,766.54

Total expenses \$97,614.38

INCOME LESS EXPENSES \$1,664.04

CASH ON HAND

Operating account..... \$115,948.03
 Apparatus Account..... 0.00
 Stafford Fund 60,500.00

The Stafford fund is a trust in which the principle must remain intact until 2020.

TOTAL ENDING BALANCE.....\$176,448.03

OPEN BURN **Residents of Mount Tabor**

For some of you in Town, the information here will be a reminder. For others, it will be new.

Open burning is the burning of materials in the open air, where smoke and by-products do not pass through a chimney, stack, or flue. The only material that may be burned is clean, natural wood. **Clean, natural wood, unpainted and untreated with any chemicals.**

Plywood, chipboard, or pressure treated lumber is **not** natural wood.

All open burning requires a permit year round and may be obtained from the Town Fire Wardens. Burning hours are generally daylight to dark; Monday through Saturday. All permitted fires are subject to conditions given at the time they are issued.

The burning of any solid wastes, such as papers, cardboard, or household garbage is prohibited; no permits will be issued for these materials. The use of approved incinerators is allowed; however only clean, natural wood may be burned in them.

The backyard practice of burning household refuse and solid waste in burning barrels is illegal in the State of Vermont and Mount Tabor.

Anyone needing more information about these issues please feel free to contact us. Thank you.

Mark Audy - Fire Warden - (802) 786-3587

Seth Beauregard - Asst. Fire Warden - (802) 345-9813

NORTHSHIRE RESCUE SQUAD **Phone 802-362-1995 Fax 802-362-8175** **Email: NorthshireRescue@gmail.com**

"Serving the community since 1964"

www.northshirerescue.com

Northshire Rescue Squad has the honor of serving this community with Emergency Medical Service at the paramedic level. We do this with a mixture of volunteers, first responders and full & part-time paid staff. This past year was a busy and trying year, but our members continued to be dedicated to providing Emergency Medical Service to our friends, family, neighbors, and visitors. We would also like to acknowledge the overwhelming support of this community as we could not possibly provide the level of coverage and care without the financial support of this community. We would like to thank all that have reached out with kind words, gestures of gratitude and donations.

We will continue to respond to your calls for assistance and ever strive to provide the highest level of care to this community.

We responded to the following calls during fiscal year 2021-2022:

Manchester	1032	Mt. Tabor	19	Winhall	21
Dorset	172	East Dorset	74	Mutual aid	91
Danby	94				
		TOTAL	1503		

TIME TO SPAY AND NEUTER YOUR CATS AND DOGS

The VT Spay Neuter Incentive Program (VSNIP), under the VT Department of Children & Families, is administered by VT Volunteer Services for Animals Humane Society. Funded by a \$4.00 fee added to the licensing of dogs, this monetary resource is limited by the number of dogs licensed, which is required by law 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 VSNIP and a List of Participating Offices, send a S.A.S.E. (a 9" Self-Addressed, Stamped Envelope) to: VSNIP, PO Box 104, Bridgewater, VT 05034. Or, to download and print, go to: VSNIP.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. VSNIP offices are accepting less reimbursement than what they would usually charge for their services. We NEED them :) Let them know you appreciate the difference they'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 VSNIP (1-844-448-7647)



Annual Report to the Town of Mount Tabor for 2022

The Rutland County Humane Society is dedicated to advocating for and working towards a responsible and humane community. We provide shelter and adoption opportunities for pets that are homeless and promote animal welfare through community programs that benefit both animals and people.

We also serve our community by providing information and referral services to people dealing with animal issues.

The RCHS shelter is the largest program of the agency, taking in more than 1,000 animals in 2021.

Our agency is funded through fees for service, town funding, membership, donations and special events. No funding comes from the state or federal government or national organizations. We sincerely thank those who support our operations. We can only save lives with your help.

The Rutland County Humane Society took in 1 animal from the Town of Mount Tabor from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

Please call us at 483.9171 or visit our website at RCHSVT.org if you would like more information about the Rutland County Humane Society.

Rutland County Sheriff's Services Report July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022

Revenue

Civil Fines & Interest	51,350.74
PD Equip. Reserve Interest	14.97
Total	51,365.71

Expenditures

Sheriff's Dept. Services	47,207.50
Mount Tabor Clerk	510.00
Misc. Expense	30.00
Total	47,747.50

CHILD FIRST ADVOCACY CENTER

The Child First Advocacy Center (CFAC) serves as a central agency through which reports of suspected child abuse can be channeled for investigation and victim recovery. CFAC was established in 1995 and became a fully Accredited Member of the National Children's Alliance (NCA) in 2004. We share with NCA the passion to minimize the traumatic effect of child abuse upon the children and families of our community. CFAC is a non-profit organization serving Rutland County to assist families in the discovery, intervention, treatment and prevention of child sexual abuse, severe physical abuse and children affected by violence. We provide a safe comfortable environment for the forensic quality and child appropriate interviews, training for professionals and collateral referral services for victims and their non-offending family members. Our agency serves families of all socio-economic levels and is committed to providing quality services regardless of the ability to pay.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the Child First Advocacy Center Multidisciplinary Team, we want to thank you for your continued support and dedication.

