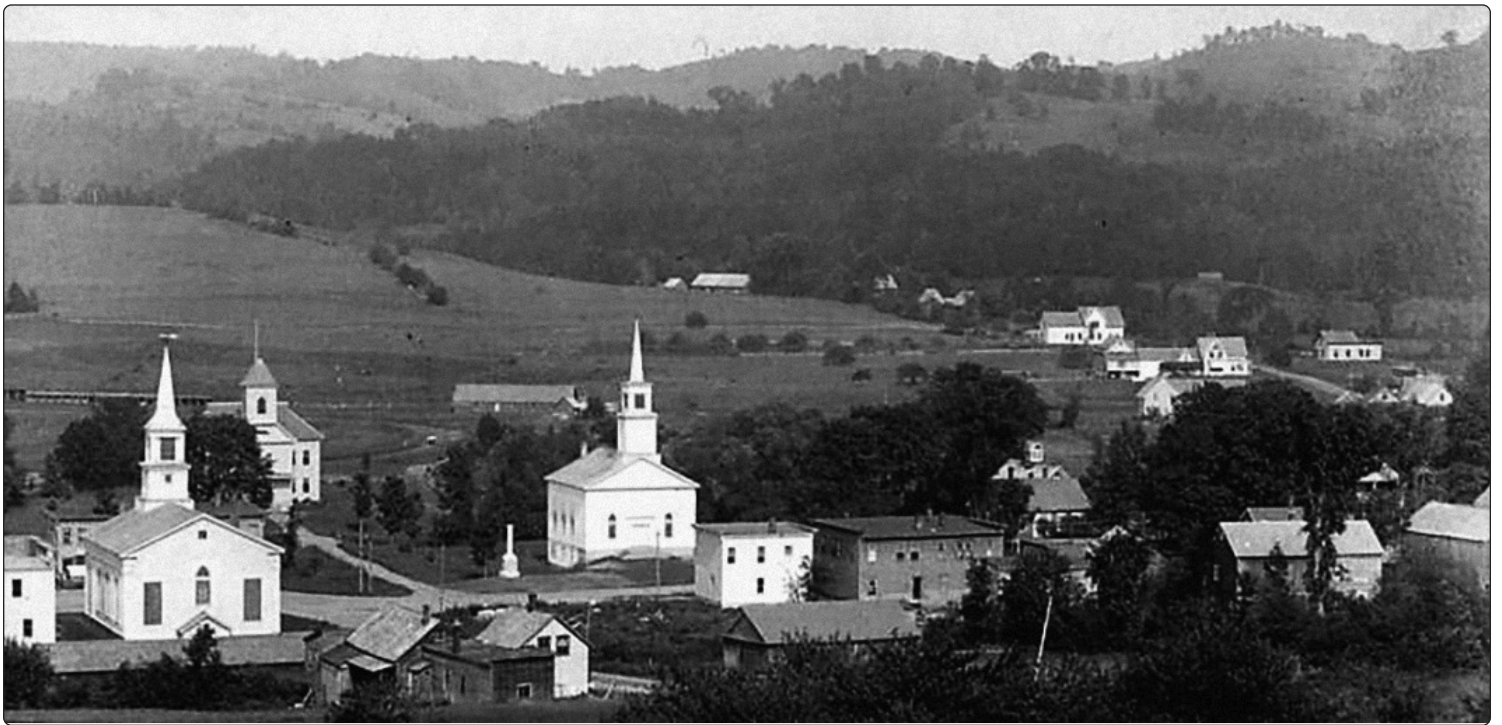


Town of Washington Vermont

Annual Report

THE HISTORY OF WASHINGTON VERMONT

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Orange County, Vermont

**REPORT OF THE TOWN OFFICERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2022**

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Monthly Board Meetings

Selectboard	First Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	Municipal Bldg
School Directors	Second Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	Rotating school libraries
every other month, ex: March 2023 will be held at the Orange campus			
Planning Commission	First Monday	7:00 p.m.	Municipal Bldg
Library Trustees	Second Wednesday	5:30 p.m.	Calef Library

Other Meetings:

Zoning Board of Adjustment	as needed	7:00 p.m.	Municipal Bldg
Recreation Department	as needed	7:00 p.m.	Members' Homes
Board of Civil Authority	as needed	7:00 p.m.	Municipal Bldg
Fire Department	Each Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Fire Station

If you have an issue that you would like to see addressed at a meeting, contact a board member to see about getting the matter on the agenda.

Ordinances in effect (dates of adoption)

Health Ordinance	(10/02/83)	Parking Ordinance	(10/02/83)
Amended	(06/16/85)	Junk Car	(10/02/83)
Solid Waste Ordinance	(10/11/93)	Traffic Ordinance	(01/08/96)
Zoning Ordinance	(05/26/92)	Dog Ordinance	(05/24/04)
Amended			

Copies are available at the town clerk's office.

Permit Requirements

- A **Driveway** permit is required prior to construction of a new driveway or any change in an existing driveway. A 911 number will be assigned as part of this process. If your access is from Route 110, you will need a state permit. A town permit is not needed.
- A **Building** permit is required prior to any new construction or addition to an existing structure.
- A **Subdivision** permit is required prior to any subdivision of land. (In addition to a town permit, you will need a subdivision permit from the State of Vermont.)
- An **Overweight Vehicle** permit is required for the operation of an overweight vehicle on town roads.
- A **Burn** permit is required prior to any outdoor burning. (other than during the winter when snow is on the ground) Contact Ryan Bresette, Forest Fire Warden at 1-802-272-0892.
- A **Wastewater** permit is required prior to new construction or subdivision.
- A **Floodplain Development** permit is required for development in a Flood Hazard Area.

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TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator, Town (Term expires 2023) 1 year term..... Harry Roush
Town Clerk & Treasurer (Term expires 2025)..... Carol Davis

Selectmen: 3 year term

Term expires 2023..... Nicholas Bresette
Term expires 2024..... Robert Blanchard
Term expires 2025..... A. J. Galfetti

Delinquent Tax Collector (Term expires 2023) 1 year term..... Carol Davis

Auditors: 3 year term

Term expires 2023..... Sue Busby
Term expires 2024..... Peter Carbee (resigned)
Term expires 2024..... Christina Moran

Cemetery Commissioners: 3 year term

Term expires 2023..... Robert Blanchard
Term expires 2024..... Robert Farnham
Term expires 2025..... Anthony Ziter

Listers: 3 year term

Term expires 2024..... Diane Donovan
Term expires 2025..... Harry Roush

Library Trustee: 5 year term

Term expires 2023..... Linda Beede
Term expires 2024..... Maxine Durbrow
Term expires 2025..... Lori Beede
Term expires 2026..... Harriet Blanchard
Term expires 2027..... Andrea Poulin

Planning Commission: 1,2,3 year terms

Term expires 2023..... Gary Winders
Term expires 2023..... Robert Farnham
Term expires 2023..... Harry Roush
Term expires 2023..... Ryan Bresette
Term expires 2024..... Peter Carbee
Term expires 2024..... Melissa Metivier Aubut
Term expires 2024..... Joyce Waters
Term expires 2025..... Jack Peterson

Recreation Department:

Term expires 2023..... Carol Poulin
Term expires 2023..... Ann Wade
Term expires 2024..... Vince Vermette
Term expires 2025..... Robert Blanchard
Term expires 2025..... Danielle Bresette

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

Scott Blanchard, Peter Carbee, Carol Davis, Raymond McCormack, H. Brooke Paige, Harry Roush, Anna Strong

OTHER OFFICIALS

Fire Chief Ryan Bresette
Fire Warden..... Ryan Bresette
Librarian Bethany Beebe
School Superintendent..... Matthew Fedders
School Principal, Washington..... Abigayle Smith
School Principal, Orange Timothy Francke
Postmaster Megan O'Brien
Postal Clerk..... Kalynn Roy

APPOINTMENTS

Animal Control Officer Robert Lowe
Central VT Regional Planning Commission Rep..... Peter Carbee
Central VT Solid Waste Management District Rep Peter Carbee
Emergency Management Coordinator..... Ryan Bresette
Enhanced 9-1-1 Contact..... Harry Roush
Health Officer..... Gary Winders
Road Foreman John Tilton
Zoning Administrator Gary Winders

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VERMONT SENATE

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Phone: 802-433-5867

U.S. HOUSE AND SENATE

U. S. Senior Senator..... Bernie Sanders, 1-800-339-9834
U.S. Junior Senator Peter Welch, 1-202-224-4242
U.S. Representative Becca Balint, 1-202-225-4115

SUMMARY OF 2022 EVENTS & ACHIEVEMENTS

Emily L. Poulin
Recipient of the Debra Blanchard Scholarship
Award in the amount of \$7,000

Green Up Day, Saturday May 7, 2022

16th Annual Memory Tree Lighting
December 5, 2022
Outside Ceremony with reading of names

Washington Baptist Church Christmas Caroling
December 2022

16th Year for the Washington Elves Project
Sponsored by the Washington Fire Department & Fast Squad
Special Thanks to Rob & Veronica Lowe

TOWN OF WASHINGTON

March 7, 2023

The legal voters of the Town of Washington in the County of Orange and State of Vermont are hereby notified and warned to meet at the school auditorium on the 7th day of March, 2023 to act on the following articles.

The business meeting will open at 1:00 p.m.

1. To elect all necessary officers for the Town and School District for the ensuing year by Australian Ballot System. The polls will open at 8:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m.
2. Will the town vote to authorize the Select Board to borrow money in anticipation of taxes and other revenue?
3. Will the town vote to collect taxes on real property in two installments with the first installment due on August 15, 2023 and the second installment due on November 15, 2023?
4. What amount will the Town vote to pay the Town Officers?
5. Will the town vote to appropriate the sum of \$ _____ for the operating budget of the Washington Fire Department and Fast Squad for the 12-month period ending June 30, 2024? (Requested \$84,622)
6. Will the town vote to appropriate the sum of \$ _____ for the Calef Memorial Library Capital Improvement Fund established at the March 5, 2019 Town Meeting? (Requested \$5,000)
7. Will the town vote to appropriate the sum of \$ _____ for the operating budget of the Calef Memorial Library for the 12-month period ending June 30, 2024? (Requested \$61,369.)
8. Will the town vote to appropriate the sum of \$ _____ for the care of old cemeteries for the 12-month period ending June 30, 2024? (Requested \$6,000)
9. Will the town vote to appropriate the sum of \$ _____ to defray the operating cost of the Recreation Department for the 12-month period ending June 30, 2024. (Requested \$4,000)
10. Will the town voters authorize the Town to spend \$872,075 for the 12-month period ending June 30, 2024 of which \$627,005 will be raised in taxes?

11. Will the town vote to appropriate the sum of \$ _____ to fund the service agencies for the 12-month period ending June 30, 2024. (Requested \$12,415.)

Dated this 5th day of February 2023.

Washington Select Board



Nicholas P. Bresette, Chair



Robert Blanchard



AJ Galfetti

SELECTBOARD REPORT FY 22

Fiscal year 22 continued to be a challenge for the Town of Washington as the effects of COVID-19 were still being felt. While we pushed to get back to a state of normalcy and stability, we still struggled with financial challenges like a decrease in state funding for road projects, and the ever increasing delinquent tax burden.

Highway Department

Fiscal year 22 saw the return of state funding to projects like bridges and class 2 roads. However, due to the high demand for these grants, the state capped the amount of state funding available. The West Corinth Road, at the intersection with State Forest Road was subject to these cuts. The bridge was intended to be constructed during fiscal year 21, but because of the Covid pandemic, the State of Vermont decided not to fund any projects, so construction was pushed out a year. This resulted in higher costs due to inflation and supply chain issues. A bridge project usually receives 90% state funding, however only around 65% was received. This resulted in the Town of Washington having to come up with an additional \$75,000 to fund the projects. Fortunately, ARPA funds had recently become available and were used as a justified cost for the project.

The West Corinth Rd was also repaved from Route 110 to Vermette Lane along with ditching and erosion stabilization funded mostly by state grants.

Mud season continues to be one of our biggest challenges when it comes to roads. Frost was nearly 5 feet deep in some places, and the rapid warm-up was more than our roads could handle. Within just a few weeks all the material we had budgeted for had been completely expended and because of financial concerns, no additional material could be purchased. The severity of mud season was felt throughout Orange County with some neighboring towns completely shutting down their roads, and spending hundreds of thousands of dollars on material. The Town of Washington, along with other Orange County towns with the assistance of Representative Lefebvre, requested state emergency funds through the Agency of Transportation and the Governor's office. Unfortunately, the request for emergency assistance was denied. To combat the ever increasing impact mud season has on our roads, the Selectboard is making improvements to some of the roads with chronic issues. For example:

- adding more material on many of our roads, some of which haven't been resurfaced in 20 to 30 years
- rebuilding roads from the base up and adding fabric to prevent clay from mixing with materials
- Improving drainage by widening ditches and diverting water away from the roads.

Delinquent taxes

The annual burden of delinquent taxes, and the lack of collections has placed a financial burden on the Town of Washington. The Selectboard has been unable to get an exact number from the delinquent tax collector. We don't know if it could be as little as \$200,000 or upwards of \$1,000,000 in delinquent taxes that have not been collected since the last tax sale nearly 10 years ago. In FY 22, Sullivan and Powers reported to the Selectboard that over \$60,000 in tax revenue went delinquent. This prompted the Selectboard to put a budget freeze in for late fiscal year 22. This had the biggest effect on our roads and the disastrous mud season. In just a few weeks, we had gone through all of our budgeted road material and there was a deep concern on whether or not we would be able to pay our bills and personnel costs in June. The Selectboard is considering options, all of which would require voter approval, to recoup delinquent taxes.

Hands Mill Dam

The project design and planned demolition continues with the assistance of over 20 federal and state agencies. The plans to purchase two adjacent properties through the Vermont flood resiliency fund continues with planned acquisition in early 2023. A tentative date of 2024 is set for the dam removal and river reconstruction. The town continues to fund \$5000 annually toward the project as required to receive state and federal funds.

ARPA Funds

The town received a little over \$300,000 in pandemic relief funds from the federal government. These projects were initially restricted to only direct pandemic related costs along with water and sewer systems. We were informed in late summer 2022 that many of the restrictions on ARPA funds had been lifted. The town has already begun to expend some of these funds on projects that would've required us to raise taxes.

Disbursements:

- \$75,000 West Corinth Rd. Bridge construction in FY 22
- \$20,000 CV Fiber to assist in offsetting residential costs associated with connecting to the broadband network
- \$25,000 Washington fire district to clean the water tank along with the purchase of a new pump and backup generator

Future costs earmarked

- \$45,000 floor replacement and foundation work for the Washington Fire Department
- Digitizing town records
- Town website
- Prepare the dump for solar panels

While the Selectboard believes that a committee should be formed on how to spend the remainder of the funds, until the town is in better financial health in regards to collections of taxes, these funds will be reserved for any potential impacts due to our decreased tax revenue.

Audit

A certified letter was sent to the elected Auditors from the Selectboard requesting an audit of the 18-month FY 21 books, but no response was ever received. The Selectboard reached out to Sullivan and Powers to get a quote on the cost of a full financial audit. Sullivan and Powers briefly looked at the town books and deemed them unauditible. They would not be able to provide sufficient assistance to perform a forensic audit.

