

Town of Bridgewater



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**2020 Annual Report
Town & School District
(For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020)**

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Bridgewater Vermont Information

Country	United States
State	Vermont
County	Windsor
Chartered	1761
Settled	1779
Organized	1785
Area	
• Total	49.5 sq mi (128.3 km ²)
• Land	49.4 sq mi (128.0 km ²)
• Water	0.2 sq mi (0.4 km ²)
Elevation	1,040 ft (317 m)
Population (2010)	
• Total	936
• Density	19/sq mi (7.3/km ²)

Dedication



Hank Smith

It is with gratitude that the Town of Bridgewater
dedicates this report of 2021 to Hank Smith.

He came to West Winds Farm on the Cox District Road with his growing family in 1979 and over past 40 plus years his contributions to the community have been many. Founding the little league baseball team known as the Bridgewater Beestompers led to the Bridgewater Recreational Park with a baseball diamond, tennis court and playground.

Most recently he was the driving force behind the repurposing of the 1914 Village School building; now the Bridgewater Area Community Center. Hank served as the Trustee of Public Funds, for over 30 years. He did all of this in his quiet humble way seeking no public recognition.

We thank you Hank.

Town Reminders:

Fast Trash at the Town Garage – Saturday mornings - 8:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

Direct questions to: ABLE Waste Management 672-3569

- ❖ **January 01, 2021 - April 1, 2021** - Remember to License your Dog/Wolf Hybrid
Call the Town Clerk if you have questions.
- ❖ **February 23, 2021 Town Meeting Informational Meeting- 6:00 p.m. - Electronic Format**
- ❖ **February 25, 2021 School Informational Meeting – 6:30 p.m. - Electronic Format**
Pursuant to ACT 92
- ❖ **March 2, 2021 Town Meeting Day - Australian Ballot - 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Drive Through**
Town Office Parking Lot (Town & School Ballot)
- ❖ **March 20, 2021 Rabies Clinic -**
DRIVE UP & POKE RABIES CLINIC at the Woodstock High School parking lot.
\$13.00 per shot. Pre-Registration requested but not mandatory.
Please call 802-672-5302 to register. Masks required.
Everyone stays in the car. Bring proof of prior vaccination records.
Thanks to Dr. Philippa Richards, Kedron Valley Vet Clinic.
Hosted by VT Volunteer Services for Animals Humane Society
- ❖ **April 1, 2021** Property Assessment Date – Property is assessed each year as of this date.
Dog License Renewals due on or before April 1, 2021
- ❖ **April 15, 2021** File State Form - HS 122 for residency declaration.
- ❖ **May 1, 2021** Liquor License Renewal Date.
- ❖ **June 2021** Lister Grievances
- ❖ **August 4, 2021** Tax Bills mailed.
- ❖ **November 3, 2021** Property Taxes Due – Please remember that taxes paid after
this date is considered late, and subject to interest & penalty charges.

Town Permits required:

PERMIT FEES:

Permit and application fees shall be established by the Selectboard of the Town of Bridgewater, and shall be assessed by the Selectboard or their representative.

ACCESS / CURB CUT AND RIGHT OF WAY EXCAVATION

(Creating a driveway or road or altering existing driveway or road which accesses on to a town road)

A. Permit Application and Inspection Fee	\$105.00
B. Modification of existing driveway	20.00
C. Culvert replacement/addition	20.00
D. Installation of water/power lines	20.00

*** SEPTIC**

As of July 1, 2007 – State Permits required- Call 802-885-8855 with any questions.

GUVSWD LANDFILL STICKER / COUPON

A. Windshield Sticker	30.00
B. Coupon	50.00

PERMIT TO BURN BRUSH

Ken Tarleton, Warden 672-3061

*** FLOOD ZONE** - You must apply to build or alter an existing structure in a flood plain area.

NO building in Flood Way Area.

Contact Town Office for Application & Permit Fee information.

*** Reminder**-Please keep your E-911 signs clean and visible. If your sign is missing, contact Justin Wardwell, our 911 Coordinator.

Bridgewater Annual Town Meeting Minutes

March 3, 2020

The 2020 Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. by Bill Berry. First order of business under Article 1, is to elect a Moderator. Bill Berry was nominated by Ed Earle. Being no other nominations, the clerk was instructed to cast one ballot for Bill Berry.

Bill made the following announcements:

- * Location of exits and bathroom facilities. Complimentary refreshments provided by the Community Center.
 - * Town Meeting procedure and reminded the audience that in order to vote, they must be checked off the checklist and stamped at the entrance. Will be following Roberts Rules of Order.
 - * Australian Ballot vote at the Town Office for the Presidential Primary, Windsor Central Modified Unified Union School District Budget and the Fire Station bond. Polls are open from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm.
- A rabies clinic will be held at the Bridgewater Mill on March 21st from 12:30 pm to 2:00 pm. \$12.00 per shot. The pledge of allegiance was said and a moment of silence was held for those that have passed.

Representative Jim Harrison, spoke to the assembly regarding current happenings in the legislature: including the paid family leave bill, minimum wage increase, global warming solutions act, tax and regulations plan for cannabis. Fielded questions regarding car inspection costs, composing law which will take effect as of July 1st, speed enforcement revenues in the 50-mph zone.

Hank Smith asked for 15 minutes to give a presentation /update on the Community Center building. Bill explained that it would be up to the votes whether or not to allow this action, and that it could be approved or disapproved by a 2/3 vote. Raymond Kennedy Jr. moved to allow the presentation. Beth Fish asked to amend the motion to 10 minutes. Ellen Quinn moved to do the presentation at the end of the meeting. This motion failed by division of the house. Motion to approve the presentation passed by voice vote. Hank showed a slide show of the actions taken of the building since the school closed, committee then non-profit organization formed, grants and donations to improve building. Goal to open daycare in July of this year and for art, yoga, music and other program use by end of year.

Town meeting resumed and Bill mentioned that this year's town report was dedicated to Mary Oldenburg who was given a round of applause and standing ovation.

Article 2: Owen Astbury moved and Gerry Hawkes 2nd to see if the town will vote the sum of \$21,750.00 to the following social service agencies:

a. Visiting Nurse and Hospice of VT & NH	4,900.00
b. Spectrum Teen Center	750.00
c. Woodstock Area Council on Aging	6,600.00
d. Southeastern VT Community Action (SEVCA)	1,000.00
e. Norman Williams Library	3,500.00
f. Woodstock Recreation Dept.	3,000.00
g. Senior Solutions	500.00
h. Ottauquechee Health Foundation	1,500.00

Motion carried by voice vote.

Article 3: Hank Smith moved and Owen Astbury 2nd to vote to authorize the Selectboard to borrow up to \$190,000.00 to purchase a new truck for the Highway Department to replace the 2014 Freightliner, to be paid from the equipment reserve fund. Motion carried by voice vote.

Article 4: Hank Smith moved to see if the town will vote a budget of \$1,267,766.00 of which \$763,546.94 shall be raised by taxes. Discussion of Sheriff's Department revenue and expenses.

Account has been in a deficit for the past couple of years.

Collen Doyle moved to amend the budget down by \$35,000 to \$1,232,766.94 with the amount to be raised in taxes of \$728,546.94. Discussion of where cuts could be made which are up to the Selectboard. Vote on amendment was taken by voice vote, too close to call, then went to paper ballot. Amendment defeated (no-52 yes-41) back to main motion of budget of \$1,267,766.00 with amount to be raised in taxes of \$763,546.94. Motion carried by voice vote. Selectboard will take concerns into consideration and will schedule meeting with Sheriff Chamberlain this spring.

Article 5: Hank Smith moved and Greg Jenne 2nd to see if the Town will vote to place its taxes or any part thereof in the hands of the Collector of Current Taxes for collection on August 5, 2020 to be paid on or before November 4, 2020 (1st. Wednesday). Motion carried by voice vote.

Article 6: The following Town Officers were elected as required by law.

- a. Selectboard (3 yrs.) Nominations: George Spear was nominated by Sheryl Phelps. Lynne Bertram was nominated by Hank Smith. George Spear declined. No other nominations. Clerk was instructed to cast one ballot for Lynne Bertram.
- b. Lister (3 yrs.) Melissa Spear was nominated. Being no other nominations, the clerk was instructed to cast one ballot for Melissa Spear. Motion carried.
- c. Cemetery Commissioner (3 yrs.) Paul Hutt was nominated. Being no other nominations, the clerk was instructed to cast one ballot for Paul Hutt. Motion carried.
- d. Town Constable (1 yr.) David Adams was nominated. Being no other nominations, the Clerk was instructed to cast one ballot for David Adams. Motion carried
- e. Town Agent (1 yr.) Greg Robinson was nominated. Being no other nominations, the clerk was instructed to cast one ballot for Greg Robinson. Motion carried.
- f. Trustee of Public Funds (1 yr.) Henry (Hank) Smith was nominated. Being no other nominations, the clerk was instructed to cast one ballot for Hank Smith. Motion carried.

Article 7: Other business – Discussion of vacancy on the Windsor Central Modified Unified Union School District board, Nicola Smith is interested and will contact the Selectboard.

William Young – moved to put a motion on the floor (non-binding) for Bridgewater to become a 2nd Amendment Sanctuary City. Motion was 2nd by John Atwood and then withdrawn after discussion of what this motion was about. Motion was then 2nd by John Blanchard. There was discussion and clarification of the motion with regards to gun removal. Motion defeated by voice vote.

Beth Robinson – Spoke about the Ottawaquechee Health Foundation program and its services for the residents of Bridgewater.

Deanna Jones- Thompson Senior Center services for Bridgewater. Will be hosting a composting workshop on March 24th.

Brenda Metzler-Norman Williams Library Representative, thank you to votes for supporting appropriation. Melissa Walker Spear – Director of the Community Center thanked the fire department for the use of their chairs for town meeting.

Greg Jenne- asked the Selectboard to get information regarding flashing lights at each end of town, camera to take photos of speeding cars and negotiate for less expensive services with the Sheriff's Dept and to bring this information to the voter next year.

Raymond Kennedy Jr. suggested that the thank you was due to the previous road foreman that left last summer. Lynne mentioned the ambulance service increase of 24/7 paid coverage. Allison Wade, Ambulance Service Member noted that all members have been re-certified.

Bruce Seely – New Fire Station committee members will remain after the meeting to answer any questions regarding the new building and bond vote.

Being no further discussion, the motion was made and seconded to adjourn the Town Meeting at 11:20 pm.
Motion carried.

Approved by:

William Berry, Moderator

Jerry Oppenheimer, Justice of Peace

105 legal voters were in attendance

Results of Australian ballot Questions:

Fire Station Bond: 330 ballots cast. Yes-225 No-93 Spoiled-12

WCUUMSD 330 Ballots cast.

Article 2: Barnard Merger

Yes-243 No-64

Article 3: Appropriation of funds if merger is approved

Yes-173 No-131

Article 4: Appropriation of funds if merger is not approved

Yes-146 No-149

ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator:

William Berry	2020-2021
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Town Clerk:

Nancy Robinson	2019-2022
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Town-School Treasurer:

Victoria Young	2019-2022
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Selectboard:

Norman Martin II	2018-2021
Brian Bontrager	2019-2022
Lynne Bertram	2020-2023

Woodstock Unified School District

Matthew Hough	2019-2021
Nicola Shipman	2020-2021*
Sarah Adams	2020-2021**

Listers:

William Young	2018-2021
Victoria Young	2019-2022
Melissa Walker	2019-2023

Cemetery Commissions:

Jim Bulmer	2018-2021*
Owen Astbury	2020-2021**
Roy (Butch) Wardwell	2019-2022
Paul Hutt	2020-2023

Delinquent Tax Collector:

Joni Kennedy	2018-2021
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Town Constable:

David Adams	2020-2021
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Town Agent:

Gregory Robinson	2020-2021
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Trustee of Public Funds:

Henry Smith	2020-2021 (Deceased-not replaced)
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Thank you, Jim Bulmer for your 20+ years as a Cemetery Commissioner. Your knowledge of grant writing helped procure several grants to repair stones and monuments. Our best to you in your move west.

*Resigned

**Replacement

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS

Health Officer:

Ellen Quinn	2023
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Road Commissioner:

Norman Martin II	2021
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Fence Viewers:

Clifford Geno	2021
Andy Bird	2021
Owen Astbury	2021

Tree Warden:

David Dibenedetto	2021
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Poundkeeper:**Forest Fire Warden:**

Kenneth Tarleton	2022 (state appointment)
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Planning Commission: (4 year terms)

Bruce Maxham	2024
Marge duMond	2022
Roy Wardwell	2022
Owen Astbury	2023
David Dibenedetto	2023

E 9-1-1 Coordinator:

Steve Hill	2021*
Justin Wardwell	2021**

Emergency Management Coordinator:

Josh Maxham	2021
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Representative to TROPIC:

Lynne Bertram	2021
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Representative to GUVSWMD:

Lynne Bertram	2021
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Board of Civil Authority/Justice of the Peace: (Terms Expire 2/01/23)

Gregory Jenne
 Gloria Martin
 Jerry Oppenheimer
 Justin Wardwell
 Donna Williamson

Thank you; Steve Hill for your 20+ years of volunteer service to the town as the E-9-1-1 Coordinator. You started at the beginning of the project and moved us forward. You have left a good foundation for the next coordinator.

*Resigned

**Replacement

**WARNING FOR ANNUAL MEETING
FOR THE TOWN BRIDGEWATER
2021**

The legal voters of the Town of Bridgewater, Vermont are hereby warned and notified that an **Informational Meeting** will be held at the Bridgewater Town Office via audio/video conferencing pursuant to Act 92, on Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at 6:00 pm for the purpose of explaining the 2021-22 proposed Town Budget.

Pursuant to Act 162, The legal voters of the Town of Bridgewater, Vermont are hereby further warned and notified to meet at the Bridgewater Town Office on March 2, 2021 during the polling hours of 8:00 am until 7:00 pm (Drive Thru) for the purpose of transacting during this time voting by Australian ballot.

Article 1. The legal voters of the Town of Bridgewater shall elect the following:

- A Moderator for the term of one year.
- B. Selectboard Member for the term of three years.
- C. Lister for the term of three years.
- D. Cemetery Commissioner for the term of three years.
- E. Collector of Delinquent Taxes for the term of three years.
- F. Town Constable for the term of one year.
- G. Trustee of Public Funds – for the term of three years.

Article 2. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of **\$4,900.00** to Visiting Nurse and Hospice of VT and NH for home health, long term and Hospice care provided in patient's homes and community settings?

Article 3. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of **\$750.00** to Spectrum Teen Center to engage teens in healthy activities and make youth feel supported, welcomed and included?

Article 4. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of **\$6,600.00** to Woodstock Area Council on Aging (Thompson Senior Center) to provide daily meals, medical and area transportation, and an array of health, educational and social services?

Article 5. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of **\$1,000.00** to Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA) to assist in providing applicable services to families and individuals in need?

Article 6. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of **\$3,500.00** to Norman Williams Public Library to help support the operations and maintenance of the library.

Article 7. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of **\$3,000.00** to Woodstock Recreation Center for waiver of non-resident charges for recreation activities for all residents of Bridgewater?

Article 8. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of **\$500.00** to Senior Solutions to support services to elders and their families?

Article 9. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of **\$1,500.00** to Ottauquechee Health Foundation to provide support for individuals with limited financial means to help meet critical health and wellness needs?

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to place its taxes or any part thereof in the hands of the Collector of Current Taxes for collection on or before August 4, 2021 and to be paid on or before November 3, 2021 (1st. Wednesday)

Article 11. Shall the voters authorize total fund expenditures of **\$1,106,831.00** of which **\$783,032.64** shall be raised by taxes.

Dated at Bridgewater, VT this 26th. day of January, 2021

Bridgewater Selectboard:

Lynne Bertram, Chair
Norman Martin II
Brian Bontrager

Selectboard Report

What a year! 2020 brought us the approval of the Fire Station bond and the introduction of COVID-19. Since March the Selectboard has been in semi-emergency mode while continuing to operate and maintain a level of normalcy. The town office remained open by appointment only for attorneys. All regular local business was conducted by mail, email or by phone. The Selectboard continued to meet to conduct town business in person while requesting that any attendees join meetings via electronic format to adhere to safety protocols. This year's Town Meeting will be conducted by Australian Ballot due to the pandemic and the need to follow safety guidelines.

The Bridgewater Highway Department under the direction of Road Foreman, Jeff Sailer has accomplished and completed several projects including several sections of Chateaugay Road and North Bridgewater Road storm lining ditch work. The upper section of the Bridgewater Center Road was shim coated with funds from a grant, a hay shredder was purchased from grant funding. We are very thankful to Jeff and his crew, Zach and Chuck. Chuck left us in October to go to work for Hartland, his home town. The Bridgewater Highway Department is currently without the 3rd employee.

2020 was a year for the Primary and General Elections, both accomplished with Absentee and Drive Through voting. Both elections saw a greater than normal turnout. We would like to thank the Clerk, Asst. Clerk and the Ballot Clerks for their perseverance and due diligence in making sure that our elections were well managed and event free. The Town Clerk was able to obtain a tabulating machine with COVID funding that was used for the general election and will be used for the upcoming town meeting.

