

**2021-2022**  
**Annual Report**  
**of the**  
**Officers of the**  
**TOWN of BENSON**

**For**  
**Town Meeting: March 7, 2023**

# NOTICE TO VOTERS

## BENSON TOWN MEETING

### MARCH 7, 2023

#### BEFORE ELECTION DAY:

**VIEW SAMPLE BALLOTS** posted at the Wheel Inn, G & L General Store, and the Town Office. Checklists are posted at G & L General Store and the Town Office.

**VOTER REGISTRATION is now open up to and including Town Meeting Day.** If you are not sure if you are already registered to vote in Benson or need more information about voter registration, phone the Town Clerk at 537-2611 or visit [mvp.sec.state.vt.us](http://mvp.sec.state.vt.us).

**REQUEST EARLY or ABSENTEE BALLOTS:** You or a family member can request early or absentee ballots in person, in writing, by telephone or by email up **until the close of the Town Clerk's office (3:00PM) on Monday, March 6, 2023**. (Any other person authorized by you who is not a family member must apply in writing or in person for a ballot for you.)

#### **WAYS TO VOTE YOUR EARLY BALLOT:**

- You may vote in the town clerk's office before the deadline.
- **Voter** may take his or her ballot(s) out of the clerk's office and return in same manner as if the ballots were received by mail. Drop box available.
- Have ballot mailed to you, and mail or deliver it back to the clerk's office before Election Day or to the polling place before 7:00 p.m. on Election Day.

#### ON ELECTION DAY:

**Floor Meeting begins at 10:00AM at the Community Hall (2760 Stage Road).**

**Polls open at the Community Hall for Australian Ballot Voting at 10:00AM and close at 7:00PM.**

**If you have physical disabilities**, are visually impaired or can't read, you may have assistance from any person of your choice.

**If you cannot get from the car into the polling place**, ballot(s) may be brought to your car by two election officials.

#### INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTERS

##### **CHECK-IN AND RECEIVE BALLOTS:**

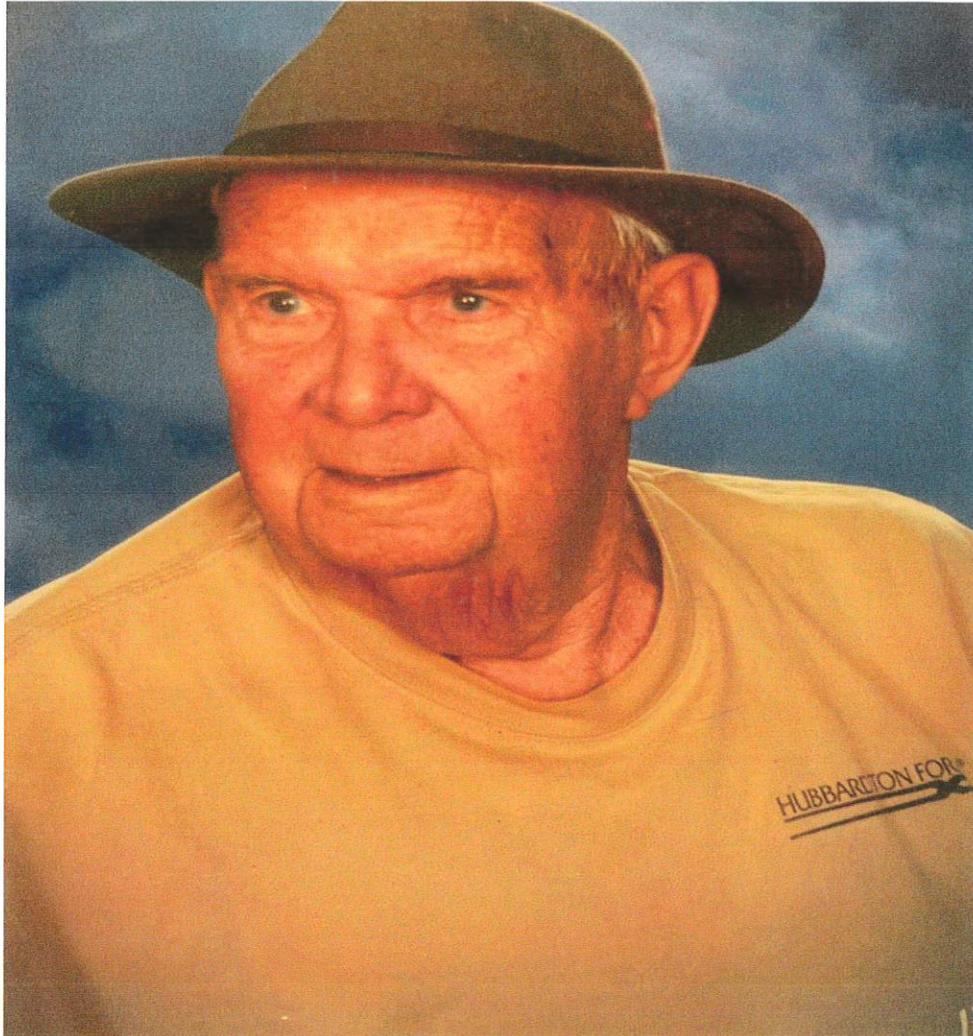
- Enter through the rear (handicapped) entrance and go to the entrance checklist table.
- Give name and, if asked, street address to the election official in an audible voice.
- Wait until your name is repeated and checked off by the official.
- An election official will hand you the ballots.
- Enter within the guardrail and go to a vacant voting booth.

##### **MARK YOUR BALLOT**

**CAST YOUR VOTE** by depositing each voted ballot in the appropriate "Voted Ballots" box.

**LEAVE** the voting area immediately by passing outside the guardrail.

# DEDICATION



## **Leonard W Lussier**

October 29, 1926 to January 9, 2023

Lifelong Benson resident

Highway Department Employee

Cemetery Commissioner

Leonard was always quick witted and made people smile.

**Thank You, Leonard, for your service and  
commitment to Benson.**

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**WARNING**  
**MARCH 7, 2023**  
**FOR THE 237th BENSON ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

**The legal voters of the Town of Benson in the County of Rutland and the State of Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Community Hall in said Town on the first Tuesday in March, being the 7th of March, 2023, at 10 a.m. to transact the following business:**

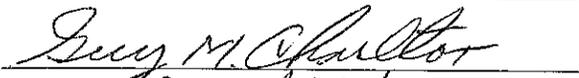
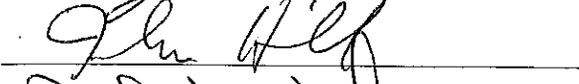
- Article 1: To elect all Town Officers as follows:
- 1 Town Moderator for a term of one year
  - 1 Select Board Member for a term of three years
  - 2 Select Board Members for a term of one year
  - 1 Lister for a term of three years
  - 1 Lister for a term of two years remaining of a three year term
  - 1 Auditor for a term of three years
  - 1 First Constable for a term of two years
  - 1 Delinquent Tax Collector for a term of one year
  - 1 Trustee of Public Funds for a term of three years
  - 1 Library Commissioner for a term of five years
  - 1 Library Commissioner for three years remaining of a five year term
  - 1 Cemetery Commissioner for a term of five years
  - 1 Cemetery Commissioner for a four years remaining of five year term

**Voting under Article 1 will be by Australian ballot.**  
**Polls will open at 10 a.m. and close at 7 p.m.**

- Article 2: Shall the Town vote to approve the expenditure of \$433,690 for the General Fund Budget of which \$278,303 shall be raised by taxes?
- Article 3: Shall the Town vote to approve the expenditure of \$ 799,270 for the layout, repair and maintenance of Town highways of which \$538,944 shall be raised by taxes?
- Article 4: Shall the Town of Benson vote to appropriate \$7,000 for the Benson First Response for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 to help defray the cost of major expenses?
- Article 5: Shall the Town of Benson vote to appropriate the sum of \$55,518 for Fair Haven Rescue Squad ambulance services for the fiscal year 2023-2024?
- Article 6: Shall the Town of Benson vote to appropriate the sum of \$9,000 for the operating expenses of the Town Library?
- Article 7: Shall the Town of Benson vote to appropriate the sum of \$20,000 for the maintenance and care of the Town cemeteries?
- Article 8: Shall the Town of Benson vote to appropriate \$1,250 for the Benson Youth League for the support of their program?

- Article 9: Shall the Town of Benson vote to appropriate \$1,000 for the Community Scholarship Fund?
- Article 10: Will the Town of Benson vote to appropriate, for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024, the sum of \$2000.00 to support Fair Haven Concerned, Inc., a program which organizes and coordinates services necessary to meet the needs of the citizens of the Town of Benson?
- Article 11: Shall the Town of Benson vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$5000 to pay for a town-wide reappraisal, to be conducted as soon as the Selectboard can approve a contract with an appraisal firm?
- Article 12: Shall the town vote to raise, appropriate, and expend the sum of \$1,400 for the support of the VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region, to provide services to residents of the Town?
- Article 13: Shall the Town of Benson vote to appropriate the sum of \$2000 to support the programs and services of BROCC-Community Action in Southwestern Vermont in 2023-2024?
- Article 14: Shall the Town of Benson vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$900 for the support of Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging to provide elder services to residents of the Town?
- Article 15: Shall the Town of Benson vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$2500 to support the Family Day Committee?
- Article 16: Shall the Town of Benson vote to raise, appropriate and expend up to \$15,000 to hire an accountant to conduct an audit on the town books?
- Article 17: Shall the voters authorize payment of real property taxes in two installments, with the due dates being September 15, 2023 and March 15, 2024?
- Article 18: Shall the voters authorize the Town Treasurer, pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 4791, to collect current taxes?
- Article 19: To transact any other business proper to be done at the Annual Town Meeting.

*Dated at Benson, Vermont this 31st day of January, 2023.*

	Brad Barrett
	Guy Charlton
	John Hill
	Jack Helm
	Ron Stewart Jr.

## **Annual Selectboard Report January to December 2022**

### **Town Garage**

The selectboard continued to take steps toward construction of a new highway department garage, and received proposals from several contractors for steel shell buildings. A combination of issues, including supply chain shortages, manpower shortages, and the Board's need to move cautiously to use tax dollars as efficiently as possible all slowed the decision-making process.

A Request for Proposals (RFP) for concrete work was issued in September for bids due in October and work to be completed in November. We received one bid, which the Board felt was too high to be considered. The board then decided that the 2022 goal for completing the building was unrealistic. A new RFP was issued in October 2022, for bids due in January 2023. Again, we felt that the single bid received was too high to be considered.

Garage construction is now delayed until 2023. Although costs have risen dramatically since we began looking at a new garage in 2000, we are committed to building a new garage for \$550,000 or less (\$450,000 in borrowing approved by the voters in 2020 and \$100,000 in ARPA funds approved by the Selectboard in 2022).

### **High Speed Internet**

The Otter Creek Communications Union District is moving to bring high speed internet access to all homes and businesses in Rutland County. The current plan calls for completion of the project in two years.

### **Highway**

The road crew ditched and replaced culverts on Mill Pond, funded by a state grant. This project brings the Town to over 50% of the culvert and ditching issues listed in the Regional Planning Commission's 2019 Capital Improvement Plan. This level of completion increases our potential for grant funding in 2023.

In November we purchased a 2004 John Deere grader, a 2013 International single-axle dump truck, and new loader tires at a Vermont State surplus property auction. The grader and dump truck were put into use immediately and expect that the grader and truck will provide several years of service to the Town. These purchases were possible due to the voters' approval of the annual funding of the Equipment fund, without which we would not have been able to move quickly to purchase this equipment.

### **Many Thanks**

Employees Jeff Noble and Marsha Wiktorski resigned in 2022. They were replaced by Brad Barrett and Carrie LaFond. We wish Jeff and Marsha the best in their futures and welcome Carrie and Brad as town employees. Even though Benson is a small community many residents volunteer for committees and annual events. A huge thank you to all that pitch in, the selectboard and your community thank you.

### **Meetings**

Selectboard regular meetings are held every other Monday at 7pm at the Town office. All are welcome to attend. Meeting warnings are posted at the Town Office, Wheel Inn and G and L Store.