In calendar year 2022, The Child First Advocacy Center served 160 clients and 155 of their family members. We were able to provide direct wrap around services and support to three (3) Mount Tabor families as they began their recovery from the effects of trauma. In addition, we continue to provide community awareness and education at no cost, in an effort to provide adults with the ability to recognize, react and respond appropriately to child sexual abuse and increase each school district's ability to complete the legislatively mandated ACT 1 initiative also known as Child Sexual Abuse Awareness training for Educators, Community Members and Student's grades K-12.

The Child First Advocacy Center is requesting funds in the amount of \$400 to continue our efforts in supporting families in your community. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need further information.

Wendy Loomis Exec. Dir. (802)-747-0200 - wendy.loomis@partner.vermont.gov



*Mrs. Dillingham's
dog Rover
August 1896*



*Group at Dillingham's in Mt. Tabor -
August 1896*



*Dillingham's Little House
August 1896*



*Libbie Soule at the Southend where
she taught school - January 1897*



*Fred Badger & Joe Provincial
October 1896*



*Will Risdon & J. Belden in S.L. Griffith
greenhouse - September 1896*



*S.L. Griffith greenhouse
September 1896*



*Silas L. Griffith
Fish Hatchery
at Southend in
Mt. Tabor, VT
February 1897*

*Donald C.,
George C. &
Will I. Risdon
in Risdon Mill
Mt. Tabor, VT
October 1896*



*D. C. Risdon Sr. home
in Mt. Tabor, VT
December 1896*

*Mr. & Mrs. D. C. Risdon
in the parlor of their
home in Mt. Tabor, VT
January 1897*



SOUTHWESTERN VERMONT COUNCIL ON AGING

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

This is a request from the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging for \$250.00 in funding in your FY24 budget. This is the same level of funding we requested and received last year. If approved, this funding will be used to help support the work we do on behalf of Mount Tabor residents. This report describes the services that (SVCOA) provided to elders in Mount Tabor from 10/1/2021 through 9/30/2022.

Nutrition Support:

The Council helped provide 78 meals that were delivered to the home of 1 elder in your community. This service is often called "Meals on Wheels". Additionally, SVCOA remained available to provide one-on-one nutrition support, including nutrition assessments and resource connections and referrals, to residents of Mt. Tabor.

Case Management Assistance:

SVCOA case management and outreach staff helped 1 elder in your community for a total of 1 hour. 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.

NEWSTORY CENTER ANNUAL REPORT 2021

For 43 years NewStory Center has been the single agency in Rutland County supporting survivors of domestic and sexual violence by working to end the cycle of violence through support, education, prevention, and collaboration.

During FY22, NewStory Center served 728 survivors and their children through direct services such as emergency shelter, medical advocacy, legal advocacy, case management, clinical services, support groups, and the 24/7 crisis hotline. Additionally, we provide training and technical assistance to our community partners, including local law enforcement, to ensure a more effective community response to domestic and sexual violence.

The Board and Staff of NewStory Center thank the voters of Mount Tabor for their support of our agency. Your generosity allows us to, not only provide survivors with necessities and ongoing advocacy, but also affords us the ability to grow and expand our services to better serve your community.

REQUEST

NewStory Center is requesting the sum of \$100, to be voted on at the town meeting in March 2023, to support victims in Rutland County. We are very thankful for the help that the people of Mount Tabor have given us in the past, and would be very grateful for your continued support of our mission. As our services are confidential, in some cases we might not be informed as to where our clients live.

Office: (802) 775-6788 Crisis: (892) 775-3232 www.nscvt.org

AMERICAN RED CROSS

As we look ahead to the new year, we take a moment to reflect on our profound gratitude to the municipal partners who help us deliver our lifesaving mission in our community. With your support, we are able to ensure the health, safety, and preparedness of our friends and neighbors throughout Northern New England.

Last year, our staff and volunteer workforce provided an array of services throughout the region:

- We made 576 homes safer by installing smoke detectors and educating families about fire safety and prevention through our Home Fire Campaign.
- Trained 34,765 people in first aid, CPR, and water safety skills. (training data for county level)
- We collected over 132,000 units of blood. Hospitals throughout Northern New England depend on the American Red Cross for these collections.
- In our region, over 3,900 service members, veterans, and their families received supportive services through our Service to the Armed Forces department.

Your American Red Cross remains committed to providing relief and support. We do this with the help of our incredible volunteers and donors, including you, our friends in Mount Tabor. This year, we respectfully request a municipal appropriation of \$250.00. These funds will directly benefit individuals and families right here in our region, who benefit from our unique services at no cost.

