

Town of

FAIRLEE, VERMONT

ANNUAL REPORT

For the Year Ending December 31, 2021

IN DEDICATION TO
Fairlee Recreation Council



The Fairlee Recreation Council was formed in response to a motion introduced at a Fairlee Men's Club Meeting in December 1946.

*It consisted of two representatives from each of the following organizations:
The Grange; The Rondo; The Fairlee School; Veterans of Foreign Wars;
Veteran of Foreign Wars Auxiliary; Daughters of the American Revolution; Community Circle;
Federated Church; Lake Morey Protective Association; and Fairlee Men's Club.*

*The original organizers were:
Calvin and Patricia Ackerman, Anthony Brackett, Lloyd Bugbee,
Ada and William Ross, Raymond Thurber, and Herbert Warren.*

*Many volunteers have followed the founders and we dedicate this annual report to all of them.
Thank you to those who have served our town.*

2021

**Annual Report
of the Officers of the Town of Fairlee
(Orange County)
PO Box 95
Fairlee, Vermont 05045**



**Chartered in 1761
Population 988 as of 2020
Area 11,490 acres
Altitude 430 Feet
72 09' W, 43 55'**

Town of Fairlee Services & Office Hours

Visit us on the Web at: www.fairleevt.org

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE HOURS

(Monday thru Thursday 9:00 am – 3:30 pm; Friday 10:00 am – 12:00 pm or by appointment)

TOWN OFFICE TELEPHONE NUMBER 802-333-4363

Town Clerk	EXT. 1
Town Administrator/Selectboard Office	EXT. 2
Zoning Office.....	EXT. 3
Treasurer.....	EXT. 4
Listers' Office	EXT. 5
Delinquent Tax Collector.....	EXT. 7
Town Fax	802-333-9214
Samuel Morey Elementary School	802-333-9755
Rivendell Academy	603-353-4321
Rivendell District Office.....	603-353-2170
Town Beach	802-333-9416

EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBER..... DIAL 911

NON-EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Upper Valley Ambulance.....	802-333-4043
Health Officer	802-333-4363 EXT. 3
Animal Control Officer.....	802-333-9018
Local Police	802-333-4363 EXT. 6
Vermont State Police	802-222-4680

FAIRLEE TRASH & RECYCLING (including Metal and Brush Dump)

For Fairlee Residents & Taxpayers only

Dump Pass required (purchase from the Town Clerk for \$10.00)

Saturdays 8:30 am to 11:30 am at the Transfer Station located on Dump Road off of US Route 5 South

Extra hours for Spring & Fall Clean-up in May and October

For Transfer Station/E-Waste information: see Fairlee Town Website www.fairleevt.org

PUBLIC LIBRARY – Telephone 802-333-4716

Closed Sunday & Monday

Tuesday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Wednesday 1:00 to 7:00 pm

Thursday and Friday 1:00 to 5:00 pm

Saturday 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

POST OFFICE – Telephone 802-333-4305

Monday – Friday: Lobby: 7:30 am to 4:45 pm; Window: 9:00 am to 4:15 pm

Closed daily 11:00 am to 12:15 pm

Saturday: Lobby: 7:30 am to 12:00 pm; Window: 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

SEASONAL RESIDENTIAL WATER turned on by May 15, 2022 and turned off after October 15, 2022

See the town website: www.fairleevt.org for Zoom meeting information.

SELECTBOARD MEETING – Monday evenings at 6:00 pm

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING – First Thursday at 6:00 pm

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD MEETING – Second and Fourth Tuesday at 7:00 pm as needed

FIREMEN'S MEETING – Regular Meeting – First Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm

Drill – Third Thursday at 6:00 pm

FAST SQUAD MEETING – as needed

Agency and Community Organization Reports are available on the Fairlee website www.fairleevt.org and at the Town Clerk's Office.

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Town Officers – continued:

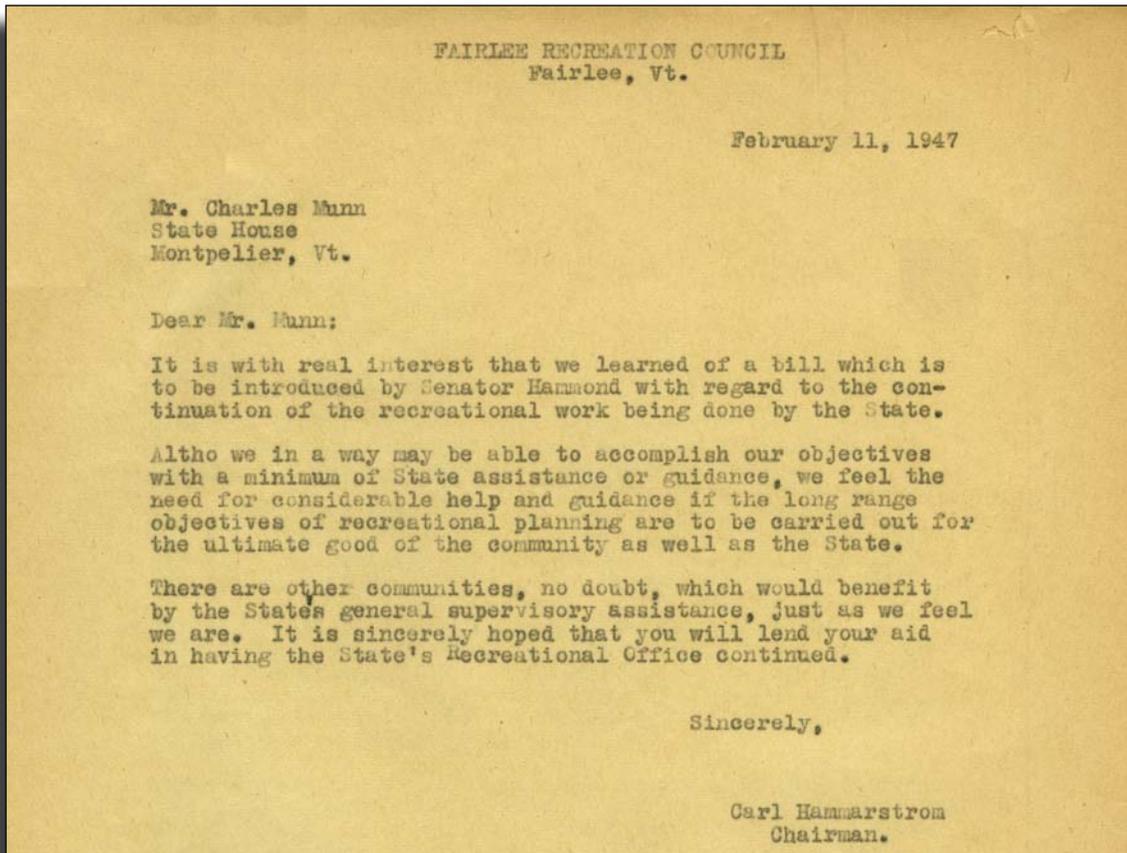
Cemetery Commissioners (elected for five year term)	Charles H. Hinsley, Chair, Term Expires March 2026 Lawrence Farnham, Term Expires March 2022 Robert Edmands, Term Expires March 2023 Eric C. Sleeper, Term Expires March 2024 Lance V. Mills, Term Expires March 2025
Grand Jurors (will no longer be an elected position)	Clyde C. Blake II, Term Expires March 2022 William A. Dunnack, Jr., Term Expires March 2022
Town Agent to Prosecute & Defend Suits (will no longer be an elected position).....	Vacant, Term Expires March 2022
Town Agent to Transfer Real Estate	Georgette Wolf-Ludwig
Trustees of Public Library (elected for five year term).....	Charlotte Williams, Term Expires March 2026 Cyrie Lange, Chair, Term Expires March 2022 Joy Weale, Term Expires March 2023 Jennifer Johnson, Term Expires March 2024 Stacey Dunham, Term Expires March 2025
Recreation Council Board (elected for three year term).....	Bernice Mills, Term Expires March 2022 Meghann Brough Bourn, Term Expires March 2023 Cameron Buster, Term Expires March 2024 Vacant, Term Expires March 2024 Vacant, Term Expires March 2024
Animal Control Officer	Dan A. Ludwig
Emergency Management Coordinator	Peter Berger
Fence Viewers	Larry C. Martin, Vacant
Inspector of Lumber, Shingles & Wood.....	Clyde C. Blake II
Weigher of Coal	Clyde C. Blake II
Pound Keeper.....	Bradford Veterinarian Clinic
Tree Warden	Larry C. Martin
Fire Department Chief	Kenneth Champagne
Forest Fire Warden.....	Eric C. Sleeper, Term Expires July 1, 2023
Forest Fire Warden’s Key Man	Robert Maddock, Jr.
Town Service Agent.....	Georgette Wolf-Ludwig, Term Expires April 2022
Justices of the Peace.....	Peter Berger, Timothy Danen, Larry C. Martin, Horace Palmer III, Ann Walker
Health Officer.....	Chris Brimmer, Term Expires December 31, 2024
Deputy Health Officer.....	Vacant
Representative to Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Planning	Peter Berger, Alternate Vacant
Representatives to Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Trans Advisory Council	Tad Nunez, E. Smith Reed
Representative to Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District	Tad Nunez
Fairlee Representatives to Tri-Town Commission (appointed by Selectboard for one year term).....	Nancy Anderson, Peter Berger, Jason Knowles
Fairlee Historical Society.....	Donald Weaver, President; Bonnie Colby, Vice President/Asst. Curator; Georgette Wolf-Ludwig, Curator; Noël Walker, Secretary; Lisa Hinsley, Treasurer
Forest Board.....	Reginald Cramer III, Terry Lewis, Dan A. Ludwig, Chair; James G. O’Donnell, Mitchell Phelps

Town Officers – continued:

E911 Coordinator.....Noël G. Walker
Assistant Judges of Orange County Court.....Joyce McKeeman, Laurel Mackin
Orange District Probate Court, 5 Court Street, Chelsea, VT 05038..... Kathryn A.C. Kennedy, Judge; Jill Boone, Registrar
Senators from Caledonia-Orange District..... Joe Benning and Jane Kitchel
Representative to General AssemblySarah Copeland Hanzas
Lake Morey Protective Association, Inc..... Laura Tucker, President; E. Smith Reed, Vice-President;
Bill Minard, Treasurer; Ginny Reed, Secretary

Lake Morey Commission Members
(appointed by Selectboard for a one year term).....Donald Weaver, Co-Chair; Greg Allen, Co-Chair;
Bruce Durgin, Mark Richardson, Byron Stone

Representative to Green Mountain Economic Development Corp. Peter Berger
Upper Valley Ambulance, Inc. Representative: Richard Senn; Executive Director: Alan Beede
Connecticut Joint Rivers Commission..... Ben Dana, Danielle Allen
Green-Up Day Coordinator..... Peter Berger
Fairlee Scholarship Committee..... Jane Chambers, Lisa Hinsley, Georgette Wolf-Ludwig



FAIRLEE
Vermont

To the Taxpayers and Citizens of Fairlee:

The Fairlee Recreation Council wishes to make a mid-season report of progress made in establishing a community swimming facility, authorized with the appropriation of \$1,000. last Town Meeting.

A teaching program in swimming and life saving---free instruction to the families of citizens---is under way under the competent full-time supervision of Joe Walker. First five days of the month ^{week} there are classes for beginners at eleven o'clock, for intermediates at two, and in life saving at three. Classes for adults come evenings Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

A dozen youngsters have learned their first strokes in swimming, some thirty others are intently practicing to improve their form. A dozen or so adults come out for instruction and practice as often as time allows.

A new, and very popular, center of interest is the huge pneumatic raft---Navy surplus---capable of supporting thirteen tons; it makes an ideal spot for all who go in for sun bathing, diving, or just playing about for fun.

The start of a most valuable community activity has been made; greater participation by the families of taxpayers and citizens can build our Fairlee Community Beach up into the center of our main summer recreation for all, a very important asset to the community way of life. Participation in Beach activities by the families of taxpayers here only for the summer is most earnestly solicited.

Carl Hammarstrom, Chairman
Fairlee Recreation Council

5 August 1947

FAIRLEE DAY

August 18, 1947

FAIRLEE DAY

PARADE

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BASEBALL GAME

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DANCE

See posters for details of the Day and Evening

**FAIRLEE, VERMONT
TOWN MEETING BALLOT VOTE
TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 2022
WARNING**

The following Election of Officers and Articles shall be voted by Australian ballot on Tuesday, March 1, 2022. Australian balloting will take place at the Fairlee Town Hall upstairs in the Auditorium at 75 Town Common Road. Polls will be open from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm.

The Selectboard will have an informational meeting on Thursday, February 24, 2022, at 6:00 pm via Zoom. Join by ZOOM link or call-in:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86495623729?pwd=TWI2RTdLdGtmYmNKbVNrRVZ1V2pKdz09>

Dial: 1 (929) 205-6099

Meeting ID: 864 9562 3729

Passcode: 564122

Article 1. Election of Officers for the Town and to fill terms of any office that may be vacant.

Moderator, 1-year term
Selectboard Member, 3-year term
Lister, 3-year term
Auditor, 2-year term
Auditor, 3-year term
Budget Committee Member, 3-year term
Planning Commission Member, 2-year term
Planning Commission Member, 4-year term
Cemetery Commissioner, 5-year term
Library Trustee, 5-year term
Recreation Council Member, 2-year term
Recreation Council Member, 2-year term
Recreation Council Member, 3-year term

Article 2. Shall the voters authorize general fund expenditures for operating expenses of \$1,155,586, of which \$852,777 shall be raised by taxes and \$302,809 by non-tax revenues?

Article 3. Shall the voters authorize highway fund expenditures of \$294,107, of which \$215,477 shall be raised by taxes and \$78,630 by non-tax revenues?

Article 4. Shall the Town raise by taxes the following sums totaling \$267,073 to undertake and save for capital improvements within the Town in accordance with the Capital Budget and Program adopted by the Selectboard?

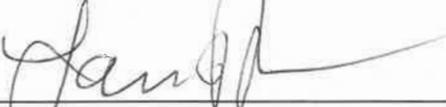
a) Town Buildings and Lands Reserve	\$ 88,573
b) Emergency Equipment Reserve	\$ 20,000
c) Town Highway Reserve	\$130,000
d) Lake Reserve	\$ 28,500

- Article 5. Shall the voters authorize the Treasurer to collect current taxes, pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 4791?
- Article 6. Shall the Town have Property Taxes billed on or before September 1, 2022 and be due and physically delivered to the Treasurer on or before October 3, 2022 with interest applied to overdue taxes at a rate of one percent per month or fraction thereof for the first three months and thereafter one and one-half percent per month or fraction thereof from the due date of such tax pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 5136?
- Article 7: Shall the voters of the Town of Fairlee reduce the number of Tri-Town Commission members per Town (Thetford, Fairlee, and West Fairlee) from three members to two members?

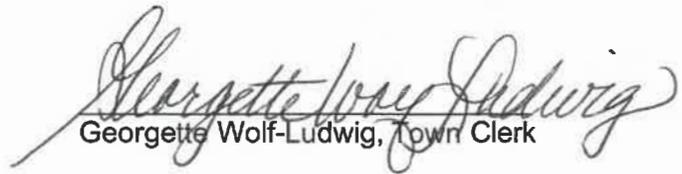
Adopted and approved at a regular meeting of the Selectboard of the Town of Fairlee duly called, noticed, and held on January 24, 2022.


Peter B. Berger, Chair


Catherine H. McGrath


Lance V. Mills

Recorded before posting, January 24, 2022.


Georgette Wolf-Ludwig, Town Clerk

2021 Report from the Fairlee Selectboard

As we begin 2022, the Board feels the Town of Fairlee is in good shape to address the anticipated growth and changes we expect to see in the Village and Town. The Selectboard continues to work hard to plan and budget for any demands the future holds for all of us. We owe tremendous thanks to our Staff. We would expect that the citizens look to each of the Board and Department's individual reports as they present a clear picture as to how much each contributes to the Town and it's well-being.

A few of the objectives and goals the Board plans to achieve in 2022 are the following:

- Realize the Better Connections Grant **Route 5 Stormwater mitigation** plan
- Develop a **Downtown Village Septic study** to allow growth and increased density in the Village
- Coordinate the development of a **Village Master Plan** to address future Community needs
- Redesign and enhance the **Village Transfer station** and recycling program
- Develop a long-term plan to **address the Community's Recreation assets and Natural Resources**
- See continued growth and **Additional Housing** in the Village Center
- Enhance the RR Station Park & Ride with a Grant to **construct a Bus Shelter**

ARPA

As part of the COVID response the Town has secured \$292,000 through the American Rescue Plan Act. These funds will provide the Town the **opportunity to defray some direct budget expenses**. In making these decisions on how to utilize these funds the **Selectboard has initiated a strategic planning process to include residents' input**. The goal is to leverage these assets **with additional State and Federal monies**. One of the projects will fund the Town portion for the upcoming Stormwater mitiga-

tion project. This is designed to resolve some Stormwater issues in the Village center.

BETTER CONNECTIONS

The Town was recognized as **one of Vermont's exemplary public spaces** with a **2021 Merit Award for the Better Connection Grant**. This good work of the Committee chaired by Cathy McGrath continues to benefit the Town with **additional grant monies**. The \$76k funding is the result of the Better Connection planning study. It allows us to move **forward with the implementation of an infrastructure project**. We continue to look for other ways to provide grant monies to improve pedestrian and bike safety along Rt 5 in the Village.

Another goal is to diversify the economic base of the Town and coordinate the downtown with Fairlee's other recreation amenities. The Town will continue to work with VTrans to highlight ways to **increase safe biking and pedestrian use of the Route 5 corridor**. We expect to continue over the next year adding safety features and a new look in the Town along the corridor.

During the past year a number of situations became evident to this Board after hearing discussions from the Planning Commission as they worked through the required changes to Fairlee's Unified Development Bylaws (UDB). We hope to engage with the Agency of Commerce and Community Development as we **develop a Village Master Plan creating a vision for growth of the Community**.

INFRASTRUCTURE

The Selectboard continues to place a **priority on enhancing the infrastructure of the Town**. In 2021 we finalized work on the Water Department projects initiated in 2019. A key element in the success of this has been the invaluable help of Lance Colby, Barry Larson, Lisa Hinsley and Tad Nunez. There are a number of lasting upgrades to the system which include **bringing online a Filtration System**, installing **system wide meters** to ensure equity in user costs, and **upgrading water lines** on

Route 5 South, Fairview Street and from Clubhouse Rd. to Joe’s Rd. The completion of a digital upgrade to our system inventory and **an Asset Management component of the system were added.** These are long-term benefits which will enhance the growth of our Town.

We continued the rebuilding of Lake Morey East Rd with a mile of paving and sub base to ensure the lasting stability of road. The Town received the FEMA portion of monies due to allow for the rebuilding of culvert systems on the Lake Morey Rd. and two additional culverts on Maurice Roberts Hwy. These projects were completed with a large degree of thanks to Mike Wright for his help and extensive base of knowledge. We continue to work on developing **long term planning** for Fairlee’s roads.

POLICE

The Selectboard added an increase to the Police Department budget **to provide for the continued safety of the residents.** Last year’s budget had this as a warrant article to the residents. As Administrators we should have worked harder **to convey the absolute need of this article.** During the last year the result was continued random police presence. The result was a **doubling of Police agency related incidents over the past year.**

With that result over the past year **we feel it is necessary to be proactive and counteract this growing trend.** We ask for your support to increase to **the minimum amount the Orange County Sheriff requires to provide the Town with a dedicated Sheriff.** This will provide necessary control for the Police Chief to administer the Public Safety program. We feel adding anything less to the budget would be irresponsible on this Board’s part.

In Closing

While these are uncertain times, I am confident to say that after years of dedicated efforts by our Staff and Boards, we are in the midst of healthy change. We have strong economic growth in the Downtown. After more than a decade there are positive changes coming to the Colby block and Evans’s property. We continue to ask for your support in our efforts to improve Fairlee and are thankful for all those who volunteer their time and efforts.

Respectfully submitted
Peter Berger, Chair
Cathy McGrath
Lance Mills



Dana Low, president of the Lake Morey Foundation, speaking at the ceremony transferring the beach house from the Lake Morey Foundation to the Town of Fairlee on September 2, 2000.

Selectboard Informational Meeting Minutes

2-25-2021

Town of Fairlee Town Hall
75 Town Common Road
Fairlee, VT 05045

(All members, staff and the public were remote using ZOOM)

Thursday, February 25, 2021

Call to Order: 6:35 PM

Peter Berger, Chair called the meeting to order.

PRESENT

Selectboard members: Peter Berger, Chair, Josh Hickman, Vice Chair, Cathy McGrath

Town Administrator: Tad Nunez

Treasurer: Lisa Hinsley

Lister: Noel Walker

Chief of Police: Jason Bachus

Acting Board Clerk: Barbara Lantery

Visitors: Steven & Arline Stocking, Arlene & Peter Guest, Barbara & Mike Curran, Clyde Blake, Dennis Farmer, Meredyth Morley, Glenda Gregoire, DeWitt Mallery, Ginny & Smith Reed, Bruce Taylor, Kyle & Jill Zick, Robyn & Richard Noble, Chaz Hinsley, Miranda Clemson, Rita Brooks, Samantha Hickman, Simon Holdaway, Sonie Farnham, Peggy & Clint Bissell, Sandra & Gene Ordway, Tye Deines, Hod Palmer, Deidre Rogers, Cami Buster & Lynn Fitzhugh.

Peter Berger gave some Technical Tips for tonight's meeting. Questions will be taken at the end of the meeting; 'Chat' is available for asking questions. Questions limited to one minute. If we are 'ZOOM-bombed' the meeting will be stopped and we will try again in 15 minutes.

Joshua Hickman began the slides of the 2021 Budget.

Article 1: Election of Officers

Article 2: Town to be Raised by Taxes: General Fund Revenues; Cash Available/Carry Forward; General Fund Expenses; Veteran's Local Agreement Rate. General Fund Expenditures for 2021 to be \$1,153,477. Please refer to page 59 in the Fairlee Annual Report for the Year Ending December 31, 2020.

Treasurer, Lisa Hinsley, said one number has changed: in Administration one number was omitted. Number can't be changed as already warned. This lowers the Water USDA Loan – to \$15,778.53. Selectboard will reduce the amount to be raised when setting the tax rate.

Article 3: Highway to be Raised by Taxes: Highway revenues; Highway expenses.

Article 4: Capital Budget to be Raised by Taxes: Town Buildings & Land Reserve; Debt Service-Town Hall Loan; Emergency Equipment Reserve; Town Highway Reserve; Lake Reserve; Debt Service-Lake Fairlee Dam Loan. Please refer to page 59, and to pages 80-82.

Article 5: Raise Taxes of \$30,880 for additional police coverage from the Orange County Sheriff Department. This would be an additional 20 hours/week, added to Jason’s 10 hours/week. This is separated in the Budget to enable the voters to vote on this.

Articles 2 – 5: Total increase in Taxes is 3.78% over 2020, including 0.0227 increase with Article 5. The estimated Total Tax rate, with Article 5 is \$0.6218. Please refer to page 59.

Article 6: To authorize the Treasurer to collect taxes

Article 7: Property Taxes will be billed by September 1st and will be due and payable by October 1st.

Questions and Comments.

Q: When will the 20 additional police hours be covered?

A: Bachus: Orange County deputy & Bachus rarely work together. Depends on Bachus and trends. May be Wednesday-Saturday hours. Bachus would work Sunday-Tuesday

Q: Simon Holdaway: Crime stats for Fairlee, taken from the Town Reports for the past 4 years, show 50% fewer calls in 2020.

A: Bachus: with the pandemic more calls on phone, not so much in person. Jason: ‘we need to be Proactive not reactive.’

Tad Nunez asked the pros & cons of the Orange County Sheriff vs a full time police officer. Bachus said retirement, health insurance administrative costs, all covered in a contract with the Orange County Sheriff Dept. Contract set no matter what.

Meredyth Morley endorses this article but wanted more description of how the mix of crime has changed.

Bachus: 50 calls of suspicious activities in 2020, vandalism and thefts. State Police have thin coverage-gives false sense of security to rely on them. There have been more thefts throughout the Upper Valley.

Peter Berger: State police are primarily covering highways and major crimes

Bachus: We would have a dedicated deputy 20 hours per week, who would get to know the taxpayers, hot spots, and activity of the camps in the summer.

