

# TOWN OF WEST RUTLAND, VERMONT



**ANNUAL TOWN REPORT**  
***FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2022***

# 50 years of Combined Service

On February 16, 2022, we were fortunate to celebrate two employees on their 25-year work anniversaries. Thank you to Frank Woolf and Dave Zawistowski for your many years of tireless and dedicated service.

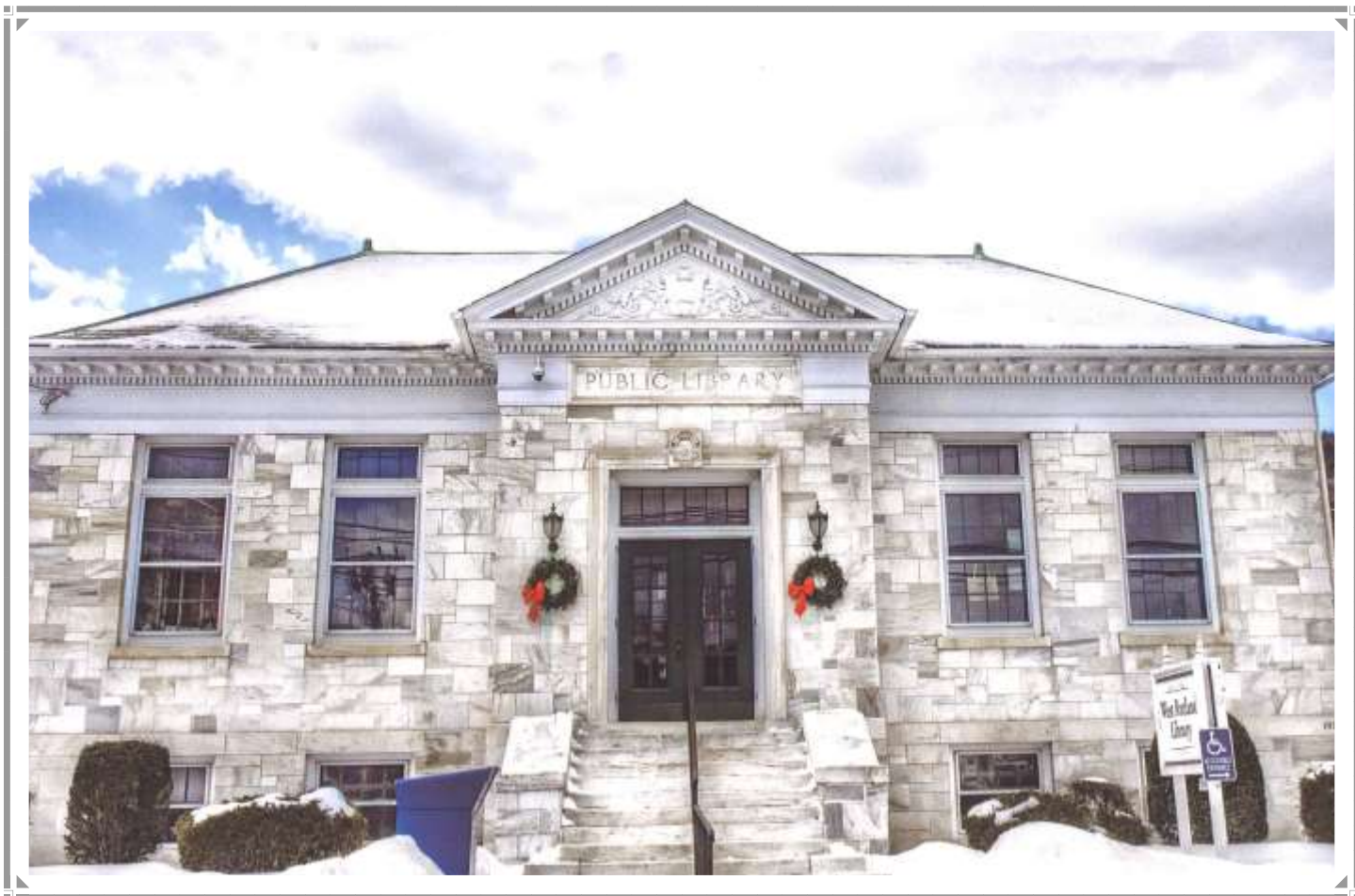


L.-R: Frank Woolf; John Harvey, Select Board Chair; Dave Zawistowski

## ~~ On the Cover ~~

A serene, Winter view of the West Rutland Town Hall and the center of Town.