### **Selectboard Members**

John Hill

Brad Barrett

Ronald Stewart

Guy Charlton, Chair

Jack Helm

## ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS FOR 2022

Moderator	John Hill	2023
Town Clerk/Treasurer	Heidi Chandler	2025
Select Board Members	Brad Barrett (3 years)	2024
	Guy Charlton (3 years)	2025
	John Hill (3 years)	2023
	Jack Helm	2023
	Ron Stewart Jr.	2023
Listers	Edward B. Peltier	2024
	Lois Trenn	2023
	Vacant	2025
Auditors	Cheryl Murray	2024
	Robert Bizek	2025
	Lynn Bowen	2023
First Constable	Ben Bartholomew	2023
Delinquent Tax Collector	Barbara Burlett	2023
Trustee of Public Funds	Jayme Van Noordt Purdy	2024
	Brad Barrett	2025
	Norma Phillips	2023
Library Commissioners	Rebeckah St. Peter	2024
	Lisa Daigle-Fontaine	2023
	Gina Parker	2027
	Barbara Hemingway (appointed)	2026
	Dale Sweet	2025
Cemetery Commissioners	Susan Brown	2024
	Leonard Lussier	2023
	Brad Barrett	2027
	Janet Ladd	2026
	Donald Parker	2025
Justices of the Peace	Tom Neumann	2024
	Eric Shaw	2024
	John Hill	2024
	Lynn Bowen	2024
	Ed Peltier	2024

## 2022 APPOINTMENTS

911 Coordinator	Daphne Bartholomew	2023
Assistant 911 Coordinator	Edward B. Peltier	2023
Animal Control Officer	Adam Stewart	2023
Benson Youth League Coordinator	Jayne Purdy	2023
Community Hall Committee	Jennifer Partch-Whitehurst	2024
	Vacant	2023
	Marcia Anderson	2023
Development Review Board	Tom Bartholomew	2023
	Wayne Simek	2023
	Cathy Gearwar	2024
	vacant	2024
	Wesley Gates	2023
	Alternates Tim Bird	2024
	Matthew Currie	2023
Emergency Management Director	Paul Davoren	2023
Emergency Management Coord.	Brad Barrett	2023
FH Rescue Squad Rep.	Sam Bartholomew	2023
Family Day Coordinator	Sue Brown	2023
Inspector of Wood and Lumber	Tim Bird	2023
SWAC Representative	Wes Bowen	2023
SWAC Alternate	Daphne Bartholomew	2023
Newsletter	Kate Hill	2023
Planning Commission (Town)	Robert Bizek	2023
	Cynthia Knipes	2024
	Chery Murray	2024
	Vacant	2023
	Matthew Currie	2023
Pound Keeper	Vacant	2023
Road Commissioner	Brad Barrett	2023
Rutland Regional Planning Rep.	Chery Murray	2023
RRPC Alternate	John Hill	2023
Rutland Regional Transportation	Chery Murray	2023
Tree Warden	Bob St.Peter	2023
Zoning Administrator	Edward B. Peltier	2023
Assistant Clerk	Lisa Daigle-Fontaine	2023
Assistant Clerk	Daphne Bartholomew	2023
Town Health Officer	Darryl Kuehne	2023
Forest Fire Warden	Robert St. Peter	2023

## 2021-2022 Auditors Report

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Town of Benson as of and for the year ending June 30, 2022 as listed in the Table of Contents. The financial statements are the responsibility of management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with 24 V.S.A. 1681-1684, which among other things requires that we examine and adjust accounts of all Town offices and all other persons authorized by law to draw orders on the Town Treasurer.

Our objectives were to (1) validate the correctness of the Town accounts, (2) detect fraud or errors in these accounts and (3) verify the financial condition and results of operations of the Town for the year ended June 30, 2022.

To accomplish these objectives, we examined the operation of the Town government including internal controls over financial transactions. We interviewed Town officials to review Town operations and adherence to protocol, we reviewed the Town accounting systems, cash handling procedures, and segregation of duties.

We reviewed Cash Disbursement and Cash Reconciliation journals to ensure accuracy and that they balanced with the individual accounts contained therein. The disbursements for payroll and regular bills were reconciled with the amounts approved by the Selectboard per the meeting minutes for the year. We reviewed Town payroll records, randomly verified rates and wages paid and ensured that taxes for the same were both collected and properly paid. We audited randomly selected expenditures which included checking the invoice, invoice amount, Selectboard approval, check amount and payee's endorsement of the issued check. We compared the financial statements with prior year financial statements, and actions taken at Town meeting and by the Selectboard to assure accurate presentation and consistency.

We audited transactions pertaining to the Grand List and verified certain tax levies and penalties and interest for delinquent taxes were being properly

applied, land transfer records were accurate, and that tax calculations were reflected on the Grand List at the approved rate.

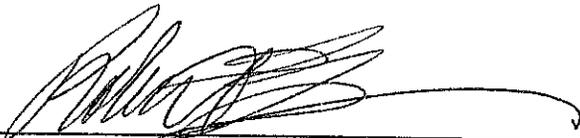
To verify the existence and year end balances of all cash accounts, we confirmed year end balances of all accounts presented to us with their associated bank(s). Our review of school funding and expenditures was limited to confirming the transfer of funds collected for school purpose by the Town to the School District. The District has an independent audit of financial statements and operations completed yearly.

In addition, we reached out to seven local banks to verify that the only accounts issued using the Town of Benson EIN and/or name are ones that the Town Treasurer has documented for us in our audit efforts.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of Benson as of June 30, 2022.

Respectfully Submitted,

Benson Town Board of Auditors



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Robert J Bizek, Chair



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Cheryl Murray, Clerk



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Lynn Bowen

# ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MARCH 1, 2022

## CONDENSED MINUTES

### **OFFICERS ELECTED (217 ballots cast)**

Town Moderator	John Hill
Cemetery Commissioner	<i>No write-in candidate received sufficient votes to be elected</i>
Town Clerk	Heidi Chandler
Town Treasurer	Heidi Chandler
Library Commissioner, 4 year	<i>No write-in candidate received sufficient votes to be elected</i>
Library Commissioner	Gina Parker
Auditor, 2 years	Cheryl Murray
Auditor	Robert Bizek
Selectboard (3 years)	Guy Charlton
Selectboard (1 year)	Jack Helm and Ron Stewart
Delinquent Tax Collector	Barbara S. Burlett
Trustee of Public Funds	Brad Barrett
Lister	<i>No write-in candidate received sufficient votes to be elected</i>

### **APPROPRIATIONS APPROVED**

- Article 2:** \$426,697 for the General Fund Budget of which \$287,326 shall be raised by taxes.
- Article 3:** \$685,750 for Town highways of which \$511,136 shall be raised by taxes
- Article 4:** \$4,000 for the Benson First Response
- Article 5:** \$52,185 for the ambulance services
- Article 6:** \$9000 for the operating expenses of the Town Library
- Article 7:** \$20,000 for the maintenance and care of the Town cemeteries
- Article 8:** \$1,000 for the Community Scholarship Fund
- Article 9:** \$1,500 to support Fair Haven Concerned, Inc.
- Article 10:** \$400.00 to support Child First Advocacy Center
- Article 11:** \$730 for the support of Rutland Mental Health Services
- Article 12:** \$1,400 to support the Rutland VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region
- Article 13:** \$1,250 to support the programs and services of BROCC
- Article 14:** \$900 for the support of Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging

### **OTHER ARTICLE**

- Article 15:** Authorized payment of real property taxes in two installments, with the due dates being September 15, 2022 and March 15, 2023

Heidi Chandler, Town Clerk

**2021-2022  
INVESTED FUNDS SUMMARY**

	6/30/2021 Balance	2021-2022 Receipts	2021-2022 Expenses	6/30/2022 Balance
ARPA Funds	0.00	149762.10	2656.50	147105.60
Benson Public Library	3,650.46	103.71	0.00	3,754.17
Benson Youth League	8,781.20	28.78	0.00	8,809.98
Building Maintenance Reserve	36,034.12	6,036.32	0.00	42,070.44
Community Hall Savings	6,823.35	306.98	0.00	7,130.33
Community Scholarship Fund	2,257.51	1,102.35	1,000.00	2,359.86
Eaves Scholarship	2,023.10	2.02	1,000.00	1,025.12
Equipment Fund	116,022.53	20,116.99	0.00	136,139.52
Fund Raising Committee	3,290.89	4,278.91	3,815.80	3,754.00
Fire Department Fundraising	50,198.84	15,391.17	3,360.25	62,229.76
Fire Dept. Equipment Reserve	32,672.44	3,292.98	0.00	35,965.42
Grant Match Fund	33,810.63	1,033.86	0.00	34,844.49
H. Glenn Munger Scholarship	141.74	0.15	0.00	141.89
History Project Fund	8,937.35	184.02	0.00	9,121.37
Reappraisal Savings	14,326.95	5,489.00	0.00	19,815.95
Veterans Monument Fund	698.71	0.70	0.00	699.41

**INVESTED FUNDS**  
**as of JUNE 30, 2022**

**Veterans Monument**

Balance 6/30/2021		\$	698.71
Interest		\$	0.70
Balance 6/30/2022		\$	<u>699.41</u>

**Grant Match Fund**

Balance 6/30/2021		\$	33,810.63
2018-2019 Appropriation		\$	1,000.00
Interest		\$	33.86
Balance 6/30/2022		\$	<u>34,844.49</u>

**Community Hall Savings**

Balance 6/30/2021		\$	6,823.35
Rental Income	\$	300.00	
Interest	\$	6.98	
Total Deposits		\$	306.98
Balance 6/30/2022		\$	<u>7,130.33</u>

**Eaves Scholarship**

Balance 6/30/2021		\$	2,023.10
Donation	\$	-	
Interest	\$	2.02	
Total Deposits		\$	2.02
		\$	2,025.12
Scholarships Granted		\$	1,000.00
Balance 6/30/2022		\$	<u>1,025.12</u>

**Reappraisal Savings**

Balance 6/30/2021		\$	14,326.95
Interest	\$	15.00	
Grant	\$	5,474.00	
		\$	5,489.00
Balance 6/30/2022		\$	<u>19,815.95</u>

**INVESTED FUNDS**  
**as of JUNE 30, 2022**

**Equipment Fund**

Balance 6/30/2021		\$ 116,022.53
2021-2022 Appropriation	\$ 20,000.00	
Interest	\$ 116.99	
Total Deposits		\$ 20,116.99
Balance 6/30/2022		\$ 136,139.52

**Benson Community Scholarship Fund**

Balance 6/30/2021		\$ 2,257.51
Town Appropriation	\$ 1,000.00	
Donations	\$ 100.00	
Interest	\$ 2.35	
Total Receipts		\$ 1,102.35
		\$ 3,359.86
Scholarships Granted		\$ 1,000.00
Balance 6/30/2022		\$ 2,359.86

**Fire Department Savings**

Balance 6/30/2021		\$ 50,198.84
2021 Hayride Proceeds	\$ 14,230.00	
Contributions	\$ 1,100.00	
Interest	\$ 61.17	
Total Deposits		\$ 15,391.17
		\$ 65,590.01
2018 Hayride Expenses		\$ 3,360.25
Balance 6/30/2022		\$ 62,229.76

**Fire Department Equipment Reserve**

Balance 6/30/2021		\$ 32,672.44
Contributions		\$ 3,260.00
Interest		\$ 32.98
Balance 6/30/2022		\$ 35,965.42

**INVESTED FUNDS**  
**as of JUNE 30, 2022**

**Fund Raising Committee**

Balance 6/30/2021		\$	3,290.89
Receipts			
Contributions	\$	-	
2021 Family Day	\$	4,274.58	
Interest	\$	4.33	
Total Receipts		\$	4,278.91
		\$	7,569.80
Family Day 2021 Expenses		\$	3,815.80
Balance 6/30/2022		\$	3,754.00

**Benson Public Library**

Balance 6/30/2021		\$	3,650.46
Fundraising		\$	-
Contribution		\$	100.00
Interest		\$	3.71
Balance 6/30/2022		\$	3,754.17

**H. Glenn Munger Scholarship Fund**

Balance 6/30/2021		\$	141.74
Interest		\$	0.15
Balance 6/30/2022		\$	141.89

**History Project Fund**

Balance 6/30/2021		\$	8,937.35
Interest		\$	9.02
Sale of Books		\$	175.00
Balance 6/30/2022		\$	9,121.37

**Benson Youth League**

Balance 6/30/2021		\$	8,781.20
2021-2022 Appropriation		\$	-
Interest		\$	8.78
Contribution		\$	20.00
		\$	8,809.98
2019 Season Expenses		\$	-
Balance 6/30/2022		\$	8,809.98

**INVESTED FUNDS  
as of JUNE 30, 2022**

**Building Maintenance Reserve Fund**

Balance 6/30/2021	\$	36,034.12
Interest	\$	36.32
2021-2022 Appropriation	\$	6,000.00
	\$	<u>42,070.44</u>

**SALT SHED CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT**

\$13,032.26 @0.2.00% Matures 1/19/2023	\$	<u>13,332.99</u>
First National Bank of Orwell		

**REAPPRAISAL CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT**

2012 State Grant (includes 2017 Grant)	\$	11,885.74
.2000% Matures 4/19/2023 FNB Orwell		
2013 State Grant .2000% Matures 12/02/2022	\$	6,037.50
First National Bank of Orwell		
2018-2019 State Grants	\$	11,341.50
.2000% Matures 05/06/2020 FNB Orwell		
2020 Reappraisal Grant		
.2000% Matures 4/21/2023 FNB Orwel	\$	<u>5,590.61</u>
Total Reappraisal Funds	\$	<u>34,855.35</u>

