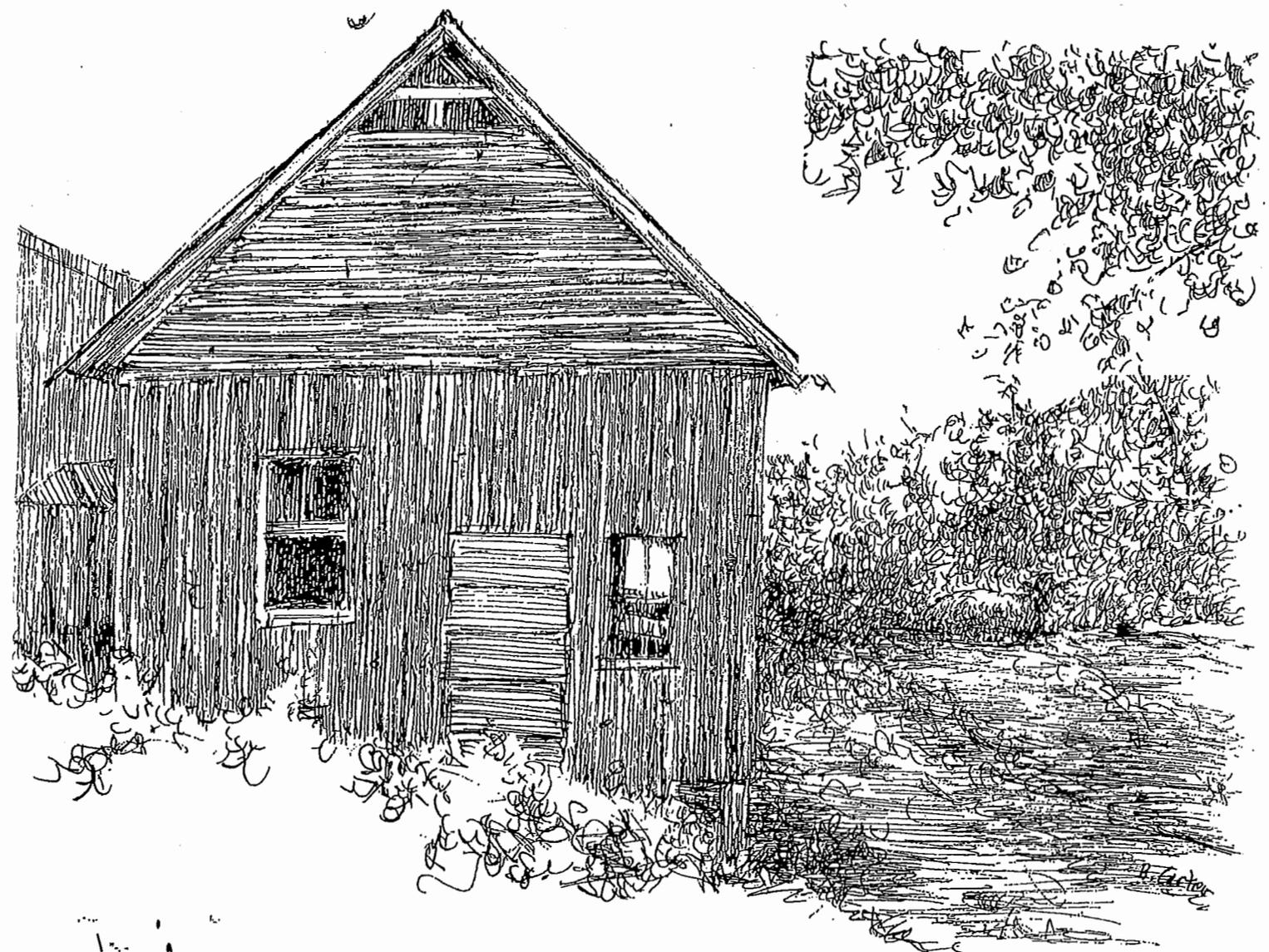


**TOWN OF  
BRAINTREE  
VERMONT**

**ANNUAL REPORT  
YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2021**



## FRIENDLY REMINDERS

### Due Dates:

**FY2022 Taxes** – March 15, 2022 (Tuesday). **Do not be late or you will be delinquent.** We do accept postmarks; we do have a drop box; I do make appointments and the office will be open March 15<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. You can also go to braintreevt.gov to make a credit card payment.

**FY2023 Taxes** – If Article 5 is approved, FY2023's due dates will be October 15, 2022 and March 15, 2023.

**Dog Licenses** – Dogs must be licensed on or before April 1<sup>st</sup> of every year. We must have proof of their current rabies vaccination.

**Town Meeting** – We are moving back to an in-person town meeting this year. However, we will be skipping the lunch after to continue to social distance due to Covid-19.

FY 2022 GRAND LIST

\$1,090,038.40

### TAX RATE FY2022

	<u>RESIDENTIAL</u>	<u>NON-RESIDENTIAL</u>
TOWN GENERAL	\$ 0.3365	\$ 0.3365
TOWN HIGHWAY	0.5599	0.5599
HOMESTEAD EDUCATION	1.5627	
<u>NON-RESIDENTIAL EDUCATION</u>		<u>1.5940</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2.4591</b>	<b>\$ 2.4904</b>

1 ¢ OF 2021/22 TAX RATE RAISED \$10,900.38

5 ¢ OF 2020/21 TAX RATE RAISED \$54,501.92

10 ¢ OF 2020/21 TAX RATE RAISED \$109,003.84

*Thank you Barbara Carter for the cover drawing!*



Photo courtesy of The White River Valley Herald

The 2021 Braintree Town Report is dedicated to

## Tim Caulfield

While some may think this dedication is overdue, it was only recently that Tim fully “retired” from all of his Braintree town duties. On this occasion, therefore, we want to thank Tim for his outstanding service to the Town, which included (but is likely not limited to):

Selectboard Chair (2012-2016)  
ECFiber Representative (2016-2019)  
Fire Advisory Committee Representative (2016-2019)  
Emergency Management Director (2016-2021)  
Mountain Alliance Representative (2017-2021)

Tim’s leadership has been crucial over the last several years as the Town weathered the impacts of Tropical Storm Irene and navigated the complicated and lengthy processes of accessing state and federal aid to ensure the Town didn’t suffer financially long-term. After witnessing those impacts first hand, Tim knows how important a solid foundation of emergency preparedness is for a small, rural town. After retiring from his Selectboard duties, he put in many hours to build a comprehensive emergency management program from the ground up, including enhanced communication capability through a network of zone coordinators connected through a vital radio repeater at the top of Braintree Hill, a fully stocked and always prepared emergency shelter space at the Town Hall, a well organized and connected Emergency Response Center where critical information could be gathered and shared, and a collaboration with neighboring towns to set the stage for close coordination during regional disasters.

Tim was always willing to volunteer to represent the town on various committees that provide critical services to Braintree and its neighboring communities, giving voice to the needs and considerations of a small rural town. In all of his roles, Tim was a thoughtful, calm, and dedicated leader and there are numerous improvements to Town infrastructure, governance, and services that are to his credit. Thank you, Tim!

**Office Hours**

Town Clerk/Treasurer’s Office Hours:

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. or by Appointment

Administrative Assistant Office Hours:

Monday – Friday from 8:15 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.

**Meeting Schedules**

Selectboard Meetings:

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Office

Cemetery Commission

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Office

(Except in the off-season – 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday in November – 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday in April)

Conservation Commission

4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Office

Planning Commission Meeting – as needed.

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Office

Development Review Board – as needed.

4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Office

**Town Contact Information (Website: [braintreevt.gov](http://braintreevt.gov))**

Town Clerk.....802-728-9787 ext. 3. [braintreetownclerk@gmail.com](mailto:braintreetownclerk@gmail.com)

Selectboard:

Charles McMeekin.....802-728-5587....[braintreesb.cmcmeekin@gmail.com](mailto:braintreesb.cmcmeekin@gmail.com)

Megan O’Toole.....802-565-8284..... [braintreesb.motoole@gmail.com](mailto:braintreesb.motoole@gmail.com)

Keegan Haupt .....802-279-5141..... [braintreesb.khaupt@gmail.com](mailto:braintreesb.khaupt@gmail.com)

Loren Bent .....802-728-9475..... [braintreesb.lbent@gmail.com](mailto:braintreesb.lbent@gmail.com)

Daniel Burson .....802-728-3879..... [braintreesb.dburson@gmail.com](mailto:braintreesb.dburson@gmail.com)

Admin. Assistant.....802-728-9787 ext. 6.....[braintreadm@gmail.com](mailto:braintreadm@gmail.com)

Listers .....802-728-9787 ext. 5..... [braintreelisters@gmail.com](mailto:braintreelisters@gmail.com)

Fire Warden.....802-728-9475

Treasurer.....802-728-9787 ext. 3...[braintreetreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:braintreetreasurer@gmail.com)

Zoning Administrator .....802-728-9812.....[braintreeza932vt@gmail.com](mailto:braintreeza932vt@gmail.com)

Highway Foreman .....802-728-9380 ext. 4..[braintreerdf.dpratt@gmail.com](mailto:braintreerdf.dpratt@gmail.com)

Braintree Elementary School.....802-728-9373

Randolph Union High School.....802-728-3397

Randolph Technical Career Center...802-728-9595

Superintendent’s Office.....802-728-5052

Mountain Alliance ..... <http://www.mtalliance.org/>

Emergency – Dial 911

Fire Department ..... 802-728-3322

Ambulance ..... 802-234-6800

Local Emergency Management..... 802-728-9787 ext. 7

State Police..... 802-234-9933

Fire Warden..... 802-728-9475

Constable/Dog Warden ..... 802-728-3157

**Legislators**

Sen. Mark MacDonald ..... 802-433-5867

..... [mmacdonald@leg.state.vt.us](mailto:mmacdonald@leg.state.vt.us)

Rep. Larry Satcowitz.....(802) 828-2228

..... [lsatcowitz@leg.state.vt.us](mailto:lsatcowitz@leg.state.vt.us)

Rep. Jay Hooper.....(802) 828-2228

..... [jhooper@leg.state.vt.us](mailto:jhooper@leg.state.vt.us)

BRAINTREE TOWN MEETING  
WILL BE HELD IN-PERSON

SATURDAY

FEBRUARY 26, 2022

at 9:00 AM

AT THE BRAINTREE TOWN  
HALL

5379 VT-Rte 12A in BRAINTREE

We will offer an option to view the meeting remotely,  
although voters will not be able to voice their vote virtually.

To best protect our neighbors, we will not be holding a potluck lunch

Mask wearing will be required for all attendees.

To tune in remotely, please check [braintreevt.gov](http://braintreevt.gov) or call the Town  
Office for more information.

## 2021 ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS

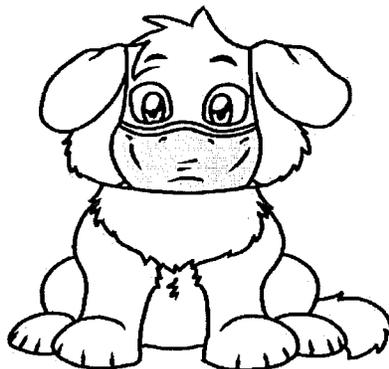
Moderator .....	Jackson Evans
Town Clerk Three-Year Term Expires 2024.....	Jessica Brassard
Town Treasurer Three-Year Term Expires 2024 .....	Jessica Brassard
<b>Selectboard</b>	
Three-Year Term Expires 2023 .....	(Chair) Megan O’Toole
Two-Year Term Expires 2023.....	Loren Bent
Two-Year Term Expires 2023.....	Charles McMeekin
Three-Year Term Expires 2024 .....	Keegan Haupt
Three-Year Term Expires 2022 .....	Daniel Burson
<b>Listers</b>	
Term Expires 2023 .....	Derek O’Toole
Term Expires 2024 .....	(Chair) Jackson Evans
Term Expires 2022.....	(Appointed) Luke Fisher
<b>Auditors</b>	
Term Expires 2023.....	Stephanie Barrett
Term Expires 2024 .....	Linfield Brown
Term Expires 2022.....	(Chair) Tom Cooch
Collector of Delinquent Taxes.....	Jessica Brassard
First Constable .....	Stephen Brassard
Agent to Prosecute and Defend Suits .....	Shannon Bent
Trustee of Public Funds.....	Jessica Brassard
<b>Cemetery Commission</b>	
Term Expires 2023.....	(Appointed) Seth Bent
Term Expires 2026.....	Vacant
Term Expires 2022.....	Chris Blanchard
Term Expires 2023.....	Mike Gaidys
Term Expires 2024.....	(Chair) Kris Haupt
<b>Orange Southwest School District Board:</b>	
Term Expires 2024.....	Chelsea Sprague
Term Expires 2024.....	Megan Sault
Term Expires 2024.....	Rachel Gaidys
Term Expires 2022.....	Ashley Lincoln
Term Expires 2022.....	(Chair) Anne Kaplan
Term Expires 2022.....	Brian Baker
Term Expires 2023 .....	Hannah Arias
Term Expires 2023.....	(Vice Chair) Katja Evans
<b>Justice of the Peace.....</b> Elected at the General Election	
Terms Expire January 31, 2023.....	Anna Dustin
.....	Katja Evans
.....	Katherine Branstetter
.....	Robert Moyer
.....	Richard Bowen

## 2021 APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS

Agent to Deed Land .....	Kris Haupt
Assistant Town Clerk.....	Lori Keene
Assistant Town Treasurer .....	Lori Keene
Development Review Board - Three Year Term	
Term Expires 2023 .....	Linda Doane
Term Expires 2023 .....	Joan Richmond-Hall
Term Expires 2024 .....	(Chair) Robert Moyer
Term Expires 2024.....	Jennifer L. Phipps
Term Expires 2022.....	Malcolm FitzPatrick
Alternate Member.....	Steve Zind
Conservation Commission - Three Year Term	
Term Expires 2023 .....	Sanders Stephen
Term Expires 2023 .....	Gina Logan
Term Expires 2024.....	Joan Richmond-Hall
Term Expires 2024.....	(Chair) Paul Shriver
Term Expires 2022 .....	Linda Morse
Planning Commission - Three Year Term	
Term Expires 2023 .....	Malcolm FitzPatrick
Term Expires 2023 .....	Jennifer L. Phipps
Term Expires 2024.....	Jackson Evans
Term Expires 2024.....	Paul Kendall
Term Expires 2024.....	(Chair) Nathan Cleveland
E-911 Coordinator.....	(Term Expires 2023) Janice Russell
ECFiber Representative .....	Jackson Evans
Alternate ECFiber Representative .....	(Vacant)
Emergency Management Director.....	Derek O'Toole
Fire Advisory Committee Representative.....	Loren Bent
Fire Warden .....	(Term Expires 2024) Loren Bent
Mountain Alliance Representative .....	Sandy Cooch
Health Officer.....	(Term Expires 2023) Lindsay Haupt
Tri-Valley Transit Services, Inc. Representative .....	Paul Kendall
Town Service Officer.....	Jennifer L. Phipps
Tree Warden .....	Dylan Pratt
Truant Officer.....	(Vacant)
Two Rivers Ottawaquechee Regional Planning and Development Commission Representative.....	
.....	Marlys Eddy
Transportation Advisory Committee .....	Robert Moyer
White River Valley Ambulance Representative.....	Linda Lubold
Zoning Administrator.....	(Term Expires 2023) Gary Blatz

**Don't Let up,  
Wear a Mask,  
Keep Your Distance  
and Wash Hands!  
Get Vaccinated!**

**Free Masks are still available at the  
Town Office!**



**TOWN OF BRAINTREE  
WARNING  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2022**

The legal voters of the Town of Braintree in the County of Orange are hereby notified and warned to meet in the Braintree Town Hall in person in said Town on Saturday, February 26, 2022 at 9:00 A.M. to transact the following business from the floor:

Article 1. To elect a moderator for the year ensuing.

Article 2. To hear the reports of the town officers for the past year.

Article 3. To elect all the Town Officers as required by law:

- a) A Selectperson for a three year term;
- b) A Lister for a three year term;
- c) An Auditor for a three year term;
- d) A Delinquent Tax Collector for a one year term;
- e) A First Constable for a one year term;
- f) A Cemetery Commissioner for a five year term;
- g) A Town Agent for a one year term;
- h) A Trustee of Public Funds for a one year term.

Article 4. Shall the voters authorize total fund expenditures of \$1,263,275.49, of which \$964,085.49 shall be raised by taxes and \$299,190.00 by non-tax revenues?

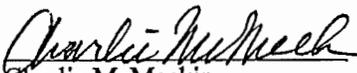
Article 5. Shall the town collect its real property taxes in two installments, with the due dates being October 15, 2022 and March 15, 2023?

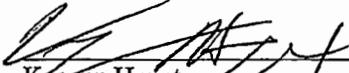
Article 6. Shall the town post meeting agendas in accordance with 1 V.S.A. Section 312(d)(1)(B) in the following places: 1) the Braintree Town Office, 2) the Braintree Town Hall, and 3) the Braintree Elementary School?

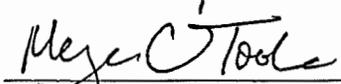
Article 7. To transact any other business not of a binding nature.

Dated at Braintree, County of Orange, and the State of Vermont this 20<sup>th</sup> day of January 2022.

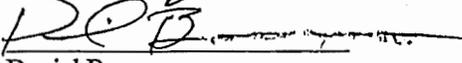
Braintree Selectboard:

  
Charlie McMeekin

  
Keegan Haupt

  
Megan O'Toole

  
Loren Bent

  
Daniel Burson

Town of Braintree  
Annual Town Meeting Minutes  
Special Meeting Braintree Selectboard  
Saturday, February 27, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

"In accordance with the recent amendments to Vermont's open meeting law, and in light of the ongoing public health crisis, this meeting will be held via conference call. You can access the meeting at the scheduled time by calling 802-210-4472."

Present at the Braintree Town Office:  
Megan O'Toole, Selectboard chairperson  
Loren Bent, Selectboard member  
Charlie McMeekin, Selectboard member

Present via Remote Conference Calling:  
Daniel Burson, Selectboard vice chair  
Keegan Haupt, Selectboard member  
Jessica Brassard, Town clerk and treasurer  
Jackson Evans, Lister

Ms. O'Toole called the meeting to order at 10:00. Ms. O'Toole welcomed members of the public participating via telephone and webinar and explained the purpose of the meeting, which is to review the Town Meeting warning and have any general discussions about town business.

Ms. O'Toole proceeded to review the Articles on the Town Meeting warning, pausing for any questions from the public after each Article.

After review of the warning, Ms. O'Toole invited members of the public to ask any questions or make any announcements. A question about the town-wide reappraisal and the tax rate was asked by Sandy Cooch, with Jackson Evans, Lister, answering the question.

General announcements were made regarding praise for town employees and members of the selectboard.

Adjournment

**On motion of Ms. O'Toole, seconded by Mr. Bent, the Board unanimously adjourned the meeting at 10:33 a.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Megan O'Toole  
Selectboard Chairperson

**BRAINTREE TOWN MEETING  
AUSTRALIAN BALLOT VOTING RESULTS  
TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2021**

**ALL ELECTIONS AND GENERAL FUND OPERATIONS BUDGET AND TAXATION WAS VOTED BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT ON TOWN MEETING DAY, MARCH 2, 2021 AT THE BRAINTREE TOWN HALL, 5379 VT ROUTE 12A, BRAINTREE, VERMONT. THE RESULTS ARE BELOW:**

All Town Officers were incumbents and ran unopposed. Under 17 V.S.A. §2682 (f) – as presiding officer I declared the whole slate of candidates elected as no individual write in had 30 or more votes.

Article 1. To elect a moderator for the year ensuing – Jackson Evans

Article 2. To elect all the Town Officers as required by law:

- a) A Town Clerk for a three year term – Jessica Brassard
- b) A Town Treasurer for a three year term – Jessica Brassard
- c) A Selectperson for a three year term – Keegan Haupt
- d) A Selectperson for a two year term – Loren Bent
- e) A Selectperson for a two year term – Charles McMeekin
- f) A Lister for a three year term – Jackson Evans
- g) A Lister for one year remaining on a three year term – Louis (Luke) Fisher
- h) An Auditor for a three year term – Linfield Brown
- i) A Delinquent Tax Collector for a one year term – Jessica Brassard
- j) A First Constable for a one year term – Stephen Brassard
- k) A Cemetery Commissioner for two years remaining of a 5 year term – Seth Bent
- l) A Cemetery Commissioner for a five year term - vacant
- m) A Town Agent for a one year term – Shannon Bent
- n) A Trustee of Public Funds for a one year term – Jessica Brassard.

53 absentee ballots were returned and 68 people voted in person. 121 votes cast.

Article 3. Shall the voters authorize financing for capital plan expenses which would include town highway improvements in an amount not to exceed \$30,000 to be financed over a period not to exceed five years?

Yes – 102  
No – 5  
Blank – 14  
Total – 121 votes

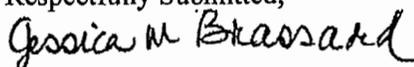
Article 4. Shall the voters authorize total fund expenditures of \$1,249,465.27, of which \$977,065.27 shall be raised by taxes and \$272,400 by non-tax revenues?

Yes – 92  
No – 13  
Blank – 16  
Total - 121

Article 5. Shall the Town collect its real property taxes in two installments, with the due dates being October 15, 2021 and March 15, 2022?

Yes – 108  
No – 0  
Blank – 13  
Total - 121

Respectfully Submitted,



Jessica Brassard, Town Clerk

## Selectboard Report – FY 21

FY 2021 proved to be another unusual year, with many ups and downs for our local community. We have learned to adapt to the new normal of uncertainty, and operate comfortably in frequently changing in-person, virtual, or hybrid environments when conducting public business or serving the people of Braintree. We will continue to improve the ways that we communicate and serve the community in the months and years ahead, as we learn from other communities that have experimented with new video conferencing platforms and space improvements that reflect the best in public health practices.

While I usually use this space in the Town Report to reflect on the last fiscal year, I'd like to instead draw the voters attention to a particular topic that the Selectboard will be focusing on this year, or more likely the next several years. In 2021, Congress passed the American Rescue Plan Act which includes state and local appropriations of recovery funds. Braintree, through a direct allocation to the town and a further allocation from Orange County, will receive approximately \$357,000. To put this in context, Braintree's total budgeted expenditures for FY2022 were approximately \$1,250,000. This funding is a significant opportunity to work on special projects to address all of the impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic, however the criteria that municipalities must apply in making spending decisions with these funds does not represent a "one-size-fits-all" approach. Braintree is a small, completely rural community with specific and unique needs, so we will need to get creative and be thoughtful about the highest and best use of these funds. Which is why I am mentioning this opportunity here. We need the collective brain-power of our voters and residents to help us see the full picture of opportunity in making these decisions. While I like to think that our current selectboard represents a good mix of Braintree perspectives, we certainly haven't stood in the shoes of every resident. So, we are asking you to share with us how the pandemic has impacted you, your neighbors, friends or colleagues, and what new investments or programs could alleviate these impacts.

I will also share that we are not completely devoid of ideas for how we could spend these funds; Jessie has recommended updating the town records to be digitized, we plan to invest in a better and more user-friendly video conferencing system to make our hybrid meeting approach the norm going forward, and there are several other IT-related components that need attention and updating.