*Photo courtesy of Ken Heleba*



West Rutland Free Library is having a Fundraising Campaign and we are asking for **your support!**  
Your donation helps ensure the library can continue to provide essential services to our community and maintain our beautiful library building.

Please donate if you can and know that your donation goes **right back into our community!!**

**Thank you !**

West Rutland Free Library

Staff and Trustees

Mail donations to:

West Rutland Free Library

PO Box 66

West Rutland, VT 05777

*..or drop it off at the Library*

# INFORMATION

**TOWN CLERK OFFICE HOURS:** 9:00AM – 3:00PM, Monday-Thursday

**TREASURER’S OFFICE:** 8:00AM – 4:00PM, Monday-Thursday  
8:00 AM—Noon, Friday

**ZONING OFFICE:** 8:15AM – 4:00PM, Monday  
8:15 AM—Noon, Thursday

**OFFICE PERSONNEL:** Town Manager, Mary Ann Goulette (802-438-2263)  
Town Clerk, Chris Wener (802-438-2204)  
Zoning Administrator, Jeff Biasuzzi (802-438-2204)  
Listers: Lisa Wright, Patrick Trepanier, Adan Garcia, (802-438-2263)  
Treasurer’s Office (802-438-2263)  
Treasurer, Patricia Kulig  
Bookkeeper, Melissa Carlson  
Assistant Bookkeeper/Event Coordinator-Scheduler, Stan Jagodzinski

**FAX:** (802-438-5133)

**TOWN GARAGE:** (802-438-2854) 24-hour Pager Service

**WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT:** (802-438-5633)

**WATER DEPARTMENT:** (802-438-5633)

**LIBRARY:** (802-438-2964)

Offices will be closed in observance of the following holidays in 2023:

New Year’s Day, January 2	Martin Luther King Jr. Day, January 16	Presidents’ Day, February 20
Memorial Day, May 29	Juneteenth, June 19	Independence Day, July 4
Labor Day, September 4	Indigenous People’s Day, October 9	Veterans’ Day, November 10
Thanksgiving Day, November 23	Thanksgiving Friday, November 24	Christmas Eve, December 22
Christmas Day, December 25		

**DUE DATE FOR UTILITY PAYMENTS:** April 15 and October 15

**DUE DATE FOR TAX PAYMENTS:** August 15, November 15, May 15

**Payment Methods:** Cash, Check, Credit Card, On-line

- **Online Payments:** A transaction fee of 2.65% of the payment amount will be charged (minimum \$3 charge) for use of this service. E-Checks may also be used through this service with a transaction fee of \$1.50 per E-Check. Select the **Pay Online** Link on our Website (<https://www.westrutlandvt.org>)
- Payments can be mailed, paid in person, placed in the drop box in back parking lot, or set up for automatic bank withdrawal. Postmarked are not allowed.

**MEETING HOURS:**

SELECTBOARD

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at 6:00 pm in Town Hall Conference Room

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**TOWN OF WEST RUTLAND, VERMONT**

**WARNING**

The legal voters of the Town of West Rutland, Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Town Hall on Monday, March 6th, 2023 at 6:00 PM for an informational hearing and to act on Articles 1, 2 & 3. And to meet on Tuesday, March 7th, 2023 at 10:00 AM at the West Rutland Town Hall, 35 Marble Street, to vote by Australian Ballot on Articles 4-22. Polls open 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

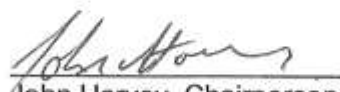
- Article #1 To act on the reports of the Town Officers.
- Article #2 To discuss the proposed Selectboard's Budget for the expenses of the Town and Highway Department.
- Article #3 To transact any other legal and proper business, not involving Town funds or any other articles on this warning.

