

Town of Swanton Vermont



2022 ANNUAL REPORT

DEDICATION

Every town, city and village in this state depends on the talents and abilities of many of their residents to serve on boards, committees and commissions to oversee the many functions of local government. A number of the boards are elected with some being appointed by the Selectboard, but the bottom line being that time spent on the tasks can go into many hours on an annual basis. Some are paid a small stipend for their efforts, while others are strictly volunteer. When one reads the first few pages of the Annual Town Report each year, the boards are listed with their members. Some volunteer positions consist of only one individual, such as the Tree Warden and the Forest Fire Warden, with most having at least three, five, and nine members with the Board of Civil Authority (Justices of the Peace) having fifteen serving. In all, the total number of positions number approximately sixty.

It is obvious that without these dedicated community minded individuals, the various programs and functions of this community would not be successful. It is then the pleasure of the Selectboard to dedicate the 2022 Town Report to our elected and appointed members of the Boards, Committees, and individuals who serve the community presently as well as all of those who have served in the past.

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SWANTON TOWN DIRECTORY

Meet on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm

Select Board

Chair	James Guilmette	2154 Sheldon Rd., Swanton	524-9308
Vice-Chair	Earl Fournier	38 Campbell Bay Rd, Swanton	582-8539
	Nicole Draper	156 Hog Island Rd., Swanton	309-7892
	Edward White, Sr.	40 Maple Grove Est., Swanton	309-0667
	Steve Bourgeois	68 Maquam Shore Rd., Swanton	868-4447

Town Clerk's Office

Town Clerk & Treasurer	Cathy L. Fournier	PO Box 711, Swanton	868-4421
Asst. Clerk & Asst. Treasurer	Tanya M. Dufresne	PO Box 711, Swanton	868-4421

Town Administrator

Brian K. Savage	PO Box 711, Swanton	868-7418
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Zoning Administrator

Amy Giroux	PO Box 711, Swanton	868-3325
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Planning Commission

Meet on the 3rd Wednesday Monthly at 6:30 pm

Chair	Edward Daniel	11 Platt St., Swanton	868-4035
	Ross Lavoie	77 St. Albans Rd., Swanton	782-1925
	Andrew LaRocque	227 First St., Swanton	868-7203
	Heather Buczkowski	58 Grand Ave., Swanton	868-6258
	Oliver Manning	431 Bushey Rd., Swanton	393-0967

Development Review Board

Meet on 4th Thursday Monthly at 6:00 pm

Chair	Spencer LaBarge	97 Canada St., Swanton	868-4427
	Harold Garrett	2014 Highgate Rd., Swanton	752-7138
	James Pratt	43 Sugar Maple Dr., Swanton	524-4404
	Reg Beliveau	13 Jones Court, Swanton	868-3936
	Jennifer Yandow	480 Bushey Rd., Swanton	343-0495

Highway Department

Road Commissioner	James Guilmette	PO Box 711, Swanton	868-7281
Road Foreman	Kevin Lapan	PO Box 711, Swanton	868-7281
	Patrick Loyer	PO Box 711, Swanton	868-7281
	Brandon Calderwood	PO Box 711, Swanton	868-7281
	Mike Bockus	PO Box 711, Swanton	868-7281

Listers

Chair	James Pratt	PO Box 711, Swanton	868-2232
	Amy Giroux	PO Box 711, Swanton	868-2232
	David Horton	PO Box 711, Swanton	868-2232

Animal Control Officer	Jim Benson	PO Box 711, Swanton	238-3246
Health Officer	Amber LaFountain	PO Box 711, Swanton	324-7674

ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS

		TERM	EXPIRES
MODERATOR	Brian Savage	1 yr.	2023
TOWN CLERK & TREASURER	Cathy L. Fournier	3 yrs.	2023
SELECTBOARD	Steven Bourgeois	3 yrs.	2023
	James Guilmette	2 yrs.	2023
	Nicole Draper	2 yrs.	2024
	Earl Fournier	3 yrs.	2024
	Edward White Sr.	3 yrs.	2025
TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC MONEY	Cody Hemenway	3 yrs.	2023
	Vacant	1 yrs. unexp.	2024
	Brian K. Savage	3 yrs.	2025
LISTERS	Amy Giroux	3 yrs.	2023
	David Horton	3 yrs.	2024
	James Pratt	3 yrs.	2025
AUDITORS	Amy Giroux	3 yrs.	2023
	Joyce Bombardier	3 yrs.	2024
	Diane Larocque	3 yrs.	2025
CEMETERY COMMISSIONER	Andrew Centabar	5 yrs	2023
	Cody Hemenway	4 yrs. unexp.	2024
	Macy Lavoie-Dupont	2 yrs. unexp.	2025
	Brian Savage	5 yrs.	2026
	Nicholas Brosseau	5 yrs.	2027
LIBRARY TRUSTEES	Bianca Braman	4 yrs. unexp.	2023
	Sarah Garvey	5 yrs.	2023
	Richard Kelly	4 yrs. unexp.	2024
	Kathy Kneebone	5 yrs.	2025
	Rebecca Rupp	5 yrs.	2026
COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES	Betty Cheney	1 yr.	2023

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

2 Year Term to Expire 2025

Tamar Bouchard
Mike Bougeois
Randy Brock
Nicholas Brosseau
Donald “Don” Collins
Edward F. Daniel
Stephanie Gagne
Steven Pike

Jeffery Raleigh
Joseph Raleigh
Brian K. Savage
Alan Shannon
Neal Speer
Suzanne Washburn
Matthew Walker

APPOINTED BOARDS AND OFFICIALS

Tree Warden
Road Commissioner
Health Officer
Forest Fire Warden
Animal Control Officer

Frank Shumway
James Guilmette
Amber LaFountain
Jon Barrette
Jim Benson

Planning Commission

	Term	Expires
Heather Buczkowski	4 years	June 2024
Edward Daniel	4 years	June 2025
Andy LaRocque	4 years	June 2025
Oliver Manning	4 years	June 2025
Ross Lavoie	4 years	June 2026
Joseph Cava, Secretary		

Development Review Board

	Term	Expires
Jennifer Yandow	4 years	June 2023
James Pratt	4 years	June 2023
Reg Beliveau	4 years	June 2025
Spencer LaBarge, Chair	4 years	June 2026
Harold Garrett	4 years	June 2026
Joseph Cava, Clerk		

Recreation Committee

Betsy Fournier, Board Chair	Nicole Draper, Executive Director
Alicia Bourdeau, Treasurer	Jesse LeClair, Board Member
Lisa Wilda, Secretary	Jason Guyette, Board Member
Joseph Raleigh, Board Member	Jon Nielsen, Board Member
Sophie Vibert, Board Member	Nick Michaud, Athletic Director/Operations Manager

**TOWN OF SWANTON
ANNUAL MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2023**

The legal voters of the Town of Swanton, who are legal voters in Town Meeting, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Swanton Village Municipal Complex, First and Elm Streets, Swanton on Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at 7:00 a.m. to vote on the articles herein set forth. All articles are to be voted by the Australian Ballot system. The polls open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m.

Article 1: To elect from the legal voters of said Town the following officers:

Moderator, Town for a 1 year term
One Town Clerk for a 3 year term
One Town Treasurer for a 3 year term
One Selectperson for a 3 year term
One Selectperson for a 2 year term
One Lister for a 3 year term
One Auditor for a 3 year term
One Trustee of Public Money for a 3 year term
One Trustee of Public Money for a 1 year unexpired term
One Library Trustee for a 5 year term
One Library Trustee for a 4 year unexpired term
One Cemetery Commissioner for a 5 year term
One Cemetery Commissioner for a 2 year unexpired term
Collector of Delinquent Taxes

Article 2: Shall the Town appropriate \$ 1,275,656.34 for the operation and maintenance of the Town Highway Department?

Article 3: Shall the Town appropriate \$ 278,225.00 for fire protection?

Article 4: Shall the Town appropriate \$ 196,784.08 to provide police protection to the residents of the Town of Swanton?

Article 5: Shall the Town appropriate \$ 663,450.42 for the Town General expenses?

Article 6: Shall the Town appropriate \$ 175,382.39 towards the maintenance & employee benefits of the Swanton Public Library?

Article 7: Shall the Town appropriate \$ 67,490.00 towards the operating budget of the Swanton Public Library?

Article 8: Shall the Town collect its real and personal property taxes to defray the expenses of the Town for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2023, and annually thereafter, by its actual receipt of payment (postmarks will not be accepted) at the Town Offices by 5 p.m. on October 15th, or if the 15th shall fall on a weekend or holiday, the following business day by 5 p.m., with an eight percent (8%) penalty and one percent (1%) interest per month (or portion thereof) due thereon for the first three months, and one and one half (1.5%) per month (or portion thereof) thereafter, to be charged for late payment of any installment?

Article 9: Shall the Town appropriate \$ 199,245.00 to provide rescue services to the residents of the Town of Swanton?

Article 10: Shall the Town appropriate \$ 123,247.24 towards the Operating and Maintenance Budget of the Recreation Department?

The legal voters of the Town of Swanton are further notified that an Informational Meeting will be held at the Swanton Village Complex, 120 First Street, Swanton, VT on Tuesday, February 28, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in person and via Zoom for the purpose of explaining all budget items to the voters. Anyone desiring to participate and listen in on the meeting by cell or landline phone should dial 1-646-558-8656 and enter the Meeting ID# 828 6169 4256 when prompted & announce your name. To join the ZOOM meeting online on your computer, click on this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82861694256?pwd=TzZtL1hrRmV2aFZMeIRtQkFVNzFYdz09>

Passcode: 369485

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

James Guilmette, Chair

Nicole Draper

Steven Bourgeois

Earl Fournier

Edward A. White, Sr.

SELECTBOARD

Dated and filed this 31st day of January, 2023

Attest: Cathy L. Fournier, Town Clerk

SELECTBOARD'S REPORT

Preamble

It hardly seems possible that another year has passed and we are pleased to once again report on the activities of your Selectboard for the year 2022.

Notes of the Year

The Selectboard worked diligently on behalf of Swanton residents again this past year. At the beginning of 2022 the members included Chair James Guilmette, Vice Chair Mark Rocheleau, Nicole Draper, Ed White Sr. and Earl Fournier, with the members being at year end the same with the exception of Mark Rocheleau. Due to personal reasons, Mark resigned from the Board effective September 30th. We are grateful for the dedicated service that Mark provided to the residents of Swanton and was always looking out for their best interest. The Board, after advertising the vacancy on the Board, appointed Steve Bourgeois on October 4th to fill the vacancy until Town Meeting Day. In the March 2023 elections, voters will be voting for two Selectboard positions. Please exercise your right to vote on Election Day. You may vote early by Absentee Ballot, please contact the Town Clerk's Office at 802-868-4421 for further information.

Highlights of the Year

Please contact us with any questions, concerns, or suggestions you may have about Town business. A Town and Village Directory is accessible on the Town's website at <https://townofswantonvermont.weebly.com>. The directory lists names and contact information for Town, Village, and school officials. A copy of the Town's *Winter Road Maintenance Policy* and the state statute prohibiting the plowing of snow across roads is on the Town of Swanton website at the HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT page. Information on zoning, tax maps, meeting agendas and minutes, dog licenses, and other government operations is also available on the website. It has been brought to our attention in the past year that our current website has become obsolete and very cumbersome to maintain. In conversation with Trustees and Management of the Village of Swanton, they are experiencing the same issues with their website as well. Therefore, we have been actively exploring a new, **joint website** for the Town as well as the Village. As of the writing of this report, work is continuing researching vendors and once selected it will take approximately six months to have the new site up and running. We would like to warn our citizens that there are several fraudulent Facebook pages misrepresenting themselves as being Town sponsored Facebook pages floating on the web. The Town does not sponsor or condone the content of any of these fraudulent Facebook pages. They are under investigation by the proper authorities. If you discover any of these fraudulent Facebook pages, please report them promptly to Town Administrator Brian Savage at 802-868-7418.

This past summer, the Selectboard passed a new ATV Ordinance that allows the operation of ATVs on Town Highways from April 1st to December 1st, 7:00 am to 9:00 pm. This ordinance is only in effect for the Town, outside of the Village limits. It has been well received and is working well with very few complaints being received.

Our Town Administrator, Brian Savage has completed his first year in the position and has fit in very well in the position and we are looking forward to a long relationship with Brian in this role.

In 2019 the Selectboard chose to honor our veterans with a *Flags for Veterans* project. Citizens were offered the opportunity to sponsor a quality made American flag for the veteran of their choice for a one time \$50.00 fee. The Town displayed 52 flags in the Village Park for Memorial Day and 110 flags for Veterans Day. Each flag had an identification card attached to its pole with the names of the veteran and sponsor printed on it. Each display lasted a week and afterward the flags were stored in a safe, dry place for display again for both holidays. The project was very popular with many relatives and friends eager to sponsor their favorite veterans and to witness such tremendous respect for our veterans. The idea for *Flags for Veterans* project arose from a similar 2016 Memorial Day display on a small New York town's village green that was observed by former Town Administrator David Jescavage. For Veteran's Day 2021 the number of flags was increased by 40 to total of 150 flags. It is not known at this time if the number of flags will be increased at a future time as space is now becoming an issue. There has been a waiting list started in the event the number is increased, if you wish to be placed on the list, please contact the office of the Town Administrator at 802-868-7418. We would like to extend our gratitude to the Town and Village officials, citizen volunteers, Boy Scout Troop 823, and flag sponsors for making the flag displays honoring our veterans possible. We are also grateful to the Village of Swanton for allowing the use of the Village Park for the two displays. We are also grateful to all U.S. veterans for serving the cause of freedom.

We continued making repairs to our Town Office Building during 2022. As was mentioned in the 2021 Town Report we were studying how to best take care of the issues that had developed with the stone foundation under the south end of the building. We had the foundation basically repointed and it this has proven to care of the issue we were having. We also had rain gutters installed on the building in an effort to aid in the preservation of the building.

A vacancy in the Highway Department occurred at the end of the year when Ryan Washburn accepted a position with Vtrans. The Highway Department staff now consists of Kevin Lapan, Highway Foreman, Patrick Loyer, Jeff King, Brandon Calderwood and over the summer months we utilized the services of a retired department employee, Mike Bockus to cover vacations and to do mowing. As our community has continued to grow, the duties and responsibilities of the Town Administrator as well as the Zoning Administrator have also grown. To keep up with this growth as well as be able to attract qualified candidates, your Selectboard has determined that the Administrative Assistant position needs to be expanded to a 40 hour per week position. This is a major step, however as the role of the Town Administrator also encompasses Economic Development, the additional hours are necessary. It is expected that this position will be filled by April 1st of this year.

The proposed sidewalk on the north side of First Street from McDonald's east to the MVU entrance is still in process with final design work being completed. The next steps will be the permitting and right of way acquisition. The Town was awarded a grant in the amount of \$632,000.00 with a required 20% match from the Town. Bethany Remmers of the Northwest Regional Planning Commission is the Municipal Project Manager for this project. The entire project is expected to take a minimum of another 2 years.

The electronic message signboard that the Selectboard purchased in 2016 has proven to be a very popular message board throughout 2022. Messages for Town and Village boards and departments get preference on the sign. Local charitable organizations that serve a public purpose may also request placement of their messages on the sign. Please contact Town Administrator Brian Savage at 868-7418 for details.

Swanton's Municipal Plan is required to be updated by September of 2023. The Planning Commission last year applied for and received a Planning Grant from the State of Vermont to facilitate this process. The Planning Commission has retained the services of Forty-four Seven Strategies, LLC of St. Albans to develop this plan. Once the draft is completed it will have a series of public hearings both with the Planning Commission as well as the Selectboard before being forwarded to the Northwest Regional Planning Commission for acceptance. It is planned that the Municipal Plan will be adopted by the Selectboard by August of 2023. Once adopted the plan is valid for a term of 8 years.

General Budget

In 2022, the actual expenditures came in at \$1,132,745.14. Assuming all warned articles are approved, the proposed 2023 General Budget will be \$857,559.33 with \$663,450.42 to be raised by taxes. The Selectboard spends a considerable amount of time preparing the budget with Town staff and outside organizations. We feel it is realistic, fair and fiscally responsible. We look for every way possible to maximize your tax dollars. All Swanton voters should make an effort to study and understand the budget and the special articles on this year's ballot. Budget information will be posted on the Town's website. Please bring your questions and comments to the informational meeting on Tuesday, February 27, 2023 at the Swanton Village Municipal Complex at 7:00 p.m. Again, this year, the Town and Village will conduct a joint budget informational meeting, we look forward to seeing you and urge you to participate in the democratic process by voting on Town Meeting Day, Tuesday, March 7, 2023. You may also request an Absentee Ballot by contact the Town Clerk at 802-868-4421

Highway

In 2022, the actual expenditures came in at \$2,125,177.48. Assuming all warned articles are approved, the proposed 2022 Highway Budget is \$1,340,756.34 with \$1,275,656.34 to be raised by taxes. As usual, the single largest expense in the Highway Budget is road resurfacing. During 2021, existing pavement was resurfaced to ensure their long-term viability

The following roads had resurfacing work done on them, Wheeler Round, with a complete resurfacing. The Beebe Road was also completely resurfaced due to a grant being received from the State of Vermont for that purpose. Both the Bushey Road and County Road were partially resurfaced. A large culvert was replaced on the Beebe Road. A new culvert was installed on Campbell Bay Road thanks to receiving a grant under the Better Roads Program of the State of Vermont. In late summer it was discovered that a large culvert on the Maquam Shore approximately ½ mile north of the Janes Road intersection was beginning to collapse. It was determined by your Selectboard, after consultation with an engineer that it would be dangerous

to wait until this spring to replace this culvert in the event it should fail in the middle of winter, the cost would be significantly higher. Therefore, the Selectboard authorized the work to be done at a total cost of \$175,000.00. The Selectboard is paying this by taking \$30,000.00 from the Contingency Fund, \$28,320.59 from the carry over in the Highway Fund with the remaining \$116,679.41 coming from the Road Improvement Fund. The Selectboard's goal is to maintain all Town roads in good condition because regular maintenance saves money in the long run.

Another area of concern is the Stormwater Permitting requirements on existing town roads and developments. Permits previously issued by the State of Vermont will need to be redone and comply with new rules that the State of Vermont have placed along with very expensive fees. We have a number of these permits that will need to be done in the next 18 months that, under existing rules, could cost tens of thousands of dollars.

Recreation

The Swanton Recreation Commission provides a wide variety of recreational activities for Swanton residents. It also maintains the Town's recreational fields, buildings, and parking for the recreation fields. It is noteworthy that the Recreation Commission raises much of the funding for its budget through grants and fundraising, additional details on personnel changes and new recreational activities can be found in the Recreation Commission's report elsewhere in the Town Report.

For a number of years, the Community has had the need for a Recreation/Community Center to serve a multitude of functions and provide much need space for many of its programs. This year, the Selectboard has committed \$600,000.00 of the funds received from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) toward this project. The project is being headed by former Selectboard member, Joel Clark and should be ready for voter consideration at Town Meeting in 2024. The facility is being planned for the lower lot at the Recreation Fields located on Jewett Street.

In addition to his work on the proposed Recreation/Community center, Joel has also applied for a grant to construct a trailhead on the Swanton end of the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail. This will be located off of Robin Hood Drive and will feature lighting, portalets, picnic pavilion, bike rack and a bike repair station. We are pleased to report the Town has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$375,164 with the local match coming for ARPA funds. Congratulations and a big thank you to Joel for all of his work on these projects.

The site of the former Town Garage located on Fourth Street, slated for re-development for Recreation Fields has been delayed due to an environmental review by the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation. The review has resulted in further work being done by an engineer to determine the extent and mitigation of any hazardous soil on the site. It is unknown when this work will be completed however, we do hope it is by the end of this summer.

More information on the Recreation Department's sports activities and events can be found on its website at www.swantonrec.org or by calling Recreation Director Nicole Draper at 802-868-2493.