The bond for the New Fire Rescue Station was passed; the town has hired a Clerk of the Works and is in the process of hiring a General Contractor. Ground breaking will take place this spring with a goal of building completion by next fall.

The Town Lister's have been very busy keeping up with the land transfers. Covid-19 has triggered an increase of home sales; the majority to non-residents that are now making Vermont their homesteads. The town's recent reappraisal values may see adjustments due to the recent sales. It is our understanding that the State of Vermont Tax Department is aware of this situation and may have to take this into consideration when applying the Common Level of Appraisal and Coefficient of Dispersion percentages.

The Wastewater Treatment Facility improvement project is currently in the design phase, and will consist of treatment and building improvements, in addition to proposed rehabilitation of the system's pump station and improvements to portions of the sewer collection system. Design work is anticipated to be completed this spring and then move into bidding and construction this summer and fall. The Town's WWTF improvement project received project funding from USDA Rural Development. Project financing will include a Loan (\$448,00) and a Grant (\$341,000) to pay for the proposed improvements. This is in addition to the \$30,000 grant the Town received for the preliminary phase of the proposed project.

The Recreation Field – The playground equipment and picnic area saw a decrease in usage this past year due to the pandemic and need for social distancing. This past summer the tennis court was resurfaced. The newly surfaced tennis court is seeing quite a bit of action from the Pickleball group, which migrated from the courts at Vail Field due to resurfacing.

The municipal website (www.bridgewater.vt.gov) remains an important resource for all residents. All meeting agendas, minutes and the town calendar are updated and posted to the site on a regular basis, as regulated by State Statute. The town office is open Monday through Thursday from 8:00 am until 4:00 pm.

The Bridgewater Area Community Foundation is continuing to move forward with plans to open a registered day care early summer. Grant and donation funds have been secured to make the needed renovations to the building in order to open this year. It is with sadness that we note here the passing of Director, Henry (Hank) Smith.

The Bridgewater Historical Society, located at 12 North Bridgewater Road has remained closed to the public due to the pandemic. Some of the members were able to produce the annual calendar, this year promoting "Cabin Life". The BHS website can be found at www.bridgewaterhistory.org.

The Fire Department and Neighbors Helping Neighbors held the annual chicken b-b-q as a drive through event which was very well received and supported.

Once again, the Selectboard owes a huge debt of gratitude to all of the employees, elected and appointed officials, volunteers, and you, the townspeople that make Bridgewater such a great town.

Respectfully submitted, Lynne Bertram, Chair, Norman (Nope) Martin II, Brian Bontrager.

HIGHWAY REPORT 2020

This past year has been very busy for the town highway department. Several grant projects were completed including the purchase of a hay shredder, stone line ditching on Atwood Lane Road and North Bridgewater Road. The upper portion of the Bridgewater Center Road from Jenne Road to Hoisington Bridge was also shim coated.

The town has received additional grant funds to continue stone line ditch work in Chateauguay and to complete the Bridge and Culvert Inventory. The new sand shed project is in the design phase and is expected to begin construction next spring.

All roads were graded 2-3 times this past summer between grant projects. We are proud to hear that our town roads are well maintained.

The 2014 Freightliner truck has been replaced with a new Western Star truck. The town now has 3 trucks; 2017, 2019 and 2020 and 2019 Ford 550. We hope that this will make an impact on our repair budget.

Charles (Chuck) Thorburn left the town's employment in October to go to work for the Town of Hartland which is his town of residence. We wish him well. The town has advertised for a third employee, to no avail. We believe that the salary and insurance package are very competitive. Perhaps it is the commitment to having to be available 24/7 that is hindering applicants. At the time of this writing, we are still looking to fill this position.

I would like to thank the Selectboard; Lynne Bertram, Brian Bontrager and Nope Martin, Road Commissioner for their support and assistance during my first year here as Road Foreman. Thanks to Zach Bowley for his willingness to learn a new profession, he has done an excellent job. Thanks also to Town Clerk, Nancy Robinson and Treasurer, Vicky Young for their willingness to help me learn the "paperwork" side of this job. I also want to thank Eugene Westney for being willing to step in to help as needed.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at the town garage with any questions or concerns regarding our roads to projects.

Jeffrey Sailer, Road Foreman.

REPORT OF THE LISTERS TO THE TOWN 2020

The Board of Lister's most important duty is to produce a Grand List of all properties in Bridgewater. This year has been a fairly active year for sales of properties, with 126 property transfers: timeshares represent the large part of the transfers, 30 transfers - 6 were land sales and 24 residential transfers. The Residential Properties had a total assessment of \$10,748,400.00 with an average sale price of \$447,850.00 and median price of \$355,000.00. The highest sale was \$1,125,000.00. There were 2 sales over \$1,000,000.00 and on the opposite end of the scale were 10 properties under \$200,000. We are required by state statute to have all of the assessments in town at 100% of fair market value.

In order to have a clear picture of the Bridgewater real estate market, we process all property transfers, and conduct an analysis of all sales which occur during the year. Bridgewater's CLA (Current Level of Assessment) which is a three-year analysis of sales, is 96.5% indicating that our assessments are reasonably close to market value. We also oversee an extensive Current Use Program for Bridgewater which currently has 107 parcels enrolled, representing 18,489.7 acres.

Another important part of our duties is to keep track of Homestead filings. **EVERY VERMONT RESIDENT IS REQUIRED TO FILE A HOMESTEAD DECLARATION FORM HS122 BY APRIL 15th EACH YEAR WITH THE TAX DEPARTMENT.** The Vermont Tax Department sends us weekly electronic reports as people file their HS122 forms which ensures that the correct tax rate is billed. We have 869 total parcels. 268 of which are homestead and the balance being nonresidential and commercial. In addition, there are 21 tax exempt properties.

Bridgewater Listers are elected by you, and work for you, the taxpayer. We are required to work within the guidelines of constantly changing, and increasingly complex Vermont Legislation and mandates. Listers attend training sessions and seminars as offered by Property Valuation & Review (PVR) and participate in the Vermont Association of Listers and Assessors (VALA) to improve our knowledge, and meet with other listers, all to ultimately serve you better. We take an oath to be fair and equitable while we assess all real property at Fair Market Value. Each of us in the Lister's office is a Bridgewater taxpayer and we understand the burden placed upon property owners.

Notification of the New Assessments were notified in May 2020, and we conducted grievance hearings on Saturday May 30, 2020. There were 4 (four) Grievances filed - 3 (three) were approved and 1 (one) was denied. No Grievances were brought before the Board of Civil Authority.

Throughout the year, the Listers office is open Monday through Thursday from 8am. until 4pm. Our office is here to provide information and assistance to any property owners and we also assist appraisers, realtors, and attorneys doing research. We encourage property owners to come in and review your assessment at any time. All Bridgewater assessment information is available online at Vision Government Solutions Inc.: <https://www.VGSI.com>

We have a wealth of information, including property files, sales information, and maps. In an effort to make the Listers office as accessible and user-friendly as possible, we are able to email a copy of the Grand list to you upon request. For anyone wishing to see a printed copy of the Grand List, they are available in the Listers office. You can also reach us at 672-3334 or via email at townbridg@comcast.net

Respectfully Submitted:

Victoria L. Young, William G. Young, Melissa Spear
Bridgewater Board of Listers

DOG LICENSES

07/01/2019-06/30/2020

148 @ \$ 9.00 (Neutered)	\$ 1,332.00
8 @ 11.00 (Late Neutered)	88.00
29 @ 13.00 (Un-Neutered)	377.00
1 @ 17.00 (Late Un-Neutered)	17.00

Totals:

186	\$1,814.00
Sent to State:	930.00
Town Share	\$ 884.00

All dog and wolf-hybrids, six months of age or older, must be licensed each year on or before April 1st. Proof of rabies vaccination, (a current rabies certificate), is required for licensing.

Cats and Ferrets are also required to have a rabies vaccination. Even though we do not license them, we do request a copy of the rabies certificate to be filed in the office of the Town Clerk.

LIQUOR LICENSES

3 @ \$ 70.00	\$ 210.00
3 @ 115.00	345.00
Totals:	
6	\$ 555.00

Vital Statistics

DEATHS

NAME	AGE	DATE	BURIED/CREMATION
Lorinda K. Cash	55	10/25/2019	Cremation
James H. Cassidy	71	12/14/2019	Cremation
Diana L. Gildersleeve	62	03/31/2020	Cremation
Thomas K. Standish	79	05/26/2020	Cremation
Scott W. Howard	67	06/25/2020	Cremation

BIRTHS

(Names not listed due to confidentiality)

CIVIL MARRIAGES

NAME	NAME	DATE	PLACE
Scott W. Adams	Sarah A. Kaminski	09/21/2019	Bridgewater
Christopher L. Eldridge	Kelly L. Keough	09/29/2019	Plymouth
Robert P. Berg	Tammi L. Earle	10/12/2019	Bridgewater
Courtney M. Hall	Megen E. Happenny	10/19/2019	Bridgewater
Sean M. Richard	Elizabeth G. William	05/23/2020	Fairlee

*Please note the new Vital Records Law (Act 46) goes into effect on July 1, 2019. This information will assist you in obtaining certified copies of birth and death records.

The New Vital Records Law (Act 46) and What It Means for You

The Vermont Legislature passed Act 46 in May 2017, which significantly changes the state laws that govern vital records—namely, birth and death certificates. The new law and rules will enhance the safety and security of birth and death certificates, provide better protection against misuse of these legal documents, and reduce the potential for identity theft. Additionally, the changes streamline the entire statewide system for creation, storage and tracking of birth and death certificates. Act 46 will impact anyone who seeks a copy of a Vermont birth or death certificate. **The changes go into effect on July 1, 2019.**

The most notable changes are:

- Only family members (as defined in Act 46), legal guardians, certain court-appointed parties or legal representatives of any of these parties can apply to obtain a certified copy of a birth or death certificate. In the case of a death certificate only, the funeral home or crematorium handling disposition may apply for a certified copy.
- An individual must complete an application and show valid identification when applying for a certified copy of a birth or death certificate.
- An individual who refuses to complete the application or cannot provide valid identification will be ineligible and referred to the Vital Records Office.
- Certified copies of birth and death certificates can be ordered from any town, not just where the birth or death occurred or where the person was a resident.
- Certified copies will be issued on anti-fraud paper.
- Access to noncertified copies (previously called “informational” copies) is not significantly changed by the new law or rules.
- Marriage, civil union, divorce or dissolution certificate copies and processes are not affected by the new law or rules.

For text of Act 46, go to

<https://legislature.vermont.gov/Documents/2018/Docs/ACTS/ACT046/ACT046%20As%20Enacted.pdf>

Budget Summary	Budget FY- 2020	Actual FY - 2020	Budget FY- 2021	Budget FY- 2022	% Change
General Fund Expenses	615,320.00	532,416.93	691,716.00	541,766.00	-21.67
Warned Articles:	20,990.00	20,990.00	21,750.00	21,750.00	
Total Expenses:	636,310.00	553,406.93	713,466.00	563,516.00	
Non-tax Revenue	<u>(361,520.00)</u>	<u>(301,593.48)</u>	<u>(357,320.00)</u>	<u>(201,970.00)</u>	
Sub-Total	274,790.00	251,813.45	356,146.00	361,546.00	
Surplus/(Deficit)	<u>(8,231.72)</u>	<u>19,980.14</u>	<u>(2,680.97)</u>	<u>(19,980.14)</u>	
Amount to be raised in taxes:	266,558.28	271,793.59	353,465.03	341,565.86	-3.36
Highway Expenses:	536,450.00	552,517.50	554,300.00	543,315.00	-1.98
Surplus/(Deficit)	(15,660.25)	(15,660.25)	(52,218.09)	(6,848.22)	
Non-Tax Revenue:	<u>(91,000.00)</u>	<u>(107,067.50)</u>	<u>(92,000.00)</u>	<u>(95,000.00)</u>	
Town Taxes to be raised:	429,789.75	429,789.75	410,081.91	441,466.78	+7.65
Total General & Highway Expenses	1,172,760.00	1,105,924.43	1,267,766.00	1,106,831.00	-12.69%
Non-Tax Revenue:	(452,520.00)	(408,660.98)	(449,320.00)	(296,970.00)	-33.91%
Surplus/(Deficit)	<u>(23,891.97)</u>	<u>4,319.89</u>	<u>(54,899.06)</u>	<u>(26,828.36)</u>	
Town Taxes to be raised:	696,348.03	701,583.34	763,546.94	783,032.64	+2.55
Schools:					
Payments to Schools	1,570,873.00	1,570,873.00	1,710,025.00		
Net to State	1,209,241.42	1,209,241.42	1,005,480.75		
Town Retains	<u>6,577.78</u>	<u>6,577.78</u>	<u>6,123.93</u>		
Total Schools:	2,786,692.20	2,786,692.20	2,721,629.68		

Tax Rates:	FY 2021	FY 2022	% Change
School Tax Rate:	1.6858	1.7267	.0409
Town Municipal Rate:	0.4195	0.4277	1.95
Combined Tax Rate:	2.1053	Actual 2.1544	Estimated 2.33

General Fund:	Budget FY-2020	Actual FY - 2020	Budget FY - 2021	Budget FY - 2022	%Change '21 -'22
Current Taxes (Gen. Fund)	266,558.28	271,793.59	353,465.03	341,565.86	-3.37
Current Use Reimbursement	70,000.00	66,864.00	65,000.00	71,000.00	9.23
Interest on Taxes	12,000.00	28,388.80	12,000.00	12,500.00	4.17
Federal & State PILOT Pym	12,500.00	13,173.60	13,000.00	13,000.00	
Clerk Fees	11,500.00	11,522.00	11,500.00	13,000.00	13.04
Traffic Fines	245,000.00	158,998.17	245,000.00	82,000.00	-66.53
Dog Licenses	1,250.00	884.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	
Liquor Licenses	700.00	555.00	750.00	700.00	-6.67
Interest on Investments	2,500.00	2,024.14	2,500.00	2,000.00	-20
Box Rent	70.00	70.00	70.00	70.00	
Act 68 -Town Retains	6,000.00	6,577.78	6,300.00	6,500.00	3.17
Prev. Year Deficit/Surplus	8,231.72	8,231.72	2,680.97	19,980.14	645.26
Misc./ Insurance Reimb.	-	4,304.27	-	-	
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Total Revenues:	636,310.00	573,387.07	713,466.00	563,516.00	-21.02%
General Account Expenses					
WAGES					
Clerk Wages	37,310.00	37,310.00	41,860.00	41,860.00	
Treasurer Wages	37,310.00	37,310.00	41,860.00	41,860.00	
Selectmen	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	
Listers	5,000.00	2,700.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	
Constable	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00	
Health Officer Stipend	375.00	375.00	375.00	400.00	6.67
Fire Warden Stipend	375.00	375.00	375.00	400.00	6.67
9-1-1 Coordinator	-	-	-	400.00	100
Misc. Wages	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	
Travel Reimbursement	700.00	170.43	600.00	600.00	
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Sub Total:	84,720.00	81,890.43	93,720.00	94,170.00	0.48%
BENEFITS					
FICA-Medi	7,300.00	7,535.20	7,950.00	7,950.00	
Insurance	34,500.00	36,064.42	37,500.00	39,000.00	4
VMERS	2,300.00	2,502.00	2,500.00	2,700.00	8
Training/Seminars	550.00	298.00	600.00	600.00	
Work. Comp. Ins.	350.00	328.00	350.00	500.00	42.86
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Sub Total:	45,000.00	46,727.62	48,900.00	50,750.00	3.78%
OFFICE EXPENSE					
Gen. Office Supplies	2,800.00	1,289.40	2,800.00	2,500.00	-10.71
Clerk Supplies	2,800.00	761.04	2,800.00	2,500.00	-10.71
Treasurer Supplies	1,800.00	1,345.52	1,800.00	1,800.00	
Lister Supplies	300.00	454.62	500.00	500.00	
COVID 19 Supplies	0.00	111.44	0.00	0.00	