If you have any questions, please call us at 1-800-464-6692 or supportnne@redcross.org.

Warmly, Lauren Jordan - Development Coordinator

VERMONT FAMILY NETWORK



The mission of Vermont Family Network (VFN) is to empower and support all Vermont children, youth, and families, especially those with disabilities or special health needs. Formed in 2008 when two organizations, the Vermont Parent Information Center (VPIC) and Parent to Parent of Vermont (P2P), merged, VFN has collectively

served the families across Vermont for more than 30 years. Vermont children, youth, and families are provided with a “one-stop-shop” to help them reach their full potential. VFN gives a strong start, lifts family voices, and advances inclusive communities.

We are writing you today to ask for your support in continuing to serve families in Mount Tabor and throughout the state, with an appropriation of \$250. Traditionally primarily funded through state and federal grants, we find that waning funds threaten to slow our work and minimize the number of families we can support. We are reaching out to communities like Mount Tabor where we have served many families to seek your help. Your appropriation will help ensure the work we can do all around the state continues to happen with the same excellence and care that it has for the past 30 years.

We are proud to serve over 1,500 families yearly with expert information, referral, and assistance services provided by family support consultants located in Williston, Newport, and Rutland, an annual conference and more through our Family Support Program.

Vermont Family Network is also home to Puppets in Education, an educational puppetry team that teaches children and parents about important issues like anxiety awareness, bullying, child abuse, and disability awareness through engaging performances that emphasize compassion, respect, effective leadership, and communication. Each year over 10,000 school children and adults benefit from these educational programs and workshops.

Thank you so much for your consideration. The funding received will go a long way to ensuring our ability to continue to provide the much-needed services to Vermont families. Please feel free to reach out to me at Claire.giroux-williams@vtfn.org, or my cell phone at 301-509-2435 if you have any questions.

Claire Giroux-Williams
Development Manager
Vermont Family Network
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GREEN MOUNTAIN NATIONAL FOREST

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 following is a brief summary of what happened in your National Forest throughout the past year:

Forest Road Improvement & Maintenance Projects

The GMNF improved or maintained over 70 miles of National Forest System roads in the towns of Chittenden, Goshen, Granville, Hancock, Lincoln, Mount Tabor, Peru, Readsboro, Ripton, Rochester, Somerset, Stratton, Sunderland, Wallingford, Warren, and Woodford. Improvement work included the replacement of culverts and gates, stabilization of embankments, repairing storm damage, and the resurfacing of roads. Larger improvement projects included the repair of a washed-out culvert and road on Forest Road 21 (Mad Tom) in Peru and the reconstruction of Forest Road 39 (Texas Falls) in Hancock.

2022 Wilderness Stewardship Performance Scores: (out of a possible 100 points total)

Big Branch Wilderness 68 points located in Dorset, Mount Tabor, and Peru. Increased from 62 points in 2021. Visitor encounter monitoring was conducted along the Appalachian Trail / Long Trail and side trails in the Big Branch Wilderness and Peru Peak Wilderness. Dispersed recreation sites / campsites were monitored for impacts to protect natural resources while maintaining opportunities for unconfined recreation. Wilderness Rangers conduct campsite monitoring every five years to track trends with recreation use. Trail maintenance and improvements were conducted along the

AT / LT and side trails. Invasive plant species were monitored, and hand pulled along trailheads, the trail system, and shelters to prevent spreading. Wilderness boundary maintenance was completed, educational signage was painted and improved marking boundaries along the trail system.

Peru Peak Wilderness 72 points located in Mount Tabor and Peru. Increased from 68 points in 2021. Visitor encounter monitoring was conducted along the Appalachian Trail / Long Trail and side trails in the Big Branch Wilderness and Peru Peak Wilderness. Invasive plant species were monitored, and hand pulled along trailheads, the trail system, and shelters to prevent spreading. Trail maintenance and improvements were conducted along the AT / LT and side trails. Dispersed recreation sites / campsites were monitored for impacts to protect natural resources while maintaining opportunities for unconfined recreation. Trout were stocked in Big Mud Pond utilizing a helicopter in partnership with the Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife. Wilderness boundary maintenance was completed, educational signage was painted and improved marking boundaries.

Botany Program

Botanical inventory for rare plants and / or non-native invasive plants was completed in support of the following:

As a result of inventory, new Regional Forester Sensitive Species (RFSS) occurrences were found:

Cypripedium parviflorum var. pubescens	Large yellow lady's-slipper	Mount Tabor
Cypripedium reginae	Showy lady's-slipper	Mount Tabor
Eleocharis ovata	Ovate spike-rush	Mount Tabor
Equisetum palustre (VT- S2S3)	Marsh horsetail	Mount Tabor
Juglans cinerea	Butternut	Mount Tabor
Panax quinquefolius	Ginseng	Mount Tabor
Sanicula trifoliata (VT-S3)	Long-fruited snakeroot	Mount Tabor
Solidago patula	Roundleaf goldenrod	Mount Tabor
Trillium cernuum	Nodding trillium	Mount Tabor
Uvularia perfoliata	Perfoliate bellwort	Mount Tabor

While infestations represent only a fraction of known infestations and many more are unmapped, they were targeted for control because they are in strategic locations or because they are relatively more feasible to control than others. The following species were controlled in Mount Tabor:

- 73.3 acres of wild parsnip (mostly sparsely distributed) were treated by staff within the Old Job sale area that is part of the Early Successional Habitat Creation project.