**ARPA Funds (Community Bank Money Market Account)**

Received from State		149,762.02
2021-2022 Interest	\$	0.08
	\$	<u>149,762.10</u>
Transfer Station Attendant Premium Pay	\$	(2,656.50)
Balance on Hand 6/30/2022	\$	<u>147,105.60</u>

**TREASURER'S REPORT 2021-2022**

<b>Balance on Hand June 30, 2021</b>	<b>143,471.45</b>		
<b>RECEIPTS</b>			
Cemetery Income	4,310.30		61,300.00
ARPA Funds	149,761.94		675.00
Highway State Aid	134,817.07		19,407.23
Highway: Permits	335.00		7,825.00
Highway: Municipal Grants-in-Aid	15,869.41		135.00
Highway: Metal Recycling	228.00		480,662.08
Highway: Sale of Equipment	1,240.75		43,304.54
Library Income	293.00		12,264.97
Listers: State Per Parcel Payment	644.00		50,581.63
Property Taxes, Interest and Penalty	2,278,434.67		7,547.48
Selectboard Income	112,913.51		1,418,670.46
Sewer Income	36,088.18		31,188.69
Zoning Income	725.00		48,728.76
Playground Fund Donations	825.00		2,735.00
Restoration Fund Net	107.09		76,254.10
History Project Fund	45.00		2,000.00
Family Day Income	4,037.60		36,406.45
Tax Sale Fees	3,796.12		3,815.80
2022 Reappraisal Grant	5,474.00		3,360.25
Transfers from Savings	11,872.55		68,355.20
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>2,761,818.19</b>		<b>55,066.25</b>
			<b>35,734.91</b>
			<b>1,475.00</b>
			<b>149,761.94</b>
			<b>45.00</b>
<b>Payroll Liabilities Incurred</b>	<b>88,901.47</b>		<b>5,474.00</b>
Total Available Funds	2,994,191.11		1,000.00
			5,728.55
			2,232.81
			2,656.50
Less Total Disbursements	2,732,621.79		40.00
			4,037.60
<b>Balance on Hand June 30, 2021</b>	<b>261,569.32</b>		<b>2,638,470.20</b>
Respectfully Submitted,			
Daphne Bartholomew, Assistant Treasurer			<b>94,151.59</b>
			2,732,621.79

**HIGHWAY FUND SUMMARY**  
For the Year Ending June 30, 2022

**Receipts**

Voted to Raise by Taxes	488,720.00	
Sale of Equipment (Sander)	800.00	
State Aid	134,817.07	
Excess Weight Permits	335.00	
2020-21 Supplemental Structures Grant designated for East Road Culvert Project	31,347.48	
Metal Recycling	668.75	
Municipal Grants-in-Aid FY21	15,869.41	
Total Receipts		672,557.71

**Disbursements**

Budgeted	480,662.08	
East Road Culvert Project	28,179.54	
Municipal Grants-in-Aid FY21	15,125.00	
Equipment Purchases:	12,264.97	
Total Disbursements		536,231.59

**Highway Fund Balance 6/30/2022**

**136,326.12**

**Unrestricted Highway Funds 6/30/2022**

**136,326.12**

**2020 Appropriation for Preliminary Highway  
Garage Work**

**10,000.00**

Soil Testing (2020-2021)	4,550.00
Zoning Permit (2020-2021)	75.00
Zoning Permits	135.00

**Remaining Funds**

**5,240.00**

Unspent Budget	124,058
State Aid in Excess of Estimate	18,817
Sale of Sander	800
Permits	335
Metal Recycling	669
Grants-in-Aid Receipts over Expenses	744
East Road Culvert Income over Expenses	3,168
	<u>148,591</u>

Unbudgeted Equipment Purchases

12,265  
**136,326**

**STATEMENT OF CURRENT ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**  
**As of June 30, 2022**

**CURRENT ASSETS**

Balance in Checking & Payroll 06/30/2022	261,569
Delinquent Taxes as of June 30, 2022	58,377
Delinquent Tax Interest as of June 30, 2022	9,355
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>329,302</b>

**CURRENT LIABILITIES AND RESTRICTED FUNDS**

Payroll Liabilities 6/30/2022	11,619
Delinquent Tax Interest Designated for 2022-2023 Budget	7,000
2020-2021 Fund Balance Designated for 2022-2023 Budget	25,546
Restoration Fund Balance 6/30/2022	6,735
Playground Fund Balance 6/30/2022	3,217
Highway Fund Balance	136,326
Balance of 2020 Highway Garage Appropriation	5,240
Due to Library	3,906
Due to Cemetery	20,494
Due to Sewer Fund	73,856
<b>Total Liability and Restricted Funds</b>	<b>293,939</b>

<b>JUNE 30, 2022 Unrestricted Fund Balance</b>	<b>35,362</b>
Total Current Assets less Total Liability and Restricted Funds)	



**Town of Benson**  
**PAYROLL SUMMARY**  
July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022

Employee	Position	Earnings
Barrett, Brad L	Selectboard	\$ 899.01
Bartholomew, Amanda	Elections	\$ 197.60
Bartholomew, Daphne	Clerk/Treasurer/Assistant	\$ 27,646.95
Bizek Jr, Robert J.	Auditor	\$ 200.00
Bowen-, Lynn	Auditor	\$ 266.63
Bowen , Ann M	Elections	\$ 115.23
Bowen, Wesley	Transfer Station	\$ 11,169.00
Burlett, Barbara S	Delinquent Tax Collector	\$ 7,825.00
Burlett, Daryl	Highway	\$ 740.00
Chandler, Heidi M	Clerk/Treasurer/Assistant/Lister/Election	\$ 15,746.93
Charlton, Guy	Selectboard/Transfer Station/Elections	\$ 2,780.13
Charron, Timothy G	Maintenance	\$ 5,460.00
Daigle-Fontaine, Lisa	Elections	\$ 31.38
Fletcher, Wayne A.	Highway	\$ 5,020.00
Goodhue, George	Computer Technician	\$ 192.50
Hall, Lisa M	Elections	\$ 31.38
Hill, John	Selectboard/Elections/BCA	\$ 881.38
Jordan, Jeff L.	Sewer	\$ 15,851.93
LaFond Jr., Paul J	Town Office/Community Hall Mowing	\$ 1,800.00
Lubinsky, Kristopher E.	Computer Technician	\$ 140.00
Lussier, Jacqueline	Library	\$ 5,659.50
Lussier, Daniel J.	Highway	\$ 7,973.75
Messer, Kevin	Highway	\$ 330.00
Munger, Dwight R	Highway	\$ 460.00
Munger, Eileen A.	Elections	\$ 106.68
Murray, Cheryl L	Elections	\$ 231.38
Neumann, D. Thomas	BCA/Elections	\$ 54.88
Noble, Jeffrey L	Highway	\$ 57,219.00
Pappalardo, Neil L	Selectboard	\$ 283.00
Peltier, Edward B	Elections/BCA/Lister/Zoning	\$ 3,924.41
Peltier, Linda Rae	Elections	\$ 85.86
Phillips, Norma	Selectboard Assistant	\$ 1,624.78
Rocheleau, Tina L.	Town Office/Community Hall Cleaning	\$ 1,810.50
Scott, Fred A	Maintenance	\$ 6,480.00
Shaw, Eric	Elections/BCA	\$ 134.46
St. Peter, Robert B.	Highway	\$ 496.00
Stewart , Adam	Animal Control	\$ 210.00
Stewart Jr., Ronald H	Selectboard	\$ 867.63
Sweet, Dale M.	Library	\$ 70.50
Trenn, Lois	Lister	\$ 8,903.30
Washburn, Jeffrey M	Highway	\$ 32,210.75
Wiktorski, Marsha	Selectboard Assistant	\$ 3,224.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 229,355.43</b>

## Vendor Summary

July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022

A-1 Sewer & Drain Service Inc.	800.00	Fair Haven Concerned	1,500.00
A & K Agriservices, LLC	2,477.68	Fair Haven Post Office	702.16
Airgas USA, LLC	295.22	Fair Haven Postmaster	1,201.57
Allegiance Trucks	4,631.50	Fair Haven Rescue Squad	51,120.00
Allen Engineering & Chemical Corp.	4,707.09	Ferguson Waterworks # 576	31,394.94
Amanda Bartholomew-	738.51	First National Bank of Orwell	22,492.29
Amazon.Com	400.00	FleetPride	491.23
Apex Software	215.00	Foley Services, Inc.	1,485.64
Aquatec Environmental Inc.	2,775.00	Fred Scott	29.92
Arctic Cooling	532.00	G & L General Store	253.56
Artistic Cemetery Memorials Inc.	6,000.00	G. Stone Commerical Division	72.00
AT LAKE CHAMPLAIN LLC	5,528.78	Giancola Construction Corp	3,310.00
Aubuchon Hardware	431.23	Gilmore Home Center	5,469.54
Beauregard Equipment, Inc.	1,063.28	GMP	13,183.37
Benson First Response	13,962.66	GODADDY.COM	276.15
Bergeron Protective Clothing	4,456.31	GONETSPEED	5,414.18
Bill Moore	350.00	Good Point Recycling	16.48
Blue Cross and Blue Shield of VT	23,527.70	Green Mountain Library Cons	200.00
Book Brothers, Inc.	100.00	Green Up Vermont	100.00
BROC	1,250.00	Hadeka Stone Corp.	7,022.40
Brown's Quarried Slate Products Inc.	6,235.00	Heidi Chandler -	196.58
CAI Technologies	700.00	High Winds Leasing	854.70
Cairo Mini Cars	100.00	Hubbard Brothers Inc.	28,812.77
Cargill Incorporated	51,723.34	Huestis Farm Supply	314.67
Casella Construction, Inc.	22,803.82	IDS	184.50
Casella Recycling	4,371.28	Impact Fire	652.25
Champlain Valley Fuels	49,302.06	Initial Ideas	65.90
Champlain Valley Historical RI	100.00	Interstate All Battery Center	272.38
Child First Advocacy Center	400.00	Intuit	1,350.97
Clark's Collision Center Inc.	9,318.27	Iroquois Manufacturing Comp	117.49
Clark's Truck Center	11,079.94	James W. Barlow	7,409.92
CVC Paging	478.50	Jayne Purdy	315.00
Daniel Lussier -	25.00	Jeff Jordan	897.67
Daphne Bartholomew-	523.06	Jet Service Envelope Co.	131.16
Daric Brown	29,485.64	Jim Pritchard	450.00
Dave Bartholomew	1,068.95	Jim Rooker Painting	8,500.00
Department of Public Safety	20.00	John Bates Childress	500.00
Donald G. Uhler	1,000.00	John Hill -	370.99
Dounta Cole	191.25	John Stokowski & Sons Inc.	617.37
Dundon Plumbing and Heating	1,827.00	Kari Lussier	153.00
Earle's Truck Repair Inc.	7,012.35	KOFILE Technologies	3,690.91
Ed Peltier	32.03	Malwarebytes Corp	26.45
Endyne Inc.	1,450.00	Manchester Newspapers	2,633.50
Envato USA Inc.	61.00	Mark Norris Master Electriciar	375.89
Everyday Flowers	40.00	McAfee	37.09
Fair Haven Auto Supply	3,269.23	McDuff Electric Inc.	812.90

## Vendor Summary

July 1, 2021 through June 30,2022

Microsoft	104.94	Tifco Industries	2,438.35
Midnight Express LLC	4,074.00	Tim Charron	118.22
Millennium Const. & Woodworking	1,391.47	Town of Benson	6,092.27
Miller's Screen Printing & Embroidery	1,774.07	Town of Fair Haven Police De	550.00
Milton Cat	104.53	Tractor Supply Credit Plan	99.99
Mountain View Dairy Supply	4,650.00	Travis Gault	6,700.00
NEMRC	7,462.67	Treadway Hauling & Repair LI	6,298.88
Northern Tool & Equipment	39.99	Treasurer, Rutland County	7,140.00
Norton.com	63.59	Trend Business Solutions	802.52
NSI Lab Solutions, Inc.	313.00	Trius Inc.	951.31
Orwell Sand & Gravel	22,770.00	U. S. Postal Service	265.00
Orwell Youth League	360.00	United States Postal Service	665.65
Penguin Productions	150.00	USABlueBook	901.97
Pete's Tire Barns, Inc.	3,426.86	Venture Crew 167	1,000.00
Pike Industries, Inc.	90,000.00	Vermont Assessors & Listers	100.00
Portland Glass	454.63	Vermont Correctional Industir	31.32
R. C. Allen Communications	1,543.00	Vermont Diesel and Hydraulic	255.00
Rattlesnake Ridge Truck Services Inc.	379.92	Vermont Digital	281.31
Reynolds & Son Inc.	367.40	Vermont League Of Cities & T	2,588.00
Robert St. Peter	13,300.00	Vermont State Firefighters as	524.00
Rutland County Fire Mutual Aid Associatio	1,200.00	Vermont State Treasurer	1,345.00
Rutland County Humane Society	150.00	Viking- Cives USA	5,480.48
Rutland Herald	837.37	VLCT Employment Resource i	649.00
Rutland Mental Health	730.00	VLCT Property & Casualty	36,444.75
Rutland Printing Co., Inc.	2,005.50	VMCTA	35.00
Rutland Regional Planning Commission	975.00	VNA & Hospice of the Southw	1,400.00
Salem Farm Supply	88.85	Wallingford Crushed Stone	29,522.76
Sam Bartholomew	27.52	Waterfront Diving Center	507.00
Schwaab, Inc.	79.74	West Haven Volunteer Fire De	750.00
Scott Perron	212.50	Winmill Equipment Co.	1,494.82
Seguin Services	455.00	Young's Farm Equipment, Inc	648.35
Shaw's Garage	1,085.00		
Sheldon Trucks Inc	4,892.45		
SKI Door Inc.	1,519.10		
Slate Valley Unified School District	1,418,670.46		
Southwestern Council on Aging	900.00		
Southworth-Milton, Inc.	562.41		
Stamp Fulfillment Services	705.80		
Staples	2,272.77		
State of Vermont	1,750.00		
SWAC	5,813.76		
Tegan Hoard	2,000.00		
The Addison Independent	201.26		
The Royal Group Inc.	2,232.48		