Q: Holdaway: Two increases in the police budget \$11,000 to \$13,000 and \$30,500 to \$62,180. Orange County Sheriff paid \$47/hour.

A: Bachus: Orange County includes all the benefits.

Holdaway: Haven’t heard the statistics to pay for increase in police. Wants more stats, less anecdotes.

Cami Buster: feeling vulnerable after the theft at her place last summer. Will the police be patrolling farther North?

Bachus: apologized for lack of response to Cami. He wasn’t on call that day.

Cathy McGrath thanked Holdaway for the stats. Said residents have asked for more police coverage.

L Hinsley: to all: \$30,880 for a new deputy is still cheaper than a full time officer. This may put us off from getting a full time Officer for a few years.

McGrath asked Holdaway if his question was answered.

Holdaway: He was trying to understand why taxes go up if stats don't support. He'd like to see the stats. Said anecdotal remarks not good way to run the town. Bachus receiving \$39/hour – most expensive employee in Town.

Bachus: His salary is a combination of Delinquent Tax collector as well as Police Chief.

More comments about seeing Bachus and the Vermont State police around town.

McGrath: need to reduce the redundancy

Morley: Does Chief have data to speak to change in trends

Jason: try to get numbers for the last few years. Leon Marsh was a great benefit for the Town; he was Full Time and did a lot of extra work. No trend of bad stuff happening, need proactive policing, community policing, sense of community belonging.

Q: Buster: How much of the tax rate to pay for the police? She believes the Town budget is pretty low, most taxes go to the schools.

A: L. Hinsley: \$30,880. Increase, 1.46 cents on the tax rate. 2.54% increase with the money found and police expense added in.

Berger asked if any other questions. None. Said there is a drop box in front of Town Hall for ballots for voting. He recommended not mailing ballots.

Tad Nunez & Peter Berger thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Lantery
Acting Board Clerk

*5/6 co-ed soccer team
(1998) coached by
Kostas Amanatidis*



Ballot Results

Official Ballot Results Annual Town Meeting • Fairlee, Vermont March 2, 2021

Total active registered voters that were sent ballots	748
Total ballots cast	285
Total ballots cast absentee	276

Moderator for 1 year	
Bruce A. Taylor	269
Write Ins	0
Overvotes	16
Undervotes	0

Selectboard Member for 3 years	
Peter Berger	226
Write Ins	15
Overvotes	0
Undervotes	44

Town Clerk for 3 years	
Georgette Wolf-Ludwig	265
Write Ins	0
Overvotes	0
Undervotes	20

Lister for 3 years	
Dan Ludwig	253
Write Ins	4
Overvote	1
Undervotes	28

Auditor for 1 year	
No candidate running	
Write Ins	20
Overvotes	1
Undervotes	264

Auditor for 2 years	
Sandra Smith-Ordway	256
Write Ins	0
Overvotes	0
Undervotes	29

Auditor for 3 years	
No candidate running	
Write Ins	12
Overvotes	0
Undervotes	273

Budget Committee Member for 3 years	
Dan Ludwig	243
Write Ins	7
Overvotes	0
Undervotes	35

Planning Commission Member for 4 years (Vote for 2)	
Smith Reed	220
Susanne Pacilio	210
Write In	8
Overvote	1
Undervotes	130

Cemetery Commissioner for 5 years	
Charles Hinsley	261
Write Ins	0
Overvotes	0
Undervotes	24

Library Trustee for 4 years	
Stacey Dunham	252
Write Ins	0
Overvotes	0
Undervotes	33

Library Trustee for 5 years	
Charlotte Williams	244
Write Ins	1
Overvotes	0
Undervotes	40

Recreation Council for 3 years (Vote for 2)	
No candidates running	
Write Ins	23
Overvotes	0
Undervotes	547

Article 2 General Fund	
Yes	194
No	81
Overvote	0
Undervotes	10

Article 3 Highway Fund	
Yes	221
No	58
Overvote	0
Undervotes	6

Article 4 Capital Budget	
Yes	196
No	81
Overvote	0
Undervotes	8

Article 5 Orange County Sheriff	
Yes	116
No	162
Overvote	1
Undervotes	6

Article 6 Collect Taxes by Treasurer	
Yes	262
No	11
Overvote	0
Undervotes	12

Article 7 Property Taxes billed	
Yes	252
No	24
Overvotes	0
Undervotes	9

2021 Report from the Fairlee Board of Auditors

The Auditors have not met all year due to having one auditor on the board. The board has not examined the accounts and financial statements of the Town of Fairlee, in conflict with Title 24 Vermont Statutes. We are sorry to report this.

In November, Jane Chambers volunteered and was appointed by the Selectboard. One of the first items we will be addressing is the continued need for a board of auditors. The town has yearly reviews by certified accountants and full audits every 3 years. With this type of oversight, it may not be necessary to also have a board of auditors. Jane and I will be making recommendations to, and seeking direction from the Selectboard regarding this situation.

One item the board has been able to accomplish is producing this town report. Huge thanks go out to:

Georgette Wolf-Ludwig for:

- Coordinating and organizing the individual reports from various board and department heads
- Coordinating with the printer
- Proofing the written reports
- Preparing the mailing list with Noël

Lisa Hinsley for:

- Preparing all the financial reports – which is more than half of this report!

Noël Walker for:

- Preparing the mailing list

All of these tasks go into producing this report and Jane and I are forever grateful for their help.

As a small town, we rely heavily on volunteers to fill a number of positions on many boards. Many volunteers serve on multiple boards. Please consider what talents and time you have that may benefit the town by volunteering.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra Smith-Ordway
Jane Chambers

2021 Report from the Fairlee Budget Committee

The Fairlee Budget Committee held the following warned meetings:

- December 6, 2021 @ 5pm – Budget Committee meeting.
- December 6, 2021 @ 6:30pm – Meeting with the Selectboard for questions.
- January 3, 2022 @ 6:30pm – Annual Budget Hearing via an open Zoom meeting.
- January 7, 2022 @ 12pm – Budget Committee meeting.

During these meetings, department budgets were reviewed. During the annual meeting, department representatives were asked to be on hand along with the Selectboard to answer questions taken via the floor and zoom. The committee also looks for any public input at any other meeting – all of which are duly warned.

Discussion primarily centered on the following topics:

- Cost of living increase of 5.7% (herein referred to as COLA) for employees and the elimination of the the librarian not receiving one.
- Overall budget increase (which was 10.4% at the time of the January 3rd meeting).
- Increase of the police budget to include an increase of subcontractor expense with the Orange County Sheriffs for a set 20 hours per week.
- Placement of \$30K in the Capital Budget to purchase an appropriate 4-wheeler (or off-road transport vehicle of comparability) and a trailer to house said ATV and forestry equipment.

The budget committee met with the Selectboard on January 10, 2022 in person and via a Zoom meeting to make recommendations for the proposed 2022 budget. The budget committee made the following recommendations to the Selectboard.

- That the 5.7% increase be provided to all Town employees including the Librarian. The budget committee recognizes that the 5.7% is well researched and in line with current standards.
- That the Selectboard rectify the ambiguity of the retirement plan retroactively (i.e. when the benefit becomes available to employees) and that such finalized plan be put into writing.
- That the Selectboard review any current employee handbook (which should include all standard benefits) and that any discrepancies be corrected, new benefit standards be put in to place, and that the inter-relationship between the Library Board and the Town's Selectboard be clarified and put into writing for an future hiring decisions.
- That the Selectboard utilize a portion of the Town's surplus to lower/regulate the overall tax rate increase to a target of 5% or lower.
- That the Selectboard make the increase in the Police budget very clear with explanations easily understandable. Since there was a separate vote in 2021; transparency is important. Taxpayers need to be able to provide added input.
- That more notes of notable changes to line items year over year be placed into the budget.

The budget committee would like to thank the Selectboard and department heads for their deliberations when putting together the budget and their dedication to keeping the Town of Fairlee on a sound fiscal footing while insuring its continued prosperity. The committee reminds all community members that active participation in the financial wellbeing of the Town is everyone's responsibility. This involvement should be a year-round activity by attending the weekly Selectboard meetings. Notices of such can be located on the Town website. Lisa Hinsley, the town Treasurer is always willing to answer any questions and puts in countless hours. Thank you Lisa.

The committee would also like to thank the Town's dedicated staff who have continued for a second year in a row, to keep the business of Town governance running smoothly during the pandemic.

The committee would also like to remind the taxpayers that the Town portion of your tax bill represents roughly 22% of the total bill and funds all our town services – road maintenance, policing, fire & rescue, library, lakes & recreation, and the administrative staff to manage it. As the school budget represents the vast majority (78%) of your tax bill, we encourage your active participation in the school budget process.

It is with deep gratitude that the budget committee thanks Steve Bentley for his ten years of committed service to this board and the Town.

Please feel free to reach out to any budget committee member at any time as well.

Respectfully submitted,
Dan Ludwig, Chair
Steve Bentley
Elizabeth Wilson



2021 Report from the Fairlee Town Administrator

I am pleased to report the following activities of the Town Administrator's Office during the 2021 year:

- Completed the water main project on Fairview Street.
- Assisted with the administration and supervision of the new auditorium theater lighting project.
- Continued to represent the Town on the Board of Supervisors of the Central VT Solid Waste Management District.
- Continued to represent the Town on the TRORC Transportation Advisory Committee.
- Secured a Materials Management Grant award in the amount \$4,600 to hire an engineer to complete the build-out study of the transfer station. Local match \$6,900.
- Secured a Grant in aid Road funding in the amount of \$7,820 to off-set culvert installations.
- Secured State funding in the amount of \$10,839 for the repairs to the Glenn Fall bridge project.
- Secured a \$400 Green Up day grant from Central VT Solid Waste Management District.
- Secured funding for the new auditorium lightning project \$14,886.
- Secured a VTrans Municipal Highway and Stormwater Mitigation Grant award in the amount of \$136,000.
- Secured the annual State funding of \$19,965 to off-set expenses for the Lake Morey milfoil and Greeter program.
- Secured an Equipment Purchase grant. Fairlee was awarded \$6,430 (state funds) grant to purchase a hay bale shredder. Town match is \$1,608.
- Secured a Clean Water Loan (State Revolving Loan Program) in the amount of \$76,000. This is a loan forgiveness program.
- Assisted with the RR culvert project at the Fairlee RR Station.
- Managed the demolition and removal of the library out building.
- The new Filtration System came online in February 2021.
- Administered the completion of the Better Connection Grant – Main St to Morey project.
- Administered the Water Asset Management project.
- Managed and completed the Emergency Building exhaust system project.
- Administered the activities of the Town Forest management.
- Administered the completion of road reconditioning, paving, bridge, and culvert projects.
- Administered the negotiations with VT Transportation to secure a proposed new cross walk near the Town Common.

The above are just the highlights of the 2021 activities. I look forward to continually working with the Selectboard, Town Staff, all Boards/Committees/Commissions, and members of the community.

Respectfully submitted,
Tad Nunez, Town Administrator

2021 Report from the Fairlee Town Clerk

In the beginning of 2021, even though the Town Hall continued to be closed for meetings and events due to COVID-19, the Town Clerk's Office was open for business. The south end entrance of the Town Hall and elevator was used with the help of an intercom system. This allowed the public easy access to enter the Town Hall. A table with a shield was set up in the elevator hallway and we conducted business safely there. I'm so grateful for the added space and elevator from the Town Hall renovation in 2018.

In January, the Governor signed an emergency bill allowing floor vote towns to conduct their Town Meetings by Australian ballot due to Covid-19. Navigating through an Australian ballot vote for Town Meeting was challenging. In my 30 years of working in the Town Clerk's Office we had never used an Australian ballot for Town Meeting. Town Meeting Day was always in person. The election of our Officers and articles were voted off the floor. I even took the time to look back in our old records and came to realize this would be the first time in Fairlee's history we would not be meeting in person for Town Meeting. Nevertheless, 748 ballots were sent out to every active registered voter in Town. 276 ballots were returned by mail or dropped in the drop box and 9 voters came in person to the polling place. I was so pleased to have the majority of our voters vote by mail. It helped keep us all safe.

The March Rabies Clinic was held outdoors at the firestation for the first time due to COVID-19. I have never seen so many dogs and their owners lined up before. It was quite a sight! All Dog License renewals were sent out and processed through the mail in 2021. It worked out so well that my plan is to continue doing it this way.

Mid-Spring the Town Hall was re-opened, and the public could come through the front door again! I reconfigured the Town Clerk's Office in order to help customers thru the little window in the hallway. Fortunately in November, the little window was replaced with an actual service window that has a slot and speak thru window grill.

Work continues on auditing the land record index in our digital land records program. The CARES Act grant we received in 2020 to index, digitize and make our land records searchable online has worked so well, we see very few attorneys and abstractors in the office anymore.

Our Dump and Beach Passes will have a fresh look in 2022! No more laminating and extra plastic we don't need. The passes will be individually numbered and on waterproof heavy paper. They will be available to purchase at the Town Clerk's Office or through the mail for \$10.00. Additional passes are \$5.00 each.

I would like to send a heartfelt thank you to the entire Fairlee Community for your continued support and understanding as we navigate through COVID-19. I also would like to thank my Assistant Barbara Lantery, all the Town Office Staff, Elected Officials, Town Boards, Committee Members and Volunteers for all of your hard work and dedication to the Town of Fairlee. Our special little "Town under the Cliff"

Respectfully submitted,
Georgette Wolf-Ludwig, CVC/CMC
Fairlee Town Clerk

Town Clerk's Report of Licenses Sold in 2021

LIQUOR LICENSES ISSUED IN 2021

First Class Licenses

Avery Inns of VT/Lake Morey Country Club	115.00
Avery Inns of VT/Lake Morey Resort	115.00
Broken Heart Burgers	115.00
Leda's Pizza Restaurant	115.00
Samurai Soul Food	115.00

Second Class Licenses

Champlain Farms	70.00
Chapman's Store	70.00
Dollar General #15272	70.00
Petro Gas Group NE/Seven Eleven	70.00
Wing's Supermarket	70.00

Total \$ 925.00

DOG LICENSES ISSUED IN 2021

148 Neutered Males/Spayed Females @ \$4.00	592.00
44 Males and Females @ \$8.00	352.00
Collected for State of VT 192 Licenses Sold @ \$5.00	960.00

Late Fees waived due to COVID-19 0.00

Total \$ 1,904.00

CIVIL MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED IN 2021

11 Licenses Issued @ \$70.00 per Licenses	
Paid to Town – Licenses	110.00
Paid to Town – Fees	110.00
Collected for State of Vermont	550.00

Total \$ 770.00

Births Reported in 2021

<u>NAME OF CHILD</u>	<u>SEX</u>	<u>DATE OF BIRTH</u>	<u>PLACE OF BIRTH</u>	<u>NAME OF PARENTS</u>
Maveric Lawrence Farnham	M	December 24, 2021	Lebanon, NH	Kelsie Chaffee and Ryan Farnham

Births are not listed unless reported to the Town Clerk

Civil Marriages Reported in 2021

<u>APPLICANT A</u>	<u>RESIDENCE</u>	<u>APPLICANT B</u>	<u>RESIDENCE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE OF MARRIAGE</u>
Melissa Louise Perry	Fairlee, VT	Mark James Hood	Fairlee, VT	January 1, 2021	Fairlee, VT
Kyler Dean Hella	Fairlee, VT	Claudia Alejandra Montoya	Fairlee, VT	May 8, 2021	Fairlee, VT
Mettaya Ashley Potter	Attleboro, MA	Daniel Theodore Johnson	Attleboro, MA	June 12, 2021	Fairlee, VT
Catherine Louise Sharkey	Cobleskill, NY	Kyle Reese Lockhart	Cobleskill, NY	July 10, 2021	Fairlee, VT
Meganne McKenzie Allison	Palm Harbor, FL	Keisuke Joseph Venezia	Palm Harbor, FL	July 10, 2021	Fairlee, VT
Glenna Hope Brooks	Windsor Locks, CT	Michael Spiros Doulakis	Windsor Locks, CT	July 31, 2021	Fairlee, VT
Courtney Leigh Mas	Norwalk, CT	Benjamin Martin Haase	Norwalk, CT	August 7, 2021	Fairlee, VT
Jenna Dini Bliss	New York, NY	James Cooper Duesterberg	New York, NY	August 18, 2021	Fairlee, VT
Kaitlyn Rose Soucy	Manchester, NH	Jason Edward Paquin	Manchester, NH	October 2, 2021	Fairlee, VT
Amanda Dawn McDonald	Moultonborough, NH	Tyler Matthew Wertman	Moultonborough, NH	October 9, 2021	Fairlee, VT
Crystal May Town	Orford, NH	Aidan Jay Rubin	Orford, NH	October 16, 2021	Fairlee, VT
David Ross Cannon II	Fairlee, VT	Tori Louise Sumner	Fairlee, VT	October 25, 2021	Fairlee, VT

Deaths Reported in 2021

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>PLACE OF DEATH</u>	<u>DATE OF DEATH</u>
Bruce Randall Humphrey, Sr.	77	Richmond, VA	December 5, 2020
Beverly Hodge	93	Fairlee, VT	January 5, 2021
Katherine Southworth	91	Fairlee, VT	January 9, 2021
Peter F. Guest	94	New London, NH	January 14, 2021
Brian Michael Leszkiewicz	66	White River Junction, VT	January 19, 2021
Ashmore Clark Johnson, Jr.	90	Lebanon, NH	January 24, 2021
Kazuhiko Itagaki	93	Oakland, CA	February 1, 2021
Mark D. Sargent	60	Fairlee, VT	February 27, 2021
Rusty (Pamela) Ottman	72	Weare, NH	March 15, 2021
Adrian Leslie Pike	31	Vershire, VT	April 6, 2021
John Keith Wetzell	88	Fairlee, VT	April 25, 2021
Kern McCarty	66	New Port Richey, FL	July 3, 2021
Nicholas A. Kapusta	28	Fairlee, VT	July 5, 2021
Pauline Cote Gray	90	Bradford, VT	July 10, 2021
Blake Allen Manning	30	Stockbridge, VT	August 9, 2021
Peter Edward Lapierre	70	Fairlee, VT	November 18, 2021
Marion Elizabeth Horberg	92	Fairlee, VT	November 25, 2021

Deaths are not listed unless reported to the Town Clerk

Burial Permits & Cremation Certificates Reported in 2021

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>PLACE OF DEATH</u>	<u>DATE OF DEATH</u>	<u>PLACE OF BURIAL</u>	<u>DATE OF BURIAL</u>
Bruce Randall Humphrey, Sr.	77	Richmond, VA	December 5, 2020	Richmond Crematory	December 18, 2021
Kern McCarty	66	New Port Richey, FL	July 3, 2021	FairleeVillage Cemetary	July 17, 2021
Benson Collins Sargent	78	Barre Town, VT	July 7 2021	FairleeVillage Cemetary	August 8, 2021
Sandra Davis Feltner	81	Winter Haven, FL	May 18, 2020	FairleeVillage Cemetary	August 31, 2021

NOTICE TO FAIRLEE VOTERS

For Town Meeting Ballot Vote • Tuesday, March 1, 2022

BEFORE ELECTION DAY:

CHECKLIST POSTED at Clerk's Office by January 30, 2022. If your name is not on the checklist, then you must register to vote. **SAMPLE BALLOTS** will be posted by February 19, 2022.

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

Town Meeting Ballots will be mailed directly to ALL active registered Fairlee Voters by February 9, 2022.

REQUEST EARLY or ABSENTEE BALLOTS: You or a family member can request early or absentee ballots at any time during the year of the election in person, in writing, by telephone, email, or online at mvp.sec.state.vt.us. The latest you can request ballots for the Town Meeting Vote is the close of the Town Clerk's office on Monday, February 28, 2022 at 3:30pm. (Any other person authorized by you who is not a family member must apply in writing or in person for a ballot for you.)

WAYS TO VOTE YOUR EARLY BALLOT:

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

ON ELECTION DAY: Polls will be open from 10am to 7pm in the Fairlee Town Hall Auditorium.

If your name was dropped from the checklist in error, or has not been added even though you submitted a timely application for addition to the checklist, you can fill out a new registration form.

- If the clerk or Board of Civil Authority does not add your name, you can appeal the decision to a superior court judge, who will settle the matter on Election Day. Call the Secretary of State's Office at 1-800-439-VOTE (439-8683) for more information.

If you are a first time voter who submitted your application to the checklist individually by mail and did not submit the required document, you must provide a current and valid photo identification, or a bank statement, utility bill, or government document that contains your name/current address.

If you have physical disabilities, are visually impaired or can't read, you may have assistance from any person of your choice. If any voters you know have disabilities let them know they can have assistance from any person of their choice.

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

If you have any questions or need assistance while voting, ask your town clerk or any election official for help.

**Fairlee Town Clerk
802-333-4363 ext. 1
townclerk@fairleevt.org**

Below: National Guard COVID-19 vaccine clinic in the Grange Room at the Town Hall – July 2021



NOTICE TO FAIRLEE VOTERS

For Town Meeting Ballot Vote • Tuesday, March 1, 2022

NO PERSON SHALL:

- Vote more than once per election, either in the same town or in different towns.
- Mislead the board of civil authority about your own or another person's true residency or other eligibility to vote.
- Hinder or impede a voter going into or from the polling place.
- Socialize in a manner that could disturb other voters in the polling place.
- Offer bribe, threaten or exercise undue influence to dictate or control the vote of another person.

FOR HELP OR INFORMATION: Call the Secretary of State's Office at 1-800-439-VOTE (439-8683). (Accessible by TDD)

If you believe that any of your voting rights have been violated, you may file an Administrative Complaint with the Secretary of State's Office, 128 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05633.

If you believe you have witnessed efforts to commit any kind of fraud or corruption in the voting process, you may report this to your local United States Attorney's Office.

If you have witnessed actual or attempted acts of discrimination or intimidation in the voting process, you may report this to the Civil Rights Division of the United States Department of Justice at (800) 253-3931.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTERS using Vote Tabulator Ballots

CHECK-IN AND RECEIVE BALLOTS:

- Go to the entrance checklist table.
- Give name and, if asked, street address to the election official in a loud voice.
- Wait until your name is repeated and checked off by the official.
- An election official will give you a ballot.
- Enter within the guardrail and go to a vacant voting booth.

MARK YOUR BALLOT:

For each office listed on the ballot, you will see instructions to "Vote for not more than one, or Vote for not more than two, etc."

- To vote for a candidate, fill in the oval to the right of the name of the candidate you want to vote for.
- WRITE-IN candidate(s). To vote for someone whose name is not printed on the ballot, use the blank "write-in" lines on the ballot and either write-in the name or paste on sticker, then fill in the oval.

CHECK OUT:

- Go to the exit checklist table and state your name in an audible voice.
- Wait until your name is repeated and checked off by the official.
- CAST YOUR VOTE by depositing your voted ballot into the vote tabulating machine.
- LEAVE the voting area immediately by passing outside the guardrail.



Above – 3/4 boys basketball (1998) coached by Fawn Carter;
Right – 5/6 girls basketball (1998) coached by Tony Thurston.



2021 Report from the Fairlee Town Treasurer

The Treasurer's office had another extremely busy year in 2021 with only me in the office. Hoping to find someone soon to help in the office and be fully staffed once again. While there is not much new to report I do want to gently remind everyone of a few things...