Law Enforcement

For the April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023 Swanton Village Police Department (SVPD) contract, the Town funded \$157,239.94 for the 1-year contract for police services and protection. The SVPD provides coverage of 8 hours per day, 7 days per week for a total of 56 hours per week for all 52 weeks in the year. For the April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024 contract period, the cost to the Town will be \$196,784.08. The coverage will remain the same. This amount may be less if the actual billed time for the police protection is less. The costs include dispatching, police cruiser, investigations, traffic law enforcement, office work, compiling reports, mileage, and court appearances. The SVPD will provide all necessary equipment for the performance of duties and all officers will be fully certified by the Vermont Criminal Justice Training Council. The SVPD also assists the Vermont State Police and the Franklin County Sheriff's Office when needed. We are pleased with the services being provided by the SVPD and have also received positive feedback on the police services from our constituents.

Animal Control Officer

Jim Benson continues as Swanton's Animal Control Officer. He can be reached by cell phone at 802-238-3246. He can also be contacted by email at swantonaco@gmail.com. **The ACO deals only with dog issues. The ACO does not accept dogs that are no longer wanted by their owners. Cats and other animals are not handled by the ACO.** All issues concerning wild animals should be directed to a state fish and wildlife warden by contacting the Vermont State Police at 802-524-5993. The ACO works cooperatively with a professional dog trainer. To view a copy of the Town's *Dog Ordinance*, please visit the ACO page on the Town's website. All dogs must be registered by April 1st of each year at the Town Clerk's Office. Dogs will be impounded by the ACO if not properly registered. Proof of rabies inoculation is required.

Economic Development

In early 2020 Swanton successfully applied for \$1,000,000 which would then be loaned to Leader with a low interest rate and deferred payments. In the end, Leader Evaporator drew down \$900,000. This allowed Leader to negotiate with other debt holders and meet other financial obligations. Over the next two years, Leader was able to maintain current staffing levels, bring in a new management team, significantly reduce its debt, and, ultimately, work with H2O Innovation on its acquisition of Leader to the Quebec-based company.

Now, under H2O Innovation, Leader continues to operate as Leader Evaporator and has the financial stability not only to continue to supply maple sugaring operations throughout New England and the rest of the US, but also has the opportunity to diversify its product lines to meet the needs of the future.

This transaction also has provided the Town of Swanton \$50,000.00 to establish a Revolving Loan Fund to aid in further economic development activities of the community. The RLF will be up and running as soon as approval for the program has been obtained from the State of Vermont.

Another area that continues to take shape is the redevelopment of the downtown area of the Village. In 2022, we saw the vacant store fronts on Merchants Row be occupied with Vision Nutrition in the block formerly occupied by the Swanton Pharmacy and Divine Treasurers occupying the space next door.

Also in 2022, Gordon and Deborah Winters started the next phase of their redevelopment with the renovation of the former Champlain Theater building on Canada Street. They have even located the original marquee and have hung it in the former spot on the building for the first time in many years! Congratulations are in order for Gordon and Deborah for their work in providing a much-needed facelift for our community!

In 2022 your Selectboard entered into an arrangement with the Franklin County Industrial to provide the services of the Economic Development Coordinator for 8 hours per week at an annual cost of \$12,000.00. For 2023, the Selectboard is expanding the role of the Town Administrator to include Economic Development. To facilitate this transition the Administrative Assistant position, currently part-time will involve into a full-time position. This position will assist the Town Administrator, Zoning Administrator and will be responsible for the taking of the minutes of the meetings of the Selectboard, Design Review Board and Planning Commission. This position will be posted and hopefully will be filled by mid-April.

Health Officer

Due to work demands, our Health Officer, Rosita Smith, stepped down from the position. After advertising the position, the Selectboard interviewed and recommended a candidate to be appointed to fill the vacancy to the Vermont Department of Health (VtDOH) The VtDOH accepted the Selectboard's recommendation and appointed Amber Lafountain to become the new own Health Officer. Amber can be reached at 802-324-7674. The Town Health Officer's web page is on the town's website.

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

During 2022, the Town of Swanton received a once in a lifetime appropriation of \$1,249,211.88 from the Federal Government under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

We have solicited public input on how to be utilize these funds and will continue to do so going forward. As mentioned earlier in this report, \$600,000.00 has been committed to the proposed Swanton Recreation/Community Center. The following is a breakdown of the funds committed and spent and the balance remaining:

TOWN OF SWANTON

ARPA FUNDS COMMITTED/EXPENDED

<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>COMMITTED</u>	<u>EXPENDED</u>
Rec/Community Ctr	\$600,000.00	
LVRT Match	\$90,000.00	
Video/Conference system		\$10,000.00
Library Roof repair/replace		\$19,357.48
Library Heating/AC replace	<u>59,680.00</u>	_____
Total:	\$749,680.00	\$29,357.48

Total Received: \$1,249,211.88

Expended: \$29,357.48

Sub-total: \$1,219,854.40

Committed: \$749,680.00

Total Available: \$470,174.40

Recognition

The Swanton Selectboard would like to express its gratitude to all of our town employees, appointed board members and elected officials for their dedicated public service. It requires a tremendous amount of coordination between our employees, elected and appointed officials and volunteers dedicating their time and talents to keep our local government functioning properly and efficiently. We also are grateful for the input received from Swanton citizens on Town operations. Any citizen who is interested in volunteering for service on any particular Town board or committee may contact Town Administrator Brian Savage at 802-868-7418 for more details. Also, please visit our official website at www.townofswantonvermont.weebly.com for a variety of facts, figures, photos, and other information on our beautiful Town.

SWANTON TOWN ORDINANCES

ENHANCED 911 ROAD NAMING, ROAD SIGN AND ADDRESSING ORDINANCE
REGULATING, BURNING AND DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE
CULVERT, DITCH, RIGHT-OF-WAY AND DRIVEWAY ORDINANCE
DOG AND WOLF-HYBRID ORDINANCE
SPEED LIMIT ORDINANCE
STOP SIGN ORDINANCE
PUBLIC INDECENCY ORDINANCE
PARKING ORDINANCE
CHILD SAFETY ORDINANCE
LOCAL ENFORCEMENT OF SPEED LIMIT ON STATE HIGHWAY ORDINANCE
NO PASSING ZONE ORDINANCE
TRUANCY ORDINANCE
ATV ORDINANCE

MY VOTER PAGE

By using the My Voter Page, a registered voter can:

- * Check registration status;
- * View information on upcoming elections;
- * Access voter specific elections information, including directions to polling place and polling hours;
- * View a sample ballot;
- * Request and track an absentee ballot; and much more.

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ABSTRACTS OF THE 2022 TOWN MEETING

TOTAL REGISTRERED VOTERS:	4633
TOTAL VOTES CAST:	655
TOTAL ABSENTEES:	193

Article 1: To elect from the legal voters of said Town the following officers:

Moderator, Town for a 1 year term	Brian K. Savage	603
One Selectman for a 3 year term	Edward A. White, Sr.	552
One Selectman for a 2 year term	Nicole Draper	455
One Lister for a 3 year term	James Pratt	593
One Auditor for a 3 year term	Diane Larocque	595
One Trustee of Public Money for a 3 year term	Brian K. Savage	589
One Trustee of Public Money for a 2 year unexp. term.	Vacant	
One Library Trustee for a 5 year term	Vacant	
One Library Trustee for a 1 year term unexp. term	Sarah Garvey	599
One Cemetery Commissioner for a 5 year term	Nicholas Brosseau	601
Collector of Delinquent Taxes	Betty L. Cheney	595

Article 2: Shall the Town appropriate \$1,044,303.75 for the operation and maintenance of the Town Highway Department?

YES	352
NO	53

Article 3: Shall the Town appropriate \$263,875.00 for fire protection?

YES	363
NO	41

Article 4: Shall the Town appropriate \$157,239.94 to provide police protection to the residents of the Town of Swanton?

YES	342
NO	64

Article 5: Shall the Town appropriate \$333,925.92 for the Town General expenses?

YES	508
NO	114

Article 6: Shall the Town appropriate \$194,097.00 towards the Operating and Maintenance Budget of the Swanton Public Library?

YES	418
NO	206

Article 7: Shall the Town appropriate an additional \$53,500.00 towards the Operating Budget of the Swanton Public Library?

YES	332
NO	271

Article 8: Shall the Town collect its real and personal property taxes to defray the expenses of the Town for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2022, and annually thereafter, by its actual receipt of payment (postmarks will not be accepted) at the Town Offices by 5 p.m. on October 15th, or if the 15th shall fall on a weekend or holiday, the following business day by 5 p.m., with an eight percent (8%) penalty and one percent (1%) interest per month (or portion thereof) due thereon for the first three months, and one and one half (1.5%) per month (or portion thereof) thereafter, to be charged for late payment of any installment?

YES 516
NO 104

Article 9: Shall the Town appropriate \$196,628.00 to provide rescue services to the residents of the Town of Swanton?

YES 549
NO 78

Article 10: Shall the Town appropriate \$123,247.24 towards the Operating and Maintenance Budget of the Recreation Department?

YES 478
NO 149

Dated at Swanton, Vermont this 19th day of January, 2022.

**James Guilmette, Chair
Mark Rocheleau, V. Chair
Edward A. White, Sr.
SELECTBOARD**

**Nicole Draper
Earl Fournier**

**Dated and filed this 19th day of January, 2022
Attest: Cathy L. Fournier, Town Clerk**

TOWN OF SWANTON		
TOWN TREASURERS REPORT		
12/31/2022		
RECEIPTS		
Balance on Hand - Regular Accounts January 1, 2022		\$ 381,166.06
Balance on Hand - Reserve Accounts January 1, 2022		975,123.81
Taxes Collected		10,092,854.75
School Tax Money		(7,855,854.47)
Recording Fees		59,511.88
Digitized Records Fees		11,278.00
Restoration Fees		22,524.00
Zoning & Planning Fees		32,478.80
Marriage License Fees		560.00
Interest on Delinquent Taxes		28,148.80
Delinquent Taxes Collected		357,960.85
Interest Income - General		4,731.45
Interest Income/Reserve		1,496.11
Dog Licenses (Town Share)		6,828.00
Railroad Tax Revenue		8,472.12
Fish & Game Fees (Town Share)		13.50
Beverage Licenses		1,415.00
General Miscellaneous		11,689.74
Health Ded		6,000.00
Re-Appraisal State		31,815.50
Grant Funds-		243,912.00
Beebe Road Grant		121,121.10
Highway Federal and State Aid/Grants		151,526.11
Highway Permits/Judicial Fees		5,266.71
Fish and Wildlife - Highway Funds		2,719.00
Capital Reserve		37,500.00
Capital Reserve Interest		179.52
Sinking Fund Interest		232.99
		\$ 4,740,671.33
DISBURSEMENTS		
General Expenses & Ledger Entries		1,132,745.14
Highway & Ledger Entries		2,126,002.83
Library Roof		10,000.00
Balance on Hand - Regular Accounts 12/31/22		1,330,224.60
Balance on Hand - Reserve Accounts 12/31/22		141,698.76
		\$ 4,740,671.33
Regular Accounts		
Checkbook Balance 12/31/21	\$ 1,330,224.60	
Cash on Hand	\$ 410.00	
ARPA Funds	\$ 1,219,546.34	
Grant Funds	\$ 121,121.10	
sub total	\$ 232,209.36	
Fish & Wild Life -Contingency Fund	\$ 2,719.00	
RT 78 Sidewalk	\$ 58,617.42	
Revolving Loan Fund	\$ 50,000.00	
Library Carry-over for 2023 Budget	\$ 37,714.61	
Balance	\$ 83,158.33	
Reserve Accounts		
Reappraisal	561,212.36	
Town Highway Garage Capital Reserve	54,193.58	
Digital / Computer Records	147,056.59	
Health Care Account	34,426.58	
Restoration Account	125,133.14	
Emergency Management/Civil Defense	6,372.83	
Total General Fund Reserve Accounts	928,395.08	
Highway Contingency	33,510.17	
Highway Capital Reserve	252.64	
Total Highway Fund Reserve Accounts	33,762.81	
Balance on Hand - Reserve Accounts 12/31/22	\$ 962,157.89	
Respectfully Submitted: Cathy L. Fournier, Town Treasurer		

TOWN AUDITOR'S REPORT 2022

Balance Due Town 2021 Report	\$ 193,554.22
Received from Town Treasurer Delinquent 2022	<u>357,960.85</u>
Amount Due Town	\$ 551,515.07

Deposited to Town Treasurer 2022	(274,471.79)
Delinquent Taxes Collected in 2023	(55,309.60)
Taxes Abated 2022	<u>(14,299.70)</u>
Total Outstanding Taxes	\$ 315,481.69

OUTSTANDING TAXES AS OF 12/31/22

2011	278.42	2017	1,927.82
2012	445.31	2018	2,151.85
2013	466.16	2019	2,984.66
2014 & 2014S	367.12	2020	8,666.25
2015	368.51	2021	26,786.37
2016	518.73	2022	103,284.37

BALANCE DUE TO TOWN \$ 148,245.57

TOWN FUNDS

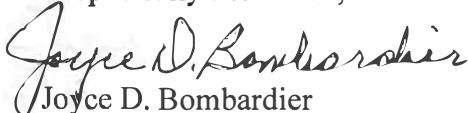
Balance on Hand 12/31/2022	\$ 83,158.33
Cash on Hand	410.00
Highway Contingency	33,510.17
Savings – Economic Fund	52,014.03
Mapping	2,868.58
Reappraisal Fund	561,212.36
Uncollected Taxes	148,245.57
Restoration Reserve Fund	125,133.14
Capital Reserve Highway	54,193.58
Digitized Computerized Records Fund	147,112.71
Town Garage Reserve Fund	252.64
Emergency Management Fund	6,372.83
Health Account	34,426.58
ARPA Funds	<u>1,219,546.34</u>
Total Town Funds	\$ 2,468,456.86

TOWN DEBT

Town Debt Statement	
Town Garage	\$ 317,602.87
Tractor Loan	<u>14,767.84</u>
Total Debt	\$ 332,370.71

We have verified the existence of the stated cash balances and investments and examined the accounts of the Town of Swanton. The financial Statement described above results in an incomplete presentation; the reports and disbursements referred to above present fairly the financial position of the year ended 12/31/22.

Respectfully submitted,


Joyce D. Bombardier


Amy E. Giroux

COMPARATIVE GRANDLIST AND RATE

Grand List

	<i>Town</i>	<i>Village</i>	<i>Total</i>
2018	\$5101900.00	\$1597505.00	\$6699405.00
2019	\$5165783.00	\$1603429.00	\$6769212.00
2020	\$5238241.00	\$1624633.00	\$6863558.00
2021	\$5316509.00	\$1631716.00	\$6948225.00
2022	\$5413144.00	\$1650493.00	\$7063637.00

Tax Rate

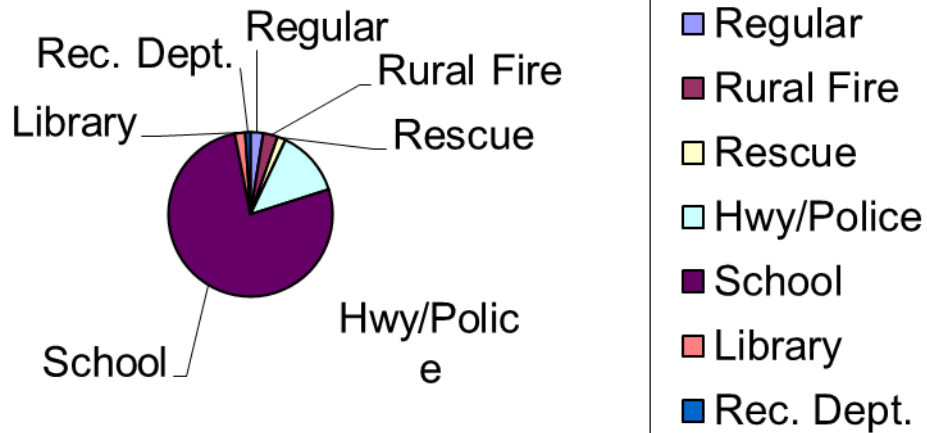
2021

	<u>Town</u>	<u>Town</u>	<u>Village</u>	<u>Village</u>
	<u>Resident</u>	<u>Non-Resident</u>	<u>Resident</u>	<u>Non-Resident</u>
Regular	0.0364	0.0364	0.0364	0.0364
Library	0.0240	0.0240	0.0240	0.0240
Rescue	0.0289	0.0289	0.0289	0.0289
Recreation	0.0154	0.0154	0.0154	0.0154
Local Agreement	0.0031	0.0031	0.0031	0.0031
Highway / Police	0.1880	0.1880		
Fire	0.0481	0.0481		
School	<u>1.3710</u>	<u>1.6384</u>	<u>1.3710</u>	<u>1.6384</u>
Total	1.7149	1.9823	1.5865	1.854

2022

	<u>Town</u>	<u>Town</u>	<u>Village</u>	<u>Village</u>
	<u>Resident</u>	<u>Non-Resident</u>	<u>Resident</u>	<u>Non-Resident</u>
Regular	0.0424	0.0424	0.0424	0.0424
Library	0.0275	0.0275	0.0275	0.0275
Library	0.0076	0.0076	0.0076	0.0076
Rescue	0.0278	0.0278	0.0278	0.0278
Recreation	0.0174	0.0174	0.0174	0.0174
Local Agreement	0.0039	0.0039	0.0039	0.0039
Highway / Police	0.2220	0.2220		
Fire	0.0487	0.0487		
School	<u>1.3036</u>	<u>1.5489</u>	<u>1.3036</u>	<u>1.5489</u>
Total	1.7010	1.9463	1.3311	1.5764

2022 Town of Swanton Tax Rate



ACCOUNTS RESERVED FOR PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ECONOMIC FUND—2022

Beginning Balance 01/01/22	\$ 51,873.27
Interest earned	140.76
Balance on Hand 12/31/22	\$ 52,014.03

MAPPING ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance 01/01/22	\$ 2,865.27
Interest Earned	<u>3.31</u>
Balance on Hand 12/31/22	\$ 2,868.58

HIGHWAY CONTINGENCY FUND

Beginning Balance 01/01/22	\$ 94,814.49
Interest Earned	252.99
2022 HW Carry-over	18,442.69
Maquam Shore Culvert	- 30,00.00
Paving	<u>-50,000.00</u>
Balance on Hand 12/31/22	\$ 33,510.17

2022 DOG FUND

Receipts:	
Licenses Issued	\$ 6,828.00
Animal Control Expense	<u>8,491.37</u>
Net Loss End of 2021	\$ - 1,663.37