Fisheries Improvement

The GMNF, in cooperation with the Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife, continued the aerial stocking of brook trout to high elevation ponds at Griffith Lake and Big Mud Pond in Peru and Mount Tabor.

Wildfire & Prescribed Fire Activities

Prescribed Fire Table:

Town	Activity	Name	Acres
Mt Tabor	Prescribed Fire	Old Job	24
Mt Tabor	Prescribed Fire	FR10 Vista	1
Mt Tabor	Prescribed Fire	FR30	32
Mt Tabor	Prescribed Fire	Devils Den	32
Mt Tabor	Prescribed Fire	FR31	49

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*D. C. Risdon Sr.
Mt. Tabor, VT
September 1896*

*D. C. Risdon Sr.
in the parlor
of his home
Mt. Tabor, VT
January 1897*



RUTLAND NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION DISTRICT

A sample of the activities the RNRCD was involved in during 2021/2022:

Organization:

Local Work Group - District Supervisors participate in Local Work Group meetings to assist USDA in setting local priorities for Cost Share Programs administered by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

Programs:

Agricultural Outreach Specialist - The District in cooperation with the Poultney Mettowiee and Bennington County NRCD's share staff who work with landowners to find solutions to water quality issues, assist with nutrient management planning and oversee shared equipment used by famers to implement environmentally friendly field practices.

Conservation Planner - The District works with a Conservation Planner providing technical assistance to farmers for the development of Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plans, natural resource assessment, and conservation contract development and management.

Portable Skidder Bridges - The District has a portable skidder bridge available for rent to loggers and foresters. Skidder bridges reduce stream disturbance, minimizing the potential for erosion and sedimentation.

Outreach:

Website - Please visit our website: <https://www.vacd.org/conservation-districts/rutland> for more information about District projects and programs.

Search for us on Facebook

Watershed Planning for the Upper Otter Creek and its Tributaries:

With funding through grant sources, the District:

- Coordinated the removal of a berm in the Cold River Watershed in the Town of Clarendon, to restore floodplain function. The berm was created after the floods of the 1970's. Removal of this berm will address sediment and nutrient loading in the Cold River by allowing it to access the floodplain, thus reducing flood heights and slowing velocities which reduces erosion and provides ample storage of sediment within the river corridor.

- Received a final design for a Stormwater Best Management Practice (BMP) located within the parcel boundaries of the Wallingford Elementary School. The design was completed by Watershed Consulting Associates, LLC.

- Provided the City of Rutland with a Phosphorus Control Plan (PCP). The plan was completed by Fitzgerald Environmental Associates and will help the City to achieve the percent phosphorus (P) reduction target for the Otter Creek segment of Lake Champlain.

- Is working with the Town of Proctor to develop a Stormwater Master Plan (SWMP). The overall objective is to provide the Town of Proctor with a strategic approach for meeting stormwater management needs in the Otter Creek watershed, to address pressing water resource concerns in an efficient and targeted manner.

The District will continue to work with the City of Rutland, Towns, and landowners to develop and prepare projects for future design and implementation. These projects have been identified in Stormwater Master Plans or other assessment/plans.

For further information or to be added to our mailing list or list of volunteers, please contact Nanci McGuire at nanci.mcguire@vt.nacdnet.net



GREEN UP VERMONT

www.greenupvermont.org

Green Up Day, May 6, 2023

Thank you for your past budget allocation ,to Green Up Vermont in support of Green Up Day. We had a great turnout with nearly 20,000 volunteers picking up 500 TONS of trash and 14,315 tires from our roads and waterways. This amazing community service and sense of pride keeps our towns not only looking good, but also safe and healthy places to live.

Your help is crucial in sustaining this mission of clean environments and teaching our youth to care about their communities. Your annual contribution is so appreciated and makes a real impact.

As Green Up rolls into our 53rd year, we are again requesting your support for the usual \$50 Budget Allocation.

The amount requested is based on town population and funds go directly back into your town in the way of supplies, educational tools for your schools, and local promotion for Green Up Day.

Population	\$ Request
• 0- 1,000	\$50
• 1001 - 2000	\$100
• 2001 - 3000	\$150
• 3001 – 4,000	\$200
• 4,001 up	\$300

This past Green Up Day we saw the resurgence of gatherings which really gave an amazing boost to communities. Let's keep building strong communities by working together for our beautiful way of life.