The fiscal year 22 books are available for the elected auditors to review and audit the town financials.

FY 23 Budget Notes

The Selectboard FY 23 budget reflects a roughly 10% or \$58,000 increase in the budget over last year. This is attributed mostly to the increased repairs on trucks and the skyrocketing costs of fuel.

- \$8,000 increase for the Assistant Town Clerk
- \$18,000 increase for maintenance and diesel fuel for the highway department
- \$10,000 increase in gravel for mud season and resurfacing roads
- \$10,000 increase in capitol reserve fund with intent to purchase a new dump truck to replace the 2004 International with a blown motor
- \$20,000 increase in revenue from state aid for roads

The tax increase may be offset with the projected increase in the grand list due to recent new construction in town.

Road projects in 2023

-The last half mile of the Williamstown Road will be resurfaced from Route 110 to Stellar Road. This will include culvert replacements, a new base, fabric and top coat.

-Resurfacing class 3 roads

-Replacement of a large culvert on McDonald Road

-Designing a replacement bridge on the W. Corinth Rd., just east of the one previously completed, for construction in FY24

The Board has also developed a long term list of projects to assist in future budget planning and development. Estimated cost and dates are as follows:.

FY 24

6 wheel dump truck: 125,000 after trade-in

W. Corinth Rd. bridge replacement \$325,000

Hands Mill dam removal \$500,000

West Corinth rd. reconstruction \$250,000

FY 25

Fire engine replacement \$350,000

Town Garage door replacement \$30,000

10 wheel dump truck to replace the 2017 \$150,000 after trade in

FY 26

Morrie Road bridge replacement \$325,000

All projects are estimated costs and do not include state or federal funding that has the potential to pay up to 90% of project costs.

Lastly, we want to thank Harry Roush who worked for nearly a decade as Assistant Town Clerk. His wealth of knowledge, along with his dedication to the Town Clerks office will be greatly missed.

SELECTBOARD BUDGET

	FY 22 Budget	FY 22 Actual	FY 22 Variance	FY 23 Budget	FY 24 Budget
TOWN OFFICERS					
Auditors	630	0	630	630	630
Ballot Clerks	400	694	(294)	400	400
Health Officer	100	0	100	100	100
Selectmen	2,250	2,250	0	2,250	2,250
Zoning Administration	1,500	1,485	15	1,500	1,500
Planning Commissioner	800	1,000	(200)	800	800
ZBA	700	400	300	700	700
Total Town Officers Salaries	6,380	5,829	551	6,380	6,380
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE					
Town Clerk and Treasurer	40,000	42,885	(2,885)	40,000	44,000
Delinquent Fees	6,000	0	6,000	6,000	6,000
Recording Fees	5,000	7,188	(2,188)	5,000	0
Social Security/MC	5,000	1,997	3,003	5,000	4,000
Admin Assistant - Harry	7,000	12,261	(5,261)	12,000	20,000
AA - FICA/MC	450	737	(287)	900	1,200
Bank Fees/Service Charges	0	429	(429)	0	0
Electricity	1,600	1,619	(19)	1,600	1,600
Charter Communications	1,200	1,080	120	1,200	1,200
Copier Maintenance	0	678	(678)	0	0
Fuel	3,400	2,000	1,400	3,400	4,000
Notices	300	536	(236)	300	300
Notices - Tax Sale	1,500	0	1,500	1,500	1,500
Printer	0	0	0	0	0
Office Equip - Tech Services	400	823	(423)	400	6,000
Office Supplies/ Services	4,000	2,822	1,178	4,000	6,000
Postage	2,000	927	1,073	2,000	1,000
Printing	4,000	6,908	(2,908)	4,000	2,000
Telephone	600	660	(60)	600	1,200
Training	0	124	(124)	0	0
Unifirst - Mats	1,100	796	304	1,100	900
Accounting Software/ Services	6,500	0	6,500	16,500	16,500
Building Maintenance	1,000	3,017	(2,017)	1,000	1,500
Total Town Clerk's Office	91,050	87,487	3,563	106,500	118,900
LISTER'S OFFICE					
Support Services	400	0	400	400	400
Lister Education	500	0	500	500	500
VALA	200	100	100	200	200
Mileage	350	0	350	350	350
Salaries	6,000	5,234	766	8,000	8,000
Social Security/MC	459	501	(42)	459	459
Apex Software	390	195	195	390	390
Postage	100	658	(558)	100	100
Tax Maps	500	568	(68)	500	500
Equipment/Supplies		0	0		
Total Lister's Office	8,899	7,256	1,643	10,899	10,899

	FY 22 Budget	FY 22 Actual	FY 22 Variance	FY 23 Budget	FY 24 Budget
Articles Warned					
Fire Dept./Fast Squad	82,322	82,792	(470)	83,872	83,622
Calef Library Cap Fund	3,000	3,000	0	4,000	5,000
Calef Library Budget	36,982	36,982	0	59,182	61,369
Cemetery Commission	5,000	5,000	0	5,000	6,000
Recreation Dept.	4,000	4,000	0	4,000	4,000
Calef Library Debt Pay	21,592	21,578	14	21,000	20,600
Total Other Departments	152,896	153,352	(456)	177,054	180,591
Total Town Expense without HW	405,591	393,278	12,313	463,368	490,167

HIGHWAY BUDGET

Personnel Costs					
Salary - Full Time	95,000	96,895	(1,895)	100,000	105,000
Salary - Part Time	17,000	19,648	(2,648)	20,000	22,500
Overtime	17,000	6,608	10,392	17,000	10,000
Payroll Taxes - SS/MC	10,000	10,198	(198)	11,000	11,000
Health Insurance	10,800	10,874	(74)	12,000	12,000
Disability Insurance	270	215	55	270	270
Retirement	6,720	6,806	(86)	7,300	7,300
Total Personnel Costs	156,790	151,244	5,546	167,570	168,070
Garage					
Garage Repairs	6,000	2,045	3,955	6,000	6,000
Garage Heat	3,500	2,965	535	4,000	4,000
Garage Electric	2,500	3,076	(576)	2,500	3,000
Garage Phone	600	657	(57)	700	700
Garage Water	260	303	(43)	260	260
Garage Supplies	2,500	3,752	(1,252)	2,500	3,000
Total Garage	15,360	12,798	2,562	15,960	16,960
Vehicle Expense					
Repairs/Maintenance - Vehicle	40,000	73,106	(33,106)	40,000	50,000
Blades/Cutting Edges/Chains	7,500	15,348	(7,848)	7,500	10,000
Diesel Fuel	38,000	43,523	(5,523)	42,000	50,000
Equipment Reserve Fund	10,000	0	10,000	10,000	20,000
Total Vehicle	95,500	131,977	(36,477)	99,500	130,000
Road Materials/Maintenance					
Gravel	30,000	38,940	(8,940)	30,000	40,000
Sand	45,000	28,134	16,866	45,000	45,000
Calcium Chloride	8,500	16,530	(8,030)	8,500	10,000
Salt	500	0	500	500	500
Roadside Mowing	4,000	4,500	(500)	8,000	8,000
Watershed Mgmt Fee	0	1,350	(1,350)	0	0
Outside Contract Services	10,000	18,113	(8,113)	10,000	15,000
Mileage	0	154	(154)	0	0
Plowing/Sanding - Chelsea	10,000	8,188	1,812	10,000	10,000
Bridges	25,000	1,080	23,920	25,000	25,000
Culverts	7,500	8,622	(1,122)	7,500	7,500
Road Supplies	10,000	8,268	1,732	10,000	10,000
Grant Expenses	0	386,779	(386,779)	0	0
Total Road Materials/Maintenance	150,500	520,658	(370,158)	154,500	171,000

	FY 22 Budget	FY 22 Actual	FY 22 Variance	FY 23 Budget	FY 24 Budget
PLANNING/ZONING OFFICE					
Notices	200	117	83	200	200
Secretary	200	100	100	200	200
Social Security/MC	50	0	50	50	50
Miscellaneous	0	0	0	0	0
Total Planning/Zoning Office	450	217	233	450	450
INSURANCE					
VLCT - WC	9,131	1,846	7,285	10,000	12,000
VFD - WC	1,800	0	1,800	2,000	2,200
VLCT - Liability	23,000	27,568	(4,568)	25,000	25,500
Credit	0	0	0	0	0
Total Insurance	33,931	29,414	4,517	37,000	39,700
OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES					
Animal Control Officer	3,600	3,600	0	3,600	3,600
Casella	1,300	1,453	(153)	1,300	1,500
County Tax	26,000	25,340	660	26,000	28,000
Dog Expenses	250	85	165	250	250
Educational Workshops	100	0	100	100	100
Green Up	500	335	165	500	500
Hands Mill Dam Annual Fee	5,000	5,000	0	5,000	5,000
Stormwater Mgmt	240	0	240	240	240
Human Society	500	0	500	500	500
Law Enforcement	1,000	0	1,000	10,000	10,000
Legal Fees	300	0	300	300	300
Legal Fees - Tax Sale	1,000	0	1,000	1,000	1,000
Misc Repairs	0	0	0	0	0
Solid Waste MD	1,050	1,274	(224)	1,050	1,050
Street Lights	2,700	2,932	(232)	2,700	3,000
VLCT Dues	2,400	0	2,400	2,400	2,400
VLCT - Unemployment	500	215	285	500	500
Water	130	98	32	130	130
CV Reginal Planning Com dues	1,273	2,665	(1,392)	1,273	1,273
Barre Town Ambulance	47,500	47,671	(171)	50,100	53,400
First Branch Ambulance	7,000	6,963	37	8,000	8,862
Other Operating Expenses	102,343	97,631	4,712	114,943	121,605
SERVICE AGENCIES					
CV Council on Aging	800	800	0	800	800
CV Economic Development	400	400	0	400	400
CVHHH	2,200	4,400	(2,200)	2,200	2,200
Clara Martin Center	1,639	1,639	0	1,639	1,639
Center for Independent Living	440	440	0	440	440
O.C. Restorative Justice	350	350	0	350	350
Youth Services Bureau	250	500	(250)	250	250
People's Health and Wellness	500	500	0	500	500
Adult Basic Education	725	725	0	725	725
Family Center of Wash. County	300	300	0	300	300
GMTA	635	635	0	635	635
Safeline	1,000	1,000	0	1,000	1,000
Homeshare	300	300	0	300	300
Public Health Council	103	103	0	103	103
Barre Senior Center	0	0	0	500	500
Washington Agricultural Assoc.	0	0	0	0	1,500
Outside Service Agencies	9,642	12,092	(2,450)	10,142	11,642

	FY 22 Budget	FY 22 Actual	FY 22 Variance	FY 23 Budget	FY 24 Budget
Debt					
Debt - Grader	34,179	34,179	0	34,179	34,179
Debt - 2017 Dump Truck	21,219	21,240	(21)	20,687	20,687
Debt - 2011 Dump Truck	13,964	13,015	949	13,018	13,018
Debt - 2021 Dump Truck	24,000	21,982	2,018	21,500	21,500
Total Debt	93,362	90,416	2,946	89,384	89,384
Total Highway Budget	511,912	907,093	(395,581)	526,914	575,414
Total Town Budget	917,503	1,300,371	(383,268)	990,282	1,065,581
Less Articles Warned Separately	(152,896)		(152,896)	187,196	192,233
Total Selectboard Budget	764,607	1,300,371	(536,164)	803,086	873,348

REVENUE

	FY 22 Budget	FY 22 Actual	FY 22 Variance	FY 23 Budget	FY 24 Budget
Income					
Interest on Del Taxes	20,000	0	(20,000)	20,000	20,000
Delinquent Tax Fees	6,000	0	(6,000)	6,000	6,000
State Aid to Highways	118,248	136,166	17,918	120,000	130,000
Copier Income	0	0	0	0	0
Dog License	1,200	0	(1,200)	1,200	1,200
Interest Income	0	417	417	0	0
Zoning Permits	150	0	(150)	150	150
Liquor License	70	0	(70)	70	70
Marriage Licence	200	0	(200)	200	200
Miscellaneous	400	0	(400)	400	400
Green Up	200	0	(200)	200	200
Civil	100	0	(100)	100	100
Recording Fees	5,000	10,755	5,755	5,000	5,000
State Pilot	4,000	3,648	(352)	3,800	3,800
Current Use	72,500	78,901	6,401	75,000	77,000
Lister Education	1,000	0	(1,000)	0	0
Calef Library Ins.	250	0		250	250
State Equalization	700	0	(700)	700	700
GL Maintenance	0	0	0	0	0
OW Permit	0	0	0	0	0
Income not catorized	0	6,613	6,613		
Grant Income		293,602	293,602		
Estimated Revenue	230,018	530,102	300,334	233,070	245,070
Total Selectmans to be raised	534,589			570,016	628,278
Articles	152,896			187,196	192,233
Total municipal taxes to be collected	687,485	617,689	(69,796)	757,212	820,511

THE DEBRA SUE BLANCHARD COMMUNITY SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP

The Debra Sue Blanchard Community Service Scholarship is a cash award for college students of Washington. This endowment was created to provide significant assistance for higher education and to reward community service. This award is to be administered by the town, specifically awarded by a majority vote of the Board of Selectmen.

Criteria

1. Scholar must have lived in Washington for at least four years prior to graduation from high school.
2. Award of (see schedule below) will be given at the beginning of scholar's second semester and the completion of one hundred (100) hours of community service to the Town of Washington.
3. Each applicant must submit an essay to the town clerk by the 1st of February explaining their intent for the award and the importance of community service.
4. The winner will be announced at Town Meeting.
5. Students may apply and be awarded multiple times as long as they remain successfully enrolled in higher education.
6. In the event there is no award given in any specific year, it is at the discretion of the Select Board to award to two students in any following year.
7. Selectmen reserve the right not to award to any participant in any given year.

Award Amounts

Year 1 - 5	\$5,000
Year 6 - 10	\$6,000
Year 11 - 15	\$7,000
Year 16 - 20	\$8,000
Year 21 - 25	\$9,000

The Debra Sue Blanchard Scholarship Fund

As of January 31, 2023

Balances, February 3, 2022

Northfield Savings Bank (7849)	\$35,801.37
Northfield Savings Bank (7823)	\$ 3,095.94
Northfield Savings Bank ((124)	\$ 4,856.62

Total Fund Balance \$ 43,753.93

These accounts were combined into one Money Market Account on 11/01/2022

Balance on 11/01/2022	\$43,838.00
Check to Emily Poulin-2022	-7.000.00
Balance, January 31, 2023	\$36. 838.00

Recipients of this Scholarship:

2012	A.J. Galfetti
2013	Hope Royce
2014	Ellen Blanchard
2015	Ellen Blanchard
	Luke Goodling
2016	Jalyn Morrison
2017	Wyatt Morrison
2018	Robin Hartzell
2019	Robin Dudley
2020	Steven Poulin
2021	David Poulin
2022	Emily Poulin

Disbursements from this Fund are under the direction of the Selectmen.