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT BUDGET 2023

	2022	2022	2022	2023	% Change
	Budget	Actual	Variance	Proposed	
Salaries	\$ 258,086.68	\$ 236,197.73	\$21,888.95	\$ 278,733.62	8.00%
Part Time Employee	\$ 19,035.75	\$ 10,920.95	\$8,114.80	\$ 15,000.00	-21.20%
Fica/Medi	\$ 21,500.00	\$ 18,621.51	\$2,878.49	\$ 21,500.00	0.00%
Retirement-VEPRS	\$ 17,500.00	\$ 14,393.35	\$3,106.65	\$ 18,500.00	5.71%
Health Insurance	\$ 67,051.32	\$ 50,724.65	\$16,326.67	\$ 68,064.72	1.51%
Unemployment & Training	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,335.01	\$2,664.99	\$ 3,500.00	-30.00%
Natural Gas	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,449.18	-\$449.18	\$ 7,000.00	16.67%
Electricity	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,540.84	\$459.16	\$ 4,000.00	0.00%
Street Lights	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 2,479.62	\$320.38	\$ 2,600.00	-7.14%
Telephone	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 2,383.40	-\$83.40	\$ 2,500.00	8.70%
Uniforms	\$ 5,400.00	\$ 5,942.66	-\$542.66	\$ 5,400.00	0.00%
Trash Removal	\$ 530.00	\$ 667.25	-\$137.25	\$ 700.00	32.08%
Legal Fees	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 280.00	\$1,220.00	\$ 1,500.00	0.00%
Insurance	\$ 28,100.00	\$ 33,012.50	-\$4,912.50	\$ 30,158.00	7.32%
Stones	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 2,605.60	\$5,394.40	\$ 8,000.00	0.00%
Sand	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,380.00	-\$380.00	\$ 15,000.00	50.00%
Chloride	\$ 1,000.00		\$1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	0.00%
Salt	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,534.60	-\$534.60	\$ 30,000.00	20.00%
Hot/Cold Patch	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 89.32	\$910.68	\$ 1,100.00	10.00%
Culverts & Signs	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 180,509.36	-\$176,509.36	\$ 4,000.00	0.00%
Road Line Paint	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 10,962.50	\$1,037.50	\$ 12,000.00	0.00%
Road Resurfacing	\$ 325,000.00	\$ 319,680.43	\$5,319.57	\$ 350,000.00	7.69%
Garage Maintenance	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,745.82	\$254.18	\$ 4,000.00	0.00%
Janitorial Supplies	\$ 500.00	\$ 482.02	\$17.98	\$ 500.00	0.00%
Parts Supplies Repairs	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 105,847.83	-\$75,847.83	\$ 30,000.00	0.00%
Gas, Oil & Grease	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 43,483.99	-\$13,483.99	\$ 45,000.00	50.00%
Equip Rental/Purchase	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 22,289.18	\$5,710.82	\$ 28,000.00	0.00%
Tool Upgrade/Rental	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,424.43	\$575.57	\$ 2,000.00	0.00%
Tree Service	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 6,900.00	-\$3,400.00	\$ 10,000.00	185.71%
Storm Water Permits	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,846.00	\$654.00	\$ 30,000.00	1100.00%
Route 78 Sidewalks	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 5,917.92	\$34,082.08	\$ 40,000.00	0.00%
Road Improvement Projects	\$ 130,000.00	\$ 99,384.40	\$30,615.60	\$ 250,000.00	92.31%
Employee Training	\$ 1,000.00		\$1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	0.00%
Road Side Disposal	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 164.05	\$835.95	\$ 1,000.00	0.00%
Interest On Loans	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	0.00%
Town Garage Loan	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$0.00	\$ 10,000.00	0.00%
Misc Expense	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,813.52	\$186.48	\$ 2,000.00	0.00%
Beautification Project				\$ 3,000.00	0.00%
Beebe Road Culvert		\$ 388,731.12			
Campbell Bay Rd Culvert		\$ 2,416.14			
Engineering Service	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 841.78	\$1,158.22	\$ 2,000.00	0.00%
SUBTOTAL	\$1,113,303.75	\$1,632,998.66	-\$519,694.91	\$ 1,340,756.34	20.43%

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT BUDGET 2023

Previously approved articles					
Capital Reserve/Equip	\$ 37,500.00	\$ 37,500.00	\$0.00	\$ 50,000.00	33.33%
Town Garage	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$0.00	\$ 40,000.00	0.00%
SUBTOTAL	\$ 77,500.00	\$ 77,500.00	\$0.00	\$ 90,000.00	16.13%
ARTICLES			\$ -		
Fire Protection /Truck	\$ 263,875.00	\$ 263,875.00	\$0.00	\$ 278,225.00	5.44%
Police Protection	\$ 157,239.94	\$ 150,803.82	\$6,436.12	\$ 196,784.08	25.15%
Total Articles	\$ 498,614.94	\$ 492,178.82	\$6,436.12	\$ 565,009.08	13.32%
GRAND TOTAL	\$1,611,918.69	\$2,125,177.48	-\$513,258.79	\$ 1,905,765.42	18.23%
Tenco-Cap Reserve			\$ 51,448.00		
Beebe Road Grant			\$ 121,121.10		
Beebe Road Paving Grant			\$ 196,000.00		
Contingency Fund-Paving			\$ 80,000.00		
Maquam Shore VT Grant			\$ 37,622.44		
			-\$27,067.25		
MVU Carry-over 2022			\$34,082.08		
Sub Total			-\$61,149.33		
HW BUDGET BALANCE 2022			-\$61,149.33		
ANTICIPATED HIGHWAY RECEIPTS					
	RATES				
Highway State Aid		\$ 150,000.00			
Judicial Fees/HW Permits		\$ 5,100.00			
Blance on Hand		\$ -			
TOTAL:		155,100.00			
To Be Raised By Taxes	0.2359	\$1,275,656.34			
Budget Regular					
Fire Department	0.0515	\$ 278,225.00			
Police Protection	0.0364	\$ 196,784.08			
2023 Projected HW Rate	0.3238				
2022 Tax Rate	0.2707				

	2022	2022	2022	2023	%
-	Budget	ACTUAL	VARIANCE	BUDGET	CHANGE
Selectboard Salaries	\$ 8,400.00	\$ 8,900.00	\$ (500.00)	\$ 8,900.00	5.95%
Lister's Salaries / Property As	\$ 57,587.00	\$ 55,073.69	\$ 2,513.31	\$ 62,163.00	7.95%
Auditors Salaries	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00	0.00%
Employees Salaries	\$ 232,500.00	\$ 235,095.34	\$ (2,595.34)	\$ 251,193.00	8.04%
Adm. Assistant Salary	\$ 5,522.00	\$ 1,833.58	\$ 5,522.00	\$ 33,280.00	502.68%
FICA/ Medicare	\$ 23,700.00	\$ 23,786.77	\$ (86.77)	\$ 25,423.24	7.27%
Retirement-VEMRs	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 17,335.32	\$ (1,335.32)	\$ 21,104.00	31.90%
Health Insurance	\$ 51,086.73	\$ 34,866.55	\$ 16,220.18	\$ 38,894.16	-23.87%
Health Insurance Expense	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ -	\$ 6,000.00	0.00%
Unemployment & Training	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 1,619.79	\$ 2,130.21	\$ 2,800.00	-25.33%
Office Supplies	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 11,941.32	\$ (3,941.32)	\$ 10,000.00	25.00%
Postage	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 5,654.26	\$ 2,345.74	\$ 8,000.00	0.00%
Computer/Software Purchases	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 9,654.99	\$ 1,345.01	\$ 13,400.00	21.82%
Equipment Repair/Purchases	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 3,886.30	\$ 5,613.70	\$ 9,500.00	0.00%
Printing	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,582.15	\$ 417.85	\$ 5,200.00	4.00%
Election Expense	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 6,819.42	\$ (1,819.42)	\$ 5,000.00	0.00%
Tax Appeals	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 487.92	\$ 1,512.08	\$ 2,000.00	0.00%
Meetings, Mileage & Ed. Exp	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 3,235.51	\$ 4,764.49	\$ 7,000.00	-12.50%
Natural Gas/Heating Oil	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,397.76	\$ 602.24	\$ 3,000.00	0.00%
Electricity	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 2,257.05	\$ 942.95	\$ 2,500.00	-21.88%
Water & Sewer	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,442.31	\$ 57.69	\$ 1,500.00	0.00%
Telephone	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,056.21	\$ (56.21)	\$ 4,200.00	5.00%
Janitorial Supplies/Janitor/Tra	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 8,142.49	\$ (642.49)	\$ 8,200.00	9.33%
Water & Dispenser	\$ 175.00	\$ 252.63	\$ (77.63)	\$ 275.00	57.14%
Parcel Mapping Updates	\$ 6,800.00	\$ 6,050.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 6,800.00	0.00%
Auditing	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ (10,000.00)	\$ 17,500.00	16.67%
Legal Fees	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,305.00	\$ 695.00	\$ 5,000.00	0.00%
Computer Consulting	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 8,056.26	\$ (3,056.26)	\$ 5,000.00	0.00%
Insurance	\$ 22,886.00	\$ 19,903.50	\$ 2,982.50	\$ 27,019.00	18.06%
Animal Control	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 8,491.37	\$ 1,008.63	\$ 9,500.00	0.00%
Health Officer	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 3,700.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 4,500.00	0.00%
Civil Defense	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	0.00%
Town Office Complex Mainte	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 28,216.35	\$ (8,216.35)	\$ 20,000.00	0.00%
Interest Paid on Loans	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	0.00%
Franklin County Tax	\$ 57,057.24	\$ 57,060.38	\$ (3.14)	\$ 66,276.95	16.16%
Depot Maintenance	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 4,801.43	\$ 7,198.57	\$ 12,000.00	0.00%
Cemetery Maintenance	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 18,000.00	\$ -	\$ 18,000.00	0.00%
Misc.	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 6,701.35	\$ (4,201.35)	\$ 2,500.00	0.00%
Website Maintenance				\$ 1,500.00	
Brownfield -Fourth Street	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 10,200.00	\$ 12,000.00	100.00%
Tax Sales Taxes Paid		\$ 4,506.85			
PC & ZBA Salaries	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 7,005.00	\$ (4,505.00)	\$ 7,200.00	188.00%
ZBA Clerk / PC Sec.	\$ 5,436.00	\$ 11,639.62	\$ (6,203.62)	\$ 8,480.00	56.00%
Z&P Supplies & Printing	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 1,548.83	\$ 1,951.17	\$ 3,500.00	0.00%
Z&P Legal Fees	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 157.50	\$ 9,842.50	\$ 10,000.00	0.00%
Town Plan Expense	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 5,652.00	\$ (3,652.00)	\$ 2,000.00	100.00%
Memorial Day	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00	0.00%
Franklin County Industrial De	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 12,500.00		\$ 12,500.00	0.00%
Economic Development Servi	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	-75.00%
Northwest Regional Planning	\$ 7,505.00	\$ 7,505.00		\$ 7,773.00	3.57%
Town Celebration-2019	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	0.00%
Vermont League Of Cities &	\$ 9,580.00	\$ 9,580.00	\$ -	\$ 9,940.00	3.76%
Total General & Z&P	\$ 746,384.97	\$ 716,701.80	\$ 29,683.17	\$ 812,221.35	8.82%

APPROPRIATIONS:					
Watershed Mentoring	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	0.00%
Age Well	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00	0.00%
Northwest Access Recording	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	0.00%
Franklin County Home Health	\$ 13,497.00	\$ 13,497.00	\$ -	\$ 13,497.00	0.00%
Franklin County Citizens Adv	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ 250.00	0.00%
Foster Grandparent Program	\$ 375.00	\$ 375.00	\$ -	\$ 375.00	0.00%
Franklin Grand Isle Restorativ	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	0.00%
Vermont Green Up	\$ 250.00		\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	0.00%
Northwest Unit for Special In	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	0.00%
Northwestern Counseling & S	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ -	\$ 1,800.00	0.00%
Green Mountain Transit	\$ 2,625.00	\$ 2,625.00	\$ -	\$ 2,625.00	0.00%
MVU Graduation Celebration	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	0.00%
Samaritan House	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	0.00%
Friends of Northern Lake Cha	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	0.00%
Missisquoi River Basin Assoc	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	0.00%
Swan Care Maintenance	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	0.00%
CVOEO-NW Food Shelf	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	0.00%
VT CTR Independent Living	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	0.00%
Franklin Grand Isle Book Mo	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	33.33%
Swanton Enhancement Projec	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	0.00%
Adult Learning	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	0.00%
Laura's House				\$ 1,500.00	
Total Appropriations	\$ 35,547.00	\$ 35,297.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 37,297.00	4.92%
Previously Voted Article					
Northwest Solid waste	\$ 7,310.10	\$ 7,371.10	\$ (61.00)	\$ 8,041.20	10.00%
SUBTOTAL	\$ 789,242.07	\$ 759,369.90	\$ 29,872.17	\$ 857,559.55	8.66%
ARTICLES					
Missisquoi Valley Rescue	\$ 196,628.00	\$ 196,628.00	\$ -	\$ 199,245.00	1.33%
Swanton Library	\$ 53,500.00	\$ 53,500.00	\$ -	\$ 67,490.00	26.15%
Swanton Recreation	\$ 123,247.24	\$ 123,247.24	\$ -	\$ 123,247.24	0.00%
Subtotal Articles	\$ 373,375.24	\$ 373,375.24	\$ -	\$ 389,982.24	4.45%
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 1,162,617.31	\$ 1,132,745.14	\$ 29,872.17	\$ 1,247,541.79	7.30%
Economic Development			\$ 17,920.00		
Budget Balance			\$ 47,792.17		
ANTICIPATED GENERAL RECEIPTS					
License & Recording Fees			\$ 70,000.00		
Zoning & Planning Fees			\$ 32,478.80		
Town Share Railroad Tax			\$ 8,472.00		
Balance on Hand			\$ 83,158.33		
TOTAL:			\$ 194,109.13		
	Rates				
To Be Raised By Taxes	0.0940		\$ 663,450.42		
Total Budgeted			\$ 856,059.55		
To Be Raised For Articles					
Missisquoi Valley Recuse	0.0283		\$ 199,245.00		
Library Budget	0.0096		\$ 67,490.00		
Swanton Recreation	0.0175		\$ 123,247.24		
2023 Projected General Town	0.1494				
2022 Tax Rate	0.1267				

LIBRARY BUDGET
2023

	2022	2022	2022	2023	% Change
	Budget	Actual	Variance		
Employees Salaries	\$ 133,000.00	\$ 123,755.72	\$ 9,244.28	\$ 144,234.00	8.45%
FICA/ Medicare	\$ 10,200.00	\$ 9,567.19	\$ 632.81	\$ 11,048.00	8.31%
Retirement-VEMRs	\$ 5,100.00	\$ 4,312.54	\$ 787.46	\$ 5,500.00	100.00%
Health Insurance	\$ 22,900.00		\$ 22,900.00	\$ 22,900.00	0.00%
Unemployment & Training	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 2,130.32	\$ (430.32)	\$ 2,700.00	100.00%
Building Maintenance	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 10,730.56	\$ (7,730.56)	\$ 10,000.00	233.33%
Alliance-Mechanical Company	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 3,638.60	\$ (238.60)	\$ 3,650.00	7.35%
Elevator	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 1,763.60	\$ 1,836.40	\$ 3,600.00	0.00%
Johnson Fire	\$ 50.00	\$ 47.86	\$ 2.14	\$ 50.00	0.00%
Summit	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 444.00	\$ 956.00	\$ 1,400.00	0.00%
R & R Sprinklers	\$ 2,095.00	\$ 2,340.00	\$ (245.00)	\$ 600.00	100.00%
Building Insurance	\$ 6,302.00	\$ 6,302.00	\$ -	\$ 6,065.00	100.00%
Workers Comp	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 1,350.00	\$ -	\$ 1,350.00	100.00%
2021 Carry-over applied to repair			\$ 10,000.00		
	\$ 194,097.00	\$ 166,382.39	\$ 37,714.61	\$ 213,097.00	9.79%
	Rates				
To Be Raised By Taxes	0.0253	\$ 175,382.39			

	SWANTON PUBLIC LIBRARY		
	2023 OPERATING BUDGET		
	2022	2022	2023
	Budget	YTD Actual	Budget
Bookkeeping	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,000.00
Annual Audit	\$ 7,000.00	\$ -	\$ 3,500.00
Cleaning	\$ 8,200.00	\$ 7,310.00	\$ 9,280.00
Trash	\$ 600.00	\$ 565.00	\$ 600.00
Unifirst	\$ 350.00	\$ 95.00	\$ 210.00
Capital Reserve	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
Cleaning supplies	\$ 600.00	\$ 562.00	\$ 600.00
Collection Development	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 13,675.00	\$ 9,000.00
GMLC	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,725.00	\$ 1,500.00
Insurance	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 4,940.00	\$ 2,600.00
Advertising	\$ 350.00	\$ 235.00	\$ 200.00
Office Supplies	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,095.00	\$ 2,000.00
Software	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 1,765.00	\$ 2,200.00
Printer	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,180.00	\$ 900.00
Postage/Courier	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 675.00	\$ 1,200.00
Tech Support	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 600.00
Programs	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,980.00	\$ 3,500.00
General Upkeep	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 1,500.00
Community Book Give			\$ 1,500.00
Professional Memberships	\$ 400.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 400.00
Training	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Trustee Stipends	\$ 2,995.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Electric/Water/Sewer	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 10,700.00	\$ 12,000.00
Gas	\$ 4,100.00	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 4,100.00
Telephone/Internet	\$ 3,100.00	\$ 2,900.00	\$ 3,100.00
	\$ 68,195.00	\$ 65,200.00	\$ 67,490.00



Swanton Public Library Town Report 2022

The Swanton Public Library had an active 2022, fulfilling its mission to act as a community hub, while providing books, information, technical help, and computer and WiFi access to the public. We underwent a major re-organization this year in which staff and volunteers moved the children's room to the main floor and the adult reading area to the upper floor, rearranged the adult fiction section to make it more accessible, refurbished the King's Daughter's Room, and began an extensive renovation of the Makerspace in the basement Community Room. We also acquired 300 new registered patrons in 2022.

This year the library provided a series of 20+ different take-home art kits for both kids and adults; and hosted ten author book signings; the annual Youth Art Show; open mic nights; a poetry slam; cooking, art, and craft classes; six week-long summer camps for children (on themes that included pirates, Vikings, conservation, the ocean, and Native Americans); Zumba, Bone Builders, and yoga classes; a journaling class for adults; and an after-school Reader's Theater group.

We also began a Welcome Baby program for community newborns, providing each with a book, an educational toy, a hat (donated by the SPL Knitting Group), and information on library events and activities; and introduced the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program for preschoolers. A record-breaking 147 kids signed up for the 2022 Summer Reading Program.

Ongoing programs also include our very active knitting group – which each year donates hundreds of hats, blankets, and other items to hospitals, homeless shelters, and other charitable organizations; two book clubs; a writers' group; an art journaling group; a biweekly Teen Night (routinely attended by 30-60 teens); an LGBTQ+ teen support group; a weekly story hour and crafts program for young children; IT classes and social get-togethers for seniors; and a homeschool social group.

The library posted three Story Walks on the Swanton Recreation Path; and participated in Swanton's Easter in the Park, Memorial Day parade, National Night Out, Halloween in the Park, and Christmas in the Park. At Halloween, our Trick-or-Treat for Books handed out 500 books to kids this year; and we sponsored Casper's Attic, which collects and distributes new and lightly used Halloween costumes. In December, we provided 50 treat bags for St. Nicholas Day and participated in Operation Happiness, collecting toys and gifts for kids in need.

The SPL also collaborates with a wide range of local organizations including the Swanton Enhancement Project, the Swanton schools, the Swanton Recreation Association, the Swanton Arts Council, the Swanton Historical Society, the Abenaki Circle of Courage, and Northwest Access TV.

Grants received this year include an ARPA grant, administered through the State Department of Libraries, an Educational Facilities Grant from the State of Vermont, a Baker & Taylor Summer Reading Grant, grants from the Vermont Humanities Council and the Vermont Community Foundation, and a Candlewick "Light the Way" grant from the American Library Association, this last a highly competitive grant (only one is awarded nationally each year).

This is the library's first year operating under the new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that details the relative responsibilities of the library and the Town for library operation and building maintenance. This has been a great help to the SPL Board and staff and we're all grateful to the Swanton Select Board, Town Administrator Brian Savage, and Town Clerk Cathy Fournier for their help and support in effecting this transition.

*As always, many thanks to our patrons and to the Swanton community for their support.
Everybody keep reading!*

Swanton Library Board of Trustees:

Becky Rupp, Kathy Kneebone, Rich Kelley, Sarah Garvey, and Bianca Braman

Swanton Library Staff:

Abbey Gaudette (Director), Hilarie Santiago (Youth Services Librarian), Darla Blondo, Barb Switzer, Mel Berthiaume, Jodi Stone de Rodriguez, and Allie Chapple

**2022 ANNUAL REPORT
TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC MONEY**

	Cemetery Fund	Barney Fund	Skeels Fund
Balance as of 12/31/22	\$160,356.75	\$20,000.00	\$8,995.44
Interest Earned	467.78	60.06	24.34
Interest Paid	(467.78)	(60.06)	(24.34)
	<u>\$160,356.75</u>	<u>\$20,000.00</u>	<u>\$8,995.44</u>
Savings	4550.00		
CD—PTC	155,806.75	20,000.00	
CD—PU			8,995.44
	<u>\$160,356.75</u>	<u>\$20,000.00</u>	<u>\$8,995.44</u>
	<u>\$160,356.75</u>	<u>\$20,000.00</u>	<u>\$8,995.44</u>

VITAL STATISTICS

Due to concerns of privacy, confidentiality and potential for fraud, the Town of Swanton has decided not to publish vital records in the Town Report. Below is a statistical list indicating only the numbers of births, deaths, and marriages recorded in 2022.