In thinking this over, keep in mind that we can't spend this money on anything we want. There are several categories of funding, and specific expenditure guidance for each category that we need to follow and demonstrate compliance with as we make decisions. Generally, we need to use the funds to:

- Support public health expenditures, by, for example, funding COVID-19 mitigation efforts, medical expenses, behavioral healthcare, and certain public health and safety staff;

- Address negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency, including economic harms to workers, households, small businesses, impacted industries, and the public sector;
- Replace lost public sector revenue, using this funding to provide government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue experienced due to the pandemic;
- Provide premium pay for essential workers, offering additional support to those who have and will bear the greatest health risks because of their service in critical infrastructure sectors; and
- Invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure, making necessary investments to improve access to clean drinking water, support vital wastewater and stormwater infrastructure, and to expand access to broadband internet.

As I write this, the Vermont League of Cities and Towns is updating its guidance to towns on how these funds can be used, so it's likely we'll have better information to share soon. If you are interested in engaging in this conversation with the Selectboard, please reach out to me or another board member (email addresses below), or call the town office and let Janice (728-9787, Ext 6) know you want to speak with us about your ideas at a regular Selectboard meeting. We will keep this as a standing item on our agenda for the months ahead. I also want to thank those that have sent their ideas already. We have started a list of items to consider as we move forward in making these decisions.

As a reminder, the Selectboard meets twice a month on the first and third Tuesday at 6pm. We gather in person at the town office, and will continue to offer a virtual participation option that can be accessed on each meeting's posted agenda.

One final item of note is the Town's new website, which launched in late 2021, [www.braintreevt.gov](http://www.braintreevt.gov). This is a complete redesign and reorganization of old and new content that we hope will better serve Braintree residents as they seek to interact with the town government and learn more about governance and services. If you have ideas for additional items we can add to the webpage, please let us know!

Thank you for all that you are doing to keep your neighbors safe and healthy, and we hope to see you soon.

Megan O'Toole, Chair ([braintreesb.motoole@gmail.com](mailto:braintreesb.motoole@gmail.com))

Daniel Burson, Vice-chair, Road Commissioner ([braintreesb.dburson@gmail.com](mailto:braintreesb.dburson@gmail.com))

Loren Bent ([braintreesb.lbent@gmail.com](mailto:braintreesb.lbent@gmail.com))

Keegan Haupt ([braintreesb.khaupt@gmail.com](mailto:braintreesb.khaupt@gmail.com))

Charlie McMeekin ([braintreesb.cmcmeekin@gmail.com](mailto:braintreesb.cmcmeekin@gmail.com))

## Highway Report – FY 21

This summer we completed two grant projects. The first one was on Peth Road. We cleared a bunch of trees and stumps, hammered out some ledge, widened the ditches and upgraded some culverts. This section of road was a nuisance because the ditch was very narrow and would fill up with leaves which would plug culverts and cause the road to wash out.

The second project was Hockman Hill Road. The work done on this road was nearly the same thing as was done on Peth Road, just added more stone to the ditch. The reason for the stone is to stop the ditch and the road from eroding into Spear Brook.

We also started another grant project on Thresher Road. So far, the work has consisted of only removing the trees and stumps and widening the ditch. This coming construction season we will be resurfacing one mile of Thresher Road. This section of Thresher Road was chosen because it is a muddy mess in the spring, and we are hoping that some new gravel will help hold it together.

After that we have another grant to upgrade a bunch of culverts on Thayer Brook Road. We will also fix the bank slide and the band rail that is all bent and falling over.



## Town Clerk Report – FY21

Dog registrations were back up which is a good thing for both the town and the state. We registered 207 dogs this past year. Money from the registrations goes to the state to help fund the rabies and spay/neuter programs.

A dog or wolf-hybrid more than six months old must be registered, numbered, described, and licensed annually before April 1<sup>st</sup> in the office of the clerk of the municipality wherein the dog or wolf-hybrid is kept pursuant to Vermont Statute 20 V.S.A. §3581.

Registration Fees before April 1, 2022:

Spayed/Neutered dogs & wolf-hybrids.....\$4.00(town) + \$5.00(state) = \$9.00

Unaltered dogs & wolf-hybrids .....\$8.00(town) + \$5.00(state) = \$13.00

Registration Fees after April 1, 2022:

Spayed/Neutered dogs & wolf-hybrids.....\$6.00(town) + \$5.00(state) = \$11.00

Unaltered dogs & wolf-hybrids .....\$12.00(town) + \$5.00(state) = \$17.00

207 Dog Registrations	\$1,840.00
State Regulated Programs	<u>-\$956.00</u>
Total	\$884.00

### Filing Your Homestead Declaration (HS-122)

All residents of Vermont must file a Homestead Declaration (HS-122) with the Vermont State Tax Department. This must be done every year before April 15<sup>th</sup> and can be done separate from your income tax filing. If you are filing your income tax information late – still file your HS-122 before April 15<sup>th</sup>. You can file and find answers to your questions at <https://tax.vermont.gov/property-owners/homestead-declaration/filing-checklist>. This is the only way that your property tax is billed out at the homestead rate. Anyone that has not filed their HS-122 will be billed at the non-residential rate. You must contact the tax department if you feel you have filed but are showing non-residential on your tax bill.

At the same time you should fill out the HI-144 Property Tax Adjustment form for a possible state payment to the town to go towards your property taxes.

Lastly, I am hoping that a portion of the ARPA money will be used to digitize our land records. It is a very costly process and this would be a great opportunity to get it done.

## Treasurer Report – FY21

As previously stated in last year's town report, FY21 started off with long-time road foreman, Jeff Masterson, retiring. Mr. Masterson procured many State grants for the betterment of our roads and our bank account. Dylan Pratt, the new road foreman, and Daniel Burson, the new road commissioner, realize the benefits of these grants and have continued to apply for any that will be of use to us. The Vehicle/Equipment Fund and the Capital Budget Fund are both on target to be self-sustaining. This means we shouldn't need any loans for vehicles, equipment or regular road maintenance in the foreseeable future!

Signed into law on March 11, 2021, **The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021** (ARPA) provides \$350 billion in additional funding for state and local governments. As we move into FY22 the town will be dialing in on the options for the \$357,000 that will be coming our way. We will need ideas from the townspeople on uses for these funds under the parameters that the Federal Government has laid out.

**Current taxes are due March 15, 2022. We will have extended hours that day only – 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.** Our normal hours are Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 9-4. If I am at the office I am open. If you are wondering if I will be there at a certain time, please call 802-728-9787 ext. 3. You can drop your payment in the drop box, you can mail it or you can call and make an appointment for a time that is more convenient for you. If you would like a receipt, please remember to send a self-addressed stamped envelope with your payment.



# TOWN STATISTICS

## Marriages

<u>Name</u>		<u>Name</u>
Jenkins, Shelby	to	Fitts, Michael
Johnson, Darlene	to	Kinsley, Haupt
Slocum, Brooke	to	Marks, James
Samson, Laura	to	Westcot, Matthew

## Births

<u>Name</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Parents</u>
Conley, Hunter Rose	F	Conley, Jason & Foley, Alexandra
Freeman, Kinzley Joyce	F	Freeman, Kevin & Krista
Illsley, Ethan Ryker	M	Illsley, Joshua & Ashley
Marks, Grayson Sean	M	Marks, James & Slocum, Brooke

## Deaths

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>
Carpenter, Jeanne F.	76
Day, Robert E.	93
DuClos, Judy M.	73
Estivill, George N. Jr.	77
Fenn, Mark E.	62
Flint, Stella A.	85
Lumbra, Shawn A., Jr.	26
Picard, Marie I.	79
Thresher, Carl H.	84

## Burials

<u>Name</u>	<u>Cemetery</u>
Patenaude, Sr., Willis	Mountain View
Habeman, Carolyn	East Braintree
Thresher, Carl H.	Lower Branch

This page is created from information that is received and recorded by the Town Clerk. If a community member is born or dies out of state, that information is not recorded in the town records. I apologize for anyone that is inadvertently left off the list for any reason.

## Listers Report – FY 21

**2021's Pandemic Real Estate Bubble:** This year will be remembered as the year Braintree ran out of houses to sell, capping two years of the highest number of property sales in decades. At the time of this writing, our inventory of available homes is at its lowest in years. We also have seen the “days on the market” shrink dramatically from last year’s median of 438 days to a breezy 104 days. It has been interesting to watch how hungry buyers have been for houses (and land) in Braintree. Also of note, the median price of homes went up significantly from last year, likely an indicator of the real estate market catching up with the high demand. The median sale price for 2020 was \$150,500. This year saw that doubling to \$311,500.

While these numbers were good news for sellers, they are not very positive as it relates to Braintree’s 2019 (Pre-Pandemic) Town Wide Reappraisal. Rising sales prices sparked by COVID buyers meant that nearly all sales in 2021 were, on average, 50% higher than the assessed values. This rise in the comparison of assessed value to sale price will be reflected in our Annual Sales Study carried out by the Vermont Department of Taxes. And while we do not think that this year’s sales will drag our three year average down to the point of triggering a new re-appraisal, should this sales trend continue, we may very well find ourselves in a reappraisal sooner rather than later.

**Home Improvements Trend Up:** In addition to strong sales, this year saw an increase in home improvement projects. From small sheds to decks and garages, Braintree property owners followed national trends of sprucing up their dwellings while they stayed home during the early part of the pandemic. The listers will be busy this coming spring scheduling visits to these properties to update our property record cards.

**Homestead Declarations:** As usual, the listers would like to offer a reminder to all home-owning residents to file a *Homestead Declaration Form* by **April 15, 2022**. Failure to do so may result in a penalty and being taxed at the non-homestead educational tax rate.

**Contact Us:** As always, the Board of Listers is here to serve the community. If you have any questions or concerns about your property please contact the listers through any of the following ways:

Office Hours: Tuesday 8:00am – 12:00

Phone: 728-9787 ext 5

Email: [braintreelisters@gmail.com](mailto:braintreelisters@gmail.com)

Respectfully submitted: Jackson Evans, Derek O’Toole, Luke Fisher

## Braintree Planning Commission – FY 21

In the past year the Planning Commission has worked with staff from the Regional Planning Commission, Two Rivers-Ottauquechee Regional Commission (TRORC) to complete revisions to the Town Plan. This process is a statutory requirement as an approved Town Plan is only valid for eight years. Our current Town Plan was readopted in 2017 with only minor changes made from the plan that was first drafted and approved in 2012 using 2010 US Census data. The current revision will include updated Census data and language to meet ongoing statutory requirements, including an updated energy section to help guide future renewable energy projects. As part of the revision and re Adoption process the Planning Commission and Selectboard will each hold public hearing to obtain comments from the public. These comments will be incorporated into the revised plan that the selectboard will eventually be asked to approve prior to seeking approval from TRORC and the State of Vermont.

After the Town Plan is readopted the Planning Commission will move to updating the Town's Zoning Bylaws to ensure that they are in line with our soon to be updated and adopted Town Plan. The Town's Zoning regulations have not been updated since 2010.

Residents are encouraged to attend Planning Commission meetings, which are scheduled for the second Thursday of the month and take place at the Town Offices.

Respectfully submitted,

Nathan Cleveland  
Jennifer Phipps  
Paul Kendall

Malcolm Fitzpatrick  
Jackson Evans



## **Development Review Board Report – FY 21**

The Development Review Board has had another quiet year, with only one minor project to review, probably due in part to everyone waiting out the COVID Pandemic. This has been a welcome development, given the challenges of holding meetings or hearings under these circumstances. We held a meeting in June with our new Zoning Administrator, Gary Blatz.

DRB Hearings and/or meetings are usually held when required on the fourth Thursday of the month at 7 pm at the Town Office, although we can usually reschedule a monthly meeting or schedule an extra session upon request if the regular date is inconvenient.

Residents are reminded that new construction or renovations generally require a permit from the Zoning Administrator. Larger projects may require a DRB Hearing.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robert Moyer  
Joan Richmond-Hall  
Malcolm Fitzpatrick

Linda Doane  
Jennifer Phipps  
Steve Zind

## **Zoning Administrator Report – FY 21**

The Year 2021 was my second year as your Zoning Administrator. By the close of 2021 twenty-three Zoning Permits had been requested. There were two minor subdivisions, three garages, one shipping container, three houses, three decks, one barn addition, four equipment sheds, set four mobile homes, one large metal building and one covered porch. The covered porch required the first Development Review Board Meeting in two years.

If you are planning a project, you can pick up a zoning permit application at the Town Clerk's Office or print one from the Town of Braintree website, [braintreevt.org](http://braintreevt.org), under the Zoning Tab.

It was a pleasure working with all of you.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary E. Blatz  
Zoning Administrator

## Braintree Conservation Commission – FY 21

The membership of the Conservation commission has remained intact for the past year, 2021. Paul Shriver remains chair with Sandy Stephen as vice chair, and Joan Richmond-Hall as secretary. Gina Logan and Linda Morse round out our membership.

The Commission continues to take care of a small tract of land along Thayer Brook which we have dubbed the "Thayer Brook Natural Area". This area was first planted with young trees after Irene. We continue to monitor the area for chervil and Japanese knotweed and try the best we can to keep it in check. Our hope is that it will be used by hikers and bikers who will possibly stop and enjoy Thayer Brook during their travels.

As part of our outreach to other Conservation Commissions and the community at large, we invited Brian Lowe to conduct a bird talk via zoom. In April he spoke at length about his efforts to bring back the kestrel population by placing kestrel boxes in the area. He also talked about how bird counts are taken.

In May the Commission posted Emerald Ash Borer awareness posters around town as part of a Vermont Urban and Community Forestry funded program. Janni Jacobs, 5/6 teacher at Braintree Elementary, involved her students in this effort. EAB identification cards were also left at various places in town to in hopes of raising awareness of the EAB threat.

Our last effort of 2021 involved learning about town forests. A large parcel of land bordering Braintree on the north was up for sale. Zak Freeman presented information about the parcel at the commission's July meeting and what benefits the parcel would have to the Town if it became a Town Forest. At our August meeting Dave Paganelli, a county forester, spoke of his knowledge of town forests and what responsibilities the Town would have to take on if the Town acquired a town forest. As of now the parcel has been sold and it seems that the possibility of it becoming Braintree's Town forest no longer exists at the present.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Shriver	Sandy Stephen
Linda Morse	Gina Logan
Joan Richmond-Hall	

## Emergency Management Report – FY 21

After several years of dedicating himself to building and establishing Braintree's Emergency Management team and infrastructure, Tim Caulfield resigned as Emergency Management Director in the Spring of 2021. I stepped in upon Tim's departure, and have prioritized maintaining the town's existing EM resources, including ensuring that the Town Hall remains a suitable place for an emergency shelter, should the need arise. This past summer we saw several significant rain events that I monitored along with the Road Foreman, and fortunately Braintree did not experience any damage from these events.

Another newsworthy item is the creation, pursuant to recently adopted law, of Regional Emergency Management Committees, which will replace the existing structure for local and regional emergency management coordination. Braintree will be a member of the Committee facilitated by the Two Rivers Ottauquechee Regional Planning Commission. I am an automatically appointed member of the Committee, and the Selectboard will appoint another member who is affiliated with a professional emergency services organization. I look forward to learning more about how this Committee will operate, and what their scope of work will be. I am hopeful that this will be an opportunity for Braintree to pool its resources with other communities and benefit from a more centralized approach to ensuring all types of communities are prepared for any type of emergency.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me via the contact information listed at the beginning of the Town Report.

Derek O'Toole

Acting Emergency Management Director



1957 Old Home Sunday Photo Courtesy of Glenn Webster and Alice Webster Wakefield

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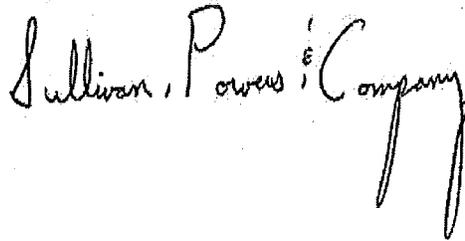
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January 15, 2022

Selectboard  
Town of Braintree, Vermont  
932 VT Route 12A  
Braintree, VT 05060

We have audited the financial statements of the Town of Braintree, Vermont as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021. Our opinion on the governmental activities, each major fund and aggregate remaining fund information, which collectively comprise the basic financial statements of the Town of Braintree, Vermont, was unqualified.

The financial statements and our report thereon will be available for public inspection at the Town Office.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sullivan, Powers & Company". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long, vertical flourish at the end of the word "Company".

Members of The American Institute and Vermont Society of Certified Public Accountants

## Auditors Report – FY 21

We continue to revise our methods for auditing the various aspects of Braintree’s finances. Our Payroll procedure needed to be modified after the Town contracted for this service with CompuCount. Our Cash Receipts procedure has also been revised.

We have continued to review all the components of the Town’s finances and reporting as recommended by the Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) and believe that the financial situation presented in the current Town Report for Fiscal Year 2021 is accurate.

Sullivan, Powers & Co. conducted the professional audit of the Town’s finances at the end of December, which was later than usual. Their report arrived just in time to confirm that the Town’s reporting for the past two fiscal years has been essentially correct and accurately reflects the financial condition of the Town. This evaluation was “unqualified,” also known as a “clean opinion” – the highest you can get.

Stephanie Barrett is stepping down as Town Auditor and we are hoping to find a replacement for her soon. Her professional knowledge of accounting practices has been very helpful, and we are grateful for her years of service.

Stephanie Barrett  
 Lin Brown  
 Tom Cooch

### SCHEDULE OF TOWN INDEBTEDNESS - FY21

Notes Payable Date Issued	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Balance 6/30/2020	New Borrowing	Loan Repayments	Balance 6/30/2021
2016 Mack Truck 10/16/2015	9/15/2020	2.60%	\$7,317.72	\$0.00	\$7,317.72	\$0.00
2017 JD Loader 9/20/2017	9/20/2020	2.75%	\$6,484.83	\$0.00	\$6,484.83	\$0.00
2019 Mack Truck 12/18/2018	12/18/2023	2.90%	\$103,019.81	\$0.00	\$28,578.18	\$74,441.63
2021 Mack Truck 4/2/2021	4/2/2024	2.85%	\$0.00	\$75,000.00	\$3,999.91	\$71,000.09
<b>Totals</b>			<b>\$116,822.36</b>	<b>\$75,000.00</b>	<b>\$46,380.64</b>	<b>\$145,441.72</b>

## Balance Sheet - General Fund

<b>ASSETS</b>		
10-1011-00.00	Bar Harbor Checking	9,227.69
10-1015-00.00	MSB Sweep-Gen'l Fund	740,826.33
10-1100-00.00	Petty Cash	150.00
10-1101-00.00	Taxpayer Change Fund	150.00
10-1201-00.00	2007 Property Taxes	403.96
10-1201-20.00	FY20 Property Taxes	61,874.93
10-1201-21.00	FY21 Property Taxes	67,700.77
10-1210-00.00	2010 Property Taxes	361.67
10-1213-00.00	FY2013 Property Taxes	1,023.49
10-1216-00.00	FY2016 Property Taxes	394.22
10-1217-00.00	FY2017 Property Taxes	2,457.69
10-1218-00.00	FY2018 Property Taxes	4,364.16
10-1219-00.00	FY2019 Property Taxes	13,854.53
10-1220-00.00	Del Tax Interest Rec	19,447.51
10-1230-00.00	Del Tax Penalty Rec	12,194.94
10-1245-00.00	Allowance for Del Taxes	(4,800.00)
10-1249-00.00	A/R - Other	7,612.50
10-1300-00.00	Due To/From Other Funds	(457,454.07)
10-1400-00.00	Prepaid Expenses	33,408.91
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Total Assets		513,199.23
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<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
10-2000-00.00	Accounts Payable	26,683.75
10-2000-00.05	Accounts Payable - Audit	1,475.00
10-2001-00.00	Deferred Tax Revenue	149,000.00
10-2003-00.00	Deferred Rev Grants - 60 Days	7,612.50
10-2005-00.00	Prop Tax Overpayments	2,299.42
10-2015-00.00	Due To Delinquent Tax Collector	12,194.94
10-2110-00.00	Accrued Payroll & Taxes	9,310.16
10-2320-05.00	Due To State - Dogs	704.00
10-2320-10.00	Due To State - Rabies	192.00
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Total Liabilities		209,471.77
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<b>FUND BALANCE</b>		
10-2998-00.00	Fund Balance	316,115.95
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Total Prior Years Fund Balance		316,115.95
Fund Balance Current Year		(12,388.49)
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Total Fund Balance		303,727.46
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Total Liabilities,Reserves,Fund Balance		513,199.23
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FY2021 ACTUALS AND FY2023 BUDGET

Account		Budget FY - 2021	Actual FY-2021	Budget FY - 2022	Budget FY - 2023
<b>10-30 Taxes</b>					
10-3001-00.00	Current Taxes	980,749.90	948,849.14	977,065.27	-
10-3054-00.00	Delinquent Tax Interest	10,000.00	10,258.35	10,000.00	10,000.00
10-3056-00.00	Delinquent Tax Penalty	9,000.00	11,530.08	9,500.00	10,000.00
10-3061-00.00	PILOT	80.00	65.40	50.00	50.00
10-3064-00.00	Education Billing Fee	2,000.00	2,984.34	2,500.00	2,500.00
10-3065-00.00	1% Late File	500.00	441.50	700.00	500.00
<b>Total Taxes</b>		<b>1,002,329.90</b>	<b>974,128.81</b>	<b>999,815.27</b>	<b>23,050.00</b>
<b>10-32 State of Vermont</b>					
10-3205-00.00	Hold Harmless	130,000.00	140,572.00	135,000.00	137,000.00
10-3210-00.00	Railroad Tax	3,500.00	3,550.81	3,500.00	3,500.00
10-3215-00.00	AOT	88,000.00	115,599.76	88,000.00	88,000.00
10-3223-00.00	Equalization Study	700.00	716.00	700.00	700.00
<b>Total State of Vermont</b>		<b>222,200.00</b>	<b>260,438.57</b>	<b>227,200.00</b>	<b>229,200.00</b>
<b>10-33 Restricted Grants</b>					
10-3330-85.01	CTCL Election Grant	-	5,000.00	-	-
10-3330-85.02	LGER Grant Income-Covid19	-	5,676.93	-	-
<b>Total Restricted Grants</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>10,676.93</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>10-36 Fees &amp; Permits</b>					
10-3605-00.00	1st Class Liq/Rest License	-	115.00	-	115.00
10-3615-00.00	Clerk Fees	9,000.00	12,380.25	9,000.00	10,000.00
10-3618-00.00	Tire Recycling Fees	-	581.00	50.00	100.00
10-3620-00.00	Dog Licenses	1,200.00	982.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
10-3625-00.00	Marriage Licenses	50.00	70.00	50.00	70.00
10-3630-00.00	DMV	75.00	69.00	50.00	50.00
10-3635-00.00	Over Weight Permits	200.00	225.00	200.00	200.00
10-3655-00.00	Zoning Permits	1,000.00	805.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
<b>Total Fees &amp; Permits</b>		<b>11,525.00</b>	<b>15,227.25</b>	<b>11,350.00</b>	<b>12,535.00</b>
<b>10-37 Other GF Revenue</b>					
10-3705-00.00	Rochester Hollow	6,000.00	5,782.04	6,000.00	6,000.00
10-3708-00.00	Town Report	700.00	698.00	700.00	700.00
10-3710-00.00	Town Hall Rentals	1,000.00	-	200.00	500.00
10-3730-00.00	Scrap Metal Sales	-	276.00	200.00	200.00
10-3735-00.00	Sweep Interest	3,000.00	907.45	4,000.00	2,000.00
10-3735-00.05	Bar Harbor-Treasurer Interest	-	4.75	-	5.00
10-3750-00.00	Misc Income	-	938.84	-	-
<b>Total Other GF Revenue</b>		<b>10,700.00</b>	<b>8,607.08</b>	<b>11,100.00</b>	<b>9,405.00</b>
<b>Total Revenues</b>		<b>1,246,754.90</b>	<b>1,269,078.64</b>	<b>1,249,465.27</b>	<b>274,190.00</b>
<b>10-4000 Executive</b>					
10-4000-10.00	Selectboard Salaries	7,100.00	7,100.04	7,100.00	7,100.00
10-4000-10.05	Admin. Assistant Wages	29,668.28	29,749.46	30,448.00	33,813.78