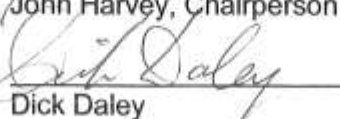
**THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES TO BE VOTED ON BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT**

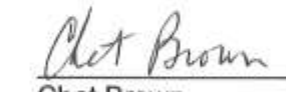
- Article #4 To elect by Australian Ballot all necessary Town Officers:  
Town Moderator 1 Year, Selectperson 3 Years (1), Selectpersons 1 Year (2), Lister 3 Year and Town Law Agent.
- Article #5 Shall the Town approve the Selectboard's Budget for Fiscal Year covering July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 in the amount of \$1,621,611 to be raised by taxes?
- Article #6 Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$200,000 for continuing repaving and sidewalk improvements?
- Article #7 Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$400 to support the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)?
- Article #8 Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$4,800 to support the Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice? (\$300 to support Rutland Area Hospice and \$4,500 to support RAVNAH Home & Community Health Services)
- Article #9 Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$3,304 for the support of Rutland Mental Health Services so that these services can be maintained?
- Article #10 Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to the Chamber and Economic Development of the Rutland Region (CEDRR) for the purposes of economic development and promotion?

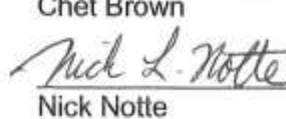
- Article #11 Shall the Town of West Rutland appropriate the sum of \$1,200 to Vermont Adult Learning /Rutland County Adult Basic Education for providing direct educational services to adults to include teaching materials?
- Article #12 Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$1,250 to support the programs and services of BROCC – Community Action in Southern Vermont?
- Article #13 Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$300 to support ARC – Advocacy, Resources and Community Opportunities for developmentally disabled citizens?
- Article #14 Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$1,500 for the support of the programs of the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging?
- Article #15 Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$500 to support the NeighborWorks of Western Vermont?
- Article #16 Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$750 for Housing Trust of Rutland County to assist the Town of West Rutland and its residents with their affordable housing needs?
- Article #17 Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to support the services of the West Rutland Food Shelf?
- Article #18 Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$2,500 to support the services of the Marble Valley Regional Transit District?
- Article #19 Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$250 to support the services of the Rutland Natural Resources Conservation District?
- Article #20 Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$250 to support the services of the American Red Cross?
- Article #21 Shall the Town of West Rutland vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$3000 for the support of Wonderfeet Kids' Museum to provide services to the residents of the town?
- Article #22 Shall the Town of West Rutland appropriate the sum of \$500 to NewStory Center, formally the Rutland County Women's Network & Shelter, to support victims in Rutland County?

Selectboard: January 23, 2023

  
John Harvey, Chairperson

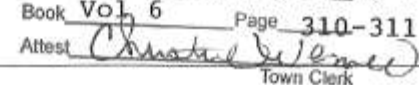
  
Dick Daley

  
Chet Brown

  
Nick Nottle

  
John Center

RECEIVED FOR RECORD  
24<sup>th</sup> day of January 2023

AT 9 O'Clock 00 Minutes AM  
And Recorded in Town Meeting & Misc.  
Book Vol 6 Page 310-311  
Attest   
Town Clerk

## **QUARRY VALLEY UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT WARNING**

### **Annual School District Meeting**

**February 28 and March 7, 2023**

The legal voters of the Quarry Valley Unified Union School District consisting of the towns of Poultney, Proctor and West Rutland, are hereby notified and warned to meet at West Rutland Town Hall in said town at seven o'clock in the evening on Tuesday, February 28, 2023, to transact any of the following business not involving voting by Australian ballot. Upon the conclusion of the business not involving Australian ballot, the meeting is to be adjourned and reconvened in the respective polling places hereinafter named on Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at 10:00 A.M. at which time the polls open until 7:00 P.M. at which time the polls will close, to transact business involving voting by Australian ballot.

#### **February 28, 2023**

- Article 1. To elect a moderator for a term of one (1) year.
- Article 2. To hear the reports of the School Board and other District officials and act thereon.
- Article 3. To elect a treasurer for a term of one (1) year.
- Article 4. To elect a clerk for a term of one (1) year.
- Article 5. To hear a presentation from the School Board on the proposed 2023-24 budget.
- Article 6. To transact any other lawful business that comes before the meeting.