Financial reports for 2011 to 2020 can be found in previous Town Reports.

Criteria for this Scholarship can be found on Page 16 of this Town Report.

THE KATIE BEEDE & CHRIS CHALOUX MEMORIAL AWARD

The Katie Beede and Chris Chaloux Memorial Award is a cash award for Washington high school students. The purpose is to recognize young people who touch other lives as Katie and Chris did with qualities of courage, compassion, dignity and friendship.

This program was established in 2006, first under direction of the Beede family, and turned over to the town in 2011. Awards have been given as follows:

2007	Ross Boisvert
2008	Morgan Wadkins
2009	Andrew Richardson
2010	Tyler Beede and Emma Blanchard shared the recognition
2011	Hope Royce
2012	Ellen Blanchard
2013	Garrett Royce
2014	Christie Galfetti
2015	No Award
2016	No Award
2017	No Award
2018	Ashley Collins and Bailey Howarth shared the recognition
2019	No Award
2020	No Award
2021	No Award
2022	Emily Poulin

CRITERIA

1. The applicant must be a high school senior with a current Town of Washington High School Voucher.
2. All applicants must submit an essay to the town clerk by the 1st of February stating how they feel they have demonstrated some or all the qualities of courage, compassion, dignity and friendship. The essay must also state how they intend to use the award.
3. The amount of the award in a given year will be determined by the selectboard. It is anticipated that the award will range from \$250-\$500 at the discretion of the selectboard.
4. The winner(s) will be announced at the town meeting.

2022 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF LISTERS

The Division of Property Valuation, State of Vermont, does an equalization study yearly as required by state law. This study compares the sale prices of properties against the town's listed values. This study generates the Common Level of Appraisal (COA) * and the Coefficient of Dispersion (COD)**. Simply said, this develops a ratio of how sales values are increasing or decreasing within the town. The COA would ideally be 100%. The COD would ideally be 0%. With the most recent sales study results in hand, the Town of Washington is NOT in good standing. Our newest ratios are COA = 87.94%; the COD = 22.15%. The extremely high prices of property have had a negative effect on the COA and COD in Washington. If the current ratio stand the state could require to do a reappraisal within the next 2 years. I will add that approximately 70+% of the towns in Vermont are in the same situation as Washington. If you wish to see the statics view:

<https://tax.vermont.gov/sites/tax/files/documents/EQ%20STUDY%202022%20CERTIFIED/Washington%202022%20Certified%20Final%20Sales.pdf>

HOMESTEAD DECLARATION ((Vermont state form HS-122))

It is to your financial advantage to file your Vermont Homestead Declaration annually. Persons who own property in Washington and don't reside on it are charged a higher property tax percentage. A Homestead Declaration must be filed each year by Vermont Resident homeowners who own and occupy property as their principal home on April 1. Persons who hold a life estate to a home or who transferred the home into a revocable trust also file a Homestead Declaration.

VETERAN'S EXEMPTION

The town of Washington voted a \$40,000 property value reduction for eligible veterans in 2010. Written applications for the exemption are filed with the Vermont Office of Veterans' Affairs. VOVA provides the listers with the names of approved resident property owners. To be eligible, veterans or their widowed spouse, must be receiving one of the following: minimum of 50% disability compensation, or a disability pension paid through the Veterans' Administration or any military department, or a dependents and indemnity compensation, or death compensation.

*: Coefficient of Dispersion; a high COD means that within your town many taxpayers are paying over or under their fair share. A COD over 20% necessitates a reappraisal. (32 V.S.A. section 4041a)

** : Common Level of Appraisal: a CLA over 100% indicates that the properties in your town are generally listed for more than fair market value. A number significantly lower than 100% indicates that the properties in your town are generally listed for less than fair market value. A CLA below 85% or over 115% necessitates a reappraisal. (32 V.S.A. section 4041a).

01/24/2023
06:14 pm

Town of Washington Grand List
Form 411 - (Town code: 693)
Main District

(Taxable properties only - State and Non-tax status properties are not listed below)

REAL ESTATE Category/Code	Parcel Count	Municipal Listed Value	Homestead Ed Listed Value	Nonhmstd Ed. Listed Value	Total Education Listed Value
Residential I R1	171	27,837,700	0	27,837,700	27,837,700
Residential II R2	184	48,233,900	0	48,233,900	48,233,900
Mobile Homes-U MHU	27	454,400	0	454,400	454,400
Mobile Homes-L MHL	41	3,477,700	0	3,477,700	3,477,700
Seasonal I S1	22	1,509,700	0	1,509,700	1,509,700
Seasonal II S2	94	18,338,100	0	18,338,100	18,338,100
Commercial C	6	1,158,600	0	1,158,600	1,158,600
Commercial Apts CA	3	639,700	0	639,700	639,700
Industrial I	0	0	0	0	0
Utilities-E UE	3	4,265,500	0	4,265,500	4,265,500
Utilities-O UO	0	0	0	0	0
Farm F	7	3,209,800	0	3,209,800	3,209,800
Other O	0	0	0	0	0
Woodland W	0	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous M	126	8,616,200	0	8,616,200	8,616,200
TOTAL LISTED REAL	684	117,741,300	0	117,741,300	117,741,300
P.P. Cable	1	45,313		45,313	45,313
P.P. Equipment	0	0			
P.P. Inventory	0	0			
TOTAL LISTED P.P.	1	45,313		45,313	45,313
TOTAL LISTED VALUE		117,786,613	0	117,786,613	117,786,613
EXEMPTIONS					
Veterans 10K	8/8	80,000	0	80,000	80,000
Veterans >10K		240,000			
Total Veterans		320,000	0	80,000	80,000
P.P. Contracts	1	45,313			
Contract Apprv VEPC	0/0	0	0	0	0
Grandfathered	0/0	0	0	0	0
Non-Apprv(voted)	0/0	0			
Owner Pays Ed Tax	0/0	0			
Total Contracts	1/0	45,313	0	0	0
FarmStab Apprv VEPC	0/0	0	0	0	0
Farm Grandfathered	0/0	0	0	0	0
Non-Apprv(voted)	0/0	0			
Owner Pays Ed Tax	0/0	0			
Total FarmStabContr	0/0	0	0	0	0
Current Use	0/0	0	0	0	0
Special Exemptions	0		0	0	0
Partial Statutory	0/0	0	0	0	0
Sub-total Exemptions		365,313	0	80,000	80,000
Total Exemptions		365,313	0	80,000	80,000
TOTAL MUNICIPAL GRAND LIST		1,174,213.00			
TOTAL EDUCATION GRAND LIST			0.00	1,177,066.13	1,177,066.13
NON-TAX 26 NON-TAX PARCELS ARE NOT INCLUDED ON THE 411					

HISTORY OF WASHINGTON'S GRAND LISTS, TAX RATES AND AFMV

YEAR	GRAND LIST	TAX RATE	RESIDENTIAL TAX RATE	NON-RESIDENTIAL TAX RATE	AFMV (%)
2009	100403650	0.4900	1.0186	1.3575	98.92%
2010	100049050	0.4947	1.1798	1.3647	98.99
2011	100439050	0.4960	1.7527	1.8699	98.77
2012	101462750	0.5164	1.3621	1.3972	102.13
2013	101985950	0.5006	1.3067	1.41	100.95
2014	101820750	0.4550	1.3401	1.5007	144.38
2015	103660924	0.4643	1.2366	1.342	111.72
2016	104880277	0.4900	1.2746	1.374	106.3
2017	104834987	0.5100	1.3192	1.444	104.22
2018	105202480	0.5500	1.2801	1.516	101.38
2019	103346670	0.5900	1.3892	1.6031	99.44
2020	104457069	0.6949	1.4112	1.6372	97.85
2021	117348800	0.6520	1.4168	1.6474	<u>91.7</u>
2022	117860313	0.6916	1.3614	1.5987	<u>87.94</u>

TEN YEAR HISTORY OF THE CURRENT USE PROGRAM

YEAR	PARCELS	ACRES	MUNICIPAL TAX
2013	117	13896	\$72,550.00
2014	120	13840	\$72,313.00
2015	119	13771	\$67,264.00
2016	119	13771	\$65,040.00
2017	120	13868	\$67,818.00
2018	123	14255	\$72,408.00
2019	124	14280	\$86,522.00
2020	123	14245	\$82,223.00
2021	123	13887	\$75,314.00
2022	125	13947	\$78,795.00

NON-TAXABLE PARCELS

OWNER	PARCEL NUM	PROPERTY DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	EST. VALUE
United States of America	1060.010	26.25 ac and tower	784 Cyr Hts.	96,200
Universalist church	7113.000	Church	2938 Route 110	274,000 *
Vt Institute of Natural Sciences	4064.000	324.7 acres & Dwl	2100 Pepper Road	339,000
Vermont University of	3087.000	65 acres	378 Roberts Road	86,400
Washington Baptist Church	7110.000	4.11 acres & parsonage	2700 Route 110	440,000 *
Washington Baptist Church	7111.000	0.74 ac, Church & Dwl	2973 Route 110	500,000 *
Washington Fire District	2017.000	7.8 ac & town well	272 West Corinth Road	40,300
Washington Fire District	2024.010	0.20 ac & Reservoir	West Corinth Road	47,800
Washington Town of	7028.000	20.7 Ac	Williamstown Road	61,700
Washington Town of	7029.000	1 ac & Fish Cemetery	816 Poor Farm Road	13,000
Washington Town of	7100.000	0.8 ac & Bohonhan Cemetery	Jail House Road	12,100
Washington Town of	7101.000	0.33 ac & Caswell Cemetery	323 Keene Road	23,200
Washington Town of	7102.000	0.3 ac & Library	2964 Route 110	122,500
Washington Town of	7103.000	4.3 ac & School Building	72 School Road	2,193,400
Washington Town of	7104.000	2.73 ac & Cheney Cemetery	488 Turnpike Road	31,200
Washington Town of	7105.000	3.5 ac & Mill Pond	West Corinth Road	19,800
Washington Town of	7106.000	0.6 ac & Town Garage	44 Firehouse Road	100,000
Washington Town of	7107.000	0.5 ac & Fire station	51 Firehouse Road	132,000
Washington Town of	7108.000	51.9 ac & Carpenter Park	2544 Lowery Road	119,800
Washington Town of	7112.000	7 ac (former town dump)	West Corinth Road	7,000
Washington Town of	7114.000	7.51 ac & Maple Hill Cemetery	128 Carrier Road	38,800
Washington Town of	7118.000	0.14 ac & Clough Cemetery	Hart Hollow Road	10,100
Washington Town of	7119.000	0.31 ac & S. Washington Cem	1863 Scales Hill Road	18,600
Washington Town of	7120.000	1.7 ac & Municipal Bldg	2895 Route 110	334,000

* insurance value only

REPORT OF THE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

Permit Activity:

	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
New Home Construction	2	3	6	7	0	2
Mobile Home Replacement	0	0	1	2	0	0
Seasonal Dwellings	1	1	2	1	0	0
Additions/Renovations	0	1	0	2	0	2
Barns, Sheds, Garages	6	4	6	7	6	9
Porches, Decks	0	2	1	1	1	1
Ramps	0	0	0	1	0	0
Subdivisions	2	2	1	2	0	1
Sugarhouse	0	2	0	0	0	1
Change of Use	0	2	0	0	0	0
Residential Solar Array	0	0	0	0	1	2
Blacksmith Shop	0	0	0	1	0	0
Pizza Oven	1					
Total Approved Permits	12	17	17	24	8	18

When considering building or renovating, please plan ahead. The Zoning Board and I will make every effort to speed the permitting process along, but delays due to the permitting process itself are sometimes inevitable. The permit process for new construction and major renovations can take up to three (3) months. Applications and Zoning Regulations are available at the town clerk's office.

Please feel free to call me anytime with questions concerning your project. I can often estimate the amount of time the permitting process will take and get you started on the right foot.

Gary Winders, Zoning Administrator
 PO Box 202
 Washington, VT 05675
 1-802-883-5552

MUNICIPAL AND FIRE VEHICLE HISTORY

Year	Make	Type	Year Purchased	Amount Paid
1991	International 4x4	Dump	1991	19,500
2004	International	Dump	2009	49,000
1995	International 4900	Pumper	1995	25,000
2005	Ford 4x4	Utility	2012	23,095
2008	International 4x4	Pumper 7400	2008	226,000
1991	International	Tank	2009	1
2014	International	Dump	2014	93,344
2015	Caterpillar 926M	Loader	2015	128,300
2017	International	Dump	2016	152,733
2017	International	Tanker 4400	2017	224,972
2017	Caterpillar 12M3 A'	Grader	2017	341,789
2011	International	Dump	2018	58,000

Note #1: The 2017 Tanker was purchased by borrowing \$195,000 from the Northfield Savings Bank and a payment of \$29,972 out of the Fire Department's Apparatus Replacement Fund.

Note #2: The Grader was acquired under a government Equipment Lease-Purchase Agreement.
Issue Price \$300,300 - Maturity 10 Years - Yield 3%

SCHEDULE OF TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES AND EMPLOYEE HOURLY RATES

Auditors	\$210.00 annual
Ballot Clerks (minimum wage)	13.18 hourly
Planning Commission Members	100.00 annual
Zoning Board of Adjustment Members	100.00 annual
Selectboard	750.00 annual
Town Clerk & Treasurer	40,000 annual plus fees
Assistant Town Clerk	20.00 hourly
Delinquent Tax Collector	8% of delinquent taxes collected
Health Officer	100.00 annual
Listers	20.00 hourly
Zoning Administrator	1,500 annual
Road Foreman	23.00 hourly
Driver/equipment Operator (full time)	22.50 hourly
Driver/equipment Operator (part time)	23.00 hourly

MUNICIPAL EQUIPMENT SCHEDULE

Loader	2015 Caterpillar 926M, 2.75 yd. Bucket
Grader	2016 Caterpillar 12M3 AWD, Viking wing, Scarifier
Truck	1991 International 4x4 Dump, Viking 10' wing, Everest 9' one-way plow
Truck	2004 International Dump, Tenco plow, 9' wing, Tenco side-dump body
Truck	2011 International 7500, Tenco plow & wing
Truck	2017 International Dump, Viking plow, Viking 10' wing, Viking side-dump body
Truck	2021 Western Star Dump,
Truck	2005 Ford Utility Pickup
Rock Rake	RB-70 York
Other:	Birch V-Plow (retained from 1973 Loader)
	Everest 10' wing *retained from 1995 International Dump)

CURRENT EQUIPMENT RATES

Loader	40.00
Grader	50.00
IH 1991	30.00
IH 2004	30.00
IH 2011	30.00
IH 2017	40.00
WS 2021	50.00

FIRE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT SCHEDULE

1991 International Tanker
1995 International Pumper 4900
2008 International 4x4 Pumper 7400
2017 International 4400 Pumper-Tanker
2021 Chevrolet Silverado Pickup Truck

CEMETERY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

The Cemetery Commissioners oversee the care and maintenance of seven (7) cemeteries in Washington. Weather permitting, the cemeteries are open each year from May 1st to November 1st. Following is a list of cemeteries:

Maple Hill on Carrier Road
Cheney at the corner of Turnpike and Cheney Roads
South Washington on Scales Hill
Clough off Hart Hollow Road
Caswell off Keene Road
Fish on the Poor Farm Road
Weeden or Bohanon off Jail House Road

Current Lot Prices (includes perpetual care and deed fees):

One grave lot	\$450	Four grave lot	\$1200
Two grave lot	\$700	Five grave lot	\$1425
Three grave lot	\$925	Six grave lot	\$1650
Installing Corner Stones	\$80		
Installing Grass Markers	\$80		
Interment Rates:	Adults:	\$725 Tuesday through Friday \$825 Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Holidays	
	Infants:	\$440 Tuesday through Friday \$540 Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Holidays	
	Cremations:	\$440 Tuesday through Friday \$540 Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Holidays	

In order to keep proper burial records, all burials need to be approved by the Cemetery Commissioners prior to any burial; no matter how remote the cemetery might be. It is legal to bury remains on your property as long as you follow the Department of Health's guidelines. You do need to designate and identify the area as well as file a written description for the land records, includes Green Burials. \$1,000 is designated to mark and locate unmarked graves in Weeden/Bohanon Cemetery on Jail House Road.

