

PITTSFIELD, VERMONT

Annual Town & School District Report

For the Year Ending - June 30, 2022



STATEMENT OF THE AUDITORS

In accordance with Sections 1681 and 1682 of Title 24 V.S.A. (Vermont State Article), we have inspected and reviewed bank statements, work orders, disbursements, and check details on a monthly basis for the Town of Pittsfield for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022. Based on the material reviewed, we conclude that the figures accurately present the financial condition of the Town and the funds in the year ended.

The Auditors would like to thank the Town Clerk/Treasurer, the Select Board, the School Directors, and Town Officials for their professional work ethic and commitment to serving the Town of Pittsfield as well as their contributions to the Town Report.

Respectfully submitted,
Candace Kadimik 2024
Ann Powers 2023
Beth Stanton 2025

ABOUT THE COVER

A group of Pittsfield residents join Road Foreman George Deblon to mark final construction of the new Sand Shed. We would like to acknowledge and extend our appreciation to a fellow towns person for contributing to our front cover for this year's Town Report. Barb Wood is a retired wedding photographer and now enjoys photographing nature while out kayaking or cycling in the region. Her photograph of the new Pittsfield Sand Shed is much appreciated.

In 2016, voters first approved replacing the run-down building by depositing taxpayer funds into a reserve account. Due to high construction costs, the Town successfully applied for state grants to supplement taxpayer contributions for the project. Satisfying state and federal highway construction standards extended the construction timeline and total cost, but on October 1, 2022 construction was finally completed and George immediately filled the shed to capacity.



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We hereby notify the legal voters of the Town of Pittsfield to meet in the Town Hall on Tuesday, March 7, 2023, at 6:00pm to transact the following business from the floor in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order:

Article 2. To elect the following officers, as required by law, for the terms indicated and to fill any other office vacant:

Article 3. Will the voters of Pittsfield authorize all current taxes be paid to the Treasurer unless otherwise noted?

Article 10. To discuss any non-binding business which may properly come before the meeting?

Attest: s/Tricia I. Abbondelo, Clerk

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PITTSFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT WARNING

The citizens of Pittsfield who are legal voters in the Pittsfield Town School District are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Pittsfield Town Hall on Tuesday, March 7, 2023, to transact business:

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

Article 2. To hear and act upon the Auditor's report.

Article 3. To see if the Pittsfield School District will vote to pay taxes in the same manner as the Town.

Article 4. To hear reports of the School Directors.

Article 5. Shall the voters of the Pittsfield School District approve a total budget in the amount of \$994,945 for the 2023-24 school year? It is estimated that this proposed budget will result in education spending of \$14,656 per equalized pupil. This projected spending is 5% higher than spending for the current year.

Article 6. To elect a School Director for a three year term.

Article 7. To do any other proper and necessary business.

Dated at Pittsfield, Vermont this 11th day of January 2023

Pittsfield School Board,

(s) Ray Rice 2023

(s) Kris Sperber 2024

(s) Peter DuBois 2025

Received for record this 30th day of January, 2023 at 3:00pm.

Attest: (s) Tricia Abbondelo, Town Clerk

Any individuals needing special accommodations can contact the Town Clerk's Office at least two weeks prior to the Town Meeting. If you are not already a registered voter in the Town of Pittsfield, please register to vote if you are eighteen or over, are a US citizen, and a resident of this town. Eligible residents can register to vote at the Town Office on any day prior to the election during regular business hours. Registration will also be available at the Town Hall on Town Meeting Day.

PITTSFIELD SELECT BOARD ANNUAL REPORT

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Pittsfield's fiscal health is stronger than ever is the headline for the Select Boards Annual Report. In 2022, we paid off a major portion of outstanding debt, completed the Sand Shed project, successfully implemented new budget policies and received an infusion of federal funding which we are using to make one-time investments in infrastructure and equipment.

Major Debt Reduction: Pittsfield retired two promissory notes From Mascoma Bank in 2022. One was taken out in 2018 for \$200,000 to pay for the new fire truck, the other secured for \$1,000,000 in 2019 to cover expenses from the April 2019 flood. State and federal disaster fund reimbursements covered all but interest payments on the note. The Select Board wishes to thank Town Clerk Trish Abbondelo for the countless hours she spent in documenting expenses and filing reports required for the reimbursements.

New Sand Shed: Contractor G&N Excavations completed construction by the October 1, 2022 deadline, but the project was fraught with delays, extending the six week construction schedule which began in early May 2022 to four months. Voters first approved replacing the falling-down structure in 2016, saving up taxpayer funds over several years. The Town successfully applied for state grants to supplement town contributions and was awarded \$363,400. But as a condition of the grants, we had to hire an engineering design firm, municipal project manager and construction inspection firm. That along with inflated costs for labor and materials drove the final price tag on the project to over \$450,000. However, the Town's share of the cost to build the new sand shed did not exceed the \$104,000 that was put away for the project.

First Test of New Budget Policies: Over the last few budget cycles, the Select Board focused on ways to reduce spending on town operations, scrutinizing every line item and seeking more competitive service contracts. The Board also began whittling down the cushion that historically was added to the budget to cover any bills due before our first revenues were collected in August. Last year we eliminated the need for any additional funds altogether by transitioning from a calendar year to a fiscal year beginning July 1. We are pleased to report that the interim six-month budget, which was entirely funded with surpluses from the previous year, closed on June 30, 2022 in the black and the current fiscal budget is on target to remain balanced.

Infrastructure Investments: Guided by the spending recommendations of the Pittsfield Rescue Plan Committee (see PRPC report) the Select Board began committing funds from the \$165,306 Pittsfield received in federal funding from the American Rescue Plan Act.

One-time expenditures include:

• Snowmobile for PVF&R winter operations	\$13,497
• Town Hall Shelter	
○ 26K Generator for Town Hall and Town Office	\$25,380
○ Generator propane hook-up	\$2,050
○ Two heat pumps for heat/cool	\$11,073
○ Insta-Hot water heater	\$4,482
○ Open Ceiling preparation and paint	\$12,452
○ Replacement oil tank	\$2,054
○ Wall framing labor & materials	\$3,542
○ Fire Alarm electrical system re-wire	\$2,289
○ New basement windows	\$1,380
○ Drywall labor & materials	\$5,623
○ Electrical system (partial)	\$5,895
• Speed Feedback Signs	\$6,542
• John Deer Mowing Tractor	<u>\$14,274</u>
TOTAL:	\$110,533

Looking towards our future goals, the Select Board is drafting a new rental policy that will make Town Hall an affordable and attractive venue for private events, community gatherings, music jams, lectures, art seminars and you name it. Groups are already starting to book reoccurring activities in the first floor and once the major renovations in the basement are completed and the kitchen rebuilt this spring, the Board anticipates that Town Hall will become a busy place.

Our next target for development is the recreation area behind Town Hall and Town Offices. The Board hired a grant writer who helped us get a 50% matching grant to re-asphalt the basketball court and expand its use for pickleball and a permanent ice-skating rink. Your suggestions will be welcome on developing the ball field into a thriving recreational space.

Board members continue to reach out to residents to encourage their participation in town government, community services and public projects. Volunteers are critical in our shared goal of making Pittsfield a vibrant and enviable place to live. Thank you to all who donate their services and time.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pittsfield Select Board Members

s/Ann D. Kuendig

s/Joyce Stevens

s/A. J. Ruben



TOWN CLERK AND TREASURER REPORT

2022

The first few months certainly passed by very quickly! At the end of 2021 I assisted the Select Board in completing three separate budgets in anticipation of changing the Town reporting to a Fiscal year. I thank the voters for passing the six-month budget and new FY23 budget which began in July. This change brings with it some readjusting to tasks within the town clerk's office. The books are now being closed in July which has allowed for more time to prepare our annual Town Report. As you will see, this current Town Report is reporting on the six-month budget, you will see reporting for FY23, July 2022-June 2023, in the 2024 Town Report.

The fall of 2022 brought with it two Elections, the August Primary and November General Election, much preparation went in to carrying them out successfully. I thank my team of Election Officials and Board of Civil Authority for helping it all run efficiently!

I am running for re-election to the position(s) I currently hold which I was appointed to, by the Select Board, in 2018 after extensive training with the then retiring clerk, Patricia Haskins. I was elected in 2019 to complete her term and re-elected in 2020 to my current term. I am honored that you all have allowed me to do the job I have come to love and enjoy, each day is different in the Town Office, the job allows for constant learning and growth and is hugely rewarding.

A special thank you to all of you who have so graciously welcomed my new friend Enzo to the Town office! He enjoys his days at the office and loves all who come in to visit. Countless times I have greeted someone asking how I may help and hear "we are just here to visit Enzo!" This is truly heartwarming and helps show what a special place the Town of Pittsfield is!

I look forward to being re-elected and given the opportunity to continue to serve you all.



Enzo at 3.5 months



Enzo at 1 year old

Respectfully submitted,
Tricia L. Abbondelo
Town Clerk & Treasurer
Town of Pittsfield

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING TOWN OF PITTSFIELD

Tuesday May 3, 2022

Moderator George Deblon, called the Annual Town Meeting to order at 6:00 on Tuesday May 3, 2022. There were approximately 51 people in attendance at the Town Hall. George led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Article 1. To elect a town moderator for the ensuing year. Motion made to accept the article by Terry Manley. George Deblon nominated by Terry Manley, seconded. Voice vote, all in favor, George elected Moderator for 1 year.

Article 2. To elect the following officers, as required by law, for the terms indicated and to fill any other office vacant: Motion made to accept the article by Micheline Bissel, seconded.

- A. **Select Person for three years.** A nomination was made and seconded for AJ Ruben. Terry Manley moved that nominations be closed, and the clerk cast 1 ballot for AJ Ruben, seconded. Voice vote, all in favor. AJ Ruben Select Person for 3 years.
- B. **Lister for three years.** A nomination was made by Herb Kuendig and seconded by Terry Manley for Jeremy Rayner. Jen Howard moved that nominations be closed, and the clerk cast 1 ballot for Jeremy Rayner, seconded by Cindy Bryant. Voice vote, all in favor, Jeremy Rayner Lister for 3 years.
- C. **Auditor for three years.** A nomination was made by Cindy Bryant and seconded by Joyce Stevens for Beth Stanton. Ann Kuendig moved that nominations be closed, and the clerk cast 1 ballot for Beth Stanton, seconded by Sue Wuerthele. Voice vote, all in favor, Beth Stanton Auditor for 3 years.
- D. **Auditor for 1 year.** A nomination was made by Ann Kuendig and seconded by Cindy Bryant for Ann Muller. Linda Colton moved that nominations be closed, and the clerk cast 1 ballot for Ann Muller seconded by Sue Wuerthele. Voice vote, all in favor, Ann Muller Auditor for 1 year.

Addition to agenda; Auditor for 2 years. A nomination was made by Joyce Stevens and seconded by Cindy Bryant for Candace Kadamik. A point of order was raised "can you do that?" Ann responded that if the warrant indicates "to fill any other office vacant", which it does. Linda Colton moved that nominations be closed, and the clerk cast 1 ballot. Voice vote, all in favor, Candace Kadamik Auditor for 2 years.

- E. **Fire Chief for 2 years.** A nomination was made by Cindy Bryant and seconded by Herb Kuendig for Dave Colton. Linda Colton moved that nominations be closed, and the clerk cast 1 ballot for Dave Colton, seconded by Elizabeth Dietz. Voice vote, all in favor, Dave Colton Fire Chief for 2 years.
- F. **Collector of Delinquent Tax for 1 year.** A nomination was made by Herb Kuendig, seconded by Don Bass for Janice Stumpf. Linda Colton moved that nominations be closed, and the clerk cast 1 ballot for Janice Stumpf seconded by Joyce Stevens. Voice vote, all in favor, Janice Stumpf Collector of Delinquent Tax for 1 year. Dave Colton recognized what a great job Janice has done and that the delinquent number is very good.
- G. **Trustee of Public Funds for 3 years.** A nomination was made by Kris Sperber and seconded by Joyce Stevens for Kelly Ziegler. Ann moved that nominations be closed, and the clerk cast 1 ballot for Kelly Ziegler, seconded by Cindy Bryant. Voice vote, all in favor, Kelly Ziegler Trustee of Public Funds for 3 years.
- H. **Trustee of the Roger Clark Memorial Library for 3 years.** A nomination was made by a Cindy Bryant and seconded by Joyce Stevens for Coral Hawley. Linda Colton moved that nominations be closed, and the clerk cast 1 ballot for Coral Hawley, seconded by Ann Kuendig. Voice vote, all in favor, Coral Hawley Trustee of the Roger Clark Memorial Library for 3 years.
- I. **Trustee of the Roger Clark Memorial Library for 3 years.** A nomination was made by Cindy Bryant and seconded by Jeremy Rayner for Betty Warner. Linda Colton moved that

nominations be closed, and the clerk cast 1 ballot for Betty Warner, seconded by Joyce Stevens. Voice vote, all in favor, Betty Warner, Trustee of the Roger Clark Memorial Library for 3 years.

- J. Cemetery Commissioner for 3 years.** A nomination was made by Dave Colton and seconded by Terry Manley for Connie Martin. Linda moved that the nominations be closed, and the clerk cast 1 ballot for Connie Martin, seconded by Joyce Stevens. Voice vote, all in favor, Connie Martin Cemetery Commissioner for 3 years.
- K. Second Constable for 2 years.** A nomination was made by Greg Martin and seconded by Terry Manley for Doug Mianulli. There was a question if Doug had resigned, Ann answered that he had resigned from Emergency Management Director. Linda Colton moved that nominations be closed, and clerk cast 1 ballot for Doug Mianulli, seconded by Herb Kuendig. Voice vote, all in favor, Doug Mianulli Second Constable for 2 years.

Article 3. Will the voters of Pittsfield authorize all current taxes be paid to the Treasurer unless otherwise noted? A motion was made to approve this article by Terry Manley and seconded by Cindy Bryant. Voice vote, article passed.

Article 4. Will the voters of Pittsfield authorize the Treasurer to collect taxes on real property in two installments, on or before the third Thursday of August and the third Thursday of November, by physical delivery to the tax collector by 5pm? A motion was made by Terry Manley, seconded by Cindy Bryant to accept this article. A question was raised by Sue Wuerthele, wondering if it is governed by law as to when the tax will be collected or if it can be changed, spread out. Joyce Stevens replied they discussed possibly having 3 payments adding one in January. Tricia Fryer (Treasurer) suggested that we keep the two payments, possibly spreading them out more but asked for consideration in keeping the 2 installments. More discussion will take place at future Select Board Meeting. Sarah Gallagher moved to approve article, seconded by Joyce Stevens. Voice vote, article approved.