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Account		Budget FY - 2021	Actual FY-2021	Budget FY - 2022	Budget FY - 2023
10-4000-10.30	Admin. Assistant Overtime	2,347.38	60.15	2,409.00	2,675.38
10-4000-20.00	FICA/Medicare	2,449.20	2,626.54	2,514.00	3,334.57
10-4000-22.00	Admin. Asst. Retirement	1,440.70	1,538.94	1,479.00	1,642.01
10-4000-24.00	Health/Dental/Vision Insurance	18,905.62	7,927.34	8,323.56	8,418.00
10-4000-25.00	Transfer to Health Benefit	2,484.01	2,484.01	2,650.00	2,650.00
10-4000-30.00	Transfer To Capital Reserve	8,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00
10-4000-70.00	Dues Subscripts & Misc	4,400.00	5,157.88	4,400.00	5,000.00
10-4000-80.00	Mileage	450.00	84.90	250.00	250.00
10-4000-81.00	Training	250.00	68.00	250.00	250.00
10-4000-82.00	Town Report	1,350.00	1,396.00	1,350.00	1,430.00
10-4000-84.00	Green Up Day	750.00	1,145.70	1,000.00	1,100.00
10-4000-87.00	Property Tax Abatements	3,000.00	7,783.87	3,000.00	3,000.00
10-4000-88.00	Tax Sale Property Expense	2,000.00	-	2,000.00	2,000.00
<b>Total Executive</b>		<b>84,595.19</b>	<b>75,122.83</b>	<b>75,173.56</b>	<b>80,663.74</b>
10-4200 Town Clerk					
10-4200-10.00	Town Clerk Salary	19,945.69	20,208.43	20,805.00	22,880.00
10-4200-10.05	Assist Town Clerk Wages	4,500.00	1,590.48	2,500.00	2,500.00
10-4200-10.10	Ballot Clerk Wages	150.00	-	150.00	150.00
10-4200-20.00	FICA/Medicare	1,525.85	1,846.94	1,592.00	1,953.05
10-4200-22.00	Town Clerk Retirement	897.56	910.77	936.00	1,029.60
10-4200-24.00	Health/Dental/Vision Insurance	10,803.21	11,117.17	11,694.62	11,925.00
10-4200-25.00	Transfer to Health Benefit	1,427.59	1,427.59	2,645.00	2,645.00
10-4200-68.00	Vault Supplies	1,200.00	802.92	1,200.00	1,200.00
10-4200-70.00	Dues & Subscriptions	65.00	30.00	65.00	65.00
10-4200-72.00	Elections/Town Meeting	50.00	1,175.02	50.00	100.00
10-4200-72.10	CTCL-Election Grant	-	5,000.00	-	-
10-4200-81.00	Training	260.00	20.00	150.00	150.00
<b>Total Town Clerk</b>		<b>40,824.90</b>	<b>44,129.32</b>	<b>41,787.62</b>	<b>44,597.65</b>
10-4400 Auditing					
10-4400-10.00	Auditors Salaries	500.00	-	500.00	500.00
10-4400-20.00	FICA/Medicare	39.00	-	39.00	39.00
10-4400-35.00	Professional Audit	15,000.00	15,754.00	15,000.00	16,000.00
10-4400-36.00	Contracted Services	1,500.00	1,494.00	750.00	2,000.00
10-4400-80.00	Mileage	100.00	-	100.00	100.00
<b>Total Auditing</b>		<b>17,139.00</b>	<b>17,248.00</b>	<b>16,389.00</b>	<b>18,639.00</b>
10-4500 Delinquent Tax Collecting					
10-4500-10.00	Wages	9,000.00	11,820.49	9,500.00	10,000.00
10-4500-20.00	FICA/Medicare	689.00	803.40	728.00	765.00
10-4500-81.00	Training	65.00	-	65.00	65.00
<b>Total Delinquent Tax Collecting</b>		<b>9,754.00</b>	<b>12,623.89</b>	<b>10,293.00</b>	<b>10,830.00</b>
10-4700 Treasurer					
10-4700-10.00	Treasurer Salary	21,054.38	21,322.60	21,955.00	25,053.00
10-4700-10.05	Asst. Treasurer Salary	2,750.00	995.42	1,500.00	1,500.00
10-4700-20.00	FICA/Medicare	1,610.66	1,706.29	1,680.00	2,031.30
10-4700-22.00	Retirement	947.45	943.51	988.00	1,127.41

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10-4700-24.00	Health/Dental/Vision Insurance	10,803.21	11,117.17	11,694.62	11,925.00
10-4700-25.00	Transfer to Health Benefit	1,427.59	1,427.59	2,645.00	2,645.00
10-4700-37.00	Bank Service Charges	600.00	455.51	600.00	600.00
10-4700-70.00	Dues & Subscriptions	50.00	30.00	50.00	50.00
10-4700-81.00	Training	180.00	-	180.00	180.00
<b>Total Treasurer</b>		<b>39,423.29</b>	<b>37,998.09</b>	<b>41,292.62</b>	<b>45,111.71</b>
<b>10-4800 Planning &amp; Zoning</b>					
10-4800-10.00	Zoning Admin Wages	4,036.00	1,125.00	2,000.00	3,900.00
10-4800-20.00	FICA/Medicare	308.00	86.07	298.00	298.00
10-4800-22.00	Retirement	181.00	-	175.00	-
10-4800-24.00	Health/Dental/Vision Insurance	2,700.80	-	-	-
10-4800-25.00	Transfer to Health Benefit	371.17	-	-	-
10-4800-32.00	Advertising	100.00	-	100.00	100.00
10-4800-68.00	Supplies	75.00	-	75.00	75.00
10-4800-80.00	Mileage	75.00	-	75.00	75.00
10-4800-81.00	Training	180.00	-	180.00	250.00
<b>Total Planning &amp; Zoning</b>		<b>8,026.97</b>	<b>1,211.07</b>	<b>2,903.00</b>	<b>4,698.00</b>
<b>10-4900 Listers</b>					
10-4900-10.00	Lister's Wages	7,500.00	5,481.00	5,500.00	7,700.00
10-4900-20.00	FICA/Medicare	600.00	419.29	500.00	589.05
10-4900-36.00	Contracted Services	1,600.00	1,475.00	1,600.00	1,500.00
10-4900-70.00	VT Marshall Swift Tables	500.00	423.88	300.00	240.00
10-4900-80.00	Mileage	150.00	-	150.00	75.00
10-4900-81.00	Training	200.00	-	300.00	200.00
<b>Total Listers</b>		<b>10,550.00</b>	<b>7,799.17</b>	<b>8,350.00</b>	<b>10,304.05</b>
<b>10-5000 Town Office</b>					
10-5000-30.00	Transfer to Cemetery Fund	12,500.00	12,500.00	12,500.00	12,500.00
10-5000-32.00	Adv & Public Notices	400.00	1,795.59	400.00	2,000.00
10-5000-35.00	Professional Services	9,000.00	2,895.20	9,000.00	5,000.00
10-5000-36.00	Service Contracts	600.00	518.23	800.00	800.00
10-5000-40.00	Electricity	1,500.00	1,647.51	1,750.00	1,750.00
10-5000-41.00	Heat	1,250.00	808.24	1,000.00	1,000.00
10-5000-42.00	Office Equipment	-	921.91	500.00	1,500.00
10-5000-43.00	Telephone	2,500.00	3,354.37	2,500.00	2,500.00
10-5000-44.00	Postage	1,600.00	1,735.77	1,600.00	1,800.00
10-5000-50.00	Building Maintenance	500.00	59.99	500.00	500.00
10-5000-51.00	Solid Waste	1,500.00	-	-	-
10-5000-68.00	Office Supplies	2,000.00	2,331.20	2,000.00	2,000.00
10-5000-68.05	Custodial Supplies	100.00	113.20	100.00	100.00
10-5000-68.10	Covid-19	-	6,445.46	150.00	-
10-5000-69.00	IT Software & Support	5,800.00	9,521.53	7,275.00	7,275.00
<b>Total Town Office</b>		<b>39,250.00</b>	<b>44,648.20</b>	<b>40,075.00</b>	<b>38,725.00</b>
<b>10-5200 Town Hall</b>					
10-5200-10.00	Custodian	400.00	100.00	-	400.00
10-5200-40.00	Electricity	700.00	652.09	700.00	700.00

FY2021 ACTUALS AND FY2023 BUDGET

Account		Budget FY - 2021	Actual FY-2021	Budget FY - 2022	Budget FY - 2023
10-5200-41.00	Heat	1,200.00	891.78	1,500.00	1,500.00
10-5200-43.00	Telephone	500.00	1,121.15	1,400.00	1,400.00
10-5200-52.00	Grounds Maintenance	600.00	420.00	500.00	500.00
10-5200-67.00	Repairs/Maintenance Transfer	5,000.00	165.49	5,000.00	5,000.00
10-5200-67.01	Transfer Out	-	4,834.51	-	-
10-5200-68.00	Cleaning Supplies	100.00	-	100.00	100.00
<b>Total Town Hall</b>		<b>8,500.00</b>	<b>8,185.02</b>	<b>9,200.00</b>	<b>9,600.00</b>
10-5300 Tree Warden					
10-5300-10.00	Tree Warden Wages	500.00	-	250.00	-
10-5300-20.00	FICA/Medicare	39.00	-	20.00	-
10-5300-76.00	Tree Trimming/Removal	500.00	-	500.00	500.00
10-5300-80.00	Mileage	100.00	8.40	50.00	-
10-5300-81.00	Training	40.00	-	40.00	40.00
<b>Total Tree Warden</b>		<b>1,179.00</b>	<b>8.40</b>	<b>860.00</b>	<b>540.00</b>
10-5400 Conservation Commission					
10-5400-68.00	Supplies	100.00	-	100.00	100.00
10-5400-70.00	Dues & Membership Fees	50.00	-	50.00	50.00
10-5400-81.00	Training	250.00	-	250.00	250.00
10-5400-81.20	Presentations & Events	100.00	-	100.00	100.00
<b>Total Conservation Commission</b>		<b>500.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>500.00</b>	<b>500.00</b>
10-5500 Health Officer					
10-5500-10.00	Health Officer's Wages	300.00	-	300.00	300.00
10-5500-20.00	FICA/Medicare	23.00	-	23.00	23.00
10-5500-68.00	Supplies	100.00	-	100.00	100.00
10-5500-80.00	Mileage	100.00	-	100.00	100.00
10-5500-81.00	Training	60.00	-	60.00	60.00
<b>Total Health Officer</b>		<b>583.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>583.00</b>	<b>583.00</b>
10-5600 Town Insurance					
10-5600-46.15	Property & Liability	8,000.00	9,395.75	7,271.00	8,643.00
10-5600-46.20	Worker's Compensation	300.00	388.00	328.00	387.00
10-5600-46.25	Unemployment Insurance	400.00	570.00	400.00	671.00
10-5600-46.30	Short Term Disability Insurance	60.00	52.80	60.00	60.00
<b>Total Town Insurance</b>		<b>8,760.00</b>	<b>10,406.55</b>	<b>8,059.00</b>	<b>9,761.00</b>
10-5700 Emergency Services					
10-5700-10.00	Ambulance	74,760.00	74,760.00	77,252.00	78,455.00
10-5700-10.05	Fire Department	70,733.00	68,955.00	75,265.23	70,734.00
10-5700-10.10	Constable Wages	500.00	-	500.00	500.00
10-5700-20.00	FICA/Medicare	39.00	-	39.00	39.00
10-5700-53.00	Dry Hydrant	700.00	-	700.00	700.00
10-5700-54.05	Emergency Generator	500.00	133.97	500.00	500.00
10-5700-55.00	Dog Impoundment Fees	200.00	632.20	200.00	200.00
10-5700-67.00	Emergency Radio & Maintenance	250.00	190.00	250.00	250.00
10-5700-68.00	Supplies	1,000.00	821.00	1,000.00	1,000.00

**FY2021 ACTUALS AND FY2023 BUDGET**

Account		Budget FY - 2021	Actual FY-2021	Budget FY - 2022	Budget FY - 2023
10-5700-80.00	Mileage	500.00	-	500.00	500.00
10-5700-81.00	Training	100.00	25.00	100.00	100.00
<b>Total Emergency Services</b>		<b>149,282.00</b>	<b>145,517.17</b>	<b>156,306.23</b>	<b>152,978.00</b>
<b>10-5800 Special Appropriations</b>					
10-5800-90.05	Arts Bus	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
10-5800-90.10	CVCOA	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00
10-5800-90.20	Clara Martin Center	2,054.00	2,054.00	2,054.00	2,054.00
10-5800-90.25	Greater Randolph Senior Center	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
10-5800-90.35	Kimball Public Library	10,500.00	10,500.00	10,500.00	10,500.00
10-5800-90.40	Orange Cty Restorative Justice	350.00	350.00	350.00	350.00
10-5800-90.45	Orange County Parent Child	750.00	750.00	750.00	750.00
10-5800-90.55	Randolph Area Food Shelf	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
10-5800-90.60	Safeline	700.00	700.00	700.00	700.00
10-5800-90.65	Tri Valley Transit	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
10-5800-90.70	Visiting Nurse Assoc	3,200.00	3,200.00	3,200.00	3,200.00
<b>Total Special Appropriations</b>		<b>23,154.00</b>	<b>23,154.00</b>	<b>23,154.00</b>	<b>23,154.00</b>
<b>10-5900 County Expense</b>					
10-5900-33.00	County Tax	25,000.00	23,803.05	25,000.00	25,000.00
<b>Total County Expense</b>		<b>25,000.00</b>	<b>23,803.05</b>	<b>25,000.00</b>	<b>25,000.00</b>
<b>10-6000 Highway</b>					
10-6000-10.00	Full-time Wages	178,653.38	165,818.29	176,001.00	196,460.91
10-6000-10.05	Part-time Wages	10,000.00	2,342.10	5,000.00	7,500.00
10-6000-10.30	Overtime	25,801.88	14,557.45	24,883.00	13,875.77
10-6000-20.00	FICA/Medicare	15,640.83	13,474.81	15,367.00	16,664.51
10-6000-22.00	Retirement	9,200.49	8,025.44	8,864.00	9,465.15
10-6000-24.00	Health/Dental/Vision Ins	23,067.33	27,054.27	33,294.24	25,254.00
10-6000-25.00	Transfer To Health Benefit	4,289.64	4,289.64	10,600.00	7,950.00
10-6000-34.00	Uniforms	3,550.00	3,993.38	3,750.00	4,000.00
10-6000-70.00	Dues & Subscriptions	-	6.25	-	25.00
10-6000-80.00	Mileage	500.00	-	500.00	500.00
10-6000-81.00	Training	750.00	462.75	750.00	750.00
<b>Total Highway</b>		<b>271,453.55</b>	<b>240,024.38</b>	<b>279,009.24</b>	<b>282,445.34</b>
<b>10-6150 Highway Insurance</b>					
10-6150-46.00	Property & Liability	11,000.00	10,199.50	10,000.00	12,232.00
10-6150-46.20	Worker's Compensation	14,000.00	12,142.00	13,000.00	14,873.00
10-5600-46.25	Unemployment Insurance	-	-	-	-
10-6150-46.30	Short Term Disability Ins	340.00	259.84	340.00	340.00
<b>Total Highway Insurance</b>		<b>25,340.00</b>	<b>22,601.34</b>	<b>23,340.00</b>	<b>27,445.00</b>
<b>10-6200 Highway Operations</b>					
10-6200-30.00	Transfer to Gravel Pit Reserve	-	-	31,000.00	31,000.00
10-6200-30.05	Transfer to Capital Reserve	137,000.00	137,000.00	101,000.00	101,000.00
10-6200-35.00	Permit Fee	1,990.00	1,350.00	1,690.00	1,450.00
10-6200-36.00	Contracted Services	2,000.00	544.95	2,500.00	2,500.00

FY2021 ACTUALS AND FY2023 BUDGET

Account		Budget FY - 2021	Actual FY-2021	Budget FY - 2022	Budget FY - 2023
10-6200-40.00	Misc Road Exp	1,500.00	591.03	1,500.00	1,500.00
10-6200-56.00	Gravel	40,000.00	91,952.41	40,000.00	40,000.00
10-6200-58.00	Sand	41,000.00	94,623.70	41,000.00	41,000.00
10-6200-60.00	Salt	2,500.00	1,605.88	2,500.00	2,500.00
10-6200-61.00	Chloride	6,000.00	8,244.00	6,000.00	8,000.00
10-6200-62.00	Rental Equipment	5,000.00	9,933.80	5,000.00	-
10-6200-63.00	Culverts	3,000.00	1,472.60	3,000.00	5,000.00
10-6200-66.00	Bandrail	-	-	3,000.00	1,000.00
10-6200-71.00	Signs & Posts	2,000.00	538.11	2,000.00	2,000.00
Total Highway Operations		241,990.00	347,856.48	240,190.00	236,950.00
10-6400 Brldges					
10-6400-61.00	Maintenance	500.00	-	500.00	500.00
Total Bridges		500.00	-	500.00	500.00
10-6500 Fuel					
10-6500-75.05	Fuel & Oil Diesel	40,000.00	21,629.80	40,000.00	40,000.00
10-6500-75.10	Fuel & Oil Gasoline	200.00	87.99	200.00	200.00
Total Fuel		40,200.00	21,717.79	40,200.00	40,200.00
10-6600 Garage					
10-6600-00.00	Garage - Other	-	20.91	-	-
10-6600-40.00	Electricity	1,500.00	1,647.43	1,750.00	1,750.00
10-6600-41.00	Heat	3,500.00	2,366.47	3,500.00	3,500.00
10-6600-43.00	Telephone/Pagers	500.00	239.44	500.00	500.00
10-6600-67.00	Maintenance	1,500.00	326.84	1,500.00	1,500.00
10-6600-67.05	Radio Maintenance	500.00	-	500.00	500.00
10-6600-67.10	Salt Shed Maint/Repairs	-	-	2,500.00	-
10-6600-68.00	Supplies	3,000.00	2,273.75	3,000.00	3,000.00
10-6600-76.00	Rubbish Removal	750.00	773.28	750.00	800.00
10-6600-78.00	Safety Budget	2,000.00	633.66	2,000.00	1,000.00
10-6600-79.00	Small Equipment/Tools	2,500.00	845.20	5,300.00	2,500.00
Total Garage		15,750.00	9,126.98	21,300.00	15,050.00
10-6700 Vehicle/Equip Maintenance					
10-6700-67.01	Heavy Equipment Maintenance	60,000.00	63,285.40	60,000.00	60,000.00
Total Vehicle/Equip Maintenance		60,000.00	63,285.40	60,000.00	60,000.00
10-6800-30.00	Transfer to Veh/Equip Reserve	125,000.00	125,000.00	125,000.00	125,000.00
Total Expenditures		1,246,754.90	1,281,467.13	1,249,465.27	1,263,275.49
Total General Fund		-	(12,388.49)	-	(989,085.49)

**PROPOSED BUDGET: Vehicles/Equipment  
FY2021 - FY2027**

Activity	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030
	Actual	Plan								
Beginning Equipment Fund Balance	\$ 7,602.06	\$ 24,531.79	\$ 113,012.59	\$ 99,735.09	\$ 81,042.47	\$ 151,077.47	\$ 66,112.47	\$ 46,147.47	\$ 171,182.47	\$ 156,217.47
Income										
Interest Earned	\$ -	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00
Borrowed Funds	\$ 75,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Grant-In-Aid - Mulcher										
Trade-in of 2013 Mack Truck	\$ 72,000.00									
Trade-in of 2013 Backhoe for Excavator			\$ 60,000.00							
Trade-in of 2016 Mack Truck				\$ 75,000.00			\$ 75,000.00		\$ 80,000.00	
Trade-in of 2019 Mack Truck										
Trade-in of 2021 Mack Truck										
Sale of 2006 International Dump Truck										
Sale of 2001 International Dump Truck	\$ 1,000.00									
G.F. Contribution	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 125,000.00
Total Income	\$ 273,000.00	\$ 125,035.00	\$ 185,035.00	\$ 200,035.00	\$ 125,035.00	\$ 125,035.00	\$ 200,035.00	\$ 125,035.00	\$ 205,035.00	\$ 125,035.00
Expenses										
2009 Truck Replacement - 10 yrs (FY2019)										
2021 Truck Replacement - 8 yrs (FY2029)	\$ 205,764.00				\$ 55,000.00				\$ 220,000.00	
2017 1 Ton Pick-up/Plow Replacement - 8 yrs (FY2025)						\$ 210,000.00				
2006 Grader Replacement - 20 yrs (FY2026)										
2016 Truck Replacement - 8 yrs (FY2024)				\$ 200,000.00						
2019 Truck Replacement - 8 yrs (FY2027)							\$ 220,000.00			
2019 Truck Extended Warranty										
Emergency Generator - 30 yrs (FY2039)										
2017 JD Loader - 15 yrs (FY2032)										
2009 Truck - Chloride Truck										
2013 Backhoe - 20 yrs (FY2032) - Excavator Purchase		\$ 133,500.00								
5 Year Preventative Maintenance - Excavator		\$ 12,708.30								
2010 TV6070 Tractor - (FY2030)										\$ 50,000.00
Purchase of Rotary Mower for TV6070										
Purchase of Mulcher/Hydroseeder		\$ 4,450.00								
Purchase of Trailer	\$ 900.00		\$ 20,000.00							
Principal on Borrowed Funds	\$ 46,380.64	\$ 30,316.94	\$ 31,145.68	\$ 18,560.20	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Interest on Borrowed Funds	\$ 3,025.63	\$ 1,787.26	\$ 958.52	\$ 167.42	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Expenses	\$ 256,070.27	\$ 36,554.20	\$ 198,312.50	\$ 218,727.62	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 210,000.00	\$ 220,000.00	\$ -	\$ 220,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
Balance on Hand	\$ 24,531.79	\$ 113,012.59	\$ 99,735.09	\$ 81,042.47	\$ 151,077.47	\$ 66,112.47	\$ 46,147.47	\$ 171,182.47	\$ 156,217.47	\$ 231,252.47

<b>CAPITAL PLAN &amp; BUDGET: Other Projects - 2021-2025</b>						
Activity	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	
	Actual	Plan	Plan	Plan	Plan	
Beginning Capital Plan Fund Balance	118,992.65	271,094.88	216,458.43	196,064.43	195,114.43	
Deferred Revenue		38,232.43				
Income						
Interest Earned	481.06	50.00	50.00	50.00		
State Structure Grants - Tannenburg						
Grant In Aide - Braintree Hill (Flooding Area Mitigation)						
April 2019 Storm Damage - FEMA-Braintree Hill	55,735.12	7,525.12				
Bent Hill Road - Grant In Aid						
State Structure Grant - Proposed			175,000.00			
Class 2 Road Grant - Proposed		175,000.00				
G.F. Contribution - Gravel Pit \$ - Reappropriated	62,000.00	31,000.00	31,000.00	31,000.00	31,000.00	
G.F. Contribution - Highway (6200.30.05)	75,000.00	70,000.00	75,000.00	75,000.00	75,000.00	
G.F. Contribution - Executive (4000.30.00)	8,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00	
Total Income	201,216.18	329,807.55	289,050.00	114,050.00	114,000.00	
Expense						
Grant In Aide - Braintree Hill (Flooding Area Mitigation)	7,539.99					
April 2019 Storm Damage - FEMA-Braintree Hill/Thayer Culvert	6,910.00					
Lemery Road Class 4 Bridge	0.00					
Misc. Expenses	8,371.41					
Specific Road Projects not covered by grants - Proposed	1,200.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	
Resurfacing - Road Maintenance - Proposed	0.00	55,000.00	65,000.00	65,000.00	65,000.00	
State Structure Grant - Proposed	0.00		194,444.00			
Class 2 Road Grant - Thresher Road	0.00	194,444.00				
Better Road Grant - Hockman Hill Road	13,512.55					
Building Upgrades - Garage/Current & Proposed	11,580.00	75,000.00				
Building Upgrades - Town Office/Current & Proposed	0.00	10,000.00				
Loan Principal Repayment	0.00					
Interest on Borrowed Funds	0.00					
Total Expenses	49,113.95	384,444.00	309,444.00	115,000.00	115,000.00	
Total New Expenses	49,113.95	384,444.00	309,444.00	115,000.00	115,000.00	
Balance on Hand	271,094.88	216,458.43	196,064.43	195,114.43	194,114.43	

## HEALTH BENEFIT RESERVE FUND

Purpose: contingency funding of the annual health plan deductible obligation.