**Births: 33 Females
44 Males**

**Marriages: 60
Deaths: 79**

SWANTON CEMETERY COMMISSION

Cash on Hand, December 31, 2021: \$68,196.35

2022 Transactions

Receipts:

Sale of Lots	\$7,600.00
Grave Openings	\$4,800.00
Town of Swanton Allocation	\$18,000.00
Interest:	<u>\$760.83</u>
Total Received:	<u>\$31,160.83</u>
Total on Hand and Received:	\$99,357.18

Disbursements:

Grounds Maintenance	\$18,000.00
Grave Openings	\$2,000.00
Tree Removal	\$1,050.00
Misc.	<u>\$714.62</u>
Total Disbursed:	<u>\$21,764.62</u>
Balance on Hand, December 31, 2022:	\$77,592.56

In 2022, the Cemetery Commission appointed Macy Lavoie-Dupont to the Commission to serve the unexpired term of Gary Centabar until Town Meeting Day on March 7th. The Commission has also been working on new rules to be effective when the cemeteries open again this coming spring. The rules will be published on the Town website as well as being posted at the Town Offices, Village Offices and the Swanton Public Library. The Cemetery Commission wishes to thank you for your patience and cooperation.

Nicholas Brosseau
Andrew Centabar
Cody Hemenway
Macy Lavoie-Dupont
Brian Savage
Cemetery Commissioners

Swanton Zoning Office and Development Review Board Report

PLEASE CALL THE ZONING OFFICE FOR ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING IF A PERMIT IS NEEDED FOR BUILDING OR OPERATING A BUSINESS.

There were **110** zoning applications received and processed by the Zoning Administrator during **2022**. When complete applications are received by the ZA for processing they are issued, denied or referred to the Development Review Board for further action. Among the applications approved were permits for **17** new dwellings, **0** condo's, **0** duplex's, **7** sign permits, **2** Use Permit, **1** mudroom, **0** carports, **6** porches, **3** lean-to's, **20** sheds, **11** garages, **3** barns, **6** pools, **16** decks **11** additions, **3** patios and **1** fence, 1 sugar house, & 1 Accessory dwelling unit. Also issued were **124** Letters of Compliance and **28** Certificates of Occupancy.

The Development Review Board held **44** hearings for the following requests: **8** Minor Residential Subdivisions, **1** Major Residential Subdivisions, **3** Site Plan Reviews, **5** Boundary Line Adjustments, **16** Conditional Use Review, **5** Variance Reviews, **6** Conditional Use Less 30% Reviews and **0** Appeals.

Items exempt from a zoning permit are entry stairs, handicap ramps, fences or walls that do not exceed six feet in height (that don't extend into or obstruct the public right-of-way), temporary docks or one detached accessory structure not to exceed one hundred square feet or ten feet in height that meets the front yard setback requirement. Also accepted agricultural uses and structures, silviculture and forestry uses. **Although these items are exempt from a permit, a permit application and plat plan must be submitted to the Zoning Administrator for approval.**

These 2022 Zoning and Development requests generated \$32,448.80 of revenue, not including recording and map fees, which were deposited to the Town General Account.

Development Review Board Members	Planning Commission Members
Spencer LaBarge, Chairman	Edward Daniel, Chairman
Harold Garrett	Ross Lavoie
Reggie Beliveau	Andy LaRocque
James Pratt	Heather Buczkowski
Jennifer Yandow	Oliver Manning
Joseph Cava, Administrative Assistant	Joseph Cava, Administrative Assistant

The Development Review Board meets monthly on the 4th Thursday of each month at the Swanton Town Office at 6:00 P.M. Dates are posted and published.

The Planning Commission meets monthly on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Swanton Town Office at 6:30 P.M. or upon request of Board or public. Dates and agendas are posted.

THE FEE SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE DURING THE YEAR PER ACTION OF THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE BODY.

Zoning Administrator

Zoning Office Hours are Monday's, Tuesday's & Thursday's 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Tel. 802-868-3325; Email: swanza@swantonvermont.org.

For notices, agendas and minutes visit: www.townofswantonvermont.weebly.com

SWANTON ZONING AND PLANNING FEE SCHEDULE

ZONING PERMITS NOT REQUIRING PUBLIC HEARING:

NOTE: 1005 ADDITIONAL FEE ASSESSED FOR PERMITS “AFTER THE FACT” (as of 1/17/06)

ADDITIONS: To Garage or Storage Shed	\$35.00 + \$.15/sq ft
ADDITIONS: To Residence	\$65.00 + \$.15/sq ft
BARNs (agricultural) No waiting period, must meet setbacks	No Charge
BARNs additions (agricultural) No waiting period, must meet setbacks	No Charge
COMMERICAL/INDUSTRIAL CONSTRUCTION – Minor – less than 1,000 sq ft	\$200.00 Min
COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL CONSTRUCTION - \$.20/sq ft for all other construction	
ACCESSORY PERMITS (TENNIS COURTS, DECKS, PORCHES, GARAGES, CARPORTS, LEAN-TOS, RESIDENTIAL GREENHOUSES, STORAGE SHEDS AND PERGOLAS) – Up to 300 sq ft	\$50.00
Over 300 sq ft	\$30.00 + \$.15 sq ft
POOLS – Above Ground	\$50.00
Inground	\$75.00
SIGNS – Minor (Home Occupation)	\$40.00
Major (All Others)	\$50.00
RESIDENTIAL	\$.15/sq ft
Certificate of Occupancy	\$10.00
Certificate of Compliance	\$30.00

ZONING PERMITS REQUIRING PUBLIC HEARINGS:

AMENDMENTS to Zoning Regulations	\$700.00
COMMERICAL/INDUSTRIAL* (Site Plan Review) each hearing	\$220.00
SKETCH PLAN* \$85/lot PRELIMINARY PLAT APPROVAL \$85.00/lot FINAL PLAT \$85.00/lot	
APPEAL – Decision of Administrative Officer (To Development Review Board)	\$165.00
CONDITIONAL USE	\$200.00
INTERPRETATION OF ZONING ARTICLE	\$95.00
VARIANCE & LESS THAN 30% CONDITIONAL USE	\$110.00

FEE SCHEDULE WILL BE WAIVED-In the event of destruction by fire. All structures shall be rebuilt Within one year by the same landowner.

*An applicant who requests a withdrawal of any zoning permit that requires a public hearing will not receive A refund of their application fee and will be required to pay the full amount of the application fee when they Reapply. The applicant will not be charged if the application is postponed or tabled by the DRB.

Approved by Joint Legislative Body on September 2, 2003, Effective January 1, 2004

Amended by Joint Legislative Body on October 17, 2006 for 100% additional fee matter; effective 10/18/06

Amended by Joint Legislative Body on September 5, 2017; effective January 1, 2018

Amended by Joint Legislative Body on August 20, 2019; effective January 1, 2020

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

This has been a very busy and successful year for your Town Planning Commission. Our office and Zoning Administrator have had a very busy year with a near record of permits for new housing in Swanton numbering 17 along with permits for changes / additions to their existing structures and changes requested for items on their property.

In early autumn we began the 8-year review of the Swanton Town Plan and hope to bring this forward for approval in late spring or early summer. We were not able to secure assistance for consulting from Northwest Regional Planning but were fortunate to secure the services of Corey Parent of St. Albans in late fall. We would hope to be able to have a report for you in early spring. Mr. Parent has been a pleasant addition to our meetings with his knowledge and preparation.

Following the adoption of the Town Plan we would like to review each of the Town Zoning Districts to see what is no longer relevant, what new restrictions may be needed and hopefully present an updated list of allowable zoning uses in the community. This will not affect the existing zoning uses in the community.

In early summer we gave a plaque to Jim Hubbard to thank him and recognize his 25 years on the Planning Commission following his resignation and welcomed Oliver Manning to a seat on the Planning Commission.

We continue to remind you that you should continue to be somewhat knowledgeable of your Zoning regulations for the Zone in which you live. If you wish you can visit the Zoning Office in the Town Hall and see the large size prints showing the boundaries and see a list of items allowable in each district. Any changes to the outside of your home, other structures on your property may also require a permit. Permits for interior changes do not usually require permits.

If you have any questions on whether a permit is needed, please call the Zoning Office at 802-868-3325.

Ed Daniel
Chair of Swanton Planning



NORTHWEST REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Town Report, 2022 - Swanton

Northwest Regional Planning Commission (NRPC) is a multi-purpose governmental organization created by the municipalities of Franklin and Grand Isle Counties. NRPC implements a variety of projects and programs tailored to local, regional and statewide needs. All municipalities in the region are entitled to equal voting representation by two locally appointed members to the Board of Commissioners.

2022 SWANTON TOWN PROJECTS

- Updated the locally adopted Emergency Management Plan for the Town and Village, which helps in disaster response efforts.
- Provided local planning and zoning technical assistance, including procurement of a consultant for a town plan update.
- Participated in disaster resiliency planning efforts regarding ice jam and flooding of the Missisquoi River along Route 78 with the Army Corps of Engineers, FEMA, VEM, DEC and local officials.
- Provided technical assistance to implement the environmental clean-up plan at the Ace Hardware Brownfields Redevelopment site (1-3-5 Canada Street and Municipal Lot at Merchants Row).
- Served as the project manager for the MVU sidewalk design and construction project along US Route 78.
- Healthy Roots Collaborative delivered gleaned produce and Everyone Eats meals to the Abenaki Self-Help Association Food Shelf on a regular basis. Healthy Roots also delivered gleaned produce to the Swanton Community Food Shelf and the Swanton NOTCH and NOTCH pharmacy. Received donated produce from 1 Swanton Farm.
- Healthy Roots worked with the Abenaki Nation of Missisquoi to grow out traditional Abenaki crops at a local farm. The crops were cleaned by a school group and returned to the Abenaki Nation.
- Provided funds to the NOTCH to purchase a mini-fridge to store gleaned produce at their local health center.
- Provided administrative support for Lamoille Valley Rail Trail Community Grant application.
- Supported the Northwest Communications Union District, in which Swanton Town is a member.
- American Rescue Plan Act: worked with local and state partners to determine eligible use of community funds.
- Participated in and assisted with Swanton Energy Committee projects including outreach events.

This year the Commission will assist our member municipalities with maximizing local, state and federal COVID recovery and infrastructure funds, Municipal Roads General Permit compliance, water quality project implementation, local energy and climate planning, emergency preparedness, brownfields redevelopment and other needed services. NRPC will help promote the Missisquoi and Lamoille Valley Rail Trails, support local farm and food businesses through its Healthy Roots Collaborative, assist the Northwest Communications Union District in expanding broadband access in the region, and coordinate Housing For All, a three-year housing development campaign. The Commission has no regulatory or taxing authority; however, each year we do request a per capita assessment in support of local and regional activities and to provide matching funds for state and federal programs.

Your continued support for local and regional planning is greatly appreciated. NRPC is your resource - please call on us for assistance with planning, zoning, transportation, mapping or other needs.

NRPC Projects & Programs

Municipal plan and bylaw updates, technical assistance for local permitting

Brownfields site assessments, clean-ups and redevelopment plans

Transportation planning, coordination and project development

Bike and pedestrian planning and project management

Emergency preparedness, disaster recovery and resilience

Energy conservation, renewable energy plans and projects

Watershed planning and stormwater project management

Regional plans for growth and development

Geographic Information System maps and data

Downtown and village revitalization and community development

Grant writing and administration

Associated Projects & Programs Managed by NRPC

Healthy Roots Collaborative

Northern Vermont Economic Development District

Missisquoi Valley Rail Trail

Northwest Vermont Regional Foundation, Inc.

Clean Water Service Provider: Missisquoi and Lamoille River Basins

Address: 75 Fairfield Street,
St. Albans, VT 05478

Phone: (802) 524-5958

Fax: (802) 527-2948

Website: www.nrpcvt.com

Swanton Town Regional Commissioners - Harold Garrett & Ross Lavoie

Transportation Advisory Committee - Harold Garrett



FRANKLIN COUNTY
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION

FCIDC Annual Report for 2022

The Franklin County Industrial Development Corporation (FCIDC) was created in 1971 in an effort to grow the economy and job opportunities. Over the 50 plus years, with the help of all of our communities and partners, FCIDC has been successful in both of those areas. As I share with folks on a regular basis, there are hundreds of rural counties across our country that would trade places with Franklin County in a heartbeat. Our county continues to grow in population, job creation, capital investment and we have seen a rise in household income levels. Milk prices continue to increase for our dairy community, this is very important so that our farmers can cover the increases that they have seen in fuel, feed and other overhead expenses.

At the beginning of 2022 FCIDC embarked on creating an organizational strategic plan, "The Next 50 Years". We assembled 10 community panels focused on a variety of topics such as education, health care, manufacturing, millennials, recreation and tourism among others. In addition to the panels the FCIDC Directors participated in a Board retreat. One of the decisions coming out of those discussions was the need to assist our communities with projects that they might be working on; projects that would improve their villages/downtowns and improve their quality of life. In addition to the community focus we will continue to work with industries to attract new businesses and grow jobs. The new FCIDC mission statement that rose from our discussions is: *FCIDC is a catalyst for regional economic progress through a community approach.* The strategic plan can be found at WWW.fcidc.com.

During the month of May of 2022 and after a lengthy period of due diligence, FCIDC purchased the Perley Block located at 366 Main St. in Enosburg, VT. The original Perley Block was constructed in 1883 only to have burned down in February of 1908. It did not take the community long to re-construct the building and it was opened on February 3rd, 1909; almost one year after the fire. The retail portion of the building was last occupied some 7 years ago when the Enosburg Pharmacy operated on the site. There have always been apartments on the second floor. FCIDC has converted the existing first floor into two retail spaces and 3500 sq ft of office space. In addition to the first floor uses we have 8 apartments on the second floor. Attached to the back of the building was a cold storage warehouse and we will be converting that space to offices and conference room on the first floor and hopefully apartments on the second floor. The FCIDC cost of this investment will be \$1.4 million.

The Perley Block project, along with our work with Richford on hiring a Town Administrator, FCIDC support of water and sewer projects in Highgate and Montgomery and assisting with the engineering plans for the Abenaki Food Shelf in Swanton goes directly to our new mission that came out of our recent Strategic Plan. In addition to these plans in prior years FCIDC has invested in Swanton, Bakersfield, Enosburg and St. Albans Town.

Respectfully submitted by



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LISTER'S REPORT 2022

The Lister's for the Town and Village of Swanton would like to take this opportunity to thank you, the taxpayers, for your cooperation.

Some highlights, among others, of the duties of Lister's are as follows: Maintaining the Town Grand List, which includes complete and accurate listing and assessing of property information-old and new-including recording, collecting and assessing all permits and property tax transfer returns within the Town and Village.

Duties also include maintaining many records such as: Homestead and House-site values, Veteran's Exemptions, Agricultural Current Use, Business Personal Property, Exempt Properties, maintaining and sending Change of Appraisal Notice, holding Grievance hearings and mailing results of Grievances in order to file the Final Grand List with the Town Clerk by August 4.

To be considered timely, both Homestead Declarations (HS-122) and State Property Adjustments (HI-144) must be filed on or before April 15, 2023. Filing after this date results in penalties. In the event that you are **filing an extension for your income taxes,** **please** be aware that your Homestead Declaration needs to be filed independently of your Income Tax Return, no later than April 15, 2023. Beginning in February, you may also easily file online at [Http://tax.vermont.gov/](http://tax.vermont.gov/)

A Homestead is defined as the principal dwelling and parcel of land owned by a resident individual on April 1 and occupied as the individual's domicile. If the homestead is rented on April 1, it may still be declared as your homestead if you occupy it for at least 183 days out of the calendar year.

Tax booklets are no longer automatically distributed. To order booklets/forms please call 802-828-2515 or go [http://tax.vermont.gov/research-and-reports/document-library/tax-forms/property owners](http://tax.vermont.gov/research-and-reports/document-library/tax-forms/property-owners) to print forms directly. Photocopies cannot be processed and may be returned

REMINDER: IT IS REQUIRED THAT YOU FILE FOR HOMESTEAD DECLARATION & PROPERTY TAX CREDIT CLAIM (FORMS HS-122 & HI-144) ANNUALLY.

Your Lister's make every effort to run an efficient, as well as a transparent operation and are ready and willing to work with our taxpayers on any and all questions they may have.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Pratt, Amy Giroux, David Horton
Swanton Town Lister's

The Vermont Homestead Declaration

By Vermont law, property owners whose homes meet the definition of a Vermont “homestead” must file a Homestead Declaration annually by the April due date. If eligible, you must file so that you are correctly assessed the homestead tax rate on your property. This fact sheet will provide the information you need to know as a property owner about filing your Homestead Declaration.

The Homestead Declaration for 2022 is due April 15 and no later than Oct. 17. Your municipality may assess a penalty after the April due date.

What is the Vermont Homestead Declaration?

In Vermont, all property is subject to education property tax to pay for the state’s schools. For this purpose, property is categorized as either homestead or nonhomestead. A homestead is the principal dwelling and parcel of land surrounding the dwelling, owned and occupied by the resident as the person’s domicile.*

Properties are considered “nonhomestead,” unless declared as a “homestead.” The education property tax rate levied on nonhomestead property differs from the rate levied on homestead property. It is your legal responsibility as the property owner to claim the property as a homestead if you meet, or expect to meet, the following requirements:

- You are a Vermont resident.
- You own and occupy a homestead as your domicile as of April 1, 2022.

Note: If you meet these requirements, except that your homestead is leased to a tenant on April 1, 2022, you may still claim it as a homestead if it is not leased for more than 182 days in the 2022 calendar year.

** Domicile is a legal concept that has implications for Vermont income tax, the statewide education tax, and property tax adjustments. For the definition of “domicile,” see Vermont Reg. § 1.5811(11)(A)(i) found at tax.vermont.gov/regulations.*

What is not a homestead?

Property is considered nonhomestead if one of the following applies:

- Your property is leased for more than 182 days out of the calendar year.

- The property is used exclusively for a commercial, including rental, purpose.
- The property is used for a second home, camp, vacation, or summer cottage.

Homestead property and commercial use

As long as the property meets the requirements of a Vermont homestead, a part of the homestead property may be used for commercial purposes or as a rental. If **more than 25%** of the dwelling is used for business purposes, then that portion must be reported as nonhomestead on the Homestead Declaration. However, if **any part** of the dwelling is a rental, then the percentage that is a rental must be reported. Outbuildings used for business or rental purposes are considered nonhomestead.

Filing due dates

You must file a Homestead Declaration annually by the April due date. After the April due date, if you have not filed, the municipality may assess a penalty of up to 3% of the education tax on the property if the nonhomestead rate is higher than the homestead rate, or up to 8% if the homestead rate is higher. If you file after the October due date, the property will not be added to the municipal grand list as a homestead for that year, and you will be subject to any penalties and interest that apply.

Filing the Homestead Declaration

The Homestead Declaration is filed using Form HS-122, the Homestead Declaration and Property Tax Credit Claim. The easiest and quickest way to file is electronically on the Department’s website at myVTax.vermont.gov. If you file a paper form, it is important to remember to sign the form at the bottom of the

reverse side (below the Property Tax Credit Claim). Many people file their Homestead Declarations at the same time they file their Vermont income tax returns. However, if you apply to extend the time to file your income tax return, the declaration must still be filed by the April due date. Even if a person is not required to file a Vermont Income Tax Return, the declaration must be filed by the due date.

What you will need to file

In addition to the property owner's basic information, you should have the following available when filing:

- The property's School Property Account Number (SPAN) printed on the property tax bill
- The property owner's Social Security Number
- The three-digit school district code found on the property tax bill

Withdrawing a Homestead Declaration

There may be a situation where the Homestead Declaration has been filed between Jan. 1 and April 1 but needs to be withdrawn. The following are a few common reasons for withdrawal:

- The homestead was not owned by the person declaring it as a homestead on April 1.
- The property no longer qualifies as a homestead.
- The Homestead Declaration was submitted in error (for example, it was not the owner's primary residence).
- The homestead was leased to a tenant for more than 182 days.