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Trustees of Public Funds  
Benson, VT 05731

October 18, 2022

Dear Sir/Madame:

Our records reflect account activity and balances for the following Trustees of Public Funds Accounts:

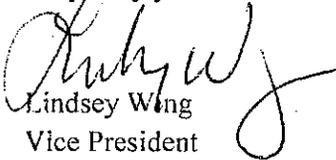
### Savings Account

Balance June 30, 2021	\$	1,912.56
Deposits		0.00
Interest thru June 30, 2022		0.89
Withdrawals		-1,400.00
Balance June 30, 2022	\$	<u>513.45</u>

### Certificate of Deposit

Balance June 30, 2021	\$	77,010.09
Deposits		1,400.00
Interest thru June 30, 2022		550.09
Withdrawals		-3,110.30
Balance June 30, 2022	\$	<u>75,849.88</u>

Very truly yours,

  
Lindsey Wing  
Vice President

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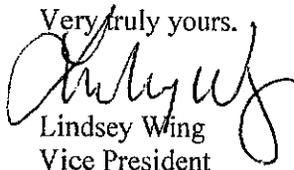
October 18, 2022

Dear Sir/Madame:

Our records reflect the following account balances as of the close of business on June 30, 2022:

<u>Checking Accounts</u>	<u>Balance</u>
<b>Town, Regular</b>	\$ 285,028.23
<i>Town, Payroll</i>	13,293.20
<u>Savings Accounts</u>	
<b>Trustees of Public Funds</b>	\$ 513.45
<i>Bicentennial Funds</i>	11,274.40
<b>H. Glenn Munger Scholarship Fund</b>	141.89
<i>Community Hall</i>	7,130.33
<b>Public Library</b>	3,754.17
<i>Veteran's Monument</i>	699.41
<b>Scholarship Fund</b>	2,359.86
<i>Equipment Fund</i>	136,139.52
<b>Escrow Account</b>	19,815.95
<i>Eaves Scholarship</i>	1,025.12
<b>Grant Fund</b>	34,844.49
<i>Fire Department</i>	62,229.76
<b>Family Day Committee</b>	3,754.00
<i>Fire Department Equipment</i>	35,965.42
<b>History Project Fund</b>	9,121.37
<i>Youth League</i>	8,809.98
<b>Building Maintenance Reserve</b>	42,070.44
<u>Certificate of Deposit</u>	
<b>Salt/Sand Shed</b>	\$ 13,347.87
<i>Trustees of Public Funds</i>	75,849.88
<b>Re-appraisal 2012</b>	11,890.49
<i>Re-appraisal 2018-2019</i>	11,344.98
<b>Re-appraisal 2020</b>	5,590.61
<i>Reappraisal 2013</i>	6,044.46
<u>Loan</u>	
<b>Municipal Loan</b>	\$ 0.00

Very truly yours.

  
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## 2023-2024 BUDGET SUMMARY

	2021-2022 Budget	2021-2022 Actual	2022-2023 Budget	Proposed 2023-2024
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>				
General Selectboard Expenses	89,225.00	76,254.10	99,107.00	99,600.00
Town Office Expenses	36,940.00	36,406.45	41,190.00	40,970.00
Community Hall Expenses	12,000.00	31,188.69	12,550.00	12,370.00
Transfer Station Expenses	80,200.00	55,066.25	81,100.00	77,300.00
Town Officers	72,930.00	68,355.20	77,900.00	83,800.00
Payroll Expenses	53,800.00	50,581.63	65,900.00	56,400.00
Fire Department	51,730.00	51,463.76	56,700.00	61,000.00
	396,825.00	369,316.08	434,447.00	431,440.00
Zoning Expenses	2,250.00	1,475.00	2,250.00	2,250.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>399,075.00</b>	<b>370,791.08</b>	<b>436,697.00</b>	<b>433,690.00</b>
Less Anticipated Income	124,325.00		123,825.00	120,025.00
Less Carryover	22,139.00		25,546.00	35,362.00
<b>GENERAL FUND RAISE BY TAXES</b>	<b>252,611.00</b>		<b>287,326.00</b>	<b>278,303.00</b>
<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>				
Personnel	122,220.00	105,439.14	126,700.00	136,500.00
Operating	48,000.00	51,848.11	48,050.00	65,070.00
Equipment Service/Parts	49,000.00	51,915.79	72,000.00	78,700.00
Road Work	102,000.00	97,033.30	115,500.00	120,500.00
Road Materials	263,500.00	154,425.74	263,500.00	348,500.00
Equipment Loans	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Equipment Reserve Fund	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	50,000.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>604,720.00</b>	<b>480,662.08</b>	<b>645,750.00</b>	<b>799,270.00</b>
Less anticipated State Aid	116,000.00		116,000.00	124,000.00
Less carryover			18,614.00	136,326.00
<b>HIGHWAY FUND RAISE BY TAXES</b>	<b>488,720.00</b>		<b>511,136.00</b>	<b>538,944.00</b>
<b>TOTAL TO BE RAISED BY TAXES</b>	<b>741,331.00</b>		<b>798,462.00</b>	<b>817,247.00</b>

# 2023-2024 Comparative Budget: GENERAL FUND

		2021-2022 Budget	2021-2022 Actual	2022-2023 Budget	2023-2024 Budget
<b>INCOME</b>					
<b>GENERAL FUND INCOME</b>					
	Dog Registration	4,000.00	2,704.00	3,500.00	3,000.00
	Town Clerk Fees	11,000.00	9,817.00	11,000.00	10,000.00
	FP & FW Pilot Program	18,000.00	18,156.81	18,000.00	18,000.00
	Current Use	35,000.00	34,312.00	35,000.00	34,000.00
	Liquor licenses	185.00	185.00	185.00	185.00
	Newsletter Ads	1,000.00	465.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
	Rent, Creamery	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00
	Transfer Station Income	45,000.00	45,719.20	45,000.00	45,000.00
	Civil Fines (Traffic tickets)	0.00	200.00	0.00	0.00
	Delinquent Tax Interest	7,000.00	15,063.93	7,000.00	7,000.00
	Zoning Fees	1,000.00	725.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
	Listers Per Parcel Payment	640.00	644.00	640.00	640.00
	Photocopies/Faxes	300.00	154.50	300.00	200.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>124,325.00</b>	<b>129,346.44</b>	<b>123,825.00</b>	<b>120,025.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>					
<b>General Selectboard Expenses</b>					
	Building Maintenance Reserve	6,000.00	6,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00
	Community Events	1,200.00	1,199.68	1,200.00	1,200.00
	County Tax	8,500.00	7,140.00	8,500.00	8,500.00
	Creamery Maintenance & Taxes	800.00	10,748.81	800.00	1,000.00
	VLCT Dues	2,500.00	2,380.00	2,307.00	2,500.00
	RRPC Dues	975.00	975.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
	Electricity: Street Lights	1,700.00	1,758.30	1,750.00	1,850.00
	Emergency Management	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
	Grant Match Reserve Fund	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
	Green-Up	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
	Humane Society	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00
	Liability & WC Insurance	56,000.00	36,366.75	56,000.00	56,000.00
	Unemployment Insurance	800.00	649.00	800.00	800.00
	Interest Expense	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
	Law Enforcement	4,000.00	80.00	8,000.00	8,000.00
	Professional Fees	3,000.00	7,429.92	3,000.00	3,000.00
	Web Page	2,000.00	276.64	2,000.00	1,500.00
	<b>Total General Select Board</b>	<b>89,225.00</b>	<b>76,254.10</b>	<b>99,107.00</b>	<b>99,600.00</b>
<b>Town Office Expenses</b>					
	Ads	600.00	3,672.13	800.00	800.00
	Bank service charges	100.00	78.00	100.00	100.00
	Cleaning	1,440.00	1,079.50	1,440.00	1,800.00
	Computer software & Support	8,000.00	8,181.36	10,000.00	10,000.00
	Dog licenses	2,300.00	1,529.50	2,300.00	1,800.00
	Electricity	1,800.00	1,514.50	1,800.00	1,800.00
	Heating fuel	5,000.00	3,871.85	5,000.00	5,000.00
	Maintenance & Repairs	1,500.00	1,851.34	1,500.00	1,500.00
	Marriage Licenses	300.00	0.00	300.00	300.00
	Mowing	1,200.00	1,080.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
	Newsletter postage	1,600.00	949.23	1,600.00	1,600.00
	Postage/envelopes	2,800.00	2,662.66	3,500.00	3,500.00

## 2023-2024 Comparative Budget: GENERAL FUND

		2021-2022 Budget	2021-2022 Actual	2022-2023 Budget	2023-2024 Budget
	Printing	2,000.00	2,837.63	2,500.00	3,000.00
	Record Books & Paper	700.00	0.00	700.00	700.00
	Restoration of Records	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
	Sewer	300.00	350.00	350.00	370.00
	Supplies & Equipment	4,200.00	3,560.06	4,500.00	4,000.00
	Telephone & Internet	2,100.00	2,188.69	2,600.00	2,500.00
	<b>Total Office Expenses</b>	<b>36,940.00</b>	<b>36,406.45</b>	<b>41,190.00</b>	<b>40,970.00</b>
	<b>Community Hall Expenses</b>				
	Cleaning	1,600.00	731.00	1,600.00	1,600.00
	Electricity*	1,200.00	909.04	1,200.00	1,300.00
	Heat*	5,000.00	6,667.96	5,000.00	5,000.00
	Inspection/Compliance	1,000.00	932.68	1,000.00	1,000.00
	Maintenance & Repairs	1,500.00	20,770.04	2,000.00	2,000.00
	Mowing	900.00	720.00	900.00	600.00
	Sewer	300.00	350.00	350.00	370.00
	Supplies	500.00	107.97	500.00	500.00
	<b>Total CH Expenses</b>	<b>12,000.00</b>	<b>31,188.69</b>	<b>12,550.00</b>	<b>12,370.00</b>
	*Includes heat/electricity for the Library portion of the building.				
	<b>Transfer Station Expenses</b>				
	Dues	5,000.00	4,631.23	5,000.00	5,000.00
	Materials Disposal	54,000.00	32,870.06	54,000.00	54,000.00
	Payroll	12,000.00	10,361.25	12,800.00	12,800.00
	Compliance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Repairs & maintenance &	5,000.00	4,562.99	5,000.00	1,000.00
	Stickers & Permits	1,700.00	746.30	1,800.00	2,000.00
	Supplies/Fuel	500.00	21.99	500.00	500.00
	Utilities	2,000.00	1,872.43	2,000.00	2,000.00
	<b>Total Transfer Sta. Expenses</b>	<b>80,200.00</b>	<b>55,066.25</b>	<b>81,100.00</b>	<b>77,300.00</b>
	<b>Town Officers</b>				
	Animal Control	1,000.00	210.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
	Assistant Clerk/Treasurers	5,300.00	6,191.25	5,600.00	7,000.00
	Auditors	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00
	BCA/Elections	1,500.00	1,635.65	2,600.00	2,600.00
	Selectboard Assistant	2,600.00	4,794.30	2,800.00	7,800.00
	Conferences & Training	750.00	359.42	750.00	750.00
	<b>Listers</b>				
	Computer Expense	1,000.00	1,142.38	1,000.00	1,300.00
	Listers' Mileage	250.00	100.64	200.00	200.00
	Listers' Wages	20,500.00	14,074.05	22,500.00	21,500.00
	Mapping	700.00	700.00	700.00	1,000.00
	Listers' Education	500.00	100.00	200.00	300.00
	Listers' Telephone	650.00	333.51	650.00	450.00
	Select Board	4,300.00	4,229.00	4,300.00	4,300.00
	Town Clerk & Treasurer	33,280.00	33,885.00	35,000.00	35,000.00
	<b>Total Town Officers</b>	<b>72,930.00</b>	<b>68,355.20</b>	<b>77,900.00</b>	<b>83,800.00</b>