Description	Beg. Balance	Income	Expenses	Balance
Beginning Balance (July 1, 2020)	\$ 23,318.38			\$ 23,318.38
Town Funding		\$ 9,628.83		\$ 32,947.21
Interest Income		\$ 65.75		\$ 33,012.96
Health Escrow - FY20		\$ 2,910.00		\$ 35,922.96
Health Escrow - FY21		\$ 3,710.00		\$ 39,632.96
Expenses Paid			\$ 13,332.40	\$ 26,300.56
Ending Balance (June 30, 2021)				\$ 26,300.56

## REAPPRAISAL RESERVE FUND

Purpose: to set aside funds each year for state required reappraisals.

Description	Beg. Balance	Income	Expenses	Balance
Ending Balance (July 1, 2020)	\$ 30,466.32			\$ 30,466.32
Interest Income		\$ 74.16		\$ 30,540.48
EEGL Funds Rec'd		\$ 6,086.00		\$ 36,626.48
Expenses Paid			\$ 7,288.28	\$ 29,338.20
Ending Balance (June 30, 2021)				\$ 29,338.20

## TOWN CLERK RESTORATION FUND

Purpose: to restore and preserve the Town records.

Description	Beg. Balance	Income	Expenses	Balance
Beginning Balance (July 1, 2020)	\$ 11,773.12			\$ 11,773.12
Restoration Fee*		\$ 3,952.00		\$ 15,725.12
Interest Income		\$ 39.92		\$ 15,765.04
Ending Balance (June 30, 2021)				\$ 15,765.04

\*Funding comes from \$4/page of the recording fees.

## TOWN HALL RESERVE FUND

Purpose: to assist in the maintenance and upkeep of the Town Hall.

Description	Beg. Balance	Income	Expenses	Balance
Beginning Balance (July 1, 2020)	\$ 16,661.65			\$ 16,661.65
Town Funding - FY20		\$ 3,994.51		\$ 20,656.16
Town Funding - FY21		\$ 4,835.00		\$ 25,491.16
Misc Income/Donations		\$ -		\$ 25,491.16
Interest Income		\$ 71.60		\$ 25,562.76
Expense			\$ 2,435.45	\$ 23,127.31
Ending Balance (June 30, 2021)				\$ 23,127.31

\*Town Hall Funding comes from unexpended funds in the TH Repairs & Maintenance line.

## GRAVEL PIT RESERVE FUND

Purpose: to set aside funds each year for the gravel pit debt services and expenses and build reserve funds for pit closure with any excess going to the purchase of a new gravel pit.

Description	Beg. Balance	Income	Expenses	Balance
Beginning Balance (July 1, 2020)	\$ 89,145.81			\$ 89,145.81
Town Funding		\$ -		\$ 89,145.81
Interest Income		\$ 229.08		\$ 89,374.89
Expense			\$ 29,270.47	\$ 60,104.42
Ending Balance (June 30, 2021)				\$ 60,104.42

## Cemetery Commissioners Report – FY21

All the Resident and Non-Resident prices are the same as last year. **The rules and regulations are posted each spring by the entrance to each cemetery, and they must be followed without exceptions.**

Last year we did spring cleanup, straightened some stones, cut brush around some of the cemeteries. There is ongoing cleaning of stones as we are trying to get some done each year as it is needed. The stones at the Lower Branch Cemetery have been cleaned and repaired and the cemetery looks terrific. Thank you to all the Braintree residents who helped to complete this work. Jason Handiworks is still contracted to mow the cemeteries.

Ed Smith's term as a Cemetery Commissioner ended this year. Thank you, Ed Smith, for your years of service and dedication to the Town's Cemeteries.

Respectfully submitted by Commission Members: Kristin Haupt, Chair; Mike Gaidys, Secretary; Chris Blanchard, Seth Bent

### Resident Prices:

2 grave lot deed (100) & perpetual care bequest (500)	\$ 600.00
4 grave lot deed (200) & perpetual care bequest (800)	1,000.00
8 grave lot deed (400) & perpetual care bequest (1600)	2,000.00
Corner posts for all lots	185.50

### Non-Resident Prices

2 grave lot deed (300) & perpetual care bequest (1500)	\$ 1,800.00
4 grave lot deed (600) & perpetual care bequest (2400)	3,000.00
8 grave lot deed (1200) & perpetual care bequest (4800)	6,000.00
Corner posts for all lots	185.50

### Braintree Cemetery Commissioners Rules & Regulations:

Hours: Dawn to Dusk

No Artificial Flowers or Wreaths Allowed

No Planting of Shrubs or Trees

No Glass Containers allowed

Flowers that are wilted or dried out are to be removed

No Dumping around the Cemetery

No Fence curbs, bark mulch or rocks or other material on or around gravesites allowed

Please always conduct yourself with dignity and respect. Remember these are Hallowed Grounds.

## CEMETERY FUNDS - GENERAL FUND

Purpose: to maintain the Town cemeteries

Description	Beg. Balance	Income	Expenses	Balance
Beginning Balance (July 1, 2020)	\$ 18,609.88		\$ 0.00	\$ 18,609.88
Town Funding		\$ 12,500.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 31,109.88
Lot Sales		\$ 300.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 31,409.88
Bequest		\$ 1,300.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 32,709.88
Interest		\$ 41.99	\$ 0.00	\$ 32,751.87
Bequest Money Moved to EJ			\$ 6,000.00	\$ 26,751.87
Cemetery Mowing/Maintenance			\$ 14,964.99	\$ 11,786.88
Ending Balance (June 30, 2021)				\$ 11,786.88

## EDWARD JONES INVESTMENT

Purpose: interest to maintain the Town cemeteries

Description	Beg. Balance	Income	Expenses	Balance
Beginning Balance (July 1, 2020)	\$ 74,248.88		\$ 0.00	\$ 74,248.88
Bequest Money From General Account		\$ 6,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 80,248.88
EJ Bequest Interest Income		\$ 18,592.23	\$ 0.00	\$ 98,841.11
Ending Balance (June 30, 2021)				\$ 98,841.11



## DELINQUENT TAXES - FY21

Adami, Marc*	Daigneault, Donovan	Maxham, Daniel	Starck, Herbert*
Arbuckle, Clifford	Daigneault, Greg	McHugh, Matthew	Stickney, Gary
Arbuckle, Roy*	Dubois, Paul*	Merriam, Frederick*	Stockwell, Howard, Jr*
Bedell, Sherrienne	Gaylord, Brendon	Messer, JoEllen	Stockwell, Howard, III*
Bell, Mary	Gendron, Travis	Miller, Edward*	Therrian, Patrick*
Benoir, Larry	Gerstenmaier, Douglas	Norton, Glen	White, Brandi
Berg, Michael	Hunt, Raymond	Osgood, Jeffrey	
Blanchard, Jennifer	Jarvis-Lunna, Janeen*	Potrzeba, Candy	
Borcuk, Roy	Larocque, Andrew	Preston/Cowell*	
Branstetter/Murdough	Lewis, Anissa	Senecal, William	
Campbell, Nicholas	MacAdams, Paul	Shepard, Ernest	
Chase, Robert	Mackey, Kathleen*	Simpson, Robert	
Colson, Stacey*	Marino, Ronette	Staff, Jeffrey	

\* Paid off taxes by 12/31/2021

Year	Balance as of 12/31/2020	Collected	Abated	Balance as of 6/30/2021	Collected	Balance as of 12/31/2021
2007	\$ 403.96	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 403.96	\$ 403.96	\$ -
2010	\$ 361.67	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 361.67	\$ -	\$ 361.67
FY2013	\$ 1,341.02	\$ 317.53	\$ -	\$ 1,023.49	\$ 541.40	\$ 482.09
FY2016	\$ 394.22	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 394.22	\$ -	\$ 394.22
FY2017	\$ 2,457.69	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,457.69	\$ 2,181.26	\$ 276.43
FY2018	\$ 5,590.81	\$ 1,226.65	\$ -	\$ 4,364.16	\$ 2,411.87	\$ 1,952.29
FY2019	\$ 23,640.39	\$ 9,785.86	\$ -	\$ 13,854.53	\$ 6,799.06	\$ 7,055.47
FY2020	\$ 67,929.69	\$ 6,054.76	\$ -	\$ 61,874.93	\$ 4,270.12	\$ 57,604.81
FY2021*	\$ 125,473.39	\$ 50,952.05	\$ 6,820.57	\$ 67,700.77	\$ 11,356.65	\$ 56,344.12
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 34,189.76</b>	<b>\$ 68,336.85</b>	<b>\$ 6,820.57</b>	<b>\$ 152,435.42</b>	<b>\$ 27,964.32</b>	<b>\$ 124,471.10</b>

\*FY2021 as of going delinquent



## Mountain Alliance

This year's Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events will be held on

**Saturday, June 18, 2022**

From 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

At 84 Landfill Lane in Randolph (Randolph Transfer Station)

**Saturday, November 12, 2022**

From 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

At 128 Wall Street in Northfield (Behind the Fire Station)

This event is for the **residents** of:  
**Randolph, Braintree, Brookfield,  
Northfield & Roxbury ONLY!**

### **Materials Accepted at the Event:**

Acids, Adhesives, Aerosols, Antifreeze, Brake Fluid, Cements, Charcoal Lighters, Chlorine, Cleaning Fluid, Degreasers, Disinfectants, Drain Cleaners, Dry Gas, Epoxies, Dyes, Fiberglass Resins, Flea Powders, Furniture Strippers, Hair Removers, Herbicides, Insect Repellents, Lacquers, Lubricants, Mothballs or Flakes, Nail Polish Removers, Oven Cleaners, Oil Based Paints, Paint Removers, Paint Thinners, Permanent Solutions, Pesticides, Photo chemicals, Rat Poisons, Rug & Upholstery Cleaners, Rust Solvents, Wood Preservatives, Spot Removers, Toilet Bowl Cleaners, Tub and Tile Cleaners, Turpentine, Varnish, Weed Killers, Wood Polishes, Wood Stains, and Mercury containing products.

### **Materials NOT Accepted at the Event:**

Asbestos, Automotive Paint, Automotive and Marine Batteries, Tires, Used Oil, Explosives or Shock-Sensitive Materials, Ammunition, Radio-Active Wastes, Pathological Wastes, Infectious Waste, Medicines, Dioxins, Compressed Gas Cylinders, Fluorescent Light tubes (accepted at the transfer station), Electronic equipment, TV's, Computers (accepted at the transfer station).

If you have any questions about the event or acceptable materials please call the Randolph Town Office at (802) 728-5433

If you are a business that qualifies as a Conditionally Exempt Generator (CEG) and wish to bring your material to one of the events, you must register with Clean Harbors one week prior to the event.

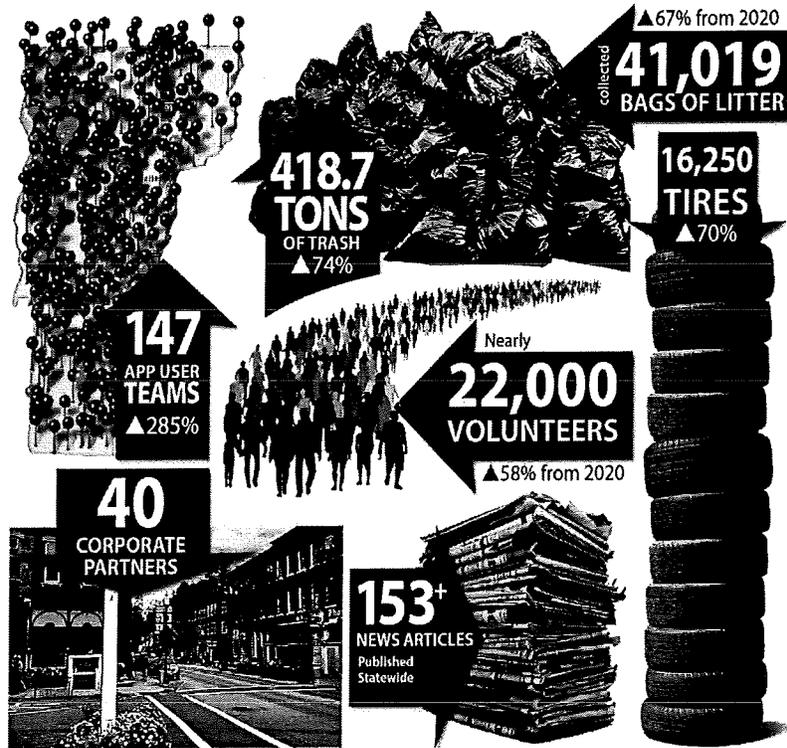
To register, please call Kristen Mahoney at **Clean Harbors (617) 293-0608**

**For information on where and how to recycle certain items, please visit [www.mtalliance.org](http://www.mtalliance.org)**



GREEN UP VERMONT  
[www.greenupvermont.org](http://www.greenupvermont.org)

Green Up Day  
May 7, 2022



Green Up Day on May 1, 2021 was a huge success thanks to nearly 22,000 volunteers statewide who Greened Up. The infographic shows that all your hard work to beautify Vermont is needed and that it makes where we get to live, work, and play a very special place. As one of Vermont's favorite holidays, it is imperative for today and for future generations to keep building pride, awareness, and stewardship for a clean Vermont environment.

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

Along with Green Up Day, we work year-round to further our impact with waste reduction initiatives, additional clean-up efforts, and educational programs.

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

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

Visit our website, like us on Facebook (@greenupvermont), and follow us on Instagram (greenupvermont). [greenup@greenupvermont.org](mailto:greenup@greenupvermont.org) 229-4586



**Your Community-Owned  
Connection to the World**  
[www.ecfiber.net](http://www.ecfiber.net)

## **ECFiber and the Town of Braintree**

Braintree is a member of the East Central Vermont Telecommunications District, a Vermont municipality whose mission is to provide internet service to homes and businesses in its area. During the past year ECFiber added almost 1,700 new customers and now serves over 7,000 premises in 23 towns via 1,500 miles of fiber-optic cable. The district consists of 31 member towns, which, when fully built out, will bring fiber-to-the-premises (FTTP) to about 31,500 locations over more than 2,000 miles of network.

In Braintree, ECFiber has completed construction of its network. As of November, 2021, there were 199 customers along 50 miles of network.

ECFiber is funded entirely by customer revenues, which in turn back tax-free municipal bonds issued by the district to raise capital to build our infrastructure. This model is now the state's strategy for solving the rural broadband crisis and eight CUDs like ECFiber are working hard to get going. The once-in-a-lifetime ARPA funds the state received for broadband have been put into the Vermont Community Broadband Fund. ECFiber and ValleyNet leadership were deeply involved in the work of the administration and legislature during the last session and continues to engage with the state and other CUDs in pursuit of the statewide goal of bringing fiber to all homes and businesses on the grid in our state. We invite you to visit our website to learn more about ECFiber, and encourage you to subscribe. You won't be charged anything until we start service.

Braintree is currently looking for new ECFiber delegates to attend monthly virtual meetings of the Governing Board and represent our town's interests. If you are interested in joining, please contact Janice Russell at the Braintree Town Office 802-728-9787 or email [braintreadm@gmail.com](mailto:braintreadm@gmail.com)

ECFiber is the East Central Vermont Telecommunications District  
415 Waterman Rd | South Royalton VT | 05068 | (802) 763-2262 | [info@ecfiber.net](mailto:info@ecfiber.net)  
*Vermont's First Communications Union District*

## WHITE RIVER VALLEY AMBULANCE

Thank you, neighbors, for your continued support of White River Valley Ambulance. We are a non-profit, professional emergency medical service and ambulance transport agency serving the towns of Barnard, Bethel, Braintree, Brookfield, Granville, Hancock, Pittsfield, Randolph, Rochester and Stockbridge, an area of over 500 square miles. We are designated as a Vermont Critical Care Paramedic service, the highest licensed skill level that the state recognizes. With our 14 full-time staff and a number of part-time staff we maintain two Paramedic level staffed ambulances 24/7, 365 days a year. From January 1, 2021 through November 30, 2021 White River Valley Ambulance responded to 1,600 emergency calls and transfers, up from 1,342 in 2021. This includes Advanced Life Support transfer between hospitals.

Training in emergency medical response is also an important part of our mission. We are a regional American Heart Association Training Center, providing CPR and First Aid courses to community members across central Vermont. We also provide advanced practice training to emergency response professionals and volunteers from throughout the state.

Funding for WRVA comes primarily from billed insurance and budget allocations from the towns we serve. Every town pays the same amount per capita. In 2022, the per capita amount will increase from \$61.00 to \$65.00, or 6.6%.

Looking back on 2021 and ahead to 2022, we are ever grateful for the numerous first responders and fire departments with whom we work with and who volunteer their time to help a neighbor in need. Your dedication and commitment to serve makes a difference in the lives of those who call for help. For that, we can never thank you enough. **3190 Pleasant St., Bethel, VT 05032 802-234-6800 [www.wvra.org](http://www.wvra.org)**

**Matthew Parrish,  
Executive Director**

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

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

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

- **Legal, consulting, and education services**, including prompt responses to member questions that often involve how to comply with state and federal requirements. During the past year, VLCT's timely legal and technical assistance included answering more than 4,000 legal questions and publishing guidance, templates, research reports, and several new groups of FAQs explaining how municipalities can implement the state's COVID-19 requirements. To support Vermont's towns and cities in responding to the pandemic, VLCT quickly researched, assembled, and distributed important information about fiscal impacts, grant opportunities, and how to hold public meetings remotely.
- **Trainings and timely communications on topics of specific concern to officials** who carry out their duties required by state law, as well as pertinent statewide topics. In response to the pandemic, the League provided online trainings, a virtual week-long conference, and timely announcements and information from state officials about how to comply with requirements and access to funding and assistance.
- **Representation before the state legislature, state agencies, and the federal government**, ensuring that municipal voices are heard collectively and as a single, united voice. VLCT's recent legislative efforts have helped provide cities and towns additional resources to respond to the pandemic, address road and bridge repair, tackle cybersecurity, improve housing and economic growth, promote renewable energy, provide emergency medical services, address equity and inclusion, and ensure the quality of our drinking water. Members are also represented at the federal level to Vermont's Congressional delegation and through our partner, the National League of Cities. This federal partnership was instrumental in securing more than \$200 million in local pandemic aid through the American Rescue Plan Act, and ensuring it reached every city, town, and village in Vermont.
- **Access to two exceptional insurance programs.** The Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund (PACIF) provides comprehensive and cost-effective property, liability, and workers' compensation insurance coverage, programs, and services that protect the assets of your community. The VLCT Employment Resource and Benefits (VERB) Trust provides unemployment insurance, life, disability, dental, and vision insurance products to members at a competitive price. Both programs offer coverage and products that members need and ask for, help Vermont municipalities stretch their budgets, and are *only* available to VLCT members.
- **Access to a host of educational and informative materials and member conferences**, including a news magazine, handbooks, reports, articles, and events that all focus on the needs of local government and provide additional educational and networking opportunities.

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

**To learn more about the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, visit the VLCT website at [vlct.org](http://vlct.org).**

The VT Spay Neuter Incentive Program aka "VSNIP", under the oversight of the VT Economic Services Department, is administered by VT Volunteer Services for Animals Humane Society (VWSA). VSNIP helps financially challenged Vermont residents spay/neuter cats and dogs for \$27.00. The balance is paid by fellow Vermonters when dogs are licensed by an added \$4.00 fee. This is the major funding for this important program. Funds are determined by the number of dogs licensed in your town office, which is required by law when a dog is six months of age. A current rabies vaccination is required to register, and a rabies vaccination can be administered after 12 weeks of age for both cats and dogs.

Prostate and mammary cancer is more likely to occur in unsterilized cats and dogs. It's not pretty and they're likely to die. Animals live longer and happier when they're spayed and neutered, are less likely to fight for territory, and mark what they claim to be "theirs"!

**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 would still need immediate medical attention, 3) if your dog bites an animal or person – which could result in quarantine or possible euthanasia to test for infection, and 4) helps pay for VSNIP, addressing the population situation in Vermont.

Farms with cats should especially be aware that one rabid cat or dog can affect an entire population of animals on the premise. The answer is neutering through VSNIP which includes a rabies vaccination and the first of the two part distemper series.

Look for Rabies Clinics in March across the state. You can call your veterinarian and ask the cost of a rabies vaccination only, or call your nearest Tractor Supply Store for their Monthly Rabies Clinic schedule. Rabies IS in Vermont and it IS deadly.

To receive a VSNIP application, send a 9" S.A.S.E to: VSNIP, PO Box 104, Bridgewater, VT 05034. Indicate if it's for a cat, dog or both. For more information, call 802-672-5302.

Please visit our website: [www.VWSAHS.org](http://www.VWSAHS.org) VWSA will be hosting Rabies Clinics in March. Call for dates and locations.