Mark your calendar for **Green Up Day 2023, May 6th** and help us celebrate 53 years of keeping Vermont green! Please contact me anytime with any questions or comments. I am honored to serve your community and look forward to working with you again. Thank you so very much!

Kate Alberghini, Executive Director
802-522-7245 • greenup@greenupvermont.org

VERMONT RURAL FIRE PROTECTION TASK FORCE

On behalf of the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force, I am writing to request your support for the Vermont Rural Fire Protection (RFP) Program, formerly called the Dry Hydrant Grant Program. The RFP program helps Vermont communities protect lives, property, and natural resources by enhancing fire suppression resources. Program Manager and Engineering Technician Troy Dare helps local fire departments identify appropriate sites for dry hydrants and other rural water supply systems, designs installations, and finds financial resources to support the costs of construction. During the 25+ years of the program, almost 1200 grants totaling over \$2.6 million have been provided to Vermont towns for the installation of new rural fire protection systems, as well as for replacements and repairs. The Rural Fire Protection Program is managed by the Vermont Association of Conservation Districts (VACD). VACD is the membership association of Vermont's fourteen Natural Resources Conservation Districts, whose mission is to work with landowners and communities to protect natural resources and support the working landscape throughout the state.

We have made several adjustments to the Rural Fire Protection Grant Program in recent years, including changing the name from Dry Hydrant Grant Program to Rural Fire Protection Program to better reflect the diverse range of projects we support. We have increased the maximum grant award amount from \$5,000 to \$10,000 per project. New rural fire protection systems, along with repair, replacement, relocation, and upgrades of existing systems, and drafting site development, are eligible for grant funding on an ongoing basis. And we now consider applications from Vermont towns and fire departments on a revolving basis throughout the year rather than just once a year.

The annual expense of the Rural Fire Protection Program in FY 2022 was \$285,901, of which \$165,422 was paid in grants to support the construction and repair of 27 rural fire protection projects throughout Vermont. The remaining budget covered site assessments, project design and program oversight. Most of our funding comes from the Division of Fire Safety of the Vermont Department of Public Safety, through annual appropriations by the Vermont Legislature. In addition, the program receives support from the US Forest Service through the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation. Unfortunately, these grants do not completely cover the costs of the program. Therefore, we are respectfully requesting that you include a \$100 appropriation in your town budget to support the Rural Fire Protection Program. In FY 2022, we received over \$9,000 in town appropriations from over 90 towns. We are deeply grateful for your ongoing support. 216 Vermont communities have benefited from the Rural Fire Protection program. Our goal is to extend this support to all Vermont towns and continue to assist local fire departments in reducing the risk of injury, loss of life, and damage to property and natural resources, thereby improving the safety and welfare of Vermont communities.

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Vermont Rural Fire Protection Program
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Vermont Association of Conservation Districts (VACD)
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VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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

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

Worked to prevent and control the spread of disease: In collaboration with community partners, since COVID-19 response efforts began, we hosted over 75 COVID-19 vaccination clinics and provided over 5,959 COVID-19 doses. Since August 2021, all local health offices have also documented and helped managed 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.

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 at www.healthvermont.gov/environment.

Provided WIC services and resources to families and children: Provided WIC nutrition education and support to 1,695 individuals between July 1, 2021 and June 31, 2022, while enabling them to save on groceries so they can have more to spend on other things their family needs. Learn more at www.healthvermont.gov/wic.

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

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, work-sites, 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.

Thank you to everyone involved in supporting these efforts. We look forward to what 2023 brings, to seeing you in the community, and encourage you to stay in touch with us. Rutland Office is at 88 Merchants Row. (802) 786-5811

RUTLAND COUNTY RESTORATIVE JUSTICE CENTER

The Rutland County Court Diversion and Restorative Justice Center (doing business as Rutland County Restorative Justice Center) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit agency (EIN 03-0279824) that is requesting to be included on the Mount Tabor town appropriation for \$600. We greatly appreciate the town's consideration and hope to work together in fiscal year 2024.

Our agency strives to make Rutland County a healthier and safer community for all residents. Our mission is to engage community members in responding to the needs of crime victims, the community, and those who violate the law, holding the latter accountable in a manner that promotes responsible and restorative behavior. Our programming is designed for a range of individuals, such as at-risk and truant youth and those with mental health and substance use treatment needs. We focus on fostering accountability, repairing the harm caused by crime, skills development, and connection to treatment and education.