Article 5. Will the voters of Pittsfield deposit \$38,000 into the Pittsfield Town Hall Reserve Fund for renovation projects? A motion was made by Terry Manley, seconded by Dave Colton to accept this article. George invited someone from the committee to speak, Herb Kuendig spoke. He updated us on slowing down due to Covid and contractor availability. The beams were in stalled below the floor that we were holding the meeting on. He spoke about the monies that were left, approximately \$29,000 to re-do the front of the building including the steps. The additional \$38,000 ask is possibly for the basement or electrical and outside of the building, depending on funding from ARPA. A motion was made to approve by Dave Hunt and seconded by Marcy Dwyerlamlein. Voice vote, article approved.

Article 6. Will the voters of Pittsfield deposit \$65,000 in the PVRF Truck Reserve Fund? A motion was made by Herb Kuendig and seconded by Mike Wuerthele to accept this article. Terry Manley stated last year we put in roughly \$90,000 and this year going for another \$65,000, he asked for some visibility as to where the money is going. Dave Colton answered by explaining about the next truck needing to be replaced. It will be approximately \$350,000. This will be a more than a rescue truck, also pumper truck able to get up driveways to fight fires. The current one is a 2008, and the plan is to replace 2 trucks with 1. The department is asking for the monies in stages, so they do not need to take a loan out when the need arises. A motion was made to approve this article by Herb Kuendig, seconded by Sue Wuerthele. Voice vote, article approved.

Article 7. Will the voters of Pittsfield authorize \$20,000 to partially pave the parking lot of the Pittsfield Fire Station? A motion was made to accept this article by Ann Kuendig, seconded by Joyce Stevens. A question was asked, why are we partially paving? Caleb Hawley explained about the drainage problem and the grade of driveway which causes the water to go under the doors, there was an incident with the doors freezing. He also went onto explain it will help with vehicle maintenance and cleaning as well as training. He spoke also about guiding lines to assist with backing up being painted on the new pavement. The department does not feel the need for the whole lot to be paved, they want to keep the cost down so would like to do approximately 40 feet. This would include prep work and drainage work. A motion was made to accept the article by Herb Kuendig, seconded by Mike Wuerthele. Voice vote, article passed.

Article 8. Will the voters of Pittsfield approve the proposed 12 -month budget beginning July 1, 2022, to meet the expenses and liabilities of the town? A motion was made to accept this article by Terry Manley, seconded by Jen Howard. Sue Wuerthele asked for a quick summary. Ann asked Trish if she would like to take the question and Trish replied that she felt Ann should take it as the Select Board oversaw creating the budget and had final say.

Ann went on to explain that reducing expenses was concentrated on by going line by line. She spoke about how we converted to a fiscal year, not needing a cushion any longer. We created a 6mo, 12mo, and a regular 12mo budget in case needed by looking at each department including adding a 5year capitol plan. By using leftover un earmarked monies we were able to fund a lot of the articles, also putting some of the capitol funds right into the department's budgets. A motion was made to accept this article by Sue Wuerthele and seconded by Terry Manley. Voice vote, article approved.

Article 9. Will the voters of Pittsfield authorize the Select Board to buy and sell real estate? A motion was made by Terry to accept this article, seconded by Jen Howard. No discussion, a motion was made by Terry Manley to approve this article, seconded by Elizabeth Dietz. Voice vote, article approved.

Article 10. To discuss any non-binding business which may come before the meeting? A motion was made by Ann Kuendig to accept this article, seconded by Sue Wuerthele. George gave the details for Green Up Day, Saturday May 7th 8-11 am, the new site for pick up/drop off will be Town Garage. At 1pm on Saturday May 7th, PCC will be hosing a Dream on the Green event, sharing ice cream and baked goods. Learn about Pretty Up Pittsfield, bring your ideas. Herb Kuendig gave a shout out to Ann Kuendig for all the work she has done to make the Sand Shed replacement a reality. George spoke about how the shed is now down and it was in worst shape than they thought, it was built in 1985. Dave Colton spoke about the new Wild Land Fire Unit with trailer which was on display out front. It was purchased with all donated and fundraised monies. Ann spoke about the effort of the ARPA committee and how people could submit ideas. Linda Colton then explained the makeup of the committee and the suggestions that were currently made. The suggestions were broken down and given criteria to help pass the suggestions forward to the Select Board. Suggestions deadline is June 1st. See flyer that was passed on, there is room for 1 more person on the committee and all are welcome to attend. Coral Hawley informed everyone of a fishing derby to be held on May 21st at 9am at Ron Colton's Pond, no fishing allowed at his pond after the derby.

With no further business to discuss George moved to adjourn the 2022 Town meeting and open the School meeting at 6:54pm.

Recorded by s/Tricia L Fryer, Town Clerk

Approved by (s)Ann Kuendig, Select Board Chair

Approved by (s)George Deblon, Moderator

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING TOWN OF PITTSFIELD

Tuesday May 3, 2022

Article 1. To elect a Moderator for the year ensuing. A motion was made by Sue Wuerthele to accept this article and seconded by Jen Howard. A motion was made and seconded for George Deblon. Voice vote, article approved.

Article 2. To hear and act upon the auditor's report. A motion was made by Sarah Gallagher, to accept this article, seconded by Terry Manley. No discussion. A motion was made by Cindy Bryant and seconded by Terry Manley to approve this article. Voice vote, article approved.

Article 3. To see if the Pittsfield School District will vote to pay taxes in the same manner as the Town. A motion was made by Terry Manley to accept this article, seconded by Cindy Bryant. No Discussion. A motion was made to approve this article by Sarah Gallagher, seconded by Mike Wuerthele. Voice vote, article approved.

Article 4. To hear reports of the School Directors. A motion was made by Terry Manley to accept this article, seconded by Joyce Stevens. Kris asked if everyone received the handouts, they were then passed out. There were some things amended. A motion was made by Sarah Gallagher to approve this article, seconded by Dave Hunt. Voice vote, article approved.

Article 5. Shall the voters of the Pittsfield School District approve a total budget in the amount of \$943,108 for the 2021-22 school year. It is estimated that this proposed budget will result in education spending of \$14,184 per equalized pupil. This projected spending is 7% lower than spending for the current year.

A motion was made to accept this article by Terry Manley, seconded by Jen Howard.

Kris wanted the article amended to say the year of the "2022-23" school year and as a result the changes that are on the handouts, "\$13,392" per equalized pupil. The amendment was voted on by voice vote, so approved.

Kris explained about the budget sheet saying they were able to increase the surplus to help pay down the taxes by about \$45,000 to about \$120,000. She explained about our tuitions and what the real equalized cost per pupil is. Special Ed costs were down, and less students. These factors make the current homestead tax rate \$1.03. This will not be accurate because the Grand List is yet to be determined. A motion was made by Jen Howard to approve the article, seconded by Betty Warner. Voice vote, article approved.

Article 6. To elect a School Director for a three-year term. A motion was made to approve this article by Terry Manley, seconded by Cindy Bryant. A motion was made by Kris Sperber for Peter Dubois, seconded by Joyce Stevens. Linda Colton moved that nominations be closed, and the clerk cast 1 ballot for Peter DuBois, seconded by Cindy Bryant. Voice vote, article passed.

Article 7. To do any other proper or necessary business. A motion was made to accept this article by Sarah Gallagher and seconded by Sue Wuerthele. George remembered that Marsha wanted everyone to know that the Planning Commission is looking for new members. The Town is looking for a new Health Officer, and an Energy Coordinator. Kris shared that Ray Rice received a new hip today and he wanted everyone to recognize State Alpine GS winner, Abby Massillo!

With no other business the 2022 School meeting was adjourned at 7:05pm.

Recorded by s/Tricia L Fryer Town Clerk

Approved by (s)Kris Sperber, School Board

Approved by (s)George Deblon, Moderator

2022 ELECTED OFFICIALS

AUDITORS

(3-year term)	
Ann Powers	2023
Candace Kadimik	2024
Beth Stanton	2025

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

(3-year term)	
George Deblon	2023
Mary Lee Stevens	2023
Chuck Colton	2024
Steve Martin	2024
Connie Martin	2025

CONSTABLE, FIRST

(2-year term)	
Tim Hunt	2023

CONSTABLE, SECOND

(2-year term)	
Doug Mianulli	2024

DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR

(1-year term)	
Janice Stumpf	2023

FIRE CHEIF

(2-year term)	
David Colton	2024

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

(2year term commencing 2/1/21)	
Peter Borden	2023
George Deblon	2023
A.J Ruben	2023
Beth Stanton	2023
Brian Smith	2023

LISTERS

(3-year term)	
Elizabeth Warner	2023
Herbert Kuendig	2024
Jeremy Rayner	2025

MODERATOR

(1-year term)	
George Deblon	2023

SCHOOL DIRECTORS

(3-year term)	
Raymond Rice	2023
Kristin Sperber	2024
Peter Dubois	2025

SCHOOL DISTRICT

TREASURER

(3-year term)	
Tricia Abbondelo	2023

SELECT BOARD

(3-year term)	
Joyce Stevens	2023
Ann Kuendig	2024
AJ Ruben	2025

TOWN CLERK

(3-year term)	
Tricia Abbondelo	2023

TOWN TREASURER

(3-year term)	
Tricia Abbondelo	2023

TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS

(3-year term)	
Henry Hotchkiss	2023
Sandra Begin	2024
Mark Stugart	2025

TRUSTEES OF THE

ROGER CLARK

MEMORIAL LIBRARY

(3-year term)	
Erica Hurd	2023
Cynthia Bryant	2024
Amanda Barrett	2024
Coral Hawley	2025
Elizabeth Warner	2025

2022 APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS - Appointed by the Select Board

BUILDING ADVISORY BOARD

Richard Gaston 2023
Herb Kuendig 2023
Mike Moran 2023
Jeremy Rayner 2023
Glenn Reinauer 2023

CIVIL DEFENSE

David Colton 2023
Greg Martin 2023

DELEGATES TO EC FIBERNET

Elizabeth Warner 2023
Herb Kuendig (Alternate) 2023

E911 COORDINATOR

Michelle Hunt 2023

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATORS

Doug Mianulli (Resigned) 2023
Robert Giolito (Appointed) 2023
Ryan Thompson 2023

ENERGY COORDINATOR

Vacant 2023

GREEN UP COORDINATORS

Rebecca Steward Nov.23
Olivia Grasso Nov.23

PARK COMMISSIONER

Connie Martin 2023

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

Marsha Hopkins 2024
Jennifer Howard 2024
Ryan Thompson 2024
Vaugh Micchiche 2025
Mark Stugart 2025

ROAD COMMISSIONER

George Deblon 2023

RUTLAND COUNTY

SOLID WASTE

(RCSWD)

REPRESENTATIVE

Suana Rubin (resigned) 2023
Ann Kuendig (Alternate) 2023

TAC REPRESENTATIVE

George Deblon 2023

TOWN FOREST FIRE

WARDEN

Ray Colton Jun-23

TREE WARDEN

Jeremy Rayner 2023

TWO RIVERS PLANNING

COMMISSION

REPRESENTATIVE

Sarah Gallagher 2023

UNEMPLOYMENT

COMPENSATION

COMMISSIONER

Tricia Abbondelo 2023

WHITE RIVER VALLEY

AMBULANCE (WRVA)

REPRESENTATIVE

Martha Beyersdorf 2023

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

AJ Ruben 2023

ZONING BOARD OF

ADJUSTMENT

Donald Bass 2023

David Larkin 2023

Herb Kuendig 2024

Ken Jareki 2025

Vacant 2023

WHITE RIVER VALLEY

CONSORTIUM

REPRESENTATIVE

Jordan Stevens 2023

Dana Decker (Alternate) 2023

Appointed by the Town Clerk and Treasurer

ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK

Vacant

ASSISTANT TOWN TREASURER

Vacant

ASSISTANT SCHOOL DISTRICT

TREASURER

Vacant

DEPUTY REGISTRARS

Gary Clifford 2023

Lawrence Davignon 2023

Randy Garner 2023

Appointed by the State Health Officer

HEALTH OFFICER

Sandy Begin (resigned) May 22

Vacant Sept. 30, 2022

PITTSFIELD BOARD OF LISTERS

The Board of Listers role is to see that Pittsfield's Grand List is maintained, updated, and reported on in a timely way and in accordance with Vermont Law. We do this while also working and exchanging data with both the VT State Tax Department and our own Pittsfield Town Clerk's office.

The reappraisal project conducted by New England Municipal Resource Center (NEMRC), our contractor, started in July, 2021, and was concluded in June, 2022. All properties were assessed and property owners received notification of the results in April, 2022. The listed value of 506 taxable properties grew from \$103,848,000 to \$126,934,300.

It is important that grand list values reflect all changes to buildings on a property. New construction, additions, removal of outbuildings should be reviewed and inspected each year to calculate any changes in value. Determining what inspections need to happen relies on three factors. First, properties that are flagged as incomplete in the database will be revisited. Second, we rely on the goodwill of property owners to advise us of any additions. Third, we rely on observations made while driving around town in the spring.

While only those buying and selling a home feel the direct impact of the current real estate market, all taxpayers feel the effect in an indirect way. The State of Vermont "equalizes" our educational tax rate using a formula that takes our Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) into consideration. The CLA represents the average ratio (shown as a percentage) of sales in the town during the past three years, as compared to their assessed value. 51 Sales for the past three years (2019, 2020, 2021) were used resulting in our current CLA of 103.68%. Also used in the determination of rates used in the equalization or our tax rates is the Coefficient of Dispersion (COD). A COD of 11.55% was calculated for us.

For the curious, here are some facts about our Grand List.

Type of Property	Number of Properties	Listed Value
Residential	332	106,202,300
Mobile Homes	8	779,600
Seasonal	31	3,113,600
Commercial	14	6,294,400
Commercial Apts	2	551,900
Industrial	2	1,056,000
Utilities	1	1,754,800
Various land only	116	7,181,700
Total	506	126,934,300

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Warner, Herbert Kuendig, Jeremy Rayner

PITTSFIELD PLANNING COMMISSION

The Planning Commission completed the requirements of a grant received from Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Planning Commission in May 2022 for the purpose of updating the Town Plan according to state statute. The Planning Commission continued to refine the draft document meeting several times every month, through November 2022. During this process the staffing transitioned several times, resulting in inputs from several different perspectives. The public forum to address comments was held on January 12, 2023. The Planning Commission continued to work with TRORC and has a completed draft document which will be forwarded to the Select Board for review. There will be another public hearing prior to adoption of the plan.

With the Town Plan behind us, the Planning Commission can redirect efforts investigating grant opportunities for mitigation projects that will improve our infrastructure, community and well-being.