**The animals thank you in advance! *Together We Truly Do Make A Difference!!***

Sue Skaskiw, VWSA Humane Society Director / VSNIP Administrator

## TRORC 2021 YEAR-END REPORT

The Two Rivers-Ottauquechee Regional Commission is an association of 30 municipalities in east-central Vermont that is governed by a Board of Representatives appointed by each of our member towns. As advocates for our members, we seek to articulate a vision for building a thriving regional economy while enhancing the Region's quality of life. The following are highlights from 2021.

### Technical Assistance on Planning Issues

Our staff provided technical services to local, state and federal levels of government and to the Region's citizens, non-profits, and businesses. TRORC staff assisted numerous towns with revisions to municipal plans, capital budgets, bylaws and studies. TRORC has applied for funding to assist seven communities review and revise their zoning to enable more housing construction.

### Emergency Management and Preparedness

TRORC staff continued to serve on the State Emergency Response Committee, providing state officials with key local information to assist emergency planning. TRORC continues to assist local emergency management directors to meet the needs of our first responders. Again, this past year, TRORC assisted several communities with updating their Local Hazard Mitigation Plans. Having FEMA approved plans is a condition for many FEMA programs.

### Energy

TRORC assisted seven towns on Enhanced Energy Plans to save money for communities and further the State energy goals to meet 90% of Vermont's energy needs from renewable sources by 2050. In addition, TRORC sought and received general energy plan implementation funds to assist town Energy Committees on energy efficiency outreach and education.

### Transportation

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

Specifically in Braintree this year, TRORC assisted the Town in updating the Braintree Town Plan and wrote transportation grants for culvert and ditching projects.

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

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

**TRORC**  
Two Rivers-Ottauquechee  
REGIONAL COMMISSION  
128 King Farm Rd. • Woodstock, VT 05091

## 2021 Local Health Annual Report

Twelve Local Health District Offices around the state provide health services and promote wellness for all Vermonters. Additional information about your local health office and related programs can be found at <https://www.healthvermont.gov/local>.

### COVID-19

It has been almost two years since the COVID-19 pandemic began, and in response, our families, schools, businesses, first responders, and countless other groups have worked to better protect the health of our communities. Together we ensured towns had access to the vaccine, testing, and other services needed to make more informed decisions about their health. As of December 1, 2021, approximately

- 494,000 Vermonters received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine.
- 546,055 people have been tested and a total of 2,570,835 tests completed.
- Many COVID-19 resources are now provided in over 20 different languages.
- Up-to-date information, including town-level data can be found on the Health Department's website: <https://www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19/current-activity>.

### Public Health Programs

In addition to COVID-19 response efforts, Local Health offices continue to provide health services and programs to Vermont communities, including but not limited to

- In collaboration with Town Health Officers and other local partners, we help Vermonters better understand the relationship between their environment and their health at a time when more of us are spending time at home with our families. Find information about environmental health and lead, asbestos, toxic chemicals, child safety, food safety, climate change, drinking water, and more at <https://www.healthvermont.gov/environment>.
- The WIC nutrition program continues to provide primarily remote access to services with phone appointments. In 2021, an average of approximately 11,300 infants, children, and pregnant, postpartum, and breastfeeding people were served by WIC in Vermont each month.
- As of November 23, 2021, 193,000 flu vaccine doses have been administered. Protecting people from influenza continues to be particularly important as the flu may complicate recovery from COVID-19.

Thank you to everyone involved in supporting these efforts. We look forward to what 2022 brings, to seeing you in the community, and encourage you to stay in touch with us.



U.S. Department  
of Veterans Affairs

White River Junction VA Medical Center  
215 North Main Street  
White River Junction, VT 05009  
866-687-8387 (Toll Free)  
802-295-9363 (Commercial)

In Reply Refer to: 405/00

December 23rd, 2021

Dear Veteran,

The White River Junction VA Medical Center is attempting to contact all Veterans in our catchment area of Vermont and New Hampshire who are not enrolled or are enrolled and no longer utilizing our services. If you currently receive our services, please pass this note on to a Veteran who may benefit.

We offer a wide variety of services including assistance to Veterans who are homeless or unemployed to providing primary and specialty care. We have a robust mental health department offering one-on-one counseling, peer support, group sessions, and more. There is a designated treatment area for our women Veterans at the Women’s Comprehensive Care Clinic; a safe space.

The White River Junction VA Medical Center has seven community-based outpatient clinics. They are located in Bennington, Rutland, Brattleboro, Newport and Burlington, Vermont; in New Hampshire we offer services in Keene and Littleton. We are here to serve all Veterans, please do not hesitate to contact us, if for no other reason than to register/enroll with us in case of future need.

Our eligibility office in White River Junction can be reached at 802-295-9363 extension 5118. A single form - VA form 10-10EZ – and a copy of the DD214 is all that is needed.

The American Legion, Disabled American Veterans and the Veterans of Foreign Wars have full time service officers that are knowledgeable about our programs. These independent organizations serve all Veterans including nonmembers in processing disability and pension claims. They can be reached in White River Junction at:

American Legion	802-296-5166
Disabled American Veterans	802-296-5167
Veterans of Foreign Wars	802-296-5168

Thank you for your service to our nation. On behalf of the White River Junction VA Medical Center team, we look forward to serving you.

Respectfully;

Becky Rhoads, Au.D.  
Associate Medical Center Director

### **Randolph Area Food Shelf**

The Randolph Area Food Shelf has been serving the local community since 1977. Our services are focused on Randolph, Braintree, Brookfield, and East Granville, though all are welcome.

In 2021 we provided food to 302 households in our service area, representing 756 individuals. Of these 302 households, 43 are in Braintree, representing 127 individuals.

In addition to our regular food pantry, the Food Shelf administers two USDA federal nutrition programs: The Commodity Supplemental Food Program and the Emergency Food Assistance Program. Also in 2021, the Food Shelf's School Kids' Program (SKiP) served thousands of meals to area children during its February, April, and summer school vacation periods. These nutritious meals are so important to students who normally receive free breakfasts and lunches at their schools. Finally, during the 2021 holiday season, we distributed 125 Thanksgiving turkeys, and we prepared and distributed 190 Christmas Bags, which contained all the ingredients for a complete and healthy holiday meal.

The Randolph Area Food Shelf is overseen by a 9-member Board of Trustees and operates solely with the help of over 80 dedicated volunteers; there is no paid staff. Money appropriated from the Town of Braintree by vote at town meeting will help us continue our mission as we strive to create a community in which every individual has access to sufficient food.

Many thanks to the Braintree community for your support! For more information, or if you are interested in volunteering, please visit us on the web at [www.randolphareafoodshelf.org](http://www.randolphareafoodshelf.org) or call us at 802-431-0144.



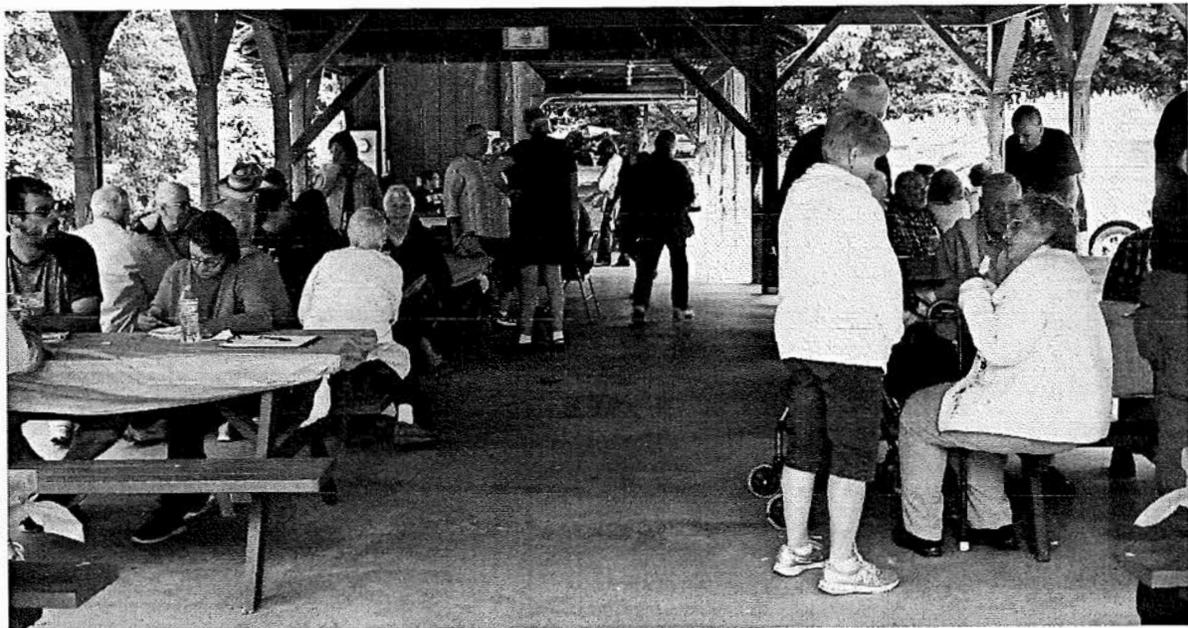
The Greater Randolph Senior Center serves older Vermonters of Braintree, Brookfield and Randolph and is open 9 am–2 pm, Monday-Thursday. Since September 29, 2021, we offer Grab & Go meals for lunch, ordering 24 hours in advance. Ongoing activities are exercise classes, cribbage, card games, bingo, book club, mahjongg, foot clinics, crafts, live music, wellness speakers and trips. The Meals on Wheels program is available for people 60 years and older, who may be temporarily or permanently unable to prepare meals for themselves or their spouses. We also deliver Meals on Wheels to people under 60 years, who apply and are approved, through the VT Center for Independent Living. The Senior Center is available to Braintree residents for family parties/dinners/meetings and memorial services.

Volunteers help with various duties, such as serve on the Board of Directors, help in the kitchen, serve lunch, set and bus tables, deliver meals on wheels, lead exercise classes, bake goods for fundraisers, fold and label monthly newsletters, provide computer and AARP tax assistance, host educational programs, and are relied on to make the Center a welcoming place to visit.

The Center has been serving Braintree, Brookfield and Randolph since 1973, and the continued support of these communities will ensure we are here for the future. Revenues come from participants in our meals programs, from community members, from municipal contributions, fundraising activities, Bequests, gifts made "In Memory of" and from the Central VT Council on Aging and VT Center for Independent Living.

We are your local senior center and we welcome adults of all ages. Last year we delivered 14,600 meals to homebound residents and packaged 1,000 Grab & Go meals. Check out our Facebook page "Greater Randolph Senior Center" to see the monthly menus and events and please feel free to drop in.

Report for Braintree, VT. Emilie P. Daniel, Executive Director, Dec. 9, 2021



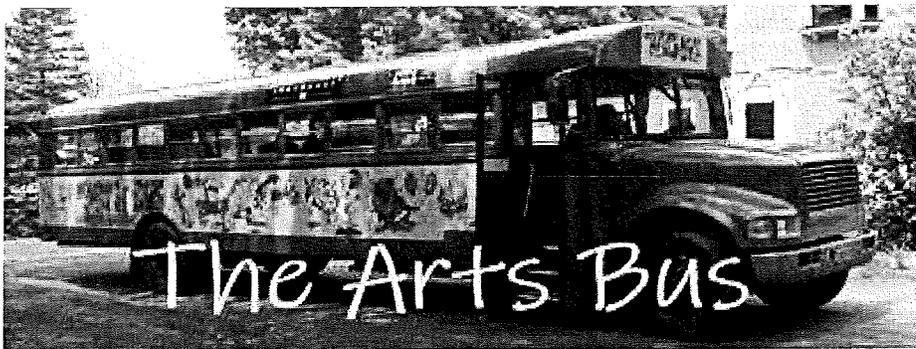
## 2021 Braintree Township Essay & 2022 Appropriations Request

Over the hills and through the valleys, The Arts Bus has been rolling along empowering children to find joy & authentic self-expression through the arts for 11 years. And this year, the beloved green bus was awarded the 2021 Lynne von Trapp Award for Exemplary Leadership in Children's Preventive Programming! The Arts Bus is finding more ways to serve communities, most significantly by providing art education in several forms – on the bus, in classrooms, on farms, in after school programs, at summer camps, public events and take-home kits.

Because of your support, in 2021 we empowered more than ever, direct connecting art education & supplies to children over 4,000 times plus indirectly impacting over 225,000 people with the joy of art! We packed up art teachers & supplies and traveled to 'Never Never Lands' in Vermont where the bus hadn't gone before – from East Corinth to Bethel, taking children on artistic adventures through mosaic-making, puppet theatre, dinosaur building, and stage acting along with a rolling recording studio & sound technician. We taught sock-puppet making from Quechee to Northfield, co-hosted Art on the Farm at Sprague Ranch in Brookfield & Howling Wolf Farm in Randolph, and gave away free art kits & supplies from Williamstown to Warren. Throughout Fall & Winter, we distributed over 1000 holiday craft kits, taught family workshops-in-a-box, commenced afterschool art education programs and received new funding to expand our program thru Brookfield, Randolph and Braintree!

As ever, there is no charge to climb aboard The Arts Bus and we are driven to provide a creative resource right where our communities need it. Because our mission finds us at the crossroads of limited public art education resources and ever-increasing costs to raise a family & run a village, we seek grants every year to bring our services to communities like Braintree so anyone can have the opportunity to come aboard.

The Arts Bus will creatively explore new ways to safely bridge the gap between the future artists, inventors, dreamers and creators of Central Vermont and the guides & tools they need to get there. As in years' prior, we are requesting \$500.00 in town appropriations from Braintree for the 2022 fiscal year to support The Arts Bus, as the need for our services have never been so in demand. To learn more and see pictures of the little artists' creations you make happen, we invite you to our Facebook page @artsbusvt or to visit our website [www.artsbusvt.org](http://www.artsbusvt.org).





## *A World Where Aging is Honored*

CVCOA Helpline 1-800-642-5119

CVCOA makes a difference in the lives of older Vermonters aged 60 and up by connecting them to the network of benefit programs and services that they need to thrive, including nutrition and wellness programs, transportation, mental health counseling, family caregiver support, volunteer services, healthy aging resources and opportunities, information and assistance, legal services, health insurance (Medicare) counseling, and case management services. Most of our clients are living at or below the poverty level. Our services are designed to help people live independently at home for as long as possible. Not only is this the preference of older adults, but has also been shown to offer significant physical, emotional and financial benefits to elders, their families, and our communities.

CVCOA also provides contracted services for transportation, legal, and mental health services. CVHHH and SASH also provide some case management supports in Central Vermont. CVCOA provides funding and technical assistance for 12 Meals on Wheels sites under contracts for quality assurance but does not directly produce and deliver meals.

**Central Vermont Council on Aging provided one or more of the services listed below to 29 residents of Braintree. Central Vermont Council on Aging Case Manager Chuck Rhynard was designated to work directly with the seniors in Braintree.**

- CVCOA Help Line - (800) 642-5119 - has the answers to hundreds of common questions from older Vermonters, their families, and caregivers.
- Information & Assistance staff counsels older Vermonters and families on the many available benefit programs and services, such as 3SquaresVT, seasonal fuel assistance, housing, and more.
- Case Managers work with clients in their homes to assess needs and develop, implement and coordinate individualized long-term care plans.
- Nutrition Services oversees the menu development and technical assistance for home-delivered and Community meals and provides the largest source of funding for the 14 meal sites that prepare and deliver these meals.
- State Health Insurance Program (SHIP) provides personalized Medicare counseling, Medicare & You workshops (now on Zoom), and enrollment assistance for Medicare Part D plans.
- Family Caregiver Program promotes the well-being of the family members serving as caregivers to loved ones, including administration of the Dementia Respite Grant, which provides much needed financial assistance for respite, training, and Memorable Times Cafe/Memorable Times Online.
- Volunteer Programs provide direct service to community members. Volunteers offer companionship, transportation, assistance with technology, organizing, wellness classes, meal delivery, special event support, errands and grocery shopping, yardwork, creative guidance, and more.
- Special Projects and Programs are designed to help alleviate social isolation and loneliness, addressing the accessibility gap for homebound older adults.

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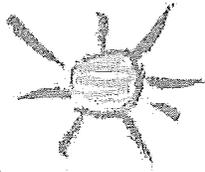
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Web: [www.cvcoa.org](http://www.cvcoa.org)





## Orange County Parent Child Center

One of 15 parent child centers in Vermont, the Orange County Parent Child Center strengthens families with young children and connects them to their communities. We accomplish this through home visiting, supervised visitation, weekly playgroups, case management, onsite programming, and community outreach events. Some of our programs serve all families while others require income eligibility or place an emphasis on pregnant and parenting teens and families lacking support due to social isolation, poverty, insecure housing, or lack of other vital community resources.

OCPCC's programs include: Children's Integrated Services Family Support and Family Support Nursing, Welcome Baby visits, free community playgroups, Kids Place supervised visitation and exchanges, Families Learning Together program, Early Care & Education, parent education, kinship care support groups, and resource & referral services. We are a public pre-k partner under Act 166. You can learn more at [www.orangecountypcc.org](http://www.orangecountypcc.org).

Last year, with the continued support of your community, we were able to serve 2 families from Braintree including 4 adults and 1 child.

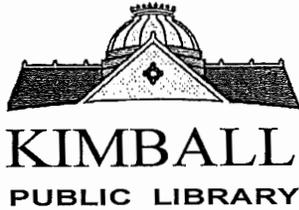
Lindsey Trombley  
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More than one in three Braintree households has at least one active Kimball Library user. That seems pretty extraordinary - but maybe it shouldn't. By its very nature, Kimball Library serves every member of the community. It does not matter how old you are, what your income is, whether you are in the peak of health or not: we are here for you. Whether you need help figuring out how to use your new phone, need to print or fax a document, or simply want a good read, you can call on us for help. We are part of the fabric of the community and are pleased to serve.

FY2021 (July 2020-June 2021) was a challenging - and rewarding - year. The impact COVID-19 had on the delivery of library services cannot be overstated. We were able to open the building to community members on a reduced schedule from mid-July until late November, when the lack of mechanical ventilation plus cold weather plus the first major forays of COVID in Vermont led the library trustees to make the safest choice for the overall well-being of the community: to return to "at the door" services only. From the moment the building closed to the public, the library staff and trustees worked hard and creatively to maximize the services we offered: expanded hours; on-demand faxing/copying/printing/scanning; home delivery of books and other library materials; helping patrons navigate their technology challenges; extensive investment in ebooks/e-audio; virtual programs, like informal book chats and storytimes for preschoolers; and debuting a new website.

June 2021 was period of transition. Planning extensive summer programming for young people (supported by grants from the American Library Association, Rise VT, and Summer Matters) and re-opening the building for in-person services invigorated the staff, who were excited to be able to serve community members face-to-face once again. June also saw the retirement of beloved adult services librarian, Lynne Gately. Lynne provided top-notch service for 22 years, and her legacy will persist for a long time. New to the Library, adult services librarian Kellie Burke and librarian Devon Hannan bring tons of energy and creative ideas to their roles. Youth library Courtney Bowen, outreach librarian Kate Branstetter, and virtual tech help guru Jessamyn West continue their superior work. The Library and the community are lucky to benefit from the stellar staff!

In turn, you have been incredibly generous with your praise, gratitude, suggestions, and even some unexpected donations. We are grateful to live in such a resilient community!

## Orange County Restorative Justice Center

Orange County Restorative Justice Center (OCRJ) is a community based restorative justice program, offering cost effective alternatives to the Family, Criminal and Civil Court and the VT Corrections system. Throughout this year, OCRJC has remained committed to our mission and vision—building and advocating for a just community by providing restorative programs to address legal issues, wrongdoing, conflict and the needs of harmed parties; and connecting participants to services that improve the health, well-being and positive behavior of individuals and the community. We want the everyday life in Orange County communities to be safe, just and provide opportunities for all people to thrive.

We currently offer 10 programs: Circles of Support and Accountability, Court Diversion, Driver's License Reinstatement Program, Pre-Trial Services Program, Reparative Panels, Restorative Re-entry after Incarceration, Safe Driver Education Program, Transitional Housing, Victims Assistance, Youth Substance Awareness Safety Program.

During the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2021, 224 people were referred for services. Local volunteers provided 1110 hours of their time to support 189 Restorative Meetings. OCRJC collected \$6593 in restitution for individuals who experienced losses due to crime, and we paid out \$3222 in emergency aid. OCRJC helped 70 people connect with mental health services, 25 people received help securing housing, and over 40 people were assisted with reinstating their driver's license. In FY21, OCRJ worked with 3 cases where the incident occurred in Braintree. Each case involved at least one person responsible and the individuals impacted by their actions.

OCRJ's FY21 operating budget was \$291,464. We are proud to be supported by appropriations from every town in Orange County. Braintree appropriated \$350 for FY21 to support the Orange County Restorative Justice Center. OCRJC requests \$350 for 2022 to support ongoing programs.

Thank you for your support! For additional information, find our website at <https://ocrjvt.org> or contact Jessica Schmidt, Executive Director, Orange County Restorative Justice Center at 802-685-3172 or [info@ocrjvt.org](mailto:info@ocrjvt.org).

**SAFELINE, INC.**  
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Safeline, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable organization that provides free and confidential services for victims of domestic violence, sexual abuse and stalking in Orange County and northern Windsor County.

During the Covid-19 pandemic Safeline continued to be available 24/7 for survivors and their families. Calls to Safeline started to increase as survivors had more flexibility to reach out and as children went back to school where mandated reporters could contact authorities about potential abuse. Safeline's staff and volunteers provided 3,883 services for 315 victims of domestic violence, stalking and sexual abuse. 67 services were provided for 17 victims who identified themselves as residents of Braintree. These statistics could be understated, as victims often choose not to give any identifying information out of fear for their safety.

A trained advocate is always available to provide crisis support, safety planning, resources, information and referrals through Safeline's 24 hours a day/7 days a week Hotline (1-800-639-7233). Survivors can also choose from a wide array of additional services including legal advocacy, day shelter services, job readiness skills development, and financial management education.

In addition to providing direct services, Safeline is a resource for the community at large and is committed to changing the culture of violence. As part of this work, Safeline offers a full range of prevention education for community organizations, schools, medical centers, faith communities, youth groups, and anyone who is seeking information about domestic violence, sexual abuse and stalking.

We thank the voters for your support as we work to end domestic violence and sexual abuse in Braintree.

**REPORT TO BRAINTREE ON  
TRI-VALLEY TRANSIT (TVT), FORMERLY STAGECOACH, SERVICES  
October 2021**

Thank you for the Town of Braintree generous support last year. During the past four years, your support helped TVT provide an annual average of 136 free trips for Braintree residents either by volunteer drivers or on wheelchair accessible vehicles. Tri-Valley Transit's Dial-A-Ride and Shuttle Bus Systems provided a total of 123,974 rides for the year. All our transportation programs enable community members to maintain their independence, gain and keep employment and access critical healthcare and quality-of-life services.

During the COVID-19 outbreak, public transportation has been on the frontlines of providing essential service to many of the most vulnerable members and essential workers of our communities. TVT has revamped its service to protect riders, the general public and staff, focusing on riders with no other means of transportation but whose trips are essential: healthcare staff getting to work and patients accessing dialysis, cancer, and opioid addiction treatment. We also added free food delivery service for at-risk members of the community. Unfortunately the pandemic lingers on with new variants of the virus that are more than 2x as contagious as previous strains and can be passed to unvaccinated people by those who are vaccinated but may not be experiencing symptoms. We remain vigilant to protect riders, staff and volunteers from COVID.