## 2023-2024 Comparative Budget: GENERAL FUND

	2021-2022 Budget	2021-2022 Actual	2022-2023 Budget	2023-2024 Budget
<b>Payroll Expenses</b>				
Health Insurance	25,000.00	22,865.34	35,000.00	25,000.00
Medicare	3,400.00	3,325.82	3,600.00	3,800.00
Retirement Match	10,800.00	10,170.38	11,900.00	12,000.00
Social Security	14,600.00	14,220.09	15,400.00	15,600.00
<b>Total Payroll Expenses</b>	<b>53,800.00</b>	<b>50,581.63</b>	<b>65,900.00</b>	<b>56,400.00</b>
<b>Fire Department</b>				
Building & Supplies	6,000.00	4,654.11	6,300.00	10,000.00
Dispatch and Communication			5,000.00	4,000.00
Dues, Training, Membership	4,750.00	3,416.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Firefighting Equipment	8,000.00	5,291.71	8,400.00	10,000.00
Vehicle Expense	7,750.00	12,874.65	8,000.00	8,000.00
Equipment Reserve	2,735.00	2,735.00	25,000.00	25,000.00
Truck Payment	22,495.00	22,492.29	0.00	
<b>Total Fire Department Expenses</b>	<b>51,730.00</b>	<b>51,463.76</b>	<b>56,700.00</b>	<b>61,000.00</b>
<b>Total General Fund Expenses</b>	<b>396,825.00</b>	<b>369,316.08</b>	<b>434,447.00</b>	<b>431,440.00</b>
<b>ZONING EXPENSES</b>				
Zoning Ads	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
Zoning Administrator Fees	1,000.00	725.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Zoning Administrator Stipend	750.00	750.00	750.00	750.00
<b>Total Zoning</b>	<b>2,250.00</b>	<b>1,475.00</b>	<b>2,250.00</b>	<b>2,250.00</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>399,075.00</b>	<b>370,791.08</b>	<b>436,697.00</b>	<b>433,690.00</b>
Less Anticipated Income	124,325.00		123,825.00	120,025.00
Unrestricted Fund Carryover	22,139.00		25,546.00	35,362.00
<b>Raise by taxes</b>	<b>252,611.00</b>		<b>287,326.00</b>	<b>278,303.00</b>

# 2023-2024 Comparative Budget: HIGHWAY

			2021-2022 Budget	2021-2022 Actual	2022-2023 Budget	2023-2024 Budget
<b>HIGHWAY INCOME</b>						
	State Aid Highway \$		116,000.00	134,817.07	116,000.00	124,000.00
	<b>TOTAL HIGHWAY INCOME</b>		<b>116,000.00</b>	<b>134,817.07</b>	<b>116,000.00</b>	<b>124,000.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>						
	<b>Personnel</b>					
	Highway payroll					
	Day Labor		18,500.00	9,503.75	18,500.00	24,000.00
	Highway wages		91,520.00	81,772.50	96,000.00	100,000.00
	Highway overtime wages		9,000.00	12,677.25	9,000.00	9,000.00
	Training/Pre-Employment		200.00	0.00	200.00	500.00
	Uniforms		3,000.00	1,485.64	3,000.00	3,000.00
	<b>Total Personnel</b>		<b>122,220.00</b>	<b>105,439.14</b>	<b>126,700.00</b>	<b>136,500.00</b>
	<b>Operating</b>					
	Building Maintenance		2,000.00	1,519.10	2,000.00	2,000.00
	Electricity		1,700.00	1,679.24	1,700.00	1,700.00
	Gas and diesel fuel		25,000.00	30,031.78	25,000.00	40,000.00
	Heating fuel		5,000.00	5,083.22	5,000.00	5,000.00
	Sewer		300.00	350.00	350.00	370.00
	State Permitting/Compliance		2,000.00	1,750.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
	Tools & Supplies		10,000.00	9,717.02	10,000.00	12,000.00
	Telephone & Internet		2,000.00	1,717.75	2,000.00	2,000.00
	<b>Total Operating</b>		<b>48,000.00</b>	<b>51,848.11</b>	<b>48,050.00</b>	<b>65,070.00</b>
	<b>Equipment Service/Parts</b>					
	Service/repair		25,000.00	18,285.36	30,000.00	35,000.00
	Recondition 2010 Wheel Loader		0.00	9,318.27	0.00	0.00
	Parts		12,000.00	18,764.29	15,000.00	20,000.00
	New Plow			0.00	12,000.00	8,700.00
	Tires, chains, cutting edges, etc.		12,000.00	5,547.87	15,000.00	15,000.00
	<b>Total Equipment Service/Parts</b>		<b>49,000.00</b>	<b>51,915.79</b>	<b>72,000.00</b>	<b>78,700.00</b>
	<b>Road Work</b>					
	Contracted Services		10,000.00	6,977.50	15,000.00	20,000.00
	Village Storm Drains		1,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Cold patch		500.00	55.80	500.00	500.00
	Paving/Crack Sealing: Town Share		90,000.00	90,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00
	<b>Total Road Work</b>		<b>102,000.00</b>	<b>97,033.30</b>	<b>115,500.00</b>	<b>120,500.00</b>

# 2023-2024 Comparative Budget: HIGHWAY

			2021-2022 Budget	2021-2022 Actual	2022-2023 Budget	2023-2024 Budget
		<b>Road Materials</b>				
		Calcium chloride	25,000.00	0.00	25,000.00	30,000.00
		Culverts	10,000.00	2,793.60	10,000.00	15,000.00
		Gravel & Stone*	75,000.00	20,415.97	75,000.00	150,000.00
		Sign Maintenance	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
		Hauling	65,000.00	53,455.63	65,000.00	65,000.00
		Winter salt	55,000.00	51,723.34	55,000.00	55,000.00
		Winter sand*	32,000.00	26,037.20	32,000.00	32,000.00
		<b>Total Road Materials</b>	<b>263,500.00</b>	<b>154,425.74</b>	<b>263,500.00</b>	<b>348,500.00</b>
		*Material only				
		<b>Equipment Loans: Principle and Interest</b>				
		Truck loan	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
		<b>Total Equipment Loans</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
		<b>Equipment Reserve Fund</b>	<b>20,000.00</b>	<b>20,000.00</b>	<b>20,000.00</b>	<b>50,000.00</b>
		<b>TOTAL HIGHWAY EXPENSES</b>	<b>604,720.00</b>	<b>480,662.08</b>	<b>645,750.00</b>	<b>799,270.00</b>
		Less anticipated income	(116,000.00)		(116,000.00)	(124,000.00)
		Less carryover			(18,614.00)	(136,326.00)
		<b>Raise by taxes</b>	<b>488,720.00</b>		<b>511,136.00</b>	<b>538,944.00</b>

**AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXES**

	<b>Voted 2021-2022</b>	<b>Requested 2022-2023</b>
<b><u>APPROPRIATIONS</u></b>		
Benson Community Scholarship	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Benson Family Day Committee	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00
Benson First Response	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
Benson Public Library	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
Benson Youth League	\$ -	\$ 1,250.00
BROC	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 2,000.00
Cemetery	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Child First Advocacy Center	\$ 400.00	\$ -
Fair Haven Concerned	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,000.00
FH Rescue/Ambulance Services	\$ 52,185.00	\$ 55,518.00
Lister Reappraisal Fund	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00
VNA & Hospice	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,400.00
Rutland Mental Health	\$ 730.00	\$ -
Southwestern Council on Aging	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00
Treasurer Audit Request		\$ 15,000.00
<b>Total Appropriations</b>	<b>\$ 92,365.00</b>	<b>\$ 122,568.00</b>
Highway Budget	\$ 511,136.00	\$ 538,944.00
General Fund Budget	\$ 287,326.00	\$ 278,303.00
<b>Total Requested</b>	<b>\$ 890,827.00</b>	<b>\$ 939,815.00</b>

**STATEMENT OF DELINQUENT TAXES**

<b>Delinquent June 30, 2021</b>	<b>\$ 66,570.79</b>
Treasurer's Warrant March 2022	<u>88,591.72</u>
	<u>155,162.51</u>

Collected 2021-2022	\$ 96,785.26
<b>Delinquent June 30, 2022</b>	<b>\$ 58,377.25</b>
	<u>\$155,162.51</u>

**Collected July 1, 2021– June 30, 2022**

Delinquent	96,785.26
Interest	15,231.14
Penalty	7,545.33
Total Collected	<u>\$ 119,561.73</u>

**DELINQUENT AS OF February 01, 2023**

<b>Tax Year</b>	<b>Principle</b>	<b>Interest</b>	<b>Penalty</b>	<b>Total</b>
2015-2016	759.98	975.08	60.81	1795.87
2019-2020	2344.14	1307.61	187.60	3840.04
2020-2021	14,885.52	4763.08	1190.86	20,839.43
<u>2021-2022</u>	<u>27,165.16</u>	<u>4,926.73</u>	<u>2,173.24</u>	<u>34,265.13</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>45,155.77</b>	<b>11,972.50</b>	<b>3,612.51</b>	<b>60,740.47</b>

Parcel	Name	Tax Year	Total
000006-114	BARROWS WILLIAM JR	2019-2020	516.56
		2020-2021	2719.72
		2021-2022	1659.45
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			4895.73
000007-36.13	BEAUREGARD THOMAS	2021-2022	747.30
000010-33.2	BOWEN WAYNE L	2020-2021	650.63
		2021-2022	2266.34
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			2916.97
000009-19	BROOKS NICHOLAS M	2021-2022	2570.68
000010-56	BURNEY JACQUELINE	2019-2020	2589.65
		2020-2021	4932.36
		2021-2022	47.71
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			7569.72
000005-24.1	COVELL JOSEPH J JR	2015-2016	1795.87
000014-1	DUVAL DARYL R	2020-2021	3903.14
		2021-2022	3616.94
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			7520.08
000007-36.15	GIBBS RUSSELL ESTA	2021-2022	1058.82
000004-35.16	HGWH INC	2021-2022	3534.62
000005-30	LE FRANCOIS EDWARD	2019-2020	732.74
		2020-2021	732.26
		2021-2022	645.78
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			2110.78
000005-38.501	MAHONEY HAROLD P	2020-2021	205.52
000005-38.501	MAHONEY HAROLD P	2021-2022	194.42
000005-79	MARTIN JESSE	2021-2022	1014.68
000005-41.1	MATTINO SHASTA	2020-2021	42.62
		2021-2022	2231.64
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			2274.26
000004-37.2	MUNGER EUGENE	2021-2022	3818.29

Parcel	Name	Tax Year	Total
000006-97	MUNGER JOSHUA	2020-2021	2845.76
		2021-2022	3687.14
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			6532.90
000006-1	RASCO JASON A	2020-2021	4807.42
		2021-2022	6174.62
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			10982.04
000006-39	ROBERTSON ROBERT G	2019-2020	1.09
000005-18	SIMES LEONARD & T	2021-2022	996.70

**Delinquent Tax Collector**  
**STATEMENT OF DELINQUENT SEWER FEES**

**Collected July 1, 2021– June 30, 2022**

Delinquent Fees	\$4,375.00
Interest	408.42
Penalty	<u>166.39</u>
<b>Total Collected</b>	<b>\$5,133.42</b>

**Delinquent Sewer Fees as of February 1, 2023**

<b>Tax Year</b>	<b>Principle</b>	<b>Interest</b>	<b>Penalty</b>	<b>Total</b>
06-2020	127.52	57.95	10.20	195.67
12-2020	150.00	55.50	12.00	217.50
12-2021	329.05	64.21	26.33	419.59
06-2022	350.00	35.04	28.00	413.04
<u>12-2022</u>	<u>1,123.18</u>	<u>22.46</u>	<u>89.86</u>	<u>1,235.50</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,079.75</b>	<b>235.16</b>	<b>166.39</b>	<b>2,481.30</b>

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Town of Benson Sewer Tax Administration  
Delinquent Tax Report as of 02/01/2023

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Parcel	Name	Tax Year	Total
000010-16.2	SCOTT FRED & AMAND	12-2022	14.50
000010-16.4	CULL KEITH & REGIN	12-2022	203.50
000010-55	PRITCHARD, TERRY	12-2022	203.50
000010-56	BURNEY JACQUELINE	06-2020	195.67
		12-2020	217.50
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			413.17
000010-58	SECRETARY OF HOUSI	12-2022	203.50
000010-70.2	BOWEN ANN MARIE	12-2021	196.41
		06-2022	206.52
		12-2022	203.50
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			606.43
000010-70.3	JORDAN GERARD J &	12-2021	223.18
		06-2022	206.52
		12-2022	203.50
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			633.20
000010-71.4	HUTCHINS MARTIN	12-2022	203.50

# CEMETERY REPORT

2021-2022

Available Funds 6/31/22		18,701.60
Receipts	Sale of lots	1,000.00
	Fees	200.00
	Trustee of PF	3,110.30
	Town	<u>20,000.00</u>
Total income		43,011.90
Expenses	Mowing	13,300.00
	Repair stones	6,000.00
	Supplies	<u>107.23</u>
Total Expenses		19,407.23
Balance		23,604.67

Leonard Lussier was a cemetery commissioner. He will be missed.