To withdraw the declaration, use Form HS-122W, Vermont Homestead Declaration and/or Property Tax Credit Withdrawal.

Frequently Asked Questions

What if there is more than one owner of the homestead?

If the property owners are a married or civil union couple, then both owners are included in the Homestead Declaration. However, for other ownership situations, refer to the instructions in the Vermont Income Tax Return booklet or contact the Vermont Department of Taxes.

What if the homestead is located in two adjoining towns?

The Homestead Declaration must be filed for each town.

What if the property is transferred to a new owner after April 1?

If the property is transferred (by sale or some other type of transaction) to a new owner after April 1, the new owner waits until the following year to file the Homestead Declaration if the property qualifies as a homestead.

What if I have an ownership situation not covered here?

For help with unusual ownership situations, see tax.vermont.gov/property-owners/homestead-declaration/special-situations

Contact us

For situations not covered by this fact sheet, please call (802) 828-2865 or 1-866-828-2865 (toll-free in Vermont), or email tax.individualincome@vermont.gov

For more information on the Homestead Declaration, see 32 V.S.A. § 5410 at legislature.vermont.gov/statutes/title/32/

File your Homestead Declaration online at myVTax.vermont.gov.

Visit our website at tax.vermont.gov for forms and more fact sheets.



The Vermont Property Tax Credit

The Vermont Property Tax Credit assists many Vermont homeowners with paying their property taxes. You may be eligible for a property tax credit on your 2022 and 2023 property taxes if your property qualifies as a homestead and you meet the eligibility requirements described in this fact sheet. The maximum credit for the 2022 and 2023 property tax bill is \$5,600 for the education property tax portion and \$2,400 for the municipal property tax portion. This fact sheet provides guidance on who can file, how to file, and frequently asked questions.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO FILE A CLAIM?

In order to file a Vermont Property Tax Credit Claim, you must meet **ALL** of the following eligibility requirements:

- Your property qualifies as a homestead, and you have filed a Homestead Declaration for the 2022 grand list.
- You were domiciled* in Vermont for the entire 2021 calendar year.
- You were not claimed as a dependent of another taxpayer for 2021.
- You occupy the property as your homestead as of April 1, 2022.
- You meet the “household income” criteria (up to \$136,900 for calendar year 2021).

** Domicile is a legal concept that has implications for Vermont income tax, the statewide education tax, and property tax credit. For the definition of “domicile,” see Vermont Regulation § 1.5811(11)(A)(i) found at tax.vermont.gov/regulations.*

WHAT IS A HOMESTEAD?

A Homestead Declaration (Form HS-122) must be filed each year so that you are correctly assessed the homestead tax rate on your property. A “homestead” is the principal dwelling and parcel of land surrounding the dwelling. It is your responsibility as the property owner to claim the property as a homestead if you meet, or expect to meet, the following requirements:

The Property Tax Credit Claim for 2022 is due on April 18 and no later than Oct. 17. There is a \$15 late fee after April 18.

- You are a Vermont resident.
- You own and occupy a homestead as your domicile as of April 1, 2022.

Note: If you meet these requirements, except that your homestead is leased to a tenant on April 1, 2022, you may still claim it as a homestead if it is not leased for more than 182 days in the 2022 calendar year.

WHAT FORMS ARE NEEDED TO FILE

You need the following two forms to file a claim:

1. Form HS-122:

- Section A: Homestead Declaration
- Section B: Property Tax Credit Claim

2. Schedule HI-144: Household Income

The form and schedule require different types of information as described below and on the next page.

HOW DO I FILE EACH FORM?

Homestead Declaration, Form HS-122, Section A
When filing this form, you need to have available the following:

- The property’s School Property Account Number (SPAN) printed on your property tax bill; and

- Your Social Security Number

Important reminders:

- If you are filing an income tax extension, be sure that the Homestead Declaration is filed by the April 18, 2022, due date.
- Sign the Homestead Declaration at the end of section B on the reverse side of the form.

For declarations received after the April due date, you may receive a penalty of up to 8% of the education tax owed. This penalty is assessed by your municipality.

- Only one Property Tax Credit Claim is allowed per household per year.

Property Tax Credit Claim, Form HS-122 Section B

When filing a claim, you need to enter the following information from your property tax bill:

- Housesite Value
- Housesite Education Property Tax
- Housesite Municipal Tax

Important reminders:

- You must answer the eligibility questions and enter household income information from Form HI-144 before the claim can be processed.
- For claims received after the April due date, a \$15 late filing fee is deducted from the property tax credit.
- No claims will be accepted after the October due date. Incomplete adjustment claims are considered not filed.

Other information and forms may be needed, if applicable to your situation, such as:

- Form LRC-147, Statement of Rent for Mobile Home Park Lot Rent, Co-ops, and Trusts (provided by lot owner)
- Property Tax from Contiguous Property
- Ownership Interest (percentage of ownership). For example, if there is an owner who doesn't reside in the home on April 1, enter the percentage of ownership of the owner(s) who does reside there.

Household Income, Schedule HI-144

Household income is different from the income reported on income tax forms. It includes all sources of income of any persons living in your household, including children, for any period of time during 2021. It includes both taxable and nontaxable income, such as the following:

- Social Security
- Veterans' benefits
- Some nontaxable pensions
- Support money

Here's a short checklist of what you need:

- Names and Social Security Numbers of all persons who lived with you and had income
- All sources and amounts of income of those persons while living with you
- Any allowable adjustments from the federal income tax return

EXCEPTIONS APPLYING TO A SPOUSE OR CIVIL UNION PARTNER

The income of a spouse or civil union partner must be included in household income, even if the person does not live with you in the same home. Here are a few exceptions:

If your spouse or civil union partner is at least 62 years old and permanently living in a nursing home or other care facility with no reasonable prospect of returning home, you may exclude that person's income from household income.

Legal separation or divorce

If at any time during the tax year, you have become legally separated or divorced from your spouse or civil union partner by a signed judge's decree and the person does not live with you in the same home, you may exclude that person's income from household income. If, however, the spouse or civil union partner still lives with you in the same home, you must include that person's income in household income.

Protective Order

If you have a protective order against your spouse or civil union partner by a signed judge's decree in place prior to filing a Property Tax Credit Claim,

you may exclude that person's income from household income. You may wish to consult a tax professional regarding limitations to these claims in the case of separation or divorce.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What if I lease my home on April 1, 2022, and it ends up being leased for more than 182 days in 2022?

You must withdraw your Homestead Declaration and your Property Tax Credit Claim, using paper form HS-122W, Vermont Homestead and/or Property Tax Credit Withdrawal.

What happens when a homeowner dies before April 1, 2022?

If the claim was filed by a single owner, the claim must be withdrawn using paper Form HS-122W. If the property has not sold or is not being rented, the law does allow the estate to claim Homestead only for one year after the death of the homeowner; however the estate may not file for the property tax credit.

What can I do if I make a mistake when filing HS-122?

You may amend the following lines on the HS-122:

- Housesite Value
- Housesite Education Tax
- Housesite Municipal Tax
- Ownership percentage

For all other errors, please contact the Vermont Department of Taxes for instructions.

What happens if I jointly own my home with my spouse, make a claim, and my spouse owes money to a Vermont state agency?

If your property tax credit was used to pay money owed to a Vermont state agency, the Department will notify you. You have 30 days from the date of the notice to submit an "injured spouse" claim. You may receive the portion of the credit equal to the percentage of your ownership of the homestead. For more details, see tax.vermont.gov/individuals/injured-spouse.

CONTACT

Contact us at tax.individualincome@vermont.gov or (802) 828-2865 or (866) 828-2865 (toll-free in Vermont).

RESOURCES

Homestead Property Tax Credit And Renter Credit
legislature.vermont.gov/statutes/chapter/32/154

File Online
myVTax.vermont.gov

Property Tax Credit
tax.vermont.gov/property/tax-credit

DOG LICENSES

Dogs six months or older must be licensed by April 1st each year to avoid a penalty.

License fees are as follows:

	By April 1st	After April 1st
Spayed or Neutered	\$14.00	\$18.00
Not Spayed or Neutered	\$18.00	\$24.00

You will need to bring a copy of your dog's current rabies vaccination and certificate of neutering or spaying if applicable to the Town Clerk's Office to license your dog.

**If you lose your dog or find a lost dog please contact
Jim Benson, Animal Control Officer at 802-238-3246**

According to Swanton's Dog Control Ordinance, any impounded domestic pet or wolf-hybrid not redeemed within four (4) business days may be destroyed, sold or given up for adoption.

SWANTON RECREATION

Income	2022	2022	2023
Program Income	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Baseball	7,785.86	7,000.00	7,500.00
Soccer	8,952.34	7,100.00	7,500.00
Basketball	3,745.00	3,000.00	3,200.00
Adult Fitness	975.00	1,220.00	1,720.00
Special Events	50,332.73	15,600.00	25,600.00
Food Booth Income	3,930.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Fund Raiser Income	2,997.00	3,200.00	2,800.00
Town Funds	<u>123,247.24</u>	<u>169,132.10</u>	<u>157,932.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	201,965.17	210,252.00	210,252.00
Expenses			
Program Expenses			
Baseball Expense	6,333.24	7,500.00	8,000.00
Soccer Expense	4,279.70	5,650.00	5,500.00
Basketball Expense	1,403.75	100.00	800.00
Adult Fitness	900.00	900.00	1,400.00
Special Events	25,522.43	5,300.00	5,050.00
Food Booth Expense	1,995.08	2,750.00	2,250.00
Fund Raiser Expense	530.06	600.00	700.00
Facility & Administrative	156,456.87	187,452.00	186,552.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$197,421.13	\$210,252.00	\$210,252.00
Town Funds Requested	\$157,932.00		
Minus Carryover	34,684.76		
	\$123,247.23		



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The Swanton Recreation Commission would like to take this opportunity to thank all our coaches, instructors, parents, volunteers, sponsors, donors, umpires, refs, regional partners, Village and Town Representatives, Missisquoi Valley Union High School Athletes, students and staff for their dedication and commitment throughout the past year.

This past year we served over 1,600 community members through our various programs. For those who are not familiar with our services, we encourage you to visit our website www.swantonrec.org or follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and Tik Tok. We work hard on keeping our community up to date on all our latest news and events. Please feel free to contact us with suggestions and ideas.

2022 in Review

Personnel: We welcomed Nick Michaud to our team as our Athletic director and Operations manager. We were also lucky to have returning Food Booth and Summer Camp Staff, who created a safe welcoming environment for our many youth day campers.

Youth Athletics: Participation continues to grow for all youth athletics, serving 180 Little Leaguers, 180 Soccer players, 112 Field Hockey Players, 105 Basketball players, 10 Track and Field athletes, and new to us in 2022, 24 Youth Football players.

Vermont Youth Project, Youth Council- Has been a great opportunity for Swanton Recreation to partner with MVSD and VT Afterschool on building YOUTH voice in our community. With support from our partners we have been successful at building Teen Leadership programs, Youth engagement with participatory budgeting, and overall increased participation from youth in the middle and highschool age demographic with recreational activities, mentoring, and a series of incredibly successful Teen nights! Youth in our community wrote and implemented grants for the community to gain access to fishing poles, tackle, portable disc golf baskets, disc golf discs, additional equipment for our food booth, a button maker to help create awareness about gender identity, signage to keep Swanton Recreation a substance free area and a youth Dungeons and Dragons club

Super Summer Days- We welcomed our partners at NOTCH back this summer to host free morning programming during the month of July. Swanton Recreation offered an extension summer program, making full day summer programming for those in need. In August, we worked closely with our partners at the Swanton Public Library to offer two additional weeks of summer programming.

Outdoor Recreation: Our loaner equipment library is growing, we now have snowshoes, hiking poles, ice cleats, kayaks (+paddle), stand up paddle boards (+paddle), portable disc golf baskets w/ discs, pickleball equipment, yard games, fishing poles w/ tackle all for the community to use at no cost.

Swanton Sundays Outdoor Markets: With the help of our volunteers, we were able to help organize a fun and vibrant recurring event for the community to network, socialize and support local artisans, homesteaders and farmers.

We continue to build essential partnerships with local stakeholders and community organizations to offer a wide variety of programs, networking opportunities and resources to Swanton. Please check our website regularly for new programs and resources. Making a member account is FREE!

If you have any questions or suggestions please feel free to contact us at **swantonrecreation@gmail.com** or by calling **868-2493**. We thank you for your continued support and look forward to another successful year.

Respectfully Yours, Betsy Fournier, Board Chair ~ Alicia Bourdeau, Treasurer ~ Lisa Wilda, Secretary ~ Joseph Raleigh, Board Member- Sophie Vibert, Board Member ~ Jason Guyette, Board Member ~ Jon Nielsen, Board Member ~ Jesse LeClair, Board Member, ~ Nicole Draper, Executive Director ~ Nick Michaud, Athletic Director/Operations Manager

SWANTON RECREATION COMMISSION



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SWANTON



ABENAKI NATION OF MISSISQUOI

St. Francis/Sokaki Band

The Abenaki Nation of Missisquoi Food Pantry has been in existence for over 15 years. This program operates under Maquam Bay of Missisquoi, Inc.

Our mission is to help fight food insecurity in our community and surrounding communities. Unfortunately, our numbers are growing rapidly due to the high cost of groceries and living expenses. This is a number no one wants to see increase. Our data has shown elders accessing our pantry who have never accessed a pantry in their lives, as well as folks on fixed incomes who need help to get through the month.

You do not need to be Native American to access our pantry and all are welcome. In 2022, we fed 4,980 clients, which is 1,656 families. We survive solely on grants and donations and work closely with local grocery stores and partner with The Vermont Food Bank. In the near future, our plans are to network with a diaper bank. If all goes as planned, this should take effect in March 2023.

**The Abenaki Nation of Missisquoi Food Pantry invites you to call in and schedule a visit to
our pantry and see what we do and how we do it!**

Our hours of operation are Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, from 9:00am to 2:00pm

- * Our Tribal Office is a hub for several other services we provide, including:
- * Vermont Adult Learning
- * Grab & Go meals through Age Well (formerly Meals on Wheels)
- * Covid Resources, including a free monthly vaccine clinic
- * Chronic disease prevention and management programs
- * Services to address domestic violence through the STOP Grant and partnership with Voices Against Violence
- * Tribal Cards

Please call the Tribal Office if you have questions about any of our services at (802) 868-6255.

Abenaki Nation of Missisquoi
100 Grand Ave, Swanton, VT 05488
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www.abenakination.com

SWANTON ENHANCEMENT PROJECT

The Swanton Enhancement Project (SEP) is a non-profit group of community stakeholders who are *working together to make Swanton a place where people want to live, work, learn and play.*

Our steering committee includes representatives of the Village of Swanton, Town of Swanton, Missisquoi Valley School District, Swanton Recreation, Swanton Library, Swanton Chamber of Commerce, Swanton Historical Society, Swanton Arts Council and Community Members.

In 2022, SEP continued to partner with community members, elected officials and organizations engaged in a visioning process for the future of Swanton. People devoted to a healthy and vibrant Swanton attended regular meetings every other month, special events throughout the summer and fall, and an annual meeting that included the recognition of Joel Clark as the recipient of the Kilburn-Lambert Community Service Award.

These events and other initiatives of SEP were furthered through its four task forces:

Healthy Community & Outdoor Recreation Task Force, Chair – Betsy Fournier @ betsy.fournier16@gmail.com & Crystal Lampman @ crystal.fcccp@gmail.com

- Swanton was awarded \$375,164 by Vermont Agency of Transportation. This was one of the largest grant packages for the LVRT trailhead project.
- The 4th Street project is on hold until a Brownfields study is complete.
- The Swanton Selectboard allocated \$600,000 of federal ARPA funds to Swanton Recreation for planning and design work related to a future Community and Recreation facility.

Community and Economic Development Task Force, Chair – Darci Benoit @ darcibenoit@gmail.com

- Swanton Farmer's Market and Food Truck Sundays enjoyed a second successful year. These events brought countless people to the Downtown.
- Highlighted Small Business Saturday in Swanton by creating a raffle based on visits to participating local Swanton businesses.
- In 2023 we will continue to discuss how to capitalize on Swanton as a terminus of the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail

Beautification Task Force – Chair – Hank Lambert @ hanklambert@comcast.net

- In 2022, the Beautification Committee planted and maintained the flowers on the bridge and 19 other sites throughout the community and on the Village Green.
- Beginning in 2023, with support from the Village Trustees, Town Selectboard, generous donors, and a growing list of volunteers, the Committee is embarking on a 7-year plan to expand its efforts to beautify our community with more streetside trees, flowers and plantings.
- We invite Swanton residents to join us in this effort that symbolizes the pride we have in the special place we live. To learn more about the plan and to join the effort, contact Henry Lambert, Interim Chair, Swanton Beautification Committee.

Communications Task Force – Chair-Chevon Cooper @ ccooper20786@gmail.com

- Utilized Northwest Access TV's equipment and YouTube channel to capture community events and Swanton Enhancement Project meetings.
- Used Facebook and social media to share community events, meetings, and information.
- Worked towards improving communication by increasing in-person contact among community members, organizations, businesses, municipalities, and neighboring friends
- Hosted Community engagement and Volunteer Fun Fair in the Fall of 2022.
- 2023 will continue to utilize these efforts to improve communications and will create another survey to gauge communications at the end of the year.

We welcome all community members to get involved. **Join a Task Force and Be A Positive Influence for the Swanton Community.** Send us a message through our SEP Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/swantonproject> or contact our task force chairs.

The Swanton Enhancement Project (SEP) looks forward to working with residents, municipal officials and staff, and regional partners in 2023 and beyond.

Sincerely,

Swanton Enhancement Project Steering Committee

Debbie Winters, Co-Chair dwinters@firetechsprinkler.com

Betsy Fournier, Co-Chair betsy.fournier16@gmail.com

Swanton Arts Council 2022 Annual Report

Our mission to establish an artistic presence and develop the artistic community in Swanton remains our motivation and reason for being.

As we turn 8 years old, we are more passionate than ever with new members taking active roles in our organization. We look forward to new friends, increased creative opportunities, and ongoing inspiration.



Here are the numbers....

SAC Facebook followers: 1969 SAC Members: 520

Artist Profiles on our website: 41 SAC Board Members: 6 Number of paid staff:

0 Number of community members who have led/are leading SAC art projects:

27 Number of people assisting those project leads, bringing art alive in Swanton: Too many to count!

2022 Board of Directors

Priscilla (Cyl) Connelly, Michelle Nordberg, Joanne Parah Reiter, Bona Silva, Roxanne Skeels, David Winchester

2023 Nominees Board of Directors

Ali Boren, Heather Buczkowski, Sarah Garvey, Abigael Gaudette, Scott Martell, Bona Silva, Roxanne Skeels

2022 SAC Projects

- Take and Make Kits through Swanton Public Library (SPL)
- Spring Craft Show
- Art Journaling
- Live Music
- Barn Quilt Coloring Contest-Youth & Adult
- Art Nook at SPL
- 26 Art Instruction Classes
- 11 Public Art Events
- 5 Cultural Events
- Edwin Church Award for Local Writers
- Emerging Artist Award
- National Arts Honor Society Awards
- Reflections of Swanton Art Show

New Projects Being Planned for 2023

Low cost and free art classes coming back-look for future announcements!

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for up to date information on
Art Opportunities, Classes, Workshops, Gatherings, Creation Time and More Art Events!

Join Us!

Swanton Arts Council Board Meetings & Updates are held on the 1st Monday
of each month

Swanton Writers' Group led by Rebecca Rupp Writers' Group 3rd Wednesday of each month
at the SPL

Occasional Guest Speakers

The Swanton Arts Council is a 501c3 Federal Non-Profit. Membership is free and our mission
is to establish an artistic presence and to develop the artistic community in Swanton.

For more information or to get involved contact us at

SwantonArtsCouncil@gmail.com

visit us at www.SwantonArtsCouncil.org, or on Facebook.

Did you know...

“Arts and culture play a significant role in the economic activity of the country. The value-added to Gross Domestic Product by arts and cultural production is nearly five times greater than that of the agricultural sector. Arts and culture adds nearly \$60 Billion more than construction and \$227 Billion more than transportation and warehousing to the U.S. economy.”