To protect everyone, we have worked hard to:

- install protective shields between seats,
- implement pre-ride screening techniques to ensure drivers and riders are not COVID risks,
- ensure all vehicles are frequently sanitized and hand sanitizer is available,
- require face masks to be worn in our vehicles and facilities, and supply them as needed.

The state and local grants through which we provide these services require us to raise 20% "local match" dollars. TVT's requests from towns account for approximately 5% of the 20% requirement. TVT seeks the other 15% from other sources including businesses, institutions, individuals, and grants.



**VISITING NURSE AND HOSPICE FOR VT AND NH**  
*Home Health, Hospice and Pediatric Services Braintree, VT*

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

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

Between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021 VNH made 880 homecare visits to 29 residents. This included approximately \$20,056 in unreimbursed care to residents.

- **Home Health Care:** 204 home visits to 19 residents with short-term medical or physical needs.
- **Hospice Services:** 539 home visits to 4 residents who were in the final stages of their lives.
- **Long Term Care:** 97 home visits to 2 residents with chronic medical problems who need extended care in the home to avoid admission to a nursing home.
- **Skilled Pediatric Care:** 40 home visits to 4 residents for well-baby, preventative and palliative medical care.

VNH serves many of Braintree's most vulnerable citizens – the frail elderly and disabled, at-risk families, people with terminal illnesses, children with chronic medical needs, and the uninsured and underinsured. We are dedicated to delivering outstanding home health and hospice services that enrich the lives of the people we serve.

Over the past year this has included many telehealth visits for which we did not receive reimbursement. It is with your help that we are able to provide services like this to those in need. Braintree's annual appropriation to VNH helps to ensure that all have access to quality care when and where it is needed most. On behalf of the people we serve, we thank you for your continued support

Sincerely,



*Hilary Davis, Vice President, Strategy Management (1-888-300-8853)*

# WARNING

Orange Southwest Unified Union School District  
(Orange Southwest School District)  
For Braintree, Brookfield, and Randolph  
ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING  
Monday, February 28, 2022

**TO THE LEGAL VOTERS OF RANDOLPH, BRAINTREE, and BROOKFIELD:**

You are hereby notified that the Annual Meeting of the voters of Randolph, Braintree & Brookfield will be held in the Auditorium at the Randolph Union High School in the Town of Randolph on Monday, February 28, 2022, commencing at 6:00 p.m. Following updated guidance from state agencies and in order to comply with those directives, this meeting will be also be available remotely. Members of the public wishing to join the meeting remotely, please use the following link:

meet.google.com/san-bbvo-cqq  
Phone Numbers  
(US)+1 443-461-5550  
PIN: 534 636 686#

**NOTICE TO VOTERS: ARTICLES I, II, III, IV, V, and VI will be voted on the Floor.**

Polls for voting on Articles VII, VIII, IX, X, XI, XII, XIII, & XIV will be open on Town Meeting Day, Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at the following locations and at the following times in each town:

**Braintree:** Braintree Town Clerk's Office from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.  
**Brookfield:** Brookfield Town Clerk's Office from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.  
**Randolph:** Randolph Town Hall from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

- ARTICLE I: To elect a Moderator for a one year term beginning July 1, 2022.
- ARTICLE II: To elect a Clerk for a one year term beginning July 1, 2022.
- ARTICLE III: To elect a School District Treasurer for a one year term beginning July 1, 2022.
- ARTICLE IV: To fill any vacancies existing or occurring on February 28, 2022.
- ARTICLE V: To hear and act upon the reports of the officers of the school district.
- ARTICLE VI: To see whether the school district will authorize the School Board to borrow money pending receipt of payments from the member towns, by the issuance of notes or orders payable not later than one year from the date thereof.
- ARTICLE VII: To vote by Australian ballot on the following Orange Southwest School District Officer:  
1. - One School Director from the residents of Randolph, VT for a term of three years.
- ARTICLE VIII: To vote by Australian ballot on the following Orange Southwest School District Officer:  
1. - One School Director from the residents of Randolph, VT for a term of three years.
- ARTICLE IX: To vote by Australian ballot on the following Orange Southwest School District Officer:  
1. - One School Director from the residents of Brookfield, VT for a term of three years.

ARTICLE X: To vote by Australian ballot on the following monetary item:  
1. Shall the voters of the Orange Southwest School District approve the school board to expend \$22,165,294, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year. It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$19,559 per equalized pupil.

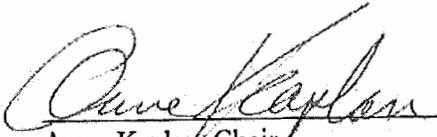
ARTICLE XI: To vote by Australian ballot on the following monetary item:  
1. Shall the voters of the Orange Southwest School District approve the transfer of \$916,666 in surplus funds from the 2020-2021 school year to the Operational Reserve Fund?

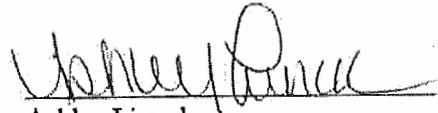
ARTICLE XII: To vote by Australian ballot on the following monetary item:  
1. Shall the voters of the Orange Southwest School District approve the transfer of \$524,997 in surplus funds from the 2020-2021 school year to the Facilities Maintenance Reserve Fund?

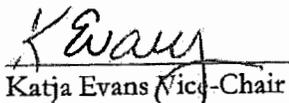
ARTICLE XIII: To vote by Australian ballot on the following monetary item:  
1. Shall the voters of the Orange Southwest School District approve the transfer of \$48,000 in surplus funds from the 2020-2021 school year to the Legal Reserve Fund?

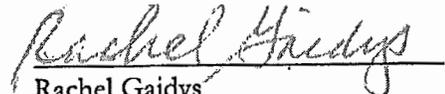
ARTICLE XIV: To vote by Australian ballot on the following monetary item:  
1. Shall the voters of the Orange Southwest School District approve the transfer of \$250,000 in surplus funds from the 2020-2021 school year to the Special Education Reserve Fund?

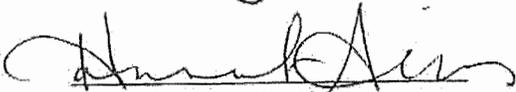
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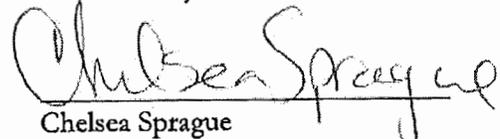
  
Anne Kaplan, Chair

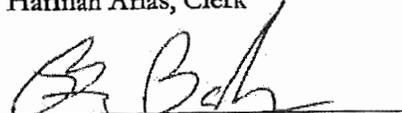
  
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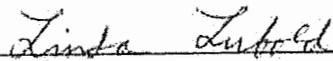
  
Hannah Arias, Clerk

  
Chelsea Sprague

  
Brian Baker

  
Megan Sault  
OSSD School Board Directors

Received and recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Orange Southwest School District, in Randolph on January 20, 2022 before being posted.

ATTEST:   
Clerk

**ORANGE SOUTHWEST UNIFIED UNION  
SCHOOL DISTRICT  
(ORANGE SOUTHWEST SCHOOL DISTRICT)**

**SPECIAL BOARD BUDGET INFORMATIONAL MEETING**

**TUESDAY - FEBRUARY 22, 2022 RANDOLPH UNION  
HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM @ 6:00 P.M.**

Following updated guidance from state agencies and in order to comply with those directives, this meeting will be also be available remotely. Members of the public wishing to join the meeting remotely, please use the following link:

[meet.google.com/dtz-tptm-ebh](https://meet.google.com/dtz-tptm-ebh)

Phone Numbers

(US) +1 484-841-4607

PIN: 485 929 269#

**IMPORTANT DISCUSSION BEFORE AUSTRALIAN BALLOT VOTE  
ON TOWN MEETING DAY -  
TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 2022**

# MINUTES

**Orange Southwest Unified Union District  
(Orange Southwest School District)  
For Braintree, Brookfield, and Randolph  
ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING  
Monday, March 1, 2021  
Randolph Union High School Auditorium @ 6 p.m. &  
Remote access due to COVID**

**Minutes to be approved at the OSSD Meeting on March 8, 2021**

**NOTICE TO VOTERS: ARTICLES I, II, III, IV, V and VI will be voted on the Floor.**

Board Members present: Laura Rochat, Anne Kaplan, Katja Evans, Hannah Arias, & Megan Sault

Administrators present: Layne Millington

Moderator: Peter Nowlan                      Clerk: Linda Lubold

Guests: ORCA Media Video Taping, Zoe Newmarco (The Herald), & Dylan Kelley (The Herald)

The meeting was called to order by Peter Nowlan at 6:01 p.m.

The meeting was held both in person and by remote access due to COVID.

Everyone stood for the pledge of allegiance.

Peter Nowlan read the full warning & reminded everyone of the polls being open on the following day, March 2, in each of the three towns for voting on Articles VII, VIII, IX & X.

ARTICLE I:            To elect a Moderator for a one year term beginning July 1, 2021.

Layne Millington nominated Peter Nowlan for Moderator which was seconded by Katja Evans. The motion passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE II:            To elect a Clerk for a one year term beginning July 1, 2021.

Layne Millington nominated Linda Lubold for Clerk which was seconded by Hannah Arias. The motion passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE III: To elect a School District Treasurer for a one year term beginning July 1, 2021.

Layne Millington nominated Teresa Godfrey for School District Treasurer which was seconded by Katja Evans. The motion passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE IV: To fill any vacancies existing or occurring on March 1, 2021.

No vacancies were existing or occurring.

ARTICLE V: To hear and act upon the reports of the officers of the school district.

Katja Evans made the motion to accept the report of the officers of the school district board which was seconded by Hannah Arias. The motion passed by voice vote.

Linda Lubold made the motion to accept the report of the Superintendent of the school district which was seconded by Anne Kaplan. The motion passed by voice vote.

Laura Rochat made the motion to accept the report of the Elementary Principals of the school district which was seconded by Katja Evans. The motion passed by voice vote.

Anne Kaplan made the motion to accept the report of the Randolph Union High School Principals of the school district which was seconded by Laura Rochat. The motion passed by voice vote.

Laura Rochat made the motion to accept the report of the Randolph Technical Career Center Director of the school district which was seconded by Anne Kaplan. The motion passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE VI: To see whether the school district will authorize the School Board to borrow money pending receipt of payments from the member towns, by the issuance of notes or orders payable not later than one year from the date thereof.

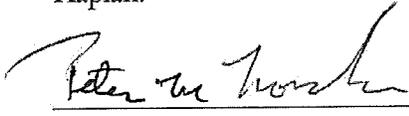
Layne Millington briefly explained this article & why it is necessary.

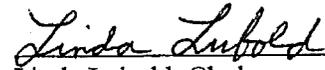
Layne Millington made the motion which was seconded by Katja Evans to authorize the School Board to borrow money pending receipt of payments from the member towns, by the issuance of notes or orders payable not later than one year from the date thereof. The motion passed by voice vote.

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March 1, 2021  
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Peter Nowlan again reminded everyone about the voting times and places being held tomorrow on the remainder of the articles on this warning. Peter thanked everyone for their attendance. With no other business to be discussed.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:13 p.m. was made by Katja Evans and seconded by Anne Kaplan.

  
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Peter Nowlan, Moderator

  
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Linda Lubold, Clerk



## OSSD Annual Report 2022

### Preamble

Like all districts, our district is in the middle of its third year of severe impact due to the COVID pandemic. Throughout this time, we've faced incredible challenges that often shift on a daily basis, and which are difficult to anticipate. The fight is not over, and as we look to the new school year, our emphasis is squarely focused on addressing the unfinished learning and emotional toll caused by the pandemic. Our teachers have been heroic in their efforts, but state assessments show losses in terms of student learning and reveal the negative impact on general well-being and mental health caused by the isolation of remote learning. We, like the state, and the nation, have a lot of ground to win back; the budget we have proposed for 2022-23 in conjunction with support from federal grants will help us in this fight.

- This budget is designed to allow us to adapt to the new needs created by COVID in the form of unfinished learning and a whole new host of trauma related issues that impede learning.
- It was also created to allow the district to make accelerated progress towards the Board's goals in mathematics, science, English, and student resilience and adaptability. In addition, it will allow the district to begin work towards the Board's goal in social studies, life skills and the arts.

### The Bottom Line: Your Tax Rates

We are looking at an increase of 1 million dollars in expenses for next year, about half of which is due to the new personnel needed to support the Board's goals, an increasing population in the elementary schools, the expansion of the pre-school programs, and the need to address the impact of COVID.

The other half is mandatory to meet our legal and contractual obligations under the master agreements with the staff and to balance the negative impact of ACT 173 on the district (the change in how special education is funded by the state). Despite the increase, we have significant revenues to offset much of the new costs which will be evident when we look at how this budget will affect next year's tax rates in our three towns.

Local taxes are controlled by two elements: one that is within the district's control, and one that is not.

- The OSSD budget is within our control, basically how much we spend on education relative to the revenue we receive.
- The Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) that the state uses as part of the tax formula is independent of our control. If the values of homes in your town have gone up over the past year, then the CLA will change so that you pay more in taxes (i.e., your property is worth more, so you pay more). CLA has to do with changes in the value of real estate in your town, not the district's budget.
- If your tax rate were only based on the school side of the equation, your rates next year would go down by about 7 cents per \$100 of assessed value or about \$200 for the year for an average priced home (\$281,000).

The table below shows the expected change in tax rate for each of our towns taking into account both the school budget and changes to the CLA. \*

Town	CLA	*Change in Tax Rate from Last Year	*Annual Impact
Braintree	101.74%	-\$0.0801	-\$225.00
Brookfield	96.69%	-\$0.0069	-\$19.00
Randolph	94.80%	+\$0.0256	+\$72.00

\*Per \$100 of assessed value

\*Based upon the average home value of \$281,000

### Surplus and Reserve Funds

In addition to approving the overall budget this March, voters will be asked to determine the use of our surplus funds; therefore, it is important to understand what they are and how they are used by the district to benefit both the students and the taxpayers.

- Surplus funds are unspent monies left over at the end of a budget year.
- Reserve funds are surplus monies the voters have set aside for specific uses in the future. For example, the voters typically approve that some surplus funds go into our facilities reserve account so that we have money available to maintain and update our buildings when needed without having to borrow the money or ask the taxpayers for more.

### Surplus Amount and Proposed Allocations

During the last school year, districts used federal grant monies to cover the additional costs due to COVID and to offset as much of their normal expenses as possible; because of this, we have just over 2 million dollars in surplus funds to allocate. The below bullets outline what will happen with these surplus funds if voters vote yes on school ballot articles X through XVI. Voting yes means:

- One Million dollars will be split into equal amounts and used to reduce the burden on taxpayers for the next three budget cycles. This money will be allocated to the Operational Reserve fund for this purpose.
- In addition to the above, an extra \$250,000 will be added to the Operational Reserve Fund to support three needed initiatives:
  1. The failure of the state to provide districts with working legislatively mandated financial software may leave us in the position to have to purchase our own.
  2. The creation of a new website on an in-house managed platform. The old website was created with proprietary software which cannot be supported, updated, maintained, or managed in-house.
  3. The purchase of an archival database to digitize our extensive paper records which must be maintained into perpetuity.
- \$524,997 will be allocated to the facilities reserve fund. We have a huge unknown coming our way in terms of PCB testing that was mandated by the legislature last year. Any facility

that was built prior to 1979 is likely affected. This amount is to ensure we have what we need for remediation if necessary.

- \$48,000 will be allocated to the Legal Reserve Fund. There is an exodus going on from the teaching profession after three years of COVID and the potential exposure faced every day by staff working in congregate settings. This means that the quality of the candidate pool will likely decrease which will result in more Human Resources issues that must be managed often with the advice of legal counsel.
- \$250,000 will be allocated to the Special Education Reserve Fund. The mandated change in special education funding goes into effect next year unless the legislature moves to change that this session. Based on their current formulas, this district will lose \$200K in money it would normally receive. The legislature may change the formula or delay implementation – either way we may be impacted by their decisions after our budget is finalized – we need to plan for this unknown. Further, once enacted, the district receives a set amount to provide these services each year – if a student moves in with severe needs after the start of the year, we may not have what we need to cover the cost of their services.

### **In Closing**

We are proud of our work on behalf of the district's students despite the interference caused by the COVID Pandemic. The budget we have created for 2022-23 serves to mitigate the impact of COVID, while allowing the district to accelerate its work on behalf of students, and is designed to improve their overall achievement in school while preparing them to be successful in the next stage of their lives. This budget also anticipates and provides for the significant costs associated with pending legislative mandates in a manner that justifies the resources we are asking for from our three communities: Braintree, Brookfield, and Randolph. We thank you for your support as we look forward to another year together in service of our children and students.

Sincerely,

Layne W. Millington  
OSSD Superintendent

To the Communities of Braintree, Brookfield, and Randolph

Greetings. It is our privilege and pleasure to report on the activities, initiatives, and accomplishments of the Orange Southwest School District during the past year; as well as on the challenges we continue to face due to the ongoing Covid pandemic, which is now in its third school year.

In some ways, things are better this year. Our students are back for full time instruction and as a district, we're adapting fairly well to a constantly changing and evolving learning environment. But in other ways things are more difficult. There is less guidance from the AOE this year, and there are fewer options for educating students (e.g. we no longer have the option of moving to remote learning as we did in the first year of the pandemic). As a result, while we are thrilled to be back together again in the classroom, we have to take many more precautions to keep one another safe and healthy. That means more staff shortages when teachers feel sick or have Covid-like symptoms, and more sick days for students. It hasn't been easy for anyone - administrators, teachers, parents, or students.

That said, we have been profoundly impressed with how supportive and caring everyone has been throughout this difficult time. Our teachers and administrators continually step up to take on duties and responsibilities that far exceed what's expected of them. Our para-educators and aides step in to assist in whatever capacities they are needed. Our parents and caregivers continue to make sacrifices in order to keep their children home when they're not feeling well. And our students have shown resilience - and maturity - far beyond their years. If there is a silver lining in all of this (and there are many, actually), it's the spirit of teamwork and caring that we are all showing to one another. As a district, as individual schools, as educators, and as a community, we truly are all in this together.

In the midst of all these challenges, we continue to focus on and monitor our Ends, which are defined by the statement: Students have the knowledge, skills and tools to be prepared for the next stage of their lives, which justify the resources invested by the community. That's a broad statement, but it includes critical thinking, foundational knowledge (math, science, reading, writing and communication, social studies, life skills and the arts), the ability to adapt, and an understanding of information technology. Ends that have progressed beyond their achievement thresholds for three consecutive years and are self-sustaining are called Mature Ends; Ends that are currently the focus of improvement efforts and are moving towards their pre-set achievement thresholds are called Critical Ends; and Ends that are neither Mature nor Critical are called Prospective Ends. Prospective Ends will be pursued in the future when limited resources can be shifted to support their achievement. We have currently identified the following as Critical Ends: math, science, reading, writing and communication, and the ability to adapt. We have defined social studies, life skills and the arts as Prospective Ends. And we've identified critical thinking and using information technology as Mature Ends. Additional information about our Ends can be found in our Ends Monitoring Report.

We also engaged the community and district staff in a strategic planning process by hiring a VSBA consultant, Winton Goodrich. The results of that work will provide direction for the district by mapping out goals for four distinct groups: the school board; the superintendent and administrative cabinet; teachers and staff; and students, families, and the community. After meeting throughout the winter and spring of 2021, members of the strategic planning committee developed four main goals that will guide the district over the next three years. Those goals included: continuing to strengthen school climate and culture; improving communication between the school and community; building students' capacity to acquire foundational knowledge (see above); and expanding students' personal development skills. Over the coming months we will be implementing processes and initiatives toward the attainment of the school board goals where appropriate and reasonable given our current limitations. We are extremely grateful for the time and effort put into this by so many staff and community members.

Serving on your school board is a privilege, but it is also a responsibility that we take very seriously. To ensure we do the best work we can in representing our communities, we continue to do training in policy governance - i.e. - learning how to work together with one another and with our administrators; understanding our role as school board members; and ensuring that the district's goals and Ends are being pursued and met. We will continue to do all we can to live up to the trust you have placed in us to govern and oversee our schools.

In closing, we are profoundly grateful for the support our communities give to each of our schools every day; for our administrators and the many hats they wear on any given day; for our faculty and staff and especially for the sacrifices they continue to make for the benefit of our children; for our parents and caregivers, who've juggled work, home life, and child care in order to keep everyone safe and healthy; and for our students - whose patience, resiliency, and maturity has been an example for us all.

Thank you,

The OSSD School Board

## Annual Report for Braintree Elementary, Brookfield Elementary and Randolph Elementary Schools

This has been a start to our school year like we have never experienced before. We all expected the school year would start in a more typical fashion, and yet that has not been our reality. Our students and staff have once-again stepped up to the plate and have demonstrated their resilience in the face of adversity. They are working so hard in spite of challenges, the need to shift from one learning modality to another, the need to quarantine, the emphasis on high-leverage standards, and an increased focus on social emotional learning because of social isolation over the last year and half.

Our teachers are meeting each and every student where they are academically and emotionally. The modifications we have implemented, based on child development, have proven to be successful, as we are seeing growth in all areas (academics and social emotional learning). With the disruption to traditional academics and loss of time on learning over the last 18 months we, of course, will see temporary stress-induced regression that, over time, will be corrected with intentional support from teachers and families.

We have worked with Dr. Joelle van Lent, Psychologist over the past few years to build our knowledge of brain science and the impact stress has on our students' ability to access learning and engage in positive peer relationships. We have incorporated best practices like mindfulness, brain breaks, and teaching Zones of Regulation to actively increase our students' resilience.

**Learning Opportunities continue for staff during COVID:** When the children go home at the end of the day that does not mean the same for our faculty and staff. After school and on early release days our Teachers have been engaged in intense Literacy professional development with the Stern Center and support from our OSSD literacy coach, Kathryn Fredericks. They are digging deep into word structure and how it impacts both reading and writing, as well as a focus on comprehension and how the building of vocabulary and background knowledge increases comprehension skills. This consists of 4 hours a month of learning and then additional time for application with students. Staff also continued their work with Liz Mirra, Science consultant to refine their science units of study. And lastly, teachers work with Betty Young, the OSSD math coach to review math units and assessments in grade teams meetings or Professional Learning Community (PLC) meetings to make data driven decisions for instructional purposes. Support staff and Unified arts teachers have been engaged in deepening their knowledge and skills of trauma informed practices which has been crucial during this stressful time of COVID.

## Braintree Elementary School

Braintree Elementary School is a Pre-Kindergarten through grade 6 school with 100 students. To meet the needs of all learners, faculty and staff strive to provide enriching and differentiated learning experiences. Students are regularly engaged in projects that are connected to the land and community around them.