#### **March 7, 2023**

- Article 7. School Budget: Shall the voters of the Quarry Valley Unified Union School District approve the School Board to expend **\$19,887,185.20** which is the amount the School Board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of **\$17,772** per equalized pupil which is **5.21%** more than last year.
- Article 8. Shall the voters authorize the Board of School Directors to transfer up to **fifty percent (50%)** of any fiscal year 2022 year-end surplus to the District's Capital Improvements and Facility Repair and Maintenance Reserve Fund?

#### **Informational Hearing on February 28, 2023**

Said persons and voters are further notified and warned that the meeting on February 28, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. at West Rutland Town Hall, in West Rutland, Vermont will also serve as an informational hearing to discuss Articles 7-8 which will be voted on by Australian ballot on March 7, 2023.

Said persons and voters are warned and notified that voter qualifications, registration, absentee voting, and voter procedures shall be in accordance with Chapters 43 and 51 of Title 17 Vermont Statutes Annotated.

Said persons and voters are further warned and notified that pursuant to 17 V.S.A. Section 2680(h), Article 7 constitutes a Public Hearing on the proposed budget.

**Polling Places for Australian Ballot Vote on March 7, 2023**

Poultney:	Poultney Fire House	10:00 A.M. – 7:00 P.M.
Proctor:	Proctor Jr. Sr. High School	10:00 A.M. – 7:00 P.M.
West Rutland:	West Rutland Town Hall	10:00 A.M. – 7:00 P.M.

Dated on January 24, 2023.


**QUARRY VALLEY UNIFIED UNION BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS:**

  
Lisa Miser, Board Chair

  
Kristen Ross, Clerk

  
Jessica Grabowski, Board Member

  
Sarah Lohnes-Watulak, Board Member

  
Nate Slentz, Board Member


  
Michael Moser, Board Vice Chair


  
Tom Callahan, Board Member

  
Rebecca Gardner, Board Member

  
Katharine McWaters, Board Member

Received for record and recorded prior to posting this 24th day of January, 2023.

  
Quarry Valley Unified Union District Clerk

WEST RUTLAND TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE  
RECEIVED FOR RECORD  
24th day of January 2023  
AT 2 O'Clock 00 Minutes P M  
And Recorded in Town Meeting &  
Book Vol 6 Page 312-Misc.  
Attest  313  
Town Clerk

## Town Manager Report 2023

We are looking forward to a busy and productive 2023. We have a few facemasks and covid tests still on hand, the impact of Covid has diminished and things are finally starting to seem normal again. However, we are still feeling the effects of inflation with widespread cost increases, product delays and shortages.

Over the last several years, we were able to keep the budget with a minimum increase. But this year, despite our best efforts, nearly every budget line items shows an increase, amounting to an overall budget increase of 6.3%. We have also recommended increasing our paving article from \$100,000 to \$200,000. The bottom line is, the dollars don't cover what they used to cover. We have twenty-one miles of paved roads and several roads that need immediate attention (Whipple Hollow Road, Pleasant Street and Skyline Drive). We are using some less expensive techniques such as crack and chip sealing, but we still can't afford to get behind in maintaining our infrastructure. These increases will result in an annual increase of \$97 on a \$100,000 home.

We feel fortunate to have received a number of federal and state grants for many of our projects. In fact, we received over \$1.3 million in federal dollars last year alone. (NeighborWorks = \$648K)

We were please to complete some large projects using State and Federal funding:

- Dewey Avenue Road Project – Total cost was \$899,207 (Our ERAF rating is at the highest % resulting in a 92.5% reimbursement coming from FEMA and the State.)
- Whipple Hollow Bridge Replacement – Total cost was \$364,425 (VTrans structures grant of \$200,000)

Other grants/projects in process:

- \$42,024 VTrans Transportation Alternatives Grant – sidewalk feasibility study identifying gaps in existing network on Ross Street, Pleasant, Thrall, Main and Dewey Avenue.
- \$180,000 Downtown Transportation Fund – design and construction of the Marble Street Municipal Parking Lot.
- \$320,000 VTrans Bicycle/Pedestrian Grant – design and construction of the MarbleWay multi use path from Thrall to Gilmore.