In fiscal year 2022 the RCRJC's seven programs served 331 participants who chose community support and accountability over the traditional criminal justice system. In FY 22 RCRJC helped: 119 people connect with volunteers to address the harm they caused in the community through restorative panels; 29 youth complete the Youth Assessment and Screening Instrument (YASI) to determine risks and needs of the youth; 99 adjudicated, at-risk, or truant youth work to improve school/appointment attendance, therapeutic treatment engagement, one-to-one support and community-based visits, case plan and court hearing support, coping skills, time management, and community and family connections; 140 youth gain skills through our five-week social and emotional intelligence (SEI) course; 54 youth aged 16-21 participate and complete the Youth Substance Awareness Safety Program that identifies and educates youth about dangers of substances for which they received varying violations; 33 people seek substance misuse treatment and 55 people work towards reduced fines, violation issues, and reinstatement of their driver's licenses.

Our agency has served Rutland County for decades, and we look forward to continuing to meet the needs of our community members for many more years to come. We sincerely appreciate your support.

Sincerely, Maggie Ganguly - Executive Director
Rutland County Restorative Justice Center - 50 Center Street, Rutland, VT 05701
(802) 775-2479 | info@rutlandrestorativejustice.org

RUTLAND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

In the year 2022, 28 towns in Rutland County supported the work of Rutland Mental Health Services through town giving. Our agency is committed to providing quality services regardless of an individual's ability to pay. The generous support of towns such as the Town of Mount Tabor assures that quality services are available for their families, friends and neighbors. Services provided to town residents include:

- Individual Counseling for Children, Adults and Families
- Substance Abuse Treatment Services
- Emergency/Crisis Services
- Developmental Disability Services

During fiscal year 2022, Rutland Mental Health Services provided 60 hours of services to 3 Mount Tabor residents. We value our partnership with the Town of Mount Tabor in providing these much needed services and thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely, Dick Courcelle - CEO
Rutland Mental Health Services, Inc.

BROC COMMUNITY ACTION

On behalf of BROCC Community Action and the thousands of people with low-income or living in poverty that we serve throughout Rutland and Bennington Counties, we want to express our thanks and gratitude for supporting us over the years on Town Meeting Day. BROCC Community Action assists families and individuals in crisis and help provide a sustainable path forward.

Over the past year, BROCC Community Action was available to the residents in the Town of Mount Tabor. Whether they need food at the BROCC Community Food Shelf, senior commodities, housing counseling, homelessness assistance, weatherization, heating and utility assistance, forms assistance for benefits such as 3SqVT, budget and credit counseling and resources and referrals; we are here.

People come to us cold, hungry, homeless, jobless or facing major health conditions every day. Your town appropriation helps ease the struggle for nearly 10,000 people who seek assistance from us each year as we meet the basic needs of their families and provide a path forward whenever possible.

Respectfully, our appropriation request for the upcoming fiscal year remains \$200.00.

We truly value our collaboration with Mount Tabor as we assist those most in need.

Sincerely, Thomas L. Donahue - CEO
tdonahue@brocc.org

VERMONT LEAGUE OF CITIES AND TOWNS

Serving and Strengthening Vermont Local Government

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

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

- **Legal and technical assistance**, including prompt responses to member questions that often involve how to comply with state and federal requirements. During the past year, staff responded to thousands of member questions and published guidance, templates, research reports, and FAQs. In 2022, VLCT began offering additional government finance training and consulting services and launched the new Federal Funding Assistance Program (FFAP). FFAP offers communities advice on complying with federal rules surrounding pandemic funding, provides direction and insight on accessing billions of dollars in federal infrastructure funding, and provides input to state leaders on designing and implementing grant programs for municipalities.

- **Trainings and timely communications on topics of specific concern** to officials who carry out their duties required by state law. The League provided training via webinars, onsite classes, and during the hallmark annual event, Town Fair, the largest gathering of municipal officials in the state. VLCT's Equity Committee also published an online equity toolkit that assists municipalities in centering the work of justice, diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging in their decision making, policies, practices, and programs.

- **Representation before the state legislature, state agencies, and the federal government**, ensuring that municipal voices are heard collectively and as a single, united voice. VLCT's recent legislative efforts have helped provide cities and towns additional resources to respond to the pandemic, address road and bridge repair, tackle cybersecurity, improve housing and economic growth, promote renewable energy, provide emergency medical services, address equity and inclusion, and ensure the quality of our drinking water. Specific success in 2022 includes securing \$45 million in funding to help municipalities make energy improvements in their buildings, securing \$250,000 for VLCT's Federal Funding Assistance Program, increasing Municipal Planning Grants to \$870,000, securing \$250,000 for the Vermont Office of Racial Equity to launch the Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Action, Leadership Program, and increasing municipal authorities in statute. Members are also represented at the federal level to Vermont's Congressional delegation and through our partner, the National League of Cities.

• **Access to insurance programs.** The Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund (PACIF) provides comprehensive and cost-effective property, liability, and workers' compensation insurance coverage, programs, and services that protect the assets of your community. The VLCT Unemployment Insurance Trust provides unemployment insurance at stable pricing. VLCT also provides members with the option to purchase life, disability, dental, and vision insurance products at a competitive price. All the programs offer coverage and products that members need and ask for, help Vermont municipalities stretch their budgets, and are only available to VLCT members.