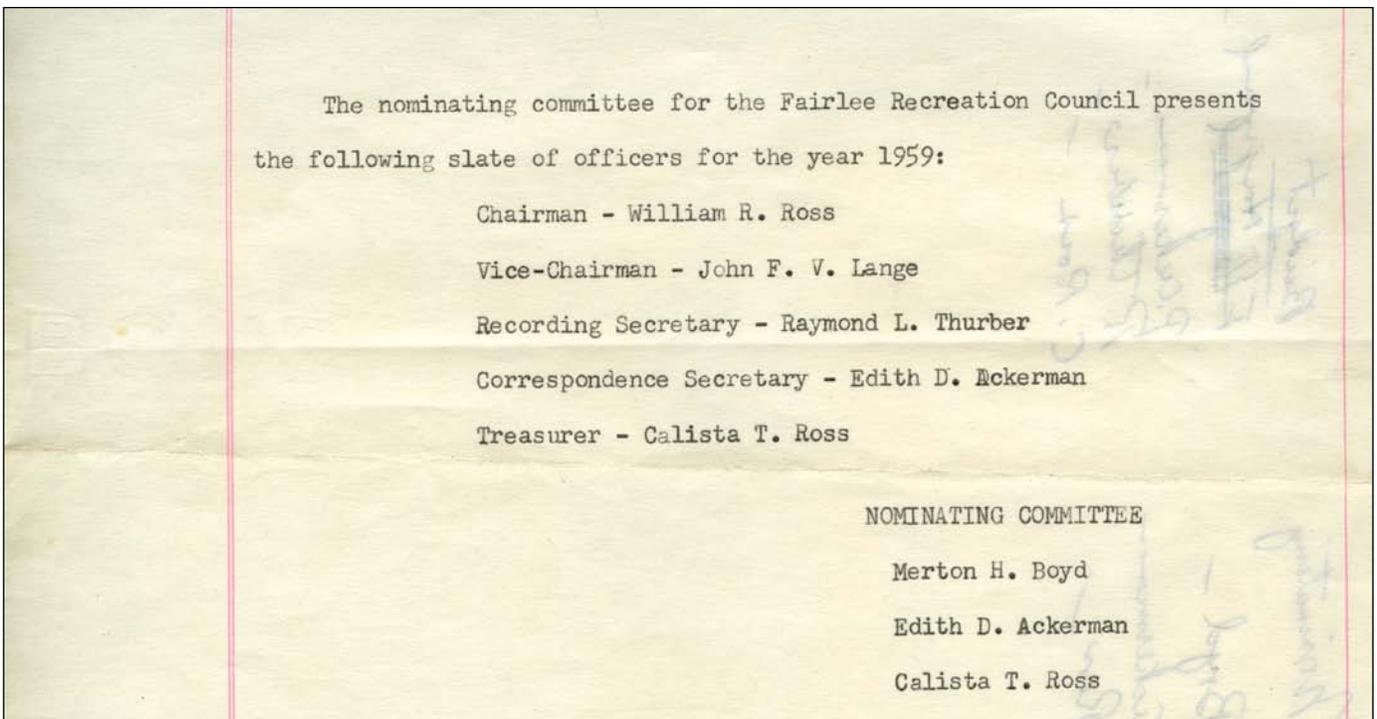
- The town began charging penalties in 2020 for late Homestead Declaration Form, HS-122, filers. This has become necessary due to the increased workload late submissions cause. **PLEASE** be sure to file your form on time every year to avoid being assessed the penalty on your tax bill. If you file for an extension on your income taxes, please remember there is NO extension on the HS-122 form and that form must still be filed by April 15th. If you have any questions about how or when to file the HS-122 form please go to <https://tax.vermont.gov/property-owners/homestead-declaration> or to the Fairlee website, fairleevt.org, under the Treasurer's page for more information.

- Don't forget...we accept credit cards and electronic checks. You can pay for most everything online, through the town's website. This feature continues to grow in popularity as it makes bill payment much more convenient. **PLEASE NOTE**, there is a processing fee associated with using a credit card or electronic check that will be passed on to you. It will show as a separate charge on your credit card statement or bank statement.

Good news for water users...We have begun working with an outside company to help us with the water meter billing structure and pricing. Our hope is this will be in place and ready to go by April 1st so that we may bill out the first quarter of 2022 based on meter readings and not on fixed rates. More information to come.

Please remember if you have any questions or concerns do not hesitate to call, email, or stop by and chat.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Hinsley, Treasurer
(802) 333-4363 ext. 4
treasurer@fairleevt.org



2021 Report from the Fairlee Board of Listers

The **2022 Town-Wide Reappraisal** began in the Fall of 2020. We amended the reappraisal contract with VT Appraisal Co. to use two years instead of one to safely conduct inspections of all Fairlee properties and gather the necessary data for the reappraisal. VT Appraisal Co. will finish data collecting this Spring (2022) and Change of Appraisal booklets will be mailed in early summer to all property owners with the new town-wide property values. A public meeting will be scheduled in late Spring to review the reappraisal process and discuss general questions about the reappraisal. We appreciate and thank everyone who has already participated in a reappraisal inspection.

We have temporarily suspended inspections until February/March 2022 for data entry and analysis. Properties that still need to be inspected, properties which have only had an exterior inspection, and those with 2021 zoning permits will be contacted for an appointment this Spring.

Fairlee's Preliminary 2022 CLA is 89.32% as compared to 91.51% for 2021. **The CLA will be recalculated at the completion of the reappraisal.** The CLA or common level of appraisal is the ratio of actual sales to their listed values. The CLA is used by the VT Dept. of Taxes to adjust the Homestead and Non-Homestead Education Tax Rates to account for the differences between the grand list and actual sales.

**VT Homestead Declarations
must be filed annually by all residents by April 15th
even if you are filing an extension.**

Please remind your tax preparer of this deadline. Filing late will result in a 3% to 8% penalty.

Form HS-122 Homestead Declaration and Property Tax Credit Claim and **Schedule HI-144** Household Income must be filed to receive a state property tax credit. It is imperative that the HI-144 is filed by April 15th for a state payment to be applied to an original tax bill.

You may file online. <http://tax.vermont.gov>

Again, please keep your contact information updated so town records are current. You can easily do this at the **fairleevt.org** home page: "Update My Contact Information" on the lower right side or e-mail listers@fairleevt.org or call 802-333-4363 ext.5.

For assistance or information concerning property assessments or the reappraisal, please call the Listers Office at 802-333-4363 ext.5 or e-mail listers@fairleevt.org.

Respectfully submitted,
Fairlee Board of Listers
Noël Walker
Dan Ludwig
Russell Collins

FAIRLEE COMMUNITY ARTS

2021 Report

Fairlee Community Arts is an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization run by volunteers. Founded in December of 2018, the organization has presented dozens of arts events and has expended over \$75,000 on improvements to the town hall auditorium.

Stage lighting was installed in the Fairlee Town Hall auditorium in June of 2021. That project, financed by private donations and a matching grant from the Vermont Arts Council, was the third major campaign to equip the auditorium with equipment needed for presenting theatrical and musical performances.

Fairlee Community Arts also applied for and received a \$15,000 grant from the Vermont Arts Council to support the creation of artwork in the I-91 underpass, an idea that came out of the 'Morey to Main' process and that was recommended as a short-term goal in the published action plan. An FCA subcommittee established a process for finding an artist, involving the review of many resumes, meeting with artists, and soliciting detailed proposals from four finalists. The subcommittee is currently in communication with the Vermont Department of Transportation regarding regulations, permits, and other details involved in placing artwork in a public right-of-way. Assuming the project is approved, the goal is to have artwork completed and installed by the end of October. FCA would like to thank the volunteer committee members who have been working on this project for a year now, all with the goal of beautifying our town.

Due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, FCA does not have plans for indoor events during the winter. We encourage everyone to do their part to

end the pandemic and allow the safe resumption of social and artistic gatherings, which are the cornerstone of community.

After having to cancel the 2020 summer concert series, it was a joy to gather with neighbors and friends for the 2021 summer concerts. Attendance averaged around 250 people, with the final concert of the season (Bow Thayer Band) drawing a crowd of over 400. Support from local businesses, individuals, and the Lake Morey Foundation made the weekly concerts possible.

Planning for the 2022 summer concert series is well underway, and a concert lineup will be announced in the spring.

Finally, Fairlee Community Arts would like to publicly acknowledge and thank Fairlee resident Lynne Fitzhugh, who served on the board of FCA from its inception through the end of 2020. Her vast experience in fundraising and organizing was a huge benefit to FCA and the town of Fairlee, and she was primarily responsible for the success of the town hall sound, video, and lighting campaigns. She also organized a very well-attended lecture series. Thank you, Lynne!

FCA Board of Directors

Cami Buster

Miranda Clemson

Denis Lambert

Smith Reed

Kathy Rorison

Elizabeth Wilson

2021 Report from the Fairlee Cemetery Commission

Work continued on our stone repair program in 2021 at the Village Cemetery. Once again, Bill Hodge and his crew did a wonderful job keeping the Village Cemetery and Ely Cemetery looking great. Steve Robinson kept the Brushwood Cemetery looking very nice as well, like he always does. A big thanks to everyone involved!

It was a busier year than last year at our cemeteries as folks started spending time outdoors and traveling more. We appreciate that visitors kept our cemeteries looking neat and tidy. Some future plans

include continuing our program of straightening and repairing old stones, and next year we will add some stone cleaning to the mix as well. We're still looking to install a new fence on the north side of the Village Cemetery at some point. As always, feel free to contact Chairman Chaz Hinsley, Ric Sleeper, Larry Farnham, Robert Edmands, or Lance Mills with questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,
Lance Mills

2021 Report from the Fairlee Development Review Board

The Development Review Board is a five member, quasi-judicial board, appointed by the Select Board, which reviews subdivision and site-plan applications, considers applications for conditional use, waivers and variances from the Unified Zoning Regulations, and hears appeals from decisions made by the Administrative Officer. The Board meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month as needed. Meetings are open to the public and may be attended in person at the Grange Room or by Zoom video conference.

COVID-19 continued to affect the DRB's activities with all hearings held during the first half of the year conducted virtually. During the second half of 2021, with in-person meeting restrictions relaxed, the DRB conducted its business in a hybrid, in-person/virtual format.

Despite the challenges posed by COVID, the DRB had its busiest year since 2013 with a total of 12 applications heard and approved.

DRB Hearings Conducted	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Conditional use, variance, waiver	1	1	1	2	1	4
Site plan review	3	3	0	2	1	4
Subdivision	5	2	2	5	1	4
Appeal	0	0	0	0	0	0
Denial		0	0	0	0	0

DRB met 9 times and heard 12 applications, no new lots were created.

As the above chart shows, the DRB reviewed 4 site plans for new or expanded commercial ventures. This is indicative of an uptick in development in Fairlee, particularly in the Village area. We expect this trend to continue with additional retail and housing units expected to be proposed in the coming years.

The Development Review Board wishes to thank Peter Lange for his many years of service to the Town as a member of the DRB. We also welcome Robert Werthheimer and are appreciative of the insights he brings to the Board. If you are interested in joining Fairlee's DRB as an alternate, please contact Zoning@FairleeVt.Org or DRBChair@FairleeVt.Org for further information.

Respectfully submitted,
David Fracht, Chair
Bill Dunnack, Vice-Chair
Nancy Anderson
Tim Danen
Robert Werthheimer

2021 Report from the Fairlee Emergency Management

Being prepared for emergencies is a key to withstanding them. These situations can take place without warning. It is important to monitor the local sources that will identify upcoming situations that can happen at any time. The Local Emergency Plan (LEMP) is the framework that the Emergency Management team, which includes the Emergency Management Director (EMD), the Emergency Coordinator, the Fairlee Fire Dept., the Fairlee Police Dept., the Water Dept. Operators, and the FAST Squad, uses to coordinate local natural and man-made situations. The LEMP has in place a number of processes that comprise of mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery. It incorporates the federally recognized National Incident Management System (NIMS) for command and control.

For elders, or for people with certain disabilities, such events, if prolonged, can become life threatening if no one is available to help. CARE part of the Adult Services Division was created to help; many Vermont agencies have collaborated to provide means for emergency responders to identify and aid

in the event of a wide scale emergency. To access CARE <https://e911.vermont.gov/>

Ready.Gov is a federal website that offers information, planning guides and resources to businesses and families for emergency preparedness planning. Information on the site includes how to prepare and plan for weather emergencies, including ice and snowstorms, floods etc. To access Ready.Gov visit: <https://www.ready.gov/>

Vermont Emergency Management VEM is a state website that offers information on local emergencies, resources for families and businesses, as well as key information on how to prepare for emergencies. To access VT Emergency Management: <https://vem.vermont.gov/>.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Berger,
Fairlee Emergency Management Director
Lance Colby,
Fairlee Emergency Management Coordinator



Peter Berger, volunteer coordinator for Green-Up Day – May, 2021

2021 Report from the Fairlee Fast Squad

In 2021 the Fairlee Fast Squad responded to 40+ medical calls in the town of Fairlee. This year we responded to fewer but that was also reflective of the decrease in call volume. During this pandemic the Fast Squad has remained prepared to provide EMS services.

The squad enters the New Year with stable membership. We are in a position to welcome in new members who have previous, or no training to be able to serve on the Fast Squad. If you have no EMS training there are options available through the squad and the state to get people the required certifications.

We have continued to upgrade our equipment to meet changing EMS standards and protocols and to ensure that our squad can provide care at their appropriate training levels. We have also taken some steps to provide our squad with equipment to help them be better distinguished on scene as first responders and not bystanders. We are also moving into 2022 focused on reviewing and enhancing our preparedness and skills to be able to assist and respond in our evolving Outdoor Recreation spaces.

The Fast Squad is thankful for the support we receive from the town and take great pride in being able to assist in your moments of need. If you ever think you need us, call 911. If you think a friend needs us, call 911. We are here to help serve the community and if you can think of a way we can do that, please don't hesitate to reach out to us on Facebook or to reach out to us at fairleefast@gmail.com

Sincerely,
Ross Cannon
President
Fairlee Fast Squad

2021 Report from the Fairlee Fire Department

With the end of 2021 there is still much uncertainty with what COVID has in store for us, we are still very hopeful that 2022 will look a little more "normal".

The Fairlee Fire Department responded to 57 calls in 2021.

We saw a very dry start to the year as we responded to several brush fires in the local area, including one in Bradford that claimed one residential structure and over 20 acres of field and forest land. Luckily, we saw plenty of rain in the second half of the year, some may say too much though. Please remember to contact the forest fire warden or the deputy for a fire permit before any outdoor burning that is not contained in a campfire ring and always be mindful of your surroundings and weather conditions before lighting any fire outside. "Only you can prevent wildfires."

In 2021 we saw the retirement of 2 long time members of the Fairlee Fire Department. Win Ameden retired after 36 year of service, and Jim O'Donnell with more than 50 years of service to the Town of Fairlee Fire Department. Both will be dearly missed. Jim has asked to keep a key to the station so he can still stop by and sweep the floors and keep the place tidied up when he is bored. Thank you, Jim and Win.

Please remember Smoke and CO detectors save lives – change the batteries twice a year and regularly test your devices.

Respectfully submitted,
Ken Champagne
Fairlee Fire Chief



2021 Report from the Fairlee Town Forest Board

The Board would like to thank David and Roxanne Mathews and Markus Bradley, our forester, for their continuing work with the Chestnut project in the Town Forest. In conjunction with the Vermont/New Hampshire chapter of the American Chestnut Foundation and the involvement of the science students at Rivendell Academy there are now 25 Chestnut trees in the Forest that have been planted and are being monitored for growth and health. The American Chestnut was once the dominant species in many eastern forests and grew very fast and straight with an abundant supply of nuts. The wood was strong and rot resistant and the nuts were valuable as food for humans and livestock. A blight in the early 20th century wiped out nearly all of them. The trees that are now being planted are the result of years of cross breeding to establish a blight resistant tree. For more information check out the American Chestnut Foundation website acf.org.

On June 4th, 2021 a walkabout through the Town Forest was held with the participation of representatives from the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation, the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation and members of the Selectboard, the Forest Board, the Town Administrator and several interested residents. This was in response to a resident filing multiple complaints with many State Agencies regarding the management and conditions in the Town Forest. The resulting reports from FP&R and DEC are available from the Town Administrator. Please keep in mind that the photos in the DEC report which show some real issues are NOT in the Town Forest but on adjoining properties. While these reports did indicate some minor issues in the Town Forest such as improvements that can be made mostly regarding water bars and some improvements to water crossings the results indicate that most of the complaints were unwarranted and that the Town continues to be in compliance with regard to management practices of the existing plan and the requirements of the Lange Forest parcels.

The Forest Board has implemented some of the recommendations in the reports, most notably, the recommendation to hire a trails consultant to assist

with the design and location of water bars and catch basins to avoid runoff to the various small streams in the Forest. We were able to get started and made improvements near the intersection of Bald Top Road, Cross Mountain Trail South and the Chestnut Landing before winter set in. This is the kind of work that is normally included in a well managed forestry operation as part of a timber sale. Doing it as a stand alone project is much more expensive but still beneficial if no sale is planned for a specific area.

Another issue was some disinformation being shared about the discharge of phosphorus from the Town Forest into Lake Morey contributing to the algae blooms that have plagued the Lake in recent years. Thanks to the excellent efforts of Greg Allen and Don Weaver who have spent many hours taking water samples from the tributaries to Lake Morey, this has been debunked. It is our understanding that the phosphorus content in Glens Falls Brook, which drains the majority of the Town Forest, and Big Brook, by Lanakila, are so low that they will no longer be included in the monitoring program. The Lake Morey Stream Data Report is also available from the Town Administrator.

On November 3rd, 2021, the Selectboard, with the assistance of representatives from the Upper Valley Trails Alliance as facilitators, held a community forum to gather input from the public on the uses and future of the Town Forest. The results of that forum are posted on the Town website on the Forest Board page.

The Forest Board continues to manage the Town Forest with the best interests of the residents and taxpayers of Fairlee regarding wildlife, recreation, timber management and environmental concerns and to protect this wonderful asset of the Town of Fairlee.

Respectfully submitted,
Reg Cramer
Terry Lewis
Dan Ludwig, Chair
Jim O'Donnell
Mitch Phelps

2021 Report from the Fairlee Historical Society

As was the case of many Town activities this year, the Society's were limited due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The one positive note was the annual organizational meeting was held in the Town Hall Auditorium on August 25th. After the submission of reports, officers for the 2021/2022 term were elected.

President – Don Weaver
Vice-Pres. – Bonnie Colby
Secretary – Noël Walker
Treasurer – Lisa Hinsley
Curator – Georgette Wolf-Ludwig
Asst. Curator – Bonnie Colby
Project Coordinator – Cathy McGrath

Jim McDade from the West Fairlee Historical Society narrated a DVD he had donated of Camp Quinibeck in 1936. Fittingly, Robert Edmunds gave to the FHS a Quinibeck spoon during Show and Tell. Bonnie Colby has done a remarkable job in organizing our files and artifacts. Please stop by and visit with her when she is in our Town Hall second floor office. Hopefully, in 2022, we will be able to resume the Frank J. Barrett, Jr. Lecture Series. We look forward to seeing you then.

Respectfully submitted,
Fairlee Historical Society



Window replacement at the Town Hall – 2021

2021 Report from the Lake Morey Commission

Milfoil Control Program

Solitude Lake Management Company's 2020 End-of-Year Report revealed that the milfoil infestation in Lake Morey, particularly the north end, had not met 2018 treatment expectations and a treatment in 2021 was necessary. A request was submitted to and approved by VT ANR to treat 29 acres with Procellacor at a concentration 50 percent higher than that applied in 2018. The treatment occurred on June 16th and sampling several days later revealed that the chemical concentrations were less than 1.5 parts per billion so all restrictions were lifted. Results were outstanding – both Solitude and the state of VT surveys showed *no milfoil growth* in the north end, nor anywhere in the lake! In 2022 we will continue with a spring Solitude survey along with our dive team for hand pulling/suction harvesting etc.

Similar to the expanded program adopted in 2016, greeters were hired on weekends, on early mornings, and late afternoons during the week. At the time of this writing, the DEC has not reported back on the number of boats inspected and those carrying invasive species. In one instance, Zebra Mussels were seen on a twig. The DEC subsequently investigated the matter and found no evidence of more in the lake.

Once again, the Adopt-a-Lake program was a critical element of the plan. A total of 1139 hours was volunteered with the preponderance being searching. A new dive team was hired to suction harvest untreated areas of the lake. After two days, they reported that they had not found any milfoil in the entire lake. This assessment was confirmed by a special studies team from the DEC and later, Solitude.

Not knowing what regrowth will occur over the winter, next year's control activities will revert to traditional methodologies – suction and hand harvesting by professional divers, Adopt-a-Lake volunteers searching and hand pulling, a Greeter Program at the Access, and Solitude's surveys.

Lake and Input Stream Water Quality Issues

2021 was a busy summer for the Lake Morey Commission. Lake water was sampled via the Lay

Monitoring Program throughout the summer, showing excellent clarity (secchi), low algae (chlorophyll-a), and normal nutrient levels (total phosphate) levels. Final results for Lay Monitoring Program are good, with TP for in-lake average decreasing over the summer, and relatively flat since program inception in 1979.

Select streams were sampled via the LaRosa Grant program throughout the summer, showing normal water quality for most streams except during wet weather events. Further work and increased sampling were conducted on the Bonnie Oaks brook and former lagoons. There remain questions regarding the input of Phosphate, Sulfate and Chlorides which have their origin at seeps at I-91 and/or the lagoons. A virtual meeting with critical DEC personnel in Dec. determined that we should explore additional regular testing for this area to completely understand hydrogeology. We completed our LaRosa grant application which provides money for the testing of these tribs, and have elevated importance for expanded testing for the Bonnie Oaks tribs.

Cyanobacteria bloom notices were low in 2021, and an SOP for how to react to potential blooms was distributed by the selectmen at the LMPA meeting in July.

Lake Morey continues to enjoy an excellent and increasing relationship with the VT DEC, which has assisted in surveys, advanced measuring of nutrient, temp, total N, etc., on different lake visits. We are beginning to collaborate with Lake Fairlee on their results and programs.

Lake Morey Commission Meeting

The Lake Morey Commission held a public meeting on September 14th at the Town Hall. Byron Stone reported on lake levels and that the dam was in good working order. Don Weaver discussed the results of the chemical treatment, Bruce Durgin highlighted watershed forestry concerns, Greg Allen summarized lake and input stream water quality issues, and Mark Richardson, working with Greg, will be the point person on behalf of the Commission on matters pertaining to Cyanobacteria.



2021 Report from the Lake Morey Foundation

As a Fairlee-based, not-for-profit organization, The Lake Morey Foundation (LMF) provides grant funds throughout the year in support of local programs and activities that benefit Lake Morey, its surroundings, and the Fairlee community. Founded in 1984 LMF focuses on protecting, preserving, conserving and enhancing Lake Morey, its watershed and viewshed as an environmental, recreational and local economic resource.

For 37 years the generosity of our donors has made it possible for LMF to contribute back to our community and facilitate its vibrant lake environment. We continue to applaud the many local groups and individuals that come together to see that Fairlee moves ahead even in light of continuing pandemic constraints.

The Foundation's past support of local initiatives – including our contributions to the Town beach house and waterfront improvements, the Town Hall auditorium, Fairlee Community Arts programs, lake water quality maintenance, and the donation of 148 acres on Morey Mountain to the Upper Valley Land Trust – have been key to providing recreational opportunities that benefit the Fairlee community as a whole.

In 2021 the Lake Morey Foundation was pleased to provide grant funding in support of the following activities:

- \$2,500 to support the Fairlee-Orford Food Shelf

- \$300 to support the maintenance of the Lake Morey skating trail
- \$17,168 to support a targeted milfoil treatment at Lake Morey
- \$2,500 to support a community music series at Lake Morey Resort
- \$1,500 to support tree planting in downtown
- \$3,000 to support the lake's greeter program at the boat launch

We thank the many individuals who support LMF's mission through their generous donations. Please visit our website at www.lakemoreyfoundation.org for information on the grant application process and the types of projects we fund. Grant requests are considered throughout the year. We are immensely grateful to our community for its ongoing support.

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce Durgin, President
The Lake Morey Foundation, Inc.
PO Box 234, Fairlee, VT 05045

2021 Board of Directors: Greg Allen, Patty Armstrong, Chris Baine, Gary Brooks, Shawn Byron, Ray Clark, Bruce Durgin, Peter Massicott, Susanne Pacilio, Laura Tucker (ex-officio LMPA), Noël Walker and Bob Wertheimer.

2021 Report from the Lake Fairlee Association



The LFA has had another busy year. The following summary encapsulates our 2021 activities as well as our expectations for 2022.

Lake and Watershed Action Plan (LWAP).

Lake Fairlee has been selected as one of two Vermont lakes for funding to develop a Lake and Watershed Action Plan. Led by Lisa Nicollai, Conservation Specialist, White River Conservation District, work has begun on the plan with a final report anticipated in the spring of 2023.

The Water Quality Action Committee (WQAC). Formed by the LFA in 2018, this committee continues its work to understand the sources of high phosphate levels in the lake and its tributaries. The WQAC is working with the state Department of Environmental Conservation and other local agencies to determine what steps can be taken to mitigate this concerning problem. WQAC will be involved with the Lake and Watershed Action Plan, and the implementation of Lake Wise on Lake Fairlee.