The Planning Commission meets on the second Tuesday of the month in April, July, October and January unless circumstances require additional meetings. The public is always welcome and we welcome community input.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marsha Hopkins, Jennifer Howard, Ryan Thompson, Vaughn Micciche, Mark Stugart

PITTSFIELD ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT November 2022

In 2022 and early 2023 Pittsfield's Zoning Administrator received four requests for information from prospective developers/property owners regarding application of zoning laws and hazard mitigation rules to their proposed developments. Each inquiry was responded to promptly and relevant information was provided to the developer/property owner by the Zoning Administrator.

The Zoning Administrator also attended, when possible, Town Planning Commission meetings held during this period. Through attendance at Planning Commission meetings and service on the Selectboard, the Zoning Administrator obtains continuing education and information about changes and improvements in the services the Zoning Administrator is to perform.

Please contact the Zoning Administrator through the Town Office with any questions or concerns you may have regarding development and hazard mitigation in Pittsfield.

Thank you for this opportunity to serve.

A.J. Ruben, Zoning Administrator January 2023

PITTSFIELD TOWN HALL BUILDING COMMITTEE

The Pittsfield Town Hall Building Committee is pleased to report that we made significant gains in 2022 towards completing our mission to renovate Town Hall and develop it into a multi-use community center for residents and property owners.

Last year, Town Meeting voted to deposit \$38,000 in the Town Hall Reserve Fund towards future renovations after Phase One was completed to address the structural integrity issues with the first floor and foundation.

Our focus on starting Phase Two-repairing and insulating the exterior walls and building new front steps-shifted after Town Meeting when Fire Chief Dave Colton suggested putting an emergency shelter in Town Hall by utilizing federal funding Pittsfield received from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

We quickly developed a scope of work that would not only meet shelter needs but also restore the basement and kitchen which had to be stripped down to the foundation in Phase One. Once again, members acted as general contractors, breaking down the shelter plan into manageable projects, getting estimates and bids, hiring contractors and often times doing work ourselves, either demolition or carpentry, to hold down costs.

After the Pittsfield Rescue Plan Committee issued its report recommending the Select Board give funding the shelter second priority, we contracted and oversaw the installation of the following new infrastructure:

- 26 KW propane generator that will fully power Town Hall and partially power Town Office in the event of an emergency;
- Two Mini-Split systems for heating and cooling Town Hall;
- On-demand water heater;
- Fiberglass oil tank to replace old oil tank;
- Fire alarm electrical system.

In addition, members brought in contractors to media blast and seal the timbers for the basement's open ceiling, paint the steel beams, frame new walls and propane hookups for appliances and reconfigure the furnace duct work. As of this writing, the new electrical system is being installed and members are shopping for new hanging electrical fixtures. Contractors have been secured to spray foam insulate the basement and hang/mud sheetrock walls. The new kitchen layout has been designed and is being priced out. New basement windows have been ordered and a deposit put down on a new mahogany custom built front door.

As for completing Phase Two, after failing to find any contractor interested in doing the work in 2022, the committee requested the Select Board put out an official bid for the exterior work to begin in the spring of 2023 and is currently reviewing responses. The Committee also hopes to begin assessing what needs fixing or replacing on the main floor of Town Hall. Please note, all our meetings are public and we welcome any and all suggestions for making Town Hall a welcoming venue.

Finally, members would like to thank Carl Oertel for the many hours and expertise he offered during his time on the committee and we welcome new member Richard Gaston.

Respectfully Submitted,

Herb Kuendig (Chair), Ray Colton, Mike Moran, Glenn Reinauer, Jeremy Rayner, Henry Haefner, Richard Gaston and Ann Kuendig (Secretary)

**TOWN OF PITTSFIELD
DELINQUENT TAX LIST
As of June 30, 2022**

		2,021.00	2,020.00	Previous	TOTALS
03-0903-000	Madr, Jason	594.32			594.32
12-0285-000	Samson, Kati L ET AL	624.04			624.04
25-0310-000	Tiffany, Patricia A	1,192.62	1,245.36	5,301.58	7739.56
68-0143-000	Fitsimmons, Matthew	1,571.00			1571.00
75-0231-000	Lothrop, Wendy	832.06			832.06
75-0300-000	Watkins, Harry J ET AL	826.12	862.64	5,239.17	6927.93
77-0375-000	Berg, ChristopherR	651.77			651.77
83-0120-000	Bowen, Jack	1,151.02	5.67		1156.69
99-2358-000	Mutrie, Paul	552.72			552.72
99-2991-000	Stauffer, Wayne R	4,835.86	44.24		4880.10
TOTALS:		12,831.53	2,157.91	10,540.75	\$25,530.19

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Stumpf
Delinquent Tax Collector

**Delinquent Tax Reconciliation
June 30, 2022**

Data From Town Treasurer Records - QuickBooks

Total Delinquent December 31, 2021	\$ 29,267.70
Total Tax Collected Jan. 1-31, 2022	\$ (1,755.99)
Total Tax collected Feb. 1-28, 2022	\$ (622.69)
Total Tax collected Mar. 1-31, 2022	\$ (213.75)
Total Tax collected April 1-30, 2022	\$ (1,145.08)
Total tax collected May 1-31, 2022	
Total Tax collected June 1-30, 2022	
Total Delinquent Tax June 30, 2022	\$ 25,530.19

Data From Delinquent Tax Collector Records - NEMRC

Total Delinquent June 30, 2022	\$ 25,530.19
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EXPLANATION OF THE 2022 GRAND LIST

	<u>Listed Value</u>	<u>Grand List 1% of Total</u>
Real Estate	\$124,657,525.00	\$1,246,575.25
Statement of Current Taxes	Tax Rate X	Grand List =
Year Ended December 31, 2022		Taxes Raised
Municipal	0.4285	1,246,575.25
Homestead School	0.8432	446,345.00
Non-Resident School	1.2152	800,230.25
Late Homestead Penalty		156.63
Total Taxes Billed 7/15/22		\$ 1,883,109.50
2020 Taxes Accounted For		
Current Taxes Collected		1,679,282.28
Delinquent November 17, 2022		74,138.53
Homestead State Payments		135,730.00
Town Penalty Payments from State		90.00
2022 Late Filed Penalties Collected		(731.01)
2022 Late Filed Tax Difference		7,872.30
Municipal Portion State Tax Adjustment		(8,982.79)
State Tax Adjustment Refunded to Owner(s)		(4,291.85)
Abate small amounts due		(0.78)
Eliminate Small Credits		0.96
Misc Adjustment		1.86
Total 2022 Taxes Accounted For		\$1,883,109.50



CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE AND COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEETS

GENERAL FUND

Fund Balance June 30, 2022	
Checking	\$35,284.38
Holding Account	\$304,775.10
Petty Cash	<u>\$163.34</u>
Total Fund Balance	\$340,222.82
Beginning Balance January 1, 2022	\$608,149.72
Revenue for January 1-June 30, 2022	\$410,514.54
Expenses for January 1 - June 30, 2022	<u>-\$678,441.44</u>
Ending Balance June 30, 2022	\$340,222.82
Unreserved	<u>\$340,222.82</u>
Ending Balance June 30, 2022	\$340,222.82
Change in Fund Balance	-\$267,926.90

HIGHWAY FUND

Fund Balance June 30, 2022	
ICS Savings	\$199,280.57
Checking	<u>-\$20,416.02</u>
Total Fund Balance	\$178,864.55
Beginning Balance January 1, 2022	\$248,402.18
Revenue for January 1 - June 30, 2022	\$106,751.42
Expenses for January 1 - June 30, 2022	<u>-\$176,289.05</u>
Ending Balance June 30, 2022	\$178,864.55
Change in Fund Balance	-\$69,537.63

CEMETERY FUND

Fund Balance June 30, 2022	
ICS Savings	\$5,602.69
Checking	<u>\$4,601.31</u>
Total Fund Balance	\$10,204.00
Beginning Balance January 1, 2022	\$11,434.79
Revenue for January 1- June 30, 2022	\$3,322.45
Expenses for January 1-June 30, 2022	<u>-\$4,553.24</u>
Ending Balance June 30, 2022	\$10,204.00
Change in Fund Balance	-\$1,230.79

CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE AND COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEETS

Roger Clark Memorial Library	
Fund Balance June 30, 2022	
Checking	<u>\$12.07</u>
Total Fund Balance	<u>\$12.07</u>
Beginning Balance January 1, 2022	\$4,019.22
Revenue for January 1 - June 30, 2022	\$0.00
Expenses for January 1 - June 30, 2022	<u>-\$4,007.15</u>
Ending Balance June 30, 2022	<u>\$12.07</u>
Change in Fund Balance	<u>\$4,007.15</u>
Pittsfield Volunteer Fire & Rescue	
Fund Balance June 30, 2022	
Checking	<u>\$5,869.89</u>
Total Fund Balance	<u>\$5,869.89</u>
Beginning Balance January 1, 2022	\$12,396.33
Revenue for January 1-June 30, 2022	\$0.00
Expenses for January 1-June 30, 2022	<u>-\$6,526.44</u>
Ending Balance June 30, 2022	<u>\$5,869.89</u>
Change in Fund Balance	<u>-\$6,526.44</u>

Revenues and Receipts January - June 2022 & FY24 Proposed Budget

	2021 Actuals	2022 Budget	January-June 2022 Actuals	July-June 2022/23 12 mo Proposed	FY 24 July 2023-June 2024 Proposed
GENERAL FUND					
Current Taxes	1,708,041.80				
Current Tax Interest	557.09				
Delinquent Taxes	106,954.54		1,981.52		
Delinquent Tax Interest	4,529.71		1,938.04		
Dog Licenses	338.12	350.00	232.00	350.00	300.00
State Rabies Fee/Neuter Surchg	540.00		560.00		
Liquor Licenses	415.00	415.00	895.00	415.00	900.00
Town Clerk Fees	12,924.15	4,000.00	5,683.00	7,000.00	11,000.00
Interest - General Fund	1,832.50	1,000.00	484.45	2,000.00	1,000.00
Interest - Restricted Funds	761.61	700.00	168.60	700.00	250.00
Photo Copies	23.35		20.70		
Marriage Licenses	400.00		150.00		
Municipal Planning Grant	3,059.00	1,311.00	1,311.00	1,311.00	
Miscellaneous	0.20				
Record Preservation	3,511.00		1,216.00		
Current Use Payment	12,836.00	0.00		12,500.00	11,500.00
Overpayments	3,785.28		3.05		
Delinquent Tax Penalty	9,486.27		291.19		
Interfund Transfers			73,823.28		
ACH Payment error by VT	60,463.08		108,931.70		
Other	1.89				
Grants from State of VT paid in error	5,848.44				
Grants ARPA-LFR	84,653.05				
Road Fines			77.50		
Storm Damage Reimbursement			211,335.71		
Late April Flood Note	147,933.75				
Tax Sale	19,132.28				
Reimbursement/Refund	1,108.40		1,411.80		
Undesignated Fund Balance				75,000.00	35,000.00
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	2,189,136.51	7,776.00	410,514.54	99,276.00	59,950.00
	2021 Actuals	January-June 2022 Budget	January -June 2022 Actuals	July-June 2022/23 12mo Proposed	FY 24 July 2023-June 2024 Proposed
HIGHWAY FUND					
State Aid	24,664.38	12,000.00	12,978.36	24,000.00	24,000.00
Green Mountain National Forest	21,897.00	22,000.00	22,431.00	22,000.00	22,000.00
Interest	694.69	500.00	214.28	1,000.00	600.00
General Fund Tax Disbursement	164,842.00		71,127.78		
Grants in Aid Pilot Project	5,172.79			6,700.00	
MRPG Grant					
Inter Fund Transfers	40,510.00				
Misc.	2.32				
Undesignated Fund Balance				103,000.00	15,000.00
TOTAL HIGHWAY FUND	257,783.18	34,500.00	106,751.42	156,700.00	61,600.00
CEMETERY FUND					
General Fund Tax Disbursement			2,795.50		
Interest	386.69	400.00	241.32	800.00	400.00
Dividends	270.79	300.00	285.63	300.00	200.00
Sale of Lots	175.00				
Undesignated Fund Balance				6,000.00	
TOTAL CEMETERY FUND	832.48	700.00	3,322.45	7,100.00	600.00
PITTSFIELD VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESUCUE					
General Fund Tax Disbursement	21,875.00	0		21,875.00	22,825.00
Undesignated Fund Balance					
TOTAL PVFR FUND	21,875.00	0		21,875.00	22,825.00
ROGER CLARK MEMORIAL LIBRARY					
General Fund Tax Disbursement	8,145.00	0		9,780.00	11,445.00
Undesignated Fund Balance					
TOTAL RCML FUND	8,145.00	0		9,780.00	11,445.00
	2021 Actuals	January-June 2022 Budget	January -June 2022 Actuals	July-June 2022/23 12mo Proposed	FY 24 July 2023-June 2024 Proposed
GENERAL FUND					
FICA Social Security	5,618.91	2,857.00	2,281.90	5,713.00	5,987.00
FICA Medicare	1,314.10	668.00	533.65	1,336.00	1,400.00
Federal Excise Tax	5.20	5.20		5.20	5.20
Rutland County Tax	6,388.60	4,363.50		8,727.00	10,360.00
Other Tax (Reconcile Tax period Sept 30, 2020-IRS)			333.74		
Subtotal	13,326.81	7,893.70	3,149.29	15,781.20	17,752.20
Insurance and Bonds					
VLCT Unemployment Trust	764.00	312.00	312.00	524.00	490.00
VLCT Insurance Package	23,145.00	11,304.00	9,733.50	22,608.00	23,000.00
Subtotal	23,909.00	11,616.00	10,045.50	23,132.00	23,490.00
Dues and Contributions					
VLCT	1,743.00	1,710.00		1,710.00	1,760.00

Two Rivers Regional Planning	835.00			796.00	822.00
Vt Clerk's & Treasurer's Assoc.	70.00	1,710.00		55.00	70.00
Quin Town Seniors	3,500.00			3,500.00	3,500.00
Visiting Nurse Alliance VT/NH	1,000.00			1,000.00	1,000.00
Park House/Community Care	500.00			500.00	600.00
New Story Women's Shelter	200.00			200.00	200.00
Central VT Council on Aging	600.00			600.00	600.00
VT Center For Independent Living	75.00			75.00	75.00
Green Up Vermont	50.00			50.00	50.00
Rutland County Mental Health	588.00			588.00	600.00
NeighborWorks	200.00			200.00	200.00
Tri-Valley Transit (Stagecoach)	230.00			230.00	230.00
Child First Advocacy Center	400.00			400.00	400.00
VT Rural Fire ProtectionTask Force	100.00			100.00	100.00
Vermont Family Network				500.00	250.00
Rutland County Restorative Justice Center				500.00	500.00
The Preservation Trust of Vermont	50.00			50.00	50.00
The Housing Trust of Rutland County					100.00
Pittsfield Community Connection					200.00
Pittsfield Historical Society					200.00
American Red Cross	250.00			250.00	250.00
Subtotal	10,391.00	1,710.00	-	11,304.00	11,757.00