We continue to explore and secure funding from the ARPA and Covid relief funds for future projects: Wastewater Plant Upgrade, Rehab of Skyline Drive and water line replacement; Young's Brook Damn Removal – funding secured; Pavilion at the Recreation Area and a Village Streetscape Master Plan. Most of the grants require a 20% match but it helps to leverage our dollars.

I would like to recognize the great work of the planning commission who spent many hours in updating our zoning regulations. These changes will allow high density multi-family housing in the designated village center and should encourage redevelopment of existing parcels that have been vacant and underutilized for many years.

I would like to thank my entire staff, selectboard and volunteers for their dedication, patience and passion to make our town the best it can be. We celebrated 25 years of service for Frank Woolf and Dave Zawistowski and wished Frank Gorham well in his retirement.

Lastly, please consider ways to get involved with your community; serve on a committee, attend the selectman meetings, volunteer at an event or run for office. Our community is best served by the people within.

Best Regards,  
Mary Ann Goulette, Town Manager

## Town Officers / Appointments

POSITIONS	OFFICERS	TERM DURATION	TERM ENDING
Animal Control Officer	Sheriff's Department	1 Year	March, 2023 (by appointment)
Development Review Board	Mike Moser, Chair	3 Years	March, 2023 (by appointment)
	Anthony (Tim) Ponto, Vice Chair	3 Years	March, 2025 (by appointment)
	Denis Lincoln	3 Years	March, 2023 (by appointment)
	Jon Wallace	3 Years	March, 2024 (by appointment)
	Deb Higgins	3 Years	March, 2025 (by appointment)
Emergency Management Director	MaryAnn Goulette	1 Year	March, 2023 (by appointment)
Fire Chief	Michael Skaza	2 Years	March, 2024 (by appointment)
First Constable	Rutland County Sheriff's Dept.	1 Year	March, 2023 (by appointment)
Forest Fire Warden	Steve Czachor	5 Years	March, 2024
Health Officer	MaryAnn Goulette	3 Years	March, 2025 (by appointment)
Library Board of Trustee	Shelly Williams	3 Years	March, 2025
Listers	Lisa Wright, Chair	3 Years	March, 2024
	Adan Garcia	3 Years	March, 2025
	Patrick Trepanier	3 Years	March, 2023
Planning Commission	Denis Lincoln, Chair	4 Years	March, 2023 (by appointment)
	Sean Barrows	4 Years	March, 2026 (by appointment)
	Leona Minard	4 Years	March, 2023 (by appointment)
	Michael Brzoza	4 Years	March, 2023 (by appointment)
Quarry Valley Unified Union School Directors	Tom Callahan	3 Years	March, 2025
	Michael Moser	2 Years	March, 2023
	Jessica Grabowski	3 Years	March, 2024
Regional Ambulance Representative	Paul Kulig	3 Years	March, 2025
Rutland County Solid Waste District Representative, Primary	Chet Brown	1 Year	March, 2023 (by appointment)
Rutland County Solid Waste District Representative, Alternate	John Harvey	1 Year	March, 2023 (by appointment)
Rutland Region Planning Commissioner - Primary	Leona Minard	2 Year	March, 2023 (by appointment)
Rutland Region Planning Commissioner - Alternate	Deb Higgins	1 Year	March, 2023 (by appointment)
Rutland Regional Transportation Council Representative, Primary	Sean Barrows	1 Year	March, 2023 (by appointment)
Rutland Regional Transportation Council Representative, Alternate	Mary Ann Goulette	1 Year	March, 2023 (by appointment)
Selectpersons	John Harvey, Chair	3 Years	March, 2024
	Nick Notte, Vice Chair	1 Year	March, 2023
	Chester Brown, Secretary	3 Years	March, 2023
	Richard Daley	3 Year	March, 2025
	John Center	1 Year	March, 2023
Town Clerk	Christine Wener	3 Years	March, 2025
Town Law Agent	Michael Moser	1 Year	March, 2023
Town Moderator	Michael Moser	1 Year	March, 2023
Town Service Officer	Mike Moser	1 Year	March, 2023 (by appointment)
Treasurer	Patricia Kulig	3 Years	March, 2025
Tree Warden	Denis Lincoln	1 Year	March, 2023 (by appointment)
Zoning Administrator	Jeff Biasuzzi	3 Years	March, 2025 (by appointment)