	Budget FY-2020	Actual FY - 2020	Budget FY - 2021	Budget FY - 2022	%Change '21 -'22
Election Exp.	300.00	217.11	600.00	350.00	-41.67
Del. Collector Supplies	-	194.25	-	-	
Computer/Copier Contracts	6,000.00	8,540.51	10,000.00	10,000.00	
Tax Mapping	-	-	-	3,500.00	100
Telephone	2,000.00	3,019.03	2,000.00	2,200.00	10
Electricity	9,000.00	6,777.24	7,500.00	7,000.00	-6.67
Heat	3,000.00	3,291.25	3,000.00	3,500.00	16.67
Sewer Fee	1,590.00	1,590.00	1,590.00	1,590.00	
Sub Total:	29,590.00	27,591.41	32,590.00	35,440.00	8.75%
OPERATING EXPENSE					
Advertising	300.00	472.00	300.00	300.00	
Printing/Town Report Exp.	3,100.00	1,973.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	
VLCT Dues & Fees	2,200.00	2,228.00	2,400.00	2,400.00	
Legal Services	3,000.00	1,201.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	
Legal Fees-Tax Collection	-	2,085.00	-	-	
Flood Admin. Expense	-	1,368.85	-	-	
Audit Services	9,000.00	9,000.00	9,000.00	9,000.00	
Dog Pound	300.00	-	300.00	300.00	
Property & Liability Insurance	6,500.00	2,403.00	6,500.00	6,500.00	
Southgate House Maintenance	6,000.00	6,592.16	6,000.00	6,500.00	8.33
Southgate House Repairs	2,000.00	1,665.16	2,000.00	2,000.00	
County Taxes	15,000.00	14,444.00	13,600.00	13,500.00	-0.74
GUVSWD Assessment	10,296.00	10,296.00	10,296.00	10,296.00	
Recycling Program	5,800.00	5,847.00	10,400.00	10,400.00	
Southgate House Reserved Fund	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	
Memorial Day Flags	250.00	238.00	250.00	250.00	
Two-Rivers Regional Plan.	1,400.00	1,395.00	1,432.00	1,432.00	
Cemetery Fund Appropriation	29,000.00	29,000.00	30,000.00	34,000.00	13.33
Planning Comm.	4,000.00	4,000.00	-	-	
Office Capitol Reserve	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	
Landfill Monitoring/Testing	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,500.00	4,500.00	
Green Up VT	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	
Misc./Bank Fees	550.00	552.25	550.00	550.00	
Reappraisal/Maint. Reserve	10,000.00	10,000.00	7,500.00	7,500.00	
E-911 - Signs Reserves	1,500.00	1,500.00	500.00	500.00	
Fire Station Bond Payment	-	-	40,000.00	48,500.00	21.25
Fire Station Engineering	15,000.00	5,838.05	5,000.00	-	-100
Sub Total:	134,746.00	121,648.47	161,078.00	168,978.00	4.90%
Emergency Services					
SHERIFF & CONSTABLE					
Constable Exp./Travel	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	

	Budget FY-2020	Actual FY - 2020	Budget FY - 2021	Budget FY - 2022	%Change '21 - '22
Sheriff's Dept.	245,000.00	178,110.00	245,000.00	82,000.00	-66.53
Police Liab. & Work. Comp.	300.00	246.00	300.00	300.00	
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Sub Total:	245,450.00	178,506.00	245,450.00	82,450.00	-66.41%
FAST SQUAD					
Fast Squad Appropriation	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Fast Squad Liab. & Work Comp	1,000.00	809.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Woodstock Ambulance Asses	31,824.00	31,824.00	65,520.00	65,520.00	
Ambulance Bills Uncollected	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	
Dispatch Services	2,340.00	2,340.00	2,808.00	2,808.00	
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Sub Total:	41,164.00	40,973.00	75,328.00	75,328.00	0.00%
FIRE DEPARTMENT					
Fire Dept. Appropriation	12,250.00	12,250.00	12,250.00	12,250.00	
Fire Dept. Ins.	6,000.00	6,511.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	
Fire Dept. Work. Comp.	1,300.00	1,219.00	1,300.00	1,300.00	
Fire Truck Improvements	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	
Dry Hydrant Program	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	
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Sub Total:	34,650.00	35,080.00	34,650.00	34,650.00	0.00%
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Total Emergency Services:	321,264.00	254,559.00	355,428.00	192,428.00	-45.86%
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Total General Acct. Expense:	615,320.00	532,416.93	691,716.00	541,766.00	-21.68%
WARNED APPROPRIATIONS					
Woodstock VNA	4,900.00	4,900.00	4,900.00	4,900.00	
Woodstock Council on Aging	6,040.00	6,040.00	6,600.00	6,600.00	
Woodstock Recreation Dept	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	
Woodstock Job Bank	300.00	300.00	-	-	
Spectrum Teen Center	750.00	750.00	750.00	750.00	
SEVCA	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Norman Williams Public Li	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	
Ottauquechee Health Found	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	
Senior Solutions	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	
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Total Appropriations:	20,990.00	20,990.00	21,750.00	21,750.00	0.00%
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Total General Acct. Expense:	636,310.00	553,406.93	713,466.00	563,516.00	-21.02%
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	-	19,980.14	-	-	
Highway Revenue:					
Current Taxes (Highway)	429,789.75	429,789.75	410,081.91	441,466.78	7.65
St. of VT -Highways	91,000.00	93,524.25	92,000.00	95,000.00	3.26
Grants-Paving & Ditching	-	19,891.47	-	-	

	Budget FY-2020	Actual FY - 2020	Budget FY - 2021	Budget FY - 2022	%Change '21 - '22
Permit Fees	-	500.00	-	-	
Prior Year Surplus/(Deficit)	15,660.25	15,660.25	52,218.09	6,848.22	-86.89
Misc.	-	-	-	-	
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Total Highway Revenue:	536,450.00	559,365.72	554,300.00	543,315.00	-1.98%
Highway Expenses:					
Payroll & Benefits					
Highway Salaries	125,000.00	152,369.04	152,500.00	153,520.00	0.67
FICA /Medi.	9,600.00	11,667.81	11,700.00	11,750.00	0.43
Benefits	68,000.00	33,617.15	44,200.00	55,000.00	24.43
Work. Comp. Ins.	11,000.00	11,181.00	12,000.00	16,500.00	37.5
Unemployment	300.00	114.00	250.00	650.00	160
VMERS	7,500.00	8,028.05	9,150.00	9,595.00	4.86
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Sub Total:	221,400.00	216,977.05	229,800.00	247,015.00	7.49%
GARAGE					
Phone	2,400.00	2,010.15	2,000.00	2,000.00	
Electricity	1,100.00	1,328.03	1,300.00	1,100.00	-15.38
Heat	5,000.00	3,955.60	5,000.00	5,000.00	
Bldg. & Liab. Ins.	5,000.00	4,257.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	
Equipment Ins.	6,500.00	5,339.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	
Prof. Liab. Ins.	1,500.00	1,308.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	
Milage Reimb/Med Test	200.00	-	200.00	200.00	
COVID 19 Supplies	-	174.50	-	-	
Misc.	-	449.00	-	-	
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Sub Total:	21,700.00	18,821.28	21,000.00	20,800.00	-0.95%
MAINTENENCE					
Equipment Hired	18,000.00	14,000.00	18,000.00	18,000.00	
Equipment Fuel	25,000.00	24,796.64	25,000.00	25,000.00	
Equipment Repairs	12,000.00	27,774.11	12,000.00	12,000.00	
Materials	80,000.00	90,055.23	95,000.00	100,000.00	5.26
Equipment Maint.	15,000.00	17,326.19	15,000.00	12,000.00	-20
Class 4 Road Maint.	5,000.00	3,438.60	5,000.00	5,000.00	
Storm Water Regs/Fees	1,350.00	1,350.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	
Grant Projects	15,000.00	11,624.40	15,000.00	15,000.00	
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Sub Total:	171,350.00	190,365.17	186,500.00	188,500.00	1.07%
SPECIAL PROJECTS					
Yearly Projects	50,000.00	14,354.00	45,000.00	25,000.00	-44.44
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Sub Total:	50,000.00	14,354.00	45,000.00	25,000.00	-44.44%

	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget	%Change
	FY-2020	FY - 2020	FY - 2021	FY - 2022	'21 -'22
CAPITOL SINKING:					
Building Improvements Reserves	1,000.00	41,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Equipment Fund Reserves	70,000.00	70,000.00	70,000.00	60,000.00	-14.29
Bridge Fund Reserves	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	
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Sub Total:	72,000.00	112,000.00	72,000.00	62,000.00	-13.89%
Total Highway Expenses:	536,450.00	552,517.50	554,300.00	543,315.00	-1.98%
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Surplus/(Deficit)	-	6,848.22	-	-	
 SEWER DEPT. REVENUE					
Quarterly Fees	82,044.67	82,706.00	85,236.16	83,108.51	-2.5
Delinquent Interest	1,000.00	5,477.17	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Previous Year Surplus	2,605.33	2,605.33	2,423.84	6,291.49	159.57
Transfer In	-	4,762.60	-	-	
Misc.	-	25.62	-	-	
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Total Sewer Revenue:	85,650.00	95,576.72	88,660.00	90,400.00	1.96%
SEWER DEPT. EXPENSES					
Plant Labor	59,900.00	59,760.00	61,560.00	63,500.00	3.15
Supplies	2,000.00	1,197.21	1,500.00	1,500.00	
Electricity	4,200.00	4,369.63	4,300.00	4,000.00	-6.98
Heat	1,000.00	846.52	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Phone	375.00	395.95	400.00	500.00	25
Administrative Fees	325.00	200.00	250.00	200.00	-20
Outside Testing	5,000.00	5,845.72	5,000.00	5,000.00	
Chemicals	850.00	1,090.33	850.00	1,000.00	17.65
Maintenance	4,500.00	4,599.37	4,500.00	4,500.00	
Sludge Disposal	5,000.00	6,962.50	6,000.00	6,000.00	
Property & Liab. Ins.	1,500.00	1,238.00	1,300.00	1,200.00	-7.69
Bad Debt Exp.	-	2,780.00	-	-	
Sinking Fund Appr.	1,000.00	-	2,000.00	2,000.00	
Misc.	-	-	-	-	
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Total Sewer Expenses:	85,650.00	89,285.23	88,660.00	90,400.00	1.96%
Surplus/(Deficit)	-	6,291.49	-	-	
 Recreation Committee Fund					
Donations	4,500.00	1,500.00	3,300.00	3,300.00	0
Change in Investment Value	-	(1,490.68)	-	-	
Interest on Investments	800.00	1,186.21	1,000.00	1,000.00	0
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Total Recreation Revenue:	5,300.00	1,195.53	4,300.00	4,300.00	0.00%

	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget	%Change
	FY-2020	FY - 2020	FY - 2021	FY - 2022	'21 - '22
Recreation Committee Expense:					
Rec. Field Electricity	250.00	254.78	250.00	250.00	0
Insurance	50.00	38.00	50.00	50.00	0
Grounds Maintenance	5,000.00	3,638.02	4,000.00	4,000.00	0
Other Expenditures-Court	-	3,177.00	-	-	
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Total Recreation Expenses:	5,300.00	7,107.80	4,300.00	4,300.00	0.00%
Surplus/(Deficit)	-	(5,912.27)	-	-	
Cemetery Fund Revenues					
Appropriations	29,000.00	29,000.00	30,000.00	34,000.00	13.33%
Sale of Lots	2,000.00	-	-	-	
Cemetery Corner Stones	-	-	-	-	
Donations	-	200.00	-	-	
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Total Cemetery Revenues:	31,000.00	29,200.00	30,000.00	34,000.00	13.33%
Cemetery Fund Expenses					
Mowing / Cleanup	29,000.00	28,000.02	29,000.00	29,000.00	0
Corner Stones	-	200.00	-	-	
Repairs / Maintenance	2,000.00	-	1,000.00	5,000.00	400
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Total Cemetery Expenses:	31,000.00	28,200.02	30,000.00	34,000.00	13.33%
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Surplus/(Deficit)	-	999.98	-	-	
School Revenue					
Homestead Education Tax	682,053.42	682,053.42	625,669.75	-	
Non-Residential Education	888,819.58	888,819.58	1,084,355.25	-	
Non- Resident Ed Liab to State	1,209,241.42	1,209,241.42	1,005,480.75	-	
Retained by Municipality	6,577.78	6,577.78	6,123.93	-	
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Total School Revenue:	2,786,692.20	2,786,692.20	2,721,629.68	-	
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	2,786,692.20	2,786,692.20	2,721,629.68	-	
School Expenses					
Payments to Schools	1,570,873.00	1,570,873.00	1,710,025.00	-	
ACT 68 - Net Pymt to State	1,209,241.42	1,209,241.42	1,005,480.75	-	
ACT 68 - Town Retains	6,577.78	6,577.78	6,123.93	-	
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Total School Expenses:	2,786,692.20	2,786,692.20	2,721,629.68	-	
Surplus/(Deficit)		-			

Designated Fund Balances:

Fund	General Fund:	Balance 07/01/19	Appropriations	Income	Expenses	Balance 6/30/20
A	Planning Comm.	4,303.43	4,000.00	-	1,858.09	6,445.34
B	e-911/Signs	3,373.37	1,500.00	-	341.75	4,531.62
C	Town Reappraisal	8,383.67	10,000.00	7,125.00	21,752.79	3,755.88
D	Landfill	512.25	0.00	-	572.42	-60.17
E	Southgate House	43,184.17	5,000.00	-	5,448.68	42,735.49
F	Office Capitol	633.49	500.00	-	-	1,133.49
G	Fire Truck Improvements	148,305.07	15,000.00	146.95	-	163,452.02
H	Record Restoration Res.	0.00	-	3,252.00	-	3,252.00
I	Veterans Monument	1,431.88	-	-	-	1,431.88
J	<u>BVS Building Reserve</u>	<u>77,585.74</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>77,585.74</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	Totals:	287,713.07	36,000.00	10,523.95	107,559.47	226,677.55

Fund	Highway:	Balance 07/01/19	Appropriations	Income	Expenses	Balance 6/30/20
K	Highway Equipment	53,697.64	70,000.00	-	74,999.08	48,698.56
L	Salt Shed & Buildings	11,596.91	1,000.00	120,039.28	1,496.28	131,139.91
M	<u>Bridge</u>	<u>86,856.22</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>18,875.00</u>	<u>50,553.65</u>	<u>56,177.57</u>
	Totals:	152,150.77	72,000.00	138,914.28	127,049.01	236,016.04

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Town Indebtedness:**Paid in Full:**

Compensated Absences 7,760.00

2019 Western Star Truck 27,573.00
Gen. Obligation Note RF1 4,762.60

Nov. 2020

**BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30, 2020
GENERAL ACCOUNT**

ASSETS:

Checking Account	357,403.71
Due to other funds:	-503,064.45
Health Equity	16,579.71
Pre-Paid Assets	20,863.24
Judiciary Receivable	1,893.50
Landfill Coupons	287.00
Interest Receivable -Property Tax	39,899.82
ADA-Property Taxes & Int.-Adjustment	-10,356.00
Petty Cash	100.00
AR-Delinquent Taxes due	<u>113,478.11</u>

Total Assets **37,084.64**

LIABILITIES:

Accounts Payable	25,987.04
AFLAC Deductions	-155.70
Deferred Revenue-Prop. Tax	-10,356.00
Pre-paid Taxes	7,019.00
Delinquent Tax Collector	1,634.54
State of VT-Dog Licenses	175.00
State of VT- Marriage Licenses	<u>50.00</u>

Total Liability **24,353.88**

TOTAL FUND BALANCES

Fund Balance Prior Year	-9,930.38
Assigned to Subsequent Year	2,681.00
Total Prior Years Fund Balance:	-7,249.38
Total Fund Balance Current Year	<u>19,980.14</u>
Total Fund Balance	12,730.76

Total Liability, Fund Balance **37,084.64**

HIGHWAY ACCOUNT

Assets:

Due from General Account	34,367.70
Flood-FEMA Reimb.CD	58,480.06
Highway Grants Receivable	<u>19,951.86</u>

Total Assets **44,064.22**

Liabilities:

Encumbered Project Funds	<u>336.92</u>
Total Liabilities	336.92

Fund Balance Prior Year:	34,073.07
Undesignated Fund Balance	2,806.01
Total Prior Year Fund Balance	36,879.08
Fund Balance Current Year	6,848.22
Total Fund Balance	43,727.30

TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE **44,064.22**

SEWER ACCOUNT**Assets:**

Due from General Account	23,080.39
ADA-Sewer Fees	-2,780.00
AR-Delinquent Sewer Taxes	31,315.81
Interest Receivable	5,734.00
Capital Assets-Infrastructure	<u>241,868.00</u>
Total Assets	299,218.20

Liabilities:

A/D Infrastructure	<u>241,868.00</u>
Total Liabilities	241,868.00

Fund Balance:

Fund Balance Prior Year	8,831.76
Fund Balance Restricted	<u>42,226.95</u>
Total Prior Years Fund Balance	51,058.71
Current Year Fund Balance	<u>6,291.49</u>
Total Fund Balance	57,350.20

Total Liabilities & Fund Balance	299,218.20
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RECREATION COMMITTEE ACCT.**Assets:**

Due from General Fund	7,029.88
Fidelity Invest.	42,040.69
Recreation Committee CD	<u>32,623.33</u>
Total Assets	81,693.90

Liabilities:

None	<u>0.00</u>
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Fund Balance:

Fund Balance Prior Year	87,070.14
Undesignated Fund Balance	536.03
Total Prior Year Fund Balance:	87,606.17
Current Year Fund Balance	<u>-5,912.27</u>
Total Fund Balance	81,693.90
Total Liabilities & Fund Balance	81,693.90

CEMETERY FUND**Assets:**

Due from General Fund	33,827.29
Total Assets	33,827.29

Liabilities:

Cemetery Reserved-Corner Stone's	<u>790.00</u>
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Fund Balance:

Fund Balance Prior Year	32,037.31
Current Year Fund Balance	<u>999.98</u>
Total Fund Balance	33,037.29
Total Liabilities & Fund Balance	33,827.29

*The numbers presented in this report of FY 2019-2020 have been audited by Pace & Hawley CPA, the Town's contracted audit firm. The complete audit report is available for inspection at the Town Office.