Lake Wise Program. Lake Wise is a voluntary program administered by the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources. Lake Wise aims to educate and help shoreline homeowners to eliminate/decrease lakeside lawns and hardscape and encourage creating healthy shoreline native plant buffers. These buffers help decrease and filter runoff, mitigate erosion, and improve water quality and aquatic habitat.

Milfoil. We were unable to treat in 2021 but continue to work with the state and our water treatment contractor to schedule a mitigation treatment in June 2022. We anticipate treating some areas with the new herbicide Procellacor. This product boasts higher effectiveness in lower concentrations than previous products. Used in conjunction with dive teams and suction harvesting, Procellacor will help us continue to combat milfoil and help create a healthier, better balanced aquatic ecosystem.

Wake Boats. Congruent with the LFA's core purpose *to preserve, protect and enhance the distinctive and natural resources of Lake Fairlee and its surrounding watershed*, the LFA board voted to support the work of Responsible Wakes for Vermont Lakes (RWVL), a citizen group formed to recom-

mend regulation of wake boats on Vermont lakes and ponds. Wake boat's large, design-enhanced wakes accelerate shoreline erosion and create hazardous conditions for small craft, swimmers, and loon nests. The underwater wash can spread milfoil and displace lake sediment which increases turbidity leading to increased phosphate concentrations and the subsequent potential for algae blooms. Wake boat ballast tanks, which cannot be fully emptied of water or visually inspected, can import and export invasive species. RWVL is in the process of drafting a petition to the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources on this subject. Related public comment meetings will occur in 2022 with any resulting new ANR rules likely issued later in the year.

The Greeter Program. The Greeter Program is one of the primary programs supported by your dues and donations. Stationed at the boat ramp from May through mid-October, our greeters continue to provide an invaluable service to our lake. Trained in a state-run program, greeters inspect all inbound and outbound watercraft for invasive plants and animals.

Treasure Island. Formed in 2020, the Town of Thetford created the Treasure Island Exploratory Committee comprised of community volunteers and chaired by an LFA board member. The Committee is focused on this valuable and much-loved local town beach and nature area. Working with Lake Wise, and with the likely support of the LWAP grant, the Committee is dedicated to improving the health of Treasure Island's extensive shoreline. Stay tuned for more programming, activities, and a new sign in 2022! Check the www.lakefairleevt.org website for updates.

We are grateful to the Town of Fairlee for its consistent support, and request level funding for 2022. Again, the Lake Fairlee Association requests \$5,250. For more information on our activities, please see our website www.lakefairlee.org or contact any one of the LFA board members.

Nolan Riegler; nolan.riegler@gmail.com



2021 Report from the Lake Morey Protective Association

THE LAKE MOREY PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION (LMPA) WAS FOUNDED IN 1907, MAKING IT THE OLDEST LAKE ASSOCIATION IN THE STATE OF VERMONT. ON BEHALF OF IT'S 200+ MEMBERS, THE LMPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS CARRIES OUT A VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES IN SUPPORT OF THE MISSION OF PRESERVING THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT OF LAKE MOREY AND ITS IMMEDIATE SURROUNDINGS WHILE SAFEGUARDING THE HEALTH OF THE LAKE FOR ALL TO ENJOY.

2021 Initiatives: After missing the 2020 season of social activities, the LMPA resumed the golf tournament, First Fridays at the Lake Morey Inn, an ice cream social and the sailing regatta. In addition, the LMPA held its annual meeting at the Town Hall Auditorium as the Lake Morey Inn was unavailable. The meeting was followed by a cocktail party sponsored by Chapmans.

Additional work to the website enabled fewer paper communications and, for the first year, members were able to pay their dues with a credit card and provide updated contact information for the online directory. The directory is now available online and accessible from a members-only tab on the website, as an additional option to receiving a paper directory.

Greeter and Adopt-A-Lake Programs: The LMPA runs programs to educate lakeshore owners and boat operators about controlling the spread of invasive species in the Lake. Peggie Bissell has led the "Greeter Program" at the boat ramp over the past 5 years. Four part-time employed greeters inspect over 1,000 watercraft per year. Many boats have previously been in Lake Champlain, the Connecticut River and other bodies of water affected by aquatic invasive species (AIS). With support from Vermont DEC, Public Access Greeters educate lake visitors about invasive species, provide courtesy watercraft inspections, and STOP introductions. The "Adopt-A-Lake" program encourages lake residents to participate in monitoring, pulling, and removing Eurasian Milfoil from the lake. Sue Minard has managed the Adopt-A-Lake Program for the past 4 years. For 2022, the Adopt-A-Lake and Greeter programs will be maintained and strengthened with the goal of preventing new invasive species from becoming established in Lake Morey.

Morey Water Quality and AIS: 2021 was a busy summer for the Lake Morey Commission. Lake water was sampled via the Lay Monitoring Program throughout the summer, showing excellent clarity (secchi), low algae (chlorophyll-a) and normal nutrient (total phosphate) levels. Select streams were sampled via the LaRosa Grant program throughout the summer, showing normal water quality for most streams except during wet weather events. In this case, the stream near the former Bonnie Oaks is being further scrutinized by LMC with help from the VT DEC to see if I-91 or the old lagoons are negatively impacting stream water.

Solitude, our lake consultants, treated about 29 acres in the north end with the new Procellacor herbicide at an

elevated level in an attempt for better control. Results were outstanding – both Solitude and the state of VT surveys showed *no milfoil growth* in the north end, nor anywhere in the lake! In 2022 we will continue with a spring Solitude survey along with our dive team for hand pulling/suction harvesting etc.

Our alert Greeter Program folks noticed zebra mussel *leaving* the lake on a boat, and it was removed and reported to the DEC. Further inspections reveal no in-lake growth currently. Cyanobacteria bloom notices were low in 2021, and a standard operating procedure for how to react to potential blooms was distributed by the selectman at the LMPA meeting in July.

Lake Morey continues to enjoy an excellent and increasing relationship with the VT DEC, who has assisted in surveys, advanced measuring of nutrient, temp, total Nitrogen etc on different lake visits. We are beginning to collaborate with Lake Fairlee on their results and programs.

Directory and Annual Dues Statements: A 2021 Directory was published and distributed in July. To be more environmentally conscious, we are offering an electronic communications platform. We are asking our membership to provide email addresses for notifications. The LMPA will continue to send dues statements out via email (with hard copies mailed, if requested). In addition, we are encouraging our membership to use the LMPA website to access the Membership Directory.

Community Service Activities: This past year the LMPA reached out to the community to financially support Fairlee Community Arts, Upper Valley Rescue, and the Fairlee Library. We hosted an ice cream social with the library and collaborated with the library to sponsor the youth reading incentive program.

As we begin our 116th year, our Lake Association will continue to keep a vigilant eye on both the needs of the Lake and the surrounding lands to ensure that we are a responsible and responsive local organization. We appreciate the support of our Town Administrators as we work together to see that Lake Morey continues to provide healthy recreation opportunities for all residents.

The LMPA's activities can be followed at:
www.lakemorey.org.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Tucker, President
Lake Morey Protective Association
P.O. Box 241
Fairlee, VT 05045

2021 Report from the Fairlee Librarian

What a year! It has been said that there are “years for asking questions and then there are years that answer.” It felt like this one was all about embracing change and finding new opportunities to learn.

I started at the Library officially in July. I have felt so welcomed by everyone here. Everyday I open up the Library and feel a real sense of belonging. There’s something about being in the Library that feels comforting and adventuresome all at the same time.

It is such a wonderful community, with opportunities to be a part of something larger, like working with the Fairlee Arts Council and The Fairlee Rec Department for Fall Fest and the Tree Lighting. I’m looking forward to more chances to work together in the future and to see what ideas are sparked through the monthly meetings we’ve started with members of several community organizations.

There are other collaborations as well. We are part of the Librarians of the Upper Valley group which brings us a rotation of DVDs and audiobooks. We are also part of VOKAL which helps us with our database and LIBBY--offering downloadable ebooks and audiobooks. But there are also collaborations with the Bradford Public Library, such as Vermont Reads which offers everyone from our towns the chance to read one chosen book and then get together to discuss some of the themes. Look for some of these events early in 2022. My hope is to work with local libraries for our next Summer Reading Program, which would allow for more fun events and offerings to our neighboring communities.

This year’s Summer Reading theme was Tales and Tails. We had a goat at Storytime, tie dyed shirts, read for many, many minutes and had a fabulous time playing in the bouncy house and getting to dunk Ms Samantha.

It was definitely a year to host outdoor events. We offered StoryWalks, stargazing and a garden in which we grew tomatoes and peppers to offer to our patrons. (With any luck we’ll have at least one more raised bed next year so that we can plant a few more veggies.)

Thank you to Lake Morey Protective Association for helping to host our ice cream social. We had such great music and so many yummy sundaes were made from the great topping choices. The weather was lovely and I had the chance to meet some new people.

A big thank you to the Friends and the Trustees who sponsored our cider and doughnuts welcome in September. It was a lovely autumn day and everyone had such a nice time chatting. We had over 70 people attend.

A huge note of gratitude to Charlotte Williams for all of her efforts volunteering this past year. She has shelved countless books, organized craft bags (including the clay for the gnome noses), and been the smiling face at the desk when I’ve been away. I am so grateful for her energy and enthusiasm. With any luck we’ll be able to have a few more opportunities for volunteers in the coming year.

And thank you to all the patrons who have stopped in to say hi, to ask a question or request a book. To everyone who

sanitized and wore a mask, I am grateful for you. We were able to stay open all year thanks to your efforts and the additional air purifiers.

Our book group discussed some interesting books both in-person and over zoom. Our newly resurrected writing group has been sitting down to answer prompts. These creative endeavors have been shared and have also inspired others to write more. I’m looking forward to seeing how both of these groups grow and evolve over the next year.

For those patrons who love to create, we’ve had some amazing Take and Makes this year, both for kids and adults. The ones this summer were so inventive and the pictures we received showed us what fun everyone was having, making toothbrush robots, and clay caterpillars.

Throughout the year the library has been able to be a source of help to many of our patrons, by providing space for tutoring, scanning capabilities for filing job and apartment applications, and for obtaining books needed for school assignments through interlibrary loan. Our copier is used for documents needed for matters both medical and legal. Our wifi was recently upgraded thanks to a grant which should make it easier for those in need to use our parking lot even when the library is closed. Hopefully this is a great comfort when your internet goes out unexpectedly at home and you need to have access. I am so happy that we can offer resources and support when you find that you are in need. These include curbside pickup and outreach for patrons who still want to have access to our materials but are unable to come into the library.

Our next Summer Reading Theme is called Ocean of Possibilities, and that seems to sum up my feeling for 2022. I’m delighted for what comes next. It feels like we are on the cusp of something exciting! Here’s to a new year filled with promise and potential and opportunities to engage and learn.

My hope is that when you walk through the door you feel as if there’s something new to explore, and that you find entertainment and information on our shelves and a smile waiting for you at the circulation desk.

Statistics	2020	2021
Total Circulation	5046	7277
Total Programs	45	47
Total Program Attendance	386	652
Total Visits	3644	4702

Most Circulated Book 2021 (tie): *Midnight Library* by Matt Haig and *Dark Sky* by CJ Box both at 12 circs apiece

Most Circulated Kids Book 2021: *Katie the Catsitter*, also at 12 circs

Most Circulated DVD 2021 (tie): *Let Him Go* and *Wild Mountain Thyme*, both at 9 circs apiece

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth M. Reynolds,
Library Director

2021 Report from the Fairlee Public Library Trustees

This has been a busy year at the library as we all adjust to the changes necessary to navigate our world. Perhaps the library's two biggest events this year were the demolition of the old shed behind the library, and welcoming Beth Reynolds as our new librarian. The shed had been evaluated over many years to consider any potential it may have had. Its deteriorating condition made the trustees concerned about liability and we saw the demolition as a necessary event. Before it was demolished, a helpful patron had any usable pine planks that could be salvaged, removed and stored for possible future use. Mr. Blake did a fine job of clearing the site and reseeding the grassy area.

Beth Reynolds joined our library as Director in July. Ms. Reynolds lives in Post Mills and had previously been the Children's Librarian in Norwich. She is as excited to be working in our town, as we are to have her. Beth wasted no time in making many small but productive changes to our set up and has worked hard to "learn the ropes" and be accommodating and welcoming to all. We appreciate the effort our community has made to help Ms. Reynolds feel welcomed.

One of the first events Ms. Reynolds helped with was our Fourth of July Book Sale put on by The Friends of Fairlee Library. This event was a major success, raising \$1,300 for our library. And it was fun! If you would like to be a supporter of the Friends, please ask Ms. Reynolds for the simple form to complete. The group generously steps up when asked to fund special events and projects, or to help the library with a purchase. Joining doesn't require a time commitment but the support is appreciated.

The Friends helped the trustees to host our "Donuts After the Dump" event in September, to officially welcome Ms. Reynolds and introduce her to some of our community members. We had more than 70 people stop by that sunny morning.

There are many people who help keep our library attractive, safe and functional. Mr. Edmands takes care of our trash and recycling weekly. Mr. Godfrey helps with necessary repairs. Miranda Clemson met with the trustees to make suggestions for cleaning up the prolific library gardens. Quite a bit of work was completed on the gardens this past fall by trustees. Our Librarian suggested that we order three air purifiers for the library rooms, as the weather cooled off, making us all aware that we'd be closing windows soon. Ms. Reynolds handles all daily library chores, as well as managing the changes and additional tasks that Covid protocols require. She reports monthly to the library trustees and sends required data to the state. This fall she applied for and received grant money which helped us

purchase some needed bookcases.

Beth is also finding ways to engage with Samuel Morey Elementary School. She meets with other local librarians to exchange ideas, creates popular craft bags for patrons to take home, works on budgeting and orders (with the trustee's approval), and helps patrons with computer services. Did you have a chance to spend a few minutes enjoying the "story walk" Ms. Reynolds put up by the library? I saw several young children moving from page to page. October brought two nights of star gazing with Roger and Charlotte Williams to the library and a new picnic table was donated. Be sure to check the library facebook page or website to learn about upcoming events or opportunities!

A small group of community members have met this year to consider library building needs and the possibility of a small addition, funded by donations. We would like to improve the functionality of the space we have and to upgrade some parts of our facility. This project is still in the beginning stage and we hope to engage the support of our town as we proceed.

In November, the library remained open with no heat. It turned out that the furnace needed a new blower, which has been replaced. Luckily, it wasn't worse...or February....There are always repairs and upkeep to work on, just like at home.

We hope you'll take the time to check out the library soon! There are puzzles, games, books, magazines, large print books, computers, audio books, movies, the *Valley News*, a telescope, and even a Ukulele you can borrow! Our Wifi is free for everyone and you can make any copies you may need for a small fee. There are comfortable chairs and some nice quiet spots to work, think, draw or read. Please stop by and visit soon and let Ms. Reynolds know if there is any way she can assist you.

Respectfully submitted,
Cyrie Lange, for the Library Board of Trustees
Charlotte Williams
Joy Weale
Jennifer Johnson
Stacey Dunham

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2021 Report from the Fairlee Planning Commission

Meeting twice monthly for most of 2021, the Fairlee Planning Commission was able to complete a presentable draft of the interim Unified Development Bylaws for consideration by the Selectboard. The project, which started in 2020 after the passage of the Town Plan in April of that year, sought to revise the bylaws to (1) address the new zoning districts created in the town plan (2) align the bylaws with relevant goals enumerated in the town plan, and (3) bring Fairlee bylaws into compliance with Vermont state regulations where state regulations would take precedence in any event.

More specifically we crafted bylaws intended to encourage sustainable population growth in designated residential areas, promote the development of a socially and economically thriving Village Center, and help preserve the character of the “Rural

Resource District” recognizing it to be a vital underpinning of the Fairlee economy and of the quality of life in general for Fairlee residents.

Critical to our progress this year was the professional guidance received from Chris Brimmer, Fairlee’s zoning administrator, and from the Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Commission [TRORC] represented by Kevin Geiger. We were able to engage the services of TRORC with grant funding obtained by Brimmer in 2020.

We believe that the language of the draft sent to the Selectboard is faithful to the goals outlined in the town plan, at least to the best of our abilities. We understand that we are presenting a recommendation to the Select Board – merely one step in the process. We accept and expect that as the process progresses, our draft will evolve into a document that is a collective best effort to benefit the people of Fairlee by finding the proper balance in pursuit of the goals outlined in the town plan.

Looking ahead to 2022, we have a busy year ahead. We’ve scheduled an official planning session for our first meeting on January 5th, but it seems clear already that most of our energy will be directed toward the development of the ‘Village Master Plan’. We will also be prepared to respond as necessary to any input we receive regarding the bylaws. As always, we enjoy and encourage participation from the community at our meetings. Your input will make for better output from the Commission.

Respectfully submitted,
The Fairlee Planning Commission
Robert Chapin, Chair
Sarah Berger, Vice-Chair
Miranda Clemson
Tim Danen
Susanne Pacilio
E. Smith Reed
Matt Walker



Inside the beach house at the dedication, September 2, 2000.

2021 Report from the Fairlee Police Department

**In 2021, 491 Police Officers were killed while serving their communities.
My thoughts and prayers go out to their families and their communities.
May they all Rest in Peace, knowing their sacrifice was not in vain,
but a sacrifice of their love for the communities they served.**

The Fairlee Police Department's mission remains to provide professional and compassionate police service through partnerships that build trust, reduce crime, create a safe environment, and enhance the quality of life in the Fairlee community. To fulfill that mission, an integral partnership with the Orange County Sheriff's Department, through contracted services, will continue to enhance this mission. The Vermont State Police also provide a role in this mission by being the dependable default services agency, when I or the Sheriff's departments are not on duty.

The COVID-19 Pandemic continues as a major concern for the state of Vermont, the nation and the world around us. This year, 330 of the Police Officers killed in 2021, was a direct result of their exposure to the virus while serving their communities. This virus continues to take a toll on us all, in how we interact with others, in how we lead our daily lives, and in how we perceive "normalcy".

In 2021, a total of 466 calls for service were completed in Fairlee versus 292 in 2020.

These calls included 50 incidents for the Fairlee PD, which included numerous citizen and agency assists, alarms, thefts, and damage reports. These calls do not include the majority of hours spent on traffic enforcement (105 motor vehicle violations addressed) and patrol around the community.

The Orange County Sheriff's Department responded to 32 incidents, including numerous citizens and agency assists alarms, disputes, and suspicious activities, as well and additional 24 calls for motor vehicle violations addressed.

The Vermont State Police responded to a total of 174 incidents (of which there was an additional 51 incidents exclusive to I-91), to include numerous motor vehicle complaints, alarms, disputes, and other suspicious activities. Vermont Fish and Game responded to a total of 30 incidents.

With the town's continued growth and proactive development of business and residential opportunities, it's time to ensure for a well rounded approach to the safety and security of the town. Our continued multi-agency policing that Fairlee depends upon is becoming more and more of a reactionary approach, not allowing for proactive activities with businesses, residents, and visitors to this community. Sixty-seven of the incidents referenced above included alarm responses, thefts, suspicious activities, disorderly conduct, and burglary calls. In an effort to allow for more proactive policing, the contracted service with Orange County has been recommended for an increase. This allowance will provide a dedicated deputy to Fairlee for increased patrol hours, getting to know the community, and more proactive enforcement.

Please keep your family's safety and security in mind at all times by locking and securing your homes, your businesses, and your vehicles.

Respectfully,
Jason D. Bachus
Chief of Police
Fairlee Police Department

2021 Report from the Fairlee Recreation Council

The year 2021, posed a few challenges for the Fairlee Recreation Council. With the COVID-19 looming all around us we needed to curtail some events. Nonetheless, the members of the Council bolstered up some energy and organized some well-attended events to help boost the morale of our wonderful community.

In March the Recreation Council hosted an Easter coloring contest and an Egg-cellent Adventure. We had many children enter the contest. Each participant received a trophy.

Due to COVID we were unable to provide swimming lessons. However, we were fortunate enough to find staff to keep the buildings and park area clean.

We were excited to have the opportunity to partner with the Fairlee Community Arts this year. Collaboratively we organized the Fairlee Fall Festival on September 25, 2021.

The 2nd Annual Pumpkin Glow event was held in October. People of all ages picked up pumpkins to carve. The pumpkins lit up the town on Halloween night. A huge thank you to Gladstone's for the donation of the pumpkins for the event.

Last, but not least, we ended the 2021 year with a Holiday event and Tree Lighting on December 3. Santa and Mrs. Claus were brought to the common by the Fairlee Fire truck. Cookies and activities on the common and a hot cocoa bar at Chapman's was enjoyed by all.

Bernice Mills, Chair
 Meghann Brough Bourn
 Cameron Buster

2021 Report from the Fairlee Scholarship Committee

The Fairlee Scholarship Committee is pleased to report we awarded 3 scholarships in 2021 in the amount of \$1,000.00 each to Fairlee students seeking higher education. These scholarships were disbursed in two payments of \$500.00 – one for the fall semester and one for the spring semester. These scholarship awards would not be possible without donations. Please consider supporting the Fairlee Scholarship Fund with a donation of any size so we may continue to award these scholarships to help support our Fairlee students.

Thank you,
 The Fairlee Scholarship Committee
 Jane Chambers
 Lisa Hinsley
 Georgette Wolf-Ludwig

Date Oct. 19 1966
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2021 Report from the Tri-Town Commission

The Tri-Town commission met on November 10, 2021. A budget of \$8,000 was passed unanimously – this amount is to be split among the Towns by percentage of ownership. The Commission agreed to join the Association of Dam Safety Officials. This will be an asset that can provide a knowledge base for the continued maintenance and health of the Lake Fairlee Dam. It was also agreed to fully fund, an amount not to exceed \$4500, the placements of buoys in the Spring of 2022. Bryan Gazda, Thetford Town Manager was appointed to be the Dam Facility Manager.

The Commission agreed to create a warrant article for the Towns to fund a Capital Budget Reserve fund to stabilize long term maintenance and costs of the Dam. The suggestion was to have a \$1500 contribution per year once the Capital Budget was

created and approved. There continues to be the recommendation for the Commission to reduce by one the members per Town to ease the ability to have a quorum at Commission meetings.

There was also discussion of creating a long-term plan which would include having inspections by professional Dam engineers. This inspection would take place once every three or five years and require approval from the Towns.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Berger,
Chair, Tri-Town Commission
Li Shen, Jessica Eton, Melissa Krzal,
Nancy Anderson, Steve Malinoski, David Roth,
Fred Cook

Fairlee Recreation Council

The Fairlee Recreation Council is best known in the last 20 years for coordinating the beach activities which most people see every summer. But prior to the formation of Rivendell Interstate School District and the Community Sports Organization (CSO) in 2000, the Rec Council coordinated many sports programs for the children of the town of Fairlee.

Before the beach closed every summer, the council would start organizing soccer season. The fall would begin with co-ed soccer teams divided by grade levels: 3/4; 5/6; and 7/8. Some years there would be clinics for grades 1/2. The winter months were filled with basketball teams for girls and boys divided by grades, as well as clinics for K–2. Vermont winters also provided the opportunity for children to learn how to ski at the Dartmouth Skiway and in 1998 saw the formation of a snowboard program. Some were assisted with discounts or no fees, and free equipment if there was a need.

Between winter and spring sports the annual banquet was a time to come together to celebrate

the children who participated throughout the year. Certificates and pins were distributed to all participants. Then spring would welcome softball and baseball teams to the fields. Some years we shared teams with Orford, and one year we had a baseball team with students from Fairlee, Orford, Strafford, and Vershire!

Fundraising efforts were coordinated if an unplanned purchase of equipment or new program came up that was beyond what was budgeted and paid for by the taxpayers. One of these programs was a cheerleading program that ran for a couple of years in the mid-1990s.

A big project that continues to be a service to the community is the Community Calendar. The 2022 copies are available for purchase at the Town Hall.

Many people volunteered their time on the rec council as did those who served by coaching, refereeing, and setting up fields and equipment.

For all who have volunteered over the years whether it be serving on the council or helping the council – thank you.

2021 Report from the Upper Valley Ambulance

At the October 21, 2021 meeting of the Upper Valley Ambulance Board of Directors, the proposed budget for 2022 was passed unanimously.