# NOTICE TO VOTERS

## For Local Elections

### **BEFORE ELECTION DAY:**

**CHECKLIST POSTED** at Clerks Office by February 5, 2023. If your name is not on the checklist, then you must register to vote. **SAMPLE BALLOTS** will be posted by February 25, 2023.

**HOW TO REGISTER TO VOTE:** There is no deadline to register to vote. You will be able to register to vote on the day of the election. You can register prior by visiting the town clerk's office or going online to [olvr.sec.state.vt.us](http://olvr.sec.state.vt.us).

**REQUEST EARLY or ABSENTEE BALLOTS:** You or a family member can request early or absentee ballots at any time during the year of the election in person, in writing, by telephone, email, or online at [mvp.sec.state.vt.us](http://mvp.sec.state.vt.us). The latest you can request ballots for the March 7, 2023 Election is the close of the Town Clerk's office on March 3, 2023. (Any other person authorized by you who is not a family member must apply in writing or in person for a ballot for you.)

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

You may vote in the town clerk's office before the deadline.

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

If you are sick or disabled before Election Day, ask the town clerk to have two justices of the peace bring a ballot to you at your home. (Ballots can be delivered on any of the eight days preceding the day of the election or on the day of election.)

### **ON ELECTION DAY:**

**If your name was dropped from the checklist in error**, or has not been added even though you submitted a timely application for addition to the checklist, you can fill out a new registration form.

If the clerk or Board of Civil Authority does not add your name, you can appeal the decision to a superior court judge, who will settle the matter on Election Day. Call the Secretary of State's Office at 1-800-439-VOTE (439-8683) for more information.

**If you are a first time voter who submitted your application to the checklist individually by mail and did not submit the required document**, you must provide a current and valid photo identification, or a bank statement, utility bill, or government document that contains your name/current address.

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

**If you know voters who cannot get from the car into the polling place** let them know that ballot(s) may be brought to their car by two election officials.

**If you have any questions or need assistance while voting**, ask your Town Clerk or any election official for help.

## **NO PERSON SHALL:**

Vote more than once per election, either in the same town or in different towns.

Mislead the board of civil authority about your own or another person's true residency or other eligibility to vote.

Hinder or impede a voter going into or from the polling place.

Socialize in a manner that could disturb other voters in the polling place.

Offer bribe, threaten or exercise undue influence to dictate or control the vote of another person.

**FOR HELP OR INFORMATION: Call the Secretary of State's Office at 1-800-439-VOTE (439-8683). (Accessible by TDD)**

**If you believe that any of your voting rights have been violated**, you may file an Administrative Complaint with the Secretary of State's Office, 128 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05633.

**If you believe you have witnessed efforts to commit any kind of fraud or corruption in the voting process**, you may report this to your local United States Attorney's Office.

**If you have witnessed actual or attempted acts of discrimination or intimidation in the voting process**, you may report this to the Civil Rights Division of the United States Department of Justice at (800) 253-3931.

## **INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTERS using Paper Ballots**

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

Go to the entrance checklist table.

Give name and, if asked, street address to the election official in a loud voice.

Wait until your name is repeated and checked off by the official.

An election official will give you a ballot.

Enter within the guardrail and go to a vacant voting booth.

### **MARK YOUR BALLOT:**

For each office listed on the ballot, you will see instructions to "Vote for not more than one, or Vote for not more than two, etc."

To vote for a candidate, fill in the oval to the right of the name of the candidate you want to vote for.

**WRITE-IN candidate(s).** To vote for someone whose name is not printed on the ballot, use the blank "write-in" lines on the ballot and either write-in the name or paste on sticker, then fill in the oval.

### **CHECK OUT:**

Go to the exit checklist table and state your name in an audible voice.