**Explanation of 2018 Grand List
Town Fiscal Year 2019/2020**

Fair Market and Listed Value of
Real Estate and Personal Property
Taxable Parcels: 769
Acres: 29,394.48

Municipal Grand List: 1,824,121.33
Education Grand Lists: 1,793,499.33

	Municipal	Homestead	Non-Resident	Total Education Listed Value:
Real Property	1,824,121.33	587,295.173	1,206,204.16	1,793,499.33
PP & Cable	3,556,875.		392,015.	392,015.
(-) Vet Exempt.	30,000	30,000		30,000
(-) Vet Exempt >10K	30,000			
Total Veterans	60,000	30,000		30,000
(-) Land Use Exempt.	18,775,442.	3,387,434.	15,388,008.	18,775,442.
(-) Non-Approved Contracts	397,300			
(-) Special Exemptions (2)			134,740.	134,740.
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Total Municipal Grand List:	1,824,121.33			
Total Education Grand List:		587,295.17	1,206,204.16	1,793,499.33

STATEMENT OF CURRENT TAXES

Fiscal year ending June 30, 2020

Resident Tax Rate: \$2.1265
Non-Resident Tax Rate: \$2.1041

Amounts to be Raised in Taxes:

Taxes Billed:

R.E. & P.P.	Tax Rate		Grand list	Taxes Raised
Local Agreement	.0022	+ / -	1,824,121.33	4,013.06
Municipal	.3818	+ / -	1,824,121.33	696,449.49
Homestead Ed.	1.7425	+ / -	586,995.17	1,022,839.40
Non-Residential	<u>1.7201</u>	+ / -	1,204,130.16	<u>2,071,224.39</u>
				3,794,526.34

State Penalty's- Late Filed HS-122

3,584.00

Total Taxes Raised:

3,798,110.34

Resident Tax Rate: \$2.1265

Non-Resident Tax Rate: \$2.1041

Reconciliation of Taxes Paid:

School Taxes:	2,786,692.20
Highway Taxes:	429,789.75
Town Taxes:	<u>271,793.59</u>
Total Taxes Paid Out:	3,488,275.54
Municipal Portion of Credits:	- 5,632.00
State Tax Credits	<u>+315,466.80</u>
Net Taxes after adjustments:	3,798,110.34

* Note: Due to ACT 68 - Amounts Billed and Amounts received change over the course of the year – Late filed HS 122's change the totals of the Grand List – thus changing the amounts due causing either a shortfall or collecting more than anticipated.

Delinquent Tax Collectors Report

January 2021

Dear Bridgewater Residents,

I always like to take a moment to say thank you once again for the opportunity to serve as the Delinquent Tax Collector for the Town of Bridgewater. I thoroughly enjoy working with the taxpayers and community members and always enjoy meeting new people.

I'd like to share with you the progress that has been made in the collection of delinquent taxes. In November of 2019 **\$226,531.89** in property taxes became delinquent for the fiscal year 2019-2020 and as of January 13, 2021 all but **\$21,115.22** has been collected for that tax year. The balance on all the remaining delinquent property taxes which are listed in this year's town report (which lists totals as of June 30, 2020) is currently at **\$49,308.18** as of January 13, 2021. This is the combined total for tax years 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 & 2018. It is my hope to get these remaining balances paid off.

This past November 2020, the new property tax year for the fiscal year 2020-2021 became due. An amount of **\$156,990.68** in property taxes became delinquent. This amount is down **\$69,541.21** from last year's delinquent property taxes 2019-2020 which is listed above. As of January 13, 2021, over half of the amount due (**\$91,842.89**) has been collected over the past two months bringing the balance down to **\$65,147.79** for this current tax year 2020-2021. Many of the taxpayers have arrangements or installment agreements to resolve these delinquent accounts.

I hope to continue to lower the amount of delinquent taxes in our town and continue to serve as the towns Delinquent Tax Collector for the Town of Bridgewater. If you ever have any questions or if I can be of any help please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Joni Kennedy

Delinquent Tax Collector

P.O. Box 372

Bridgewater Corners, VT 05035

672-3402

Delinquent Sewer Report

<u>Delinquent Sewer List</u>	<u>FY</u>	<u>PP/*</u>
Blanchard, Brian	20	*
Boisvert, Gerard	19-20	*
Brownell, Seth	20	pp
Bruck, Gina	20	*
Caizzi, Lawrence	20	pp
Carr, Samuel	20	*
Ferguson, Chas.	20	*
Flynn, Lori	19-20	
Gibson, Daniel	20	*
Helms, J & A	20	*
Herdegen, Gillian 99-002	20	*
Herdegen, Gillian99002.001	20	*
Huppe, Craig	20	*
Lanctot, Robt.	20	*
Mattsson, Claes	15-20	
McElwain, Family Trust	20	*
Old Mill Marketplace	19-20	pp
Pedicino, Adam	20	
Pindt, Jody	20	
Reifenberger, Wanda	20	pp
Wheeler/Sprague, Angela	20	*
Total due for FY 2015:		1,951.97
Total due for FY 2016:		618.75
Total due for FY 2017:		625.00
Total due for FY 2018:		2,025.00
Total due for FY 2019:		6,368.03
<u>Total Due for FY 2020</u>		<u>19,727.05</u>
Total Amount Due as of June 30, 2020		31,315.80

Total Does Not Include Interest & Penalty Charges.

* = Paid in full after June 30, 2020

pp=partial payment

Delinquent Tax Report

<u>Parcel #</u>	<u>Name:</u>	<u>Tax Year:</u>	<u>*/PP</u>
07-050	Alexander, Keith	2019	*
03-051.004	Andrews, J.F. Inc	2019	*
05-020	Biamonte, David	2018	*
02-059.001	Bivens, Colleen	2017-2019	
06-020	Bixler, Parker, McGonagle	2017-2019	
06-022	Bixler, Parker, McGonagle	2015-2019	
02-031	Blanchard, Brian	2017-2019	*/pp
03-033	Burton, Bonita	2019	*
02-068	Caizzi, Lawrence	2019	
07-013.001	Carbino, Theodore Estate	2015,2017,2018,2019	
05-013.001	Dodge, Benjamin	2019	
06-017	Fowler, Nicholas	2019	*
06-067	Geno, Shane	2019	
04-034	Gildersleeve, Diana	2019	*
07-001	Hoisington, Anthony	2013-2019	pp
03-040	Josselyn Seven Properties	2019	*
04-043	Kelly, William	2019	
01-113	Lewis, Daniel	2019	pp
04-076.002	Lupinetti, Stanley	2019	*
04-035	Makkonen, Sylvia, Estate	2018	pp
02-037	Mattsson, Claes Arne	2014-2018	
07-056	McLeod, Andrew	2019	*
04-011.006	Mingarelli, Ronald	2019	*
07-060	Morse, Ronald	2019	*
03-045	Prior, David	2015-2019	
07-019	Scholfield, Edward	2019	pp
04-018.002	Spring, Andrew	2018	pp
01-049	Testa, Glen	2019	
02-066	Testa, Glen	2019	
<u>01-134</u>	<u>Wood, Beverly</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>*</u>

2013 - \$1,429.44

2014 - \$6,206.50

2015 - \$12,616.80

2016 - \$13,049.81

2017 - \$14,270.04

2018 - \$18,452.62

2019 - \$47,344.94

Total Delinquent Taxes as of: June 30, 2020 - \$113,370.15

Total Does Not Include Interest & Penalty Charges.

* = Paid in full after June 30, 2020

pp = partial payment

Bridgewater Volunteer Fire Department



The Bridgewater Fire Department responded to a total of 61 calls in 2020. Forty-one of those calls were in Town and consisted of 4 motor vehicle accidents, 14 fire alarm activations, 1 smoke scare, 7 lift assist with the Bridgewater FAST Squad, 1 heat sensor activation, 3 Carbon Monoxide, 2 chimney fires, 1 LP gas hazard, 1 downed power lines, 1 lockout, 1 car vs moose, and 5 calls canceled en-route for a total of 153 hours spent on scene. Two hundred hours were spent on training and one hundred and fifty hours on maintenance.

BVFD responded to 21 mutual aid calls, 11 in Woodstock consisting of 4 structure fires, 1 fire alarm activation, 1 chimney fire, 2 lift assist for Woodstock ambulance, 1 station coverage, and 2 calls canceled en-route for a total of 106 hours spent on scene. Eight calls in Killington consisting of 2 structure fires, 3 brush/forest fires, 2 medical rescues, and 1 smoke scare spending a total of 145 hours on scene. One call in Plymouth for a single structure fire spending 19 hours on scene.

The arrival of the COVID-19 virus made 2020 an exceptionally challenging year for all of us. The BVFD did our best to adapt to the ever-changing situation so we could continue to provide the services needed to our Town. Despite all this we were able to continue moving forward with the new Fire House project and are very grateful for our community's continued support.

Remember to make sure your 911 number is visible year-round, as well as having working smoke and carbon monoxide alarms in your house.

The BVFD is looking forward to a new year with the potential of getting back to some sense of normalcy, until then we thank our community as they continue to help support us so we can continue to support all of you.

Respectfully submitted,

Zach Bowley, President/Captain

Bridgewater Volunteer Fire Department 2020

RECEIPTS:

General Donations/Misc	\$ 1,847.15
Fund Drives	\$ 27,875.00
Coin Drops	\$ 3,690.69
Chicken BBQ/Raffle	\$ 5,162.00
Interest income	\$ 7.29
Fire extinguishers sales/service	\$ 953.00
Town Appropriation	\$ 12,250.00
Other fundraisers	\$ 1,073.00
New Building Fund- Equip	\$ 67,500.00
	\$ 120,358.13

DISBURSEMENTS:

Communications	\$ 480.05
New Building Equip	\$ 12,166.50
Fire gear/ bunker gear	\$ 9,594.03
Fire extinguishers sales/service	\$ 875.00
Fund raiser expenses	\$ 1,981.90
Insurance	\$ 312.00
Office expense/postage	\$ 778.42
Repairs/Maint Equipment	\$ 619.29
Supplies	\$ 189.46
Telephone	\$ 1,370.12
Truck Expenses- Fuel, repairs	\$ 6,944.26
Electric	\$ 1,113.18
Fuel oil/propane	\$ 3,135.10
Sewer usage	\$ 530.00
Trash pickup	\$ 259.00

Trailer for Ranger	\$ 17,929.88
Total Disbursements:	\$ 58,278.19

BANK ACCOUNTS:

CHECKING- GENERAL:

Jan 1, 2020 Beg Balance	\$ 32,319.57
Receipts	\$ 120,358.13
Disbursements	\$ 58,278.19
Dec 31, 2020 End Balance	\$ 94,399.51

SCBA RESERVE FUND:	\$ 4,000.00
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BUNKER GEAR RESERVE FUND:

Jan 1, 2020 beginning balance	\$ 21,183.15
Receipts- Interest	\$ 4.11
Dec 31, 2020 ending balance	\$ 21,187.26

BUILDING FUND RESERVE:

Jan 1, 2020 beginning balance	\$ 50,931.47
Receipts- Interest	\$ 847.54
Dec 31, 2020 ending balance	\$ 51,779.01

AUXILIARY ACCOUNT:

Jan 1, 2020 beginning balance	\$ 5,432.45
Receipts	\$
Disbursements	\$ 429.28
Dec 31, 2020 ending balance	\$ 5,003.17

BRIDGEWATER CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

2020 ANNUAL REPORT



The Commissioners have met regularly throughout the year to review the ongoing needs of the cemeteries. This includes the sale of plots, installing corner stones and addressing questions and maintenance issues as they arise.

As part of our cemetery review process, we have seen and determined that there is much needed work to be done in the cemeteries. There are several overgrown trees that need to be cut before they fall into the cemetery and damage headstones. Fences around some of the cemeteries need to either be repaired or replaced. Roads in and around some of the cemeteries are also in need of repair with hard pac and grading.

Most if not all of this work will have to be contracted out. We know that everything cannot be fixed at once, but adding to the annual repair and maintenance budget expense will certainly get us started on an annual program. We have asked for an increase in the town budget appropriation of \$5,000 to begin this maintenance program.

Historical note-of the thirteen cemeteries in Bridgewater, six are under the direct supervision of the Cemetery Commissioners. Those are Baker Hill, Bridgewater Hill, Mendell, Mt. Pleasant, North Bridgewater and Topliff. These cemeteries are mowed and maintained throughout the spring, summer and fall months. Every three years the maintenance contract is put out for bids. The current contract held by Tarleton Property Maintenance and expires in June of 2022.

The remaining five are privately owned – Josselyn, Martin, Pratt, White and Woodward. Two more are located in remote areas – Angell and Kellogg. We encourage you to visit these sites to appreciate their solitude and peacefulness. Further, we invite any and all contributions to the Bridgewater Monument Repair Fund to help defray the costs related to monument upkeep.

The Cemetery Bylaws were reviewed and updated in 2019 and can be found on the town's website at www.bridgewater.vt.gov.

Please do not hesitate to contact any Cemetery Commissioner should you have any questions or concerns regarding the town cemeteries.

Commissioners:

Roy (Butch) Wardwell

Paul Hutt

Owen Astbury

AMERICAN LEGION GENO-ROBINSON POST 11, BRIDGEWATER, VT



Our purpose: to provide patriotic services for the Town of Bridgewater
Our history: Chartered August 1, 1919, one of Vermont's oldest posts
Named in honor of: William Geno of WW I and Clyde Robinson of World War II
Our membership includes Army, Navy, Marine and Air Force veterans of Bridgewater.

We continue to place flags on utility poles along Route 4 through Bridgewater, a service we began in 2015. Also we continue our service of placing flags on the graves of over 200 veterans in Bridgewater's 13 cemeteries in May and remove them in November. Over 10% of Bridgewater's graves are occupied by veterans. It is our privilege and honor to perform Military Remembrance Burial Services for all Veterans with prayers by our chaplain, our rifle salute, and presentation of a folded flag to the next of kin. However, due to the pandemic in 2020 we did not perform any of these services. We are saddened to lose one of our WW II veterans, Donald Carr and also regret the passing of Jerald Waters. Our ranks are thinning due to age and we would welcome new members in Post 11 to help us be of service to our town and citizens.

Richard Brackett, Commander

**Bridgewater Historical Society
Bridgewater Town Report
2020**

October, 2020 marks the beginning of our 11th year at the Brick Schoolhouse. We are meeting the challenges presented to us and the world by the COVID pandemic. While we were not able to host our speakers' events, we opened our exhibit "Camp Life", which will be up through 2021. "Camp Life" photos and stories are featured in our 2021 calendar and our September Newsletter which is available online at www.bridgewaterhistory.org

Our building has been quiet this season and remains in good shape going into 2021. The 10-year lease with the Town has been renewed. Our collection is growing fast and is carefully housed upstairs. The following items were generously donated to the Historical Society this past year:

- 1) Invoice from the Cabot Company to Mrs. Hutt – Hartford Historical Society
- 2) Portrait of Joanna Strong Cobb – Lester Cobb
- 3) "The Farm Life of Erwin R. Fullerton" – Erwin Fullerton Jr.
- 4) Two shuttles from the Bridgewater Woolen Mill – Sandi Jenne Simonds
- 5) An extensive collection of photographs and ephemera from the Spaulding Family – Beth Spaulding
- 6) Three woolen shirts, two from Bridgewater Woolen Mill and one from Woolrich. One stretcher used in Civil Defense exercises. – Bob Rosenberger.

Current membership includes 98 families and 162 individual members.

Because of our strong financial situation, the Board has elected to forego the 2020 annual fund so as not to burden our membership.

We can't thank our membership and donors enough for their continued support during these trying times.

We wish you well in 2021 and look forward to seeing you next season.

Sincerely,

Jeannette Sawyer – President





BRIDGEWATER COMMUNITY CENTER

"A Place of Gathering"

The Bridgewater Community Center (BCC) was brought into being in 2018, in order to save and re-purpose the historic 1914 Bridgewater Village School building. It had been closed in 2015 due to a declining school population, a problem seen over much of the state.

This renovation will be a model for the many other schools faced with this predicament, especially as daycare is increasingly hard to come by and expensive. The BCC will have the added advantage of starting out debt-free. We will open the childcare center in mid-2021 (Phase One) with a 14 child capacity and with plans to expand, based on need. Construction is currently underway on the childcare center and furniture orders have been placed! We also will be offering after school care as part of Phase Two.

Phase Two includes modifications for state-approved accessibility (including 2-stop wheelchair lift), a new sprinkler system, upgrade of heat and air-exchange systems, upgraded bathrooms, roofing, insulation, energy efficiency, and bringing all electrical and wiring up to code.