**Benson Public Library  
2021-2022**

**Balance as of 6/30/2021** \$ 2,160.39

**Receipts**

2020-21 Town Appropriation	\$ 9,000.00	
Fundraising	\$ 38.00	
Photocopies	\$ 55.00	
Donations	\$ 200.00	
		<u>\$ 9,293.00</u>

**Total Funds Available** \$ 11,453.39

**Disbursements**

Books	\$ 600.00	
Payroll	\$ 5,730.00	
Supplies & Equipment	\$ 153.00	
Telephone & Internet	\$ 1,064.48	
		<u>\$ 7,547.48</u>

Due from General Fund 6/30/2022 \$ 3,905.91

**Library Savings**

Balance 6/30/2021		\$ 3,650.46
Interest	\$ 3.71	
Contribution	\$ 100.00	
		<u>\$ 103.71</u>
Balance 6/30/2022		<u>\$ 3,754.17</u>

**Requested for 2022-2023** \$ 9,000.00

Respectfully Submitted,

Dale Sweet, Chair

Gina Parker, Secretary

Lisa Daigle-Fontaine, Treasurer

Rebeckah St. Peter

Barbara Hemingway

## **Town of Benson Wastewater Treatment Facility**

The Town of Benson Wastewater Treatment Facility continues to excel in producing a high-quality effluent with no violations of the discharge permit. As always, we continue an aggressive approach to maintenance and keeping the facility operating at optimal performance.

Through the continued support of the Select board and the sewer users, the facility remains in compliance with ANR DEC discharge requirements. An aggressive sewer line flushing program has produced a positive impact on the infrastructure. Reduction of inflow from sump pumps, floor drains will also help to reduce the flow through the facility, ensuring room for more users to attach to the system.

In closing, please take the time to read the bottom "DON'T FLUSH IT" rules located on the DEC website, following these rules will help the environment and cut costs to the treatment plant, ensuring plenty of the users fees could go towards much needed upgrades to the plant. The staff at the Wastewater Treatment Facility extends an invitation to any interested parties to tour the facility. Please call 1-(802)537-2611 for an appointment so that we may accommodate your visit.



Respectfully,  
Jeff Jordan

## BENSON FIRST RESPONSE REPORT

During the July 2021- June 2022 fiscal year there were approximately 80 calls for assistance in Benson and 18 calls for our neighbors in Orwell, West Haven, Hubbardton and Fair Haven. Help us help you! **Make sure your house number is clearly visible from the road.**

We continue to be a very small group. The EMT course is between 150-190 hours and takes approximately 6 months to complete followed by a national certification exam. EMT's require 40 hours of continuing education every two years and AEMT's require 50 hours of continuing education every two years. We need members who can commit to this initial training and then ongoing training to maintain certification.

As we discussed in last year's report, dispatch has become a major issue. They do not provide pertinent information, they do not track our arrival on scene, or check to make sure we are ok. They are truly failing to provide safe basic dispatching. We have been working with the Fire Department to establish an alternative. This appears to be Middlebury Dispatch. Once the repeater radio is finished on the cell tower later this spring we will be able to switch dispatching service to Middlebury. They are significantly more expensive but the best option we have found. They will be charging us \$35/call which explains the increase in our request to the town.

We would like to thank everyone who has given support to the Benson First Response. Without your donations of time and financial support we would not exist. This year we were honored to receive donations in memory of Raymond Forgues.

Membership:

Tom Neumann, Paramedic                      Dave Bartholomew, AEMT                      Sam Bartholomew, AEMT  
 Daphne Bartholomew, Treasurer

Income		Expenses	
Town of Benson	4,000.00	Telephone	488.46
Donations	589.00	Supplies & Equipment	1,220.98
CPR Training for Castleton	130.00	LUCAS Purchase	13,852.80
Refund	500.00	Training	700.00
 Savings Interest	 6.85		
 <b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	 <b>5,225.85</b>	 <b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	 <b>16,262.24</b>
 <u>Balances as of June 30, 2021</u>		 <u>Balances as of June 30, 2022</u>	
Checking	15,961.66	Checking	24,918.42
Savings	22,183.47	Savings	2,190.32
	38,145.13	Total Available Funds	27,108.74

Respectfully submitted

  
 Thomas Neumann

## Benson Fire Department Report

This has been a very busy year for the Fire Department. We are working on several projects to improve the service. We have added a few new members and we continue to cover a large amount of calls for a small town.

The majority of our calls are motor vehicle accidents. In response to the large amount of tractor trailer accidents we have focused a lot of our training on these calls. This year the dept. set up training specific to commercial trucking and heavy machinery. We also trained with Fair Haven Rescue Squad at Brown's Auto Salvage. The best training is using our tools to cut up cars and remove real patients from damaged cars. Thank you to Mark Brown for all of the cars.

We would like to congratulate Jerod Glover for completing his level 1 firefighter certification. We would also like to congratulate Sam St. Peter, after 4 years as a junior firefighter Sam is now a full member.

The State of VT will no longer dispatch Fire, First Response or Ambulance services. We have decided to switch to Middlebury Dispatch at a cost of \$30 per call. Also, the repeater project will require more money to complete. The town has agreed to use ARPA funds to pay for the transition but we estimate \$1,500 in dispatch fees added to our budget.

We have repaired and resided the north side of the upper fire station. We also replaced a lot of broken and outdated lights. We have several projects planned to keep up with the maintenance of our ageing buildings.

Applications are available at the town clerk's office and there is a Fire Dept .business meeting the second Wednesday of every month at 7:30pm at the fire house.

Dave Bartholomew Chief  
Tom Newmann Assistant Chief  
Adam Stewart Captain  
Sam Bartholomew Captain.

Thank you  
Dave Bartholomew

## 2022 Benson Youth League Report

Thank you for your continued support of our local youth and the Benson Youth League.

Once again we collaborated with the Orwell Baseball League last season. We were able to find teams for all ages including T-ball, Midget League, and Minor League for both softball and baseball.

We have cut costs and will continue to seek other revenue sources. We are incredibly thankful for all of the donations that we received!

Please reach out if you have concerns or suggestions, and watch the Benson Bulletin for postings on coaching vacancies. Coaching and umpire vacancies frequently are unfilled. We welcome all kinds of help!

Thank you to all the tireless parents, grandparents, and community members that continue to volunteer their time and efforts in supporting our local children. We hope you find a few hours to come out and encourage our local youth, and to watch one of their games this upcoming season.

Respectfully,

Jayne VanNoordt Purdy

## 2022 Zoning Administrator's Report

### Zoning Permits

598 HULLET HILL RD	PERMIT AND WAIVER FOR NEW 62 X 75 STRUCTURE
591 TURKEY FARM RD	PERMIT FOR 45 X 50 ACESSORY STRUCTURE
62 HULETT HILL RD	3200 SQ FT ACESSORY STRUCTURE
2647 STAGE RD	PERMIT FOR PLACEMENT OF 15 X 60 MOBILE HOME
563 PARKHILL RD	PERMIT FOR PLACEMENT OF 26 X 56 DBL WIDE
1046 TEMPLE RD	PERMIT FOR PLACEMENT OF PRIMARY TINY HOUSE DWELLING
314 TURKEY FARM RD	PERMIT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF 1216 SQ FT PRIMARY
2087 EAST RD	PERMIT TO PLACE 14 X 70 MOBILE HOME

### OTHER PERMITS

672 MONEY HOLE RD	SUBDIVISION APPROVAL
4479 RTE 22A	CONDITIONAL USE APPROVAL

## Lister Report for 2022

### Arm's Length (Fair Market Value) Sales January through December 2023

- All but one of the 15 sales were to non-residents
- Ten year-round dwellings (including one lakefront) sold for \$107,000 to \$525,000
  - Five of these sales were above \$480,000
- Others: two lakefront camps, two undeveloped lots (one lakefront), one commercial property
- Total sales: \$3,652,500. Average per parcel: \$243,500

**Reappraisal:** Bids have been solicited for a town-wide reappraisal, and due April 1. Many Vermont towns are required to reappraise this year – due to big increases in real estate prices and changes in the type of real estate being sold. Reappraisal firms are in high demand, and a contract may not begin for a period of up to three years.

### Grand List 2023:

- Properties are listed as they existed on April 1, although inspections continue into May
- Change of Appraisals are mailed the first week of June

**Grievance:** Property assessments may be questioned and discussed with the listers at any time. Formal grievances must be heard during the official grievance period, typically in mid-June, as published in a newspaper and in public notices throughout town. Grievance forms may be obtained at any time by calling the Town Offices.

**Year Round:** All lister records are public information and may be accessed at the Town Office. Questions, updates, explanations of the listing process, inspection requests, and general information by chance or appointment at 537-2614, or email at [listeners@shoreham.net](mailto:listeners@shoreham.net)

### ABSTRACT OF APRIL 1, 2022 GRAND LIST

<b>Taxable Parcels</b>	<b>623</b>	<b>Acres</b>	<b>27,544.69</b>
Land	41,821,400		
Buildings	<u>69,888,900</u>		
	111,710,300		
Less Current Use	(4,177,000)		
Less Veterans Exemption	( 100,000)		
Less Contracts	<u>( 130,100)</u>		
<b>GRAND LIST</b>		<b>\$107,303,200</b>	<b>(Total taxable property)</b>

### 2022-2023 TAX RATES

<u>NON-RESIDENTIAL</u>		<u>HOMESTEAD</u>	
Education tax rate	1.4802	Education tax rate	1.2859
Town tax rate	.8302	Town tax rate	.8302
Local agreement	<u>.0006</u>	Local agreement	<u>.0006</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>2.3110</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>2.1167</b>

School tax rates are set by the state. The town tax rate is set by the Selectboard based on the budget passed at town meeting. The Local Agreement rate is the result of voting to give disabled veterans a \$20,000 reduction on their assessment.

Greetings Community Members,

For over 50 years Fair Haven Rescue Squad (FHRS) has been serving Rutland County communities. We are the primary 911 ambulance responding for Fair Haven, West Haven, Benson, and Hubbardton. Our year runs July 1 through June 30, last year we responded to a total of 952 calls. We expect to reach 1000 calls for this reporting year. We want to thank you all for your continued support. We enjoy seeing everyone at the community events that we are able to attend and plan to continue to attend events through this coming year. While at these events the crews are able to discuss ways to utilize cell phones in emergencies, provide ambulance tours, blood pressure checks, and soon to be offering car seat checks for children.

FHRS is pleased to announce that despite the continued challenges of 2022. We have had a very successful year within our supportive community. We have been able to add to our full-time staff and have hired a second ALS provider. This brings us to two full-time staff members and numerous part-time and per diem staff. We are always looking to add to our ranks and have hosted an EMT course which added 8 new providers to the ranks in the District.

Our greatest asset is our staff, but we also look to our equipment when providing emergency medical services. We budget for ongoing maintenance of the ambulance service but we rely on donations and the membership drive to fund updates and improvements to our equipment. With the funds from donations and the membership drive we will be able to afford the down payment on a new ambulance. Our aging fleet has needed this new addition for years, thank you all for your support. This membership drive is a win for everyone! It's the best ambulance insurance you can buy and it helps us improve how we respond, by allowing us to update our equipment.

During the last year we also provided services to Devil's Bowl Motor Speedway while still providing coverage to our community. The funds generated from those services allowed FHRS to purchase a new stairchair extrication device to replace an outdated device.

In an effort to reduce the costs associated with the current inflation rate, we are also making great strides in providing transfers. Transferring patients from local hospitals, to hospitals with higher level care is in great demand. All the staff at FHRS have been going above and beyond to help provide this service to the community.

The ability to fund last year's upgrades from the membership drive and donations saved a lot of tax dollars. We are here to help you, your family, and your neighbors during an emergency. Please help us to continue to improve these efforts. Fair Haven Rescue Squad has served this community for many years, and with your help, we will serve the community for years to come.

Thank you for your continued support!

Respectfully,  
Wendi Fitz-Gerald, EMS Chief, FHRS



November 28, 2022

To the Citizens of the Town of Benson,

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

Over the past year, BROC Community Action assisted **57** residents in the Town of Benson. Whether they need food at the BROC Community Food Shelf, senior commodities, housing counseling, homelessness assistance, weatherization, heating and utility assistance, forms assistance for benefits such as 3SqVT, budget and credit counseling and resources and referrals; we are here.