Refuse

Refuse Removal	423.00	200.00	167.00	400.00	360.00
Subtotal	423.00	200.00	167.00	400.00	360.00

	2021 Actuals	January-June 2022 Budget	January -June 2022 Actuals	July-June 2022/23 12mo Proposed	FY 24 July 2023-June 2024 Proposed
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General Fund continued

Other Services

Legal	3,649.28	2,500.00		5,000.00	5,000.00
Ambulance	33,306.00	16,380.00	16,380.00	32,760.00	36,288.00
Printing	1,772.00	1,900.00	1,835.00	1,900.00	1,900.00
Advertising	353.36	250.00	385.67	500.00	500.00
Subtotal	39,080.64	21,030.00	18,600.67	40,160.00	43,688.00

Maintenance and Repairs

Town Office Building	4,179.00	2,250.00	2,075.82	4,500.00	4,800.00
Town Hall	860.43	1,250.00	185.14	2,500.00	2,500.00
Band Stand					1,800.00
Sandshed					
Garage	145.00	300.00		600.00	600.00
Fire Alarm Yearly Inspection	720.89			650.00	600.00
Subtotal	5,905.32	3,800.00	2,260.96	8,250.00	10,300.00

Utilities - Town Hall

Electricity	654.00	575.00	454.46	1,150.00	1,500.00
Fuel	2,083.99		978.00	1,500.00	1,150.00
Subtotal	2,737.99	575.00	1,432.46	2,650.00	2,650.00

Utilities - Town Office Building

Electricity	2,320.59	1,100.00	1,179.53	2,200.00	2,390.00
Fuel	2,131.23			3,000.00	3,000.00
Phone/Internet	1,632.16	800.00	804.90	1,600.00	1,600.00
Subtotal	6,083.98	1,900.00	1,984.43	6,800.00	6,990.00

Utilities - Highway Garage

Electricity	941.51	550.00	576.28	1,100.00	1,200.00
Phone/Internet	947.24	490.00	475.03	980.00	980.00
LP Gas	999.09			1,200.00	1,200.00
Subtotal	2,887.84	1,040.00	1,051.31	3,280.00	3,380.00

Utilities - Street Lights

Electricity	1,945.49	1,050.00	1,020.90	2,100.00	2,100.00
Subtotal	1,945.49	1,050.00	1,020.90	2,100.00	2,100.00

Parks and Grounds

Labor	2,234.61	1,000.00	1,150.13	2,000.00	3,520.00
Fuel	201.89	100.00	78.90	200.00	200.00
Portable Toilet	420.00	280.00	275.00	700.00	825.00
Equipment Maintenance	79.16	150.00	171.61	300.00	300.00
Trees and Bedding Plants	100.90	150.00	148.00	150.00	150.00
Supplies		100.00	32.99	100.00	100.00
Hired Equipment		100.00		100.00	100.00
New Equipment		250.00		250.00	-
Subtotal	3,036.56	2,130.00	1,856.63	3,800.00	5,195.00

	2021 Actuals	January-June 2022 Budget	January -June 2022 Actuals	July-June 2022/23 12mo Proposed	FY 24 July 2023-June 2024 Proposed
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General Fund continued

Office Expense

Copier Lease	1,151.40	576.00	1,174.70	1,152.00	1,543.00
NEMRC Support	1,115.59	1,149.00	1,269.06	1,149.00	1,247.00
Tech Support & Software (combined 2021)	6,082.73	2,878.00	3,082.17	5,200.00	7,329.00
Website Maintenance	183.34	190.00		190.00	
Office Supplies	1,926.86	1,000.00	973.13	2,000.00	2,000.00
Postage	1,803.16	1,200.00	830.57	1,700.00	1,700.00

	Subtotal	12,263.08	6,993.00	7,329.63	11,391.00	13,819.00
Planning Commission						
Printing, Copies, Typing, Adv.		-	150.00		150.00	150.00
Misc./Assistance from Two Rivers		<u>3,635.34</u>	<u>1,234.00</u>	<u>1,234.66</u>	<u>1,234.00</u>	
Subtotal		3,635.34	1,384.00	1,234.66	1,384.00	150.00
Board of Listers						
Postage		217.26	300.00	368.00	200.00	200.00
Supplies		362.77	250.00	102.87	500.00	500.00
Computer IT Support		2,301.62	1,000.00		2,000.00	2,100.00
Miscellaneous			100.00		100.00	100.00
NEMRC Support		1,257.71	1,149.00	1,149.06	1,149.00	1,247.00
License Fees		285.00		1,056.73	300.00	300.00
Mapping Annual Support					1,000.00	1,000.00
Migrate NEMRC apps to Cloud			500.00	120.00		
Lister-Contractor/Assessor			2,000.00		6,000.00	13,150.00
User fees for Cloud Apps			<u>300.00</u>		<u>600.00</u>	<u>600.00</u>
Subtotal		4,424.36	5,599.00	2,796.66	11,849.00	19,197.00
Salaries						
Auditors		1,799.83	1,000.00	800.08	2,500.00	2,500.00
Election Officials		290.82	355.00	43.93	700.00	500.00
Custodial-Shovel		450.00	400.00	460.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Custodial		990.00	500.00	450.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Fire Chief		915.00	-		915.00	915.00
Listers		2,915.08	1,680.00	2,392.69	3,360.00	3,360.00
Listers-Training			700.00		700.00	-
Select Board		4,500.00	-		4,500.00	4,500.00
Health Officer			300.00		300.00	300.00
Selectboard Secretary		3,358.54	1,500.00	1,625.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Transition and Training		116.80	-		-	
Town Clerk		19,563.00	9,977.76	9,977.76	19,955.52	21,352.50
Town Treasurer		19,563.00	9,977.76	9,977.76	19,955.52	21,352.50
Asst. Town Clerk & Treasurer		13,031.60	7,885.80	530.78	15,771.60	15,772.00
Librarian		10,922.88	7,925.00	7,723.75	16,484.00	17,143.26
Grant Writer						2,000.00
Land Records Project \$ reimbursed from Record Pres.				1,381.70		-
Subtotal		78,416.55	42,201.32	35,363.45	91,141.64	95,695.26
Employee Benefits						
Town Officer Education		221.00	750.00		750.00	500.00
Town Officer Mileage		361.68	250.00	112.94	500.00	300.00
VT Mun. Emp. Retirement Fund		2,350.57	1,247.00	1,247.22	2,594.00	2,883.00
Medical Insurance		9,578.76	5,673.78	4,863.24	9,726.48	11,000.00
Administrative charge for HRA		30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00
Health Reimbursement Account		1,750.00	1,750.00	1,750.00	1,750.00	2,000.00
Reimburse Town for VMERS 3rd Q 2021		<u>1.87</u>				
Subtotal		14,293.88	9,700.78	8,003.40	15,350.48	16,713.00
Other						
Service Charge		30.52				
Miscellaneous		562.01	150.00		300.00	150.00
Tax Sale Expenses		5,183.55				
Subtotal		5,776.08	150.00		300.00	150.00
			January-June	January-June	July-June	FY 24
	2021	2022	2022	2022/23	July 2023-June 2024	
	Actuals	Budget	Actuals	12mo Proposed	Proposed	
General Fund continued						
Budget Disbursements						
Fire Department	21,875.00			21,875.00	22,825.00	
Fire Truck Note	44,425.13	-		44,425.13	Paid in full	
Fire Department Equipment Fund	2,100.00			4,500.00	2,500.00	
Fire Department Truck Fund	90,400.00			Article	Article	
Fire House Paving Project				Article		
Late April 2019 Flood Note	3,895.03	3,557.44	192,122.98	3,557.44	Paid in full	
Library	8,145.00				11,445.00	
ARPA_LFR grant award to Library	2,000.00					
*Highway Fund	164,842.00		71,127.78			
*School Fund	868,069.00					
*Cemetery Fund	-		2,695.50			
Highway Equipment Fund	67,000.00					
Parks & Grounds Equipment Fund	300.00					
Bond Debt Service Payment	45,882.92	4,900.00	4,877.50	44,550.00	43,500.00	
Recreation Fund				1,000.00	1,000.00	
Town Hall Phase 1 2020, Phase 2 2021	25,000.00			Article	10,000.00	
Contingency Fund	43,184.10					
Village Green Paving Reserve						
Town Office Maintenance Fund	7,500.00			4,000.00	4,000.00	
Computer Equipment Fund				1,000.00	1,000.00	
Library Capitol Improvement Fund				3,800.00	2,400.00	
Reappraisal Fund				2,700.00	2,700.00	
Highway Building Maintenance					Article	
Subtotal	1,394,618.18	8,457.44	270,823.76	131,407.57	101,370.00	
*Funds Disbursed						
Marriage Licenses	555.00		150.00			
State Rabies Fee/Neuter Surcharge	370.00		510.00			

Refund of Overpayments	9,168.25	3.00		
Interfund Transfers	158,865.75	122,371.25		
Donations Made By Town	200.00			
Tax Sale Escrow	13,118.73			
Delinquent Tax Penalty	9,976.27	291.19		
Subtotal	192,254.00	123,325.44		
Capital Expense				
Late April 2019 Flood	161,099.75			
Subtotal	161,099.75			
*State Education Fund				
Statewide Prop. Tax Liability	406,581.37	187,995.29		
Subtotal	406,581.37	187,995.29		
Miscellaneous Expense				
Subtotal				
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	2,383,090.22	127,430.24	678,441.44	380,480.89
				374,756.46

****TOTAL GENERAL FUND 751,343.85 127,430.24 293,297.43 380,480.89 374,756.46**

This is the Total General Fund less the Highway, School, Cemetery Funds" Budget Disbursements", the Funds Disbursed category, and the State Education Fund Statewide Property Tax Liability. This line allows for a more accurate comparison.

	2021 Actuals	January-June 2022 Budget	January -June 2022 Actuals	July-June 2022/23 12mo Proposed	FY 24 July 2023-June 2024 Proposed
HIGHWAY FUND					
Wages					
Road Commissioner	55,565.77	27,984.00	28,439.23	55,968.00	54,392.00
Road Commissioner Overtime					6,050.00
Temporary Help	1,930.00	1,100.00	1,640.00	2,200.00	3,000.00
Subtotal	57,495.77	29,084.00	30,079.23	58,168.00	63,442.00
Taxes					
FICA Social Security	3,564.74	1,735.00	1,864.91	3,470.00	3,933.00
FICA Medicare	833.69	406.00	436.15	812.00	920.00
Subtotal	4,398.43	2,141.00	2,301.06	4,282.00	4,853.00
Fuel					
Gasoline	160.86	50.00	11.17	100.00	250.00
Diesel	10,680.42	5,000.00	9,126.38	10,000.00	20,000.00
Lubricants	140.00	150.00	364.06	300.00	500.00
Subtotal	10,981.28	5,200.00	9,501.61	10,400.00	20,750.00
Hired Equipment					
Rochester Road Maintenance	2,200.00	2,200.00	2,200.00	2,200.00	2,500.00
Backhoe	2,405.00	3,500.00	3,490.00	7,000.00	7,000.00
Roadside Mowing	4,160.00	1,500.00		3,000.00	4,000.00
Trucks	2,485.00	1,250.00	375.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
All Other	400.00	1,000.00		2,000.00	2,000.00
Subtotal	11,650.00	9,450.00	6,065.00	16,700.00	18,000.00
Materials					
Gravel	29,576.55	10,000.00	20,478.05	20,000.00	40,000.00
Sand	17,465.15	17,500.00	15,000.00	35,000.00	35,000.00
Salt		500.00		1,000.00	
Chloride	5,628.35	3,500.00		7,000.00	7,500.00
Culverts	3,582.50	4,000.00		8,000.00	8,000.00
Guardrail/Signs	130.55	500.00		1,000.00	1,000.00
Subtotal	56,383.10	36,000.00	35,478.05	72,000.00	91,500.00
Employee Benefits					
Medical Insurance	9,578.76	5,673.78	5,673.78	9,726.48	11,000.00
Health Reimbursement Account	1,750.00	1,750.00	1,750.00	1,750.00	2,000.00
VT Mun. Emp. Retirement Fund	3,403.95	1,749.00	1,777.46	3,639.00	4,080.00
Administrative fee for HRA	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00
Uniform Allowance	420.92	250.00		500.00	500.00
Subtotal	15,183.63	9,452.78	9,231.24	15,645.48	17,610.00
Other					
Garage Supplies	2,700.15	1,000.00	938.17	2,000.00	2,000.00
Employee Ed-MSHA annual refresher	50.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00
MRGP-Annual Fee	1,350.00	1,350.00	1,350.00	1,350.00	1,350.00
Miscellaneous	7,564.75	1,250.00	400.00	2,500.00	1,500.00
Purchase of F550 Truck	103,070.70				
Purchase of Grader				83,000.00	
Paving Reserve Fund for Village Green Paving					10,000.00
Subtotal	114,735.60	3,675.00	2,763.17	88,925.00	14,925.00
	2021 Actuals	January-June 2022 Budget	January -June 2022 Actuals	July-June 2022/23 12mo Proposed	FY 24 July 2023-June 2024 Proposed

Highway Fund continued					
Repairs					
Mack	6,165.25	4,000.00	5,418.68	8,000.00	8,000.00
Ford F-550	3,268.32	1,250.00	1,279.08	2,500.00	2,000.00
Loader	521.51	1,250.00	85.90	2,500.00	2,000.00
Grader	4,908.58	2,250.00	2,370.70	4,500.00	3,000.00
Rake	903.00	50.00		100.00	100.00
Chainsaw		50.00		100.00	100.00
Chloride Spreader	117.72	200.00		400.00	400.00