We are requesting \$6000 for the care and maintenance of all Washington cemeteries. Your continued support will be appreciated.

Robert Blanchard

Anthony Ziter

Robert Farnham

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS
July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022

Balance, July 1, 2021 (Checking) \$ 4,092.04

Receipts:

Transfer from General Fund	\$10,000.00	
Interments/Corner markers	14,405.00	
American Funds	1,477.97	
Columbia Investments	1,382.08	
Fidelity Investments	4,951.59	
Bank reimbursement	52.06	
Total Receipts		\$32,268.70

Disbursements:

Labor- Mowing	\$6,328.20	
Summer work- Salaries	860. 00	
Washington Village Store	546.87	
Joe's Equipment	62.95	
Guy's Equipment	235.29	
Jerf's Lawn Care	1,680.00	
Transfer to General Fund	2,355.00	
Bank checks & transfers	115.18	
Total Disbursements		12,083.49

Balance, June 30, 2022 \$24,277.25

WASHINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT AND FAST SQUAD
Proposed Budget for FY2024

	FY2023 Budget	Proposed Budget FY 2024
Heat	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
Telephone	700.00	700.00
Firehouse Maintenance	2,500.00	3,500.00
Apparatus Maintenance	3,500.00	3,500.00
Fuel & Oil	1,000.00	1,000.00
Dispatch Services	8,700.00	8,950.00
Radio Maint. & Batteries	1,500.00	1,500.00
CFMAS Dues & Active 911	1,000.00	2,000.00
Training	600.00	600.00
VT State Firefighters Assn.	350.00	350.00
V.F.I.S. Insurance	1,152.00	1,152.00
Office supplies & postage	200.00	200.00
Water & Hydrant Fee	270.00	270.00
Battery, Tire & Equipment	500.00	0.00
Firefighting	6,000.00	6,000.00
Apparatus Replacement Fund	15,000.00	15,000.00
Protective Gear	3,000.00	3,000.00
Long Term Debt	22,600.00	22,600.00
SCBA Maintenance	1,000.00	1,000.00
EMS Supplies & Equipment	500.00	500.00
EMS Training	300.00	300.00
Fire Equipment Replacement	10,000.00	8,000.00
Totals:	\$83,872.00	\$83,622.00

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
WASHINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT & FAST SQUAD
2022**

**TO REPORT A FIRE – DIAL 911
TO CALL THE FAST SQUAD – DIAL 911
TO CALL AN AMBULANCE – DIAL 911**

<u>Type of Call</u>	<u># of Calls</u>
(Report period 1/01/22 to 12/31/22)	
Structure Fires	4
Chimney Fires	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	8
Medical Assist	7
Hazardous Conditions: Trees/wires down.....	2
Carbon Monoxide/ Fire Alarm.....	3
Brush Fires.....	7
Good intent/Misc.....	3
Mutual Aid/Structure Fires.....	5
Total Emergency Responses	40
EMS Calls.....	121

I would like to start my report by thanking the many folks who have supported the department either through monetary donations or other means. It is very appreciated and the added support is always welcome and helpful.

2022 brought an increased number of fire related incidents compared to the last few years. Four structure fires may not seem significant, but for a small-town department it takes a toll. Emergencies never happen at a convenient time and require volunteers to drop what they are doing, awaken from sleeping or leave family to answer the call. Without valuable volunteers, these emergencies could very well go unaddressed in a timely manner, thus making the situation worse for property and life safety.

Due to the dry summer and fall months, we saw an increase in wildfires as well. Please DO NOT burn without a burn permit. Most wildfires are preventable and it costs the department money to suppress the fires. Contact the Fire Warden or Key Men prior to burning. If snow is covering the ground, there is an exception.

As I stated in last year's report, our SCBA bottles are at their end of life and need to be replaced. I am happy to report that we were able to replace all the bottles at one-third of the original projected cost. This was due to an overstock by the manufacturer and Covid 19 decrease in sales. These bottles have a service life of 15 years.

The main truck bay in the fire station is sinking and the concrete is breaking up. ARPA funds that the town was awarded have been requested to replace the 30 x 60 floor. This would be at no cost to taxpayers in town. This major project will hopefully be completed sometime this year.

Recruitment and retention continue to be very challenging for the department. We are actively seeking both volunteer firefighters and FAST squad members. The FAST squad in particular is at a crossroads. With 121 calls for service last year (an all time record) and only 3 members currently, the squad cannot sustain. This could happen as soon as the end of the year. The time has come to reach out and ask if there is anybody in town interested in volunteering in some capacity, please reach out and apply. Not having a first responder service

will create longer wait times in an emergency. Please consider volunteering. We meet each Wednesday at 7 pm at the fire station. Stop in and see what it entails.

- Please remember to place your **911 numbers** in a clearly visible location for day & night visibility.
- Check and replace smoke/CO detectors twice a year.
- Remember to check your chimneys and vents for any blockages,

The members of your Fire Department and Fast Squad are:

Ryan Aldrich	Jeremy Farnham, Captain
Kyle Bedard, Lieutenant	Robert Lowe, AEMT
Paul E. Beede, Sr.	Veronica Collins-Lowe, EMT
Ryan Bresette, Chief	David Martineau
Roger Bresette	James Miller, 1 st Asst Chief
Nick Bresette, 2 nd Asst. Chief, AEMT	Curtis Morse
Fred Byrd	Harry Roush, Secretary
Dan Cyr	Jan Spargo
Andre Dessureau	John-Marc Thivierge
Maxine Durbrow, Treasurer, EMT	

Respectfully submitted,
Ryan J. Bresette, Chief

WASHINGTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT TREASURER'S REPORT FOR FY 2022

Operations Account:

Balance, June 30, 2021	\$17,471.28
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INCOME:

Town of Washington FY 2022 Budget Allocation	\$59,722.00
Total Income	\$59,722.00

EXPENSES:

Heat: Conti Oil	\$3,495.81
Telephone	598.14
Firehouse Maintenance	1,371.53
Equipment & Apparatus Maintenance	2,625.54
Fuel & Oil	1,663.56
Dispatch service	10,472.50
Radio Maintenance & Batteries	109.61
Capital Fire Mutual Aid dues & Active 911	471.00
Training	600.00
VT State Firefighters Assn.	351.00
Volunteer Firemans Insurance Services	1,006.00
Office supplies, postage, box rent	201.31
Water & Hydrant fee	270.00
Firefighting	5,949.00
Apparatus Replacement Fund	15,000.00
Long Term Debt (Paid from Selectmen's Account)	0.00
EMS Supplies & Equipment	134.16
EMS Training	100.00
Fire Equipment & Pagers	7,302.61
Total Budget Expenses	\$51,721.77

Other Expenses:

Material to Equip Utility 1	\$1,919.19
SCBA Bottles	10,923.47
Balance, June 30, 2022	\$12,628.85

1) Battery, Tire & Equipment Account - TD Bank	
Balance, June 30, 2021	\$4,354.66
Interest Earned 2021-22	\$2.34
Balance, June 30, 2022	\$4,357.00

2) Apparatus Replacement Fund - Northfield Savings Bank	
Balance, June 30, 2021	\$32,336.16
2021-22 Budget Appropriation	15,000.00
Orange Reimbursements	10,195.00
Orange Retainer for 2022	0.00
Interest Earned for 2021-22	35.52
Balance, June 30, 2022	\$57,566.68
3) Emergency Management Account- Northfield Savings Bank	\$1,006.82
4) SCBA Account Closed out to cover Air Bottle Purchase	-10,003.43

**WASHINGTON FIRE DISTRICT #1
ANNUAL REPORT 2022**

The Washington Fire District #1 operates the municipal water and fire protection system for the Village of Washington.

Required monitoring for 2022 included nitrate as well as monthly coliform bacteria sampling.

Details of all tests performed will be included in the 2022 Consumer Confidence Report (CCR), which is provided annually to consumers.

The Selectboard authorized a disbursement from Town ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds to conduct the inspection and cleaning of the 70,000 gallon storage tank and the 5,000 gallon clearwell. This process was completed on August 2, 2022.

Thanks to the Washington Fire Department and our other neighbors who assist with keeping the fire hydrants accessible.

Our commitment to consumers continues to be: "Safe, Reliable Drinking Water."

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE:

Paul E. Beede, Sr.

Ryan Aldrich

Vince Vermette

Maxine B. Durbrow, Operator

WASHINGTON FIRE DISTRICT #1
ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT
December 31, 2022

Checking Account Balance, December 31, 2021	\$4,201.21
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Income:

Water rents	19,529.88
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Expenses:

Rural Development Loan Payment	\$7,288.00	
Electricity	3,444.36	
VLCT Insurance & Dues	2,327.50	
Mowing & snow removal	875.00	
Postage & box rent	276.00	
Payroll	1,277.25	

Operations & Maintenance:	1,232.96	
State Permit Fees	114.75	
Water sampling	420.00	
Training/Memberships	259.00	
Office supplies	<u>245.91</u>	

Total Expenses	17,760.73
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Checking Account Balance, December 31, 2022	\$5,970.36
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Money Market Account: TD Bank

Balance, December 31, 2022	\$4,427.39	
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EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Chris LaMonda, MPH

Director of EMS

Barre Town EMS is a critical care ambulance service that serves the towns of Barre Town, Berlin, Orange, Topsham, Washington, and Northern Brookfield. The primary service area covers approximately 215 sq. miles with a population of over 14,000. We also complete interfacility transports, mutual aid, and paramedic intercepts throughout the region. To cover this work, we staff 3 ambulances Monday through Friday and 2 ambulances on Saturday and Sunday with 2 backup ambulances that can be staffed with coverage crews. All scheduled ambulances are staffed at the Paramedic level.

Barre Town EMS staff size ranges from 30-35 employees (13 full time). Currently we have 20 paramedics on the roster, seven of which hold a board certificate for critical care. During the past year 4 per diem staff were hired, 2 EMTs and 2 AEMTs, and no staff left the service.

This fiscal year saw our call volume rebound to just below our pre-COVID-19 numbers. We finished the fiscal year at 3981 calls. This is a 1% increase over last year and a 3.9% increase since fy 2021. We are just below our pre-COVID-19 numbers. Emergency 911 and mutual aid have been the source of our call volume increases over the past year with an increase of 93 and 74 calls respectively. However, there is a growing concern that area EMS services are unintentionally putting undo stress on Barre Town EMS. During the past 3 years Barre Town has requested area services cover 189 calls while Barre Town has been asked to cover 809 calls in other service areas. These requests are for primary ambulance service because the primary ambulance is not available in their area do to staffing limits, high call volume, or equipment failure. While historically mutual aid was specifically designed into EMS systems, we are concerned these requests are no longer mutual. We will continue to monitor this concerns and work with areas services and towns to improve coverage where possible.

Over the past year our staff continued their dedication to the public health fight against COVID-19. Barre Town EMS, Waterbury Ambulance, and the Vermont Department of Health teamed up to run a vaccine clinic that was open 7 days a week. This team was able to pull together providers from various professions to vaccinate people of all ages. The clinic gave over 45,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccines. Barre Town staff worked over 3500 hours at this and other sites around the state.

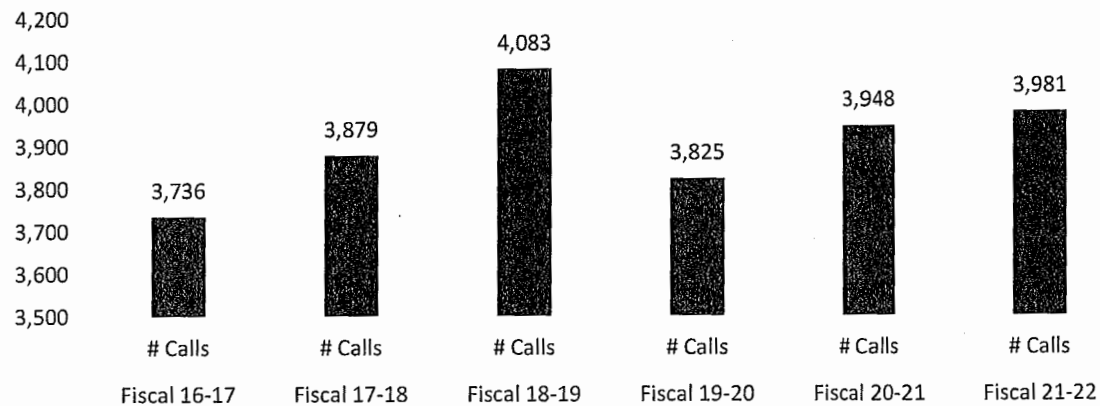
With concerns over revenues caused by poor Medicare and Medicaid rates and the continued effects of COVID-19 we limited large purchases this fiscal year. Training funds were added to better pay for training needed at the paramedic level. Most of this money was put in for course work around advanced cardiac care for adults and children (ACLS and PALS).

Call Volume by town fiscal 2021-2022

Town	Total Calls
Barre	687
Berlin	2348
Orange	97
Topsham	88
Washington	57
Brookfield	26

3303

Total Call Volume FY 16-22



New Barre Town EMS Director

Effective 8:00 am, January 16, Paul Ginther will be the Barre Town EMS Director. Until that time Chris LaMonda will be the Acting-Director working the same schedule he has been working the past several months.

Mr. Ginther was selected for the position after advertising that spread across the nation. He was interviewed twice, remotely and in-person. References were checked and a background examination was completed. We are pleased to recruit a very well-qualified candidate. Mr. Ginther's application was impressive. His first and remote interview went very well. His in-person interview was even better.

He is coming to Barre Town as he retires from the Jacksonville (FL) Fire and Rescue Department (JF&RD) due to JF&RD's requirements for age and years of service. He worked in the JF&RD since 1997 achieving the rank of captain in 2006. As captain he was responsible for the staff (27 firefighters/EMTs) at his station.

Ginther first was certified as a paramedic in 1992. He plans to earn his Vermont certification soon after starting work here. He earned an Associate of Science degree in EMS Management and Bachelor of Science degree in Fire Service Administration, both from Florida State College at Jacksonville. He has been a college instructor for firefighting and emergency medicine. He was in the U.S. Naval Reserves as a hospital corpsman for ten years and served a tour of duty in Iraq.