~National Endowment of the Arts

Swanton Public Art Network (SPAN)

SPAN has developed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with both Swanton Village and the Town of Swanton to establish a public art policy.

2022 Hosted community mural painting-tailgate parties at the various art board locations.

Plans for 2023

There are plans to create a mural on the Swanton Town Beach restroom building late spring/early summer. Please visit www.span4art.org to sign the user agreement to paint the art boards this year: 8x8 2-sided board at Swanton Beach, 4x8 1-sided board near the bridge across from the VFW, 12x8 2-sided board south of John's Bridge. span4art@gmail.com



MISSISQUOI VALLEY RESCUE, INC.
2022 ANNUAL REPORT

<u>TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE:</u>	1,721
SWANTON:	926
HIGHGATE:	400
TRANSFERS:	172
INTERCEPTS:	17
MUTUAL AID:	206
-ST. ALBANS	106
-ALBURGH	67
-FRANKLIN	21
-SHELDON	6
-GEORGIA	2
-ISLE LA MOTTE	2
-FAIRFIELD	1
-NORTH HERO	1
 <u>TOTAL MEMBERSHIP:</u>	 29
PARAMEDIC / PARAMEDIC IN TRAINING:	6
A-EMT / A-EMT IN TRAINING:	10
EMT / EMT IN TRAINING:	5
VEFR:	6
CPR/DRIVER:	2

From all of us at Missisquoi Valley Rescue (MVR), THANK YOU! We are proud to be a part of and serve such a great community. 2022 was yet again a busy year with a total of 1,721 calls, very similar to 2021. We continue to see a significant number of responses to surrounding communities (mutual aid). Our mutual aid responses are up 57% over 2021 and up 119% over the 5 year running average. We provided mutual aid 206 times this year and we required mutual aid 87 times.

Our CPR training center certified over 514 people in CPR/First Aid across Northwest VT. If you are interested in a CPR course please call our station to set one up! Please feel free to stop by for a free vitals signs check or to just say hi! We wish you all the best in the year ahead!

Respectfully Submitted,

Joshua W. Ramsdell

Manager

Missisquoi Valley Rescue, Inc.

Missisquoi Valley Rescue, Inc.
Annual Report of Cash Receipts and Disbursements
For the year ended December 31, 2022

	2022	2022	Proposed 2023
	Actual	Budget	Budget
Receipts:			
Training Income	4,956	4,000	4,000
Donations/Subscriptions	36,373	15,000	20,000
Interest	160	250	200
Billings Received	346,470	440,000	505,000
Miscellaneous	1,983	3,000	2,000
Community Support	292,117	282,850	285,800
Total Receipts	682,059	745,100	817,000
Disbursements:			
Payroll & Payroll Taxes	503,082	493,100	555,100
Contract Labor	2,520	2,000	2,000
Office Supplies	3,406	3,000	3,000
Advertising and P.R.	3,065	5,000	5,000
Gas and Diesel	24,286	14,500	24,000
Miscellaneous	1,871	2,000	2,000
Training	7,373	6,000	7,000
Insurance	64,148	51,000	54,000
Communications	17,513	5,000	5,000
Oxygen	1,437	1,200	1,200
Medical & Personal Protection Supplies	21,615	24,000	22,000
Equipment	4,698	3,000	5,000
Heavy Rescue & Heavy Rescue Building	1,298	1,500	1,500
Bay Rent & Utilities	5,991	6,500	6,500
Equipment Maintenance		2,000	2,000
Vehicle Maintenance	12,541	6,000	7,500
Building Maintenance & Janitorial	4,368	5,000	4,000
Telephone	536	1,500	1,500
Uniforms and Accessories	4,453	3,000	3,500
Ambulance Assessment Tax	13,518	14,600	18,000
Professional Services	37,813	35,200	37,200
Payments on Ambulance Loan	41,520	60,000	50,000
Total Disbursements	777,052	745,100	817,000
Net Receipts over (under)			
Disbursements	<u>(94,994)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

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Missisquoi Valley Rescue, Inc.
Annual Report of Cash Receipts and Disbursements
For the year ended December 31, 2022

Continued

	2022 Actual	2022 Budget	Proposed 2023 Budget
Net Receipts over/(under)			
Disbursements	(94,993)	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Beginning Account Balance	<u>414,331</u>		
Ending Account Balance	<u>\$319,338</u>		
Account balances at 12/31/2022			
General Business Acct.	\$27,445		
Payroll Account	1,774		
Savings	<u>290,119</u>		
	<u>\$319,338</u>		

	2022 Actual	2023 Budget
**Breakdown of professional services:		
Consulting	3,975	4,200
Legal/Acctg	2,813	1,000
Dispatching	<u>31,025</u>	<u>32,000</u>
	<u>37,813</u>	<u>37,200</u>

Community Support Request
For the year ending December 31, 2023
Total Requested from Swanton **\$199,245**

Swanton Fire Department
Income Statement
For The Twelve Months Ending December 31, 2022

	2022	2022	2023
	BUDGET	YTD	BUDGET
FIRE DEPARTMENT			
PROPERTY TAXES			
Property Taxes	\$83,329	\$83,298	\$87,861
PILOT	<u>3,023</u>	<u>948</u>	<u>1,922</u>
TOTAL PROPERTY TAXES	\$86,352	\$84,246	\$89,783
OTHER OPERATING REVENUES			
Other Revenues	\$0	\$90	\$0
Town Fire Assessment	263,875	263,875	278,225
Rev from Merch. Jobbing & Contract Work	0	28,056	0
Interest & Dividend Income	<u>600</u>	<u>792</u>	<u>600</u>
TOTAL OTHER OPER REVENUES	<u>\$264,475</u>	<u>\$292,813</u>	<u>\$278,825</u>
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	\$350,827	\$377,059	\$368,608
OPERATING MAINT EXPENSES			
Fire Salaries	\$40,000	\$37,894	\$40,000
Tools Expense	1,000	0	1,000
Uniforms	0	0	0
Department Supplies	<u>1,300</u>	<u>1,042</u>	<u>1,500</u>
TOTAL OPERATING MAINT EXP	\$42,300	\$38,936	\$42,500
ADMIN & GENERAL EXPENSES			
Uncollectible Accounts	\$0	\$84	\$0
Office Supplies	550	308	550
Telephone & Internet	5,735	4,411	5,735
Postage	165	173	165
Subscriptions	0	455	0
Outside Services Employed	2,420	2,416	2,600
Accounting	2,625	2,600	2,990
Dispatching	19,542	19,542	20,520
Property Insurance	6,485	5,788	7,350
Workers Compensation	4,555	2,225	4,040
General Advertising Expenses	100	0	0
Miscellaneous General Expenses	100	526	100
Dues	1,200	764	1,200
Conventions, Meetings and Training	2,000	961	2,000
Annual Report	550	519	550
Fire Prevention	500	500	500
Rent	23,965	23,962	25,160
Transportation Expenses	34,500	71,658	39,000
Transportation Expenses - Labor	<u>500</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>500</u>

**Swanton Fire Department
Income Statement
For The Twelve Months Ending December 31, 2022**

	2022 BUDGET	2022 YTD	2023 BUDGET
TOTAL ADMIN & GENERAL EXP	\$105,492	\$136,890	\$112,960
Social Security Taxes	3,060	2,899	3,060
Truck Payment	121,175	121,175	119,788
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES			
Equipment	\$15,500	\$5,416	\$15,500
Equipment Replacement Fund	45,000	45,000	55,000
Radio Equipment	1,800	1,251	1,800
Personal Protective Equipment	<u>16,500</u>	<u>15,241</u>	<u>18,000</u>
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	<u>78,800</u>	<u>66,909</u>	<u>90,300</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$350,827</u>	<u>\$366,809</u>	<u>\$368,608</u>
NET INCOME	\$0	\$10,250	\$0

SWANTON VILLAGE FIRE DEPARTMENT

EST. 1889

P.O. Box 279

Swanton, Vt. 05488

Non-Emergency Station (802) 868-2021

Village Fax (802) 868-3930

Our call numbers for the 2022 are as follows:

We responded to 279 calls/ 96 Motor Vehicle Accidents, 18 Fire Alarms, 13 Structure Fires (Anything in, on, or attached to a building), 11 Brush/ Grass Fires, 4 Trash/ Rubbish Burning, 42 Medical Assists, 4 Water/ Ice Rescues, 7 Carbon Monoxide Alarms, 7 Motor Vehicle Fires, 2 Gas Leaks, 23 Road Hazards, 12 Smoke Investigations, 10 Burn Complaints, 7 Good Intent, 1 Hazmat and 22 Mutual Aide responses to assist other towns which are typically large structure fires.

Year	MV A	Fire Alarms	CO Alarms	Structur e	HazMa t	Gras s	Garbag e	Med Assist	Wate r	G.I .	Vehicle Fires
2022	96	18	7	13	1	11	4	42	4	7	5
2021	61	20	11	17	1	13	5	36	6	3	5
2020	56	29	12	12	0	12	7	18	3	5	1
2019	62	24	15	18	1	3	3	31	3	8	6
2018	72	41	11	9	2	8	8	28	4	51	8
2017	87	33	14	14	3	6	16	45	6	38	5

On behalf of the Officers and all the members we would like to thank our tax payers. 2022 was yet another year of unprecedented times with the COVID 19 Pandemic. As the PANDEMIC rages on with all the new variants we have come to realize that this is not going away and that each and every one of must adapt to the new way of life. Our team has acted and will continue to act on the behalf of our taxpayers.

Due to the rising costs of equipment, fuel, and other goods, the Swanton Village Fire Department will be asking for an increase of 5% on our 2023 budget.

Our entire membership would also like to thank the Village and Town employees for their continued support and assistance over the past year. Swanton Police, Swanton Electric, Swanton Public Works and the Village and Town Offices.

In August of 2022, Swanton Village Fire Department changed its leadership. Chief Jason Butler decided to move on from being Fire Chief and enjoy time riding his bike and spending time with his family. The membership of the Swanton Village Fire department would like to THANK Chief Butler for his 20 years of service along with his time, dedication and commitment with Swanton Village Fire Department.

On behalf of the members of the fire department I would like to thank you all for your support, we are YOUR fire department whether you live in the Village or the Town; we are the

“SWANTON FIRE DEPARTMENT”.

Fire Department Roster as of December 2022

Fire Chief Jason Cross, Deputy Chief Daniel Chevalier, Captain Troy Campbell, Lieutenant Lawrence Bouissey, Lieutenant Keesy Jaring, Floating Lieutenants Mathew Walker and Mathew Depatie, Fire Fighters Christopher Albertson, Kody Bruyette, Jason Butler, Jordan Campbell, Christopher Constantine, Daryl Domina, Tim Girard, Cody Giroux, John Greer Jr, Justin Hazard, Gary Longe, Avery Mitchinson, Shayne Mott, Josh Packard, Kenneth Phaneuf, Lyndsay Potter, Pete Prouty, Brian Savage, Caleb Vanslette, Ryan Washburn, Bruce Whalen, Barry Wood and Ronnie Young Jr.

Cadets: Jacob Lockwood, Terrel Houston and Sierra Francalangia.

Swanton Fire Auxiliary: Ashley Chevalier, Stephanie Cook, Hannah Centabar, Ashley Dufresne, and Patsy Trombley



*Sincerely,
Jason Cross
Fire Chief*

SWANTON VILLAGE POLICE REPORT

We experienced a year of transition and have made great strides toward public safety for the citizens of Swanton. I discussed the problem of attrition facing Vermont law enforcement generally last year and we experienced similar challenges with two officers leaving Swanton Village. One of our officers left for a job outside law enforcement starting his new career on my first day at Swanton Village and the other left shortly after my arrival taking a job as Chief of Police for a different municipality. We were able to fill these positions with one of our part time officers taking a full-time position, Zebulon Dubois and Sergeant Badeau taking a full-time supervisory position. Sergeant Badeau came to Swanton Village with a wealth of law enforcement experience after working approximately 14 years in Burlington. Additionally, we hired three more part time officers with a great deal of experience from working in Burlington: Anthony Jackson-Miller who arrived with a few years law enforcement experience and a great deal of experience as a Community Support Liaison / Parallel Justice Specialist focusing on wrap around services for victims of crime with emphasis on social work and restorative practices, Kelly Badeau who worked as a Patrol Officer in Burlington for four years, and Kyle Brouillette who has worked in law enforcement since 2012 with multiple agencies in Chittenden County after an honorable discharge from the U.S. Army.

When I started with Swanton Village just over a year ago Swanton Village had only two Level III certified law enforcement officers. Level III certification is bestowed on officers who complete the extensive Vermont Criminal Justice Council 17-week training program at the Vermont Police Academy. Over this past year Officer Cooper and Officer Kalb both attained Level III certification and we now have eight officers with Level III certification and our Level II certified officers have well over a century of law enforcement experience between them. In sum, we have a group of very talented, very experienced officers from diverse backgrounds that comprise a great public safety team for the citizens they serve.

Our Police Department consists of 8 full-time officers that include: The Chief, 2 Sergeants, 1 Administrative Officer / Dispatcher, 3 Patrol Officers, and 1 Student Resource Officer (SRO) at MVU. Swanton Village Police Department has 8 part time officers that assist in filling the two open shifts per week, special details associated with the Governor's Highway Safety Details, Operation Stonegarden, and Extra Duty jobs. We also have a part time SRO assigned to MVU and have a part-time civilian Dispatcher.

Swanton Village Police handled a total call volume of 2,352 incidents in 2022, down approximately 18% from 2884 in 2021. This decrease in call volume may be due in part to transitioning to a new Computer Aided Dispatch / Records Management System and the adjustment to slightly different call type nomenclature. We responded to 1307 incidents in the Village and 725 incidents in the Town of Swanton. We had 401 traffic stops total, stopping 147 vehicles in the Village issuing 122 warnings and 49 tickets and stopping 195 vehicles in the Town issuing 153 warnings and 47 tickets. We wrote \$29,604 worth of traffic tickets with \$11,721 worth of traffic tickets in the Village and \$13,807 in the Town. Swanton Village Police Officers made 15 arrests for Operation after Suspension or Revocation of License, commonly referred to as DLS. There were 9 arrests for DLS in the Village and 6 arrests for DLS in the Town. We also made 16 Driving Under the Influence arrests, commonly referred to as DUI. There were 10 arrests for DUI in the Village and 6 arrests for DUI in the Town. Officers also made one arrest for DUI criminal refusal and one arrest for Ignition Interlock Restricted License associated with traffic enforcement. Swanton Village Police Department Officers made 157 arrests over the course of 2022. Swanton Village and Town have made it clear traffic safety and drug enforcement are priorities and we will continue to focus on these areas of concern.

Officers made a concerted effort to focus on drug enforcement. Swanton Village Officers are aware of citizens in Swanton who suffer from substance use disorder and have focused enforcement activity on

multiple known locations of drug activity. We would much prefer, and I have had conversations with individuals over the past year who suffer from substance use disorder, to have these individuals engage in treatment. However, if they do not, I have warned them that we will be forced to address the issue through aggressive criminal enforcement. Most of the property crime and fraud in Swanton has a direct nexus to individuals suffering from substance use disorder. Our experience is these local individuals will allow drug traffickers from out of state to distribute narcotics from their residence.

The homicide on February 2, 2022, on First Street is a tragic example of an adverse outcome associated with drug trafficking activity. Early that morning officers from the Swanton Village Police Department were called out to respond to an unresponsive male who had been shot. Officer Kalb was the first responding officer along with Border Patrol and located 23-year-old Elijah Oliver, deceased. Officer Cooper, Officer Gilbert, Sergeant Gagne and I responded to the scene. Due to the apparent complex nature of the crime Vermont State Police, Bureau of Criminal Investigation was called and took primary responsibility for the investigation. Over several months investigators continued to follow up on the case with the United States Attorney's Office, District of Vermont issuing a press release on January 11, 2023, stating Dominique Troupe, 36 of Colchester was "charged with one count of conspiracy to distribute cocaine base, one count of aiding and abetting the use of a firearm during and in relation to a drug conspiracy, one count of conspiring to commit a robbery of drugs and money by threat of force, and one count of possession with intent to distribute cocaine base." (USAO VT, 2022)

This press release goes on stating "The first three counts against Troupe relate to the February 2, 2022, shooting death of Elijah Oliver in Swanton, Vermont...The United States asserts that Troupe was the primary source of supply for crack cocaine being sold out of a residence on River Street in Swanton, and that Oliver was a rival Swanton drug dealer...Troupe and others implemented a plan to carry out an armed robbery of Oliver, seeking to steal drugs and money, and during the attempted robbery Oliver was shot and killed." (USAO VT, 2022)

The Swanton Village Police Department will continue to work closely with our partner agencies to vigorously address drug trafficking. Over the past year we have worked with Vermont State Police, Vermont Department of Motor Vehicle, Enforcement Division, United States Border Patrol, United States Customs, St. Albans Police Department and Franklin County Sheriffs. We also worked closely with the Franklin County State's Attorney Office and will continue to attempt to steer cases to the United States Attorney's Office, District of Vermont when appropriate.

Additional examples of the Swanton Village Police Department working with our partners are press releases from the United States Attorney's Office, District of Vermont. On February 18, 2022 the United States Attorney's Office, District of Vermont "returned indictments charging Jesse Sweet, 26, and Eric Raymond, 31, both of Swanton, with unlawful possession of firearms...Sweet is charged with possessing a Ruger .308 rifle while he was an unlawful user of controlled substances and after having been convicted of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence...Raymond is charged with possession of an Anderson Manufacturing AM-15 rifle after having been convicted of a crime punishable by a term of imprisonment exceeding one year...On February 2, 2022 police observed Raymond driving an ATV toward the back portions of his Swanton residence. Police followed those tracks, which led to footprints, which led to the firearm below an abandoned vehicle." (USAO VT, 2022)

On March 14, 2022, the United States Attorney's Office, District of Vermont issued a press release stating "Misti-Lyn Morin, 42, of Swanton, Vermont, has been charged by criminal complaint in the United States District Court for the District of Vermont with being an unlawful user of a controlled substance who possessed firearms." (USAO VT, 2022)

The Swanton Village Police Department also executed 7 search warrants over the course of 2022 which led to criminal charges and the recovery of evidence related to drug trafficking, fraud and property crime related to drug activity. Generally, crime and disorder are increasing with a 33 percent increase in burglaries although the sample size is not statistically significant (from 3-4), a 37 percent increase in theft (aggregating all types of theft), a 59 percent reduction in vandalism, a 59 percent increase in family disturbances, and a 37 percent increase in motor vehicle complaints.

We substantially increased training for SVPD officers. Sergeant Badeau is one of the best firearms instructors in the State of Vermont and certified our officers in pistol, rifle and shotgun providing approximately 3 days of high-quality training. We also trained our officers in cutting edge use of force techniques that are designed to minimize the risk of injury to both suspects and officers. Officers also received training in sex crime investigation, substance use disorder, domestic violence, water rescue, and tactical responses to critical incidents.

I began to review Swanton Village Police Department policies and procedures and officers reviewed new policies regarding: Body Worn Cameras, Use of Force, Protective Custody of Incapacitated Persons, Marine Patrol Unit, Juvenile Operations, Pursuits, Fair and Impartial Policing, and Conducted Electrical Weapons. Although I was unable to make our policies available online, I am optimistic this will happen in the near future as the Village is creating a new website. The old website was also a roadblock to creating a “police blotter” page to enhance transparency regarding police activity. There is a new computer aided dispatch and records management system (CAD/RMS) that is now used by almost every law enforcement agency in the state and the CAD/RMS company is currently working on a public facing portal that will allow the public to query information from the system directly.

Sergeant Gagne of the Swanton Village Police Department organized the 2022 National Night Out Event. The event was very successful again with a great turnout from the community and we thank all community members, sponsors and volunteers for their participation and support.