Sander - International	86.23	375.00		750.00	750.00
Sander - Ford	49.84	375.00		750.00	750.00
Plow - International	37.98	225.00	164.66	450.00	450.00
Plow - Ford	168.79	225.00		450.00	450.00
Trimmer		50.00		100.00	100.00
Pressure Washer	38.39	100.00	377.85	200.00	200.00
Debris Blower	126.10		45.04		
Plow Wing - Ford		225.00		450.00	450.00
Subtotal	16,391.71	10,625.00	9,741.91	21,250.00	18,750.00
Inter Fund Transfer	40,000.00				
Interfund transfer to correct error			71,127.78		
Subtotal	40,000.00		71,127.78		
TOTAL HIGHWAY FUND	327,219.52	105,627.78	176,289.05	287,370.48	249,830.00
	2021	January-June	January -June	July-June	FY 24
	Actuals	2022	2022	2022/23	July 2023-June 2024
		Budget	Actuals	12mo Proposed	Proposed
CEMETERY FUND					
FICA Social Security	245.34	118.00	91.10	236.00	409.00
FICA Medicare	57.38	27.50	21.31	55.00	96.00
Fuel	240.19	100.00	81.89	200.00	300.00
Equipment Maintenance	558.58	400.00		400.00	400.00
Flags	582.01	600.00	74.99	600.00	750.00
Hired Equipment		100.00		100.00	-
Wages	3,957.28	1,000.00	1,469.38	3,800.00	6,600.00
Stone Cleaning		350.00		350.00	
Top Soil		300.00		300.00	
Materials			19.07		
Interfund transfer to correct error			2,795.50		
Tree Removal		400.00		400.00	
CEMETERY FUND TOTAL	5,640.78	3,395.50	4,553.24	6,441.00	8,555.00
	2021	January-June	January -June	July-June	FY 24
	Actuals	2022	2022	2022/23	July 2023-June 2024
		Budget	Actuals	12mo Proposed	Proposed
Pittsfield Volunteer Fire & Rescue					
Communications -Equipment	405.00	500.00		\$ 1,000.00	1,000.00
Equipment	9,554.30	3,500.00	3,415.40	7,200.00	7,200.00
Refuse Removal					100.00
Maintenance	949.18	1,000.00	430.14	2,000.00	1,900.00
Fuel (truck)	244.17	400.00	245.11	800.00	800.00
Vehicle Maintenance					
Engine 4 - 1990 International		500.00	533.35	1,000.00	900.00
Tanker 2 - 2019 Kenworth Tanker	379.26	500.00		1,000.00	900.00
Engine 1 - 1994 International	3,392.71	500.00		1,000.00	900.00
Rescue 1 - Ford F-150	116.80	500.00		1,000.00	900.00
2022 Ski Doo Snowmobile					100.00
Rescue 2 - Can Am UTV					400.00
Utilites					
Electricity	988.95	500.00	649.98	1,100.00	1,100.00
Heating	1,683.73		324.58	2,200.00	2,975.00
Annual Furnace Cleaning		-		100.00	100.00
Telephone & Internet	1,742.57	876.00	857.88	1,750.00	1,750.00
Postage, mailing service	16.47	25.00	70.00	25.00	100.00
RCMA Dues	200.00	200.00		200.00	200.00
Dispatching Fees	1,000.00	1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00
Training/certificates				500.00	500.00
PVFR FUND TOTAL	20,673.14	10,001.00	6,526.44	21,875.00	22,825.00
	2021	January-June	January -June	July-June	FY 24
	Actuals	2022	2022	2022-2023	July 2023-June 2024
		Budget	Actuals	12mo Proposed	Proposed
Roger Clark Memorial Library					
Capitol Expense	1,240.62				
Books, DVD's, CD's	1,388.42				
Library materials/patron services		1,650.00	916.19	3,300.00	3,800.00
GMLC	288.96			275.00	350.00
Museum passes		250.00	350.00	500.00	350.00
Periodicals	80.20	75.00	33.92	75.00	75.00
Supplies (Office/cleaning)	299.46	250.00	505.65	500.00	1,000.00
Telephone/Internet	1,246.80	750.00	619.31	1,300.00	1,300.00
Programs/Events	1,271.55	900.00	1,582.08	1,800.00	3,000.00
Domain name	15.17			20.00	20.00
KOHA DB Support	500.00			500.00	550.00
Social Media/Advertising	64.00	60.00		120.00	100.00
Interlibrary loan currier	150.00	400.00		1,040.00	500.00
Technical Services				250.00	250.00
Printing & Copying					
Mileage		50.00		100.00	100.00
Prior year expense	15.17				
Bank fees					50.00
RCML FUND TOTAL	6,560.35	4,385.00	4,007.15	9,780.00	11,445.00

BUDGET SUMMARY

	2020	2021	FY23	FY24
Anticipated Expenses				
General Fund	673,271.00	751,080.10	380,480.89	374,756.46
Highway Fund	329,221.00	309,514.00	287,370.48	249,830.00
Cemetery Fund	6,856.00	5,780.00	6,441.00	8,555.00
School Fund	1,144,825.00	1,014,329.00	943,108.00	994,945.00
(Anticipated Expenses) Total	2,154,173.00	2,080,703.10	1,617,400.37	1,628,086.46
Anticipated Revenue				
General Fund	249,892.00	387,951.00	99,276.00	59,950.00
Highway Fund	178,356.00	144,672.00	156,700.00	61,600.00
Cemetery Fund	3,750.00	10,200.00	7,100.00	600.00
School Fund	1,144,825.00	1,014,329.00	943,108.00	994,945.00
(Anticipated Revenue) Total	1,576,823.00	1,557,152.00	1,206,184.00	1,117,095.00
Municipal Total To Be Raised By Taxes to meet	\$ 577,350.00	\$ 523,551.10	\$ 411,216.37	\$ 510,991.46
	2020	2021	FY 23	FY24
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimated

ANTICIPATED TAX RATE

Grand List	\$1,024,555.00	\$ 1,038,383.00	\$ 1,246,575.25	\$ 1,269,343.00
Municipal	0.5635	0.5042	0.4285	0.4026
PVFR Truck Fund \$70,000.00	\$ 70,000.00			0.4577
Highway Building Maintenance \$25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00			0.4774
Total Warned Items	\$ 95,000.00			
Homestead Education	1.5705	1.2005	0.8432	0.9787
Non Residential Education	1.5052	1.4769	1.2152	unknown
Resultant Tax Rate				
Homestead	2.1340	1.7047	1.2717	
Non Residential	2.0687	1.9811	1.6437	

*The Resultant tax rate is unknown until the budget and articles have been approved.

STATEMENT OF TOWN INDEBTEDNESS as of June 30, 2022

Long Term Debt

A total payment of \$44,755.00 consisting of interest and principal was made in 2022. Bonds outstanding total \$250,000.00. The debt is scheduled to be fully retired in 2030.

Short Term Debt

The Town of Pittsfield took a Promisary Note for \$1,000,000.00 dated May 21, 2019 through Mascoma Bank with a interest rate of 2.000% to cover expenses from the Late April 2019 Flood. The note came due May 21, 2020. The Town resigned the Promisary Note for \$1,000,000.00 on May 15, 2020 with an interest rate of 2.5%. To date we have expended \$336,936.63. The following payments have been made in 2020: An interest payment of \$3,961.69 was made on May 21, 2020, 2 principal payments were made, the first on July 21, 2020 in the amount of \$43,755.96, the second on November 11, 2020 in the amount of \$252,091.38. The payments were made with monies reimbursed to the Town from FEMA. The Note will come due on May 21, 2021. The Town resigned the Promisary Note for \$341,089.29 on May 11, 2021 with an interest rate of 2.7%. An interest payment of \$3,895.03 was made on May 12, 2021. In 2021 we expended \$147,933.75. In 2022 the following principal payments were made with monies reimbursed from FEMA, March 29, 2022, \$91,511.70 and May 10, 2022, \$100,611.28. The Note is now paid in full.

The Town of Pittsfield took a Governmental Certificate Promissory Note for \$200,000 dated October 2, 2018 through Mascoma Bank with an interest rate of 3.600% to purchase a new Fire Truck. Payments are due once per year beginning October 2, 2019, with the last payment being due October 2, 2023. Two principal payments were made by the PVFR the first on September 24, 2019 for \$10,500.00 the second on December 17, 2019 for \$1,479.09. A principal payment of \$33,910.00 and interest payment of \$2,691.05 was made by the Town on September 24, 2019. A principal payment of \$40,361.12 and an interest payment of \$4,064.01 was made on October 5, 2020. A principal payment of \$40,361.12 and an interest payment of \$4,064.01 was made by the Town on September 28, 2021. A principal payment of \$30,413.81 and an interest payment of \$1,103.14 were paid on September 27, 2022. The note is now paid in full.

ADDITIONAL ASSETS

	ARPA-LFR Fund	Arthur Mark Begin Town Hall Fund	Bridge MMA	Civic Sign and Bench ICS Savings
Beginning Balance January 1, 2022	\$82,653.05	\$9,798.00	\$1,099.95	\$4,147.26
Deposits	0.00	50.00	0.00	0.00
Interest	19.40	2.25	0.06	3.98
Withdrawals	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ending Balance June 30, 2022	\$82,672.45	\$9,850.25	\$1,100.01	\$4,151.24
	Computer Fund ICS Savings	Contingency Fund ICS Savings	Federal Tax Deposit Fund	Health Reimbursement Fund
Beginning Balance January 1, 2022	\$1,802.52	\$55,189.27	(\$2,053.69)	\$5,299.94
Deposits	2,795.50	19,212.73	17,786.02	3,500.00
Interest	1.65	58.51	0.00	0.00
Withdrawals	(2,795.50)	(58.51)	(13,232.30)	(1,952.17)
Ending Balance June 30, 2022	\$1,804.17	\$74,402.00	\$2,500.03	\$6,847.77
	Highway Equipment ICS Savings	Land Trust CD 662	Lister Education ICS Savings	Office Building Maintenance
Beginning Balance January 1, 2022	\$135,412.41	\$109,213.74	\$936.17	\$6,400.00
Deposits	-	90.95	0.00	0.00
Interest	134.23	0.00	0.79	0.00
Withdrawals	0.00	(110.09)	0.00	-5063.33
Ending Balance June 30, 2022	\$135,546.64	\$109,194.60	\$936.96	\$1,336.67
	Parks & Grnds Equip ICS Savings	Paving Reserve ICS Savings	PVFR Fire Truck Reserve Fund	PVFR Equipment Fund
Beginning Balance January 1, 2022	\$4,400.54	\$25,662.98	\$97,965.60	\$7,034.11
Deposits	0.00	0.00		0.00
Interest	4.13	25.31	96.91	6.70
Withdrawals	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ending Balance June 30, 2022	\$4,404.67	\$25,688.29	\$98,062.51	\$7,040.81
	Reappraisal ICS Savings	Record Preservation ICS Savings	Recreation ICS Savings	Robert S. Dumas
Beginning Balance January 1, 2022	\$46,499.50	\$15,358.85	\$12,845.90	\$670.02
Deposits	4,911.50	2,597.70	0.00	0.00
Interest	32.04	14.11	11.72	0.06
Withdrawals	(30,301.63)	(3,855.26)	(925.00)	0.00
Ending Balance June 30, 2022	\$21,141.41	\$14,115.40	\$11,932.62	\$670.08
	Sand Shed ICS Savings	Town Hall Reserve ICS Savings		
Beginning Balance January 1, 2022	\$93,143.38	\$22,017.90		
Deposits	67,810.84	0.00		
Interest	83.70	21.63		
Withdrawals	(85,400.89)	0.00		
Ending Balance June 30, 2022	\$75,637.03	\$22,039.53		

PETTY CASH REPORT

Fiscal year end June 30, 2022

Cash on Hand January 1, 2022	\$180.11
Deposits	0.00
Disbursements	(16.77)
Cash on Hand June 30, 2022	\$163.34

LICENSE REPORT

January 1- June 30, 2022

Dog Licenses

Females (Spayed)	51	\$9.00	\$	459.00
Males (Neutered)	57	\$9.00	\$	513.00
Females	1	\$13.00	\$	13.00
Males	3	\$13.00	\$	39.00
	Total Collected	\$		1,024.00
credit				
Credited to Clerk Fee Account - 108@2.00 & 4 @ 4.00				(232.00)
Credited to State Spay/Neuter/Rabies Program - 112 @ 5.00				(560.00)
	Total Credited	\$		(792.00)
	Balance	\$		232.00

A Note About Dog Licenses

Any dog that is more than six months old must be registered and licensed annually, on or before April 1st, by the Clerk of the Municipality in which the dog is kept. (20 VSA § 3581(a))

To obtain a license the dog's owner must pay a fee, present the Clerk with a current vaccination certificate, and in the case of a spayed female or neutered male dog, provide a certificate of sterilization from a licensed veterinarian. (20 VSA § 3581(b), (d))

Liquor Licenses

First Class

Original General Store	\$115.00
Clear River Properties	\$115.00

Second Class

Clear River Properties	\$70.00
Swiss Farm Market, Inc.	\$70.00
Original General Store	

Third Class

	\$	550.00
Clear River Properties	Total	\$920.00
	Credited to Clerk Fee Account	(25.00)
	Balance	\$895.00

Marriage Licenses

3 issued @ \$60.00 (State Treasurer's Fee, Victim's Compensation Fund, Clerk Fee)	\$	180.00
Credited to Clerk Fee Account - # @ \$10.00		(30.00)
	Balance	\$ 150.00

VITAL STATISTICS
January 1st – June 30, 2022

Births

Willoughby Margaret Sullivan

Please note that we no longer receive notice of out of state births.
If you'd like your child's birth listed in the town report, please provide us with the name.

Marriages

Karen Lee Ellegard and Brian Dumond
Emily Christine Muhl and Nathaniel Myers Brakeley
Colleen Marie Stevens and Matthew Raymond Wing

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

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





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ECFiber and the Town of Pittsfield

Pittsfield is a member of the East Central Vermont Telecommunications District, the state's first communications union district (CUD), whose mission is to provide world-class fiber-optic based internet service to homes and businesses in its area. The District consists of 31 member towns, and owns the business which operates under the trade name ECFiber. The business added over 1,000 new customers despite critical labor shortages, and now serves over 7,700 premises in 28 towns via 1,700 miles of network, which, when fully built out, will bring fiber-to-the-premises (FTTP) to about 31,500 locations over more than 2,000 miles network.

The District contracts with ValleyNet, Inc., and Great Works Internet (GWI) to operate the business. The addition of GWI to the operations team should enable ECFiber to expand its customer service hours and start the work of bringing its network up to carrier-grade status, which will enable us to offer service level agreements to larger business clients.

Unlike the new CUDs, we have built our network almost entirely using borrowed money, and, since 2016, borrowing only in the municipal revenue bond market. With \$63.3 million in bonds issued, the District anticipates additional borrowing in early 2023, during which time we hope to finally become a rated entity which will allow more institutions to purchase our bonds and consequently lead to lower interest rates. Unfortunately, all the new federal grants are only for construction after March of 2021.

In Pittsfield, ECFiber has completed construction of its network. As of November, 2022, there were 276 customers along 22 miles of network.

Vermont is a national leader in deploying ARPA and BEAD funding to support its CUDs and their mission to solve the state's rural broadband crisis. ECFiber established the model the state is following, and the biggest roadblock we face now is not funding, but rather finding enough folks to construct the networks – people who know how to operate bucket trucks, splice fiber while 40 feet above the ground, and be willing to work outside in difficult weather. ECFiber is actively participating in state and regional workforce development efforts. If you are or know of someone who may be interested in these well-paid jobs, please let us know!