He has many years of management and supervision experience with the Lakeshore Volunteer Fire Department, Jacksonville Beach Fire Department (career), JF&RD, and U.S. Naval Reserve.

Ginther's mother's family is from Maine. He grew up visiting New England, a practice he continued as an adult. In fact, he visited Barre before learning of the Barre Town EMS position and remembered the Ladder One Grill. He looks forward to the cooler climate even if it comes with Vermont winters.

Chris LaMonda will continue working part-time after January 16 to help with the transition.

We look forward to adding Paul Ginther to our management team and to the contributions he can make to Barre Town EMS.



FIRST BRANCH AMBULANCE

Serving the Towns of Chelsea, Tunbridge & Washington

The First Branch Ambulance Board of Directors and crew would like to thank the townspeople. We have received continued support from the community members, and we would like to recognize the generous support. The donations and support are greatly appreciated by the service.

First Branch is a 501c3 non-profit transporting ambulance service for the towns of Chelsea, Tunbridge, & Washington, VT since 1984. First Branch answered 466 emergency Calls with another 800+ Home visits in 2022. We strive to provide the highest quality care and service for our communities.

First Branch continues to face new challenges every year from staffing, funding, or worldwide pandemics. 2022 has been no different, the cost of business has increased dramatically from staff pay to equipment prices. Ambulance services are required to carry state of the art equipment for all emergencies when needed no matter the size of the ambulance service. We carry over \$150,000 in equipment on an ambulance plus a cost of over \$250,000 for an ambulance. These costs and others not listed here we need your help with town funding and fundraising more than ever before to help. Insurance payments only cover some of the expenses in the modern-day ambulance service.

First Branch Ambulance service is always looking for community members to join. With a two-year commitment, the service will pay for an individual to take a class. We meet on the second and the fourth Tuesdays of every month for training. Please contact a member or call the station if you are interested in this opportunity.

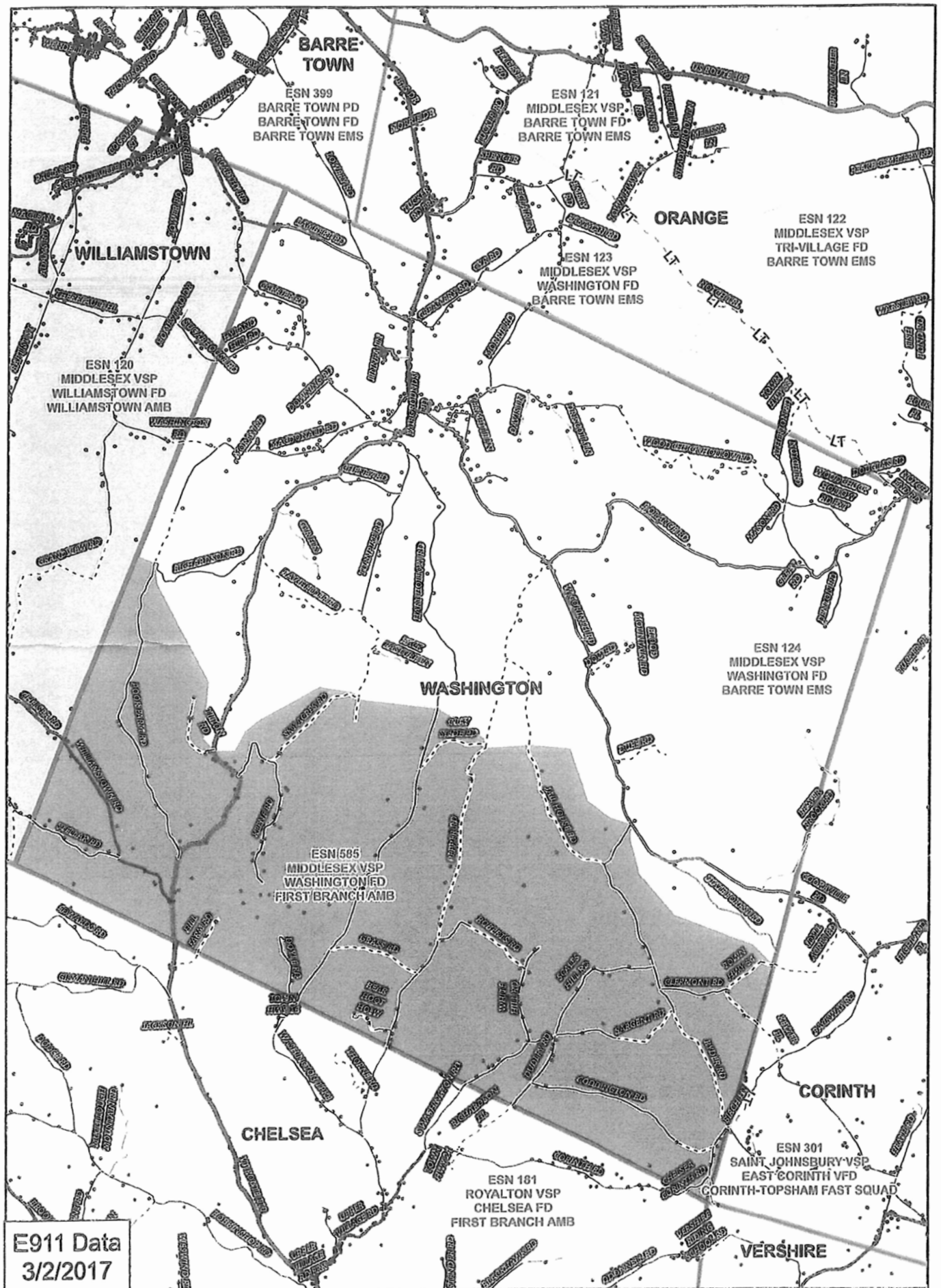
We would like to thank all members of the First Branch Ambulance service for their continued dedication to our communities. Without our members we would not have the service that we have; one that our communities always rely on.

We look forward to continuing to provide this service to our communities in 2023 and beyond and are grateful for the continued support.

Sincerely,

Chase Ackerman, Director

First Branch Ambulance



ENHANCED 911

The ENHANCED 911 system was created and put into place 20+ years ago. Since then, it has made finding the location of an emergency easier and faster. The Ambulance, Fire Department and police, UPS, USPS and Fed X along with other delivery services require a street address. Any new structure that is built or permitted will be given a street address when they apply for a driveway permit.

It is critical that you display the street address assigned to your location. Even though the emergency service knows the area they are responding to, it sometimes is difficult to find because the owner has not displayed the street address.

Please display the assigned street address. A few suggestions are:

Numbers should be greater than 4 inches high.

The color of the number should not be the same color as the house.

If you are using your roadside mailbox to display your street address, please post address numbers on both sides of the mail box.

If your house is not visible from the intersection of your driveway and the road, put a sign at the end of your driveway with your assigned street numbers upon it. The sign should be at least 3 feet above the grade so as not to be obscured by piles of snow.

I have noticed we are getting lax in keeping the street address visible. Please remember it might be the difference in finding you in a timely manner in an emergency.

If you were not assigned a street address or don't remember yours, please contact the town E-911 Coordinator, Harry Roush or the town clerk.

CALEF MEMORIAL LIBRARY					
Proposed Budget for FY2024					
	Budget			Proposed	
	FY2023			Budget	
				FY2024	
Adult Books	\$2,800.00			2,800.00	
Young Adult/Children's Books	600.00			600.00	
Media Collection	600.00			300.00	
Computer Supplies & Maintenance	300.00			300.00	
Insurance	250.00			250.00	
Salaries	18,720.00			21,216.00	
Payroll tax FICA	1,160.60			1,315.00	
Payroll tax Medicare	271.40			308.00	
Postage & Box rent	200.00			200.00	
Library Programs	350.00			350.00	
Repairs & Maintenance	4,000.00			4,000.00	
Supplies	700.00			700.00	
Telephone	700.00			700.00	
Internet	1,300.00			1,300.00	
Heating oil	2,500.00			2,500.00	
Electricity	1,500.00			1,800.00	
Water	130.00			130.00	
Mileage reimbursement	100.00			100.00	
Workshops/Training	150.00			150.00	
Computer Sinking Fund	250.00			250.00	
Memberships	800.00			800.00	
Interlibrary Loans	700.00			700.00	
Total	38,082.00			40,769.00	
Accessible Addition Loan	21,100.00			20,600.00	
TOTAL	\$59,182.00			\$61,369.00	

Savings/Computer Fund, Northfield Savings Bank	\$4,107.35
Savings Account, TD Bank	\$7,747.25
Capital Improvement Account, Northfield Savings Bank	\$9,038.36

Ruebhausen CD **	\$11,251.28
Investment CD **	\$6,242.00

(Can only use Interest on these accounts)
(Interest goes into Northfield Savings Account)

Milne Fund Investment Account:	\$ 80,762.78
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CALEF MEMORIAL LIBRARY
Treasurer's Report for 2021-2022

Checking Account Balance, July 1, 2021	\$8,009.46
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Checking Account Income:

2021-22 Town Budget Appropriation	\$36,982.00
Transfer from Milne Fund	10,000.00
Yard Sale	222.50
Copies/book sales	57.00
ARPA Grant	2,000.00
Interest on Account	11.91

Total Income	\$49,273.41
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EXPENSES:

Adult Books	\$2,392.39
Young Adult/Children's Books	543.24
Media Collection	290.25
Computer supplies/maintenance	261.46
Insurance	250.00
Salaries	17,236.00
Payroll Tax - FICA	1,068.63
Payroll Tax - Medicare	249.92
Postage & office	245.66
Library Programs	167.56
Repairs & Maintenance	3,406.15
Supplies	186.12
Telephone	601.33
Internet cable fee	1,279.76
Heating oil	2,271.43
Electricity	1,689.10
Water	130.00
Computer fund	471.00
Memberships	693.00
InterLibrary Loans/Book Club	402.85

Total Budget Expenses	\$33,835.85
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Other Expenses:

Final 1/2 on carpet	\$2,445.77
Security system installation	5,517.71
Transfer to Capital Improvement Fund	3,000.00
Bench & Table	3,141.49
Basement window replacement	1,711.85

Total	\$15,816.82
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Checking Account Balance, June 30, 2022	\$ 7,630.20
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Washington Historical Society

2022 was an exciting year for the Washington Historical Society. Thanks to Beverly Farnham we have printed copies of "The History of Washington, VT". These books are available for sale at the Town Clerk's Office.

Bev began working on the history project several years ago. She carried out much of her research by scouring the old Town records, interviewing Washington residents who had knowledge of the Town and following up with on-line information.

In 2008 the Washington Historical Society started the "Rachel Davis Beede Spirit of Washington" award to be given to a person who embodies the love of history and projects this love to future generations.

The last award was presented in 2011 to Josephine Farnham, Beverly's mother. The Washington Historical Society is pleased to present the 2022 "Spirit Award" to Beverly Farnham. The Town of Washington is forever grateful for all your work and love of history.

WASHINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2022 Financial Report

Checking Account Balance, December 31, 2021	\$6,322.44
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Income:

Memory Tree Donations	\$400.00
History Book Sales	<u>2,520.00</u>

Total Income	2,920.00
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Expenses:

Printing History Books -Accura Printing	\$2,532.24
Aubuchon's - Flag for Monument	56.99
Postage	42.00

Total Expenses	2,631.23
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Checking Account Balance, December 31, 2022	\$6,611.21
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ATTENTION DOG & CAT OWNERS

GOOD NEWS

THE RABIES CLINIC IS BACK!

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2023

THE CHELSEA ANIMAL HOSPITAL WILL BE

AT THE WASHINGTON FIRE STATION

1:00 PM-3:30 P.M.

FEE: \$20 PER ANIMAL FOR

RABIES VACCINATIONS ONLY.

TOWN RESIDENTS MAY REGISTER THEIR DOGS AT

THE SAME TIME.

MALE/FEMALE-\$13.00 IF NOT SPAYED/NEUTERED

MALE/FEMALE-\$9.00 IF SPAYED/NEUTERED.

DOG LICENSE REPORT 2022

Female	5	@13.00	\$ 65.00
Spayed	43	9.00	387.00
Male	8	13.00	104.00
Neutered	33	9.00	297.00
89 Dogs			\$853.00 Collected

TIME TO SPAY AND NEUTER YOUR CATS AND DOGS!

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

Rabies IS in Vermont and it IS deadly.

Licensing a dog:

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

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

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

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

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

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

VERMONT LEAGUE OF CITIES & TOWNS BREAKDOWN OF COVERAGE COSTS BY DEPARTMENT COVERAGE PERIOD 01/01/2023 - 1/01/2024										
Department	Property	Boiler	Crime	Auto	Liability	Fire	Ambulance	EPL	POL	Dams
Ambulance/Rescue	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 403.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Cemetery	\$ 113.00	\$ 7.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 33.00		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Dams	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 631.00
Fire	\$ 1,397.00	\$ 83.00	\$ -	\$ 3,891.00	\$ 219.00	\$ 632.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
General	\$ 3,249.00	\$ 193.00	\$ 518.00	\$ 65.00	\$ 697.00	\$ -		\$ 1,157.00	\$ 1,661.00	\$ -
Highway/DPW	\$ 1,497.00	\$ 89.00	\$ -	\$ 4,540.00	\$ 2,034.00		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Library	\$ 1,561.00	\$ 93.00	\$ -		\$ 219.00		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Parks & Recreation	\$ 315.00	\$ 19.00	\$ -		\$ 27.00		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
										Total
										\$ 25,342.00
KEY										
Boiler = Boiler and Machinery							Ambulance = Ambulance Liability			
Auto = Auto/Mobile Equipment							EPL = Employment Practice Liability			
Liability = General Liability							POL = Public Officials Liability			
Law Enforcement Liability							SWD = Solid Waste District			
Fire = Fire Fighter Liability							WWW = Sewer Back-up			

Washington Agricultural Association

The Washington Agricultural Association (WAA) is a new non-profit group that offers youth and adults educational and recreational experiences to influence and shape their personal growth and sense of community while expanding their knowledge of agricultural, industries, and lifestyles that make Washington and Vermont unique.

Members of the Washington Agricultural Association (WAA) want to extend our sincere appreciation to all for helping us to have a very successful first year! We could have never imagined the amazing support and recognition we have received, participation by community members far exceeded our expectations.

While we don't have a way to track the number of participants at most of our events, we estimate that approximately 650 people attended one or more of the events we brought to our community in 2022.