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

RUTLAND REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Thank you for your membership in the Rutland Regional Planning Commission (RRPC). For the FY24 budget cycle, municipal dues have been set at \$1,000 per town. We hope that you will continue to see the value of contributing and participating in all RRPC program areas and ask that you include this amount in the Selectboard's budget as part of a "local planning" line item. These dues support programs that benefit each community and the Region and are used to leverage additional funds from state and federal sources.

The Rutland Regional Planning Commission (RRPC) is a resource for towns, a platform for ideas and inspires a vision for our future. We balance local desires, best practices, and regional planning for communities that are vibrant today and strong for years to come. The RRPC and Town of Mt. Tabor continued working together in 2022 on many community development and planning initiatives. Some highlights include:

- Secured Better Roads Category C grant for streambank stabilization on Brooklyn Road. Provided technical assistance for project implementation.
- Worked with Town to update Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- Worked with Selectboard and Town Clerk to complete FY22 Grants in Aid construction project (1 segment improved) and apply for FY23 GIA construction program funding.
- Worked with Town Clerk on MRGP and erosion inventory trainings to ensure permit compliance and meet 2022 15% milestone – achieved 15% target!
- Provided GIS and mapping support

If you feel inspired to participate in local or regional planning, want to be paired with opportunities to grow your community, or just want to learn more, please visit or give us a call - we'd love to hear from you! Because together, we grow strong communities!

VNA & HOSPICE OF THE SOUTHWEST REGION

In 2021, the VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region provided Mount Tabor residents with exceptional home care, hospice, and community health services. From medically fragile infants with hi-tech needs to seniors who wish to remain independent at home, and those who are facing a terminal illness, we continue to bring medically necessary health care wherever it is needed, regardless of the location of residence, or complexity of health issues.

The VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region (VNAHSR) respectfully requests town funds of \$770 to assist in providing much-needed home care and hospice services to all those in need.

In the face of shrinking government and state reimbursements and rising health-care costs, VNAHSR has continued to identify community needs and provide essential cost-effective healthcare services Mount Tabor's most vulnerable individuals.

Last year VNAHSR's dedicated staff made more than 116,571 to 3,900 patients. In the Mount Tabor, we provided 761 visits to 1 individuals.

Thank you for your continued support. With your vote of confidence, we will continue to fulfill our promise to your community to enhance the quality of life of all we serve through comprehensive home and community health services.

Please do not hesitate to contact 802-442-0528 if you have any questions.

Sara C. King, CEO Dan DiBattista, President

VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING

On behalf of the Board and staff of the Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL), we would like to express our appreciation for the Town of Mt. Tabor's appropriation of \$55.00 to VCIL for our FY'22. This allocation enables VCIL staff to continue to work to accomplish our mission of supporting and empowering Vermonters with disabilities.

This appropriation will be utilized by VCIL for programs and services that are available for all qualified residents. Our services include information, referral and assistance, individual and systems advocacy, peer counseling and independent living resources that include Home Access Modifications, Meals on Wheels (for Vermonters with disabilities under age 60), and the Sue Williams Freedom Fund.

With this allocation we will be able to reach even more Vermont citizens with disabilities. Now in our 43rd year of support and advocacy, we are helping to build a society where we can all live with dignity, independence and our full civil rights. We sincerely appreciate the Town of Mt. Tabor's support.

During FY'22, one resident of Mt. Tabor received services from the following program:

Information Referral and Assistance (I,R&A)

RUTLAND COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT

Annual Report - Calendar Year 2022

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

This year, The District has had many new challenges amid COVID-19. Being deemed essential by Governor Scott we remained on the job in full force. Each of our employee raised for the occasion in implementing the guidelines from the CDC, VOSHA, and VBOH. The District also has developed many efficiencies. A new annual permit can be obtained from the convenience of your home or business via www.rcswd.com/permits. Debit and credit cards will all be accepted as an added means of payment accepted at our facilities. A small convenience fee will be charged.

The RCSWD did complete the Districts Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP) for the 2020-2025. The State requires that all communities have a current SWIP in place that meets the requirements of the State's Material Management Plan and delineates how solid and hazardous waste will be managed in the District towns for a five-year period. Milestones will need to be reported back as required. The community's involvement in drafting and developing this document was encouraged.

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

The District was also awarded a grant from the State to assist in replacing our 1997 Ford Box Truck. This truck passed its useful life with a Ford F650 with a 26-foot box to continue our 32 HHW Rover event to member towns. Another USDA award will assist the District in replacing our red-lined 1980 Kamatsu Excavator with a new Caterpillar 131G Excavator. This will assist in managing program materials at our regional transfer station.