We have done our best to build a fiscally responsible budget that meets the needs of the communities that we serve. This budget supports an ambulance replacement schedule that ensures that we have the most up-to-date and reliable sources of transportation for the sick and injured that reside and travel through your communities. In order to keep up with the rising cost of living in our area and to have competitive wages in order to recruit new folks and hold onto the valuable ones that we have, as well as account for substantial raises in insurance rates we are forced to increase our fees to the Towns that we serve. The Board of Directors and I have worked hard to cut the budget where we can to help make up for the increases in wages and insurance.

This budget only allows for a 0.49% profit margin. This is an extremely small margin to work with, but we feel that with extreme diligence, we can continue to provide quality care and transportation with this budget. Since there is no forecast for an increase in reimbursements by health insurance plans or Medicare and Medicaid, the increase in our expenses will have to result in an increase in the fee to our towns.

In 2022 we need to increase our per capita rate

by \$3.00/person bringing the total per capita rate to *\$49.00/person*. The 2020 census numbers are out and we will be using that data.

The census number for the Town of Fairlee went up by 11, bringing the total population to 988. When the new per capita rate is calculated, the total annual fee for the Town of Fairlee will be *\$48,412.00* which is up \$3,470.00 from 2021.

As always UVA's policy is that our financial operations are transparent to our communities. Any member of town leadership wishing to review our books should please make an appointment with me to do so. In addition, as in previous years, I offer the communities the opportunity to schedule a time when I can meet with either your Selectboard or budget committee. The best way to contact me is to send me an email at alan@uppervalleyambulance.com and we can arrange a mutual time for a phone call to discuss any questions or concerns, or to set up a day/time for me to meet with your town's leadership.

Upper Valley Ambulance continues to appreciate the support of the towns we serve, and we reciprocate by providing you with high quality emergency medical services.

Best regards,
Alan Beebe
Executive Director



2021 Report from the Fairlee Water Department

I would like to give a big “thank you” to all who have helped the Fairlee Water Department with another successful year.

I hope all the water users are enjoying the filtered water that comes from our new filtration plant that started in February 2020.

Most of the water meters are in place and will be switching to meter charging this next year.

Barry and I have had extensive training on the new filtration system and many changes that have been done this year include: new water lines, (RT5, Fairview St., Joe’s Rd., and Lake Morey Rd.), pumphouse pump power change, and the new chlorine system.

We had one major water leak this year on RT5. Due to a lot of extremely dedicated individuals – Mike Wright (Wright Excavating), Jason Bachus (Police Chief), Kenny Champagne (Fire Chief), and members of the Fairlee Volunteer Fire Department, the water leak was fixed quickly.

It has been a great pleasure to work with Tad Nunez, the Town Administrator who keeps the Selectboard informed of what is going on in the Water Department.

Respectfully submitted,
Lance Colby, Chief Operator

2021 Report from the Fairlee Zoning Office

Residential construction this year entailed the replacement of three seasonal camps and the construction of three single family dwellings, for a net increase of three single family dwelling units and a permit was issued to reconfigure the second and third floors of Chapman’s from one into three apartment units, with the 501 Route 5 North project pending state permitting which will add another seven units next year. As is typical, most of the new construction involved residential additions and accessory buildings. Commercial use permits rocketed upward with a combined eight permits issued, more than double the five year average. There are still tax credit opportunities for façade rehab and restoration projects on historic buildings in the Designated Village Center, please contact me for more information.

2022 will see a series of public forums, workshops and hearings concerning major revisions to the Unified Development Bylaw (UDB), with an emphasis on reforms to the subdivision article and changes to the Village provisions designed to continue the increase in commercial and housing development. The Planning Commission will also

undertake master planning in the Village Center to integrate infrastructure, policy, and the UDB to make sure that all the moving parts engage smoothly and pull in the same direction.

Please send me an email at zoning@fairleevt.org if you have any questions about this or any other zoning topic.

<u>Zoning Permits</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
one & two family dwelling	0	2	2	3	6
residential addition	2	7	5	4	6
residential accessory structure	10	8	8	5	10
home occupation	0	0	1	1	0
pool	0	0	0	0	1
commercial construction	3	0	2	1	1
commercial accessory structure	0	0	3	0	3
commercial use/sign	1	1	1	2	4
demolition	0	0	0	1	4
Certificates of compliance	3	4	0	1	6
Total issued	19	22	22	18	41
denials	0	0	0	0	0

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Brimmer
Zoning Administrator

CONTRACTUAL PAYMENTS IN 2021

The Town of Fairlee and the Fairlee Water Department paid amounts in excess of \$1,000.00 under various employment and contractual arrangements during 2021 to the individuals and firms listed below:

(Due to possible income sensitivity, taxpayer refunds over \$1,000.00 are not listed.)

TOWN/WATER CONTRACTUAL:

Aire-Deb Corp	EMS Exhaust System Repair	\$ 9,789.00
All-Access Infotech, LLC	IT/Equipment	32,755.18
Alliance Consulting & Excavation, LLC	Water Line Replacement	146,590.31
Alliance Mechanical	TH Furnace Service Contract	1,488.00
Amazon	Library Books/Supplies	1,456.26
ARC Mechanical Contractors	Library Furnace Repair	1,327.08
Arrow Central	Highway Department - Culverts	3,675.62
BAU/Hopkins	Water Department	2,152.30
Bill Hodge's Prop. Service	Mowing - Town & Cemetery	19,303.65
Blaktop	Road Resurfacing	178,950.51
Blue Cross & Blue Shield of VT	Health Insurance	50,722.52
Bob Maddock Masonry	Concrete Step Repair	1,392.07
Cargill, Inc.	Winter Roads – Salt	15,160.06
Cartographic Technologies, Inc.	Map Maintenance	1,450.00
Carus, LLC	Water Department/Pumphouse	2,477.13
Chiefs Truck Maintenance, LLC	Fire Department	1,428.00
Cincinnati Cos., The	Insurance (FD/Fast Squad)	1,520.00
Clara Martin Center	Appropriation	1,545.00
Community Bank	Lake Fairlee Dam Bond	20,385.67
Consolidated Communications	Telephone	7,135.17
Cott Systems, Inc.	Land Records Management	3,660.00
Danen, Tim	Misc. Projects	2,548.00
Dark Star Productions	Stage Lighting Installation	21,441.36
Delta Dental	Dental Insurance	3,328.92
Dubois & King	Better Connections Grant	12,502.46
Dufresne Group	Asset Management Consultant	19,558.02
E.J. Prescott, Inc.	Water Line Supplies	6,088.67
Endyne, Inc.	Water Department	1,355.00
Fairlee Marine & Recreation, Inc.	Pontoon Repair/Storage	1,388.05
Ferguson Waterworks	Water Department/Pumphouse	1,231.00
First Bankcard	Town Credit Card/misc. purchases	9,431.94
Fornwalt Excavation, LLC	Highway Department	5,075.00
Fothergill, Segale & Valley CPAs	Auditors	16,000.00
Gray Electric	Electrical Work	11,774.66
Green Mountain Library Consortium	Integrated Library System Fee	1,043.46
Green Mountain Power	Electricity	19,935.84
Hammond Grinding & Recycling, Inc.	Transfer Station	4,500.00

Hampshire Fire Protection Co., LLC	Annual Inspection	1,766.00
Hanover, Town of	Dispatch	12,750.50
Hanover True Value	Door Locks	1,238.32
HCT Sun Enterprises	Electricity/Solar	15,007.70
Ingram Library Services	Library Books	7,124.83
IRS - EFTPS	Payroll Taxes	88,679.00
J & J Blake Excavating, LLC	Library Building Demolition	8,650.00
K & R Portable Restroom Services, LLC	Port-a-lets	3,503.50
Keith B Trischman Truck & Trailer Repair	Fire Truck Repair	2,259.59
Konica Minolta Premier Finance	Copier Lease	1,429.20
Lackie, David	Trucking	9,565.00
Lake Fairlee Association, Inc.	Appropriation	5,250.00
Leaf	Maintenance Contract	2,011.92
LHS Associates Inc.	Elections	1,053.45
Little Rivers Health Care	Appropriation	2,000.00
Longto Tree Service	Tree Removal	16,000.00
Loschiavo, Mike	Roadside Mowing	4,250.00
Lowell McLeods Inc	Fire Truck Repair	2,652.20
M. Wright Excavation	Roads	175,807.50
Martin’s Quarry	Highway Department	38,844.71
New England Backflow, Inc.	Water Meter Installation	8,926.07
New England Municipal Resource (NEMRC)	Software/Support/Contract	7,682.87
Orange County Court	Orange County Tax	54,518.71
Orange County Sheriff’s Dept.	Law Enforcement Patrol	18,305.00
Orange East Senior Center	Appropriation	3,000.00
Otis Elevator Company	Elevator Contract	2,771.28
Overhead Door Co. of Rutland, Inc.	EMS Door Repair	1,609.47
Penta Corporation	Water Filtration Contractor	340,782.86
Perley Colby Plumbing & Heating	Plumbing/Water System	26,501.33
Perry’s/Patten’s Oil Service, Inc.	Fuel Oil & Propane	9,897.14
Pitney Bowes Inc. Purchase Power	Postage	1,005.00
Portland Glass	Window Replacement	2,278.00
Prudential Retirement Services	Retirement	9,927.40
Quinttown Container Services	Recycling/EMS Bldg Trash	17,244.00
R & R Communications, Inc.	Fire Department Equipment	1,635.00
R.C. Brayshaw & Company, Inc.	Printing	1,254.00
Repro	Town Report Printing	1,712.28
Rivendell ISD	School Taxes	2,979,582.50
Rowell’s Grading	Road Grading	13,455.00
Sandberg Farm	Composting	1,569.00
Simple Energy	Plumbing	2,568.61
Solitude Lake Management	Milfoil	41,835.00

Staples Credit Plan	Office Supplies – Town/Library	1,892.56
Stearns Septic Service	Septic Pumping	1,430.00
Symquest Group, Inc.	Copier Service/Repair	1,486.35
Tata & Howard	Engineers – Water/Highway Dept.	107,506.12
Thetford Community Solar, LLC	Electricity/Solar	3,060.03
Ti-Sales Inc.	Water Department	2,771.99
Tool Barn, Inc.	Fire & Water Departments	1,985.70
Topsham Communications LLC	Internet (Town Hall, Library, & FD)	3,179.64
Tri Town Commission	Appropriation	1,440.58
Tri-Valley Transit, Inc.	Appropriation	2,500.00
Two Rivers Ottauquechee	Dues/Consultants	9,117.94
UI Insurance Services, Inc.	Fire Department Insurance	11,732.00
Unifirst Corp.	Town Hall Rug Service	1,575.60
Union Bank	Town Hall Loan Payments	56,573.40
Upper Valley Ambulance, Inc.	Ambulance Service	44,942.00
Upper Valley Trails Alliance	Appropriation	1,147.26
Usabluebook	Water Department	2,400.99
USDA Rural Development	Loan Repayment	33,857.00
U.S. Postage Service	Postage	3,300.00
Valley News	Advertising	2,220.92
Vermont Appraisal Co.	Reappraisal	25,320.00
Vermont, State of	Water Department - Permit	597,270.15
Vermont State Dept. of Taxes	Payroll Taxes	10,168.73
Vermont State Treasurer	Licenses	2,499.83
Visiting Nurse Alliance/Hospice	Appropriation	5,500.00
VLCT (VT League of Cities & Towns)	Membership/Workshops	4,418.00
VLCT Employment Resource and Benefits Trust	Unemployment Insurance	3,692.00
VLCT PACIF	Property Casualty/WC Ins.	25,541.00
VT Recreational Surfacing & Fencing	Guardrails	8,274.97
W.B. Mason Co., Inc.	Office Supplies	1,394.37
Weaver Construction, LLC	Street Sweeping	2,030.00
Willey Earthmoving Corp.	Highway Department	7,200.00
Windows & Doors By Brownell-W Leb	Town Hall Windows	2,000.00

EMPLOYMENT PAYMENTS IN 2021

Amounts listed are the gross amount paid to individuals making in excess of \$1,000.

EMPLOYEE	HOURS	DUTIES	AMOUNT
Jason D. Bachus	484.00	Chief of Police	\$ 12,463.01
Jason D. Bachus	N/A	Delinquent Tax Collector	3,463.40
Celia A. Barlett	186.00	Milfoil - Boat Ramp Greeter	2,418.00
Peter B. Berger	9.25	Selectboard Chair/Election Worker	1,042.50
Joanna W. Bligh	428.00	Minute Taker (DRB, PC, SB)	7,224.77
John C. Brimmer	1,560.00	Zoning Administrator & PC Planner	36,614.33
Sylvia C. Brown	216.50	Town Hall Custodian	4,258.67
David R. Cannon	N/A	Fast Squad/Fire Department	2,685.00
Noa J. Chambers	114.00	Lifeguard	1,368.00
Kenneth D. Champagne	N/A	Fire Department - Chief	2,250.00
Russell W. Collins	455.00	Lister	7,912.27
Gayla Cowan	223.00	Milfoil - Boat Ramp Greeter	3,122.00
Kara L. Darling	84.00	Library Custodian	1,606.95
Isabelle E. Formica	165.00	Lifeguard	2,392.50
Andrew D. Godfrey	N/A	Fire Department - Deputy	1,440.00
Frank E. Godfrey	502.00	Handyman/Transfer Station/Beach Maint.	9,036.00
Caleb P. Haehnel	267.00	Lifeguard	4,005.00
Samantha J. Hickman	1,200.25	Library Director	26,382.65
Lisa F. Hinsley	2,225.00	Town Treasurer	59,065.87
Barbara J. Lantery	965.25	Asst Town Clerk/Restoration/Elections	15,820.00
Barry G. Larson	419.00	Water & Fire Department	13,246.83
John T. Nunez	2,080.50	Town Administrator	57,383.75
Elizabeth M. Reynolds	823.00	Library Director	18,863.16
Noël G. Walker	2,000.50	Lister - Chair/E-911 Coordinator/Tech Asst.	41,635.60
Virginia L. Wallis	210.25	Milfoil - Boat Ramp Greeter	2,733.25
Charlotte P. Williams	288.00	Milfoil - Boat Ramp Greeter/Library Sub	3,643.95
Georgette K. Wolf-Ludwig	2,043.75	Town Clerk	53,670.82

TOWN OF FAIRLEE – 2021 GRAND LIST

STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED (AS APPROVED BY THE SELECTBOARD ON AUGUST 9, 2021)

GRAND LIST:

Municipal	\$	2,123,243.00
Non-Homestead		1,396,558.00
Homestead		720,611.00
State of VT Special Exemption - from Education Tax ONLY (solar fields/municipal prop.)		6,074.00

TAXES ASSESSED & BILLED:

	Grand List x	Tax Rate	
General Fund	\$ 2,123,243.00	\$ 0.4890	\$ 1,038,265.83
Highway Fund	2,123,243.00	0.1080	229,310.24
Veterans Local Agreement Rate	2,123,243.00	0.0005	1,061.62
Non-Homestead Education	1,396,558.00	1.7616	2,460,176.57
Homestead Education	720,611.00	2.1380	1,540,666.32
Total Taxes Assessed & Billed:			5,269,480.58
Late HS-131 Penalty			1,773.17
			\$ 5,271,253.75

Municipal Tax Rate	0.5975
Total Non-Homestead Tax Rate	2.3591
Total Homestead Tax Rate	2.7355

TAXES ACCOUNTED FOR:

Collections:	
General Fund	\$ 1,021,889.01
Highway Fund	225,693.28
Veterans Local Agreement Rate	1,044.88
Non-Homestead Education	2,421,371.62
Homestead Education	1,516,365.02
Total Collections	5,186,363.80
Delinquent to Collector	83,116.78
Total Taxes Accounted For 12/31/21:	\$ 5,269,480.58

VETERANS EXEMPTIONS:	\$ 100,000.00
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DELINQUENT TAXES:

Submitted to Treasurer,	
Delinquent for 2013	\$ 1,038.13
Delinquent for 2014	3,247.92
Delinquent for 2015	2,217.18
Delinquent for 2016	2,465.86
Delinquent for 2017	2,052.53
Delinquent for 2018	2,178.05
Delinquent for 2019	9,521.72
Delinquent for 2020	10,371.23
Delinquent for 2021	50,024.16
Total Delinquent Taxes 12/31/21:	\$ 83,116.78

Submitted on the 24th day of January 2022 by Jason Bachus

TOWN OF FAIRLEE

2021 STATEMENT OF DEBT SERVICES

As of December 31, 2021

	PRINCIPAL BALANCE
SHORT-TERM:	
Water Dept. Asset Management Loan Forgiveness Program*	
Vermont Bond Bank Note available balance = \$50,000	
Note interest rate = 0.0%	
Maturity date = August 1, 2030	\$ 13,592.82
*Money is awarded in the form of a forgivable loan, all principal and interest will be forgiven upon successful completion of the Asset Management program.	
 LONG-TERM:	
Lake Fairlee Dam Loan - (Community Bank)	
Original loan principal balance = \$289,000	
Loan interest rate = 2.75%, 20 yr. fixed	
Annual principal payment amount = \$14,450, with interest payments made semi-annually	
Maturity date = July 15, 2035	202,300.00
Town Hall Renov. Loan - (Union Bank)	
Original Loan principal balance = \$835,055	
Loan interest rate = 3.0%	
Monthly principal and interest payments = \$4,714.45	
Maturity date = December 16, 2037	721,904.42
Water Dept. USDA Loan - (USDA)	
Original Loan principal balance = \$2,031,000	
Loan interest rate = 1.50%, 40 yr. fixed	
Semi-annual principal and interest payments = \$33,857.00	1,993,611.32
TOTAL OUTSTANDING DEBT AS OF 12/31/21	\$ 2,931,408.56

Town Treasurer's Statement of Fund Accounts – 2021

Cemetery Fund - #41

	<u>2020 Actual</u>	<u>2021 Actual</u>	<u>2022 Budget</u>
FUND BALANCE, 1 JANUARY	\$ 22,965.51	\$ 23,049.45	\$ 23,109.83
RECEIPTS:			
Interest - Fund Account	57.08	60.38	60.00
Sales of Lots (40%)	-	-	-
Cemetery CD funds transfer	26.86	-	-
Misc. Income	-	-	-
TOTAL	<u>23,049.45</u>	<u>23,109.83</u>	<u>23,169.83</u>
DISBURSEMENTS:			
Cemetery Expenses - Maint.	-	-	-
FUND BALANCE, 31 DECEMBER	<u>\$ 23,049.45</u>	<u>\$ 23,109.83</u>	<u>\$ 23,169.83</u>

Fund established in 1980 with 60% of plot sales added annually for perpetual care.

Cemetery - Certificate of Deposit - Community Bank - #50

	<u>2020 Actual</u>	<u>2021 Actual</u>	<u>2022 Budget</u>
FUND BALANCE, 1 JANUARY	\$ 26.86	\$ -	\$ -
RECEIPTS:			
Interest	-	-	-
TOTAL	<u>26.86</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
DISBURSEMENTS:			
Transfer to Cemetery Fund Account	26.86	-	-
FUND BALANCE, 31 DECEMBER	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

Cemetery Funds invested in CD.

Rosalene M. Ordway Trust Fund - #42

	<u>2020 Actual</u>	<u>2021 Actual</u>	<u>2022 Budget</u>
FUND BALANCE, 1 JANUARY	\$ 2,512.92	\$ 2,519.15	\$ 2,525.76
RECEIPTS:			
Interest	6.23	6.61	7.00
TOTAL	<u>2,519.15</u>	<u>2,525.76</u>	<u>2,532.76</u>
DISBURSEMENTS:			
Toward Water On & Off	-	-	-
FUND BALANCE, 31 DECEMBER	<u>\$ 2,519.15</u>	<u>\$ 2,525.76</u>	<u>\$ 2,532.76</u>

Fund established in 1987 with a bequest from Rosalene M. Ordway. Interest only is to be used for the maintenance and improvements of water in the Fairlee Village Cemetery.

Town Treasurer's Statement of Fund Accounts – 2021

Fairlee Recreation Council Fund - #43

	<u>2020 Actual</u>	<u>2021 Actual</u>	<u>2022 Budget</u>
FUND BALANCE, 1 JANUARY	\$ 10,123.32	\$ 12,497.66	\$ 13,268.29
RECEIPTS:			
Calendar Sales	2,395.00	1,928.00	2,000.00
Interest	30.40	36.42	35.00
TOTAL	12,548.72	14,462.08	15,303.29
DISBURSEMENTS:			
Calendar Expenses	51.06	1,193.79	1,200.00
Misc. Expenses	-	-	-
FUND BALANCE, 31 DECEMBER	\$ 12,497.66	\$ 13,268.29	\$ 14,103.29

This fund was established to allow the Fairlee Recreation Council to do fundraising for future projects/events and keep the funds separate so that they could be carried over year after year.

Fairlee Historical Society Fund- #44

	<u>2020 Actual</u>	<u>2021 Actual</u>	<u>2022 Budget</u>
FUND BALANCE, 1 JANUARY	\$ 4,992.36	\$ 5,097.23	\$ 6,548.25
RECEIPTS:			
Donations	1,031.00	1,427.00	1,000.00
Dues	861.00	400.00	750.00
Interest	11.73	15.24	12.00
TOTAL	6,896.09	6,939.47	8,310.25
DISBURSEMENTS:			
Misc. Expense (meetings/supplies/postage/software)	1,798.86	391.22	500.00
FUND BALANCE, 31 DECEMBER	\$ 5,097.23	\$ 6,548.25	\$ 7,810.25

Fund established in 1976 for the purpose of collecting dues and donations to be used for the preservation of the archives and facilitate historical programs.

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FHS Town Hall 2nd Floor Fundraising Fund - #61

	<u>2020 Actual</u>	<u>2021 Actual</u>	<u>2022 Budget</u>
FUND BALANCE, 1 JANUARY	\$ 117.99	\$ 118.28	\$ 118.59
RECEIPTS:			
Donations	-	-	-
Interest	0.29	0.31	-
TOTAL	118.28	118.59	118.59
DISBURSEMENTS:			
Misc. Expense	-	-	-
Transfer to Town towards Renovation cost	-	-	-
FUND BALANCE, 31 DECEMBER	\$ 118.28	\$ 118.59	\$ 118.59

Fund established in 2016 to track fundraising efforts for the 2nd floor renovations.

Scholarship Fund - #45

	<u>2020 Actual</u>	<u>2021 Actual</u>	<u>2022 Budget</u>
FUND BALANCE, 1 JANUARY	\$ 137,462.17	\$ 128,794.71	\$ 120,120.46
RECEIPTS:			
Donations	-	-	-
Scholarship refund	-	1,000.00	-
Interest	332.54	325.75	300.00
TOTAL	137,794.71	130,120.46	120,420.46
DISBURSEMENTS:			
Scholarships	9,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
FUND BALANCE, 31 DECEMBER	\$ 128,794.71	\$ 120,120.46	\$ 110,420.46

Fund established in 1967 as part of the Fairlee School District to give students, who are Fairlee residents, the opportunity to apply for scholarships to help fund continuing education after high school graduation.

Sheldon Miller Bequest Fund - #46

	<u>2020 Actual</u>	<u>2021 Actual</u>	<u>2022 Budget</u>
FUND BALANCE, 1 JANUARY	\$ 33,698.38	\$ 33,782.03	\$ 33,870.53
RECEIPTS:			
Interest	83.65	88.50	90.00
TOTAL	33,782.03	33,870.53	33,960.53
DISBURSEMENTS:			
Rivendell Interstate School District	-	-	-
Thetford Academy	-	-	-
FUND BALANCE, 31 DECEMBER	\$ 33,782.03	\$ 33,870.53	\$ 33,960.53

Fund established in 1986 with a bequest from Sheldon Miller. Interest only is to be used for educational purposes in connection with the Fairlee Elementary School (now the Samuel Morey Elementary School) and Thetford Academy.

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William H. Lange Memorial Forest Fund - #47

	<u>2020 Actual</u>	<u>2021 Actual</u>	<u>2022 Budget</u>
FUND BALANCE, 1 JANUARY	\$ 25,222.79	\$ 20,654.98	\$ 20,709.08
RECEIPTS:			
Stumpage Income	13,081.78	-	-
Interest	58.67	54.10	55.00
TOTAL	38,363.24	20,709.08	20,764.08
DISBURSEMENTS:			
Forest Management	17,708.26	-	1,500.00
FUND BALANCE, 31 DECEMBER	\$ 20,654.98	\$ 20,709.08	\$ 19,264.08

770 acres acquired through a federal grant and a generous donation from John and Irma Lange in 1981. Any and all funds generated through sound forestry practices are to be used for the maintenance, upkeep and improvement of the 770 acres (only) at the discretion of the five member Forest Board.