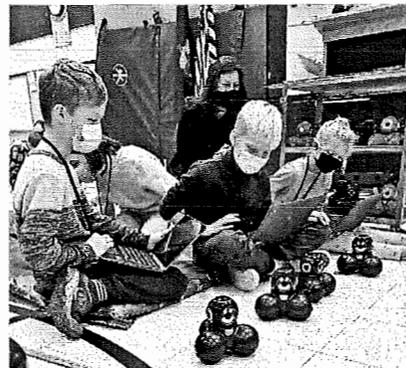
### Farm to School

The Farm to School program at Braintree Elementary gives students the opportunity to investigate science topics in an applied and relevant way. Students are led by teachers and local farmers as they create and maintain productive gardens, learn to harvest, compost, and plant again each year. The program is continually growing and this year we added tools to harvest apples from the 6 productive trees and an apple press to our tree biology curriculum. Taste tests are a regular part of the learning and this year students made soup with the potatoes, carrots, and squash they grew. With the gardens put to bed for the winter, students have now begun the Trout Project. This portion of the Farm to School program teaches students about the life cycle of fish and how to create and maintain an environment for hatching and raising trout. The fish tank is up and running in our lobby now awaiting the eggs. In January students will continue collecting water quality data each day and the eggs will be added to the tank for hatching. As the spring progresses, we will be hatching chicken eggs and starting seeds for the garden beds. The Farm to School program encourages a cycle of ongoing applied scientific inquiry.



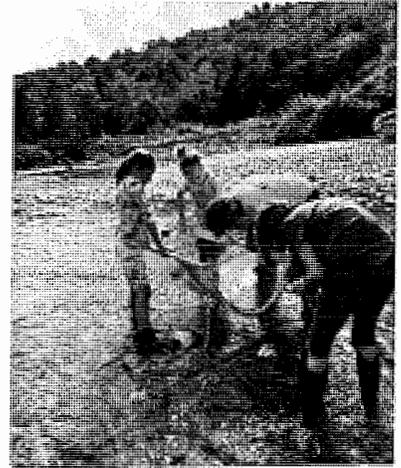
### Computer Science and Robotics

As part of the 2021 Educate and Innovate Lottery Initiative, all Braintree Elementary School students in grades 1 through 6 had the opportunity to learn computer science taught by our Director of Technology and the Principal. Students worked in small groups to understand the java based programming tool and apply that knowledge to programming robots. Younger students worked with Wonderworks Dash robots and students in grades 4 to 6 worked with Wonderworks Cue robots. Students collaborated to solve puzzles, complete performance challenges, and navigate obstacle courses. Not only are students learning the basics of computer programming, they are developing and applying mathematics skills. They regularly use measuring tools including rulers and protractors to calculate distance and angles for robotic movement. This engaging application of mathematics makes the time spent with the robot technology doubly enriching.



### **Place Based Learning**

Braintree Elementary School serves a rural community and strives to make full use of the beautiful land that surrounds it. Each classroom teacher maintains an outdoor learning space which is used throughout the year. We have one constructed outdoor classroom that is shared. Students go outside to learn in all sorts of weather. Outdoor investigations include visits to the river to collect microorganisms and water samples. Students recently collected root samples of invasive plant species and local plants to compare the rate of root regrowth in the spring. It is their hypothesis that the invasive species may regrow faster which gives them an advantage. Place based inquiry builds student capacity for stewardship and scientific problem solving.



### **Year of the Book**

This year the Children's Literacy Foundation (CLIF) provided Braintree Elementary School with a grant to fund visiting authors and provide free books for students. So far, John Churchman, Vermont Author of *The Sleep Over* and Vermont Author Michael Caduto have both visited and read to students. Students have each received 4 free books of their choice this year and more author events with book distributions are scheduled for the spring.



## **Brookfield Elementary School**

### **Outdoor learning:**

At Brookfield Elementary School we continue our commitment to outdoor education and our connection to nature. Beginning in our preK classroom, classes use the outdoors as a calming learning environment as well as a natural laboratory. We have plans to construct a timber frame structure beyond the baseball backstop which will afford classes greater opportunities for outdoor learning through all seasons and weather. The restrictions of the pandemic have taken a toll on our ability to recruit Four Winds volunteers and we look forward to the time when they are able to readily join us again to continue this program.

### **Farm to School:**

The pandemic has forced us to curtail some of our farm to school work, especially the indoors parts, but we provide opportunities for our students to make the vital connection between healthy farms, healthy foods and healthy communities. We already have raised beds that are planted by fourth grade students and have plans to increase the number of them, so more classes can participate. Students have been able to participate in taste-testing of local foods. It is always fun to watch them enjoy these foods.

## **Randolph Elementary**

**Student Leaders:** This year Randolph Elementary School started a new student leadership program. The students are applying for leadership positions through a real life process. The children have to submit an application and participate in an interview and then get hired. We have a group of students leading our flag raising and lowering daily; students working monthly on a lost and found committee, and a large group that are our SPIRIT committee leading exciting events in our building. In addition, we have a group of leaders that help our preschool with their playground equipment daily, a group that keeps our new bird feeders full, and a group that reads with our kindergarten students in the morning. We are learning together what it means to be a leader in our community. The leadership positions will continue to be posted throughout the year and our students will show what real leadership looks like.

**Robot Leaders:** One special group acting as student leaders is our Robot Committee. These students applied for the position and had to agree to give up their morning playground time for two mornings a week. This group of students spent two months learning every Tuesday and Thursday working with Tina Scheindel the process for coding our robots. The next group of students then applied to participate in learning to code the robots. The leaders taught these students how to code and have passed along the excitement of this special experience. We are looking forward to a new group of applicants for this fun problem solving activity soon.

**Outside classrooms:** Learning outside had been a novelty over the years and during COVID it became more of a necessity. What we experienced is just what the research suggests; that students who learn outdoors feel a sense of calm, engage in more problem solving practices, and demonstrate a responsible attitude for learning outside no matter the content area. We received several grants that will allow us to build a structure by our school garden that consists of a timber frame structure that can be used year round if weather conditions permit. This project will begin this spring. We also have other outside learning spaces such as a rugged forest learning space, and a bird viewing station for students to engage with.

From the Principals:

Dear members of the Randolph Union School community:

We are humbled by the opportunity and privilege to provide you with an update on all of the dynamic and innovative opportunities that we are able to offer the middle and high school students in this wonderful, supportive community. From the development and implementation of our Innovation Center, to the addition of Robotics and Coding opportunities for our students, RU continues to innovate to meet the various needs of our students. Whether students are seeking additional support or the challenge and rigor of an Advanced Placement course, we have worked toward creating the kind of flexibility and dynamism that can meet the more contemporary needs that our community partners and postsecondary institutions are hoping to see in our young people.

We are fortunate to serve the students of Randolph, Brookfield, and Braintree, but the support the community has provided to us has allowed us to include programming and opportunities for students that highlight RU as a school that is desirable to students who elect a middle or high school through the school choice program. Currently, this includes 25 families from 10 different VT towns across the state.

Some of the programming and initiatives that draw students to our community schools, and what engages, challenges, and supports the students from our three towns, are as follows:

- **The Innovation Center:** The IC has been abuzz with active learning this year as we work toward our goal of exposing 100% of our student body to STEAM tools, thinking, and processes. With the support of our Director of Applied Learning, Ken Cadow, and RU's new science and technology educator Rachel Donegan, we continue to expand in each of the three means by which we meet this goal:
  - **Student projects in foundational content areas:** Faculty are booking the space for projects ranging from anatomical digital maps of the fetal pig circulatory system to a study of Zen Buddhism, students at all grade levels and content areas build skills with Computer-Aided-Design (CAD) and modern technology in order to demonstrate and facilitate their learning. Going into the holiday break, 841 hours of student learning of this type have taken place in the IC
  - **STEAM-themed courses offered directly in the IC: Innovation Management** Students focus on the iterative design cycle as part of problem solving, using the IC's laser cutter, 3D printers, Computer-Numeric-Controlled milling machine, and old-fashioned hand and power tools to meet the needs of customers in the broader community. IM students also gain experience in marketing, bookkeeping, and SMART goal setting. This year, we were also able to bring back our **Introduction to Manufacturing** class. While field trips have been curtailed due to COVID, students are modeling the process of product design, and process and quality control. In the new year, we will begin programming our new industrial robot and conveyor system (thank you, ARA!) to model what happens on the factory floors in Central VT and around the world. Fingers crossed, we should have our first field trip to GW Plastics in January of 2022
  - **Independent Learning:** The IC is supporting students in independent learning modules and work benches in the areas of electronic circuitry, hydraulics, Arduino coding, and civil engineering (making use of our stream table – thank you, VTC!) We are always looking for regional experts who are willing to connect with our independent learners, so please contact us with ideas or offerings of your time!
- **Project-Based Learning Challenges:** This year we have been able to resume our project-based learning work under the direction of PBL Director, Jamie Connor. PBL Challenges this year include “Mindfulness & Movement”, “We Serve”, “Food Systems”, “Digital Music Production”, and “Racial Justice”. These

opportunities allow our students to guide their own learning with the support of a teacher leader who facilitates and guides students to engage in related initiatives throughout the year.

- **AP Courses:** For a school of our size, RU offers a large number and variety of AP courses. AP courses are designed to provide students with college-level content, and students who are successful on the related exams at the end of the year in May can earn college credit that can allow them to skip over some general education college course requirements should they choose to pursue postsecondary opportunities. This year's AP offerings include AP Biology, AP Language and Composition, AP World History, AP US History, and AP Computer Science Principles. In alternating years, we also offer AP Literature and Composition and AP Physics, and in previous years, we have offered AP Calculus AB and other courses to support students who wish to take an AP world language exam. We also plan to offer AP Environmental Science in future years.
- **Robotics and Coding:** This year, math teacher Tim Moynihan has offered our students opportunities to learn more about robotics and coding. In the middle school, grade 8 students can take advantage of "Exploratory Coding & Robotics" as a part of their elective rotation throughout the year. At the high school level, students can take "Computer Science Principles" and "Robotics I and II". These courses are designed to give students exposure to the fields of engineering and coding, and as mentioned in the course catalog, "contribute to a computing culture that is collaborative and ethical."
- **Sports, Clubs, and Activities:** For a school of our size, RU offers a breadth of sports, clubs, and activities for our middle and high school students to participate in. In addition to the more traditional sports offerings such as soccer, basketball, and baseball, RU students can also take advantage of opportunities to explore gymnastics, wrestling, bowling, and bass fishing. Additionally, there are co-op opportunities to play ice hockey and indoor track and field during the winter season. In the more recent months and years, several of our athletes have experienced great success, with our Varsity Bass Fishing team placing 3rd at the VPA state championship, and some of our soccer players being selected for All State and All League teams, in addition to the many wrestling accolades and recognitions in recent years. For activities and clubs, RU is proud to provide exposure to Anime & Manga, Cooking, GLOW, Drama, and Robotics. We recognize how important it is that we are able to provide our students with vibrant co-curricular opportunities, and are grateful for the community's support as spectators, coaches, and advisors.
- **Math and ELA Support and Initiatives:** Led by district math coach Betty Young, district ELA coach Kathryn Fredericks, and RU Director of Targeted Supports Emily Therrien, with RU interventionists Cynthia Glenn (math) and Amy DeMatteo (ELA), we have been using Star 360 data and collaborating with grade teams to determine math and ELA interventions and initiatives in grades 7-12. English, social studies, and special education teachers in grades 7-10 have been engaged in intensive professional development with the Stern Center to positively impact their literacy work with students. This work extends across all schools with the intent to build commonalities of language and instructional practices to effectively bridge students' learning experiences as they transition between schools and grades. With respect to math, teachers have continued the redevelopment of the curriculum with their use of Carnegie Learning, an accredited math program that integrates the grade level concepts of Algebra, Geometry, and Statistics. While this process is in its second year of implementation –and affected by COVID schedules– we have nonetheless already seen positive results and outcomes for our students. Common models, language, and approach to content development have shown growth in student understanding, as well as mathematical connections to real world applications. RUHS continues to provide "Math for Everyday Life", Pre-Calculus, and Calculus to students who have a need for a program extension.

- **Executive Functioning and Responsive Classroom:** Last year we began our work with expert Sarah Ward to employ executive functioning strategies with our students, who can struggle with how to stay organized and set themselves up well to be successful in preparing for class, organizing materials, and managing time. Additionally, educators in grades 7-9 engaged in Responsive Classroom work to get on the same page in establishing classroom management strategies with students.
- **The Return of Advisory:** Throughout the past two challenging years, we received a great deal of feedback from families, students, and staff that our ability to support our students without our advisory system in place was not as robust without a dedicated advisor. This year we have reinstated advisory in its previous form, allowing educators to work with small groups of students each day with the academic planning and social emotional support they and their families need to feel fully supported at RU.
- **11th and 12th Grade Academy:** As students transition from middle and early high school to the upper grade levels, RU advisory adapts to meet this unique age group. Grade 11 and 12 students come together to form one group, which averages around 25-30 students with several selected faculty advisors, including a school counselor at each grade level and the Senior Project Coordinator for seniors. This model allows students to work on age-appropriate tasks, as well as hear from guest speakers, including college admission representatives, human resources personnel from local businesses, military recruiters, and Early College admissions staff.
- **Student Services and Support:** The Student Services department supports students emotionally, academically, socially, and with future planning. There are two school counselors that support students with both emotional and academic goals. In addition, there are two licensed clinicians who provide therapeutic services to about sixty students. The department is rounded out by a SAP (Student Assistance Professional), a behavioral interventionist, a nurse, a part-time nurse practitioner, and a registrar. With a vast array of specialties, we are able to meet many student needs. Furthermore, the department is once again able to plan trips to college campuses to help students explore what going to college really looks and feels like—we can't wait to get back to these visits!
- **College Acceptances and Graduation Rate:** RUHS can be proud of its 5-year graduation rate average of 95%; in comparison, statewide, VT's 5-year graduation rate average is 85%. Of our graduates, 56% of our students attend 2 or 4 year colleges, close to 13% take a gap year with plans to attend a postsecondary institution, 29% enter into apprenticeships and work opportunities, and 2% enlist in the military. Throughout the last three years, we have had students apply and be awarded acceptance to a diverse range of colleges and universities, including Hampshire College, The New School, Villanova, University of Wisconsin, University of Vermont, Middlebury College, UCLA, University of Montana, Ohio Technical College, Champlain College, St. Lawrence University, University of Colorado, Endicott College, Suffolk University, Curry College, Paul Smith, Northern Vermont University, and Vermont Technical College to name a few.
- **Scholarship Opportunities:** RU has a unique offering of local scholarships to make postsecondary education possible for all of our students. There is one large scholarship that stands out among other scholarships across the state; thanks to a large seed endowment from one family that we are hopeful will continue to grow with community generosity, the Randolph Community Scholarship Fund has been providing massive amounts of financial support to RU students for almost a decade. Dakota Garrow, RU alumnus from the class of 2018 notes, "the financial support gave me the ability to go to college and walk away with very minimal debt. I am not sure what I would have for school without it. It has given me a Bachelor's Degree in Education. I am extremely thankful for the scholarship." This renewable scholarship provides practically all of the unmet financial need for each student recipient and has allowed RU students

a chance to attend their dream colleges and pursue their goals without financial stress. “The Randolph Community Scholarship gave me the opportunity to take on new challenges and allowed me to continue my education without having the burden of financial strain,” describes Kayla Ball, RU class of 2018. Beyond this scholarship, RU has many others that provide funding to students who need financial assistance, such as the Ellis, Clayton Brown, Azel Hall, and Gifford Trust scholarships, and many others.

We are tremendously grateful to all of the RU educators and staff members who make the opportunities we mentioned above possible for our students. Without the emphasis that we place on building strong relationships with students and families, many of the opportunities that we provide our students with would not be possible; we recognize how important it is that our students feel validated and known at RU, especially in taking into consideration the many challenges that have been brought on by the myriad stressors of the ongoing pandemic and that have significantly impacted the families of this community. This year has proven to be incredibly challenging as we have returned to being all together full time at school. While this is exciting and there are many positive things happening, we know that many of our students and families are still struggling. Our school teams are focused on students’ academic growth and future as well as the mental health and physical needs that present themselves to us and our school community each day. It is an honor to serve our community and students; we are all, families, students, teachers, counselors, facilities, food service, and administrators included, working together for the good of all. It is hard work, but we are accomplishing many positive things while addressing the fear, anger, and sadness over the loss of the carefree existence that can seem incredibly far in the past. Our educators are incredibly knowledgeable, hardworking, and kind, and we are exceedingly fortunate to work with such caring professionals.

Support staff and staff members among our technology, maintenance, and food service departments all collaborate and work together to provide students with a caring environment, whether they are in need of technological assistance, research support, or are looking for a snack to tide them over until lunch, the community at RU is earnest in its efforts to provide students and families with what they need.

All of the opportunities and initiatives above would not be possible without generosity and engagement from the Central Vermont communities we serve. We continue to be humbled by the outpouring of support that we have experienced throughout the past two years, in particular, with community members donating and volunteering their time to support our students and staff members with their academic and business expertise, a snack or a meal, or a kind gesture of appreciation, we dearly thank you for your support of our school community.

Sincerely,  
Caty Sutton & Lisa Floyd, Co-Principals





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## RTCC Director's Annual Report

January 2022

RTCC offers students an opportunity to learn from one of twelve different pathways that can lead to college or career placements. We value and appreciate the community's support of our teachers, staff, and center. We hope you see the return from your investment, and thank you for validating our student outcomes by approving our budget.

### What does RTCC provide for our students and community?

- ✓ A school whose teachers care deeply about our students and in helping them connect with what's important to them and to gain skills (technical, academic, personal) so students are able to 1) make the most of their education and 2) start on a path toward college, career and beyond 3) build positive relationships that lead to personal growth and lifelong learning, which leads to being positive members of our community.
- ✓ Students receive an extremely high quality technical education program. Every program is organized around industry-approved competencies so that students learn exactly what is "prescribed" by our state and national business leaders. Programs then benefit from the review and advice of nearly 65 local program advisory board members.
- ✓ Students receive quality Math and English instruction and are able to access support for SAT, Accuplacer, ASVAB, and other entry exams into the post-secondary world of education. Students also receive one on one support and help from our Student Services Academic Center for all course work.
- ✓ The newly re-designed Pre-technical Explorations program. This is a year long program for students in grades 9-10. Through integrated projects in a variety of career pathways students earn academic credits in English/Humanities, Math and Science while identifying different career pathways they may want to investigate and explore.
- ✓ Students leave our programs truly "College and Career Ready" and earn college credit upon successful completion of their technical programs or by taking college courses outside of their programs as well.
- ✓ Every program provides opportunities for students to learn and apply state-of-the-art skills that are important components of their field of study. Students get to use current software and equipment that is exactly what they will experience when they go on to college and career.
- ✓ Programs also provide students a way to earn valuable industry-recognized certifications (IRCs) putting them well ahead of students who don't participate in technical education.
- ✓ Every year almost all of our students participate in some kind of business-based experience from business tours to guest speakers. More than half of our students participate in formal internships or multiple job shadows of varying intensities with over 200+ business/community partners throughout the region. These "co-ops" may be paid or unpaid, long- or short-term but they all help our students to clarify their college and career plans, gain experience, and often propel them into a paid position.

### ***Developing Technical and Career Skills That Move You in The Right Direction***

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Businesses from across our region welcome RTCC students and often celebrate how prepared they are for working in the real world.

Dear Community,

It is with great pride to share with you the successes of RTCC from this past year.

### **Enrollment is up**

RTCC currently started the fall of 2020 with 108 students and currently has 151 students enrolled. Different marketing strategies, student desire to be learning trades hands-on (particularly after the remote and hybrid modalities in place last year due to the pandemic), successful program development, facilities improvements and quality instruction are but a few of the reasons for this increase. Given the current number of applications for 2022-23 it is very possible RTCC may be fully enrolled for the first time in many years!

### **New Staff**

We have hired highly qualified and dynamic new staff members this year. They are a welcome addition to our team. The new staff include:

- Chancity Young, Education Services
- Jason Ladd, Automotive Technology
- Sarah Natvig, Culinary Arts
- Stephanie Garrow, Dental Assisting
- Tammy Ladd, Health Careers
- Gary Clark, Pre-Tech Exploratory
- Dana Decker, Student Services
- Ryan O'Malley, Diversified Agriculture (new instructional area)
- Lance Madzey, Digital Film & Media Arts

### **New Programs**

The Re-envisioned Pre-Tech exploratory program for freshman or sophomores has been highly successful. This newly designed program brings students into the center for a half day for the entire year immersed in hands-on career exploration, visiting all RTCC programs and all while earning embedded academic credits. The program provides the information students need to make informed decisions regarding career paths they wish to follow should they continue at RTCC.

The new Dental Assisting Program is off and successfully running. Students will earn their licensure in the field and prepares students for entry-level employment, further training, and/or post-secondary education in the dental field. Students have the opportunity to practice their dental assisting skills in our school-based lab and at local dental practices. The RTCC Dental Assisting program prepares students to provide patient care, conduct dental x-rays, prepare patients and equipment for dental procedures, and discharge office administrative functions under the supervision of dentists and dental hygienists. The Dental Assisting program includes instruction in medical recordkeeping, general office duties, reception and patient intake, scheduling, equipment maintenance and sterilization, basic radiography, oral photography, pre- and post-operative patient care and instruction, chairside assisting, performing tooth and mouth impressions, and professional supervision.

### Facilities Improvements

Students and faculty returned to RTCC this fall with many building updates and facilities improvements. The major improvements include: The Electrical Technology Classroom expansion, overhaul of the Mechanical Core Classroom, removal of a wall and general overhaul of the Digital Film and Media Arts Classroom, and the remodel of the previous Graphic Arts classroom to house our new Dental Assisting program. All of these spaces included ceiling replacements, electrical upgrades and painting. Our goal is to offer students a learning environment that truly captures the excellent technical education that is offered here. As we continue to brand RTCC you will see the school colors and facility transform into a clean, organized and technologically rich learning environment.

We will be completing a Feasibility Study this year and completing the ESSR 3 Construction Grant application in hopes of developing a Construction Trades Complex behind our school to house 3 programs: Construction Trades and Management, Electrical Technology and Plumbing & Heating. The focus of the three programs would be shifted to work towards the common goal of building houses again. Currently we do not have adequate classroom space apart from shop space in two of these programs and not enough space to develop a plumbing program without expansion. In addition the housing shortage necessitates we consider our role in assisting with this challenge in our community. If this project is approved it would be completed in 3 years.

### Work Based Learning

Work Based Learning provides RTCC students with practical experience and opportunities to interact with professionals from industry in our community in order to extend and deepen the learning that happens in our Programs as well as supporting the development of college and career readiness. Students receive valuable experience and opportunity to work and learn new skills. RTCC is very appreciative of having the chance to work with regional and local businesses. As many former graduates can attest to, these experiences ranging from Job Shadows to paid Internships often can lead to full-time job offers for students after graduation.

### Industry Recognized Certifications (“IRC”)

All of our technical programs offer students the chance to earn valuable industry-recognized certifications. In addition to being requested and accepted by business and industry, these “IRCs” are another way our students and programs demonstrate competence. These certifications include Licensed Nursing Assistant, the premier international forestry certification (Game of Logging), OSHA 10 safety training, ASE Certifications, Vermont Department of Motor Vehicle Inspection License and many more. As always, we are looking to expand the IRC opportunities throughout all programs. 151 students earned American Heart Association certificates in Basic Life saving (BLS). This course teaches both single-rescuer and team basic life support skills for application from construction sites to professional healthcare facilities.