We felt it was important to establish relationships with existing community groups like the Recreation Department, the Fire Department, the Washington Snowflyers, the Central VT ATV Club, and the Washington Baptist Church. Many of the activities we held were in partnership with one or more of these groups. We thank them for their willingness to embrace the new group in town. We also want to thank Carol Davis who posted our meeting notices, made sure we had a space to meet and listened to all of our ideas for activities. Together we can accomplish more! 2022 Activities included:

- Weekly farmer's market July – August
- Vintage camper and truck show
- Two concerts in Carpenter Park
- One movie in Carpenter Park, partnership with OUR House of Central VT.
- Partnered with the Recreation Department and Fire Department for Family Fun Day
- Youth Hunter's Safety Course
- Annual Fall Festival
- DIY holiday crafts
- Outdoor holiday decorating contest
- Santa's visit at the Town Clerks office

Our funding comes from donations and fundraising. Our cash prize raffle and coin drop were our main fundraising events and we plan to hold them annually. However, our liability insurance, which allows us to hold all of these events, costs \$950 annually. **We respectfully request the voters of Washington to approve \$1,500 at Town Meeting to support 2023 activities.** Thank you for your consideration.

President, Sheila Duranleau

Vice President, Josh Bell

Secretary, Lois Deberville

Treasurer, Amy Dupuis





Supporting Central Vermonterers to Age with Dignity and Choice
CVCOA Helpline: 1-802-477-1364

Central Vermont Council on Aging (CVCOA) Report for Town of Washington:

The Central Vermont Council on Aging (CVCOA) is dedicated to the mission of supporting older Vermonters to age with dignity and choice. CVCOA services are available to those age 60 and up, or to adults with disabilities. For more than 40 years, CVCOA has assisted older Vermonters to remain independent for as long as possible. CVCOA serves 54 towns throughout the Central Vermont region.

CVCOA makes a difference in the lives of older Vermonters by connecting them to the network of benefit programs and services that they need to thrive, free of charge. CVCOA utilizes town funding to provide individualized support to Washington residents through our care coordination team, which includes case management, information and assistance, options counseling, resource and benefit enrollment (nutrition, transportation, mental health counseling, legal services, health insurance counseling, etc), care coordination planning, family caregiver support, and more.

CVCOA provided individualized support to 14 residents of Washington. CVCOA Case Manager Andrew Gribbin was designated to serve older adults in Washington.

CVCOA served 2,974 unduplicated clients in FY21, plus 2,597 additional interactions with community members for outreach and support. CVCOA mobilized 238 volunteers to provide direct service, deliver meals on wheels, support nutrition sites, provide wellness classes, provide companionship and creative encouragement, and more.

All of us at CVCOA extend our gratitude to the residents of Washington for their ongoing commitment to the health, well-being, independence, and dignity of older Vermonters in the Washington community.



2022 ANNUAL SERVICE REPORT

WASHINGTON

Central Vermont Home Health & Hospice (CVHHH) is a full-service, not-for-profit Visiting Nurse Association that provides intermittent, short-term medical care, education, and support at home to help Central Vermonters recover from an illness, surgery, or hospital stay and manage their chronic disease. We serve 23 communities in Washington and Orange Counties and care for people of all ages. Our services include home care, hospice, and maternal-child health care. We also offer public foot-care and flu vaccine clinics. In addition, we offer long-term care and private care services and free grief support groups.

CVHHH is guided by a mission to care for all Central Vermonters regardless of a person's ability to pay, their geographic remoteness, or the complexity of their care needs. CVHHH embraces new technology and collaborates with other local providers to ensure that central Vermonters' care needs are met. To learn more, visit www.cvhhh.org.

CVHHH Services to the Residents of Washington Jan 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022 *

Program	# of Visits
Home Health Care	494
Hospice Care	44
Long Term Care	42
Maternal Child Health	18
TOTAL VISITS/CONTACTS	598
TOTAL PATIENTS	41
TOTAL ADMISSIONS	47

**Audited figures are not available at the time of report submission. These preliminary figures are prorated based on the number of visits from January 1, 2022 – August 31, 2022, and are not expected to vary significantly.*

Town funding is imperative in ensuring that CVHHH will provide services in Washington through 2023 and beyond. For more information contact Sandy Rousse, President & CEO, or Kim Farnum, Director of Community Relations & Development at 223-1878.

FY22 ANNUAL REPORT -- TOWN OF WASHINGTON

The Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission (CVRPC) provides planning, development, and project implementation services to its 23 municipalities in Washington and western Orange Counties. Municipalities in the region are entitled to equal voting representation by a locally appointed member to the governing Board of Commissioners. CVRPC has no regulatory or taxing authority; each year, we request a per capita assessment from our members in support of local and regional planning activities and to help offset costs and provide local matching funds needed for state and federal funding. Your continued support for local and regional planning is appreciated! CVRPC is your resource – please contact us at 802-229-0389 or cvrpc@cvregion.com for assistance.

FY22 Washington Activities

- ❖ Reviewed and submitted Local Emergency Management Plan to Vermont Emergency Management.
- ❖ Identified eligible roads for Grants in Aid construction funds and managed those funds.
- ❖ Provided guidance to support Regional Emergency Management Committee (REMC) appointment process.
- ❖ Assisted Town to obtain necessary documentation required for reimbursement related to Better Roads Grant.
- ❖ Assisted with facilitating reimbursement for equipment purchased through Grants in Aid Equipment Agreement.

Regional Commissioner
Peter Carbee
Transportation Advisory Committee
Peter Carbee

CVRPC Projects & Programs

- ❖ **Municipal Plan and Bylaw Updates:** Focus on predictable and effective local permitting through educational initiatives, bylaw modernization and municipal plan updates.
- ❖ **Brownfields:** Complete environmental site assessments so properties can be sold, developed or redeveloped to benefit the economy, create/protect jobs and increase housing opportunities.
- ❖ **Transportation Planning:** Provide studies, plans, data collection, and traffic counts. Coordinate local involvement in transportation planning through the Transportation Advisory Committee.
- ❖ **Emergency Planning:** Prepare the region for natural disasters and other emergencies by coordinating with local volunteers and the State on emergency planning, exercises, and training.
- ❖ **Climate and Energy Planning:** Support projects to reduce municipal and residential energy burdens, reduce total energy consumption, expand renewable energy resources, and build climate and energy resilience.
- ❖ **Natural Resource Planning:** Protect water resources, improve water quality, promote ecological function, preserve forest blocks and habitat connectors, enhance recreational opportunities and support the agricultural and forest products industries.
- ❖ **Regional Plans:** Coordinate infrastructure, community development, and growth at the regional level through the preparation, adoption, and implementation of a regional plan.
- ❖ **Geographic Information System Services:** Collect, analyze, store and distribute data for regional projects and programs. Offer fee-for service GIS support to municipalities and non-governmental organizations.
- ❖ **Clean Water Service Provider:** Engage watershed and land conservation organizations, Regional Planning Commissions, Natural Resources Conservation Districts and municipalities to identify and fund water quality projects to achieve phosphorous reduction targets
- ❖ **Special Projects:** Complete special projects, such as downtown revitalization, recreation paths, farmland preservation, economic development, and affordable housing projects.
- ❖ **Grants:** Identify appropriate grant sources, define project scopes, and write grant applications.

SAFELINE, INC.
P.O. Box 368, Chelsea, VT 05038
safelineinfo@safelinevt.org
(802) 685-7900 office
(800) 639-7933 24/7 hotline

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

In FY2022, Safeline provided 2,305 services for 337 victims of domestic violence, stalking and sexual abuse.

54 services were provided for 10 victims who identified themselves as residents of Washington. 9 females and 1 male received services. These services included 5 sexual violence situations, 1 stalking, and 1 family violence situation. It is likely that these statistics are understated, as victims often choose not to give any identifying information out of fear for their own safety.

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

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

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

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

Request Amount: \$440.00

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

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

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

During FY'22, **1** resident of **Washington** received services from the following programs:

- Peer Advocacy Counseling Program (PAC)
(resident works one on one with a PAC setting and achieving goals.)
- Information Referral and Assistance (I,R&A)

The Washington County Youth Service Bureau Is an Important Resource to the Residents of Washington

During the past year (July 2, 2021 – June 30, 2022), the Washington County Youth Service Bureau/Boys & Girls Club provided the following services to **371 young people and families** in Central Vermont (14% of youth were engaged in multiple Bureau services and 97% of youth received intensive services). **5 youth were served from Washington.**

- **98 Teens** participated in the **Basement Teen Center** in Montpelier that provides regular, supervised drop-in time, a variety of positive activities, and opportunities for youth leadership that support positive skill development between the hours of 2pm and 6pm, when teens are at greatest risk to engage in harmful behaviors. **3159 direct service hours were provided to teens.**
- **120 Youths and their Families** were assisted by the **Country Roads Program** that provides 24-hour crisis intervention, short-term counseling, and temporary, emergency shelter for youth who have runaway, are homeless, or are in crisis. **28 nights of emergency shelter and 1258 direct service hours were provided.**
- **105 Teens** were provided with **Substance Abuse Treatment** through the **Healthy Youth Program**. This includes substance abuse education, intervention, assessments, treatment and positive life skills coaching. Support is also available for families.
- **13 Teens** participated in the **Transitional Living Program** that helps homeless youth ages 16-21 make the transition to independent living. This program teaches life skills and budgeting; assists with employment and education goals; and provides direct rent assistance. ***1301 nights of apartment housing provided.**
- **11 Young men** were served by **Return House** that provides transitional assistance (housing and/or case management) to young men who are returning to Barre City from jail. Return House is staffed 24/7. ***1739 nights of supervised housing provided.**
- **49 Youth** were served through the **Youth Development Program** which provides voluntary case management services to youth ages 15-22, who are, or have been, in the custody of the State through the Department for Children and Families.

This year's funding request represents a small fraction of the cost of the services provided by the Bureau. Most of the services provided have involved multiple sessions, counseling services were provided by certified or licensed counselors, and emergency temporary shelter included 24-hour supervision, meals, and transportation. **No one is turned away for inability to pay.** The Bureau's mission is *"To provide a wide range of innovative and effective programs that empower and enrich the lives of youth and families in Washington County, and to provide leadership and support to other youth programs throughout Vermont."* We accomplish this through the programs detailed above. Washington residents are eligible to participate in any of our community-based programs as outlined on our website: www.wcysb.org.

*Youth
Service
Bureau*

Mail: P.O. Box 627, Montpelier VT 05601

Physical Address: 652 Granger Rd, Barre VT 05641

Phone: 802-229-9151 Fax: 802-229-2508

Website: www.wcysb.org



Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District
137 Barre Street
Montpelier, VT 05602
(802) 229-9383
www.cvswwmd.org

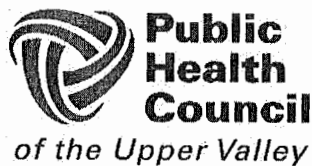
2023 Annual Report, December 2022

The Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District (CVSWMD) serves 19-member cities and towns and approximately 52,000 residents. CVSWMD's mission is to provide education, advocacy, and services for residents and businesses in reducing and managing their solid waste in order to protect public health and the environment. CVSWMD is committed to providing quality programming, meeting state mandates, and providing information and resources to our member communities. The per capita assessment has been established at \$1.00 for fiscal year 2024.

Washington's appointed representative to CVSWMD's Board of Supervisors is Peter Carbee.

CVSWMD continues to provide valuable programs and services to its residents, including:

- **Additional Recyclables Collection Center (ARCC):** The ARCC is located in Barre City, Vermont. We work with the State of Vermont to recycle TVs, computers and computer peripherals, architectural paint, household batteries, mercury bulbs and thermostats for free for Vermont residents. We also accept dozens of hard-to-recycle items that cannot be recycled in curbside recycling. In FY22, 403,896 lbs. of materials were collected and diverted from the landfill.
- **Grants:** In FY22, CVSWMD awarded \$33,218 in grant funding to towns, businesses, organizations and schools in our District. Through our Municipal Services Program (MSP), the city of Barre received \$5,000 and the town of Chelsea received \$2,764 for solid waste management projects. Samuel Morey Elementary School and Walden School were granted \$2,000 and \$2,500 respectively through our School Zero Waste (SZW) program to reduce solid waste and achieve sustainability goals. And, finally, the Green Mountain Returned Peace Corp Volunteers received \$285 from our Organizational Waste Reduction and Reuse Program (OWRRP) for their Pedals for Progress collection event in Montpelier. Green-Up Day grants of \$400 are available to each of CVSWMD's member municipalities.
- **Outreach and Education:** CVSWMD maintains its website with useful information on what can (and can't) be recycled, what is landfill banned (and how to dispose of those), what can be recycled at our Additional Recyclables Collection Center (ARCC), what can be composted, how to safely store and dispose of household hazardous waste, leaf and yard waste disposal, and an A-Z Guide providing guidance to dispose of all types of waste. CVSWMD provides monthly newsletters and is active on social media, communicating waste management information and program updates to residents. Our knowledgeable staff provides guidance to residents and local businesses regarding all their waste management questions and concerns.
- **Household Hazardous Waste:** In FY22, CVSWMD held five one-day collections throughout the District and helped 637 resident households dispose of their hazardous waste. CVSWMD continues to work to acquire land and site a year-round collection facility within the District that will be conveniently accessible to all residents, and small business generators of waste.



The PHC is the largest and broadest coalition of advocates on public health issues in the greater Upper Valley region. Our mission is to improve the health of Upper Valley residents through shared public health initiatives. We have become a trusted and solution-oriented convener that makes a positive difference in the lives of everyone in our region. The PHC is a force multiplier for the organizations, professionals, and citizens, who together make our communities healthier places to live, work, and play.

In 2022, PHC staff and partners worked together to increase collaboration, promote greater health equity, and address priority public health issues for the region. The greatest of these priorities was COVID-19 and its ongoing impact on our region. Our work this year has included:

- Hosted regular meetings for PHC partners to share information about pandemic resources and provide opportunities for sharing and problem solving.
- Ensured cross-border communication about COVID vaccination efforts and helped coordinate vaccine clinics as needed, primarily in New Hampshire given the two states different approaches to vaccine distribution.
- Provided staff support to Upper Valley emergency response efforts and committees within Upper Valley Strong.
- Hosted five flu clinics in rural communities, providing about 1,450 free vaccines, with support from Dartmouth Hitchcock, Geisel School of Medicine and many local partners.
- Continued health equity work by facilitating a committee to explore racism and health as well as consulted on several student projects exploring health equity issues. We are also serving as host for the Upper Valley Community Health Equity Partnership, a program funded by the State of Vermont through a grant from the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
- Collaborated with local school districts and the Hartford Community Coalition to ensure availability of summer meals for children in the region.

PHC appreciates the opportunity to serve the residents of Washington and will continue to work hard to meet your needs in 2023. For more information about PHC, visit us at www.uvpublichealth.org.



CVFiber 2022 Report to Member Towns

CVFiber is a nonprofit municipal entity governed by volunteer delegates who are appointed by our 20-member Central Vermont towns. Our aim is to provide access to fast, dependable, and affordable Internet service, with the first priorities being those who are unserved or underserved.

CVFiber will provide homes with speeds ranging from 100 Mbps to 2 Gigs, and businesses with speeds ranging from 1 Gig to 10 Gigs. Speeds will always be symmetrical, for example, 100 Mbps download and 100 Mbps upload, for the best interactive experience for education, telemedicine, conference calls, business, gaming, and more. Providing rural Vermont with this level of service will enhance education, enable our workforce, create opportunities, and support the State's economy.