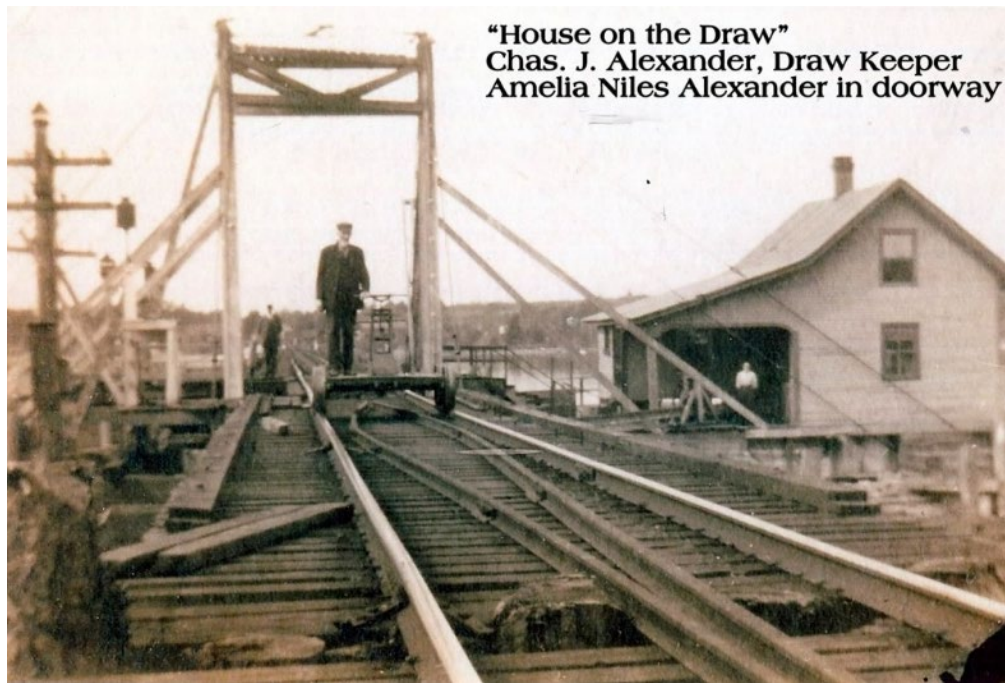
The Swanton Village Police Department continues working to integrate a full Community Oriented Policing Strategy. The Police Department is here to serve the community. We strongly believe crime control must be augmented with community-based strategies that help prevent neighborhood crime, reduce fear and enhance the quality of life in Swanton, Vermont. When community members work together in partnership with law enforcement, we can identify underlying causes and find proactive methods to solve local problems. Crime can spread through a community, changing neighborhoods, and can negatively impact the entire community. We need to address crime and disorder before serious problems occur. Community policing requires community trust and engagement through clear communication built on a foundation of mutual respect. The Swanton Village Police Department embraces a philosophy of collaboration with community members to problem solve. We are looking for community members to assist us in addressing the drug problem in Swanton and ask anyone with information to contact the police department.

We can be found on the web at www.swantonvillage.org or check out our Facebook page.

As always if you have any questions please call the Police Department, we are here to help you. We can be reached by phone at 868-4100.

Respectfully Submitted,

Matthew Sullivan
Chief of Police



2022 Swanton Historical Society Annual Report of the President and the Trustees

Winter: Last winter featured the resumption of an annual tradition at the Ron Kilburn Transportation Museum. We felt we understood the safety issues involving the covid variants circulating at the time, and decided to resume opening the depot for our "Holiday Trains". To our surprise community members embraced the hours we were open. Several families stopped by and allowed us to show off our model trains.

Spring: With the departure of the cold weather the SHS prepared the Depot for re-opening. After months of Covid precautions we decided to host our first public event. The deteriorating condition of the Hotel Riviere continued. With constant rumors of when the building would come down (it is well beyond being saved) Jason Barney put together a presentation on the long history of the building. The event was held at the Episcopal Church in Swanton and was very well attended. As of this writing the Riviere building is still up, but may not be for much longer.

Summer: The Historical Society Depot was open all summer thanks to our volunteers Terry Tuck and Larry Rochon. We enjoyed one of our most successful seasons. The use of the Rec Trail has brought a good number of travelers to our location on the west bank of the Missisquoi River. We were honored when the family of Bill Lunna, our longtime volunteer and board member, asked if they could use the Depot for a reception after his funeral. We were happy to help. We maintained our summer hours, being open on Fridays and Saturdays. We also resumed our programming with board member Mike Barkyounb giving a well attended presentation on "The Steamboats of Lake Champlain."

SHS board members tried to make the Research and Archive Room in the basement of the library available to the public on a fairly regular basis. For a couple of hours each Wednesday members of the board opened up the room and invited the public to come and take a look at our artifacts, do some research, or just experience the space. We hope to continue this effort for the foreseeable future.

Fall: The SHS extended the summer hours through most of the fall. Visitors continued to stop by and enjoy our unique facility. The SHS Board maintained the Wednesday volunteer hours in the Research and Archive room.

A unique treat in which the SHS participated in was a trip to Highgate. We are fortunate to have Father Rob Spainhour on our board, and he offered to open up St. John's Episcopal Church in Highgate Falls. It was great to experience the building's old and unique history, especially as it relates to the Allen family in Vermont.

Officers: **President, Jason Barney**
 Vice-President & Treasurer, Glen Gurwit
 Secretary & Trustee, Don Lefebvre

Trustees: **Jahnessa Ryea (1st Term, ending in 2024)**
 Nick Brosseau (1st Term, ending in 2024)
 Kayleigh Oldham (1st Term, ending in 2024)
 Mike Barkyoub (1st Term, ending 2024)
 Robert Spainhour (1st Term, ending in 2023)
 Bruce Spaulding (2nd Term, ending in 2023)
 Don Lefebvre (2nd Term, ending in 2023)
 Rich Kelley (3rd Term, ending in 2023)
 Ron Kilburn (Lifetime Trustee)

Curator/Membership Chair: Open

Volunteer Opportunities: If you are interested in volunteering with the Swanton Historical Society, please contact Jason Barney at Jason.Barney@mvsdschools.org

Once again we would like to thank Frances Hopkins for all of her hard work. Aside from Terry Tuck at the Depot, Fran is our primary volunteer. Much of the collection down in the Research and Archive Room has been organized by her. She does exceptional work for the SHS.

Community Resources: The Ron F. Kilburn Transportation Museum hosts the Railroad Depot, the Champlain Bridge Toll House, and the popular Walking Bridge across the Missisquoi River. It is located at 58 South River St. To request information about Swanton's history, please contact 1-802-370-4883 (Jason Barney) or 1-802-868-3892 (Ron Kilburn). The Society also maintains a research facility and museum in the lower level of the Swanton Public Library. Our facilities are fully accessible and open to the public by appointment. Visit our website at www.swantonhistoricalsociety.org

Swanton is a unique place. It has a long history full of traditions from multiple cultures. We have much to share and learn from each other. We welcome interested individuals to join our Society and help us preserve and appreciate this town's amazing heritage. I am proud of this area, and love the unique history of the region. I am honored to be a part of the Historical Society. We try to serve the community well and keep history alive.

Jason Barney, President



GREEN UP VERMONT
www.greenupvermont.org

Green Up Day
May 6, 2023



Green Up Day on May 7, 2022 was a wonderful success thanks to 19,141 volunteers statewide who participated on Green Up Day. The infographic shows that all your hard work to beautify Vermont is crucial and that it makes where we get to live, work, and play, a truly special place. As one of Vermont's favorite unofficial holidays, it is imperative for today and future generations to build pride, awareness, and stewardship for a clean Vermont environment, as well as keep residents civically engaged.

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. We are requesting level funding again for Green Up Day 2023.

Green Up Vermont initiatives are year-round for 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.

Visit our website, like us on Facebook (@greenupvermont), and follow us on Instagram (greenupvermont). greenup@greenupvermont.org 802-522-7245

Northwest Vermont Solid Waste Management District 2022 Supervisors' Report

The Northwest Solid Waste District's (NWSWD) mission is to help its residents reduce waste, recycle the waste it produces and reduce the toxicity of what ends up in the landfill. The result of this work shows in the amount of waste we diverted from the landfill this year. Some of our 2022 highlights include:

- NWSWD residents used our services and facilities almost 50,000 times!
- District operations diverted 1,565 tons of waste from the landfill!
- Our outreach program engaged over 300 businesses in the Northwest Vermont region.
- We collected almost 60 tons of hazardous material from 1696 households and small businesses through our Household Hazardous Waste program.
- Our composting programs collected over 700 tons of food scraps from businesses, institutions, and residents to be turned into compost.

NWSWD will hold a Bond Vote on Tuesday, March 7, 2023. Voters will be asked to authorize the NWSWD to borrow up to \$1.5 million to finance the District's cost of renovating the NWSWD Georgia Recycling Facility. The proposed improvements include: Construction of a new building for the collection and storage of household chemicals like paint, bleach, oil, and pesticides; Redesign of our traffic flow system with better unloading areas and additional parking; A 3000 square foot addition for the storage of baled recyclables.

When our facility was built in 2007, we exclusively managed cardboard and paper, and served around 34,000 people. Today our programs serve over 54,000 residents and have expanded to include electronic waste, Household Hazardous Waste, plastic diversion, maple sap tubing, agricultural film, and many other waste streams. Our facilities can no longer safely support the volume and variety of recyclable material we are now receiving. The original site design and increased traffic have created safety concerns for staff and customers.

These improvements will increase the number of residents that we can serve, improve the safety of our employees and customers, increase the amount of waste we are able to recycle, and improve the efficiency of our operations. Please support the NWSWD's vision for a better waste system in Franklin and Grand Isle Counties and vote YES on March 7th.

All NWSWD staff members are available through the District office at (802)524-5986 or info@nswsd.org. For more information about the District and our services, how to reduce and recycle your waste, or how to get involved, call District staff at the above number. You can also visit us on the web at www.nswsd.org, find us on Facebook, and sign-up for our e-mail updates. More information can also be found in our newsletter available at your Town Meeting.

John Leddy, Executive Director

NWSWD Board of Supervisors

NORTHWEST VERMONT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
SPECIAL MEETING
MARCH 7, 2023
WARNING

The legal voters of the Northwest Vermont Solid Waste Management District, residing in the following municipalities, are hereby notified and warned to meet respectively at the following locations:

- Town of Alburgh
36 Firehouse Rd.
Alburgh, VT 05440
- Town of Bakersfield
40 East Bakersfield Rd.
Bakersfield, VT 05441
- Town of Berkshire
4454 Watertower Rd.
Enosburg Falls, VT 05450
- Town of Enosburg
65 Dickinson Ave.
Enosburg Falls, VT 05450
- Town of Fairfield
57 Park St.
Fairfield, VT 05455
- Town of Fletcher
340 School Rd.
Fletcher, VT 05444
- Town of Franklin
5336 Main St.
Franklin, VT 05457
- Town of Georgia
4416 Ethan Allen Hwy.
Georgia, VT 05478.

- Town of Grand Isle
9 Hyde Rd.
Grand Isle, VT 05458
- Town of Highgate
2219 Gore Rd.
Highgate Center, VT 05459
- Town of Isle La Motte
24 School St. Ext.
Isle La Motte, VT 05463
- Town of Montgomery
57 Main St.
Montgomery Center, VT 05471
- Town of North Hero
6441 US Rte. 2-
North Hero, VT 05474
- Town of Richford
94 Main St.
Richford, VT 05476
- Town of Sheldon 78
Poor Farm Rd.
Sheldon, VT 05483
- Town of South Hero
333 Rte. 2
South Hero, VT 05486
- City of St. Albans
100 North Main St.
St. Albans, VT 05478
- Town of St. Albans
890 Fairfax Rd.
St. Albans, VT 05478
- Town of Swanton
120 First St.
Swanton, VT 05488

on TUESDAY, March 7, 2023, between the hours of seven o'clock (7:00) in the forenoon (a.m.), at which time the polls will open, and seven o'clock (7:00) in the afternoon (p.m.), at which time the polls will close, to vote by Australian ballot upon the following Article of business

ARTICLE I

Shall general obligation bonds of Northwest Vermont Solid Waste Management District in an amount not to exceed One Million, Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$ 1,500,000.00), subject to reduction by the application of, District reserve funds and federal and state grants-in-aid, be issued for the purpose of making certain public solid waste improvements, namely expansion of the Georgia Recycling Center and offices including commodity storage, waste collection, and household hazardous waste collection facilities, the aggregate-estimated cost of such improvements being One Million, Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000.00), such debt service to be paid from NWSWD Operating Revenues? It is anticipated that revenues through District services will be sufficient to cover District obligations for repayment. If however these fees are insufficient to enable the District to make timely payments of any amount due, the District will collect any deficiency through increased rates to District provided services, assessments and surcharges in an equitable manner. As provided in the District Charter, obligations incurred under chapter 53 Title 24, VT Statutes Annotated, shall be the joint obligation of the District and Each Member Municipality.

The legal voters of the Northwest Vermont Solid Waste Management District are further notified that voter qualification, registration, and absentee voting relative to said special meeting identified in Article I shall be as provided in Chapters 43, 51 and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated. Absentee and early ballots will be available at the Town Clerks' offices beginning on February 4, 2023.

The legal voters of the Northwest Vermont Solid Waste Management District are further notified that an informational meeting will be held at the following location, date, and time for the purpose of explaining the subject proposed solid waste System improvements:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>TIME</u>
February 23, 2023	St. Albans City Hall	6:00 p.m.


Adopted and approved at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Northwest Vermont Solid Waste Management District duly called, noticed and held on January 4, 2023. Received for record and recorded in the records of the Northwest Vermont Solid Waste Management District on January 4, 2023.

Dated at St. Albans, Vermont this 4th day of January, 2023.

Mark Doremus
Jim Richards
Paul Lambert
Joyce Tuck
Dave Clark
Bob Buermann
Josie Henry
Barry Kade
Jaime Tibbits
April St. Francis

Northwest Vermont Solid Waste Management District Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

 / Northwest VT Solid Waste Management
District
District Clerk

Local Health Office Annual Report 2022

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

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

Worked to prevent and control the spread of disease: In collaboration with community partners, since COVID-19 response efforts began, we hosted over 75 COVID-19 vaccination clinics and provided over 10,100 COVID-19 doses. Since August 2021, all local health offices have also documented and helped manage 8,125 COVID-19-related situations, including 1,271 COVID-19 outbreaks.

Ensured local preparedness for future emergencies: We worked with partners like schools, hospitals, and emergency personnel to ensure effective pandemic response and support preparedness to distribute medicine, supplies, and information during public health emergencies. This year, we responded to the emergence of human monkeypox virus by sharing information and providing vaccine to community members. As of November 15, 2022, 12 hMPXV vaccine doses have been administered.

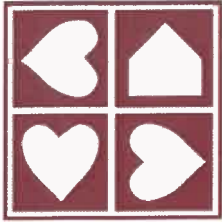
Stayed attentive to people and communities most underserved: We provided services and resources to people who are more likely to experience adverse health outcomes due to health inequities. For example, we provided vaccine at schools without access, shelters, meal, and food distribution sites, farms, and more.

Collaborated with Town Health Officers around environmental health: To help Vermonters better understand the relationship between their environment and their health, we collaborated with towns and other local partners. Find information about environmental health including lead, cyanobacteria (blue-green algae), food safety, drinking water, climate change, healthy homes, healthy schools, and more at www.healthvermont.gov/environment.

Provided WIC services and resources to families and children: Provided WIC nutrition education and support to 1,740 individuals between July 1, 2021 and June 31, 2022, while enabling them to save on groceries so they can have more to spend on other things their family needs. WIC also empowers families with breastfeeding/chestfeeding support and provides referrals to other health and nutrition services. Learn more at www.healthvermont.gov/wic.

Supported student health and youth empowerment: According to the Vermont Youth Risk Behavior Survey, only 54% percent of students in Franklin County and 55% in Grand Isle County agree or strongly agree that they "believe they matter to people in their community." Regionally, efforts like mentoring and after-school enrichment programs help to ensure youth feel valued and included.

Promoted health in all policies: Health is not just individual behaviors and access to care, it's also housing, transportation, food access, education, natural resources, and other social determinants of health. We worked with towns, schools, worksites, healthcare providers, and other community organizations to establish plans, policies, and programming that improve health and wellness. To achieve health, we must continue to work together to improve opportunities for health across all sectors and periods of our lives.



Franklin County Home Health Agency, Inc.

Information Sheet

FY 2022

What is Franklin County Home Health Agency?

Franklin County Home Health Agency is a 501(c) 3 non-profit corporation that has proudly provided residents Franklin County with high quality, comprehensive home health, hospice, long term care and wellness services since 1969.

What is the Agency's Mission and Purpose?

We provide high quality health care services in home and community settings. We are committed to excellence. We meet the needs of our clients in a professional manner that promotes health, independence, comfort, dignity and quality of life.

What is the Agency's service area?

The Agency serves all 15 towns in Franklin County through our two offices – one in St. Albans and one in Enosburg Falls. We serve people of all ages.

How many patients did the Agency serve in 2022?

The Agency made a total of 53,533 visits to 1,982 Franklin County residents.

We made the following number of visits to the residents Franklin County:

30,694	Home Care Services
15,498	Long Term Care Services
7,341	Hospice Services

How many people does the Agency employ?

The Agency currently has a staff of 94 Registered Nurses, Licensed Practical Nurses, Physical Therapists, Occupational Therapists, Speech-Language Pathologists, Medical Social Workers, Licensed Nursing Assistants, Care Attendants, Homemakers, and Office Support Staff.

What are the Agency's Programs and Services?

Home Care: We provide medically necessary home health services to people of all ages. Examples include individuals who need wound care, a person newly diagnosed with diabetes needing insulin administration and instruction, or a mother and newborn newly discharged from the hospital.

Home Telemonitoring Program: We use state of the art technology to remotely monitor our patients' weight, blood pressure, heart rate and oxygen status to help improve their health condition and avoid hospitalization.

Hospice: We care for people with serious illness for whom the prognosis is less than six months of life. The focus of this care is on achieving comfort and quality of life.

Palliative Care: This program balances advanced medical technology with the wishes of each individual client by focusing on psychological, physical, social and spiritual needs by providing a strong support system to help the client and family cope during the serious illness. This program understands that maintaining quality of life is an important aspect of care.

Long Term Care: We help disabled and older members of our community with personal care, housekeeping, meal preparation, errands, and shopping to allow them to stay independent in their own home.

Maternal Child Health Program and Childbirth Education Program: We help to prepare pregnant women for a healthy pregnancy, labor and delivery, breastfeeding, and new infant care.

In addition, we offer grief and bereavement services and wellness services to our community.

How are services paid for?

As a Medicare certified Agency, we receive reimbursement from Medicare, Medicaid, and other third-party insurances. In 2022 we received 86.92% percent of our revenue from Medicare and Medicaid.

We are committed to providing medically necessary home care services to all those in need regardless of their ability to pay. Without individual town appropriations and donor gifts, our ability to provide care could be adversely impacted.

Why does the Agency need money from towns?

The Agency depends on the money received from towns to subsidize the cost of care provided to patients who are uninsured or underinsured. Last year the Agency provided more than \$1,204,918 in free and subsidized care, this was a significant increase due to the pandemic.

Where can you call for more information about Franklin County Home Health Agency, Inc.?

For more information about the Agency or the services we provide please call (802) 527-7531 or visit our website at www.fchha.org.

THE VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING #03-0271000
TOWN OF SWANTON
SUMMARY REPORT

Request Amount: \$500.00

For over 43 years, The Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL) has been teaching people with disabilities and the Deaf how to gain more control over their lives and how to access tools and services to live more independently. VCIL employees (85% of whom have a disability) conduct public education, outreach, individual advocacy and systems change advocacy to help promote the full inclusion of people with disabilities into community life.