### College Courses & Dual Enrollment Credit

Students can take two *free* courses at over 20 Vermont Colleges via their sending school and are also able to access additional “Fast Forward” college credits through the Community College of Vermont and Vermont Technical College. Taking college classes and earning college credit while still enrolled in high school helps our students understand the demands of college and helps them make the “leap” from high school to post-secondary education. RTCC works with a variety of colleges and universities to connect our programs to theirs.

### Guests

RTCC Continues its tradition of inviting guests to share their experiences in their career pathway as well as colleges and post-secondary technical schools to help students envision the next steps towards highly skilled careers in the various industries that stem from our programs. This year we have hosted many speakers, from multiple industries and backgrounds who have shared their unique perspectives on what the “real world” looks like, what career paths are available, the educational paths are available after high school, and to also offer some words of advice along the lines of “this is what I wish I knew when I was your age.”

We will continue to host our annual “Challenge Day” to young women in grades 7, 8, and 9 virtually in March. This day will allow students to learn about non-traditional career fields. These activities are funded by our Perkins grant and helps us to have some of the best non-traditional program enrollments in the state.

**Want to know more?**

There is not enough room in this report to describe the accomplishments of all of our programs so, please, follow us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/rtcc/](http://www.facebook.com/rtcc/) or visit our website at [www.orangesouthwest.org/rtcc](http://www.orangesouthwest.org/rtcc) to see what’s happening at RTCC! The website includes program information, applications for enrollment, and other RTCC information.

To the voters of our region, thank you for your ongoing support of career and technical education. We take seriously the public’s trust you have placed upon us to educate your youth to be college and career ready.

With appreciation,  
Felicia Allard, Director



# FOTHERGILL SEGALE & VALLEY

*Certified Public Accountants*



To the Board of School Directors of the Orange Southwest School District,

We are engaged to audit the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Orange Southwest School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021

The audited financial statements will be available for public inspection at the office of Orange Southwest School District located at 24 Central Street, Randolph, Vermont when they are completed.

Sincerely,

Fothergill Segale & Valley, CPAs

**ORANGE SOUTHWEST SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BUDGET SUMMARY**

	2020-21 BUDGET	2020-21 ACTUAL	2021-22 BUDGET	2022-23 PROPOSED	DIFFERENCE
<b>1 GENERAL FUND</b>					
<b>REVENUE:</b>					
A. LOCAL REVENUE	990,678	1,094,935	1,057,393 6.73%	1,071,912 -2.10%	14,519
B. SPECIAL PROGRAMS	2,306,444	2,035,092	2,323,107 0.72%	2,120,149 4.18%	-202,958
C. STATE REVENUES	16,426,789	16,172,053	16,040,467 -2.35%	17,350,584 7.29%	1,310,117
D. FEDERAL FUNDS	876,478	0	876,478	876,478	0
E. BEGINNING BALANCE:	0	826,341	826,342	746,171	-80,171
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>20,600,389</b>	<b>20,128,421</b>	<b>21,123,787</b> 2.54%	<b>22,165,294</b> 4.93%	<b>1,041,507</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>					
E. INSTRUCTION	7,564,715	6,751,033	7,718,808 2.04%	8,127,344 20.39%	408,536
F. SPECIAL EDUCATION	3,871,175	3,348,691	3,993,213 3.15%	3,995,922 19.33%	2,709
G. ADMINISTRATION	1,194,470	1,100,069	1,357,699 13.67%	1,352,596 22.96%	-5,103
H. CENTRAL OFFICE	698,192	640,980	721,582 3.35%	899,455 40.33%	177,873
I. SUPPORT SERVICES	1,720,572	1,473,063	1,752,603 1.86%	1,895,527 28.68%	142,924
J. MAINTENANCE	2,122,560	2,121,633	2,135,760 0.62%	2,169,745 2.27%	33,985
K. TECHNOLOGY	541,738	613,695	558,195 3.04%	728,215 18.66%	170,020
L. TRANSPORTATION	618,601	479,970	629,871 1.82%	648,277 35.07%	18,406
M. OTHER EXPENSES	123,842	950,180	126,682 2.29%	126,409 -86.70%	-273
N. TECHNICAL EDUCATION	838,000	832,023	859,605 2.58%	928,674 11.62%	69,069
O. PRE-SCHOOL	430,046	263,721	393,291 -8.55%	416,652 5.94%	23,361
<b>SCHOOL TOTAL:</b>	<b>19,723,911</b>	<b>18,575,056</b>	<b>20,247,309</b> 2.65%	<b>21,288,816</b> 5.14%	<b>949,077</b>
P. FEDERAL FUNDS	876,478	0	876,478	876,478	0
P. SURPLUS/DEFICIT	0	1,553,365	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>20,600,389</b>	<b>20,128,421</b>	<b>21,123,787</b> 2.54%	<b>22,165,294</b> 4.93%	<b>1,041,507</b>

The 2020-21 financials as presented are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge:

  
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 Teresa Godfrey, OSSD Treasurer

**ORANGE SOUTHWEST SCHOOL DISTRICT - REVENUE**

<b>Account Name</b>	<b>2020-21 Budget</b>	<b>2020-21 Actual</b>	<b>2021-22 Budget</b>	<b>2022-23 Proposed</b>	<b>Under (Over)</b>
<b><u>LOCAL REVENUES:</u></b>					
Tuition	260,000	352,616	305,000	348,000	43,000
Overhead Tuition	40,000	0	40,000	20,000	-20,000
Transportation	55,000	16,350	55,000	50,000	-5,000
Interest	85,000	117,855	85,000	85,000	0
Early Ed Receipts	35,000	16,445	35,000	0	-35,000
Lease Land - Brookfield	5	0	5	5	0
Athletic Fees	0	1,353	0	0	0
Contracted Services	26,000	26,000	27,685	35,292	7,607
OSSU - Maint & Tech Contracted Svc	0	0	0	0	0
RTCC - Shared Services	443,623	442,867	463,133	487,760	24,627
Admin Svcs - EPSDT	1,500	1,749	1,600	1,500	-100
Admin Svcs - VIP	0	0	0	0	0
Admin Svcs - RAVEN	44,200	46,550	44,620	44,005	-615
Rental Income	350	92	350	350	0
SWP - Salary Reimb	0	0	0	0	0
Prior Year Refunds	0	73,059	0	0	0
<b>Total Other Revenues:</b>	<b>990,678</b>	<b>1,094,935</b>	<b>1,057,393</b>	<b>1,071,912</b>	<b>14,519</b>
<b><u>SPECIAL ED:</u></b>					
Core Block Grant	365,330	365,330	368,860	0	-368,860
Special Ed Reimbursement	1,570,965	1,439,131	1,690,920	1,426,162	-264,758
State Placed Students	146,100	21,772	0	0	0
Extraordinary Reimbursement	144,105	101,197	180,000	601,338	421,338
Essential Early Ed	71,944	71,944	75,327	80,649	5,322
IDEA-B - Pre-School	0	0	0	0	0
IDEA-B	0	0	0	0	0
Excess Costs Reimbursement	8,000	35,718	8,000	12,000	4,000
<b>Total Special Ed</b>	<b>2,306,444</b>	<b>2,035,092</b>	<b>2,323,107</b>	<b>2,120,149</b>	<b>-202,958</b>
<b><u>STATE REVENUES:</u></b>					
State Technical Centers	426,000	430,413	444,585	483,574	38,989
State Education Fund	15,589,083	15,282,059	15,164,676	16,430,804	1,266,128
Health Care Recapture	0	0	0	0	0
State Unenrolled Residents at Tech	0	0	0	0	0
State Transportation	230,000	269,723	250,000	255,000	5,000
Small Schools Grant	177,706	177,706	177,706	177,706	0
Driver Education	4,000	12,152	3,500	3,500	0
<b>Total State Revenues</b>	<b>16,426,789</b>	<b>16,172,053</b>	<b>16,040,467</b>	<b>17,350,584</b>	<b>1,310,117</b>
<b>BEGINNING BALANCE:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>826,341</b>	<b>826,342</b>	<b>746,171</b>	<b>-80,171</b>
<b>SCHOOL TOTAL:</b>	<b>19,723,911</b>	<b>20,128,421</b>	<b>20,247,309</b>	<b>21,288,816</b>	<b>1,041,507</b>
<b><u>FEDERAL FUNDS:</u></b>					
IDEA - B	202,846	0	202,846	202,846	0
IDEA - B - PreSchool	143,632	0	143,632	143,632	0
Title I and II - School Wide	415,000	0	415,000	415,000	0
Medicaid	95,000	0	95,000	95,000	0
EPSDT	20,000	0	20,000	20,000	0
<b>Total Federal Funds</b>	<b>876,478</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>876,478</b>	<b>876,478</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>TOTAL VOTER APPROVAL:</b>	<b>20,600,389</b>	<b>20,128,421</b>	<b>21,123,787</b>	<b>22,165,294</b>	<b>1,041,507</b>

**ORANGE SOUTHWEST SCHOOL DISTRICT -  
EXPENDITURES**

Account Name	2020-21 Budget	2020-21 Actual	2021-22 Budget	2022-23 Proposed	Balance Under (Over)	Percent Inc/Dec
<b><u>INSTRUCTION:</u></b>						
Salaries	4,546,585	4,408,742	4,612,500	4,896,410	283,910	6.16%
Benefits	1,778,950	1,483,720	1,811,450	1,877,885	66,435	3.67%
Drivers Education	3,500	2,174	3,500	3,500	0	0.00%
Remedial/Interventionist Service	144,435	66,561	186,995	207,204	20,209	10.81%
Testing/Tutorial/OT-PT Svcs	11,775	13,750	11,775	13,775	2,000	16.99%
Contracted Services	38,500	56,705	43,000	44,400	1,400	3.26%
Staff Training	195,077	164,355	199,482	210,797	11,315	5.67%
Co/Extra Curricular	432,423	268,282	435,636	443,753	8,117	1.86%
Tuition	54,000	54,282	54,000	54,000	0	0.00%
Travel/Field Trips	55,514	4,271	55,514	40,280	-15,234	-27.44%
Supplies/Textbooks/Equip	303,956	228,191	304,956	335,340	30,384	9.96%
<b>Total Instruction</b>	<b>7,564,715</b>	<b>6,751,033</b>	<b>7,718,808</b>	<b>8,127,344</b>	<b>408,536</b>	<b>5.29%</b>
<b><u>SPECIAL EDUCATION:</u></b>						
Salaries	1,667,521	1,571,831	1,767,806	1,729,595	-38,211	-2.16%
Benefits	799,329	571,012	786,820	688,205	-98,615	-12.53%
Contracted/Prof Services	0	566	0	0	0	
Transportation	57,400	85,222	119,060	89,350	-29,710	-24.95%
Travel/Conferences	10,500	3,811	10,500	10,500	0	0.00%
Supplies/Textbooks/Equipment	26,700	24,811	26,700	26,700	0	0.00%
Tuition	734,520	600,082	632,615	840,000	207,385	32.78%
Behavioral Services	152,590	138,818	167,347	198,817	31,470	18.81%
Testing/Tutorial/OT-PT Svcs	169,260	160,732	215,000	139,000	-76,000	-35.35%
Speech Services	253,355	191,806	267,365	273,755	6,390	2.39%
<b>Total Special Education</b>	<b>3,871,175</b>	<b>3,348,691</b>	<b>3,993,213</b>	<b>3,995,922</b>	<b>2,709</b>	<b>0.07%</b>
<b><u>ADMINISTRATION:</u></b>						
Salaries	772,520	803,985	885,215	892,932	7,717	0.87%
Benefits	331,055	232,643	381,509	366,439	-15,070	-3.95%
Repairs/Maint	9,000	0	9,000	9,000	0	0.00%
Postage/Telephone	30,600	28,696	30,600	32,700	2,100	6.86%
Travel	9,300	15,918	9,300	9,300	0	0.00%
Supplies/Equipment	41,995	18,827	42,075	42,225	150	0.36%
<b>Total Administration</b>	<b>1,194,470</b>	<b>1,100,069</b>	<b>1,357,699</b>	<b>1,352,596</b>	<b>-5,103</b>	<b>-0.38%</b>
<b><u>CENTRAL OFFICE:</u></b>						
Salaries	414,860	398,898	427,327	548,250	120,923	28.30%
Benefits	185,982	162,240	196,405	250,055	53,650	27.32%
Contracted Services	26,000	24,806	26,000	26,000	0	0.00%
Legal Fees	0	0	0	0	0	
Staff Development	2,000	235	2,000	2,000	0	0.00%
Repairs/Maintenance	14,500	17,502	15,000	17,500	2,500	16.67%
Board Expense	0	0	0	0	0	
Building Construction	0	0	0	0	0	
Insurance	0	0	0	0	0	
Travel	5,900	360	5,900	5,900	0	0.00%
Supplies/Equipment	48,950	36,938	48,950	49,750	800	1.63%
<b>Total Central Office</b>	<b>698,192</b>	<b>640,980</b>	<b>721,582</b>	<b>899,455</b>	<b>177,873</b>	<b>24.65%</b>
<b><u>SUPPORT SERVICES:</u></b>						
Guidance	481,298	404,753	493,256	518,574	25,318	5.13%
Behavioral/Social Work	275,721	278,513	284,346	302,638	18,292	6.43%
School Nurse	247,762	249,546	247,358	329,824	82,466	33.34%
Media Services	295,766	266,432	309,613	318,141	8,528	2.75%
Curriculum Develop	24,550	22,839	27,055	30,555	3,500	12.94%
C.A.R.	113,500	37,764	113,500	113,500	0	0.00%
Teacher Mentoring	46,800	43,182	46,800	46,800	0	0.00%
Board of Education	102,175	93,749	97,675	100,495	2,820	2.89%
Legal Fees	53,000	31,297	53,000	53,000	0	0.00%
Fiscal Services	80,000	44,988	80,000	82,000	2,000	2.50%
<b>Total Support Services</b>	<b>1,720,572</b>	<b>1,473,063</b>	<b>1,752,603</b>	<b>1,895,527</b>	<b>142,924</b>	<b>8.15%</b>
<b><u>MAINTENANCE:</u></b>						
Salaries	616,500	586,273	622,775	539,020	-83,755	-13.45%
Benefits	347,185	254,445	350,560	310,000	-40,560	-11.57%
Contracted Services	95,000	443,710	95,000	225,000	130,000	136.84%
General Liability Ins	65,300	57,289	65,400	69,200	3,800	5.81%
Repairs/Maintenance	230,000	86,303	230,000	230,000	0	0.00%
Utilities	408,400	307,755	407,750	405,250	-2,500	-0.61%
Supplies/Travel/Equipment	197,650	241,693	197,750	224,750	27,000	13.65%
Care of Grounds	143,000	101,774	147,000	147,000	0	0.00%
Reserve - Repairs/Maint	0	0	0	0	0	
Vehicle Services	19,525	42,391	19,525	19,525	0	0.00%
<b>Total Maintenance Svcs</b>	<b>2,122,560</b>	<b>2,121,633</b>	<b>2,135,760</b>	<b>2,169,745</b>	<b>33,985</b>	<b>1.59%</b>

**ORANGE SOUTHWEST SCHOOL DISTRICT -  
EXPENDITURES**

<b>Account Name</b>	<b>2020-21 Budget</b>	<b>2020-21 Actual</b>	<b>2021-22 Budget</b>	<b>2022-23 Proposed</b>	<b>Balance Under (Over)</b>	<b>Percent Inc/Dec</b>
<b><u>TECHNOLOGY:</u></b>						
Salaries	237,823	240,057	244,955	313,920	68,965	28.15%
Benefits	95,265	77,381	97,090	145,985	48,895	50.36%
Contracted Services	19,000	28,140	20,500	24,500	4,000	19.51%
Technology Fund Transfer	108,500	0	108,500	108,500	0	0.00%
Repairs/Maintenance	2,500	24	2,500	2,500	0	0.00%
Supplies	78,650	268,093	84,650	132,810	48,160	56.89%
Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	
<b>Total Technology</b>	<b>541,738</b>	<b>613,695</b>	<b>558,195</b>	<b>728,215</b>	<b>170,020</b>	<b>30.46%</b>
<b><u>TRANSPORTATION:</u></b>						
Salaries	251,025	172,400	233,965	245,081	11,116	4.75%
Benefits	50,866	40,311	49,253	51,863	2,610	5.30%
Contracted Svcs/Rent	62,500	63,159	64,500	66,785	2,285	3.54%
Travel/Conferences	100	0	100	100	0	0.00%
Repairs/Supplies/Equip	52,925	42,909	54,925	55,300	375	0.68%
Diesel Fuel	59,500	20,575	59,500	59,500	0	0.00%
Unallowed Spec Ed	0	0	0	0	0	
COVID - Food Delivery	0	0	0	0	0	
Field Trips	0	1,022	25,088	25,118	30	
Tuition Student Transportation	41,685	3,575	42,540	44,530	1,990	3.62%
Bus Purchase	0	36,019	0	0	0	
Bus Fund Reserve	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	0	0.00%
<b>Total Transportation</b>	<b>618,601</b>	<b>479,970</b>	<b>629,871</b>	<b>648,277</b>	<b>18,406</b>	<b>2.92%</b>
<b><u>OTHER EXPENDITURES:</u></b>						
Food Service Transfer	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	0	0.00%
Operational Fund Transfer	0	826,341	0	0	0	
Child Care - COVID-19	0	0	0	0	0	
Debt Service	16,898	16,895	16,355	10,760	-5,595	-34.21%
EEE Services	71,944	71,944	75,327	80,649	5,322	7.07%
<b>Total Other Expenditures</b>	<b>123,842</b>	<b>950,180</b>	<b>126,682</b>	<b>126,409</b>	<b>-273</b>	<b>-0.22%</b>
<b><u>TECHNICAL EDUCATION:</u></b>						
State - Act 68	426,000	430,413	444,585	483,574	38,989	8.77%
Local Tuition	412,000	401,610	415,020	445,100	30,080	7.25%
<b>Total Tech Education</b>	<b>838,000</b>	<b>832,023</b>	<b>859,605</b>	<b>928,674</b>	<b>69,069</b>	<b>8.03%</b>
<b><u>PRE-SCHOOL</u></b>						
Salaries	242,680	180,917	245,760	229,635	-16,125	-6.56%
Benefits	123,691	56,622	81,856	118,042	36,186	44.21%
Tuition/Partnerships	39,000	18,833	39,000	39,400	400	1.03%
Supplies/Travel/Equip	24,675	7,349	26,675	29,575	2,900	10.87%
<b>Total Pre-School</b>	<b>430,046</b>	<b>263,721</b>	<b>393,291</b>	<b>416,652</b>	<b>23,361</b>	<b>5.94%</b>
SUPRLUS/DEFICIT	0	1,553,365	0	0	0	
<b><u>SCHOOL TOTAL:</u></b>	<b>19,723,911</b>	<b>20,128,421</b>	<b>20,247,309</b>	<b>21,288,816</b>	<b>1,041,507</b>	<b>5.14%</b>
<b><u>FEDERAL FUNDS:</u></b>						
IDEA - B	202,846	0	202,846	202,846	0	
IDEA - B - PreSchool	143,632	0	143,632	143,632	0	
Title I and II - School Wide	415,000	0	415,000	415,000	0	
Medicaid	95,000	0	95,000	95,000	0	
EPSDT	20,000	0	20,000	20,000	0	
<b>Total Federal Funds</b>	<b>876,478</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>876,478</b>	<b>876,478</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>TOTAL VOTER APPROVAL:</b>	<b>20,600,389</b>	<b>20,128,421</b>	<b>21,123,787</b>	<b>22,165,294</b>	<b>1,041,507</b>	<b>4.93%</b>

**ORANGE SOUTHWEST SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
ESTIMATE - 2022-23

State Property Yield Rate	\$1.00
State Non-Residential Tax Rate	\$1.482

BUDGET -	\$21,288,816.00
REVENUE - Categorical Grants	<u>-\$4,374,438.00</u>
Total Education Spending (Act 68)	\$16,914,378.00
Equalized Pupils - 2022-23 (Projection 01-14-22)	866.78
Education Spending per Equalized Pupil (Act 68)	<u>\$19,514.04</u>
<i>Excess Spending Threshold</i>	
	<u>\$19,977.00</u>

Property Yield	\$12,937.00	150.84%
O.S.S.D. Projected Tax Rate	\$1.5084	

	O.S.S.D - Est Equal Tax Rate	2021-22 Equal Tax Rate	\$ Diff	% Diff	2021 Town CLA	Projected O.S.S.D. Tax Rates	2021-22 Tax Rates	Proj 2022-23 Difference
Braintree	\$1.5084	\$1.5804	-\$0.0720	-4.56%	101.74%	\$1.4826	\$1.5627	-\$0.0801
Brookfield	\$1.5084	\$1.5804	-\$0.0720	-4.56%	96.69%	\$1.5600	\$1.5669	-\$0.0069
Randolph	\$1.5084	\$1.5804	-\$0.0720	-4.56%	94.80%	\$1.5911	\$1.5655	\$0.0256

ESTIMATE -

**ORANGE SOUTHWEST SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**INDEBTEDNESS**

<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>ORIGINAL ISSUE</u>	<u>PRINCIPAL AMOUNT</u>	<u>REISSUE</u>	<u>INTEREST RATE</u>	<u>INTEREST PAID BY 6/30/2021</u>	<u>PRINCIPAL PAID BY 6/30/2021</u>	<u>6/30/2021 OUTSTANDING</u>
RANDOLPH ELE	7/23/1998	\$3,810,000	N/A	4.80%	\$1,925,240	\$3,810,000	\$0
BRAINTREE ELE	7/25/2005	\$280,000	N/A	4.70%	\$111,118	\$225,000	\$55,000

**RESERVE FUND BALANCES - As of 6/30/2021**

	<u>Facilities</u>	<u>Transportation</u>	<u>Operational</u>	<u>Legal</u>	<u>Special Education</u>
Orange Southwest School District	\$2,826,166	\$1,086,376	\$826,341	\$42,000	\$215,697
Total:	\$2,826,166	\$1,086,376	\$826,341	\$42,000	\$215,697

\*\*\*The audited financial statements for the 2020-21 school year are available at the Orange Southwest School District, 24 Central Street, Randolph, Vermont.

YEAR	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Preschool									19	12	13
Kindergarten	9	7	23	12	12	7	18	9	18	8	13
Grade 1	11	10	9	17	6	13	6	19	10	18	9
Grade 2	12	12	9	9	20	7	14	6	19	7	21
Grade 3	7	13	11	10	9	20	6	16	7	18	7
Grade 4	16	8	11	11	11	11	20	7	16	6	20
Grade 5	9	15	7	10	11	11	9	21	6	14	6
Grade 6	13	9	15	7	9	12	8	11	19	6	13
TOTALS	77	74	85	76	78	81	81	89	* 114	* 89	*102

\* includes Preschool



**RU BRAINTREE SECONDARY POPULATION 10/1/2021**

Grade 7	5
Grade 8	17
Grade 9	10
Grade 10	7
Grade 11	14
Grade 12	8
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>61</b>

**2021-2022 ENROLLMENT BREAKDOWN**

	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
RUHS	5	17	8	4	5	3	42
RTCC	0	0	0	0	8	5	13
RTCC - 1/2 Day Pre-Tech	0	0	2	2	1	0	5
RAVEN	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>61</b>



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