Future plans for the building include a wide variety of programming from our strong list of partners: Artistree Community Arts Center, Thompson Senior Center, Sustainable Woodstock, Ottauquechee Health Foundation, Norman Williams Library, Senior Solutions, Creative Lives, BarnArts, Pentangle, JAG, and The Community Campus. The building will also be used for independent businesses, maker spaces, yoga classes, and other community wellness activities. It will also be available for events, functions, and as a community resource room. The BCC will serve as the emergency shelter and town community space, alongside the new emergency services building to be constructed during summer 2021.

The Board, with the help of our enthusiastic volunteers, has completed a large amount of painting and clean-up inside and outside the building. At present, the board employs a part-time Executive Director, Melissa Spear. We have also retained an architect, project manager, and an educational consultant. We are actively in the process of hiring a teaching director for the childcare center. We are in communication with the school district as well as other area childcare providers and are poised to meet the growing demand created by the pandemic for our families. We recently became a public WIFI hotspot to help support our remote learners and workers during the pandemic.

The BCC suffered a great loss in June when Hank Smith, one of our founding board members, passed away. Hank was a huge believer in the power of community, and especially the Bridgewater community. He left a legacy of empowerment for all those around him and especially the board. Hank put so much of his business expertise, enthusiasm, and energy into this project - he is sorely missed.

The Bridgewater Area Community Foundation would like to thank the many supporters of this important project!

Brian Bontrager, President
Vicky Young, Treasurer
Kathleen Dolan
Michelle Hough

Collen Doyle
Michael Caduto
Dalene Washburn
Charles Shackleton

At the end of 2020, we had raised over three-quarters of our 1.2 million dollar goal!
Donations are gratefully received here: bridgewatercommunitycenter.org

FIRE STATION COMMITTEE

What a year 2020 has been. It seems like so long ago that we held two Informational Meetings, (January and February) and an Open House at the Fire Station, in preparation for the March bond vote. As town meeting rolled around, we anxiously awaited the results of the \$1.8mm bond vote. It passed! Thank you, voters of Bridgewater.

Then COVID arrived.

While we waited for the bond to work its way through the various state channels in order to be funded, we reorganized the committee to better facilitate the design and build process. We thanked Steve Tarleton and Nope Martin who stepped down after two years of service. We added Chris Stevens, an electrical design engineer, and George Spear, long time well driller who, along with Josh Maxham, assistant State Fire Inspector, Bruce Maxham, Fire Dept member, and Bruce Seely, retired building contractor, and Nancy Robinson, Town Clerk as our recording secretary, began working with NBF architects of Rutland to organize the specific design and engineering work needed for construction. Our meetings have been conducted via phone conferencing.

Our first order of business was to engage a Civil Engineer for our project. We sought out three civil engineering firms and after careful review of their proposals we recommended to the Select Board Otter Creek Engineering. The recommendation was approved and a contract was issued.

In July we began our search for a Clerk of the Works. We had numerous applicants and after interviewing the top candidates, we presented our recommendation to the Select Board for their approval. We are happy to announce that Richard Kaminski of Plymouth, VT was hired as the Clerk of the Works. Rick brings a vast knowledge of building and construction management to the position as well as a love for the area and a deep sense of community service.

The committee spent the next few months working with NBF architects and the MEP, (Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing), design engineers to create the design documents.

On Dec 22 a mandatory information meeting (virtual) was held for all interested General Contractors. 8 GC's attended and a few as subcontractors. Bids are due by February 4, 2021.

We also worked with The Bridgewater Area Community Foundation (tenants of the old Bridgewater School) to share the cost of the fire suppression system holding tank and pump, which will serve both the new Fire & Rescue Building and the Bridgewater Community Center.

We recently solicited three estimates for drilling a new well for our project and presented our recommendation to the Select Board. We expect the well to be drilled sometime in the first quarter of 2021.

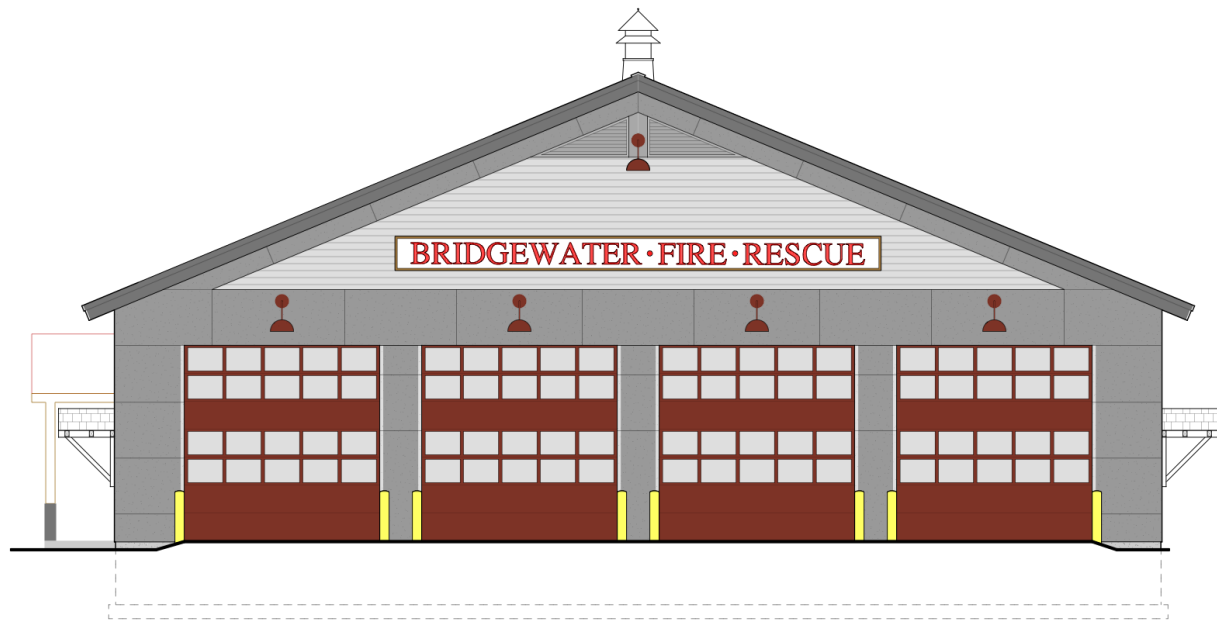
The committee also negotiated with the Select Board the sharing of the costs associated with the drilling of the well as well as installing a new generator. Each will serve both the new Fire and Rescue Building and the Southgate House.

We expect construction to start early Spring 2021 and to be completed by the end of the year. The Bridgewater Fire Department has received \$65,000 in donations specifically designated to the New Fire and Rescue Building project. The committee and the Fire Department will be conducting other fund-raising activities in order to help outfit the Department and ensure an up to date, safe and energy efficient building for the town.

Our focus into 2021 is to provide a structure that the town can be proud of and that will last for many, many years. And, of course, to build it within the budget voted by the residents of Bridgewater.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bruce Maxham, Josh Maxham, Bruce Seely, George Spear, Chris Stevens, Nancy Robinson



GREATER UPPER VALLEY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

FY2020 ANNUAL REPORT

The GUVSWMD comprises 10 Upper Valley towns, overseeing a system for proper management of solid and hazardous waste, recyclables, and food scraps. GUV also provides special collection events for bulky and household hazardous waste (HHW), paint, electronics, tires, metal, and fluorescent bulbs. In addition, the District offers technical assistance, outreach, and education programs to area residents, businesses, schools, and municipalities.

- Due to COVID-19, GUV held just two special collections in 2020, one in Strafford and one in Thetford. We collected 4 tons of tires; 5.17 tons of electronics; and 1.99 tons of “big” trash.
- GUV residents and businesses recycled 3,977 gallons of paint through the Paint Care program; 1,876 lbs. of batteries through Call2Recycle (as of 12/1); and thousands of fluorescent bulbs through the VT lamp recycle program (lamprecycle.org).
- Remember to bring your batteries to A.B.L.E. Waste Fast Trash on Saturdays. Visit <https://www.call2recycle.org/vermont/> for what is acceptable.
- 353 GUV residents (17 from Bridgewater) participated in two household hazardous waste events. 20.5 tons of HHW were collected.
- Food scraps were banned from trash as of July 1, 2020. Informal surveys were taken at both HHW events revealed that 85% of participants were sorting food scraps from their trash. Please contact GUV if you need more information.
- We were able to assist a number of schools and businesses as they adjusted their food scrap sorting and collections due to COVID restrictions.
- GUV assisted in the first maple sap line collection event in our region at the South Woodstock Fire Station on November 7. It was organized primarily by the Windsor County Maple Producers Association (WCMPPA), with help from the Northeast, Greater Upper Valley, and S. Windsor/Windham Counties solid waste management districts. Funding came from the WCMPPA and participants paid a nominal drop-off fee. 16 participants brought 6,000 lbs. of unwanted tubing. Bales will be shipped to a processing facility in Arkansas where they will be re-ground and made into another plastic product. We hope to hold another event in 2021.
- 2021 GUV collection event dates will be posted on our website, Facebook page, town list serves, and in newspapers. Scheduling of all events will depend on the status of the current pandemic.
- In FY2020, Lynne Bertram once again represented Bridgewater on the GUVSWMD Board of Supervisors. We thank her for her dedication and ongoing support of our work.
- For information call Ham Gillett at 802-674-4474, email hgillett@swcrpc.org, or visit www.guvswd.org.

TWO RIVERS-OTTAUQUECHEE REGIONAL COMMISSION (TRORC)

TRORC 2020 YEAR-END REPORT

The Two Rivers-Ottawquechee Regional Commission is an association of 30 municipalities in east-central Vermont that is governed by a Board of Representatives appointed by each of our member towns. As advocates for our members, we seek to articulate a vision for building a thriving regional economy while enhancing the Region's quality of life. The following are highlights from 2020.

Technical Assistance on Planning Issues

Our staff provided technical services to local, state and federal levels of government and to the Region's citizens, non-profits, and businesses. TRORC staff assisted numerous towns with revisions to municipal plans, bylaws and studies.

Creative Economy and Public Health

This year, TRORC obtained Federal grant funding to support the marketing of the Region's creative economy sector. Staff hosted informational and networking events to enhance business promotion. TRORC also worked on public health projects with local hospitals and worked on including incorporating health-related goals and policies into town plans.

Emergency Management and Preparedness

TRORC staff continued to serve on the State Emergency Response Committee, providing state officials with key local information to assist emergency planning. Our Local Emergency Planning Committee efforts with local emergency responders, organizations, and town officials continued meeting the needs of our first responders. TRORC assisted several communities with updating their Local Hazard Mitigation Plans.

Energy

TRORC assisted six towns on Enhanced Energy Plans to save money for communities and further the State energy goals to meet 90% of Vermont's energy needs from renewable sources by 2050. TRORC has continued working to support town Energy Committees on energy efficiency outreach and education with funding from Efficiency Vermont.

Transportation

TRORC managed the Municipal Roads Grants-In-Aid program in our Region. This provides funding for towns to implement Best Management Practices (BMP) on municipal roads ahead of the state's forthcoming Municipal Roads General Permit provisions. Funding provides for projects including grass and stone-lined ditches, upsizing and replacement of culverts, and stabilizing catch basin outlets.

Specifically, this past year, TRORC helped complete Bridgewater's Local Emergency Management Plan and assisted in completing the local hazard mitigation plan. Staff assisted the town on a Better Roads grant to improve ditching and culverts on N Bridgewater Road which was recently awarded. As part of the Grants in Aid Year 3 program, staff worked with the town to complete ditching and culvert improvements on TH18/N Bridgewater Road and assisted with an equipment grant to purchase a haybale shredder. Staff provided guidance on US4 radar speed feedback signs and bike ped grants. Staff is the project manager for the Sand Shed project.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Peter G. Gregory, AICP, Executive Director
Jerry Fredrickson, Chairperson, Barnard



GREEN UP VERMONT

www.greenupvermont.org

Green Up Vermont celebrated its 50th Anniversary of Green Up Day on May 30, 2020. Although 99% of all events were cancelled due to Covid-19, Green Up Day was successfully executed with social distancing by 14,000+ volunteers, cleaning up over 241 tons of litter, and 9,000 tires statewide. It is imperative for all of us to keep building awareness and stewardship for a clean Vermont environment. Green Up Vermont is a private nonprofit organization that relies on your town's support to execute the tradition of cleaning up our roads and waterways, while promoting civic pride and engagement.

Support from municipalities is essential to our program. Funds help pay for administrative and supplies, including 65,000 Green Up trash bags, promotional outreach, and educational resources including activity books, poster and writing contests, and a \$1,000 scholarship.

Early awareness initiatives for Green Up Day tripled the number of submissions to our annual poster art and writing contests and produced 184 applicants for our first scholarship. We were able to offer "Greener" bags made with 70% post-consumer waste; add a Green Scuba team to clean in Lake Champlain; and had over 100 editorial stories in the news as well as a national mention in the *Washington Post*.

Donations can be made to Green Up Vermont on Line 23 of the Vermont State Income Tax Form or anytime online at www.greenupvermont.org.

Visit our website, like us on Facebook (@greenupvermont), and follow us on Instagram (greenupvermont).

Green Up Day, May 1, 2021

Windsor County Update
Assistant Judges Jack Anderson & Ellen Terie

To the Towns of Windsor County:

With the advent of the pandemic in March of 2020, the County cut back its operations and took a very conservative approach to spending. Therefore, expenses during March, April, May and June, 2020, the last four months of the 2019 - 2020 fiscal year, were for the most part under budget, and the County's costs went down.

Because of these savings were able to lower the tax burden on Windsor County's 24 towns for the upcoming fiscal year. The amount of money that will be billed to the town for property taxes will decrease 3% from \$455,361 to \$441,319.

Additionally, we were able to increase our Operating Reserve and Capital Reserve accounts. The additional Capital Reserve funds will be used for Covid related improvements to the Court House in Woodstock and for two upcoming projects at the County Building in Woodstock - a new membrane roof for the cell block and the replacement of a very old boiler.

The Final Budget Hearing will be held remotely via Microsoft Teams at 4:30 PM on Wednesday, January 13, 2021. Please email countyclerk@windsorcountyyt.com for instructions to join the meeting. Thank you.

Vermont League of Cities and Towns
Serving and Strengthening Vermont Local Government

About the League. The Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, owned by its member municipalities, with a mission to serve and strengthen Vermont local government. It is directed by a 13-member Board of Directors elected by the membership and comprising municipal officials from across the state. The most recent audited financial statements are posted on our website, vlct.org/about/audit-reports, and show that our positive net position continues.

Member Benefits. All 246 Vermont cities and towns are members of VLCT, as are 139 other municipal entities that include villages, solid waste districts, regional planning commissions, and fire districts. Members have exclusive access to a wide range of specialized benefits, expertise, and services, including:

- **Legal, consulting, and education services**, including prompt responses to member questions that often involve how to comply with state and federal requirements. In 2020, VLCT's timely legal and technical assistance included answering more than 4,000 legal questions and publishing guidance, templates, research reports, and several new groups of FAQs explaining how municipalities can implement the state's COVID-19 requirements. To support Vermont's towns and cities in responding to the pandemic, VLCT quickly researched, assembled, and distributed important information about fiscal impacts, grant opportunities, and how to adapt town operations, hold public meetings remotely.
- **Trainings and timely communications on topics of specific concern to officials** who carry out their duties required by state law, as well as pertinent statewide topics. In response to the pandemic, the League provided online trainings, a virtual week-long conference, and timely announcements and information from state officials about how to comply with requirements and access to funding and assistance.
- **Representation before the state legislature and state agencies**, ensuring that municipal voices are heard collectively and as a single, united voice. VLCT's recent legislative efforts have helped provide cities and towns additional resources to achieve tangible results on pressing issues such as responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, road and bridge repair, cybersecurity, housing and economic growth, renewable energy, emergency medical services, equity and inclusion, and ensuring the quality of our drinking water. Members are also represented at the federal level to Vermont's Congressional delegation and through our partner, the National League of Cities.
- **Access to two exceptional insurance programs.** The Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund (PACIF) provides comprehensive and cost-effective property, liability, and workers' compensation insurance coverage, programs, and services that protect the assets of your community. The VLCT Employment Resource and Benefits (VERB) Trust provides unemployment insurance, life, disability, dental, and vision insurance products to members at a competitive price. Both programs offer coverage and products that members need and ask for, help Vermont municipalities stretch their budgets, and are *only* available to VLCT members.
- **Access to a host of educational and informative materials and member conferences**, including a news magazine, handbooks, reports, articles, and events that all focus on the needs of local government and provide additional educational and networking opportunities.

At the heart of all these activities is VLCT's commitment to serving as a good steward of member assets, and we are proud of the progress we continue to make in that effort. Members are welcome to contact VLCT anytime to ask questions, and to access resources that can help each official and employee carry out the important work of local government. For a comprehensive list of member benefits and services, please visit vlct.org/memborguide to download the VLCT Member Guide.

To learn more about the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, visit the VLCT website at vlct.org.