We invite you to visit our website to learn more about ECFiber, and encourage you to subscribe. You won't be charged anything until we start service.

Betty Warner, Pittsfield's delegate to the ECFiber Governing Board
Pittsfield@ECFiber.net



ENHANCED 9-1-1

Did you know that the Vermont Enhanced 9-1-1 Board is one of the first to implement a next generation statewide 9-1-1 system that delivers 9-1-1 calls from the Public Switched Telephone Network (PSTN) to a Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) using Voice Over Internet Protocol (VoIP) over its Emergency Services Network (ESINet)? Too much information? Probably, but if needed, your call will be initially routed to one of six Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) throughout the state based on the originating caller's location using this system.

Things Everyone Needs to Know to Be 911 Ready

In an emergency, seconds matter; being prepared can make a difference! Talking through scenarios with other family members can help you Be 911 Ready!

Know when to use 911 - Call or text 911 in an emergency: to save a life, stop a crime, or to report a fire. If you or someone else is hurt or very sick, call 911. If you're not sure if your situation is an emergency, err on the side of safety and call 911. The call-taker can assess the event and guide you.

Know your location - Emergency responders can't help you if they don't know where you are. Train yourself to pay attention to your surroundings. Make a mental note of streets you're travelling on and addresses you visit. Make sure everyone in your home knows your street address.

Know your phone - Not all phones and devices provide the 911 call-taker with your location information. Landline phones will provide your location to the call-taker, but cell and VoIP phones may not. Contact your service provider for more information about the capabilities of your phone.

Remain calm - It may be hard to remain calm during an emergency, but when you do so, you make it easier for the call-taker to gather your information and get the right help on the way.

Don't hang up - If you have placed an emergency call to 911, stay on the line until the call-taker tells you it's ok to hang up. They can dispatch help even when you are still on the line and they may require more information or be able to provide you with assistance.

If you've called 911 by accident, it's important to let the call-taker know. If you hang up suddenly, the call-taker may call you back or may even send someone to your home to check on your safety.

Have you posted your house number in a visible location? If not, please take the time to obtain numbers and make sure that the house number is placed in a spot that can be easily seen by emergency personnel. Here are some helpful guidelines:

- Mark your mailbox with your house number.
- If the structure is not visible and there is no mailbox, a sign or number post should be erected to display the number where it can be seen by responders.
- Numbers should be at least 3 inches high x 2.5 inches wide and be reflective.
- Shared driveways should be marked at the beginning of the driveway where it meets the main road **and** where the driveway splits.
- In Vermont, it is also very important that the address number be placed high enough that it will not be obscured by snow during the winter.

You can find out more information about Vermont 911 by visiting their website: e911.vermont.gov

If you need assistance with your street address, please email the E911 Coordinator for the town of Pittsfield Michelle Hunt: michelle.c.hunt@vermont.gov



PITTSFIELD VT COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

www.pccvt.org

Created in 2020 in response to a request to Roger Clark Memorial Library Board (RCML) from the disbanding Pittsfield Women's Alliance to take over responsibility for the annual end of September craft fair and decorating the green for the winter holiday season. RCML Board of Trustees was happy to agree to continue these Pittsfield traditions. Recognizing that these efforts were separate from running the library, the board created a new entity, Pittsfield Community Connections, subordinate to RCML. Better known as PCC, it was envisioned as an umbrella organization that can encompass people working in small groups on a variety of events or projects for the benefit of our community.

2022 was PCC's third year. In late 2021, Pittsfield VT Community Connections (PCCVT) was formed as a Vermont non-profit corporation. In early 2022, the IRS determined PCCVT to be a 501c3 non-profit organization which allows donations to PCCVT to be tax deductible. The stated purpose of PCCVT is to improve access to resources, improve social cohesion, and improve the quality of life for residents of Pittsfield, Vermont through community organization, encouragement of volunteerism, and the production and promotion of community events.

	PCC YEAR IN REVIEW
JAN 2022	Holiday Season Decorating. Continued holiday season winter decoration.
JAN 2022	Pittsfield Community Ice Rink. A group of volunteers kept this going through the winter season.
MAR 2022	Pretty Up Pittsfield. A small project group was formed. They organized to add more plantings on the town green. The goal is to expand the effort along Route 100.
MAY 2022	Dream on the Green. A community event inviting folks to participate in Pretty Up Pittsfield and to inform PCC of other activities they might like to be involved with.
JUL 2022	Patriotic Seasonal Decorations. Red, White, and Blue Gazebo decorating.
SEP 2022	Pittsfield at Peak: Art, Crafts, Bazaar. Organized the annual community event traditionally held on the last Saturday in September, including fundraising for Roger Clark Memorial Library and PVF&R while providing sales and information opportunities for a variety of vendors and public service organizations. Many volunteers ensured the success of the event.
OCT 2022	Quinn Town Halloween Celebration. Created a Halloween display in the Gazebo as we, once again, participated in the Quinn Town Halloween Celebration.
NOV 2022	Art In Our Hearts: Pittsfield. Suzanne Ellis and others organized a new monthly event extending invitations to all in the community to participate.
NOV 2022	Project Happy Holidays. Cindy Bryant organized participation in the Bethel Area Project Happy Holidays giving community members an opportunity to donate toys, food, and money to local families in need.
DEC 2022	Winter Holiday Season Decorating. Decorated the Gazebo for the winter holiday season.

DEC 2022	Holiday Tree Lighting. Organized an event including a visit from Santa on a firetruck, staying warm by the fire pit while drinking hot chocolate, and a sing-along led by Carrie Kohl.
DEC 2022	Pittsfield Community Ice Rink. A group of volunteers organized by Coral Hawley went to work to get the ice rink in place for the upcoming season.
Ongoing	Maintain Pittsfield Business Directory
Upcoming	More opportunities to be involved. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pretty Up Pittsfield needs more hands to get plants in the ground. 2. It's always fun to help with the seasonal decorating that has been led by Ann Dufresne and a corp of volunteers. 3. Is there a project or activity you would like to champion? Let us see if we can help.
Of note	<p>The future of the Pittsfield at Peak end of September event is uncertain. Pittsfield at Peak 2022 was a successful event resulting in both PVF&R and RCML raising the most funds ever as well as vendors being happily successful. Generous donors made one-time contributions that provided for musicians and face painting which added to attendees' experience. Pittsfield businesses also contributed to the fundraising efforts.</p> <p>Continuing this event requires broad participation by community members and community organizations. The decision about organizing a fall 2023 event will be determined based on community interest and involvement.</p>

There are many who have helped with all of these efforts that have not been named here. If you are one of them, know that every single effort, big and small, is necessary and appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Warner for Pittsfield VT Community Connections



2022 REPORT OF PITTSFIELD RESCUE PLAN COMMITTEE

Pittsfield, Vermont received \$165,306 from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA). Broadly speaking, these funds were to be used for pandemic response, government services, broadband, water and sewer development and premium pay for essential workers during the pandemic.

The Select Board discussed the ARPA funds allocated to Pittsfield (ARPA funds) at the Special Town Meeting held January 11, 2022 and provided handouts to attendees detailing recommendations for determining how best to spend the funds. Voters offered several spending proposals.

On February 10, 2022, the Select Board sponsored an informal special meeting held for the public to learn more about how to appropriately use the allocated ARPA funds. This meeting was facilitated by Sarah Wraight of TRORC (Two Rivers Ottauquechee Regional Commission).

The Pittsfield Rescue Plan Committee (PRPC) was created by the Select Board in early 2022 to assist members in obtaining community input on priorities to spend the allocated ARPA funds and analyzing that input to identify options for optimal spending decisions.

The Select Board provided the following specific directions to the PRPC: The PRPC was created to determine appropriate spending avenues for the ARPA funds and make recommendations to the Select Board. Responsibilities and Activities included:

- Read and understand ARPA criteria and guidelines: (Review Vt League of Cities & Towns and TRORC FAQ's and condensed criteria)
- Educate public on ARPA criteria and guidelines
- Develop criteria for approval by the Select Board, for the purpose of scoring spending opportunities. this may be a 1-10 or a yes/no. (review criteria already suggested during Community Meeting)
- Outreach to staff, community members business owners and other stakeholders in Pittsfield to gather proposals for projects which may qualify for ARPA funding. (work with authors of proposals to get details, estimates etc.)
- Investigate opportunities to leverage state or federal funds in addition to ARPA funds on select projects.
- Committee to meet at least once per month for one hour but may meet more frequently as needed.

Membership was required to include the following positions, with the volunteers who filled those positions listed as well:

- Select Board member – A.J. Ruben, Chairperson
- Planning Commission member-Micheline Bissell
- Pittsfield Community Connections VT (PCCVT) member- Katie Stiles, Secretary
- Business Owner-Lynda Colton, Vice-Chairperson
- Three seats for Pittsfield residents- Richard Gaston, Phil Lipari

Deliverables

Provide the Select Board with a list of qualified projects ranked by the scoring criteria.

The PRPC met for publicly warned meetings five times between March and June 2022. See minutes at <http://www.pittsfieldvt.com/pittsfield-rescue-plan-committee>. Requests for suggestions were also made via the town Facebook page and at the Town Meeting in May 2022.

In between those meetings, members of the PRPC conducted community outreach and analyzed suggestions, including identifying costs for proposed projects and the impact on Pittsfield residents, among several other criteria.

At the PRPC final meeting on June 23, 2022, the committee unanimously agreed to provide a spread sheet and supporting materials to the Select Board that detailed over 30 community-generated options to use ARPA funds to benefit Pittsfield residents. The spreadsheet listed proposals in the order the PRPC determined was most advantageous to Pittsfield. See <https://bit.ly/3YVmEfA>

The PRPC thanks all the community members who volunteered on the committee and by providing suggestions and information regarding the best way to spend Pittsfield's allocated ARPA funds.

Respectfully,

Micheline Bissell, Lynda Colton, Richard Gaston, Phil Lipari, Katie Stiles, and A.J. Ruben



Mike Juris, local electrician installing new electrical and lighting system for town hall basement.



As the final days of 2022 wind down, I look back at the very eventful year that the Department has had.

Our annual John Barrows Fishing Derby was back in full swing after the Covid hiatus, and we had thirty-five (35) or so children participate this year. Everyone had a great time, and most of the kids caught fish!

At this year's Pittsfield Peak Bazaar decided to hold our food sale and silent auction at the Fire House. The sale and auction were a huge success! Adults and children enjoyed looking over the fire/rescue apparatus and asking questions, as well as the chance to sit, relax and chat with friends and family while enjoying some great food. The Columbus Day weekend coin drop was also very successful!

This year we were fortunate to receive funding to purchase a new snowmobile for winter rescues. The money used was part of a sum awarded to the Town of Pittsfield by the American Recovery Plan Act. This snowmobile purchase completes our four-season back-country/off-road rescue project that was begun many years ago. We are extremely proud that the entire array of equipment for this project was purchased with donated, fund-raised, and grant funds without costing the taxpayers of the Town of Pittsfield anything.

The Department has been working with the Town Building Committee to come up with a plan for an addition to the Fire House. This addition would hopefully consist of another bay along the north side, as well as a meeting room and bathroom on the east end of the building. The Department and Committee had a very productive meeting in the early fall, and we look forward to continue discussions this year.

As always, our Department is on call for your needs as they arise, and we are always grateful to be of service. Don't forget to check your smoke and carbon monoxide detector batteries and have a safe, healthy, and happy New Year!

Respectfully yours,

Chief David H. Colton





Roger Clark Memorial Library continues to grow in its mission to be a multigenerational *community center fostering traditional, cultural, creative, and technical literacy*. The library is made stronger by our Pittsfield community and we extend a sincere thank you for your support.

Our current hours are Tuesday 10 to 6, Thursday 2 to 7, and Saturday 9-12:30 for a weekly total of 16.5 hours. Our book drop provides a convenient service for our patrons who wish to return books outside our hours. Visit our website (www.pittsfieldlibrary.com) to view our catalogue, check out upcoming events, download audio books through GMLC, register for a Universal class, or sign up to receive our newsletter. The library's monthly board meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month at 5:30 in the library and the community is welcome to attend.

Currently our collection includes 3,704 books, 450 DVDs, 15 Board Games, and 13 pairs of snowshoes. A library card to our library will provide access to our inventory. A library card can be procured by stopping by the library and requesting one.

Our programming activities include at least one adult and two children's events each month.

- We hosted 3 VT Humanities speakers this year – Rebecca Rupp, Mike Tougais, and Amanda Gustin. Their topics included the Eccentric History of Food, 400 Miles Down the CT River, and the History of the Morgan Horse
- Other adult events included a Zoom presentation by Mike Ivankovich, "My Kids Don't Want It", a Vermont Reads book discussion of the Most Costly Journey, monthly meetings of the RCML book club, distribution of "Spice It Up" packets, a literary exercise called "Pop up Poetry", a Slow Foods USA bean garden was planted as well as a pollinator plant garden, celebration of national chocolate day, and a continuation of our Seed Library.
- Events for children/teens included the "1000 Books Before Kindergarten", Saturday story hour, several "Take and Make" kits and scavenger hunts, Mother and Father's Day gift making, Tom Joyce's program, "Books Come Alive Like Magic", making seed bombs and guerilla gardening, paint and plant activity, our annual Halloween book give away, celebration of national library month and participation in Pittsfield at Peak with a book give away.
- The yearly Summer Reading Program was offered from June to August for all ages

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Deutsch
Library Professional

Roger Clark Memorial Library income statement for January 1 – June 30, 2022

We successfully attained two grants for RCML during this time.

- The first grant of \$2,000 was used to purchase two new computers for the library. These two computers replaced older computers that were being utilized by our librarian and one solely for patron use.
- The second grant was in the amount of \$300, which we used to purchase a button maker that we use in our programming.

During this time, we also had patron donations in the amount of \$30.00.

We also received the used picture book bins we were waiting for from another library that sold them to us. This is the beginning of our library space re-design.