The 1,200-mile CVFiber community broadband network will cost an estimated \$60 million and take approximately three years to construct, provided funding, material, and labor are available. It is anticipated that Federal grants will fund 50% to 60% of the construction with the remainder funded through debt financing. CVFiber cannot receive town tax dollars and will support its ongoing operations with subscription revenues. Initial construction started in December 2022. CVFiber plans to construct up to 550 miles of its community broadband network in 2023.

To keep costs to subscribers down, 13 member towns have allocated \$833,000 of town American Rescue Plan Act funds to CVFiber. These funds are matched dollar-for-dollar by the Vermont Community Broadband Board (VCBB) for a total contribution of \$1.67 million. Town allocations are used within the town and directly benefit residents. The VCBB is extending the dollar-for-dollar match through May 2023, providing each of our member towns the opportunity to allocate up to \$100,000 for a total contribution of \$200,000. Please contact me for more information (jdiamantides@cvfiber.net). Thank you for your support.

By providing symmetrical high-speed broadband access, CVFiber and the other Vermont Communication Union Districts are closing the rural digital divide by providing future generations with capabilities that we cannot imagine. The education and work opportunities made available by symmetrical high-speed broadband access will be as transformational to rural Vermont today as electrification was in the mid-twentieth century.

Connectivity is only the beginning. Please visit us at cvfiber.net.

Jerry Diamantides
Chair, CVFiber Governing Board



*Your Community-Owned
Connection to the World*
www.ecfiber.net

Annual Report and Proposed District Budget 2023

Vermont's Communications Union Districts (CUDs) are obligated to annually "approve and cause to be distributed to the legislative body of each district member for review and comment an annual report of [the district's] activities, together with a financial statement, a proposed district budget for the next fiscal year, and a forecast presenting anticipated year-end results."

Your town is one of 31 members of the **East Central Vermont Telecommunications District**, which owns the business operated under the trade name **ECFiber**, and this document is provided to the Selectboards of the district's member towns in conformance with the law. We are also providing a template your municipality can follow to post notice of the public hearing which the district governing board will conduct on the district's proposed budget on Tuesday, November 8, 2022, at 7pm.

Report of Activities October 1, 2021 – September 30, 2022

During the past year ECFiber added over 1,100 new customers and now serves about 7,600 premises in 23 towns via 1,700 miles of fiber-optic cable. Taken together, there are about 31,500 premises in the district located on almost 2,000 miles of roads.

The main goal of the district today is to complete construction of our network in our 23 original member towns, with the exception of portions of the central business district where communication services are in buried conduit unavailable to ECFiber, and then to start building in the 8 new towns which joined the district in 2020. As foliage season reaches a climax in our district, the final splicing work is under way in Woodstock and Norwich, and the Wilder, White River Junction, Hartford Village and Quechee areas of Hartford are witnessing deployment of mainline access fiber. The initial "pole make-ready" work is nearly complete in the Fairlees, with Bradford next in line.

The global pandemic has, of course, proven beyond any doubt that rural Vermonters need access to world-class broadband, but we need to find our own way forward. ECFiber, originally the brainchild of the leadership of ValleyNet, Inc., a non-profit organization which was the Upper Valley's first internet service provider, has demonstrated that this can be accomplished in a cost-effective manner without putting any burden on taxpayers. Until 2021, the district was funded entirely by customer revenues, which in turn backed

tax-free municipal bonds issued by the district to raise capital to build our infrastructure. This model is now the state's strategy for solving the rural broadband crisis and eight CUDs like ECFiber are working hard to get going. The once-in-a-lifetime ARPA funds the state received for broadband have been put into the Vermont Community Broadband Fund. ECFiber and ValleyNet leadership were deeply involved in the work of the administration and legislature during the last session and continues to engage with the state and other CUDs in pursuit of the statewide goal of bringing fiber to all homes and businesses on the grid in our state.

The District was awarded a \$2.8 million grant for pre-construction activities in the 8 new towns in December 2021, which involves all the work needed to develop detailed designs that are used to determine how many miles of fiber to order, where our hubs will be located, the sequence of the buildout, and so forth. Additionally, the state transferred ownership of about 100 miles of fiber originally constructed by the defunct Vermont Telecommunications Authority in 2010, originally valued at about \$1 million, in July 2022.

The District returned to the bond market in December 2021, issuing \$9 million 2021 Series A bonds at 4.5%, which brought total borrowing to \$63.3 million of which about \$61 million will remain to be paid over the course of the next 20 to 30 years. As a reminder, these revenue bonds offer no recourse to the bondholders beyond the system revenues; under state law, town taxpayers are absolutely not involved in any way with these obligations. Fortunately, the business operations of ECFiber generate surplus revenues well in excess of the ratio the District is required to meet under the terms of the bonds: for example, in 2021, the District was obligated to pay \$2.8 million in interest and principal, which meant the system was required to generate a minimum surplus of \$3.5 million. In fact, the business generated a \$3.8 million surplus.

The District's financial strength will be further enhanced by anticipated grants from the Vermont Community Broadband Fund to cover some or all of the cost to construct the base network in the towns of Windsor, Fairlee, West Fairlee, Bradford, Newbury, Corinth, Topsham, and the southeastern half of Washington (CVFiber will handle the northwest half). The District will also seek funding to increase capacity in the very first towns it built where demand has outstripped the initial build, leaving some still stuck with phone-line based internet. Finally, the District is mindful that pole lines don't obey town borders, and in cases where ECFiber's system would be the only realistic way for people to get service, we anticipate obtaining grant support for those border areas.

The District contracts with ValleyNet to operate the ECFiber business. ValleyNet began partnering with GWI (Great World Internet, Inc. of Biddeford, Maine, a B Corporation), to advise Deerfield Valley CUD (dba DVFiber), which covers southeastern Vermont, on its initial grants, and GWI was chosen by DVFiber to operate its business. Meanwhile, the District's calls for increased staffing by ValleyNet ultimately led to the conclusion that GWI should take on the ECFiber operations. Much of 2022 at the leadership level has been focused on preparing for that changeover to become effective January 1, 2023, when all ValleyNet employees will become GWI employees. This will result in significantly improved career opportunities for those currently delivering the daily miracle that is ECFiber, and, we hope, help the business' ability to recruit personnel.

This is critically important, because the difficult labor market has continued to delay getting construction and process improvement work done. We continue to stay a year, perhaps two years, behind where we hoped to be by now. The District believes the influx of resources and opportunities GWI brings to the table will help close that gap and speed completion of the new towns.

Miraculously, we – the member towns -- collectively own and operate a fiber-to-the-premises network built without burdening local taxpayers. This world-class network delivers a level of broadband service not generally available outside of large modern cities or dense, wealthy suburbs.

We invite you to visit our website to learn more about ECFiber, access our district map showing member towns and network build status, and access minutes of our governing board meetings, audits, and annual reports. Details about our bonds and current trades are available at EMMA, the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board market access site.

Just as a reminder, we ask each town to renew its appointments to the governing board each year after town meeting and before the end of April. The regular governing board meetings take place monthly on the second Tuesday, with the May meeting doubling as the annual meeting of the district.

F. X. Flinn, Chair, Governing Board (Town of Hartford Delegate)
October 18, 2022, Quechee, Vermont

Attachments:

Proposed 2023 District Budget

Public Hearing Notice Template



PEOPLE'S HEALTH & WELLNESS CLINIC

51 Church Street | PO Box 544, Barre, VT 05641
802-479-1229 | phwcv.org

October 2022

Town of Washington
2974 VT RT 110
Washington, VT 05675

To the Community Members of Washington,

People's Health & Wellness Clinic (PHWC) is a free healthcare clinic for uninsured and underinsured residents of Central Vermont. Our services include high quality and essential primary, oral, and mental health services, which are provided at no cost to patients. PHWC also continues to provide extensive case management, referrals, and assistance enrolling in health insurance, finding primary care providers, and financial assistance programs.

2022 was a year of more stability for the Clinic after several years of the COVID pandemic, a move to a new office, and personnel changes. The Clinic was open again full-time for in-person services for primary and oral healthcare and continued to use telemedicine technology for mental health counseling. The organization also welcomed new executive director Daniel Barlow, who started in December 2021.

The Clinic's oral healthcare program continues to grow in popularity and demand, due partly to a lack of dental insurance or available area dentists. Nearly half of the patients in 2022 saw our dental hygienist for cleanings, x-rays, maintenance, and referrals for more complicated procedures, including extractions and root canals.

So far, in 2022, PHWC cared for 408 unduplicated patients, 159 of whom were new to the clinic. Patients visited the clinic (in person and via telemedicine) for 545 medical visits, 285 dental visits, 499 mental health visits. 73 patients received assistance in enrolling in Medicaid, another health insurance plan, and financial assistance programs. Patients came from 45 cities and towns in the region.

Services provided to 3 Washington residents in 2022:

- **Medical, navigation for insurance and case management**

Please consider this letter as our request of the Town of Washington to place People's Health & Wellness Clinic on the 2023 Town Meeting agenda to request funding in the amount of \$500.

As a federally deemed free clinic, PHWC cannot charge for services and depends on grants, donations, and municipal funding. We are grateful to the voters of the Town of Washington for many years of support and are very pleased to be able to provide free and accessible healthcare to the Central Vermont community.

For additional information, please contact Daniel Barlow, Executive Director, at 802-479-1229, ext. 109, or daniel@phwcv.org.

TOWN OF WASHINGTON ANNUAL REPORT 2021-2022

Barre Area Senior Center

Barre Area Senior Center (BASC) suffered a setback on two fronts this past year: the pandemic and the untimely passing of our Executive Director. Adhering to safety protocol, BASC was closed for prolonged periods of time during both 2021 and 2022. However, BASC kept in contact with its members using social media, direct contact via phone, updating them on safety procedures, procuring masks for members, and continued weekly takeout weekly lunches. The COVID pandemic resulted in a drop in membership due to our closures and diminished programming. BASC currently serves 289 members from central Vermont towns, including Washington. BASC plans to have greater outreach to supporting towns in the coming year.

Our mission is to provide access to programs and resources that help older adults live independently and remain active. Programs have ranged from arts & crafts, dance, fitness, trips, health & social services and nutrition, among others. BASC has a 14-passenger van that is used for day trips throughout Vermont.

We have a broad volunteer base that allows each of them to share their expertise in different areas of need. Our volunteers are the backbone of our senior center. We always encourage participation from our supporting town residents as Board of Director members, committee members or volunteers in other areas, including teaching classes if you have a skill or talent you'd like to share. BASC is looking forward to the next year with hope and excitement to grow our membership, making new community connections, increase programming, trips and wellness activities. BASC relies on donations, fundraisers, voter-approved funding, grants and monetary gifts for its operating costs. Currently BASC is open 9:00-3: Monday through Thursday and 9:00-12:00 on Fridays. We also accommodate after-hours events if needed.

Our community partners include Central Vermont Home Health & Hospice (CVHH&H), AARP Vermont, Support and Services at Home (SASH), and Central Vermont Council on Aging (CVCOA). Community collaboration allows BASC to broaden the resources that benefit participants of BASC.

BASC wishes to thank Washington voters for the generous support you have given us. We rely on this funding to meet the needs of those we serve.

Respectfully submitted,

Ilene Elliott & Cathy Hartshorn, Co-Executive Directors

131 S. Main St. #4, Barre, VT 05641

802.479-9512

Email: director@barreseniors.org

Website: www.barreseniors.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/barreareaseniorcenter

BIRTHS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Date of birth</u>	<u>Town of birth</u>	<u>Town of residence</u>
Nadeau, Henry Christopher	M	March 8, 2022	Burlington	Washington
Mohr-Vosburgh, Finnley Kellen	F	March 15, 2022	Randolph	Washington
Ferno, Slade Paul	M	April 6, 2022	Berlin	Washington
Thivierge, Vivianne Charlie	F	June 9, 2022	Randolph	Washington
Town, Bristol Eva	F	August 4, 2022	Randolph	Washington
Grout, Ayla Louise	F	August 25, 2022	Burlington	Washington

DEATHS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Date of death</u>	<u>Town of death</u>	<u>Town of residence</u>
Rillo, Zackery A	30	January 7, 2022	Burlington	Washington
Severance, David A	75	March 29, 2022	Washington	Washington
Hunt, Edward J	52	June 6, 2022	Washington	Washington
Aubut, Matthew J	49	November 22, 2022	Washington	Washington
Nichols, David J	75	November 29, 2022	Barre City	Washington
Jones, Pauline M	87	December 9, 2022	Washington	Washington
Vermette, Luther M	78	December 31, 2022	Washington	Washington

CIVIL MARRIAGES

<u>Groom/Spouse</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Bride/Spouse</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>
Barrington James Coleman	Washington	Megan Elizabeth Gero	Washington	January 1, 2022	Washington
Garth Harlow Olsen	Saranac Lake	Anna Estelle Goodling	Washington	January 16, 2022	Bennington
Brian Andrew Purcell	Chelsea	Lisa Marie Chaput	Chelsea	August 20, 2022	Chelsea
Adam Dale Braman	Washington	Emily MacIntosh Bixby	Washington	September 24, 2022	Washington
AJ Brandon Galfetti	Washington	Taylor Anne Brinkman	Washington	September 25, 2022	Tunbridge
Katelyn Christine Campbell	Washington	Heather Jean Collins	Washington	October 8, 2022	St. Johnsbury
Marc Patrick Belisle	Washington	Jennifer Lynn Harrigan	Washington	October 18, 2022	Chittenden
David Brian Wright	Washington	Wendy Tinker DeRose	Washington	October 31, 2022	Washington

ORANGE COUNTY RESTORATIVE JUSTICE CENTER

Mailing Address: PO Box 58, Chelsea, VT 05038 Phone: 802-685-3172

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

We offer 10 programs to Orange County residents: Circles of Support and Accountability (CoSA), Court Diversion, Driver's License Reinstatement, Pre-Trial Services, Reparative Panels, Restorative Re-entry after Incarceration, Safe Driver Education, Transitional Housing, Victim Assistance and the Youth Substance Awareness Safety Program.

During the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, 311 people were referred to us for services. Local volunteers provided 1,170 hours of their time to support 275 Restorative Meetings. We served 60 harmed parties (victims) and distributed \$3,729 in restitution to those who experienced losses due to crime. OCRJC helped: 90 people connect with counseling services (including 26 youth), 9 people secure housing, 8 people find legal support and 13 people reinstate their driver's license. We held CoSAs for 6 individuals, secured 3 apartments for transitional housing and had 58 people in our Safe Driver program.

In FY22, OCRJC worked with 7 people who live in or whose incidents took place in Washington. For each incident referred to OCRJC, the person responsible and the individuals impacted by the crime are offered services.

OCRJC's FY22 operating budget was \$386,937. We are proud to be supported by appropriations from every town in Orange County. The Town of Washington appropriated \$350 for FY22 to support our work. OCRJC requests \$350 in 2023 to support ongoing programs.

Thank you for your support! For additional information, find our website at <https://ocrjvt.org> or contact Jessica Schmidt, Executive Director, at 802-685-3172 or info@ocrjvt.org.



CENTRAL VERMONT ADULT BASIC EDUCATION IN WASHINGTON

Local Partnerships in Learning

Central Vermont Adult Basic Education, Inc. (CVABE), a community-based nonprofit organization has served the adult education and literacy needs of Washington residents for fifty-four years.