VISITING NURSE AND HOSPICE FOR VT AND NH
Home Health, Hospice and Maternal Child Health Services in Bridgewater, VT

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

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

Between July 1, 2019 and June 30, 2020 VNH made 61 homecare visits to 2 Bridgewater residents. This included approximately \$1,314 in unreimbursed care to Bridgewater residents.

- **Home Health Care:** 7 home visits to 1 resident with short-term medical or physical needs.
- **Hospice Services:** 54 home visits to 1 resident who were in the final stages of their lives.

Additionally, residents made visits to VNH wellness clinics at local senior and community centers throughout the year, receiving low- and no-cost services including blood pressure screenings, foot care, cholesterol testing, and flu shots. Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 pandemic we were forced to suspend these services in March. Since then, we have been rethinking our community wellness programs to find a way to continue to offer them following the pandemic.

Bridgewater's annual appropriation to VNH helps to ensure that all have access to quality care when and where it is needed most. On behalf of the people we serve, we thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,



Hilary Davis, Director Community Relations and Development (1-888-300-8853)



January 2021

The Spectrum Teen Center would like to thank the Town of Bridgewater for the generous support we have received over the years. We are always very grateful for the continued support. The Spectrum Teen Center has now been serving teens for 24 years in grades 9-12. In 2017, we opened our program up to middle school students. Our program serves teens from the towns that make up the Windsor Central Supervisory Union. We are under the umbrella of the WCSU.

In 2017, we took our programming out into the community. We found that connecting teens with their wider community helped teens experience new social settings, events, and activities, in a variety of venues creating new and different experiences. It helps teens establish relationships with area businesses and establishments while providing a safe environment and strengthening their connections within their community.

Over the past year, we were able to offer Miniature Golf/Pizza Night where teens play mini golf, ate pizza and enjoyed being outdoors. Each month, we continued to collaborate with Artistree Community Arts Center where together we featured “Branch Out Teen Nights” which are offered throughout the school year. We were able to offer several pizza nights at Pizza Chef where our average attendance is typically 25-40 teens. We collaborated in a number of teen movie nights at the Town Hall Theater with Pentangle, offered a night of swimming at the Upper Valley Aquatic Center and a night of Galactic Bowling at Rutland Bowlerama and more! These are *some* examples of the types of events that we offered. All these events are provided for **FREE!!!!!!**

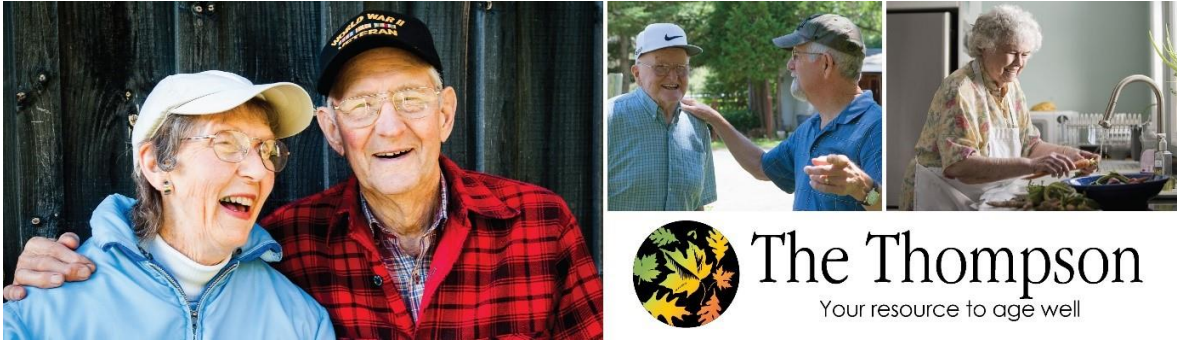
In the fall and winter of 2019, we provided over 15 FREE events for teens. Unfortunately, due to the lockdown, we had to stop in person events for the spring. We have resumed programming this fall following all the guidelines put in place. Teens are really appreciating our events in a time where most are feeling isolated.

Due to the Coronavirus, we were not able to hold our two largest fundraisers, which are the John Langhans Road Race and the gate donations at the July 4th Fireworks celebration. This has greatly impacted our revenue for our program. Since we cannot hold any large fundraising events in the near future, town appropriations are going to be more helpful than ever.

Thank you again for your support!

The Spectrum Teen Center Co-Directors
Heather Vonada & Joni Kennedy

The Woodstock Area Council on Aging



Critical support for community members at home has taken on a whole new meaning this year during the COVID-19 pandemic. With the population we serve being the most at risk, the essential services provided by The Thompson have become a daily lifeline for many. In March and April, home-delivered Meals on Wheels more than doubled. Grocery and prescription deliveries became a daily occurrence. Curbside meal pick-up, friendly phone calls, and virtual programming kept people connected.

As an “essential service,” The Thompson has not missed one day of meals and services to our community since the pandemic began. We were active in town emergency planning and response to community members isolating at home. **More than 100 Bridgewater residents benefited from Thompson services over the past year, and the Thompson prepared and delivered 4,016 meals to Bridgewater homes (an increase from 2,500 meals the prior year).** The Thompson has provided grocery shopping, medical equipment, daily check-in calls, critical medical appointment rides, and evolved our programs and services to try to keep community members engaged and safe. Our Aging at Home vetted referrals program continues to actively make referrals to a wide variety of local resources.

Only 17% of our funding comes the Federal Older Americans Act channeled through the State of Vermont by Senior Solutions. 11% comes from the combined towns that we serve and the remaining amount of our \$600,000 annual budget comes from fundraising, grants, and donations for meals and transportation. Your continued support will help to ensure the success of this valuable community resource.

During the many changes in our lives this year, The Thompson evolved quickly to fulfill numerous needs and remained a vibrant community of energetic volunteers, eager participants, dedicated staff, expert advisors and teachers. Together, the Thompson community enriches aging in our area – even more in this time of crisis.

Please contact us at info@thompsonseneiorcenter.org or 457-3277 with any questions or needs. You can also see the menu and program calendar online at www.thompsonseneiorcenter.org or find us on Facebook. Thank you for your support!

Respectfully submitted,
Deanna Jones, Executive Director
The Woodstock Area Council on Aging, (d.b.a. The Thompson Center)

Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA)

Southeastern Vermont Community Action is an anti-poverty, community-based, nonprofit organization serving Windham and Windsor counties since 1965. Our mission is to *empower and partner with individuals and communities to alleviate the hardships of poverty; provide opportunities to thrive; and eliminate root causes of poverty*. SEVCA has a variety of programs and services to meet this end. They include: Head Start, Weatherization, Emergency Home Repair, Family Services (crisis resolution, fuel, utility, housing and food assistance), Micro-Business Development, Vermont Matched Savings (asset building & financial literacy), Ready-for-Work (workforce development), Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, VT Health Connect Navigation, Thrift Stores, and a Community Solar program.

In the community of Bridgewater, we have provided the following services during FY2020:

Micro-Business Development: 2 households (4 people) received counseling, technical assistance and support to start, sustain or expand a small business, valued at \$4,080

Tax Preparation: 1 household (1 person) received tax preparation services valued at \$212

Family Services: 3 households (6 people) received 10 services, valued at \$135 (crisis resolution, financial counseling, nutrition information, forms assistance, referral to & assistance with accessing needed services)

Fuel & Utility Assistance: 2 households (4 people) received 12 assists valued at \$2,330

Community support, through town funding, helps to build a strong partnership. The combination of state, federal, private and town funds allow us to not only maintain, but to increase and improve service.

We thank the residents of Bridgewater for their support.

Stephen Geller
Executive Director



Annual Report to the Town of Bridgewater - January 2021

The staff and trustees of Norman Williams Public Library are proud to serve the people of Bridgewater, and we look forward to providing even more services, to more Bridgewater residents, in the coming year. Please think of NWPL as your community library. In the fiscal year from July 2019 through June, 2020, 160 cardholders from Bridgewater checked out nearly 3300 items, including books, CDs, and DVDs. All library programs are offered free of charge.

NWPL is an independent nonprofit organization, not a municipal library. Together the taxpayers of Woodstock and Bridgewater provide about just over 40% of our roughly \$500,000 annual budget, while the rest of it is raised from generous donors, our annual spring gala, used book sales, income from our endowment, and fees charged to patrons outside of the contributing towns (individuals or families \$70/year). Early in the year our nation was struck by the COVID-19 pandemic, forcing the library's closure and the cancellation of our most important annual fundraising event, the Ex Libris Gala as well as our foyer book sale. In addition, by damaging the national economy, the pandemic posed a real threat to all our sources of income.

But thanks to our supporters and staff, we have come through this crisis stronger than ever. We adapted our regular services in response to COVID-19, beginning by relocating the Wi-Fi router to enable Internet access outside the building. To ensure that anyone could access our online resources regardless of residency, we did not hesitate to offer free library cards to all. In a matter of weeks, our online services included e-learning courses, digital apps, thousands of audiobooks, eBooks, and a movie-streaming service.

Our children's librarians zoomed weekly storytimes for preschoolers, and they continue to hold monthly book discussion groups for older children. Our weekly newsletter and website now include wonderful online resources that include a link for our always popular Breakout EDU. Our lively Adult Services programs have gone virtual as well. *Recite* (our monthly poetry gathering), Thursday's knitters and *What's on Your Nightstand* can all be joined via a ZOOM invitation. Book reviews and our upcoming cooking series will continue to be accessible on our new NWPL YouTube channel.

In May, we began a new curbside pickup service, which allows patrons to check out materials that are then placed in paper bags for pick up. In the first two days of this service, we checked out more than a 500 items! In early August, we reopened the library on a limited basis for in-person visits. We are back to curbside service and continue to learn to adapt and become more creative librarians in our determined efforts to keep our patrons engaged and informed. We thank the Town of Bridgewater for your longstanding support of the library and look forward to continuing to serve the community in the future.

We appreciate your support and will continue building our relationship with the Town and people of Bridgewater. In 2021, we are requesting the same contribution — \$3500 — as you have provided in the last three years. Please contact us if you have any questions, concerns or ideas.

Respectfully submitted by, Clare McFarland, Executive Director

Woodstock Recreation Center, INC.

The Woodstock Recreation Center (WRC) is 74 years old in 2021. There have been many positive changes over the years; I will give a brief timeline below:

- In August of 1958 the first “small” pool was built, with funding from the Woodstock Rotary club.
- In June 1968 the “big pool” was built
- In February 2007 a major renovation project was completed removing the bowling alley and adding a Fitness Center and dance studio where many fitness classes, dance classes, and other programs are taught today.
- Included in this renovation is a new teen center
(This used to be the old gym)
- In April 2008 the construction of a new “big pool” began.
- The small pool is still used today.
- In June 2009 the new “big pool” was ready for use.
- In 2010 the lower level of WRC was fully renovated with new bathrooms, showers, floors, walls, electrical, and plumbing.
- In August 2011 Tropical Storm Irene came through with flood waters filling the small pool with silt, entering the lower level of WRC and rising to 5ft. In the theater.
- This amounted to over 250,000.00 in damages.
- The lower level of WRC had to have all the recently completed renovations ripped out from 4ft and below due to water damage. This was all repaired within two months.
- The Theater had so much water and silt, all of the electrical, plumbing, and heat was ruined, the entire lower level had to be gutted from the ceiling down, there was no heat, or electricity in the building.
- In October 2012 all repairs to the theater were complete. The theater was again habitable and rainbow preschool moved back in and all classes resumed upstairs.
- In 2015 The original wood floors in the theater were refinished and the exterior side doors replaced.
- In 2016 the Carpet in the front office was replaced with wood, and we replaced two treadmills as well as two pieces of weight lifting equipment in the gym.
- In 2017 we replaced the lift station and sewer pumps in the theater, we also added two more treadmills to the gym, and two new spin bikes to the studio.
- In 2018 we added a step mill to the gym, we replaced the pump and several lines for the small pool, and we did some much-needed tree removal of dead trees.
- In 2019 We had the slate roof repaired and parts replaced, the steps to the pool and the front of the main building completely redone, and upgraded all fluorescent bulbs to LED.
- In 2020 we removed the wall between the studio and the gym to better accommodate spacing needed for the equipment during Covid 19.

The WRC is home to the Options program. The options program is an alternative education program for Woodstock high school students where 12 to 15 students are taught daily. This gives students who have a difficult time learning in the school environment an incredible opportunity to learn in an environment that will enable them to do well and earn their diploma.

The Bridgewater community is a vital part of what we offer here at the Woodstock Rec Center, 2020 has been an unusual year with what we were allowed to provide with all of the state guidelines and restrictions. We still managed to offer day camp, pool, summer and fall sports and the fitness center. We continue to have great participation from Bridgewater residents.

Your continued community support and input is invaluable to us, we hope you continue to see the benefit in your partnership with the WRC. Please contact Gail Devine Executive Director, for further details or to offer your support, contribution, or expertise.

Current WRC Staff:

Gail Devine – Executive Director
Joel Carey – Assistant Director
Kerri Elkouh – Office Administrator

The staff and board of the WRC are committed to the goals that have been set forth and continue to strive toward improvements that will benefit the entire community.

Sincerely,
Gail Devine
Executive Director

Current Board members:

Chair, –Chuck Vanderstreet - Vice, - Emma Schmell, Secretary, Dave Doubleday – Treasurer, Jim Giller – Select board Rep. Butch Sutherland – board members at large: - Tom Emery - Barry Mangan.-Denel McIntyre



2020 ANNUAL REPORT

SENIOR SOLUTIONS (COUNCIL ON AGING FOR SOUTHEASTERN VERMONT, INC.)

Senior Solutions -- Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont, Inc. -- has served the residents of Bridgewater and Southeastern Vermont since 1973. We have offices in Springfield (main office), White River Junction and Brattleboro. Our mission is to promote the well-being and dignity of older adults. Our vision is that every person will age in the place of their choice, with the support they need and the opportunity for meaningful relationships and active engagement in their community.

Our mission and vision have guided us through the COVID crisis. All of our programs except group wellness activities have remained operational subject to reasonable precautions. When recommendations were made that older adults limit their contact with others, we immediately began to recruit volunteers and have been amazed at the outpouring of support. We rapidly built a new cohort of volunteers helping people with groceries, food distributions and other needs. We have been closely collaborating with local community and Mutual Aid groups to help assure needs are being met in local communities.

Most of our services are available to all older adults regardless of income, though we target our resources to those with the greatest social and economic needs. Supporting caregivers is an important part of our work. We help them assess needs and options, connect with resources and local programs and provide short-term relief (respite) for those who are caring for loved ones.

The population of older adults is increasing, as are many costs associated with providing services. Unfortunately, our state and federal funding has not kept up. We continually seek funding from new sources to enable us to do more for people. Clients are given the opportunity to make a voluntary contribution to help support the services they receive. Financial support from the towns we serve is critical.

We work to develop programs to meet evolving interests and needs. This past year our Friendly Visitor and Vet to Vet volunteer visitor programs grew significantly. We offered the HomeMeds program that screens older adults for medication problems such as drug interactions or harmful side effects and our popular aquatics program for arthritis at the Upper Valley Aquatics Center. We train volunteer instructors in Tai Chi for falls prevention and counselors in our PEARLS home-based program for people with mild depression. We provide financial support for training of volunteers interested in teaching classes in their community or starting new evidence-based wellness programs. Wellness programs are available to anyone 60 and over in Bridgewater or in our region.

This is a summary of services provided to Bridgewater residents in the last year (07-01-19 through 06-30-20).



2020 Report

Who We Are:

The Ottauquechee Health Foundation strives to improve the health and well-being of people who live in our core towns through grants, community partnerships, education opportunities and support of wellness initiatives. We believe accessible health and wellness care is a vital part of any community.

We assist in the health and wellness needs of these core towns of Barnard, **Bridgewater**, Hartland, Killington, Plymouth, Pomfret, Quechee, Reading, and Woodstock.

OHF's backbone programs, Good Neighbor and Homecare Grants, continue to be utilized extensively by those in need, especially during the COVID-19 health crisis. These programs have shifted to accommodate the increased and diverse needs of the communities OHF serves. Year to date, the foundation has received 199 grant inquiries totaling over \$185,000 in funding request from residents of its nine core towns. The foundation expects to exceed its current granting budget for 2020, and we fully expect to continue to provide pandemic relief into 2021.

Request for Support from the Town of Bridgewater:

The Ottauquechee Health Foundation respectfully requests support in the amount of **\$1500 to be used to support our Good Neighbor Grants program for 2021.**

About OHF's Good Neighbor Grant (GNG) program

Our GNG program makes grants on behalf of individuals who are unable to pay for their health and wellness needs that are not covered by health insurance such as dental care, physical therapy, counseling, hearing aids, eyeglasses, and more. Assistance is based on financial need and applicants must live in the OHF catchment area.

In 2020, OHF provided 33 grants to Bridgewater residents totaling over \$24,000. This equates to approximately 16% of our overall granting budget. Town support from Bridgewater is invaluable to us and allows us to better serve the Bridgewater Community.

Additionally, OHF continues to provide services from our Homecare Grants Program, as well as other wellness offerings, to the Bridgewater Community. These programs are all part of our commitment to providing access to health and wellness services while supporting overall community health. Together we can indeed create stronger, and healthier communities.