Respectively submitted on behalf of the Board of Trustees,
Erica Hurd ('23)
Amanda Barrett ('24)
Cynthia Bryant ('24)
Coral Hawley ('25)
Betty Warner ('25)

TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS **June 30, 2022 Financial Statement**

Mascoma Bank - Checking (Cemetery)		
Beginning Balance – January 1, 2022		\$ 481.08
Receipts:		
Dividends from George Putnam Balanced Fund-A (Mutual Fund)	\$ 132.46	
Expenses:		
Town of Pittsfield Cemetery Fund	\$ 231.08	
Ending Balance - June 30, 2022		\$ 382.46
George Putnam Balanced Fund-A Mutual Fund (Cemetery)		
Fund Share Value as of January 1, 2022		\$40,755.33
Share Price = \$23.69		
Share Balance = 1,720.360		
Fund Share Value as of June 30, 2022		\$33,873.89
Share Price = \$19.69(Est.)		
Share Balance = 1,720.360		
Vanguard Total Stock Market Index Admiral CL Fund (Cemetery)		
Fund Share Value as of January 1, 2022		\$23,726.78
Share Price = \$117.56		
Share Balance = 201.827		
Fund Share Value as of June 30, 2022		\$18,521.66
Share Price = \$91.77		
Share Balance = 201.827		
Vanguard Money Market Account (Cemetery)		
Beginning Balance – January 1, 2022		\$ 285.63
Receipts:		
Dividends from Vanguard	\$ 142.15	
Interest from Vanguard Money Market	\$ 0.13	
Expenses:		
Town of Pittsfield Cemetery Fund	\$ 285.63	
Ending Balance – June 30, 2022		\$ 142.28
Bar Harbor Bank & Trust Account – Checking (Jean Colver Sofield Scholarship)		
Beginning Balance – January 1, 2022		\$ 1,364.29
Expenses:		
2020 Scholarship Award	\$ 425.18	
Ending Balance – January 12, 2022 (Account Closed)		\$ 939.11
Mascoma Bank – Checking (Jean Colver Sofield Scholarship)		
Beginning Balance – January 12, 2022 (Account Opened)		\$ 939.11
Receipts:		
Dividends – Putnam Large Cap Value Fund-A	\$ 390.32	
Expenses:		
2021 Scholarship Award	\$ 812.46	
Ending Balance – June 30, 2022		\$ 516.97
Putnam Cap Value Fund-A Mutual Fund (Jean Colver Sofield Scholarship)		
Fund Share Value as of January 1, 2022		\$ 74,114.41
Share Price = \$31.14		
Share Balance = 2,380.039		
Fund Share Value as of June 30, 2022		\$ 66,284.09
Share Price = \$27.85(Est.)		
Share Balance = 2,380.039		

Respectfully submitted,
Henry Hotchkiss
(Est.) = Estimate of Share Price (No price per share given by fund.)

2022 PITTSFIELD SCHOOL BOARD DIRECTORS ANNUAL REPORT

Since last March, the Pittsfield School Board (PSB) met regularly, with some appropriately noticed exceptions, on the second Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. in or around the basement of the Town Office building. Agendas and minutes of meetings were also produced and posted as required by law. The PSB wishes to thank Trish Abbondelo for the invaluable and excellent work she does to make the School Board function and help assure a great education for our children.

Board members continued their core functions of producing a budget for your vote, paying the bills of the School District in a timely fashion after reasonable scrutiny to assure that Pittsfield pays only our fair share, attending and participating on our Supervisory Union Board and with Windsor Central Unified Union School District (WCUUSD) board meetings (Thank you Ray Rice!), and awarding the Jean Colver Sofield Award. In 2022 the award, granted to a Pittsfield student who is college bound and has demonstrated a commitment to community service, was Alex Rice. Congratulations Alex!

As always, given our status as a district/town that does not operate a school but retains choice to pay tuition at the schools our children attend, Pittsfield's school budget is based on the number of children attending school, which school they attend, and costs of additional support our children may require. This upcoming school year we expect to have 48 pre-K-12 students. This year the PSB continued the process by which parents of students provided documentation of their legal address to the schools their children attended and the school board paid tuition based on that documentation. Thank you to those parents who completed the documentation.

For FY2024 the board proposes a total budget of \$994,945. Our average per-pupil expenditure is \$14,656. This results in a homestead tax rate of \$1.0368. As this report goes to press we cannot predict the non-homestead tax rate.

The PSB wishes to thank the Town for the opportunity to serve and we look forward to another challenging year assuring our students get a great education with efficient, responsible fiscal oversight.

Respectfully submitted,

Kris Sperber

Ray Rice

Peter DuBois

SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER'S REPORT
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENSES
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022

Receipts	
Town of Pittsfield General Fund (taxes)	868,069.00
Interest Income	864.76
Tuition Credit	1,569.00
Rev code 3114	5,058.00
SEER Reimbursement	44,814.63
GMNF Revenue	8,371.06
Receipts Total	\$928,746.45
Expenses	
SPED Assessment	40,461.99
Assesment Other	1,219.17
Special Education Excess Cost	36,392.39
Tax Expense - FICA SS & Medicare	95.64
School Board Salaries	1,050.00
Treasurer Salary	200.00
Audit - Windsor Central Supervisory Union	2,900.00
REV 3110 GSSG	5,058.00
Prior Year Expense	16,444.00
Expenses Subtotal	\$103,821.19
Tuition Pre-K	
Killington Pre-K	12,666.00
RSUD Rochester	2,424.72
WCUUSD	3,536.00
Tuition Pre-K Subtotal	\$18,626.72
Elementary Tuition	
Killington	240,000.00
Orange Southwest unified Union	29,732.00
White River Valley	17,800.00
Rochester	33,900.00
Elementary Tuition Subtotal	\$321,432.00
Secondary Tuition	
Christ the King School	5,375.00
Sharon Academy	33,684.00
Randolf Tech. Career Center	1,295.00
Killington Mountain School	33,684.00
Landmark School	16,841.40
WUHMS	323,750.00
The Hartford School District	3,103.00
Mount St. Joseph Academy	32,466.00
Orange Southwest Unified Union	18,630.00
Secondary Tuition Subtotal	\$468,828.40
Vocational Tuition	
Vocational Tuition Subtotal	
Expenses Total	\$912,708.31

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022

Assets	
Checking - Mascoma	10,041.13
Holding Account - Mascoma	245,585.27
Total Asssets June 30, 2022	\$255,626.40
Fund Balance, June 30, 2022	
Actual Fund Balance June 30, 2021	239,588.26
Revenue for FY 2021-2022	928,746.45
Expenses for FY 2021-2022	(912,708.31)
Ending Balance, June 30, 2022	\$255,626.40
Increase in Fund Balance	\$16,038.14

STATEMENT OF SCHOOL INDEBTEDNESS
As of June 30, 2022
None

Pittsfield School District Proposed Budget FY 2024

		Approved Budget 2020-2021	Audited Actual 2020-2021	Approved Budget 2021-2022	Unaudited Actual 2021-2022	Approved Budget 2022-2023	Proposed 2023-2024
REVENUES							
	Prior Year Surplus	75,000	0	75,000	0	120,000	100,000
	State Support	986,225	986,225	868,129	868,069	868,129	832,745
	Interest Income	8,000	1,242	7,000	865	2,500	2,500
	Miscellaneous	0	0	0	274	0	0
	Tech Center Grant	8,000	5,422	8,000	5,058	3,500	3,500
	Special Ed Expenditure Reimbursement	67,600	78,899	56,200	44,815	56,200	56,200
	Special Ed EEE	0	0	0		0	0
	Green Mountain Forest	0	0	0	8,371	0	0
	Other Receipts	0	0	0		0	0
		1,144,825	1,071,788	1,014,329	927,451	1,050,329	994,945
EXPENDITURES							
BOARD OF EDUCATION							
	Stipends - Board of Education	1,050	1,050	1,050	1,050	1,050	1,050
	FICA - Board of Education	100	96	100	100	100	100
	Liability Insurance	3,000	2,460	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
	Legal Fees	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Advertising	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Miscellaneous	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Dues/Fees	275	0	0	0	0	0
		4,425	3,606	4,150	4,150	4,150	4,150
FISCAL SERVICES							
	Stipend - Treasurer	200	200	200		200	200
	Audit	1,200	1,200	1,200		2,900	3,100
		1,400	1,400	1,400	0	3,100	3,300
SUPERINTENDENTS OFFICE							
	WCSU - Central Office Assessment	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
	WCSU - Special Education Assessment	18,000	9,000	12,000	9,000	12,000	12,000
	EEE Assessment	0	0	0	0	0	0
		48,000	39,000	42,000	39,000	42,000	42,000
DEBT SERVICE							
	Interest/Bank Fees	0	0	0	0	0	0
SCHOOL INSTRUCTION							
	Tuition Pre-K	20,000	14,468	20,000	14,468	16,000	42,500
	Tuition Elementary	384,000	333,674	337,313	333,674	301,094	357,000
	Tuition Secondary	543,000	513,306	493,466	513,306	505,765	491,225
	Prior Year Tuition Expense	0	3,223	0	3,223	0	0
	Tuition - Vocational	6,000	4,006	6,000	4,006	6,000	6,000
	Tuition - Vocational On Behalf DOE	8,000	0	8,000	0	0	5,058
	Special Education - Excess Costs	130,000	43,712	102,000	43,712	65,000	43,712
	Contract service - 504/EST	0	0	0	0	0	0
		1,091,000	912,389	966,779	912,389	893,859	945,495
PREVIOUS YEAR(S) DEFICIT(S)							
	Accumulated Deficit	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	TOTAL	1,144,825	956,395	1,014,329	955,539	943,109	994,945
	Suplus/(Deficit)	0	115,393		-28,088	107,220	0

District: Pittsfield SU: Windsor Central		T153 Rutland County	Property dollar equivalent yield 15,479	<--See bottom note	Homestead tax rate per \$15,479 of spending per equalized pupil 1.00
			17,600		Income dollar equivalent yield per 2.0% of household income
Expenditures		FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024
1.	Budget (local budget, including special programs, full technical center expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures)	\$1,142,247	\$1,011,387	\$948,188	\$994,945
2.	plus Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting	-	-	-	-
3.	minus Act 144 Expenditures, to be excluded from Education Spending (Manchester & West Windsor only)	NA	NA	NA	-
4.	Locally adopted or warned budget	\$1,142,247	\$1,011,387	\$948,188	\$994,945
5.	plus Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any	-	-	-	-
6.	plus Prior year deficit repayment of deficit	-	-	-	-
7.	Total Expenditures	\$1,142,247	\$1,011,387	\$948,188	\$994,945
8.	S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-
9.	Prior year deficit reduction (included in expenditure budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-
Revenues					
10.	Offsetting revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)	\$150,600	\$138,200	\$178,700	\$162,200
11.	plus Capital debt aid for eligible projects pre-existing Act 60	-	-	-	-
12.	minus All Act 144 revenues, including local Act 144 tax revenues (Manchester & West Windsor only)	NA	NA	NA	NA
13.	Offsetting revenues	\$150,600	\$138,200	\$178,700	\$162,200
14.	Education Spending	\$991,647	\$873,187	\$769,488	\$832,745
15.	Equalized Pupils	53.08	58.88	56.82	53.02
16.	Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	\$18,682.12	\$14,829.94	\$13,542.56	\$15,706.24
17.	minus Less ALL net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil	-	-	-	-
18.	minus Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$60,000 for an individual (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-
19.	minus Less amount of deficit if deficit is SOLELY attributable to tuitions paid to public schools for grades the district does not operate for new students who moved to the district after the budget was passed (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-
20.	minus Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer equalized pupils (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-
21.	minus Estimated costs of new students after census period (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-
22.	minus Total tuitions if tuitioning ALL K-12 unless electorate has approved tuitions greater than average announced tuition (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-
23.	minus Less planning costs for merger of small schools (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-
24.	minus Teacher retirement assessment for new members of Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System on or after July 1, 2015 (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-
25.	minus Costs incurred when sampling drinking water outlets, implementing lead remediation, or retesting.	-	-	-	-
26.	Excess spending threshold	threshold = \$18,756 \$18,756.00	threshold = \$18,789 \$18,789.00	threshold = \$19,997 \$19,997.00	threshold = \$22,204 \$22,204.00
27.	plus Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)	-	2 year suspension	2 year suspension	suspended thru FY29
28.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Equalized Tax Rate	\$18,682	\$14,830	\$13,543	\$15,706.24
29.	District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%)	169.868% based on yield \$10,883	131.041% based on yield \$11,317	101.717% based on \$13,314	101.468% based on \$15,479
Prorating the local tax rate					
30.	Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate (to be prorated by line 30) [\$15,706.24 ÷ (\$15,479 ÷ \$1.00)]	\$1.6987 based on \$1.00	\$1.3104 based on \$1.00	\$1.0172 based on \$1.00	\$1.0147 based on \$1.00
31.	Percent of Pittsfield equalized pupils not in a union school district	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
32.	Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town (100.00% x \$1.01)	\$1.6987	\$1.3104	\$1.0172	\$1.0147
33.	Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)	108.16%	109.15%	120.64%	103.68%
34.	Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (\$1.0147 / 103.68%)	\$1.5705 based on \$1.00	\$1.2005 based on \$1.00	\$0.8432 based on \$1.00	\$0.9787 based on \$1.00
If the district belongs to a union school district, this is only a PARTIAL homestead tax rate. The tax rate shown represents the estimated portion of the final homestead tax rate due to spending for students who do not belong to a union school district. The same holds true for the income cap percentage.					
35.	Anticipated income cap percent (to be prorated by line 30) [(\$15,706.24 ÷ \$17,600) x 2.00%]	2.76% based on 2.00%	2.15% based on 2.00%	2.00% based on 2.00%	2.00% based on 2.00%
36.	Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (100.00% x 2.00%)	2.76% based on 2.00%	2.15% based on 2.00%	2.00% based on 2.00%	2.00% based on 2.00%
37.	#/N/A	-	-	-	-
38.	#/N/A	-	-	-	-

- Following current statute, the Tax Commissioner recommended a property yield of \$15,479 for every \$1.00 of homestead tax per \$100 of equalized property value, an income yield of \$17,600 for a base income percent of 2.0%, and a non-residential tax rate of \$1.386. These figures use the estimated \$64,000,000 surplus from the Education Fund. **New and updated data will likely change the proposed property and income yields and perhaps the non-residential rate.**

- Final figures will be set by the Legislature during the legislative session and approved by the Governor.

- The base income percentage cap is 2.0%.