CVABE serves as central Vermont's resource for free, individualized academic tutoring for individuals (ages 16- 90+) in:

- Basic skills programs: reading, writing, math, computer and financial literacy
- English Language Learning and preparation for U.S. citizenship
- High school diploma and GED credential programs
- Academic skill readiness for work, career training and/or college

Washington is served by our learning centers in Barre and Bradford. The sites have welcoming learning rooms (with computers, laptops and internet access to support instruction). CVABE staff and volunteers also teach students at the library or other local sites as needed.

Last year, 4 Washington residents were served by CVABE, engaging in almost 200 hours of service. Additionally, 1 Washington resident volunteered with CVABE. Teachers instruct students one-to-one and/or in small groups. Each student has a personalized education plan to address his/her learning goals. These goals might include: getting or improving a job, earning a high school credential, helping one's children with homework, budgeting and paying bills, reading important information, obtaining a driving license, preparing for college, gaining citizenship, and more. *Children of parents with low literacy skills have a 72 percent chance of being at the lowest reading levels themselves, and 70% of adult welfare recipients have low literacy levels. By helping to end the cycle of poverty, your support changes the lives of Washington residents for generations to come.*

CVABE provides free instruction to nearly 500 people annually in the overall service area of Washington, Orange and Lamoille Counties. It currently costs CVABE \$3,320 per student to provide a full year of instruction. *Nearly all students are low income.* Over 100 community volunteers work with CVABE's professional staff to meet the large need for these services while keeping overhead low.

We deeply appreciate Washington's voter-approved support. Your support is critical to CVABE's free, local education services. Only a portion of CVABE's budget is comprised of state and federal support. Funding is needed each year from the private sector and from the towns and cities we serve, to ensure we can help the neighbors who need education for a better life.

For more information regarding CVABE's adult education and literacy instruction for students, or volunteer opportunities, contact:

Child and Family Services
Ayers Brook, Randolph, VT 05060
(802) 728-4466

Community Support Services
24 South Main St., Randolph, VT 05060
(802) 728-6000

Adult and Children Outpatient Services
1483 Lower Plain Rd., Bradford, VT 05033
(802) 222-4477

Farmhouse
P O Box 278, Bradford, VT 05033
(802) 222-4477

East Valley Academy
579 VT Rte. 14 So., East Randolph, VT 05041
(802) 728-3896

Central VT Substance Abuse Services (CVSAS)
100 Hospitality Drive, Berlin, VT 05601
(802) 223-4156

Safe Haven
4 Highland Ave., Randolph, VT 05060
(802) 728-5233

Regional Alternative Program
Norwich Avenue, Wilder, VT 05088
(802) 295-8628

Wilder
PO Box 816, Wilder VT 05088
(802) 295-1311

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- Outpatient Counseling
- Psychiatric Services
- Short-term crisis intervention
- School and Home-based services
- Education for families
- Community resource assistance

- Hospital Diversion
- Walk-in Clinic
- Vocational Services
- Alcohol and other drug treatment
- Respite Care
- 24-hour emergency system

Clara Martin Center's broad range of programs serve children, families, couples, and individuals. Services are confidential and include counseling, psychiatric services, consultations, short term crisis intervention, school and home-based services, education for families related to emotional and behavioral challenges, community resource assistance, alternatives to hospital care, respite care, housing, vocational services, alcohol and other drug treatment, a walk-in clinic and 24-hour emergency services.

Clara Martin Center is proud to be the first Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) in the State of Vermont, a federal model of care designed to ensure access to a comprehensive range of mental health and substance use services regardless of ability to pay, including crisis mental health services, screening, assessment and diagnosis, patient-centered treatment planning, outpatient mental health and substance use services, primary care screening and monitoring, targeted case management, psychiatric rehabilitation services, peer support and family support services, and services for members of the armed services and veterans.

FY22 TOTAL SERVED AT CMC		TOTAL SERVED Washington	
Children & Family Services	505	Children & Family Services	0
School Services	116	School Services	1
JOBS	67	JOBS	0
Adult Services	686	Adult Services	5
CSP Services	147	CSP Services	0
Supportive & Transitional Housing	27	Supportive & Transitional Housing	0
Substance Abuse Services	317	Substance Abuse Services	2
Corrections Services	98	Corrections Services	0
Emergency Contacts/Walk-in Clinic	236	Emergency Contacts/Walk-in Clinic	1
Access	845	Access	5
CCBHC Services	1,087	CCBHC Services	6
Total Served - unduplicated	2,078	Total seen:	16
CVSAS	447	CVSAS	6



FAMILY CENTER OF WASHINGTON COUNTY
....serving families in Washington

The Family Center provides services and resources to all children and families in our region. In FY'22 we offered services for children, youth and families, including: Early Care and Education, Children's Integrated Services-Early Intervention, Family Support Home Visiting, Child Care Financial Assistance, Child Care Referral, Welcome Baby Outreach, Family Supportive Housing Services, Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project, Specialized Child Care Supports, Reach Up Job Development, Food Pantry, Diaper Bank, Parent Education, and Playgroups for children from birth to five. We are grateful for the support shown by the voters of Washington. For more information about Family Center programs and services, please visit: www.fcwcvt.org.

Among the 18 individuals in Washington who benefited from the Family Center's programs and services from July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022 were:

- *4 families** who received **Child Care Financial Assistance**.
- *3 individuals** who were served by one of our **Home Visiting** services, providing parent and family education and support.
- *7 children and caregivers** who received food and household items delivered to their residence by our home visitors from our **Food Pantry** to help supplement their family's nutritional and basic needs and ***2 children** who received diapers from our **Diaper Bank**.
- *2 a child and parent** who attended our **Community Events** or received activity bags.

Thank you for your continued support.

Building resourceful families and healthy children to create a strong community.



Town of Washington FY22 Annual Report

Who We Are

GMT is the public transportation provider for the northwest and central regions of Vermont, offering a variety of services to the communities in which we serve. GMT is proud to offer traditional public transportation services like commuter, deviated fixed routes and demand response shuttles, while providing individualized services such as shopping and health care shuttles, Medicaid, Elderly and Disabled services to both urban and rural communities.

Our Services

Individual Special Service Transportation

GMT provides essential medical and non-medical transportation service to those who qualify for Medicaid, Elderly and Disabled, non-Medicaid medical, human service and/or critical care funds. We offer individual coordinated services for those who qualify and who are in need of scheduled rides through GMT volunteer drivers, special shuttle service or general public routes.

In FY22 Washington residents were provided special transportation services, totaling 297 rides. Special services offered direct access to:

- Medical treatment
- Meal site programs
- VT Association of the Blind
- Reach Up
- Central VT Substance Abuse
- Prescription and Shopping
- Social and Daily services
- BAART
- Washington County Mental Health
- Vocational Rehabilitation

General Public Transportation

GMT also provides traditional general public transportation service directly supporting the increasing demand for affordable commuter and essential daily needs transportation solutions.

In FY22, total GMT ridership was 236,010. This general public transportation ridership was *in addition to* Special Service ridership, (above), and is available through a variety of services including:

- Deviated Fixed Routes
- Local Commuter Routes
- Local Shopping Shuttles
- Health Care Shuttles
- Demand Response Service
- Regional Commuters to Chittenden and Caledonia Counties

GMT Volunteer Driver Program

In addition to shuttle vehicles, GMT uses an extensive network of Volunteer Drivers to provide coordinated and caring rides throughout our rural service area. Volunteer Drivers are essential in providing cost effective and community driven services, and are the foundation of our special services. Drivers are reimbursed for the miles they drive and provide services under the management of GMT.

Thank You

Thank you to Washington taxpayers and officials for your continued financial support of GMT's public transportation service and for your commitment to efficient transportation solutions.

TOWN OF WASHINGTON
2895 VT ROUTE 110
WASHINGTON, VT 05675
Chartered August 8, 1781
First Settled in 1792

Town Clerk & Treasurer
Carol Davis
Town Clerk's Office 802-883-2218
washingtontownclerk@gmail.com

Select Board
Nicholas P. Bresette, Chr
Robert Blanchard
AJ Galfetti


TOWN OF WASHINGTON; MAY 3, 2022

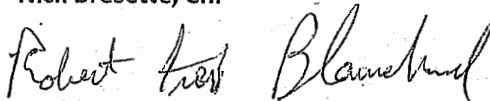
The legal voters of the Town of Washington in the County of Orange and the State of Vermont are hereby notified and warned that the following article will be voted by the Australian Ballot System. Ballots will be mailed to each registered voter along with a stamped return envelope that must be returned to the town clerk's office prior to 7 P.M. on May 3, 2022. In addition, the polls will be open on May 3, 2022, at 7 A.M. and close at 7:00 P.M.

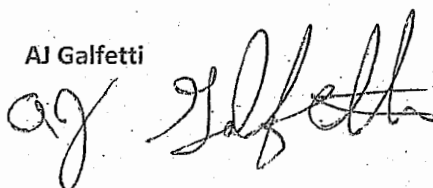
ONLY one article is on the warning. This is a petitioned revote of Article 11 that was previously voted on Town Meeting Day.

Article 11 Shall the voters authorize the Select Board to appoint a Town Treasurer as provided by 17 VSA 2651 (f)?

Dated this 22 day of April 2022
Washington Select Board


Nick Bresette, Chr


Fred Blanchard

AJ Galfetti


Results of the May 3, 2022, revote

No 148

Yes 134

OFFICIAL BALLOT
TOWN MEETING DAY ELECTIONS
WASHINGTON, VERMONT
MARCH 1, 2022

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<p>FOR TOWN MODERATOR - ONE YEAR Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>HARRY ROUSH 356 <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>FOR CEMETERY COMMISSIONER - THREE YEARS Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>TONY ZITER 338 <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>FOR RECREATION DEPARTMENT - THREE YEARS Vote for not more than TWO</p> <p>ROBERT BLANCHARD 233 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>DANIELLE BRESSETTE 232 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>MARY PETERSON 134 <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>
<p>FOR TOWN CLERK AND TREASURER - THREE YEARS Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>ELLEN BLANCHARD 100 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>CAROL DAVIS 277 <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>FOR LISTER - THREE YEARS Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>HARRY ROUSH 344 <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>FOR SCHOOL DIRECTOR - THREE YEARS Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>LEE GARDNER 333 <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>
<p>FOR SELECTBOARD - THREE YEARS Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>AJ GOLFETTI 335 <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>FOR LIBRARY TRUSTEE - FIVE YEARS Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>ANDREA POULIN 344 <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>Article 1. To elect all necessary officers for the town and school district for the ensuing year</p> <p style="text-align: right;">319 YES <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">29 NO <input type="radio"/></p>
<p>FOR DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR - ONE YEAR Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>ELLEN BLANCHARD 136 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>CAROL DAVIS 242 <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>FOR PLANNING COMMISSION AND BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT - THREE YEARS Vote for not more than TWO</p> <p>JACK PETERSON 327 <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>Article 2: Will the town vote to authorize the Select Board to borrow money in anticipation of taxes?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">285 YES <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">69 NO <input type="radio"/></p>
<p>FOR AUDITORS - THREE YEARS Vote for not more than TWO</p> <p>PETER CARBEE 322 <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>FOR PLANNING COMMISSION AND BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT - TWO YEARS Vote for not more than TWO</p> <p>JOYCE WATERS 333 <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>Article 3. Will the town vote to collect taxes on Real Property in two installments with the first installment due on August 15, 2022, second installment due on November 15, 2022?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">327 YES <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">31 NO <input type="radio"/></p>
		<p>TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING</p>

Article 4. Will the town vote to appropriate the sum of \$83,872 for the operating budget of the Washington Fire Department and Fast Squad for the 12-month period ending June 30, 2023?

318 YES ☐

43 NO ☐

Article 5. Will the town vote to appropriate the sum of \$ 4,000.00 for the Calef Memorial Library Improvement fund?

263 YES ☐

88 NO ☐

Article 6. Will the Town Vote to appropriate the sum of \$ 59,182.00 for the operating budget of the Calef Memorial Library for the 12-month period ending June 30, 2023

265 YES ☐

90 NO ☐

Article 7. Will the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for the care of old cemeteries

335 YES ☐

26 NO ☐

Article 8. Will the town vote to appropriate the sum of \$4,000.00 to defray the operating costs of the Recreation Department for the 12-month period ending June 30, 2023?

302 YES ☐

55 NO ☐

Article 9. Will the town voters authorize the town to spend \$801,813 for the 12-month period ending June 30, 2023 of which \$568,743 to be raised in taxes?

256 YES ☐

92 NO ☐

Article 10. Will the town vote to appropriate the sum of \$11,415 to fund the usual service agencies for the 12-month period ending June 30, 2023?

298 YES ☐

55 NO ☐

Article 11. Shall the voters authorize the Select Board to appoint a Town Treasurer as provided by 17 V.S.A. 2651 f

215 YES ☐

142 NO ☐

**YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED
VOTING**

OFFICIAL BALLOT
TOWN MEETING DAY ELECTIONS
WASHINGTON, VERMONT
MARCH 7, 2023

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HARRY ROUSH <input type="radio"/>	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	JOSH BELL <input type="radio"/>	
(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	FOR LIBRARY TRUSTEE - FIVE YEARS Vote for not more than ONE	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	
FOR SELECTBOARD - THREE YEARS Vote for not more than ONE	LINDA BEEDE <input type="radio"/>	Shall the Voters choose to make the town treasurer a separate position from the town clerk when the current term expires or the office becomes vacant. The town treasurer shall be a citizen of the Town of Washington. Town Treasurer's term shall be three years. YES, I vote in favor of having a separate Town Treasurer. NO, I vote to have the Town Clerk and Treasurer positions remain as one office.	
SHEILA DURANLEAU <input type="radio"/>	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>		
JESSE LAMBERT <input type="radio"/>	FOR PLANNING COMMISSION AND BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT - TWO YEARS Vote for not more than TWO		
WILLIAM MORSE <input type="radio"/>			
(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>			
FOR DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR - ONE YEAR Vote for not more than ONE	RYAN BRESETTE <input type="radio"/>	YES <input type="radio"/>	
SCOTT BLANCHARD <input type="radio"/>	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	NO <input type="radio"/>	
CAROL DAVIS <input type="radio"/>	FOR PLANNING COMMISSION AND BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT - THREE YEARS Vote for not more than TWO	If the voters choose to make the Town Treasurer a separate position, should the treasurer be elected by the citizens of Washington or appointed by the Washington Town Select Board?	
(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>			ELECTED <input type="radio"/>
FOR AUDITORS - THREE YEARS Vote for not more than TWO			GARY WINDERS <input type="radio"/>
(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	ROBERT FARNHAM <input type="radio"/>		
(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>		
FOR CEMETERY COMMISSIONER - THREE YEARS Vote for not more than ONE	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>		
	FOR RECREATION DEPARTMENT - THREE YEAR Vote for not more than TWO		
ROBERT BLANCHARD <input type="radio"/>	CAROL POULIN <input type="radio"/>		
(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	ANN WADE <input type="radio"/>		
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