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

***Respectfully, our appropriation request for the upcoming fiscal year remains \$1,250.00.***

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom", written over a horizontal line.

Thomas L. Donahue, CEO  
[tdonahue@broc.org](mailto:tdonahue@broc.org)

# Fair Haven Concerned

## Board of Directors

Linda Peltier - President	Kerry Ellis
Norm Williams - Treasurer	Judy Sheldon
Sharon Kendall - Secretary	Pamela Berryhill

For over 40 years, Fair Haven Concerned has been faithfully serving our communities of Fair Haven, Benson and West Haven. This year, with continued unprecedented levels of need, we were able to assist our community members due to your continued support. As families still struggled to make ends meet throughout these challenging times, we were honored to be partnering with them to offer a hand up, and not a hand out. The generosity of community members and dedicated volunteers allowed us to offer a vibrant food shelf and critical fuel assistance to our neighbors in need.

We extend a sincere thank you to Benson for their continued support of our mission. We appreciate your contribution to our programs. Please stop in at 49 Main St in Fair Haven and meet our new director, Jeffrey Jackson. We have extended our hours and look forward to helping families in need.

- We were able to serve over 120 families on average each month throughout the year. Over 112 Benson household visits over the course of the year.
- We were able to provide over 110 Thanksgiving baskets in November of 2022.
- Fair Haven Concerned participated in the National Night Out and offered everyone reusable bags and a listing of local and county resources.
- The Annual Fall Festival allowed the community to have an afternoon of live music and raise money for our food shelves at the same time.
- The Meal Kit program was very popular with families and it served healthy meals to over 40 families for 10 weeks. This was a grant funded program.
- The Giving Tree enabled this community to provide holiday gifts for over 12 families and 47 children.
- The Holiday Meal fed 83 adults and 26 children.
- The Farmacy Program offered fresh vegetables weekly to over 35 families from June to October.
- We continued to distribute Vermont Food Bank Boxes for the Elderly each month.
- In June we sponsored a Free Rutland County Dental Clinic in our offices.
- Our Thrift Store offers families an option for buying clothes reasonably priced.
- We partnered with FH Police Department, Castleton University, local churches and other organizations on various food drives throughout the year.
- We purchased, through grants, more freezers to be able to offer more food options for families.
- We offered services and resource referrals to people who needed assistance with heat and housing throughout the year.
- Continued coordinating and distributing the Everyone Eats program in Rutland County.
- Volunteers gave 2,909 hours of their time to Fair Haven Concerned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Board of Directors and Executive Director, Jeffrey Jackson

## Town of Benson

To the Officers and Citizens of Benson:

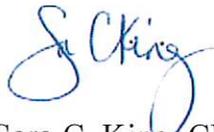
In 2021, the VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region provided Benson residents with exceptional home care, hospice, and community health services. From medically fragile infants with hi-tech needs to seniors who wish to remain independent at home, and those who are facing a terminal illness, we continue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

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

Last year VNAHSR's dedicated staff made more than 116,571 to 3,900 patients. *In the Benson, we provided 844 visits to 22 individuals.*

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

Sincerely,



Sara C. King, CEO  
VNA & Hospice of the  
Southwest Region



Dan DiBattista, President  
Board of Directors



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

## **Report to the Citizens of Benson**

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

### ***Nutrition Support***

The Council helped provide 623 meals that were delivered to the homes of 3 elders in your community. This service is often called "Meals on Wheels". In addition, 34 Benson elders came together at a luncheon site in your area to enjoy a nutritious meal and the company of others; 174 meals were provided.

Additionally, SVCOA provided 1.75 hours of one-on-one nutrition support, including nutrition assessments and resource connections and referrals, to 2 residents of Benson.

### ***Case Management Assistance:***

SVCOA case management and outreach staff helped 7 elders in your community for a total of 128.75 hours. Case managers meet with an elder privately in the elder's home or at another agreed upon location and assess the elder's situation. They will work with the elder to identify needs and talk about possible services available to address those needs. If the elder desires, the case manager will link the client to appropriate services, coordinate and monitor services as necessary, and provide information and assistance to caregivers. Case managers also help elders connect with in-home assistance programs, including a program called Choices for Care. This program is especially helpful to frail elders facing long term care placement who still wish to remain at home.

### ***Other Services and Support:***

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

Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging, Inc  
 Revenue and Expense  
 Fiscal Year September 30, 2022

2022 Revenue	
Older Americans Act	\$ 1,502,510
American Rescue Act	\$ 55,365
Other Federal	\$ 1,192,451
State funds	\$ 1,060,936
Town Funds	\$ 76,719
Other Funds	\$ 363,674
Total	\$ 4,251,655
2022 Expense	
Salary and Fringe	\$ 2,166,620
Contract Services	\$ 1,487,346
General Operating	\$ 556,341
Total	\$ 4,210,307
surplus	\$ 41,348



## Community Care Network Rutland Mental Health Services

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

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

During fiscal year 2022, Rutland Mental Health Services provided 1,508 hours of services to 29 Benson residents. We value our partnership with the Town of Benson in providing these much needed services and thank you for your continued support.

*Dick Courcelle*

Chief Executive Officer  
Rutland Mental Health Services, Inc.

## TIME TO SPAY AND NEUTER YOUR CATS AND DOGS!

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

Rabies IS in Vermont and it IS deadly.

### Licensing a dog:

- 1) Helps identify your dog if lost.
- 2) Provides proof your dog is protected from rabies in the event your dog is bitten by a rabid animal {but still needs immediate medical attention}.
- 3) Protects your animal if they bite another animal {or person – which could result in the quarantine of your dog or possibly euthanized in order to test for rabies if not currently vaccinated}.
- 4) Pays for this necessary program addressing the population situation in VT.

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

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

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

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

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

## VITAL RECORDS

January 1, 2022– December 31, 2022

### Births

Cal Frederick Bartholomew to Brooke and Charles Bartholomew  
Koda Dean Donald Stuart to Beccalynn Dugan and Donovan Stuart  
Layla Marie Burney to Caryn Meier and Harrison Burney  
Cora Sydney Grenier to Chea Ko and Jacob Grenier  
Cooper Drew Hendee to Crissa Brooks and Kyle Hendee  
Connor David Sbardella to Jenna and Matthew Sbardella  
Leah Anne Daigle to Sarah and Michael Daigle  
Jazmyn Marie Ambrozaitis to Shannon Boyce and Joseph Ambrozaitis  
Nash Kenneth Ambrozaitis to Shannon Boyce and Joseph Ambrozaitis  
Kitteridge Anton Rasco to Maryana Stepanova and Jason Rosco  
Charles John Pellistri Jr. to Elizabeth Perkins and Charles Pellistri  
Gatlin Max Welch to Marissa Lamoureux and Dylan Welch  
Zoey Sawtell Sherwin-Déan to Mikenna Sherwin and Daniel Dean Jr.  
Clark Edward Stannard to Lea and Samuel Stannard  
Everly Jane Jordan to Amber Dragon and Kyle Jordan  
Liam Dennis Munger to Anne Marie Short and Joshua Munger  
Joseph Donald Bartholomew to Kathleen and David Bartholomew  
Finley Leo Tyminski to Leslie and Tory Tyminski

### Marriages

Nathaniel William Pidgeon to Bianca May Madrigal  
Loran Scott Dreelin to Brian Matthew Duclos  
Jamie Lee Ward to Star Angel Dean  
Emily Kate Glover to Matthew Allen Schauff  
Brittany Gail Gates to Shawn Michael Cook  
Michaela Beck Bicknell to David Thomas Gundersen  
Donald Justin Bartholomew to Meghan Catlee Hill  
Meghan Shea Smith to Robert Charles Wilson

### Deaths

Vincent Thorn  
John F. Gould  
Donald Edward Charron  
Robert N. Greeno  
Raymond T. Forgues  
Reginald Ralph Benjamin  
Richard Jay Bergman

## **2022 BENSON SCHOLARSHIPS**

### **Benson Community Scholarship**

In recognition of the fact that small rural communities thrive most effectively when citizens are involved, the Town of Benson honors a qualifying senior who has made a significant contribution to our community with a \$1000 scholarship. This year, the award went to Tegan Hoard daughter of Lance and Colleen Hoard.

### **Eaves Memorial Scholarship**

Funded by a private donation, this scholarship awards \$1000 grants to two young women from Benson planning to pursue further education. Only one scholarship was awarded in 2022. It went to Tegan Hoard, daughter of Lance and Colleen Hoard.

For information about applying for the 2023 scholarships, please contact the FHUHS guidance office or the Benson Town Clerk (537-2611 or [bensonclerk@myottmail.com](mailto:bensonclerk@myottmail.com))

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## **2022 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

During 2022, the Town Clerk's Office:

- Processed 25 Vehicle Registrations
- Issued 7 Marriage Licenses
- Registered 18 Births and 7 Deaths
- Issued 7 Green Mountain Passports
- Sold 314 Transfer Station Permits
- Registered 268 Dogs
- Recorded 556 pages of documents in the Land Records and 1 new Survey Maps
- 810 on the Benson's Voter Checklist

I personally thank Daphne Bartholomew for her many years of dedication to this office and for helping me make a smooth transition into this position.

Heidi Chandler, Town Clerk

## **BENSON COMMUNITY CALENDAR FOR 2023**

March 7	Town Meeting Day! Town officers and all school matters are decided by Australian ballot with voting at the Community Hall from 10am to 7pm. Town budget articles are voted on at a floor meeting which begins at 10am at the Community Hall. If you have questions about voter registration, contact the Town Clerk at 537-2611.
March 25	Rabies Clinic from 9am to 10:30 am at the Community Hall (2724 Stage Road), or West Haven from 11am to 12:30pm
March 15	2 <sup>nd</sup> payment of 2022-2023 property taxes due
March 30	Deadline for purchasing new Transfer Station Permit
April 1	Last day to register dogs without penalty
April 21 & 22	Paint and Sip to benefit Family Day
May 21	Touch A Truck- Rain Date June 4
June 15	Sewer Payment Due
August 4	Block Party
August 6	Benson Family Day and Burdock Festival
August 11	State Primary Voting 10am to 7pm
September 15	1 <sup>st</sup> payment of 2020-2021 property taxes due
November 3	General Election Voting 10am to 7pm
December 15	Sewer Payment Due
December -TBA	Christmas in Benson-Lighted Tractor Parade and Memory Tree Dedication

### **WHO MEETS WHEN**

Selectboard	Every other Monday in the Town Office at 7:00pm. Agendas are posted at the Benson Town Office, the Wheel Inn, and G&L
Fire Department	Business Meeting on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm at the Fire House Drill on the third Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm
Library Trustees	Meetings as posted
Planning Commission	Meetings held on Wednesdays at 6:30pm as needed

**2023 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW)  
COLLECTION EVENTS**

**SOLID WASTE ALLIANCE COMMUNITIES (SWAC)**



**SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2023**

8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - RUTLAND TOWN Transfer Station, 218 Northwood Park, Off Post Road, Rutland, Vermont

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2023**

8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - FAIR HAVEN Transfer Station, Fair Haven Avenue, Fair Haven, Vermont

**2023 HW Contractor - US Ecology of Burlington, Inc. (formerly ENPRO Services of Vermont, Inc).**  
**THE SERVICE IS FREE TO:** Residents of the SWAC Towns **ONLY** - Benson, Chittenden, Fair Haven, Middletown Springs, Pawlet, Rutland Town, Shrewsbury, Sudbury, Tinmouth, and West Haven. As a resident of SWAC, you may attend ANY of the events listed above. **PROOF OF RESIDENCY MAY BE REQUIRED.**

**BETWEEN EVENTS:** Residents of these communities may purchase a non-district permit to utilize the Rutland County Solid Waste District Gleason Road transfer station and hazardous waste depot. The permit allows access to the Gleason Road facility and allows for drop off of HHW and trash disposal at current rates, and access to recycling drop-offs. Permit purchase is available at the scalehouse or HW depot at the transfer station or at the RCSWD offices, located at 1 Smith Road, Rutland, Monday - Friday (7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m). Weekend permits sales are not available at either location. Telephone 802-775-7209 for additional information and current rates.

**WHAT TO BRING:**

Any substance with labels that say CAUSTIC, TOXIC, CORROSIVE, POISON, FLAMMABLE, DANGER, WARNING, CAUTION, USE IN AN OPEN ENVIRONMENT. **Examples** include: antifreeze, turpentine, stains, varnishes, carburetor cleaner, creosote, drain cleaner, propane tanks, mercury thermostats, oven cleaner, fertilizer, paint strippers, thinners, solvents, gas treatments, old gasoline, engine degreaser, floor, metal, and furnisher polishes, latex and oil based paint, pool chemicals, and pesticides, herbicides, and fungicides (fertilizer without pesticides, herbicides, and fungicides is not a hw - use it for its intended purpose), and batteries (single use or rechargeable - for large batteries, see note below).