Our Funding Sources:

Our funding comes through bi-annual appeal donations, town appropriations, targeted program fundraising, grant writing, a modest draw from our investments, and fundraising events.

Tayo Kirchhof
Executive Director
Ottauquechee Health Foundation
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Vermont Department of Health Local Report

White River Junction District, 2021

State of Vermont

White River Junction Local Health Office

118 Prospect St., Suite 300

White River Junction, Vermont

Toll free: 888-253-8799 | Main line: 802-281-4501

HealthVermont.gov

At the Vermont Department of Health our twelve Local Health District Offices around the state provide health services and promote wellness for all Vermonters. More info on your local health office can be found here: <https://www.healthvermont.gov/local>

COVID-19

2020 has been a challenging year for Vermonters. However, the Vermont Department of Health has been recognized as a national leader in managing the virus. This is what the Health Department has done in your community:

- COVID-19 Testing:
 - Since May 2020, the Health Department has provided no-cost Covid-19 testing. Through November 17, 2020, the Vermont Department of Health has held 509 testing clinics, testing 40,796 Vermonters. This important work helps to identify the spread of Covid-19 and is just one of the many ways your Health Department is promoting and protecting the health of Vermonters.
 - Statewide, 224,284 people have been tested as of November 30, 2020
- COVID-19 Cases:
 - As of November 25, 2020, Vermont had the fewest cases of COVID-19 and the lowest rate of cases per 100,000 population of all 50 states.
 - Statewide, as of November 30, 2020, there have been 4,172 cases of COVID-19
- Even more up-to-date information can be found on the Health Department's website: <https://www.healthvermont.gov/currentactivity>

Additional Programs

In addition to the COVID-19 response, the Health Department has programs such as influenza vaccinations and WIC.

- [Flu Vaccinations: Protecting people from influenza is particularly important in 2020, as the flu may complicate recovery from COVID-19. \(Data is as of November 17, 2020\)](#)
 - [Approximately 213,00* Vermonters have been vaccinated against the flu this season *\(Due to technology outages, flu vaccinations given are underreported by approximately 25%-33%.\)](#)
- [WIC: The Women, Infants, and Children Nutrition Education and Food Supplementation Program remains in full effect, though much of the work that was done in person is now being done remotely through TeleWIC. \(Data is as of October 20, 2020\)](#)
 - [11,308 infants, children, and pregnant, postpartum, and breastfeeding people were served by WIC in Vermont, either in traditional format or TeleWIC](#)

Learn more about what we do on the web at www.healthvermont.gov

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Joan Jenne Memorial Scholarship Fund

Balance July 1, 2019		\$	2,062.31
Interest Earned	\$	0.69	
CD Interest	\$	262.50	
Donation	\$	-	
Withdrawal from CD	\$	-	
		\$	263.19
Total Receipts		\$	2,325.50
Disbursements:			
19/20	\$	1,400.00	
Balance as of June 30, 2020		\$	925.50
Assets:			
Certificate of Deposit		\$	25,000.00
1.05%			
Committee Members			
Nancy Robinson			
Henry Smith			

**WARNING FOR
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
WINDSOR CENTRAL UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT**

The legal voters of Windsor Central Unified Union School District, comprising the voters of the Towns of Barnard, Bridgewater, Killington, Plymouth, Pomfret, Reading, and Woodstock, are hereby warned and notified that an **Informational Hearing** will be held via audio/video conferencing pursuant to Act 92, on Thursday, February 25, 2021, commencing at 6:30 P.M., for the purpose of explaining the 2021-2022 proposed budget.

Pursuant to Act 162 of 2020, the legal voters of the Windsor Central Unified Union School District are hereby warned and notified to meet at their respective polling places hereinafter named for the above-referenced towns on Tuesday, March 2, 2021, during the polling hours noted below, for the purpose of transacting during that time voting by Australian ballot.

The voters residing in each member district will cast their ballots in the polling places designated for their town as follows:

Barnard Town Hall	10 am – 7 pm	Plymouth Municipal Building	10 am – 7 pm
Bridgewater Town Clerk's Office	8 am – 7 pm	Pomfret Town Offices	8 am – 7 pm
Killington Town Hall	7 am – 7 pm	Reading Town Hall	7 am – 7 pm
Woodstock Town Hall	7 am – 7 pm		

MARCH 2, 2021 – AUSTRALIAN BALLOT QUESTIONS

Article 1: The legal voters of the specified towns designated within this itemized Article shall elect the following:

- Barnard: one school director to assume office upon election and serve a term of three years or until their successor is elected and qualified
- Bridgewater: one school director to assume office upon election and serve a term of three years or until their successor is elected and qualified
- Bridgewater: one school director to assume office upon election and serve the remaining year of a three-year term or until their successor is elected and qualified
- Killington: one school director to assume office upon election and serve a term of three years or until their successor is elected and qualified
- Plymouth: one school director to assume office upon election and serve the remaining year of a three-year term or until their successor is elected and qualified
- Plymouth: one school director to assume office upon election and serve the remaining two years of a three-year term or until their successor is elected and qualified
- Pomfret: one school director to assume office upon election and serve a term of three years or until their successor is elected and qualified
- Pomfret: one school director to assume office upon election and serve the remaining two years of a three-year term or until their successor is elected and qualified
- Woodstock: two school directors to assume office upon election and serve a term of three years or until their successor is elected and qualified

- Article 2:** Shall the voters of the Windsor Central Unified Union School District approve the school board to expend **Twenty-Two Million Seven Hundred Fifty-Five Thousand Six Hundred Thirty-Eight Dollars (\$22,755,638)**, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$18,784.13 per equalized pupil. This projected spending is \$654,112 or 2.96% higher than spending for the current year.
- Article 3:** Shall the voters of the Windsor Central Unified Union School District authorize the board of directors under 16 V.S.A. §562(9) to borrow money by issuance of bonds or notes not in excess of anticipated revenue for the school year?
- Article 4:** To elect an uncompensated Moderator who shall assume office upon election and shall serve for a term of one year or until their successor is elected and qualified.
- Article 5:** To elect an uncompensated Clerk who shall enter upon their duties on July 1 following their election and shall serve a term of one year or until their successor is elected and qualified.
- Article 6:** To elect a Treasurer, to be compensated \$6,500.00, who shall enter upon their duties on July 1 following their election and shall serve a term of one year or until their successor is elected and qualified.

Dated the 4th day of January, 2021.

Ben Ford
Signature, WCUUSD Chair

BUDGET INFORMATIONAL HEARING

The legal voters of Windsor Central Unified Union School District are warned and notified that an **Informational Hearing** will be held online via audio/video conferencing on **Thursday, February 25, 2021**, commencing at **6:30 P.M.**, for the purpose of explaining the 2021-2022 proposed budget.

Meeting information and Zoom link can be found on the
WCSU website at **www.wcsu.net**.

THE SUPERINTENDENT’S MESSAGE

The District began the 2020-2021 School Year in the midst of a global pandemic. In July the Collaboration Team, a group of teachers, administrators, parents and students, came together to create our plan for returning to campus. The group recommended for the start of school an alternating day model where most students had two days of in-person instruction in our schools and three days of remote learning. All elementary schools provided in-school instruction for four days per week for grades kindergarten through second. On Wednesdays when all students were involved in remote learning, staff addressed planning and preparation for this new model, accessed colleagues for coordination of instruction, met virtually with parents and external teams, and engaged in professional development. Some students were present for more days to allow for double dosing of material, providing interventions, and addressing the needs of parents who are Essential Workers including medical professionals and teachers in the Windsor Central District.

Some parents choose a fully remote program based on their personal health and safety concerns. Four district elementary teachers and academic coaches were identified to develop curriculum, provide remote instruction and assess student progress for all of the elementary schools. The Middle and High School students accessed coursework through the Virtual High School, a platform that the school was familiar with.

In November when the Governor’s Order changed to allow elementary students to be within 3 feet of each other, Principals evaluated their buildings capacity to accommodate more students. Barnard Academy, Killington Elementary and Reading Elementary now have all students on campus for 4 days per week at all grades. Woodstock Elementary was not able to include more students on campus due to the size of their classrooms and the total number of students in the building. WES teaches and administration have developed other means to maximize the in school experience for their students.

When asked, faculty and students are appreciative of the opportunity to be in school together and not remote. The loss of contact with peers and educators was felt deeply by our students. They wish to remain in school as much as possible. Teachers and administrators are reviewing student data to assess the impact of our Hybrid Model on student outcomes. Plans are in place to address learning loss that may have occurred.

In response to the National Racial Justice movement, the WCSU Leadership Team and Board published their statements on Anti-Racism that committed to rejecting all forms of racism and committing to treat all people with dignity. Members of the Leadership Team secured a grant from Mt. Ascutney Hospital to begin the work of actively engaging in this conversation with faculty, staff, administrators, the Board and students to develop responsive policies and programming. In addition, Director of Instructional Technology Raph Adamek is working with Dartmouth College students to collect the experiences of our students of color and to engage our high school students in identifying evidence of cultural bias and racism in our schools and communities. The Middle and High Schools also have active QSA and Social Justice groups. The administration and Board recognize that this is a commitment that will take many years to achieve, and that starting at the self-awareness level, is the first step.

The Board and Administration have not wavered in their commitment to reopen the Prosper Valley School. While the school has been closed, time has been dedicated to completing a deep analysis of the issues with the building, remediating those problems, and looking forward to bringing students back. In December, the Board approved the reallocation of budgeted money to begin the final stages of renovation including removing surfaces impacted by the mold, and replacing flooring. The Campus Configuration group of Board members, faculty and community members are discussing which students should return to this campus based on the enrollment data, parent interest and the need to reduce the number of students at Woodstock Elementary School.

The building will be ready for students in August of 2021.

I know I am looking forward to the time that we can all return to our campuses without the concerns of Covid-19. I believe that we have all been greatly impacted by our experiences brought on by the pandemic and that we will never take for granted the simple pleasures of being in our schools with students and colleagues. What was commonplace, is now highly valued. What we longed for a break from, we can't wait to have back.

Woodstock Union High School and Middle School received [GreatSchools.org's 2020 College Success Award](#). The College Success Award recognizes and celebrates high schools that demonstrate excellence in ensuring students are prepared to succeed in college and ultimately careers. WUHSMS is one of 2,158 schools in 29 states across the country to be honored with the Award, which is based on data indicating how our school prepares students to succeed after high school, including whether they enroll in college, are ready for college-level coursework when they get there, and persist into their second year.

Woodstock Elementary School Principal's Report

All of us have stories of the challenges and disruptions we experienced as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, and the significant adaptations made to our daily lives to support our students' education. Many of my stories from the past year are about closing our campus in March, but another story I like to tell is about the Woodstock Union High School and Middle School community's resiliency. Our students, faculty, and staff did a remarkable job transitioning school operations to a remote setting. From Food Services to Arts programs, the pairing of ingenuity and determination kept our programs intact. The 2020 Graduation was one of the most unique celebrations of a graduating class in our school's long history. It was incredible to experience Woodstock's streets lined with people (socially distanced) showing pride in our graduates and feel the support and care this community has for its students. Thank you for always being there for WUHSMS students.

In the fall of 2019, we launched the five-year Windsor Central Strategic Plan. At the heart of the plan is the Portrait of a Graduate which defines the skills, knowledge, and personal habits critical to students' future success. The Vermont Agency of Education honored our work developing and implementing this approach to learning by nominating Woodstock Union High School and Middle School to be included in the Canopy Project's national database of innovative schools. We look forward to deepening our connections with schools across the country and growing our capacity to serve our students with an outstanding education. Here are some highlights from the 2019-2020 school year:

Academic excellence: *has enduring understanding of essential concepts in academic domains.*

- Woodstock Union High School was ranked "Third Best" among Vermont high schools by U.S. News and World Report.
- Woodstock Union High School was one of ten Vermont high schools to receive a College Success Award from GreatSchools.org.
- The College Board named Woodstock Union High School to the AP Honor Roll for Expanding Opportunity and Improving Performance of AP Students. We were honored to be approved to offer the AP Capstone in 2021-22, and beginning with the Class of 2023, students will be eligible to earn an AP diploma.
- Heather Vonada, math teacher, received the prestigious Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching.

Critical Problem Solving: *makes judgments and decisions based on evidence and reasoning.*

- We continued our multi-year partnership with the NuVu Innovation School and onsite innovation studio engaging students in solving complex challenges using creativity, critical thinking, and collaboration.

Self-Direction: *develops intrinsic initiative and responsibility for learning.*

- Supported by our Center of Community Connections, more than twenty students completed independent studies of their own design in settings ranging from Dartmouth College labs, classrooms, local businesses, and the national park.

Skillful Communication: *communicates for a range of purposes and with a variety of audiences.*

- Woodstock students received awards from the Vermont Arts Council, Poetry Out Loud, and Senator Bernie Sanders's 2020 State of the Union Essay Contest.
- Twelve members of the Class of 2020 met rigorous standards to have the Seal of Biliteracy affixed to their transcripts.
- The Yoh Theatre Players successfully adapted the spring play to be a fully online performance.

Stewardship: *demonstrates responsibility for local and global communities.*

- Woodstock Union High School and Middle School continued its longstanding collaboration with the Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Park that provides students with opportunities to contribute to the park's stewardship mission.
- Students in the Interact Service Club traveled to Panama to complete service projects in local schools and orphanages.
- Two eighth grade students were selected and served as legislative pages in the Vermont Statehouse.
- Over one hundred students traveled to the Flynn Theatre to hear Representative John Lewis speak, including what he described as his 'simple message,' 'When you see something that is not right, not fair, you have a moral obligation to do something.'

We strive to prepare all students for success and break down barriers to accessing post-secondary learning. Throughout the 2019-20 school year, the Counseling Department worked to enhance its program delivery including a full redevelopment of the department website. This year, to ensure that we are serving our students with the most current best practices, the department is aligning its services with the American School Counselor Association's standards. In March, we will participate in the SAT School Day and offer the test free of charge to all students in the eleventh grade.

Finally, I want to share that while we continue to grapple with the impacts of the ongoing pandemic on learning, I have the utmost confidence in the faculty and staff to provide our students with an excellent education. From the start of the year, these professionals pushed themselves to create engaging learning environments within the parameters of our current health and safety guidelines. This year, we have seen campfires used to teach students about the qualities of matter and energy, musicians digitally piecing together individual performances to create a group ensemble, and every type of lesson one can imagine taught outside. The Strategic Plan and Portrait of a Graduate will continue to guide our work along with a focus on supporting students in their recovery from this challenging pandemic.

Respectfully submitted,
Garon Smail, Principal

WCSU Instructional Support Services

The Instructional Support Services faculty actively work to meet the needs of their students. This year, like no other, we used our creativity to develop programming as well as intervention spaces due to restrictions related to COVID-19. Programming for hybrid and fully remote learning options were developed for all students who receive services as part of an Individualized Education Plan (IEP), so that services could readily shift between these models as needed and without delay. At Woodstock Elementary and Woodstock Union High/Middle School, the gymnasiums were transformed into intervention spaces for students who receive specialized instruction. Further, faculty engaged in training with highly skilled instructors, coursework in specialized instruction, and a monthly Professional Learning Community, in addition to ongoing collaboration with colleagues.

The innovative BEST grant funding is being utilized to support WCSU implementation of Positive Behavior Interventions and Support (PBIS), a state-wide effort designed to help school teams form a proactive, school-wide, systems approach to improving social and academic competence for all students. Additional faculty, staff, and administration will be attending PBIS specific tiered training as well as the PBIS summer institute to further develop our practices and implementation across the district. Mt. Ascutney Hospital grant funds allowed us to expand our practices by purchasing the Second Step Advisory License for our middle school students. This program is a key resource addressing the social and emotional needs of our students. As a result of the pandemic, at the middle school, all Wellness classes are presented online. The interactive online capacity of the program allows for these challenging conversations to occur with classmates even though they are not physically in a classroom together. Further, these grant funds enabled us to purchase materials for “Buddy Boxes” for our mentorship program, providing mentors and mentees quality activities for engagement in person or remotely. Having access to a caring adult is critical, particularly during this pandemic. Further, WCSU continues to utilize Collaborative Problem Solving (CPS), a framework for reducing challenging behaviors by teaching children the skills they lack while building relationships with adults in their lives. BEST grant funding will be utilized to train additional educators so this practice continues to expand throughout the district. To support this work, faculty trained in CPS meet monthly to collaborate, enhance, and expand their practices.

The Director of Instructional Support Services collaborates with several groups in order to support students and families. Three of which include the Local Interagency Team (LIT), the Community Assets Resources and Empowerment (CARE) team, and the Vermont Council of Special Education Administrators (VCSEA). The LIT is a group which meets monthly to help coordinate and implement Coordinated Services Plans as well as identify, assess, and address service system needs at the local level. The CARE team is a group that represents members of the school community and agencies from all of our towns that support families and individuals, including partnership with Mt. Ascutney Hospital. The purpose of the group is to identify and provide resources for individual family needs and greater community issues that cannot be solely addressed by school resources. VCSEA is a statewide non-profit organization that provides support through professional development, networking, information sharing, and legislative advocacy. During our monthly meetings we focus on education policy and instructional programming to improve outcomes for students with disabilities.