Timber Trust Fund - #48

	<u>2020 Actual</u>	<u>2021 Actual</u>	<u>2022 Budget</u>
FUND BALANCE, 1 JANUARY	\$ 28,133.00	\$ 21,846.39	\$ 21,828.55
RECEIPTS:			
Logging Income	-	-	-
Interest	64.51	57.16	55.00
TOTAL	28,197.51	21,903.55	21,883.55
DISBURSEMENTS:			
Forest Management	6,351.12	75.00	1,500.00
FUND BALANCE, 31 DECEMBER	\$ 21,846.39	\$ 21,828.55	\$ 20,383.55

700 acres were acquired prior to 1950 as a result of unpaid property taxes. 10% of the principal is to be set aside annually to be used by the five member Forest Board, at their discretion, for the maintenance, upkeep and improvement of the 700 acres. The balance of any funds generated through forest management are available for use with the majority of voters approval. Three of the more notable activities conducted in the past five years, using these funds, was the clearing to open the view from Bald Top, treatment of the invasives on Bald Top, and the planting of 21 hybrid American Chestnut seedlings (by the Rivendell Academy science students). Each May the sophomore science students will visit the plantings to release any competition and measure the growth. That information will be sent to The American Chestnut Foundation's main office for their records.

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Gravel Pit/Logging Fund - #49

	<u>2020 Actual</u>	<u>2021 Actual</u>	<u>2022 Budget</u>
FUND BALANCE, 1 JANUARY	\$ 27,002.94	\$ 23,957.44	\$ 23,867.36
RECEIPTS:			
Interest	64.42	62.47	60.00
	27,067.36	24,019.91	23,927.36
DISBURSEMENTS:			
Forest Management	3,109.92	152.55	-
FUND BALANCE, 31 DECEMBER	\$ 23,957.44	\$ 23,867.36	\$ 23,927.36

100 acres acquired from the State of Vermont for \$1.00 in 1982. Should the town choose to no longer use it for recreational purposes, it reverts back to the State of Vermont. 10% of the funds generated from sound forestry practices are to be set aside annually to be used for the maintenance, upkeep and improvement of the forest. The balance of the funds are available, at the discretion of a majority of the voters, for "Recreation Development."

Firemen's Stock Fund - #52

	<u>2020 Actual</u>	<u>2021 Actual</u>	<u>2022 Budget</u>
FUND BALANCE, 1 JANUARY	\$ 20,195.48	\$ 21,139.28	\$ 21,451.28
RECEIPTS:			
Change in Stock Value	656.76	-	1,000.00
Dividend	287.04	312.00	300.00
TOTAL	21,139.28	21,451.28	22,751.28
DISBURSEMENTS:			
Misc. Expenses	-	-	-
FUND BALANCE, 31 DECEMBER	\$ 21,139.28	\$ 21,451.28	\$ 22,751.28

Fund established in 1995 from a donation made in stocks to the Fairlee Fire Department.

Reappraisal Reserve Fund - #53

	<u>2020 Actual</u>	<u>2021 Actual</u>	<u>2022 Budget</u>
FUND BALANCE, 1 JANUARY	\$ 75,755.49	\$ 60,165.93	\$ 29,165.97
RECEIPTS:			
State of Vermont - Per Parcel	6,507.50	7,168.00	7,500.00
Interest	201.59	138.37	100.00
TOTAL	82,464.58	67,472.30	36,765.97
DISBURSEMENTS:			
Transfer to Town towards reappraisal cost	22,298.65	38,306.33	30,000.00
FUND BALANCE, 31 DECEMBER	\$ 60,165.93	\$ 29,165.97	\$ 6,765.97

Fund established in 1998, per Statue 32 VSA, §4041a, for the purpose of reappraisal cost related to our grand list.

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Restoration Fees Reserve Fund - #54

	<u>2020 Actual</u>	<u>2021 Actual</u>	<u>2022 Budget</u>
FUND BALANCE, 1 JANUARY	\$ 10,712.25	\$ 10,930.45	\$ 13,607.90
RECEIPTS:			
Restoration Fees	5,020.00	5,190.00	5,000.00
TOTAL	15,732.25	16,120.45	18,607.90
DISBURSEMENTS:			
Restoration Salaries & Wages/Payroll Taxes	1,351.40	2,463.28	2,000.00
Misc. Expenses	3,450.40	49.27	-
FUND BALANCE, 31 DECEMBER	\$ 10,930.45	\$ 13,607.90	\$ 16,607.90

Fund established on December 8, 1998 for the sole purpose of funding the restoration, preservation and conservation of municipal records filed with the Town Clerk. A portion of the recording fees from land records funds this account.

Listers' Training Reserve Fund - #55

	<u>2020 Actual</u>	<u>2021 Actual</u>	<u>2022 Budget</u>
FUND BALANCE, 1 JANUARY	\$ 1,983.44	\$ 1,983.44	\$ 1,983.44
RECEIPTS:			
State of Vermont	-	-	-
TOTAL	1,983.44	1,983.44	1,983.44
DISBURSEMENTS:			
Training Expenses	-	-	-
FUND BALANCE, 31 DECEMBER	\$ 1,983.44	\$ 1,983.44	\$ 1,983.44

Fund established in 2005, per Statute 32 VSA, §4041a (a) and 5405(f), for the purpose of listers' education.

Railroad Station Fund - #58

	<u>2020 Actual</u>	<u>2021 Actual</u>	<u>2022 Budget</u>
FUND BALANCE, 1 JANUARY	\$ 13,890.28	\$ 13,924.78	\$ 13,961.25
RECEIPTS:			
Interest	34.50	36.47	35.00
Transfer from Railroad Station General Fund	-	-	-
TOTAL	13,924.78	13,961.25	13,996.25
DISBURSEMENTS:			
Transfer to Railroad Station General Fund	-	-	1,282.12
Transfer to Capital Budget	-	-	8,000.00
FUND BALANCE, 31 DECEMBER	\$ 13,924.78	\$ 13,961.25	\$ 5,996.25

Fund established in 2012 to enable any funds in excess of spending be carried over to the next year to be used to upgrade and repair the Railroad Station.

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Library - Perkins Fund - #80

	<u>2020 Actual</u>	<u>2021 Actual</u>	<u>2022 Budget</u>
FUND BALANCE, 1 JANUARY	\$ 503.44	\$ 504.69	\$ 506.01
RECEIPTS:			
Interest	1.25	1.32	1.00
TOTAL	504.69	506.01	507.01
DISBURSEMENTS:			
Misc. Expenses	-	-	-
FUND BALANCE, 31 DECEMBER	\$ 504.69	\$ 506.01	\$ 507.01

Fund established by a donation from Homer & Alice Perkins, interest only to be used to purchase nature books.

Library - Titus Fund - #81

	<u>2020 Actual</u>	<u>2021 Actual</u>	<u>2022 Budget</u>
FUND BALANCE, 1 JANUARY	\$ 4,740.02	\$ 4,751.80	\$ 4,764.25
RECEIPTS:			
Interest	11.78	12.45	13.00
TOTAL	4,751.80	4,764.25	4,777.25
DISBURSEMENTS:			
Misc. Expenses	-	-	-
FUND BALANCE, 31 DECEMBER	\$ 4,751.80	\$ 4,764.25	\$ 4,777.25

Fund established by a donation from Isabel Currier Titus, interest only to be used to purchase books.

Library - Bequest Fund - #82

	<u>2020 Actual</u>	<u>2021 Actual</u>	<u>2022 Budget</u>
FUND BALANCE, 1 JANUARY	\$ 22,955.59	\$ 22,436.31	\$ 23,843.62
RECEIPTS:			
Donations	-	2,800.00	-
Interest	55.57	63.49	65.00
TOTAL	23,011.16	25,299.80	23,908.62
DISBURSEMENTS:			
Misc. Expenses	574.85	1,456.18	-
FUND BALANCE, 31 DECEMBER	\$ 22,436.31	\$ 23,843.62	\$ 23,908.62

Fund established by misc. donations/bequests of \$300 or more by Library patrons, interest only transferred to the Book Donations fund annually.

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Library - Misc. Expenses Fund - #83

	<u>2020 Actual</u>	<u>2021 Actual</u>	<u>2022 Budget</u>
FUND BALANCE, 1 JANUARY	\$ 2,296.00	\$ 2,852.86	\$ 1,357.51
RECEIPTS:			
Donations	550.00	1,080.00	500.00
Interest	6.86	5.90	5.00
TOTAL	<u>2,852.86</u>	<u>3,938.76</u>	<u>1,862.51</u>
DISBURSEMENTS:			
Library Improvements	-	280.00	500.00
Transfer to Town - building demolition	-	2,301.25	-
FUND BALANCE, 31 DECEMBER	<u>\$ 2,852.86</u>	<u>\$ 1,357.51</u>	<u>\$ 1,362.51</u>

Fund established by misc. donations by Library patrons specifically for misc. library expenses, funds used to help the library cover expenses not budgeted or exceeding budget.

Library - Book Donations Fund - #84

	<u>2020 Actual</u>	<u>2021 Actual</u>	<u>2022 Budget</u>
FUND BALANCE, 1 JANUARY	\$ 1,898.43	\$ 2,454.39	\$ 2,494.79
RECEIPTS:			
Donations	1,451.27	153.58	-
Interest	5.19	6.66	6.00
TOTAL	<u>3,354.89</u>	<u>2,614.63</u>	<u>2,500.79</u>
DISBURSEMENTS:			
Book Purchase Expenses	900.50	119.84	500.00
FUND BALANCE, 31 DECEMBER	<u>\$ 2,454.39</u>	<u>\$ 2,494.79</u>	<u>\$ 2,000.79</u>

Fund established by misc. donations/bequests of less than \$300 by Library patrons, for books only. This fund is also spending \$250/year for purchasing books, to lower the book expense line item in the Library Town budget.

ARPA Fund - #90

	<u>2020 Actual</u>	<u>2021 Actual</u>	<u>2022 Budget</u>
FUND BALANCE, 1 JANUARY	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 146,473.75
RECEIPTS:			
Funds Received	-	146,473.75	146,473.75
TOTAL	<u>-</u>	<u>146,473.75</u>	<u>292,947.50</u>
DISBURSEMENTS:			
Funds Transferred to Highway Capital Budget	-	-	40,000.00
FUND BALANCE, 31 DECEMBER	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 146,473.75</u>	<u>\$ 252,947.50</u>

The Town of Fairlee has been awarded, from The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), \$102,594.00 for cities, towns and villages funds as well as \$190,353.50 for county funds. Selectboards will have discretion over how to spend these allocations. The first payment (1/2 of funds) was received in Aug. 2021 while the second half will be received in Aug. 2022. ARPA funds must be obligated by Dec. 31, 2024 and expended by Dec. 31, 2026.

General Fund – Summary Budget

GENERAL FUND	<u>2019 Actual</u>	<u>2020 Actual</u>	<u>2021 Actual</u>	<u>2022 Budget</u>
Revenues				
Administration	\$ 27,106	\$ 54,454	\$ 31,526	\$ 16,900
Cemetery	1,260	-	-	-
Community Organizations	-	-	-	-
Emergency Services and Buildings	24,120	22,110	26,879	25,585
Fire & Rescue	-	-	-	-
Library	1,583	545	12,472	800
Listers	72,426	96,019	116,618	107,538
Lake & Town Forest (Milfoil)	52,858	48,731	49,033	38,000
Other	-	6,000	9,656	-
Police	1,035	831	1,072	500
Railroad Station	5,200	4,225	11,450	18,863
Recreation Council	3,368	2,093	518	2,300
Town Hall & Parks	31,402	1,215	37,636	15,066
Trash & Recycling	3,690	2,094	5,012	2,800
Tri-Town Commission	-	-	-	-
Zoning	6,504	92,445	23,123	5,457
Total Revenues	<u>230,552</u>	<u>330,762</u>	<u>324,996</u>	<u>233,809</u>
Expenses				
Administration	293,045	338,095	322,116	392,608
Cemetery	10,418	9,094	8,737	10,903
Community Organizations	25,500	26,700	25,650	26,050
Emergency Services and Buildings	63,706	60,902	60,093	72,634
Fire & Rescue	50,986	52,877	51,242	72,834
Library	90,764	87,928	104,248	99,560
Listers	40,525	63,120	81,342	88,817
Lake & Town Forest (Milfoil)	97,987	56,088	45,612	40,990
Other	63,701	77,986	57,721	73,500
Police	43,495	41,704	38,301	74,462
Railroad Station	5,200	10,944	5,214	18,863
Recreation Council	21,829	11,734	16,749	25,780
Town Hall & Parks	93,239	62,552	94,504	74,015
Trash & Recycling	25,918	29,616	29,397	30,247
Tri-Town Commission	759	731	1,441	2,722
Zoning	58,562	143,704	63,851	50,768
Total Expenses	<u>985,634</u>	<u>1,073,775</u>	<u>1,006,218</u>	<u>1,154,753</u>
Net Revenues Over (Under) Expenses	<u>\$ (755,082)</u>	<u>\$ (743,013)</u>	<u>\$ (681,221)</u>	<u>\$ (920,944)</u>

General Fund – Summary Budget

	2019 Taxes As Billed	2020 As Billed	2021 As Billed	2022 Taxes (Estimated)
ARTICLE 2:				
General Fund Revenues	n/a	n/a	\$ (301,113)	\$ (233,809)
Cash Available/Carry Forward	\$ (13,000)	\$ -	(25,000)	(69,000)
Non-Tax Revenues			(326,113)	(302,809)
General Fund Expenses	791,183	818,001	1,136,866	1,154,753
Veteran's Local Agreement Rate	735	833	833	833
General Fund Expenditures			1,137,699	1,155,586
Town to be Raised by Taxes	791,918	818,834	811,586	852,777

ARTICLE 3:				
Highway Revenues	(69,416)	(57,310)	(60,787)	(78,630)
Highway Expenses	232,944	278,337	289,197	294,107
Highway to be Raised by Taxes	163,528	221,027	228,410	215,477

ARTICLE 4:				
Town Buildings & Lands Reserve	n/a	40,000	35,000	32,000
Debt Service - Town Hall Loan	56,573	56,573	56,573	56,573
				88,573
Emergency Equipment Reserve	n/a	10,000	18,000	20,000
Town Highway Reserve	n/a	90,000	90,000	130,000
Lake Reserve	n/a	7,500	7,000	7,500
Debt Service - Lake Fairlee Dam Loan	21,205	21,000	21,000	21,000
				28,500
Previous Years Capital Budget	181,105	-	-	-
Capital Budget to be Raised by Taxes	258,883	225,073	227,573	267,073

ARTICLES 2, 3, & 4 TOTAL

Total Municipal Taxes to be Raised	\$ 1,214,329	\$ 1,264,934	\$ 1,267,569	\$ 1,335,327
Total Tax Rate - Actual	\$ 0.5817	\$ 0.5991	\$ 0.5975	
Total Tax Rate - Estimated	\$ 0.5826	\$ 0.6025	\$ 0.5997	\$ 0.6289

Difference from last year	\$ 0.0314
Percentage increase over last year	4.98%

General Fund – Department Budgets

ADMINISTRATION	2020 Actual	2021 Actual	2021 Budget	2022 Budget
Revenues				
Property Taxes - Delinquent	\$ 48,932.28	\$ 46,925.98	\$ -	\$ -
Property Taxes - Current	1,215,266.71	1,179,354.67	-	-
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	8,726.82	2,236.94	-	-
Delinquent Tax Fee	6,616.53	3,550.49	3,000.00	3,000.00
Town Clerks Fees	12,400.25	12,892.50	10,000.00	10,000.00
License Fees -Marriage/Dog	1,423.50	1,576.50	1,500.00	1,500.00
Vehicle Registration Fees	69.00	90.00	250.00	100.00
Copier Fees	252.24	360.26	400.00	250.00
Large Format Copies	24.00	85.00	50.00	50.00
Cares Act COVID19 Grant	6,374.85	-	-	-
Records Digitization Grant Income	16,150.35	-	-	-
Misc. Income	16.83	8,750.02	-	-
Interest Income	2,399.61	1,984.73	3,000.00	2,000.00
Total Revenues	<u>1,318,652.97</u>	<u>1,257,807.09</u>	<u>18,200.00</u>	<u>16,900.00</u>
Less Property Taxes	(1,264,198.99)	(1,226,280.65)	-	-
Total Revenues Less Property Taxes	<u>54,453.98</u>	<u>31,526.44</u>	<u>18,200.00</u>	<u>16,900.00</u>
Expenses				
Selectboard's Office				
Salaries & Wages - Selectboard	2,650.00	2,650.00	2,650.00	3,500.00
Salaries & Wages - Town Administrator	50,043.36	50,275.75	50,244.80	53,134.85
TA/Selectboard Expense	2,133.81	530.15	2,550.00	2,550.00
Town Clerk's Office				
Salaries & Wages - Town Clerk	50,761.21	51,195.82	49,498.80	55,078.40
Salaries & Wages - Asst. Clerk	8,968.27	12,835.58	12,784.20	14,040.00
Town Clerk Expense	635.00	903.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Clerk's Supplies	755.56	847.94	1,200.00	1,200.00
Records Digitization Grant Expense	16,150.35	-	-	-
Treasurer's Office				
Salaries & Wages - Treasurer	47,215.46	51,146.91	49,599.00	52,430.40
Salaries & Wages - Treasurer Asst.	7,968.61	323.92	13,167.73	20,800.00
Treasurer Expense	30.00	114.97	500.00	500.00
Auditor's				
Salaries & Wages - Auditor	-	-	300.00	300.00
Auditors Expense	11,000.00	-	-	11,000.00
Town Report	2,216.57	2,226.33	3,150.00	3,000.00
Salaries & Wages - Minutes Clerk	6,291.43	7,332.16	6,800.00	7,488.00
Salaries & Wages - Tech Asst.	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Delinquent Tax Commission	6,334.97	3,463.40	3,000.00	3,000.00
Payroll Taxes Expense	15,036.47	14,943.94	14,362.46	15,932.78
Unemployment Insurance	688.00	2,346.00	3,692.00	3,556.00
Vt. League of Cities & Towns	2,281.00	2,281.00	2,281.00	2,325.00
Advertising	211.12	1,842.27	800.00	800.00
Postage	3,072.73	4,144.11	3,500.00	4,500.00
Office Supplies	3,106.11	3,469.15	3,000.00	3,000.00
Training	206.00	584.00	1,500.00	1,000.00
Computer & Internet Expense	32,962.55	38,290.99	38,220.00	47,898.00

General Fund – Department Budgets

ADMINISTRATION	2020 Actual	2021 Actual	2021 Budget	2022 Budget
Website	634.97	1,227.98	1,400.00	1,400.00
Equipment - New	1,079.99	-	1,500.00	1,500.00
Equipment - Repair	-	188.80	500.00	500.00
Equipment Maintenance/Contracts	7,701.77	5,280.87	5,485.00	6,100.00
Travel/Mileage Expense	342.70	255.78	2,000.00	1,000.00
General Liability/Workers' Comp Insurance	3,327.00	3,854.00	6,149.00	4,563.25
Health/Dental/Eye Insurance	38,372.60	44,343.42	48,667.80	48,680.64
Retirement Plans	9,463.00	7,811.00	9,602.00	10,331.00
Telephone	3,443.93	3,755.44	3,000.00	3,500.00
Emergency Telephone	475.00	475.00	500.00	500.00
Professional Fees - Other	1,035.00	1,487.26	5,000.00	5,000.00
Water USDA Loan - Town Portion	-	6,792.80	6,792.80	6,792.80
Misc. Expense	0.51	189.18	-	-
Reimbursable Expenses	-	-	-	-
Total Expenses	<u>338,095.05</u>	<u>328,908.92</u>	<u>355,896.59</u>	<u>399,401.12</u>
Less Water USDA Loan - Town Portion	-	6,792.80	6,792.80	6,792.80
Total Operating Expenses	<u>338,095.05</u>	<u>322,116.12</u>	<u>349,103.79</u>	<u>392,608.32</u>
Net Revenues Over (Under) Expenses	<u>\$ (283,641.07)</u>	<u>\$ (290,589.68)</u>	<u>\$ (330,903.79)</u>	<u>\$ (375,708.32)</u>

Notes:

Salaries & Wages 2022: 5.7% cost of living adjustment (COLA) increase is included for all employees. In addition, Town Clerk hours have been increased from 38 to 40 hours per week and Assistant Town Clerk is receiving an additional 4.3% increase. Assistant Treasurer position was increased to 20 hours per week.

Computer & Internet Expense 2022: Includes IT contract, software licensing and support, IT replacement. Increased due to additional services now required because of cybersecurity and insurance requirements.

Equipment Maintenance/Contracts 2022: Contract maintenance for copiers only.

General Fund – Department Budgets

CEMETERY	2020 Actual	2021 Actual	2021 Budget	2022 Budget
Revenues				
Sale of Lots (60%)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Interest Income - Fund	-	-	-	-
Interest Income - CD	-	-	-	-
Total Revenues	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Expenses				
Cornerstones	-	-	150.00	150.00
Monument Repair/Maintenance	-	-	1,000.00	500.00
Insurance	25.00	27.00	27.00	28.00
Water	481.57	615.00	750.00	750.00
Contracted Services	8,336.75	8,095.00	9,075.00	9,075.00
Flag Expense	250.90	-	300.00	300.00
Misc. Expense	-	-	100.00	100.00
Total Expenses	<u>9,094.22</u>	<u>8,737.00</u>	<u>11,402.00</u>	<u>10,903.00</u>
Net Revenues Over (Under) Expenses	<u>\$ (9,094.22)</u>	<u>\$ (8,737.00)</u>	<u>\$ (11,402.00)</u>	<u>\$ (10,903.00)</u>



Mother/Daughter basketball game ended the season with fun for all.

General Fund – Department Budgets

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS	2020 Actual	2021 Actual	2021 Budget	2022 Budget
Revenues				
Misc. Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Revenues	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Expenses				
American Red Cross	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
The Mentoring Project	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Capstone Community Action	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
Central Vermont Adult Basic Ed, Inc.	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00
Central Vermont Council on Aging	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00
Clara Martin Center	1,545.00	1,545.00	1,545.00	1,545.00
Cohase Chamber of Commerce	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00
Green Up Vermont	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
Orange County Parent Child Center	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
Little Rivers Health Care	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Lake Fairlee Assoc. Milfoil	5,250.00	5,250.00	5,250.00	5,250.00
Orange County Restorative Justice Center	350.00	350.00	350.00	350.00
Orange East Senior Center	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Oxbow Senior Independence Program	300.00	-	-	-
Rivendell Trails Association	450.00	450.00	450.00	450.00
Rivendell Rec Association	1,500.00	750.00	750.00	750.00
Safeline	700.00	700.00	700.00	700.00
Tri-Valley Transit (Stagecoach Transportation)	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
Vermont. Assoc. for the Blind & Vis. Impaired	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
Vermont Center for Independent Living	155.00	155.00	155.00	155.00
Vermont Family Network	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00
Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
VNA/Hospice	5,500.00	5,500.00	5,500.00	5,500.00
WISE	-	-	-	400.00
Total Expenses	<u>26,700.00</u>	<u>25,650.00</u>	<u>25,650.00</u>	<u>26,050.00</u>
Net Revenues Over (Under) Expenses	<u>\$ (26,700.00)</u>	<u>\$ (25,650.00)</u>	<u>\$ (25,650.00)</u>	<u>\$ (26,050.00)</u>

General Fund – Department Budgets

EMERGENCY SERVICES & BUILDINGS	2020 Actual	2021 Actual	2021 Budget	2022 Budget
Revenues				
Emergency Building Rent	\$ 22,110.00	\$ 24,120.00	\$ 24,120.00	\$ 25,084.80
Water Usage Income	-	-	500.00	500.00
Misc. Income	-	2,759.47	-	-
Total Revenues	<u>22,110.00</u>	<u>26,879.47</u>	<u>24,620.00</u>	<u>25,584.80</u>
Expenses				
Equipment - New	-	45.65	-	-
Equipment - Repair	289.90	-	1,500.00	700.00
Building Repairs	2,537.05	2,133.14	10,000.00	11,150.00
Building Repairs - Old Fire Station	79.99	-	-	500.00
Contracted Services	410.00	330.00	900.00	500.00
Upper Valley Ambulance	42,988.00	44,942.00	45,402.00	48,412.00
Insurance	2,846.20	3,129.64	3,143.64	3,072.04
Electric	5,934.50	2,628.29	5,800.00	2,500.00
Propane	3,990.44	4,868.07	4,000.00	4,000.00
Water	473.82	392.76	500.00	550.00
Rubbish	1,352.00	1,248.00	1,250.00	1,250.00
Septic Pumping	-	375.00	400.00	-
Total Expenses	<u>60,901.90</u>	<u>60,092.55</u>	<u>72,895.64</u>	<u>72,634.04</u>
Net Revenues Over (Under) Expenses	<u>\$ (38,791.90)</u>	<u>\$ (33,213.08)</u>	<u>\$ (48,275.64)</u>	<u>\$ (47,049.24)</u>

Notes:

Misc. Income 2021: Insurance claim paid to the Town for damage done to the building (\$2,759.47), of which \$1,150 are for repairs that will be done in 2022 (see Building Repairs 2022).