Our website has been updated! This is your virtual Solid Waste Administration Office. Appointments, permits, and so much information and detail at your fingertips 24 -hours a day. Please see our 2022 Annual Report Book which covers detail and all our programs to include but not limited to:

Waste Disposal: During 2022, residents and businesses in our member municipalities disposed of approximately 36,931 tons of municipal solid waste which includes the construction and demolition activity along with a significant amount of bulky waste.

Recycling: The District owns a Material Recovery Facility (MRF), recycling center in Rutland City that is leased to Casella Waste Management for their operations. The MRF accepts Zero Sort recycling from transfer stations, commercial haulers and large generators for processing and sale for re-use. The facility currently receives approximately 36,931 tons of recyclables a year from a large geographical area. Since we began tracking material in 2013 the facility has processed over 259,843.27 tons of recyclables.

Household Hazardous Waste: Rutland County Solid Waste District operates an extensive Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) program for district residents and small business generators. The program operates year-round from the Gleason Road facility by appointment. An additional 32 events are scheduled collections at twelve town transfer stations within eighteen member towns through the spring, summer, and fall. The HHW program collects and safely disposes of dozens of hazardous, flammable, and toxic materials. The RCSWD HHW also collects electronic waste and has collected over 45.95 tons of material.

Other Programs: The District also offered waste management education, and reduction programs, construction, demolition waste, clean wood, and composting. The District is continuing with its "Merry Mulch" program in collecting and processing over 1,200 Christmas trees annually. The District also has been working local organizations including the Rutland Master Gardener's Club, 350 Rutland County, the Rutland Dismas House, Rutland Neighborhood Program, and Vermont Southwestern Council on Aging, Rutland Hospital and Women's Network & Shelter and the Rutland County Humane Society and our valued haulers.

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*Three Italian Women headed home
to the "Old Job" or Village of "Griffith"
Mt. Tabor, VT - September 1896*

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On behalf of our board of directors, staff and customers at NeighborWorks of Western Vermont, we want to sincerely thank you for your continued support! As in previous years, we respectfully request a town appropriation of \$400.

While it was once again a challenging year for so many, we are pleased to report that with continued generous funding from our incredible partners, the state of Vermont, and Mount Tabor, we were once again able to assist many Vermonters with affordable housing services including homebuyer education and counseling, down payment assistance, home repair and energy loans and grants, home energy audits and energy efficiency projects, and housing improvement assistance to landlords. Below is a summary of the specific services we were able to provide throughout our service area.

In the last fiscal year (January – December 2021), our services comprised of:

- 302 Low-cost, Comprehensive HEAT Squad Energy Audits and 92 Home Energy Improvement Projects were completed for which homeowners received a rebate from Efficiency Vermont.
- 25 Energy Loans, totaling \$460,477, were made to help homeowners make energy improvements to their home.
- 34 Down Payment Assistance Loans totaling \$ 1,011,010 were made to assist homebuyers make it over the 20% down payment barrier.
- 26 Home Repair Loans totaling \$ 138,931 were made to homeowners to make health and safety upgrades.
- 1 first mortgage loan in partnership with Habitat for Humanity was made in the amount of \$149,900 to a first-time home buyer.
- 126 families attended Homebuyer Education and of those, 32 became homeowners.
- 218 households participated in homeownership or financial coaching.

Again, thank you for your support as we wouldn't otherwise be able to provide these services.

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Directory of Services

Mt. Tabor & Surrounding Areas

Antique/Gifts	The Barn Antiques and Welding Art	293-5400
	The Sparkle Barn	446-2044
Asphalt/Asphalt Products	Pike Industries	293-5712
	Fuller Sand & Gravel	293-5700
Auto Body Repair	B&H Auto	293-5427
Auto Repair/Sales/Towing/Gas	McLellan Garage & Sales	293-5233
Camping/Lodging	Otter Creek Campground	293-5041
Car Museum (Dep-Swedish)	Johannes Debruin (by appt.)	293-5541
Concrete/Brick/Stone Work	Shores Masonry	293-5600
	Martin Coleman	293-5474
Building Material/Doors/Windows	Doors-N-More	Cell Phone (802) 417-4603
Contractors/Renovation/Restoration	Harold Sendra	293-5423
Electrician	William Beauregard	293-5151
Firewood/Snow Removal	Jeff Burden	293-5383
Grocery Stores/Deli's	Mt Tabor Country Store	293-5641
Horseback Riding	Chipman Stables	293-5242
Logging Svcs/Forest Mgmt	Mark Audy	293-5628
Mower, Chain Saw, Sales, Service, Repair	Gerald White	293-5409
Storage	Otter Creek Storage	1-888-688-3725
	Mt Tabor Country Store	293-5641
Wallpapering	Bradley Bender	293-5160
Town Services	Danby, Mt. Tabor Fire Dept	911
	S.L. Griffith Memorial Library	293-5106
	Early Ed. Program/Preschool	293-6421
	Danby, Mt. Tabor Post Office	293-5105
	Currier Memorial School / K-8	293-5191
	Mt.Tabor/Danby Historical Society	293-5160