LINKS TO COMMUNITY SERVICES

Bethel Food Shelf ~ www.bethelvtfoodshelf.org

Central Vermont Council on Aging (CVCOA) ~ www.cvcoa.org

Child First Advocacy Center (CFAC) ~ www.childfirstvermont.org

Community Care Network Rutland Mental Health Services ~ www.rmhsccn.org

Green Mountain National Forest (GMNF) ~ www.fx.usda.gov/gmfl

Green Up Vermont ~ www.greenupvermont.org

NeighborWorks of Western Vermont ~ www.nwwvt.org

NewStory Center ~ www.nscvt.org

Parent Child Center of Rutland County ~ www.rcpcc.org

Park House ~ www.parkhousevt.org

Quin-Town Center for Senior Citizens ~ quintownsc@gmail.com (no website)

Rutland County Humane Society ~ www.rchsvt.org

Rutland County Restorative Justice ~ www.rutlandrestorativejustice.org

Rutland County Solid Waste District ~ www.rcswd.com

Tri-Valley Transit ~ www.trivalleytransit.org

Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Commission (TRORC) ~ www.trorc.org

Upper White River Cooperative Weed Management Association (CWMA) ~ <http://vtinvasives.org>

Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL) ~ www.vcil.org

Vermont Department of Health ~ www.healthvermont.gov

Vermont League of Cities & Towns (VLCT) ~ www.vlct.org

Vermont Rural Fire Protection Program (RFP) ~ www.vacd.org

Vermont Spay & Neuter Incentive Program (VSNIP) ~ www.vvsahs.org

Visiting Nurse & Hospice of Vermont and New Hampshire ~ www.vnh@vnhcare.org

White River Valley Ambulance (WRVA) ~ www.wrva.org



Rutland County Solid Waste District
Regional Transfer Station and Drop-off Center
14 Gleason Rd., Rutland, VT
802-775-7209
Monday – Saturday 7:00am to 3:00pm

Pay by the Bag: Trash Drop-off/Recycling	Pay by Weight: MSW/C&D All other items must be recycled	Household Hazardous Waste Depot Appointments can be made at www.rcswd.com
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Annual Permit Fee: (January to December)

Obtain your annual permit at <https://www.rcswd.com>

	District Program	Non-District Program	No Permit Program
Residents	\$15.00	\$60.00	
Businesses	\$30.00	\$90.00	
MSW - Kitchen Bag	\$2.00<20/lb	\$3.00<20/lb	\$5.00<20/lb
MSW - Green Bag	\$3.00 ~ 30/lb	\$4.00 ~ 30/lb	\$6.00 ~ 30/lb
MSW - Contractor Bag	\$5.00 >35/lb	\$6.00 >35/lb	\$8.00 >35/lb
MSW / C & D	\$145.00/ton	\$160.00/ton	\$180.00/ton
Bulk Scale Minimum	\$13.00	\$15.00	\$17.00
Computer's & Peripherals	Call for information	Call for information	Call for information
Non-covered e-waste items	\$1.00/lb.	\$1.00/lb.	\$2.00/lb.
Recyclables	Free	Free	Not Accepted
Food Waste/ Organics	\$1.00/gal	\$1.00/gal	\$2.00/gal
Kitchen Scrap Collector	\$20.00	\$25.00	Not Accepted
Green Cone Digester	\$160.00	\$180.00	Not Accepted
Soil Saver Composter (black)	\$85.00	\$100.00	Not Accepted
Recycle Bins	\$7.00	\$8.00	Not Accepted
Compost bags/case of 25 bags	\$5.00	\$6.00	Not Accepted
Mattress/Box Springs (each)	\$15.00 ea + weight cost	\$15.00 ea + weight cost	\$15.00 ea + weight cost
Tires: * Motorcycle	\$2.00 ea.	\$3.00 ea.	\$4.00 ea.
Car, Small Truck, SUV	\$4.00 ea.	\$5.00 ea.	\$6.00 ea.
Truck Tires	\$6.00 ea.	\$7.00 ea.	\$8.00 ea.
Oversized Tires	\$18.00 and up	\$19.00 and up	\$20.00 and up
Tractor Tires	\$500/ton	\$600/ton	\$700/ton
White Goods	\$5.00 ea.	\$6.00 ea.	\$10.00 ea.
Refrigerators/AC units/ Dehumidifiers	\$16.00 ea.	\$20.00 ea.	\$25.00 ea.
HHW (residential)	Call for information	Call for information	Not Accepted
Used Motor Oil (HHW)	\$0.50/gal	See HHW schedule	Not Accepted
Propane tank (1lb)/(20lb good)	\$1.50/\$3.00 ea.	\$1.50/\$3.00 ea.	Not Accepted
Propane tanks 20lb (bad condition)	\$6.00 ea.	\$6.00 ea.	Not Accepted
Fire Ext./All Other's	Call for information	Call for information	Not Accepted
Scrap Metal	Free	Free	Free
Clean Wood/ Log Lengths	\$60.00/ton	\$75.00/ton	\$90.00/ton
Leaves/Grass Clippings (non-contaminated)	\$40.00/ton \$1.00 paper bag	\$50.00/ton \$1.00 paper bag	\$70.00/ton
Brush (non-contaminated)	\$50.00/ton. \$2.00 paper bag	\$60.00/ton \$2.00 paper bag	\$80.00/ton.
Asphalt Shingles♥	\$145/ton	\$160.00/ton	\$180.00/ton
Asbestos♥	\$200.00/ton	\$250.00/ton	Not Accepted
Concrete with Rebar♥	\$60.00/ton	\$70.00/ton	\$90.00/ton
Clean Concrete♥	\$50.00/ton	\$60.00/ton	\$80.00/ton

For more details, check us out at <https://www.rcswd.com/regional-transfer-station>

* To qualify, Commercial and District Town accounts shall unload tires into the trailer. Accepted as Scalehouse

♥ These items shall be segregated separately from MSW/C&D Shall be accepted and coordinated via the Recycling Center.

NOTE: These prices are subject to change without notice.



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14 Gleason Rd., Rutland, VT

802-775-7209

Monday – Saturday 7:00am to 3:00pm

We Recycle

- Tin/Aluminum:** All food and beverage tin and aluminum cans and clean pie pans, rinsed clean.
- Glass:** Clear, green, and brown, rinsed clean.
- Plastic:** #1, (containers) #2 colored, (containers) #2 natural, and #5 containers.
- Corrugated Cardboard:**
After it is broken down, we accept brown double-walled with wavy center typically used in shipping boxes. We do recycle pizza boxes without food residue.
- Boxboard:**
After it is broken down, we accept cereal, pasta and shoe boxes or other uses of the same material such as paper egg cartons. We do not recycle white boxes or boxboard boxes containing metal parts.
- Newspaper:** Newspapers and inserts. Please remove newspapers from paper and plastic bags.
- Office Paper and Junk Mail:**
Envelopes, colored paper, phone books, glossy paper and junk mail.
- Magazines, Catalogs, and Hard Covered Books**
- Textiles:** Clean and dry delivered in clear plastic bags.
- Computers/Electronics:**
TV's, P.C. type systems, and peripherals included monitor, printer, keyboard at no cost. Other electronics and similar small items with a cord will have a nominal charge.
- Food Waste:** Food scraps, fruits, vegetables, dairy, bread, grains, meats and bones, oils, sauces, eggs, coffee grounds, and filters.
- Household Hazardous Waste:**
Oil and latex paints, cleaners, disinfectants, pesticides, fertilizers, fungicides, herbicides, poisons, chemicals. Fluorescent bulbs, auto fluids and finishers, used oil.

A Guide to Recycling
in Vermont:



PAPER: Clean and dry



Copy paper, mail
& magazines

Cardboard, egg
carton & boxboard

CONTAINERS: Empty and rinsed clean



Metal

Plastic bottles, tubs &
packaging. #1,#2 & #5

Glass bottles
& jars

These Items do NOT Belong in
Recycling:



NO CLOTHING



NO SCRAP METAL



NO PLASTIC BAGS,
UTENSILS, STRAWS



NO STYROFOAM NO MILK OR JUICE
CARTONS



NO BATTERIES
OR E-WASTE



About Us

Established in 1979, Rutland County Solid Waste District is a union municipal district that exists to cooperatively and comprehensively address the solid waste management interests of its member towns.

The District is governed by a Board of Supervisors representing the communities from the 18 member towns with a population of 47,751 in Rutland County.

Contact Us



802-775-7209



outreach@rcswd.com



www.rcswd..com



2 Greens Hill Ln Rutland City, VT

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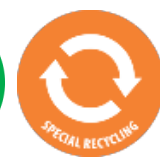
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HOW YOU CAN
REDUCE, REUSE,
RECYCLE &
COMPOST
RUTLAND
COUNTY!



Vermont State Law Landfill Bans

What to do with items banned from the trash:

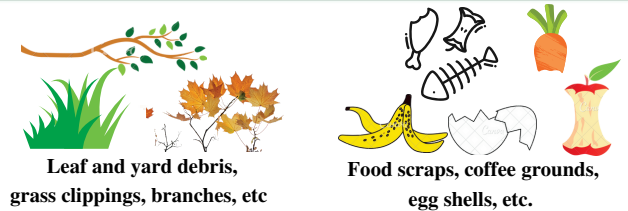


RECYCLABLES:



RECYCLE ANYWHERE: Drop-off at TS or with a hauler

ORGANICS:



COMPOST: At home, drop-off, or with a hauler

BANNED AND SPECIAL RECYCLING:



Mercury-containing bulbs, thermostats, switches, thermometers, etc



Paint, stain, thinner and varnish



Computers/Accessories & TV's, Phones, MP3 players, VCRs/DVDs, Stereo systems, etc.



Lead-acid, rechargeable, and other batteries

FIND COLLECTION LOCATIONS: (802) 775-7209 or rcswd.com

OTHER BANNED OR DANGEROUS ITEMS:



Large appliances, used oil filters, scrap metal & auto fluids

Tires

CleanWood



Asphalt shingles, plywood, OSB, and drywall from large projects within 20 miles of a C&D recycling facility



Explosives, fireworks, gasoline, pesticides, pool chemicals, propane cylinders

Composting Guide:



COMPOST



Food Scraps and Beverages

•fruits, veggies •bread •rice •pasta •meat & fish* •bones* •shellfish* •egg shells •dairy products* •salad dressing* •sauces* •coffee grounds •coffee filters •tea bags •cooking oils & fat*



Soiled & Other Non-recyclable Paper

•paper napkins •paper towel •uncoated paper plates & cups •oily pizza boxes •waxed paper* •food-soiled or wet newspaper & paper bags •flour, potato & sugar bags (no plastic liners)



Other Materials

•hair & fur •BPI Certified compostable containers, wares and bags* •wood skewers

*DO NOT INCLUDE THESE ITEMS IN BACKYARD COMPOST BINS.

DON'T COMPOST



NO Plastic-coated paper products

•refrigerated or frozen-food cartons •coated paper plates or cups •plastic coated butcher paper •plastic lined flour, potato or sugar bags

NO Glass, metal, or plastic

•plastic bags or wrap •styrofoam meat trays •plastic or metal utensils •foil •condiment packets •creamer cups •butter cups or wrappers •plastic straws or swizzle sticks

NO Human or pet waste

•soiled diapers •kitty litter •pet waste •personal hygiene products

TOWN COMPENDIUM

Useful Information

Town of Pittsfield

www.pittsfieldvt.com

Phone/Fax: 802-746-8170

40 Village Green - P.O. Box 556

Pittsfield, VT 05762-0556

townclerk@pittsfieldvt.com

Current and archived Select Board minutes are available on the website, as well as other information. Please email the Town Clerk with information or events appropriate for the town website.

Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Roger Clark Memorial Library

www.pittsfieldlibrary.com

Phone: 802-746-4067

40 Village Green, Pittsfield, VT 05762

pittsfieldvtlibrary@gmail.com

Hours: Tuesday 10 – 6 pm, Thursday 2-7 pm

Saturday 9-12:30pm

Voter Checklist

The Town's current checklist has 448 registered voters. To be added to the checklist, contact the Town Clerk or visit the Vermont Secretary of State's website

(<https://www.sec.state.vt.us/elections/voters/registration>).

Dog Licenses

Dogs must be licensed by April 1 each year. A late fee is charged after April 1. Rabies shots must be kept up to date and the certificate filed with the Town Clerk.

Please stop by anytime after January 1st of each year to obtain license.

Property Taxes

Tax bills are mailed by July 15 with installments due on the third Thursday of August and November each year. ***Payments must be in the Town Office before 5:00 p.m. or the closing of the office on the date that they are due. Postmarks are not accepted as timely payment.***

Refuse and Recycling

Property owners and residents are responsible for refuse removal/recycling and may contract with a hauler of their choice or take their refuse and recycling to the Rutland County Solid Waste District.

Rutland County Solid Waste District

rcswd.com

Phone: 802-775-7208

2 Greene Hills Lane, Rutland, VT 05701

Monday-Saturday 7am-3pm, Closed Sunday

Quintown Senior Center

<http://hancockvt.us/quintown/>

Phone: 802-767-3763

1097 Vermont Route 100, Hancock, VT 05478

quintownctrsnr@myfairpoint.net

Pittsfield residents are eligible for the various services the Quintown Center provides: meals at the center, home-delivered meals, transportation, and advocate services.

Flood Plain Management

To promote proper flood plain management and also to be accepted into the National Flood Insurance Program, the Town of Pittsfield adopted Flood Hazard Area Regulations on February 4, 2014. Contact the Zoning Administrator before building or working within a flood plain area.

Regular Meetings

Select Board

6:00 p.m. on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month in the Town Office, unless otherwise posted.

Planning Commission

6:30 p.m. on the 2nd Tuesday of January, April, July, and October at the Town Office, unless otherwise posted.

School Board

7:00 p.m. on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the Town Office Building.

Library Trustees

5:30 p.m. on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Roger Clark Memorial Library.

Historical Society

No Meetings currently being held.
Contact Susie Martin, 746-8098.

Pittsfield Volunteer Fire & Rescue

Business meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Fire House, 7:30 p.m.

Work meeting on the 4th Tuesday of each month at the Fire House, 6 p.m.

Annual Events

Town Meeting (March)

Memorial Day Parade (May)

Trick or Treating in the Village (October)

VT Alert

VT-ALERT is used by state and local responders to notify the public of emergency situations, including evacuation information; chemical spills; shelter-in-place alerts; severe weather advisories; boil water advisories, and roadway interruptions. Residents can tailor the alerts to specific locations, types of alerts and on which devices they will be notified. Register here: <https://vem.vermont.gov/vtalert>

EMERGENCY NUMBERS
FIRE, POLICE, AMBULANCE: 9-1-1

VERMONT POISON CENTER: 1-877-658-3456

HOSPITALS

Gifford Medical Center, Randolph	728-4441
Rutland Regional Medical Center	775-7111
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, Lebanon, NH	603-646-5000

TOWN OFFICE

Clerk & Treasurer: Tricia Abbondelo	746-8170
Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	
Copier, fax and Notary services available.	

TOWN GARAGE

Road Commissioner: George Deblon	746-8406
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CONSTABLES

First Constable: Tim Hunt	746-8586
Second Constable/Dog Officer: Doug Mianulli	746-8514

HEALTH OFFICER: Vacant (9/30/22)

GAME WARDEN

Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department: Keith Gallant	
Contact through the Rutland State Police Dispatcher	773-9101

FIRE WARDEN

Burn Permits: Ray Colton	
Contact at Colton Enterprises	746-8033

VERMONT STATE POLICE

Questions and non-emergencies, call the Rutland Barracks	773-9101
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**Town of Pittsfield
40 Village Green
PO Box 556
Pittsfield, Vermont 05762**

**Town Meeting
Tuesday, March 7, 2023
6:00 pm Town Hall**