Building Repairs 2021/2022: Repair ceiling in bay (\$8,000), repair bay door - insurance claim in 2021 (\$1,150), normal repairs and maintenance (\$2,000).

General Fund – Department Budgets

FIRE & RESCUE	2020	2021	2021	2022
	Actual	Actual	Budget	Budget
Revenues				
Misc. Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Revenues	-	-	-	-
Expenses				
Salaries & Wages - Fire	6,270.00	8,560.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
Salaries & Wages - FAST	1,900.00	1,808.80	4,200.00	4,200.00
Salaries & Wages - Fire Warden	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00
Payroll Taxes Expense	567.67	673.98	1,105.43	1,105.43
Advertising/Recruitment	-	-	500.00	500.00
Supplies - Fire	21.70	630.00	1,250.00	1,250.00
Supplies - FAST	261.45	683.97	3,000.00	3,000.00
Office Supplies	64.00	-	100.00	100.00
Training - Fire	-	250.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Training - FAST	684.00	319.98	1,500.00	1,500.00
Computer/Internet	2,051.88	1,469.88	2,098.00	1,890.00
Equipment - New Fire/Forestry	11,095.61	6,343.83	13,500.00	10,000.00
Equipment - New FAST	1,918.92	-	2,500.00	2,500.00
Equipment - Repair/Maintenance	2,084.07	252.25	5,000.00	5,000.00
Vehicle Operation/Maintenance	2,301.26	6,909.69	5,000.00	5,000.00
Insurance - Fire	8,880.79	8,421.45	9,058.67	8,972.70
Insurance - FAST	1,885.01	1,748.91	1,787.69	1,766.26
Telephone & Dispatch	12,640.48	12,919.24	13,000.00	14,800.00
Total Expenses	52,876.84	51,241.98	74,849.79	72,834.39
Net Revenues Over (Under) Expenses	\$ (52,876.84)	\$ (51,241.98)	\$ (74,849.79)	\$ (72,834.39)

General Fund – Department Budgets

HIGHWAY	2020	2021	2021	2022
	Actual	Actual	Budget	Budget
Revenues				
State Highway Funds	\$ 41,798.93	\$ 41,970.50	\$ 42,000.00	\$ 42,000.00
Access Permit Income	110.00	-	-	-
Work in ROW Permit Income	5.00	50.00	-	-
Grant Income - Misc.	156.91	986.99	-	-
Grant - Grants In Aid	4,590.94	-	6,300.00	13,947.60
Grant Income - Better Roads	5,872.23	-	12,486.62	16,251.91
Grant Income -Highway Equipment	-	-	-	6,430.00
Misc. Income	390.00	3,915.00	-	-
Total Revenues	<u>52,924.01</u>	<u>46,922.49</u>	<u>60,786.62</u>	<u>78,629.51</u>
Expenses				
Winter Roads	84,502.50	105,737.41	125,000.00	125,000.00
Sand/Salt/Aggregate	21,012.65	27,013.62	32,000.00	30,000.00
Summer Rd - Resurfacing	7,600.22	115.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
Summer Rd - Maintenance	48,430.57	59,311.83	42,000.00	42,000.00
Summer Rd - Ditching	4,493.33	1,280.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Summer Rd - Mowing	7,000.00	4,250.00	7,000.00	4,250.00
Summer Rd - Culvert Maintenance	10,419.21	-	7,600.00	3,600.00
Tree Removal/Trimming ROW	2,788.20	9,100.00	7,000.00	7,000.00
Guardrail - Maintenance & Repair	-	-	3,500.00	3,500.00
Street Signs - Maintenance & Repair	567.84	1,485.16	750.00	1,000.00
Summer Rd - Sweeping	2,030.00	2,030.00	2,000.00	2,500.00
Street Lighting	7,175.86	7,266.32	7,250.00	7,000.00
Special Projects	4,601.93	10.00	4,900.00	5,000.00
Municipal Roads General Permit	740.00	500.00	800.00	500.00
Highway Advertising	-	-	200.00	200.00
Insurance	199.00	214.00	214.00	229.00
Electric	26.98	281.77	500.00	300.00
Grant Expense - LMR Culverts	7,340.29	-	-	-
Grant Expense - Grants in Aid	5,438.68	9,059.45	7,875.00	8,375.00
Grant Expense - Better Roads	-	-	15,608.28	20,314.88
Grant Expense - Highway Equipment	-	-	-	8,338.00
Misc. Expense	-	-	-	-
Total Expenses	<u>214,367.26</u>	<u>227,654.56</u>	<u>289,197.28</u>	<u>294,106.88</u>
Net Revenues Over (Under) Expenses	<u>\$ (161,443.25)</u>	<u>\$ (180,732.07)</u>	<u>\$ (228,410.66)</u>	<u>\$ (215,477.37)</u>

Notes:

Grant Income/Expense - Grants in Aid 2021/2022: Grant income for 2021 not received until 2022 (\$7,247.55). New Grants in Aid received in 2022 (\$6,700) for additional culvert replacement and ditching.

Grant Income/Expense - Better Roads 2022: Better Roads grant for Lake Morey Road culvert by Hylander's was rejected in 2021. Applying for same grant again in 2022.

General Fund – Department Budgets

LIBRARY	2020 Actual	2021 Actual	2021 Budget	2022 Budget
Revenues				
Book Income	\$ 36.50	\$ 106.91	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Program Income	-	-	50.00	50.00
Computer Income	212.90	213.51	200.00	200.00
Copier Income	77.96	91.60	100.00	100.00
Postage Income	218.06	266.05	200.00	200.00
Grant Income - Library	-	200.00	200.00	200.00
Grant Income - ARPA	-	2,000.00	-	-
Friends of Lib Donation	-	9,593.75	-	-
Total Revenues	545.42	12,471.82	800.00	800.00
Expenses				
Salaries & Wages - Librarian	37,676.48	43,249.09	38,711.00	44,092.00
Salaries & Wages - Sub. Salary	74.36	822.95	1,238.00	1,355.40
Salaries & Wages - Cleaning	2,619.82	2,635.67	2,985.00	3,155.15
Salaries & Wages - Seasonal Asst.	-	-	1,416.00	400.00
Salaries & Wages - Handyman	630.33	756.75	898.00	1,484.03
Payroll Taxes Expense	3,307.74	3,567.95	3,461.47	3,862.22
Automation System Maintenance	615.17	555.66	750.00	1,000.00
Books	3,950.32	4,271.35	4,000.00	4,200.00
Books - Juvenile	3,047.85	2,824.32	2,800.00	3,000.00
Media (DVD's, audio books etc.)	1,326.76	1,160.44	1,400.00	1,400.00
Subscriptions	310.80	506.35	460.00	500.00
Inter-Library Loan for Lost Books	-	22.00	50.00	50.00
Audio/Visual Co-ops	673.50	707.80	595.00	595.00
Prizes	149.89	49.89	175.00	175.00
Programs	861.63	1,428.76	1,400.00	1,000.00
Public Relations	49.99	157.70	75.00	75.00
Computer Expense	4,118.96	2,471.49	4,000.00	3,740.00
Copier Expense	84.54	82.98	250.00	200.00
Annual Cleaning Expense	495.00	-	550.00	550.00
Postage	422.63	1,009.94	1,000.00	1,000.00
Supplies	671.34	1,082.29	800.00	900.00
Custodial Supplies	471.62	494.01	450.00	600.00
Conf., Dues & Workshops	-	-	500.00	200.00
Equipment - New	694.50	559.10	675.00	600.00
Equipment - Repair/Maintenance	352.50	1,494.62	800.00	800.00
Building Repairs	2,600.70	1,525.55	2,500.00	2,500.00
Library - Demolition	-	9,629.50	-	-
Mileage	197.80	286.02	550.00	200.00
Insurance-Contents/Building	2,685.00	2,573.00	2,573.00	2,656.00
Health/Dental/Eye Insurance	11,303.16	11,594.08	11,781.24	10,639.92
Retirement	-	968.00	1,936.00	-
Telephone	432.08	500.34	400.00	500.00
Computer Telephone	1,768.11	1,679.88	1,680.00	1,680.00
Electric	3,925.44	3,170.45	2,500.00	3,000.00
Security	288.00	288.00	288.00	-

General Fund – Department Budgets

LIBRARY	2020 <u>Actual</u>	2021 <u>Actual</u>	2021 <u>Budget</u>	2022 <u>Budget</u>
Fuel	1,648.48	1,529.40	2,000.00	2,500.00
Water	473.82	392.76	500.00	550.00
Septic	-	-	-	400.00
Grant Expense - Library	-	200.00	-	-
Grant Expense - ARPA	-	-	-	-
Total Expenses	<u>87,928.32</u>	<u>104,248.09</u>	<u>96,147.71</u>	<u>99,559.72</u>
Net Revenues Over (Under) Expenses	<u>\$ (87,382.90)</u>	<u>\$ (91,776.27)</u>	<u>\$ (95,347.71)</u>	<u>\$ (98,759.72)</u>

Notes:

Salaries & Wages 2022: Includes 5.7% COLA for all positions. Librarian position received a 7.76% increase in salary in July 2021. Handyman position (formly called Grounds) now based on 1.5 hours per week at \$19.03/hour.

Grant Income/Expense -ARPA 2022: Grant income received in 2021 but will be expended in 2022.

Treasurer's Statement Oct. 24, 1950.

Balance in the General Fund March 1950	\$0.14
Voted at Town Meeting March 1950	<u>\$900.00</u>
	\$900.14

Disbursements.

Blake's Hardware		\$5.98
H.W. Johnson & Sons		8.20
Elmer Fay, Hauling Gravel		22.50
Norman Barrett " "		20.70
Insurance; liability etc.		26.00
Harold Sargent		56.25
R.J. Gulick, 210 Yds. Gravel		21.00
Fred Hayward, Hauling Sand		41.25
Chapman's Pharmacy		9.98
Drew. Labor at Beach		22.80
Leonard Drew, Jr.		450.00
		<u>\$684.66</u>
Balance on hand in general fund to date		<u>\$215.48</u>
		\$684.66

Balance in Operations Fund	142.66
Balance in Private Account (donations, etc.)	5.33

As I was away so much at the first of the season, did not have some of these items. However have checked with the Town Treasurer and the above agrees with her records.

Helena Anderson, Treas.

General Fund – Department Budgets

LISTERS	2020 Actual	2021 Actual	2021 Budget	2022 Budget
Revenues				
State of Vermont - Current Use	\$ 73,183.00	\$ 77,774.00	\$ 73,000.00	\$ 77,000.00
State of Vermont - PILOT	537.60	537.60	538.00	538.00
Transfer from Reappraisal Reserve Fund	22,298.65	38,306.33	43,000.00	30,000.00
Total Revenues	<u>96,019.25</u>	<u>116,617.93</u>	<u>116,538.00</u>	<u>107,538.00</u>
Expenses				
Salaries & Wages	39,401.27	47,792.01	51,184.00	54,103.27
Payroll Taxes Expense	3,128.90	3,656.04	3,915.58	4,138.90
Map Maintenance	2,700.00	2,700.00	2,700.00	3,500.00
User Assoc. Fees	100.00	50.00	160.00	160.00
CAMA/MICROSOLVE	562.30	661.25	600.00	480.00
Reappraisal Contract	16,620.00	25,320.00	25,320.00	14,485.00
Postage	318.00	350.00	350.00	1,000.00
Supplies	168.71	656.20	500.00	500.00
Mileage	120.75	156.80	500.00	350.00
Professional Fees	-	-	1,000.00	10,000.00
Misc. Expense	-	-	100.00	100.00
Total Expenses	<u>63,119.93</u>	<u>81,342.30</u>	<u>86,329.58</u>	<u>88,817.17</u>
Net Revenues Over (Under) Expenses	<u>\$ 32,899.32</u>	<u>\$ 35,275.63</u>	<u>\$ 30,208.42</u>	<u>\$ 18,720.83</u>

Notes:

Salaries & Wages 2022: Includes 5.7% COLA increase.

Transfer from Reappraisal Reserve Fund 2021/2022: All expenses related to the reappraisal (extra 15 hours per week, contract with VT Appraisal Co., postage, and supplies) are/will be covered by the transfer of funds from the Reappraisal Reserve Fund #53.

Professional Fees 2022: In antipation of BCA hearing appraisals which will require VT Appraisal Co. to provide additional services.

General Fund – Department Budgets

LAKE & TOWN FOREST (MILFOIL)

	<u>2020 Actual</u>	<u>2021 Actual</u>	<u>2021 Budget</u>	<u>2022 Budget</u>
Revenues				
Grant Inc - State of VT	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Grant Inc - State of VT (Previous Yr.)	22,582.00	20,930.00	20,930.00	18,000.00
Misc. Income - In-kind	20,727.75	22,102.50	23,000.00	15,000.00
Misc. Income - Donations	5,421.66	6,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Total Revenues	<u>48,731.41</u>	<u>49,032.50</u>	<u>48,930.00</u>	<u>38,000.00</u>
Expenses				
Salaries & Wages - Boat Greeter	11,298.13	11,094.25	10,000.00	11,000.00
Payroll Taxes Expense	863.53	848.70	765.00	841.50
In-kind Expense	20,727.75	22,102.50	23,000.00	15,000.00
Supplies	-	105.44	-	115.00
Gasoline/Oil	25.34	69.02	60.00	60.00
Contractual	19,462.50	7,185.00	15,000.00	10,000.00
Equipment - Repair/Maintenance	184.00	1,240.20	200.00	200.00
Equipment - Storage	714.50	170.00	800.00	800.00
Insurance	1,037.00	920.00	920.00	974.00
Misc. Expense	25.03	127.20	150.00	150.00
Misc. Expense - TA Salary	1,750.00	1,750.00	1,750.00	1,849.75
Total Expenses	<u>56,087.78</u>	<u>45,612.31</u>	<u>52,645.00</u>	<u>40,990.25</u>
Net Revenues Over (Under) Expenses	<u>\$ (7,356.37)</u>	<u>\$ 3,420.19</u>	<u>\$ (3,715.00)</u>	<u>\$ (2,990.25)</u>

Notes:

Contractual 2022: Hand pulling of milfoil and testing by Solitude. No treatment planned for 2022.

General Fund – Department Budgets

OTHER	2020 Actual	2021 Actual	2021 Budget	2022 Budget
Revenues				
Grant Income - Hazardous Mitigation Plan	\$ -	\$ 7,037.56	\$ 7,596.95	\$ -
Grant Income - CTCL	5,000.00	-	-	-
Misc Income	1,000.00	2,618.88	-	-
Total Revenues	<u>6,000.00</u>	<u>9,656.44</u>	<u>7,596.95</u>	<u>-</u>
Expenses				
Board of Civil Authority	82.31	99.58	500.00	3,500.00
Elections	9,335.68	2,513.09	3,500.00	6,300.00
County Tax	53,907.83	54,518.71	58,000.00	55,000.00
Memorial Day/July 4th	480.43	334.64	2,000.00	2,000.00
Land Records Restoration	500.00	255.27	1,000.00	500.00
Fireworks	6,000.00	-	-	6,000.00
Emergency Management	82.96	-	200.00	200.00
Grant Expenses - Hazardous Mitigation Plan	7,596.95	-	-	-
Total Expenses	<u>77,986.16</u>	<u>57,721.29</u>	<u>65,200.00</u>	<u>73,500.00</u>
Net Revenues Over (Under) Expenses	<u>\$ (71,986.16)</u>	<u>\$ (48,064.85)</u>	<u>\$ (57,603.05)</u>	<u>\$ (73,500.00)</u>

Notes:

Board of Civil Authority 2022: Increased due to anticipated Town-wide reappraisal tax appeals. Plan to compensate BCA members \$12.55/hour (to match minimum wage) for tax appeals.

Elections 2022: Town Meeting in March by Australian ballot (again due to COVID), Primary Election in August and General Election in November, includes pay increase for poll workers from \$10.00/hour to \$12.55/hour (to match minimum wage).

General Fund – Department Budgets

POLICE	2020 Actual	2021 Actual	2021 Budget	2022 Budget
Revenues				
Fines & Fees	\$ 831.02	\$ 269.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Misc Income	-	803.44	-	-
Total Revenues	<u>831.02</u>	<u>1,072.44</u>	<u>500.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>
Expenses				
Salaries & Wages	11,200.00	12,463.01	13,000.00	14,153.23
Payroll Taxes Expense	856.81	953.45	994.50	1,082.72
Subcontractors	19,323.00	15,155.00	18,300.00	48,300.00
Uniforms	-	-	100.00	150.00
Supplies/Forms	18.99	38.96	50.00	100.00
Training	100.00	-	100.00	100.00
Computer/Internet	488.25	128.19	550.00	1,056.00
Equipment/Fees	545.77	1,108.06	500.00	676.00
Equipment Repair	34.79	607.27	100.00	100.00
Vehicle Expense	1,357.21	665.12	1,500.00	1,000.00
Insurance	4,091.00	2,899.00	3,481.00	3,644.00
Dispatch PD	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
Animal Control	188.40	782.62	500.00	600.00
Total Expenses	<u>41,704.22</u>	<u>38,300.68</u>	<u>42,675.50</u>	<u>74,461.95</u>
Net Revenues Over (Under) Expenses	<u>\$ (40,873.20)</u>	<u>\$ (37,228.24)</u>	<u>\$ (42,175.50)</u>	<u>\$ (73,961.95)</u>

Notes:

Salaries & Wages 2022: Includes 5.7% COLA increase. Budget is for 10 hours per week for Police Chief.

Subcontractors 2022: Increased to allow for 20 hours per week for a dedicated officer patrol coverage from Orange County Sheriff's Department (OCSD), hours to be decided by Town. Current contract with OCSD is for no set hours and based solely on their availability.

General Fund – Department Budgets

RAILROAD STATION	2020 Actual	2021 Actual	2021 Budget	2022 Budget
Revenues				
Grant Income	\$ -	\$ 6,250.00	\$ 6,242.00	\$ -
Grant Income - Park and Ride @ RR	-	-	-	12,000.00
Railroad Station Rent	4,225.00	5,200.00	5,200.00	5,200.00
Other Income	-	-	-	380.88
Transfer from RR Station Fund	-	-	-	1,282.12
Total Revenues	<u>4,225.00</u>	<u>11,450.00</u>	<u>11,442.00</u>	<u>18,863.00</u>
Expenses				
Grant Expense	6,419.43	-	-	-
Insurance	1,319.00	1,291.00	1,291.00	1,288.00
Electric	593.36	1,037.09	600.00	600.00
Property Improvement/Maintenance	1,636.79	1,320.87	500.00	500.00
Water	412.57	342.00	425.00	475.00
Contracted Services	563.00	1,223.00	1,200.00	1,000.00
Grant Expense - Park and Ride @ RR	-	-	-	15,000.00
Transfer to RR Station Fund	-	-	7,426.00	-
Total Expenses	<u>10,944.15</u>	<u>5,213.96</u>	<u>11,442.00</u>	<u>18,863.00</u>
Net Revenues Over (Under) Expenses	<u>\$ (6,719.15)</u>	<u>\$ 6,236.04</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

Notes:

Other Income 2022: Reimbursement from construction company (that did work behind the Railroad Station in 2021) for electricity used. Reason why Electric in 2021 was over by so much.

Transfer to/from RR Station Fund: Funds not being transferred in 2021 as Net Revenues Over Expenses is due to grant income received in 2021 but was expended in 2020. By not transferring this, RR Station Fund is paying the Town back. In 2022 funds will be transferred from the RR Station Fund to help pay for the \$3,000 match towards the grant.

Grant Income/Expense - Park and Ride @ RR Station 2022: Grant received for the construction of a bus shelter.

General Fund – Department Budgets

RECREATION COUNCIL	2020 <u>Actual</u>	2021 <u>Actual</u>	2021 <u>Budget</u>	2022 <u>Budget</u>
Revenues				
Swim Lesson Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Swim Lesson Fees - Non-Resident	-	-	800.00	800.00
Beach Pass - Resident	632.50	517.50	1,000.00	1,000.00
Beach Pass - Non-Resident	-	-	1,000.00	-
Beach Pass - Day	1,340.00	-	500.00	-
Grant Income	-	-	4,000.00	-
Misc. Income	120.00	-	-	-
Total Revenues	<u>2,092.50</u>	<u>517.50</u>	<u>7,800.00</u>	<u>2,300.00</u>
Expenses				
Salaries & Wages - Beach Staff	5,894.00	7,765.50	9,600.00	8,000.00
Salaries & Wages - Beach Manager	280.00	-	5,000.00	4,000.00
Salaries & Wages - Beach Maintenance	-	1,881.00	-	2,000.00
Payroll Taxes Expense	295.50	737.93	1,116.90	1,071.00
Red Cross	-	-	1,500.00	1,500.00
Beach - Operations/Maintenance	993.52	2,004.12	1,250.00	1,800.00
Beach - Buildings/Grounds	1,404.11	100.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Special Activities	373.01	837.71	1,250.00	1,250.00
Winter Activities	-	200.00	360.00	525.00
Grant Expense	-	-	4,000.00	-
Advertising	-	160.89	200.00	200.00
Equipment - New	152.63	754.72	1,000.00	1,000.00
Insurance	1,241.00	1,104.00	1,104.00	984.00
Telephone	425.48	487.56	400.00	450.00
Electric	261.86	283.55	300.00	300.00
Water	412.57	432.00	850.00	700.00
Misc. Expense	-	-	-	-
Total Expenses	<u>11,733.68</u>	<u>16,748.98</u>	<u>29,930.90</u>	<u>25,780.00</u>
Net Revenues Over (Under) Expenses	<u>\$ (9,641.18)</u>	<u>\$ (16,231.48)</u>	<u>\$ (22,130.90)</u>	<u>\$ (23,480.00)</u>

Notes:

Salaries & Wages: Recreation Council was unable to find certified instructors to teach swim lessons so they were not offered in 2021, lifeguards were hired at reduced hours to keep the beach open. The hope is that certified instructors will be available for 2022. Beach Maintenance now being done by hired handyman instead of relying on beach staff.

General Fund – Department Budgets

TOWN HALL & PARKS	2020 Actual	2021 Actual	2021 Budget	2022 Budget
Revenues				
Town Common Rent	\$ -	\$ 350.00	\$ -	\$ -
Town Hall Rent	175.00	114.00	-	-
Vendor Permit Fees	40.00	240.00	-	200.00
Grant Income - Comm. Arts	-	14,866.00	17,000.00	14,866.40
Misc. Income - Donation	-	15,000.00	17,000.00	-
Misc. Income	1,000.00	7,066.19	-	-
Total Revenues	<u>1,215.00</u>	<u>37,636.19</u>	<u>34,000.00</u>	<u>15,066.40</u>
Expenses				
Salaries & Wages	5,498.06	8,560.67	8,000.00	12,331.17
Payroll Taxes Expense	420.64	654.90	612.00	943.33
Parks	339.77	2,126.18	1,000.00	6,000.00
Grant Expense	-	29,905.29	34,000.00	-
Custodial Supplies	395.20	966.66	800.00	1,000.00
Equipment - New	2,801.60	944.96	2,000.00	3,000.00
Equipment - Repair	484.05	39.47	250.00	250.00
Building Repairs, Maint. & Improv.	6,174.58	13,706.91	14,000.00	12,000.00
Insurance	5,946.00	5,895.00	5,895.00	6,015.00
Electric	20,054.36	13,003.73	12,000.00	12,000.00
Heating Fuel/Propane	963.12	635.72	2,000.00	2,000.00
Rubbish Removal	287.50	375.00	600.00	400.00
Water	822.32	681.63	870.00	950.00
Septic Pumping	-	415.00	425.00	-
Contracted Services	18,364.39	16,592.53	17,125.00	17,125.00
Total Expenses	<u>62,551.59</u>	<u>94,503.65</u>	<u>99,577.00</u>	<u>74,014.50</u>
Net Revenues Over (Under) Expenses	<u>\$ (61,336.59)</u>	<u>\$ (56,867.46)</u>	<u>\$ (65,577.00)</u>	<u>\$ (58,948.10)</u>

Notes:

Misc. Income 2021: \$5,788.19 transferred from the Water Dept. to reimburse the Town for the Water Dept.'s portion of the electric bill from 2020 that was all applied to the Town Hall. Also includes \$1,278.00 for insurance claim for broken large window in Town Clerk's office.