Several of the Director of Instructional Support Services’ collaborative initiatives include: developing an elementary level handbook for Educational Support Team (EST) processes for academic, behavior, social-emotional, speech-language and/or fine motor concerns; working with specialists and faculty to develop shared strategy documents for implementation of Multi-Tier System of Supports (MTSS) to provide targeted support for students who are struggling; analyzing our current special education programming to find creative ways to bring students back from outside placements; and working with literacy specialists to implement evidence-

based practices to refine and improve our instructional practices and programs as well as how we can create MTSS in literacy. In addition, WCSU was awarded a \$20,000 grant through Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center as a result of collaboration between Superintendent Sherry Sousa, Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment Jennifer Stainton, Student Assistance Counselor Annie Luke, and Director of Instructional Support Services Gina Rocque. This grant project became the catalyst for the district's new Racial Justice Coalition, whose goal is to create a culture that is impartial, unprejudiced, and nonracist within and among faculty, students, administration, and the greater WCSU community.

We offered our annual Summer SOAK program and through generous donations were able to offer programming for free, thus eliminating the financial impact on families. However, due to the pandemic and direction from the state, the format and structure of our program had to adapt by limiting groups to 25 people, including instructors; no longer using busses; and following newly developed COVID-19 safety protocols. Our program ran on three campuses, WES, RES, and BA. Instructors did an amazing job using the communities in which they were located to take adventures in the outdoors and enjoy the beautiful environment in which we live. Our focus shifted from academic support to social-emotional well-being. Given that students had not been in school or with others in a social setting for almost four months, many felt stress of the unknown and/or isolation. The goal was to help students return to being part of a community and prepare them for the return to school in the fall, new social norms of mask wearing, physical distancing, and daily health checks.

Our department believes in ongoing professional learning opportunities. Many educators are participating in the professional development opportunity provided by Dave Melnick of Northeast Family Institute, including 2 special educators and 2 paraprofessionals. Participants are taking a graduate course that addresses the impact of chronic traumatic stress on developing children and adolescents. This is important work to help educators best address the needs of students exposed to toxic stress, with the goal of increasing not only theoretical understanding but learning innovative strategies best suited to meet students' individual needs. Through IDEA grant funding, 10 educators participated in the annual Learning Differences conference. Further, the district's Director of Learning Opportunities and School Psychologist are participating in a professional development opportunity to learn how to improve the use of cognitive and academic evaluation results to deepen understanding of varied learning disability profiles and the Response to Intervention (RTI) model, which supports the state's and district's development and implementation of MTSS.

Instructional Support Services at WCSU focuses on a range of supports to address students' individual needs, from academic to social-emotional to being a community member. I am privileged to work with a group of dedicated educators committed to diversifying and individualizing the opportunities that we provide our community and how we are creative with our existing resources.

Respectfully submitted,

Gina Rocque
Director of Instructional Support Services

Report of the Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment

Curriculum development, local assessment systems and needs-based professional development for educators are critical areas for ensuring equitable and high-quality learning experiences for all Windsor Central students. Thank you for your support of this new district-level position, in place as of July of 2020. It is an important role for the long-term work needed to coordinate systems that can address these critical areas.

During a short timeframe in the Fall of 2020, and in light of pandemic-induced system stressors, Windsor Central faculty reconceptualized the nature of their work. They modified spaces in their classrooms to meet health requirements, increased the amount of time they spent outside with students, collected strategic data to understand how to best meet the educational needs of each student, modified curricula in light of fewer minutes of contact time, increased social and emotional connections, and, in some cases, took on completely new jobs altogether so our students could be on campus as much as possible. I thank every teacher for their dedication to educating our students with incredible care and thoughtfulness during this time.

The Windsor Central Portrait of a Graduate (PoG) continues to gain meaning through the work of two groups of teachers this year. The PreK-12 Deeper Learning Catalyst Group, facilitated by MS/HS Literacy Instructional Coach Audrey Richardson and HS Science Teacher Tim Brennan, is exploring student Deeper Learning as a mechanism for obtaining PoG outcomes. In addition, our team of Elementary Unified Arts teachers, facilitated by Art Teacher Lisa Kaija and Spanish Teacher Elaine Leibly, is connecting each of their subjects to PoG outcomes. In the next few months this group will create a visual representation of these connections that will hang in every Windsor Central elementary school.

Two in-house credit-bearing professional development opportunities leveraged the expertise of faculty this year. First, Virtual Elementary School teacher and instructional coach Shayna Kalnitsky engaged early elementary teachers in a 3-credit, semester-long deep dive into project-based learning using the text *Young Investigators: The Project Approach in the Early Years* (Helm & Katz, 2016). Each teacher participating in this course developed and implemented a project in their classes that leveraged their learning. Second, Special Education Literacy Specialist Julie Brown taught a 1-credit course in the early months of 2021 titled, *With Literacy and Justice for All: A Community of Educators Engaging with Language and Literacy Research*. In this course, teachers, administrators, and paraeducators took a close look at the research on how to teach reading, and the implications for equity and opportunity for Windsor Central students. Beyond these two offerings, over 100 professional learning opportunities were accessed by Windsor Central faculty during 2020 in topics that included online learning, racial justice, and foreign language acquisition, to name a few.

After school needs-based professional development for teachers focused in two major areas in the Fall of 2020: student data and curriculum. Teachers of Math and English Language at all grade levels spent meeting time evaluating locally collected assessment data. Meetings focused on the implications of the data for classroom differentiation, student supports, and curriculum shifts. Middle and High School meetings were facilitated by Department Chairs. Elementary-level meetings were facilitated by Teachers and Instructional Coaches Kristen Hubbell, Shayna Kalnitsky, and DeVeau Sleeper, which happened via Zoom. Districtwide teacher comfort with Zoom meetings has opened a doorway to increased teacher collaboration by grade level, allowing teachers located in geographically distanced school locations to meet on a regular basis.

Ensuring that resources are available to support the programs of Windsor Central Supervisory Union is also a role of the Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment. Title I and II Grants continue to support the needs of students academically at risk by funding the salaries of interventionists and instructional coaches. In addition, the Title IV Grant supports safe and healthy schools. A mid-cycle waiver to Title IV allowed Windsor

Central to strengthen technology infrastructure by increasing the percent of students accessing 1:1 technology in grades K-2. In the fall I was able to join Superintendent Sherry Sousa, Director of Student Support Services Gina Rocque, and Student Assistance Counselor Annie Luke in bringing in a Prevention Network Grant through the Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center for \$20,000. This grant will help Windsor Central take critical steps towards realizing the goals of the School Board and Administration to unveil and address systemic racism and social justice issues in our schools.

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Stainton, EdD, Windsor Central Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment

WINDSOR CENTRAL UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD CHAIR REPORT

As we enter into our fourth year as a unified Board of seven member towns, it's needless to say COVID-19 has been at the center of this past school year's planning. Our teachers and administrators have worked tirelessly to create systems to educate our students as safely and effectively as possible under these trying conditions. The entire district saw an increase in enrollment due to students new to the area, but also saw some decrease in enrollment due to those that either needed to or preferred home-study during a pandemic. We continue to learn and adapt to this environment while also moving forward with required business and initiatives that will help propel the District forward. We continue to set goals and implement plans to serve students in all of our member towns in an excellent and equitable manner. Our Portrait of a Graduate and Strategic Plan--both of which were adopted by the Board in June 2019--guide the board and structure our activities. These documents provide the district with a set of goals for our students and our district, and a road map for how to achieve these goals.

In July, Interim Superintendent Sherry Sousa began a one-year contract while a national search is being pursued to fill the position. Barnard Academy has had its first year as a new member of the now-unified district. The Prosper Valley School is being remediated with the goal of being used again for the fall of 2021. The board has tasked a configuration working group to study and recommend a best use for the building. The High School/Middle School Working Group continues to study the financial feasibility of a possible master plan for the MSHS, with the intention of concluding the study in the coming months so as to be able to make decisions about a recommended course of action. Ahead of the Districts creation of the racial justice coalition, the Board released a statement on racism and has contracted with Writing Wrongs LLC, to assist the District in developing an anti-racism policy.

The Windsor Central Unified Union School District Board voted to approve a \$22,755,638 budget for the FY22 school year. It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved by voters, will result in education spending of \$18,149 per equalized pupil. This projected spending is \$654,112 or 2.96% higher than spending for the current year.

Two primary drivers of the FY22 budget increase are a health insurance cost increase of 9.8% and 2.5% salary increases for our staff. These two items have resulted in an addition of \$306,500 to the budget. After creating a more equitable system-wide salary grid for our teachers over the past few years, we sought to do the same for our staff, making salary adjustments that allow all staff across the district to be paid equitably.

The majority of the remaining proposed budget increase includes investments in our Buildings and Grounds

maintenance line item, which will allow us to maintain our district schools. Additionally, the district will be investing \$208,252 into operating The Prosper Valley School facility and making it a functioning building again.

Finance Committee Chair Ben Ford and members Anna Sessa, Jen Flaster, Bill Overbay, Interim Superintendent Sherry Sousa, and Finance Director Dan Fitzpatrick worked hard to prepare a proposed budget to present to you that accurately reflects our efforts to contain our costs, increase our revenue, and work within the constraints imposed by the State. They have worked hard to maintain our standards of academic excellence while also managing fiscal responsibility. We know that it is your money we are spending when we craft this budget and we do not take our responsibility lightly.

The board thanks the taxpayers of Barnard, Bridgewater, Killington, Reading, Plymouth, Pomfret, and Woodstock for supporting our schools and for helping us to create and maintain an environment that yields remarkable achievement in our students. Our children reap the benefits of being educated in a place where the teachers and staff take such pride in their work and where a community supports and recognizes their success.

Financial details for:

- the Windsor Central Supervisory Union, and
- the Windsor Central Unified Union School District

budgets will be posted on our website at **www.wcsu.net** as documents become available.

Three Prior Years Comparisons
Tax Rate Calculations

Town: **Bridgewater (estimated)**

County: Windsor

SU: Windsor Central

Expenditures

Local Budget

18,095,833

22,101,525

22,755,638

Gross Act 68 Budget

18,095,833

22,101,525

22,755,638

Revenues:

Local Revenue - grants, donations, tuition, surplus

3,190,219

5,204,694

5,918,390

estimated

Capital debt aid for eligible projects

-

Education Spending

14,905,614

16,896,831

16,837,248

Equalized Pupils (Act 130 count is by school district)

828.38

904.88

927.71

estimated

Education Spending per Equalized Pupil

17,994

18,673

18,149

-

Excess Spending Threshold

18,311

18,756

18,789

-

Final Education Spending per Equalized Pupil

17,994

18,673

18,149

-

Estimated Equalized Homestead Tax Rate

\$1.6899

\$1.7158

\$1.6863

based on yield \$10,648

based on yield \$10,883

*based on yield
\$10,763*

Percent of equalized Students

100.00%

100.00%

Equalized Homestead Rate - Merged

\$1.6899

\$1.7158

Per corrected
Eq.Pupil

Less: merger incentive

\$1.6299

\$1.6758

\$1.6663

(-0.06)

(-0.04)

(-0.02)

Final Equalized Education Tax Rate

\$1.6299

\$1.6758

\$1.6663

-

Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)

92.67%

98.21%

96.50%

FY22 Estimated Actual Homestead Tax Rate

\$1.7425

\$1.6858

\$1.7267

based on \$1.00

based on \$1.00

based on \$1.00

FY2020

FY2021

FY2022

**FY2022
Homestead
Property
Tax Dollar
increase**
\$0.0409

Homestead Tax Increase from FY21

\$1.7425

\$1.6858

\$1.7267

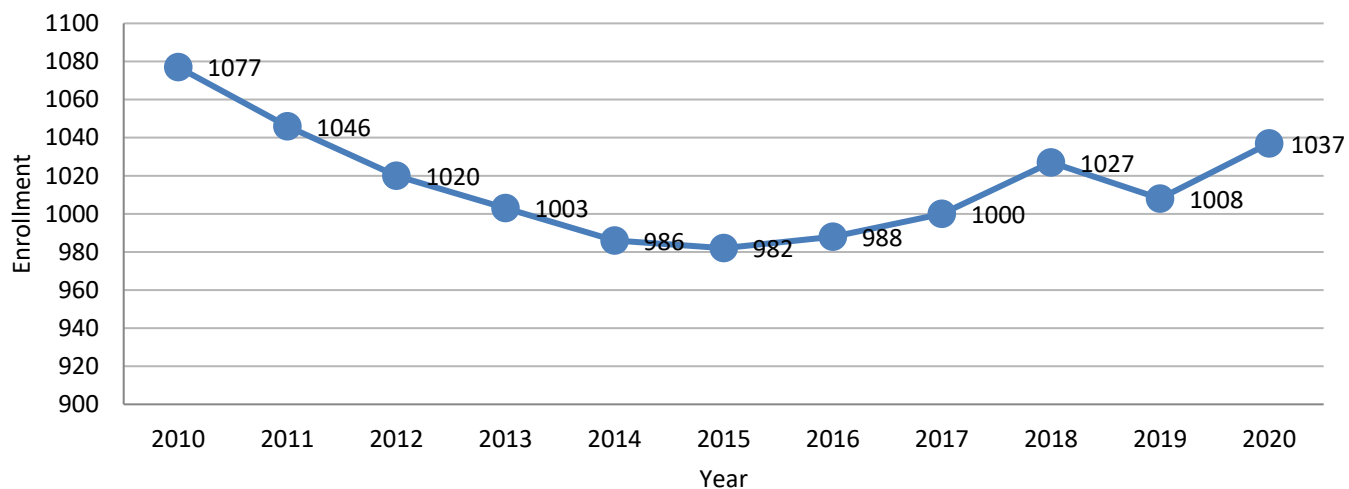
Following current statute, the Tax Commissioner recommended a property yield of \$10,763 for every \$1.00 of homestead tax per \$100 of equalized property value. The Tax Commissioner also recommended an income yield of \$12,825 for a base income percent of 2.74% and a non-residential tax rate of \$1.73. **New and updated data could change the education spending per equalized pupil and the estimated homestead tax rate.**

**Percentage
Increase**

927.71
2.43% equalized
pupil
915
6.05% equalized
pupil

Windsor Central Supervisory Union									
Enrollment Report as of December 1, 2020									
Elementary School Enrollment	On-Site PreK	K	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6	Total PreK-6
Barnard Academy	8	8	11	9	9	7	9	11	72
Killington Elementary School	19	9	19	12	13	12	20	22	126
Reading Elementary School	10	3	7	6	5				31
Woodstock Elementary School	29	37	47	28	39	44	43	38	305
TOTAL ELEMENTARY	66	57	84	55	66	63	72	71	534
Secondary School Enrollment -WUHSMS									
Grade 7	77	MS TOTAL		WCUUSD resident students = 917 Tuition students from sending towns = 113 Act 129 VT High School Choice = 4 State Placed = 3					
Grade 8	77								
Grade 9	94	HS TOTAL							
Grade 10	73								
Grade 11	94								
Grade 12	88								
TOTAL SECONDARY	503	TOTAL WCSU ENROLLMENT							1037

WCSU Enrollment: 10 Year Comparison (PreK to 12)



SUMMARY PAGE

	<u>FY21</u>	<u>FY22</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Grand Total Expenses	\$ 22,101,526	\$ 22,755,638	\$ 654,112
			2.96%
<u>The above difference is based on the following</u>			
Salaries and Insurance	\$306,500	due to 2.5% increase in salary and 9.8% increase in health	
TPVS operating costs to reopen	\$208,252	includes additional staffing and maintenance costs	
Special Education Costs and other	\$139,360	increases for out of school placement and other departmental increases	

AUDITOR'S STATEMENT
Windsor Central Supervisory Union

The financial records are being audited by RHR Smith & Company for the year ending June 30, 2020.

Copies of the completed audit, when available, may be requested by calling the Director of Finance and Operations at 802-457-1213, extension 1089.

WINDSOR CENTRAL UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT



Board of Directors

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FYI - Phone Numbers -

Town Office	(802) 672-3334
Town Office Fax	(802) 672-5395
Town Highway Garage	(802) 672-5379
Health Officer-Ellen Quinn	(802) 281-0615
Town Constable-David Adams	(802) 829-8390
Bridgewater Corners Post Office	(802) 672-5345
Bridgewater Village Post Office	(802) 672-5166
Town Fire Warden – Ken Tarleton	(802) 672-3061
Town Fire Chief –Edwin Earle	(802) 672-5032
Emergency Phone Numbers:	
Fire, Police, Ambulance	911
State Police (Bethel Barracks)	(802) 234-9933

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**Town Meeting Day - March 2, 2021
Town & School Australian Ballot Voting
8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Location: Town Office Drive -Thru**

- **February 23, 2021 Town Meeting Informational Meeting-
6:00 p.m. - Electronic Format**
- **February 25, 2021 School Informational Meeting –
6:30 p.m. - Electronic Format**