**WHAT NOT TO BRING:**

**ELECTRONICS:** Permanent electronics collection locations are available throughout the County to serve Vermont residents. Call toll free at 855-632-9253 or visit <http://www.anr.state.vt.us/dec/e-waste/> to find a collection facility near you. Large businesses should contact the RCSWD at (802-775-7209) to discuss recycling and disposal options.

**SMOKE DETECTORS AND CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS** - Intact carbon monoxide detectors and household smoke detectors can be disposed of as trash,

**LARGE BATTERIES** - Most service stations will accept used automobile batteries. Interstate Battery located on 71 River Street, Rutland, also accepts large batteries (automotive batteries or other large batteries).

**FLUORESCENT BULBS** - Residents of Vermont may at no charge to them dispose of mercury-containing lamps at collection sites throughout the state. Residents may take any number of compact fluorescent mercury-containing lamps (cfls) or 10 or fewer mercury-containing lamps that are not compact fluorescent lamps at one time. To find collection locations near you, visit:  
<http://www.lamprecycle.org/state-local-laws/vermont/>

**TIRES** are also accepted at the Gleason Road transfer station for a nominal fee and some SWAC transfer stations. Contact your local transfer station for more information.

**VAPING DEVICES** - Check with our local law enforcement officials for options for disposal.

#### **BUSINESS WASTE:**

Small businesses (conditionally exempt generators) which may include town offices, schools, and town garages may be able to dispose of their wastes at the RCSWD Gleason Road Hazardous Waste Depot. A permit is required to access the facility. Contact RCSWD directly at 802-775-7209 to purchase a permit, receive an estimate of disposal costs, and to schedule an appointment to drop off wastes. Payment for disposal will be required at the time of drop-off.

Small businesses may also register to drop waste off at the SWAC hazardous waste collection events. Businesses will need a detailed breakdown of materials to be dropped off. An estimate can be given by the HW contractor. Payment is due at time of drop off. Contact [solidwastealliancecommunities@gmail.com](mailto:solidwastealliancecommunities@gmail.com) for additional information.

#### **OTHER INFORMATION**

**CONTAINERS** – Any product brought to the household hazardous waste events (including used motor oil) must be left in the container they are transported in. Materials will not be poured off into larger containers at the events.

**USED WASTE OIL** WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED BY THE HW HAULER. However, waste oil WILL be accepted at BOTH the Fair Haven and Rutland town transfer station used oil collection areas during the event. **TRANSFER STATION ATTENDANTS will be happy to take your used waste oil.**

**Used waste oil** is also accepted at many locations throughout the area for **FREE**. Visit <http://rutlandcountyswac.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/Free-Used-Oil-Collection-Locations-Rutland-County-2017.pdf> for locations near you.

**EVENT MANAGEMENT:** Please place all items to be disposed in the trunk of your car or the back of your van or truck. **DO NOT** exit your vehicle. PLEASE wear a mask for personal protection and leave pets at home.

To help lower the disposal costs for your community, only purchase the amount of a product you need and consider giving any leftover product (such as paint and fertilizer) to a neighbor, friend, or charitable organization. Please keep products in their original containers. Do not mix products!

For additional information, please call Pam at 802-342-5701.

**- SOLID WASTE ALLIANCE COMMUNITIES -**

[www.rutlandcountyswac.org](http://www.rutlandcountyswac.org)

Steve Sgorbati, Chair – Sudbury  
John Garrison, Vice Chair – West Haven  
Bonnie Rosati, Secretary/Treasurer - Fair Haven

Pamela Lavoie Clapp, Administrator  
Telephone: (802) 342-5701  
Email: [solidwastealliancecommunities@gmail.com](mailto:solidwastealliancecommunities@gmail.com)

**Act 148 - Universal Recycling Law -  
Fully Implemented**

**July 1, 2020**

- Haulers must offer food scrap collection to businesses, schools, transfer stations, and apartment complexes with more than four units.

**July 1, 2020**

- Food scraps are banned from landfills. 20 mile limit no longer applies.

**July 1, 2017**

- Transfer stations must accept food scraps.
- Generators of 18 tons of food scraps (½ ton per week) must divert if facility exists within 20 miles.

**July 1, 2016**

- Leaf, yard waste and clean wood are banned from landfills. Haulers must offer leaf and yard debris collection.
- Generators of 26 tons/year (2 tons per week) of food wastes must divert if composting facility exists within 20 miles.

**July 1, 2015**

- Residential trash must be charged based on volume or weight.
- Recyclables are banned from landfills.
- Transfer stations must accept leaf and yard waste.
- Haulers and transfer stations must offer residential recycling at no separate charge.
- Recycling containers must be provided in all publicly owned spaces where trash cans are located.
- Generators of 52 tons/year (1 ton per week) of food wastes must divert if composting facility exists within 20 miles.

**July 1, 2014**

- Transfer stations must accept residential recyclables at no charge.

SWAC is composed of the towns of Benson, Chittenden, Fair Haven, Middletown Springs, Pawlet, Rutland Town, Shrewsbury, Sudbury, Tinmouth, and West Haven and serves a population of approximately 14,000 people. These towns work cooperatively to comply with State laws and mandates managing solid and hazardous waste issues in an environmentally responsible and cost effective manner.

In 2022, SWAC successfully complied with Year Two Act 148 / ANR Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP) requirements. The SWIP meets the requirements of the State's Material Management Plan and outlines how solid and hazardous waste will be managed in the SWAC towns for a five-year period. All towns in Vermont are required to be included in a SWIP, and the requirements are extensive. The currently approved and adopted SWIP is available for review on the SWAC website. ([rutlandcountyswac.org](http://rutlandcountyswac.org))

SWAC acts as a liaison to the State of Vermont representing the SWAC town's interests on issues pertaining to legislation, rule changes, SWIP requirements, and Product Stewardship.

SWAC is a member of the Vermont Product Stewardship Council and Product Stewardship Institute. These groups have been instrumental in getting Environmental Producer Responsibility (EPR) legislation passed in Vermont. The EPR legislation requires manufacturers to be financially responsible for the end of life collection of their product(s) thereby saving Vermont's resident's disposal/recycling costs. Active programs are in place for the collection of architectural paint, batteries, automobile switches, mercury thermostats, mercury lamps, compact fluorescent bulbs, and electronics waste. Efforts are still ongoing to pass new legislation requiring manufacturers of household hazardous waste products and paper and packaging to pay for end of life disposal of their products. Contact your local representative to support these efforts.

**HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW):** HHW collection is the most costly endeavor undertaken. SWAC contracted with US Ecology to hold three household hazardous waste (HHW) events. 5.25 tons of hazardous waste was collected from 115 households. Products included oxidizers, acids, alkalines, reactives, pesticides, aerosols, flammable liquids, ammonia, mercury devices, mercury, batteries, latex, oil based, and flammable paints, propane tanks, batteries, asbestos, pcb ballasts, and antifreeze.

Thank you for participating in SWAC's efforts to properly recycle and dispose of solid and hazardous waste. To keep your communities HHW and solid waste collection costs down, remember to **Repurpose, Reuse, Repair, Refuse, Reduce, and then Recycle**. Consider buying less-toxic products that do not need to be disposed of as hazardous waste. If you do buy a product, use it up for its intended purpose, or give it to a friend, neighbor, or relative to use. Visit the SWAC website ([What Do I Do With](#) page) for locations where electronics, paint, batteries, fluorescent bulbs, and waste oil are accepted for **FREE** year round. No need to wait for the HHW events.

**2022 HW Schedule** - Saturday, **April 29**, Rutland Town Transfer Station, 218 Northwood Park; Saturday, **October 7**, Fair Haven Transfer Station, 175 Fair Haven Avenue. These event times are 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. These events are free to all SWAC residents. In addition - shared event with Bennington County Solid Waste Alliance (BCSWA) -date to be determined-- For BCSWA residents and Pawlet residents at Dorset School, 130 School Drive, Dorset. The SWAC website provides additional information on these events.

**Between events:** Residents of SWAC towns may purchase a non-district permit to utilize the Rutland County Solid Waste District Gleason Road transfer station and hazardous waste depot. This permit allows access to the Gleason Road facility and provides drop-off of household hazardous waste, and, trash disposal at current rates, and access to recycling drop-offs. Permit purchase is available at the scalehouse or hazardous waste depot at the transfer station or at the RCSWD offices, located at 1 Smith Road, Rutland, Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Permits are not available for sale on weekends at either location. Telephone 802-775-7209 for additional information and current rates.

Special thanks to town staff and transfer station attendants who kept operations going despite the difficulties involved. Also many thanks to the SWAC representatives, many town clerks, and administrators. They spend countless hours assuring SWAC continues to run efficiently and effectively.

Your town was represented by:

Town of Benson      Wes Bowen, Heidi Chandler  
Town of Fair Haven    Bonnie Rosati (Secretary/Treasurer)  
Town of Pawlet        Lenny Gibson  
Town of Shrewsbury   Bert Potter  
Town of Tinmouth     Chris Martone, Wheaton Squire

Town of Chittenden      Elmer Wheeler  
Town of Middletown Springs    Glen Moyer, Terry Redfield, Patty Kenyon  
Town of Rutland        Larry Delveneri, William Bauer  
Town of Sudbury        Steve Sgorbati (Chair)  
Town of West Haven      John Garrison (Vice Chair)

## Benson Transfer Station

**Open Wednesday 12PM-4PM Saturday 8AM-4PM**

The Transfer Station may be used for disposal of household waste generated in Benson by residents or taxpayers who purchase an annual permit (by April 1st) at the Town Office. Stickers, which may be purchased at the Town Office or G & L General Store are required for the disposal of all items except recycling and food scraps. Annual permits cost \$35.00 (now includes a \$20 recycling surcharge) and bag stickers are \$2.00 each. The fee schedule below is an estimate based on volume and may be adjusted for unusually heavy items since the town pays disposal fees by weight. It is also subject to change at any time as the requirements of Act 148 continue to impact the Town's disposal costs and options. Please check with the Attendant for current pricing and space availability before bringing large amounts of material for disposal.

Type of Item	No. of Stickers
Electronics	Most currently may be recycled free of charge. Many are banned from the landfill.
Major household appliances, including stoves, washers, dryers, dishwashers, water heaters, humidifiers, dehumidifiers and large fans (classified as "white goods")	Free of Charge in Dumpster for Metal
**Refrigerators, freezers & air conditioners	8 Stickers each
Upright Chairs	3 Stickers each
Sofas, Loveseats	5 Stickers each
Hide-a-Bed	10 Stickers each
Box springs, mattresses Twin Size	3 Stickers each
Box springs, mattresses Queen Size	5 Stickers each
Box springs, mattresses King Size	10 Stickers each
Easy chairs, bookshelves, sideboards, dressers or tables	3-6 Stickers each Depending on size
Screens, doors, windows up to 80 lbs in weight (wood)	5 Stickers per bundle
Carpeting, rolled up	5 Stickers per bundle
Area carpeting (fits in plastic bag)	1 Sticker each
Construction and Demolition Debris, Loose	Accepted on a space available basis and priced by the attendant. Heavy/dense materials such as shingles or sheetrock will be charged at a higher rate.
<b>Household Trash, standard 34 gallon bag</b>	<b>1 Sticker</b>
<b>Recycling</b>	<b>Free of Charge</b>

**\*\*Doors must be removed from refrigerators & freezers before acceptance.**

# EMERGENCY NUMBERS

<b>FIRE.....</b>	<b>911</b>
<b>BENSON FIRST RESPONSE.....</b>	<b>911</b>
<b>STATE POLICE .....</b>	<b>911</b>

## Public Services Hours

### Town Office\*:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday...	9:00 am	–	3:00 pm
Wednesday.....	3:00 pm	–	7:00 pm

\*Please Note: the Town Office is closed on Federal Holidays

### Transfer Station:

Wednesday.....	12:00 pm	–	4:00 pm
Saturday.....	8:00 am	–	4:00 pm

### Library:

Saturday.....	10:00 am	–	1:00 pm
Wednesday ...Nov. 1 <sup>st</sup> – April 30 <sup>th</sup> .....	2:00 pm	–	5:00 pm
Wednesday.....May 1 <sup>st</sup> – Oct 31 <sup>st</sup> .....	3:00 pm	–	7:00 pm
Tuesday.....	9:00 am	–	1:00 pm
Senior Luncheon .....	10:30am	–	1:30 pm

### Museum (May through October)

Call for hours and appointments.....	537-2611
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## Helpful Numbers

Benson School .....	537-2491
	537-2492
High School .....	265-4966
Listers .....	537-2614
Town Garage .....	537-2722
Town Office .....	537-2611
	Fax 537-2612
Zoning Administrator. ....	537-2610