Salaries & Wages 2021/2022: Used/moved funds from the Trash & Recycling Salaries & Wages line item. Also includes 5.7% COLA for 2022.

Parks 2022: Repairing floor joists in Bandstand, painting of the flag pole, planting of flowers, port-a-potty rental for 3 months, extra yard work.

Grant Income/Expense 2021: Grant received for the purchase and installation of a stage lighting system in the Town Hall Auditorium. This grant, which required a 50% match, is supported in part by the Vermont Arts Council and the State of Vermont. The match was raised and donated by Fairlee Community Arts.

General Fund – Department Budgets

TRASH & RECYCLING	2020	2021	2021	2022
	Actual	Actual	Budget	Budget
Revenues				
Dump Pass	\$ 632.50	\$ 517.50	\$ 700.00	\$ 1,000.00
Scrap Metal	1,395.18	4,299.12	900.00	1,500.00
Aluminum	66.63	111.75	150.00	100.00
Grant Income - Green Up	-	84.00	200.00	200.00
Total Revenues	<u>2,094.31</u>	<u>5,012.37</u>	<u>1,950.00</u>	<u>2,800.00</u>
Expenses				
Salaries & Wages	2,295.81	2,943.00	8,000.00	2,968.06
Payroll Taxes Expense	175.72	225.13	612.00	227.06
Recycling	17,329.00	15,996.00	15,996.00	15,996.00
Facility Maintenance	1,895.14	648.18	1,000.00	1,000.00
Metal Dump	440.00	440.00	350.00	-
Brush Dump	4,585.00	4,500.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Membership Fee - CVSWD	490.00	980.00	980.00	980.00
Composting	1,291.00	1,569.00	1,200.00	1,600.00
Green-Up Expense	59.00	99.37	200.00	200.00
Insurance	1,055.00	796.00	796.00	836.00
Contracted Services	-	1,200.00	1,440.00	1,440.00
Total Expenses	<u>29,615.67</u>	<u>29,396.68</u>	<u>35,574.00</u>	<u>30,247.12</u>
Net Revenues Over (Under) Expenses	<u>\$ (27,521.36)</u>	<u>\$ (24,384.31)</u>	<u>\$ (33,624.00)</u>	<u>\$ (27,447.12)</u>

Salaries & Wages 2021/2022: Used/moved funds to the Town Hall Salaries & Wages line item. Also includes 5.7% COLA for 2022.

General Fund – Department Budgets

TRI-TOWN COMMISSION (Fairlee's 34%)	2020 <u>Actual</u>	2021 <u>Actual</u>	2021 <u>Budget</u>	2022 <u>Budget</u>
Revenues				
Misc. Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Revenues	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Expenses				
Stipend - Maint.	170.00	170.00	170.00	170.00
Stipend - Treasurer	136.00	136.00	136.00	170.00
VLCT Dues	-	646.00	340.00	340.00
VLCT Property & Casualty Insurance	425.00	420.58	425.00	425.00
State of VT Fee	-	68.00	68.00	68.00
Assoc. of State Dam Safety Officers	-	-	-	18.70
Legal Fees	-	-	340.00	-
Dam Maint. (Signs & Buoys)	-	-	238.00	1,530.00
Total Expenses	<u>731.00</u>	<u>1,440.58</u>	<u>1,717.00</u>	<u>2,721.70</u>
Net Revenues Over (Under) Expenses	<u>\$ (731.00)</u>	<u>\$ (1,440.58)</u>	<u>\$ (1,717.00)</u>	<u>\$ (2,721.70)</u>

Notes:

Dam Maint. (Signs & Buoys): Buoys were not able to be purchased in 2021 as they were found to be more expensive than originally budgeted. New estimates have now been received and work will be performed in 2022.

General Fund – Department Budgets

ZONING	2020 <u>Actual</u>	2021 <u>Actual</u>	2021 <u>Budget</u>	2022 <u>Budget</u>
Revenues				
ZA Permit Fees	\$ 3,125.60	\$ 5,844.50	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,000.00
Grant Income - Planning Grant	5,000.00	5,733.00	8,190.00	2,457.00
Grant Income - BC Health	7,314.00	-	-	-
Grant Income - Better Connections	77,005.19	11,545.66	17,046.32	-
Total Revenues	<u>92,444.79</u>	<u>23,123.16</u>	<u>28,736.32</u>	<u>5,457.00</u>
Expenses				
Salaries & Wages - Planner/ZA	35,553.60	36,614.33	36,613.20	38,700.15
Salaries & Wages - E911 Coordinator	344.42	250.00	250.00	250.00
Payroll Taxes Expense	2,746.26	2,820.20	2,820.03	2,979.69
Regional Energy Coordinator	5,150.00	2,350.00	2,350.00	-
ESRI Software Update	300.00	300.00	800.00	800.00
Regional Planning Commission	1,495.00	1,495.00	1,495.00	1,561.00
Green Mtn Economic Development	-	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
VCDA Membership Dues	-	-	50.00	50.00
VT Council on Rural Development Fees	-	-	150.00	150.00
Grant Expense - Planning Grant	-	5,272.94	9,100.00	3,827.06
Grant Expense - BC Health	5,974.00	-	-	-
Grant Expense - Better Connections	89,634.74	12,502.46	18,104.90	-
Better Connections Non-reimbursable Exp.	2,000.00	385.00	-	-
Advertising	333.58	651.85	500.00	500.00
Supplies	-	-	500.00	250.00
Equipment	-	-	200.00	200.00
Training/Mileage	172.33	209.64	1,000.00	500.00
Professional Fees	-	-	-	-
Total Expenses	<u>143,703.93</u>	<u>63,851.42</u>	<u>74,933.13</u>	<u>50,767.90</u>
Net Revenues Over (Under) Expenses	<u>\$ (51,259.14)</u>	<u>\$ (40,728.26)</u>	<u>\$ (46,196.81)</u>	<u>\$ (45,310.90)</u>

Notes:

Salaries & Wages 2022: Includes 5.7% COLA increase.

General Fund – Department Budgets

WATER	2020 Actual	2021 Actual	2021 Budget	2022 Budget
Revenues				
Annual Water Rent	\$ 136,800.84	\$ 93,538.85	\$ 143,640.88	\$ 146,513.70
Metered Water Rent	9,926.94	20,694.16	19,744.66	20,139.55
Seasonal Water Rent	17,371.20	13,570.37	18,239.76	18,604.56
Late Fees	592.82	-	500.00	500.00
Water Hookup Fees	2,000.00	1,500.00	-	1,500.00
Misc. Income	-	-	-	-
State of VT Loan - Asset Mgmt. Program	-	13,592.82	28,900.00	15,307.18
State of VT Loan - Village Septic PER	-	-	-	76,000.00
Interest Income	-	1,412.57	-	1,000.00
Town Portion of Loan Payment	-	6,792.80	6,792.80	6,792.80
USDA Anticipation Loan Proceeds	771,553.38	-	-	-
USDA Grant Proceeds	483,203.77	1,078,371.19	1,160,796.23	82,425.04
Total Revenues	<u>1,421,448.95</u>	<u>1,229,472.76</u>	<u>1,378,614.33</u>	<u>368,782.83</u>
Less Town Portion of Loan Payment	-	6,792.80	6,792.80	6,792.80
Less Water Users Portion of Loan Payment	-	60,921.20	60,921.20	60,921.20
Total Revenues for Operating	<u>1,421,448.95</u>	<u>1,161,758.76</u>	<u>1,310,900.33</u>	<u>301,068.83</u>
Expenses				
Salaries & Wages - Operations	10,733.60	12,921.83	12,000.00	12,660.00
Salaries & Wages - Accounting	-	1,960.17	10,400.00	10,400.00
Payroll Taxes Expense	845.13	1,130.07	1,713.60	1,764.09
Advertising	32.18	28.60	150.00	150.00
Computer, Internet & Cyber Security	-	-	-	240.00
Discounts Allowed	5,716.29	-	-	-
Dues and Subscriptions	275.00	275.00	275.00	275.00
Insurance	2,603.00	3,599.00	3,599.00	2,796.00
Mileage/Travel Reimb	713.12	561.99	750.00	750.00
Office Supplies	-	66.50	500.00	500.00
Postage	146.40	315.54	500.00	500.00
Professional Fees	5,432.87	-	5,000.00	7,000.00
Professional Fees - Asset Mgmt. Program	4,276.00	17,641.82	24,624.00	6,982.18
Professional Fees - Village Septic PER	-	1,916.20	-	76,000.00
Professional Fees - Water Tank	-	-	-	-
Professional Fees - USDA	1,631,953.99	608,954.99	504,308.31	70,774.41
Pump House Repairs & Maintenance	12,049.60	19,277.37	25,000.00	15,000.00
Filtration System Repairs & Maintenance	-	2,889.04	5,000.00	1,000.00
Reservoir Tank Repairs & Maintenance	-	-	1,000.00	5,000.00
Water Lines Repair & Maintenance	14,181.12	14,635.69	17,000.00	17,000.00
Meters Repair & Maintenance	-	978.12	-	1,000.00
Special Projects	51,489.91	13,804.05	11,000.00	11,000.00
Gate Valve/Hydrants	2,439.86	1,214.82	5,000.00	5,000.00
State of Vermont	628.70	924.57	1,000.00	1,000.00
Telephone/Internet/Cybersecurity	1,779.40	1,904.09	1,500.00	2,500.00
Training	-	48.00	200.00	200.00
Treasurer/TA Salary	4,982.00	4,982.00	4,982.00	5,425.00
Testing Water	1,456.44	1,355.00	2,000.00	2,000.00

General Fund – Department Budgets

WATER	2020 Actual	2021 Actual	2021 Budget	2022 Budget
Electric	4,541.62	16,120.56	8,500.00	12,000.00
Propane	887.50	2,904.84	1,500.00	3,000.00
Other Expenses	175.00	1,101.00	-	-
Water Bond Payment - USDA	-	67,714.00	67,714.00	67,714.00
Total Expenses	1,757,338.73	799,224.86	715,215.91	339,630.68
Less Water Bond Payment	-	67,714.00	67,714.00	67,714.00
Total Operating Expenses	1,757,338.73	731,510.86	647,501.91	271,916.68
Net Revenues Over (Under) Expenses	\$ (335,889.78)	\$ 430,247.90	\$ 663,398.42	\$ 29,152.15

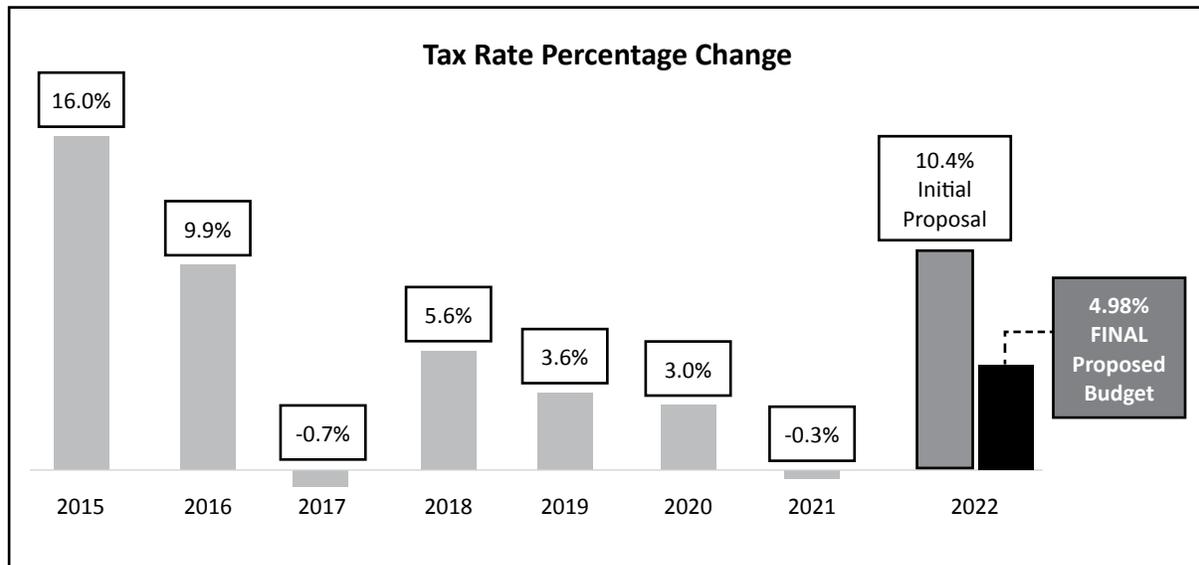
Notes:

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Water Rents 2022: Includes a 2% increase.

Salaries & Wages 2022: Includes 5.7% COLA increase.

Professional Fees - Village Septic PER 2022: Loan forgiveness program received from the State of Vermont to do a preliminary engineer report (PER) on a village septic system concept.



Capital Budget

Town Buildings and Lands Reserve

	<u>2020 Actual</u>	<u>2021 Actual</u>	<u>2022 Budget</u>
RESERVE BALANCE, 1 JANUARY	\$ 162,006	\$ 201,573	\$ 209,455
RECEIPTS:			
Annual Appropriation	40,000	35,000	32,000
Debt Service Appropriation	56,573	56,573	56,573
Interest Income	227	496	-
Additional funding	-	-	8,000
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>258,806</u>	<u>293,642</u>	<u>306,028</u>
DISBURSEMENTS:			
Town Hall windows	-	2,000	26,000
RR Station - sills & renovation	-	-	8,000
Town Hall - generator	-	-	40,000
Transfer Station improvements	660	15,825	60,000
Facility painting	-	-	30,000
EMS facility	-	9,789	-
Village enhancement	-	-	6,000
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	<u>660</u>	<u>27,614</u>	<u>170,000</u>
Debt - Town Hall	<u>56,573</u>	<u>56,573</u>	<u>56,573</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS AND DEBT	<u>57,233</u>	<u>84,187</u>	<u>226,573</u>
 RESERVE BALANCE, 31 DECEMBER	 <u>\$ 201,573</u>	 <u>\$ 209,455</u>	 <u>\$ 79,455</u>

Notes:

Additional funding: \$8,000 from Railroad Station Reserve Fund.

Town Hall windows: Replace windows in the first floor of the Town Hall.

RR Station - sills & renovation: Using funds from the Railroad Station Reserve fund to correct drainage issue.

Town Hall generator: Purchase and install generator at the Town Hall.

Transfer Station improvements: Improvements to begin implementation based on the 2021 Transfer Station Study.

Facility painting: Begin painting of the Town Hall.

Village Enhancement: Tree arboist to assess and prune trees on Town properties.

Emergency Equipment Reserve

	<u>2020 Actual</u>	<u>2021 Actual</u>	<u>2022 Budget</u>
RESERVE BALANCE, 1 JANUARY	\$ 162,679	\$ 149,929	\$ 168,337
RECEIPTS:			
Annual Appropriation	10,000	18,000	20,000
Grant Income	-	-	15,000
Interest Income	165	408	-
Additional funding	2,000	-	-
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>174,844</u>	<u>168,337</u>	<u>203,337</u>

Capital Budget

DISBURSEMENTS:

Wilderness Response equipment	-	-	30,000
Police Cruiser	24,915	-	-
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	24,915	-	30,000
Debt - Emergency Equipment	-	-	-
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS AND DEBT	24,915	-	30,000

RESERVE BALANCE, 31 DECEMBER	\$ 149,929	\$ 168,337	\$ 173,337
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Notes:

Wilderness Response equipment: Fire Department and FAST Squad would like to begin adding equipment for Wilderness Response (i.e. town forest and lake). First major equipment to be purchased would be a 4-wheeler (or something equivalent) to be able to respond to emergencies in the woods, along with a trailer to house all equipment needed for wilderness responses.

Town Highway Reserve

	<u>2020 Actual</u>	<u>2021 Actual</u>	<u>2022 Budget</u>
RESERVE BALANCE, 1 JANUARY	\$ 179,283	\$ 179,617	\$ 13,807
RECEIPTS:			
Annual Appropriation	90,000	90,000	130,000
Grant	62,839	-	357,382
Vtrans - Supplemental	-	2,322	-
ARPA Funds	-	-	40,000
Interest Income	221	263	-
TOTAL RECEIPTS	332,343	272,202	541,189
DISBURSEMENTS:			
Lake Morey Road	100,202	168,705	100,000
General Paving	45,924	64,176	95,000
Culverts/bridges/structures	6,600	25,514	-
Stormwater Mitigation	-	-	176,000
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	152,726	258,395	371,000
Debt - Highway	-	-	-
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS AND DEBT	152,726	258,395	371,000
RESERVE BALANCE, 31 DECEMBER	\$ 179,617	\$ 13,807	\$ 170,189

Notes:

Grant - VTrans: Includes grant received for Stormwater Mitigation (\$136,000), Class 2 Grant income (\$146,382), expenditures in 2021 and assumed extra grant money through Infrastructure grants (\$75,000).

ARPA Funds: \$40,000 of ARPA funds will be used as matching funds for Stormwater Mitigation grant.

Lake Morey Road: Assumed Infrastructure grant.

General paving: Based on paving schedule - Mallory Road.

Capital Budget

Lake Reserve

	<u>2020 Actual</u>	<u>2021 Actual</u>	<u>2022 Budget</u>
RESERVE BALANCE, 1 JANUARY	\$ 31,800	\$ 31,655	\$ 21,837
RECEIPTS:			
Annual Appropriation	7,500	7,000	7,500
Debt Service Appropriation	21,000	21,000	21,000
Donations	-	17,167	-
Interest Income	37	51	-
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>60,337</u>	<u>76,873</u>	<u>50,337</u>
DISBURSEMENTS:			
Lake Morey Treatment	-	34,650	-
Beach House Roof	7,900	-	-
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	<u>7,900</u>	<u>34,650</u>	<u>-</u>
Debt - Lake Fairlee Dam	20,782	20,386	21,000
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS AND DEBT	<u>28,682</u>	<u>55,036</u>	<u>21,000</u>
 RESERVE BALANCE, 31 DECEMBER	 <u>\$ 31,655</u>	 <u>\$ 21,837</u>	 <u>\$ 29,337</u>

Notes:

Milfoil: No treatments in 2022.

TOTAL ALL CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS,

31 DECEMBER \$ 562,774 \$ 413,436 \$ 452,318

Please Note: The detail above is based on the 10-year plan beginning in 2020, which can be viewed in its entirety on the website or by picking up a hardcopy at the Town offices.

Town of Fairlee

Combined Statement of Assets, Liability and Fund Balances

	December 31,	
ASSETS	2020	2021
Current Assets		
General Fund Checking - Merchants	\$ 331,526.40	\$ 8,882.05
General Fund Checking - Union Bank	1,781,713.12	2,594,400.37
USDA Water Checking - Union Bank	13.26	-
Petty Cash	50.00	50.00
Due to/From	<u>(1,026,545.66)</u>	<u>(1,423,512.06)</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>1,086,757.12</u>	<u>1,179,820.36</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 1,086,757.12</u>	<u>\$ 1,179,820.36</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES		
Current Liabilities		
Due to School	\$ 553,945.60	\$ 606,409.22
Due to State for School	339,466.15 *	257,804.52
Prepaid Property Taxes	8,810.63	1,174.10
Security Deposits	400.00	400.00
Health Insurance Payable	<u>510.87</u>	<u>447.20</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>903,133.25</u>	<u>866,235.04</u>
Fund Balances		
Fund Balances - Prior Years	11,212.03	183,623.87
Fund Balances - Current Year	<u>172,411.84 *</u>	<u>129,961.45</u>
Total Fund Balances	<u>183,623.87</u>	<u>313,585.32</u>
Total Liabilities & Fund Balances	<u>\$ 1,086,757.12</u>	<u>\$ 1,179,820.36</u>

2020 numbers changed due to a professional audit performed by Fothergill Segale & Valley CPAs in June of 2021 for the calendar year 2020. All asset, liabilities and fund balances were reviewed and adjusted accordingly to reconcile the Town's fund balance. * indicates numbers changed from last year's Town Report.

Fairlee Water Department

Combined Statement of Assets, Liability and Fund Balances

	December 31,	
ASSETS	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Current Assets		
Due from Town	\$ 66,729.69	\$ 498,970.00
Total Current Assets	66,729.69	498,970.00
 Total Assets	 \$ 66,729.69	 \$ 498,970.00
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES		
Current Liabilities		
Prepaid Water Rent	\$ -	\$ 1,992.41
Total Current Liabilities	-	1,992.41
 Fund Balances		
Fund Balance - Prior Years	402,619.47	66,729.69
Fund Balance - Current Year	(335,889.78)	430,247.90
Total Fund Balances	66,729.69	496,977.59
 Total Liabilities & Fund Balances	 \$ 66,729.69	 \$ 498,970.00



Mr. and Mrs. Clause made an appearance along with one of their elves at the Recreation Council sponsored Tree Lighting 2021.

WILLIAM F. PUTNAM, M. D.
Lyme, New Hampshire

November 12, 1962

Mrs. Karl Johnson
Fairlee Recreation Council
Fairlee, Vermont

Dear Esther:

The undesirable condition which you referred to in connection with the outlet brook at the Community Beach has come to my attention in a variety of ways. I have inspected the area and have discussed the matter with Mr. Robert Ward. The main source of the difficulty, as you undoubtedly know, is the sewage disposal of the Lake Morey Inn. To take care of this in an entirely satisfactory manner involves great difficulty and considerable expense but there are certain simpler steps which the Wards have agreed to take to minimize the difficulty. It is my hope that this will give sufficient improvement so that it will not be necessary to go to greater length.

I plan to keep an eye on the situation next summer but I would be glad also to have the opinion of members of the Recreation Council or any others as to whether there is any improvement or not. Obviously one of the most effective ways for continuing to keep this problem in the foreground is for others besides myself to speak directly to the Wards, but I believe that this is not absolutely necessary and that they understand that the sewage arrangements must be changed.

Very sincerely,
William F. Putnam

WFP:M

Health Officer



A KING AND QUEEN were crowned Sunday at the Fairlee Beach Day festivities. The pretty queen was Nancy Jan Walker of Fairlee and the handsome king was Rendell Tullar of Orford. Joanne Griffiths, swimming instructor for the Fairlee recreation program, crowned the two winners. Swimming demonstrations and water skills highlighted the afternoon at the Community Beach. (News photo - Orr)

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FAIRLEE RECREATION COUNCIL

Community Birthday Calendar

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Front: L to R - Billy-Joe Pushee and Josh Larabee.

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Fairlee, Vermont 05045
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Sunday 12:00-5:00

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KOSTAS AMANATIDIS, Owner

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Town Meeting Australian Ballot Vote
Polls Open

Tuesday, March 1, 2022 • 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM
Fairlee Town Hall

• **Ballots will be mailed directly to all active, registered voters in Fairlee by February 9, 2022**

(Due to H.48 Towns can now mail ballots directly to Voters without requesting a ballot.)

- Ballots can be returned by mail or left in the drop box in front of the Town Hall to be received no later than when the polls close at 7 PM on Tuesday, March 1, 2022.
- A Selectboard informational meeting on all Town Meeting articles will be held Thursday, February 24, 2022 @ 6:00 PM via Zoom or call-in.
(Zoom link will be on www.fairleevt.org)

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Vermont Secretary of State's website
My Voter Page – <https://sos.vermont.gov/elections>
www.fairleevt.org