In FY'22 (10/2021-9/2022) VCIL responded to thousands of requests from individuals, agencies and community groups for information, referral and assistance and program services for individuals living with a disability. VCIL Peer Advocate Counselors (PACs) provided one-on-one peer counseling to **158** individuals to help increase their independent living skills and **6** peers were served by the AgrAbility program. VCIL's Home Access Program (HAP) assisted **172** households with information on technical assistance and/or alternative funding for modifications; **80** of these received financial assistance to make their bathrooms and/or entrances accessible. Our Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF) provided **91** individuals with information on assistive technology; **39** of these individuals received funding to obtain adaptive equipment. **454** individuals had meals delivered through our Meals on Wheels (MOW) program for individuals with disabilities under the age of 60. Our Vermont Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program (VTEDP) served **29** people and provided **16** peers with adaptive telecommunications enabling low-income Deaf, Deaf-blind, Hard of Hearing and individuals with disabilities to communicate by telephone. Due to the pandemic VCIL was able to start a new (temporary) program, Resilience and Independence in a State of Emergency (RISE) which served over 600 people in the 2 years it was funded. The Rise Program helped provide an array of items or services if the needs were directly related to the Covid-19 epidemic.

VCIL's central office is located in downtown Montpelier and we have five branch offices in Bennington, Chittenden, Franklin, Rutland and Windham Counties. Our PACs and services are available to people with disabilities throughout Vermont.

During FY'22, **26** residents of **Swanton** received services from the following programs:

- Meals on Wheels (MOW)
(over **\$4,400.00** spent on meals for residents)
- Home Access Program (HAP)
(over **\$27,400.00** spent on home modifications)
- RISE Fund
(over **\$4,700.00** spent on pandemic related needs)
- Peer Advocacy Counseling Program (PAC)
- Information Referral and Assistance (I,R&A)

January 6, 2023

Town of Swanton
P.O. Box 711
Swanton, VT 05488

Dear Swanton Selectboard members and Residents of Swanton,

This year, the Missisquoi River Basin Association (MRBA) celebrated 25 years working to protect and improve water quality! As a non-profit organization, it is thanks to our volunteers – which include school groups, teachers, paddlers, and farmers, to name just a few – that we succeed in our mission to identify and address issues that affect water quality in the Missisquoi River and its tributaries.

MRBA Projects and Programs:

Ecological restoration, streambank stabilization, and river clean-up efforts: During 2022, as in most years, MRBA volunteers assisted with tree plantings (an additional 1300 trees were planted along streams and the river during 2022!), helped pull trash from our riverbanks – including at Marble Mill Park, and assisted with our continued study of non-chemical ways to combat Japanese knotweed.

Water quality sampling: MRBA staff and volunteers also collected water quality samples from 10 locations within our watershed during 2022; monitoring stream health throughout our region.

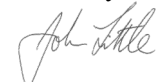
Assisting farmers and landowners: In addition to implementing projects (tree plantings, bank stabilizations, water bars, combating invasive species), we also conducted several site assessments this year. These are designed to help landowners understand what water may be doing on their property, and some ways to mitigate or improve their relationship with runoff.

Educational programs: We love providing hands-on educational opportunities to students through our watershed model, rainfall simulator, and Bugworks program. In 2022, we were pleased to help bring back Lake Lessons, a half-day water-focused field trip for area 4th graders; we also again partnered with the Abenaki Nation of Missisquoi for their River Celebration event in July – helping with the war canoe rides, and providing a VINS presentation at Mac's Bend.

We respectfully request the Town's support of MRBA through a \$500 donation so that we may continue to serve our community with these programs. Your appropriation will help us continue to provide programs, assist landowners, and will help us grow our team so that we may better serve our watershed towns.

Your support of our organization in past years is so greatly appreciated and the funds have been put to good use. We thank you very much for your consideration of our 2023 request.

Sincerely,



John Little, MRBA President

**STATE OF VERMONT
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
VERMONT STATE POLICE**



St. Albans Field Station
140 Fisher Pond Rd
St. Albans, VT 05478

January 3rd, 2023

On behalf of the Vermont State Police, St. Albans Barracks, we are providing our 2022 Annual Report. This report will provide you information regarding current staffing issues and detail the specialty services provided by the Troopers assigned to the St. Albans Barracks.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Vermont State Police is to individually and collectively serve and protect by providing the highest quality of professional law enforcement services. The mission of the Troopers assigned to the St Albans Barracks is to protect the citizens of Franklin and Grand Isle Counties. By working together, we can educate, empower and foster trust within our community. We will strive to reduce crime and enforce the laws of our roadways through criminal investigations and aggressive motor vehicle enforcement.

Specialty Services Provided by Troopers assigned to the St Albans Barracks

In addition to their field primary responsibilities, many of the troopers assigned to the St Albans Barracks are members of special response teams that provide expert response capabilities in a variety of areas to address critical needs throughout Vermont.

The breakdown of these responses is as follows:

- 1 Trooper – Drug Recognition Expert (DRE)
- 4 Troopers – on the Tactical Services Unit (TSU)
- 6 Troopers – on the Critical Action Team (CAT)
- 1 Trooper – on the Search and Rescue Team (SAR)
- 1 Trooper – on the Bomb Squad (EOD)
- 3 Troopers – on the CLAN lab team
- 2 Troopers – on the Crash Reconstruction Team (CRT)
- 1 Trooper – on the Crisis Negotiation Unit (CNU)

"Your Safety Is Our Business"

Annual Crime Statistics for the St. Albans Barracks:

Total Cases: 5556

Total Arrests: 353

Total Tickets Issued: 454

Total Warnings Issued: 1163

Fatal Accidents: 8

Total Burglaries Investigated: 37

Total DUI's: 81

Local Community Report: Swanton

Total Cases: 574

Total Arrests: 35

Total DUI's: 9

Total Accidents – Property Damage: 29

Total Accidents – Injury: 10

Total Vandalisms: 3

Total Alarms: 28

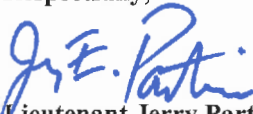
Total Burglaries: 2

Total Tickets: 70

Total Warnings: 204

We will continue to make our communities safer through enforcement, directed patrols, outreach and community programs. It is our privilege to serve the citizens of this community. Together, we will get through these challenging times.

Respectfully,



**Lieutenant Jerry Partin
Station commander**

Swanton Emergency Management
P.O. Box 711
Swanton, VT 05488

2022 was a continuation of COVID recovery and adjustments for Swanton and beyond. Fortunately, we were not hit with any major natural disasters, but this year was an unusually dry year with very little rain fall. Changes in climate can be quick and unpredictable, but also a challenge for preparedness and notifications. I will encourage people to sign up for VTALERT, and on Facebook follow the US National Weather Service in Burlington VT. These can be an important means of communication for sending out and sharing important information to the community.

Respectfully submitted,

Reginald R Beliveau Jr Swanton Village Manager
Swanton Emergency Management Director

Brian Savage Swanton Town Administrator
Swanton Emergency Management Coordinator

TOWN OF SWANTON
ANNUAL REPORT OF BETTY L CHENEY
SWANTON DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR
JANUARY 1, 2023

The following list represents tax balances effective for the year end, and, as you are likely to be aware, these balances change very frequently.

As always, I have a number of persons who have established payment plans, as well as those already established. I continue to work with taxpayers to bring their accounts current. Collections have been positive and believe it will continue. Tax sale proceedings will be forthcoming, and some will be paid, and others will move forward to tax sale.

If there are any questions you may have regarding this report, I can be reached at 802-310-0522 (if I am unable to answer, please leave a message and I will respond) or via email (bettycheney8@gmail.com).

Year(s)	Balances	Abated	Collected	Balance 12 31 2022
2022	\$326,951.90		\$223,667.53	\$103,284.37
2021	\$136,199.65	\$ 107.59	\$109,305.69	\$ 26,786.37
2009-2020	\$ 57,354.57	\$14192.11	\$ 24,987.63	\$ 18,174.83
Totals	\$520,506.12	\$14,299.70	\$357,960.85	\$148,245.57

Total 2022 Real Estate Taxes Collected: \$357,960.85

Total 2022 Interest Collected: \$ 28,148.80

Town of Swanton Tax Administration
Outstanding Principal Report

Owner Name	Tax Year	Principal Due
1 DEPOT STREET LLC	2022	1,597.76
12 BLAKE STREET LLC	2022	2,703.12
12 J REALTY LLC	2022	93.76
9 GRAND AVENUE LLC	2022	4,625.80
ALLARD MICHAEL	2022	3,515.52
ALLEN ROY	2022	130.35
AUSTIN DUSTIN	2020	114.52
AUSTIN DUSTIN	2021	112.99
AUSTIN STUART EST OF	2022	110.90
BABCOCK STEVE	2022	73.93
BELROSE ROBERT / BUKER STEVEN SR	2021	210.85
BENOIT BARBARA	2022	2,414.54
BESSETTE ERIC	2022	126.46
BESSETTE ERIC	2020	52.88
BESSETTE ERIC	2021	128.85
BESSETTE TRACIE	2022	5,060.25
BOUDREAU RICHARD	2022	128.41
BRANON EUGENE DESIREE	2021	242.01
BUSHEY KEITH	2022	81.71
BUSHEY PAULA	2022	348.36
C/O ROBERT BENHAM	2021	516.88
CASSANI NICHOLAS BRENDA	2022	4,532.06
CHILCOTE, CHAD AND DENAE	2022	108.95
CLEMENT JASON JONELLE	2022	103.11
CLEMENT JASON JONELLE	2021	105.07
CORCORAN MARY	2019	115.84
CORRON DAVID	2022	112.84
CORRON DAVID	2021	114.98
CORRON DAVID	2021	134.80
COSTELLO BRENDA	2022	37.25
COVILLON CHRISTOPHER / COSTELLA K	2022	1,319.27
CROSS BRENDA	2022	107.00
CROSS BRENDA	2020	101.14
CROSS BRENDA	2021	109.02
CROSS STEVEN THERESA	2022	270.43
CUSHING ASHLEIGH	2022	58.37
CUSHING ASHLEIGH	2020	60.28
CUSHING ASHLEIGH	2021	59.47
DILEY JR ROBERT	2022	124.51
ELWOOD RANDY	2022	147.86
FITZPATRICK KAREN	2022	495.74
FLANAGAN SHANE / SMITH KELSEA	2022	902.71
FLOOD JOHN	2022	126.46
FLORIO SAMANTHA	2022	93.39
FORAND NICOLAS	2022	408.56
FORAND NICOLAS	2021	46.00
FRANCIS CHYANNE	2022	103.11
FRANKLIN FOODS	2022	7.46
GABOURY CHRISTOPHER	2022	3,768.40
GABOURY CHRISTOPHER	2021	943.06
GABREE RAYMOND KIM	2022	1,209.12

Town of Swanton Tax Administration
Outstanding Principal Report

Owner Name	Tax Year	Principal Due
GABREE RAYMOND KIM	2021	1,147.84
GARCEAU ANNE	2022	132.30
GARGANO III, JOSEPH	2022	2,496.59
GERAW PETER	2022	967.69
GERAW PETER	2022	77.82
GERO TIMOTHY	2022	81.19
GREENIA CHRISTOPHER	2022	1,046.68
GREENIA CHRISTOPHER	2022	943.57
GREENIA MICHAEL	2022	1,019.24
ISABELLE ISADORE	2022	147.86
JACKMAN JENNIFER & JASON	2022	95.33
JERRY RICHARD	2022	410.50
JERRY RICHARD	2011	278.42
JERRY RICHARD	2012	445.31
JERRY RICHARD	2013	466.16
JERRY RICHARD	2014	367.12
JERRY RICHARD	2015	368.51
JERRY RICHARD	2016	376.13
JERRY RICHARD	2017	385.98
JERRY RICHARD	2018	349.84
JERRY RICHARD	2019	407.37
JERRY RICHARD	2020	423.94
JERRY RICHARD	2021	418.26
JOHNSON CHAD	2017	76.83
JOHNSON CHAD	2018	79.65
JOYCE STEPHANIE	2022	209.45
KENNY ERIC G	2022	931.15
KNOX HOLLY	2022	226.13
LADEAU NADINE	2022	3,241.21
LAFLAM KAREN	2022	369.64
LAFLAM KAREN	2021	111.83
LAMOTHE NORMAN MONIQUE LIFE EST	2022	4,447.42
LAROSE CODY DONNA	2022	143.97
LEADBEATER SUSAN	2022	598.47
LEVESQUE DANIEL EST OF	2022	3,274.28
LIMOGES KEITH	2022	132.30
LIMOGES KENNETH	2022	97.28
LIMOGES KENNETH	2021	99.12
LITTLE AMANDA	2021	17.85
LIVINGSTON LISA	2022	1,658.05
LUMBRA SHELLIE	2022	75.88
LYKENS PATRICIA / BELLIMER RONALD	2022	190.92
LYKENS PATRICIA / BELLIMER RONALD	2021	199.07
MANY JENALEE	2022	326.44
MANY JENALEE	2021	115.26
MANY JERIKA / SMITH EDWIN	2022	116.73
MANY JERIKA / SMITH EDWIN	2021	118.93
MARSHALL TIMOTHY	2022	79.76
MARTEL CASSANDRA / DONZE ZACHARY	2022	241.47
MARTEL LUCIE	2022	124.51
MATHIEU INVESTMENTS LLC	2022	58.36

Town of Swanton Tax Administration
Outstanding Principal Report

Owner Name	Tax Year	Principal Due
MAYER RICHARD	2022	896.87
MAYER RICHARD	2021	100.46
MCGILLIS SHANNON	2022	89.49
MCGILLIS, SCOTT	2020	92.42
MILLER JUSTIN	2022	107.00
MILLER JUSTIN	2021	104.97
MORIN MISTI-LYN	2022	4,507.72
MORIN MISTI-LYN	2021	3,973.43
MORRIS JAMES	2022	169.25
MORRIS JAMES	2020	174.80
MORRIS JAMES	2021	172.46
MORRIS JAMES	2021	122.90
MORRISETTE DANIEL / LAPIERRE SYLV	2021	142.72
MYERS KEVIN AND AMANDA GABORIAULT	2022	321.01
MYERS KEVIN AND AMANDA GABORIAULT	2018	26.07
MYERS KEVIN AND AMANDA GABORIAULT	2019	318.57
MYERS KEVIN AND AMANDA GABORIAULT	2020	331.52
MYERS KEVIN AND AMANDA GABORIAULT	2021	327.08
NELSON JAMIE	2022	1,400.76
NELSON JEREMIAH	2022	1,365.74
NEWTON MARC DALE	2022	1,772.35
NEWTON MARC DALE	2021	1,805.87
NUTTING BRIAN E	2022	3,289.84
NUTTING BRIAN E	2022	2,689.94
NUTTING BRIAN E	2021	4,660.52
OSTRANDER CAROL ANN LIFE EST	2022	4,840.40
OSTRANDER CAROL ANN LIFE EST	2021	441.98
PAQUETTE DANA / LAMPMAN ANNE	2022	207.67
PAQUETTE DANA / LAMPMAN ANNE	2020	110.87
PAQUETTE DANA / LAMPMAN ANNE	2021	216.53
PATNAUDE JEFFEREY / GONYON MELISS	2021	1,533.85
QUINTIN EUGENE	2022	110.90
ROBINSON RALPH	2022	972.75
ROBINSON RALPH	2019	263.58
ROBINSON RALPH	2020	1,004.60
ROBINSON RALPH	2021	991.15
ROBITAILLE BONNIE	2022	87.55
SAINE ZACHARY / KIRK ASHLEY	2022	3,058.33
SAINE ZACHARY / KIRK ASHLEY	2020	2,890.57
SAINE ZACHARY / KIRK ASHLEY	2021	3,116.17
SARTELLE, CHRIS & SHERRY	2022	198.44
SHAWN CHENEY GROUP	2022	2.71
SIMINO GARY EST OF	2022	266.53
SIZEN COURTNEY CHRIS	2022	513.61
SNIDER BRUCE JR HEATHER	2022	435.79
SNIDER BRUCE JR HEATHER	2021	177.98
SNIDER JULIE	2020	125.21
SPENCE BRYAN KELLIE	2021	1,502.46
SPENCE KELLIE	2022	1,701.59
STARK LAURA	2022	126.46
STEINITZ JONATHAN / RICHARD CHRIS	2022	134.24

Town of Swanton Tax Administration
Outstanding Principal Report

Owner Name	Tax Year	Principal Due
STELL LINDA EST OF	2022	1,464.05
STETSON CHRIS	2022	317.12
STETSON DAVID	2022	112.84
STOUGH DAWN	2022	121.04
SZARLAN BARBARA LENK	2022	75.88
TAYLOR DANIELLE	2022	118.67
TAYLOR SCOTT	2022	107.07
THOMPSON JAMIE	2022	472.75
THOMPSON JAMIE / GRAVES SAM	2021	481.70
THORNTON JAMES	2022	643.96
TR STRIPING & PROPERTY MAINTENANC	2022	3,044.79
TRACTOR SUPPLY COMPANY	2022	2,842.54
TRAHAN KEVIN	2020	1,223.11
VERREAULT JONATHAN	2022	155.64
VERREAULT JONATHAN	2016	142.60
VERREAULT JONATHAN	2019	154.45
VERREAULT JONATHAN	2020	160.74
VERREAULT JONATHAN	2021	158.58
VINCELETTE JEFFREY EST OF	2022	1,500.62
VINCELETTE JEFFREY EST OF	2017	1,434.59
VINCELETTE JEFFREY EST OF	2018	1,493.37
VINCELETTE JEFFREY EST OF	2019	1,518.27
VINCELETTE JEFFREY EST OF	2020	1,584.67
VINCELETTE JEFFREY EST OF	2021	1,564.60
WARD TAMMY	2022	32.63
WESCOTT CARRIE	2022	313.22
WESCOTT MICHELLE	2022	208.17
WESCOTT MICHELLE	2017	30.42
WESCOTT MICHELLE	2018	202.92
WESCOTT MICHELLE	2019	206.58
WESCOTT MICHELLE	2020	214.98
WESCOTT MICHELLE	2021	212.11
WHITAKER KEITH	2022	142.02
WHITAKER KEITH	2021	26.71
ZORN JOSEPH JR	2022	3,334.76

*** Total outstanding principal ***	148,245.57
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SWANTON

Town Forest Fire Warden

Jon Barrette

Home Phone: 802-868-7097

Cell Phone: 802-233-4260

Work Phone: 802-868-3327

Deputy Town Forest Warden

Tim Girard

Cell Phone: 802-582-9547

By state law, if you wish to burn natural wood or debris outdoors, you must obtain a burning permit form the Town Forest Fire Warden. The warden in your town will be able to advise you on local burning regulations and current conditions. Remember, "Only YOU can prevent forest fires!"



IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

U. S. Senator Patrick Leahy	1-800-642-3193
U. S. Senator Bernie Sanders	1-800-339-9834
U. S. Representative Peter Welch	1-888-605-7270
Governor Phil Scott	828-3333
	Fax 828-3339
Attorney General Susanne R. Young	828-3171
State Senator Randy Brock	868-2300
State Senator Corey Parent	370-0494
Representative Matthew Walker	782-1199
Representative Robert Norris	828-2228
American Red Cross	527-7392
Crime Stoppers Tip Hotline	1-800-472-8477
Casella Waste Management (Landfill)	1-800-639-3083
Northwest Vermont Solid Waste Management	524-5986
Franklin County Airport (Border Air Ltd)	868-2822
Hazardous Substances & Oil Spills	1-800-424-8802
Internal Revenue Service	1-800-829-1040
Mental Health Services	524-6554
Missisquoi Wildlife Refuge	868-4781
Northwest Medical Center	524-5911
Poison Control Center	658-3456
Social Security, SSI & Medicare	1-800-772-1213
Suicide/Personal Crisis	524-6554
Swanton Animal Control	238-3246
Swanton Chamber of Commerce	868-7200
Swanton Fire Warden/Jon Barrette	868-3327
Swanton Health Officer	324-7674
Swanton Historical Society	868-3892
Swanton Post Office	868-4188
Swanton Public Library	868-7656
Swanton Recreation Building	868-2493
Swanton Delinquent Tax Collector	310-0522
Swanton Town Officers	See Page 1
Swanton Village	868-3397
Swanton Village Power Station	868-4200
Vermont AIDS Council	229-2557
Vermont Department of Fish & Wildlife	241-3700
Vermont Department of Health	863-7200
Vermont Department of Motor Vehicles	828-2000
Vermont Department of Taxes	828-2501
Vermont Vital Records	800-439-5008
Vermont District of Transportation AOT	524-5926
Vermont National Guard Armory (Swanton)	868-3887
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