Wait until your name is repeated and checked off by the official.

**CAST YOUR VOTE** by depositing your voted ballot in "Voted Ballots" box.

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

The March Election will be held on March 7, 2023. Polls will be open 10:00am—7:00pm.

### **Ballots will not be mailed for this election.**

If you would like to request an absentee ballot, contact (802) 438-2204.

# BUDGET SUMMARY

	ACTUAL 2021	ACTUAL 2022	BUDGET 2023	PROPOSED 2024	CHANGE
<b>GENERAL REVENUES</b>					
PROPERTY TAXES	\$ 1,433,119	\$ 1,589,881	\$ 1,529,952	\$ 1,621,611	6.0%
OTHER	\$ 251,242	\$ 256,659	\$ 217,650	\$ 225,790	3.7%
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ 1,684,361</b>	<b>\$ 1,846,540</b>	<b>\$ 1,747,602</b>	<b>\$ 1,847,401</b>	<b>5.7%</b>
<b>GENERAL EXPENDITURES</b>					
ADMINISTRATIVE	\$ 429,736	\$ 514,745	\$ 431,860	\$ 470,118	8.9%
HIGHWAY	\$ 582,208	\$ 704,543	\$ 681,488	\$ 739,901	8.6%
FIRE	\$ 203,112	\$ 207,365	\$ 212,889	\$ 225,244	5.8%
STREET LIGHTS & LIBRARY	\$ 89,864	\$ 92,473	\$ 94,400	\$ 97,900	3.7%
TOWN HALL	\$ 75,248	\$ 88,018	\$ 86,154	\$ 89,891	4.3%
LAW ENFORCEMENT	\$ 96,674	\$ 98,384	\$ 100,902	\$ 104,916	4.0%
RECREATION	\$ 48,158	\$ 58,047	\$ 70,145	\$ 86,063	-5.8%
COUNTY TAX	\$ 16,463	\$ 13,599	\$ 17,910	\$ 20,365	13.7%
OTHER	\$ 37,201	\$ 45,498	\$ 41,854	\$ 33,004	-21.1%
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>\$ 1,578,664</b>	<b>\$ 1,822,672</b>	<b>\$ 1,737,602</b>	<b>\$ 1,847,401</b>	<b>6.3%</b>

## Municipal Tax Rate PROJECTION Fiscal Year 2023-4

Town Expenditures	FY 21	FY 22	FY 23	FY24
General & Highway	\$ 1,660,854	\$ 1,673,857	\$ 1,737,602	\$ 1,847,401
Services Articles	\$ 20,604	\$ 23,264	\$ 23,004	\$ 23,004
Voted Town Articles	\$ 80,000	\$ 80,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 200,000
Exemptions - Veterans, etc.	\$ 7,780	\$ 7,780	\$ 20,010	\$ 20,010
<b>Town Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 1,769,238</b>	<b>\$ 1,784,901</b>	<b>\$ 1,880,616</b>	<b>\$ 2,090,415</b>
Less Other Revenues	\$ 219,915	\$ 199,300	\$ 207,760	\$ 217,650
<b>Expenses less Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 1,549,323</b>	<b>\$ 1,585,601</b>	<b>\$ 1,672,856</b>	<b>\$ 1,872,765</b>
<b>Grand List Value</b>	<b>\$ 2,091,224</b>	<b>\$ 2,112,634</b>	<b>\$ 2,059,240</b>	<b>\$ 2,058,966</b>
<b>Municipal Tax Rate per \$100 value</b>	<b>0.741</b>	<b>0.751</b>	<b>0.812</b>	<b>0.910</b>

ESTIMATED TAX CALCULATION		FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	annual change
Municipal Tax	home value					
	100,000	\$ 740.87	\$ 750.53	\$ 812.37	\$ 909.57	\$ 97.20
	150,000	\$ 1,111.30	\$ 1,125.80	\$ 1,218.55	\$ 1,364.35	\$ 145.80
	200,000	\$ 1,481.74	\$ 1,501.07	\$ 1,624.73	\$ 1,819.13	\$ 194.40

**TOWN OF WEST RUTLAND  
BUDGET WORKSHEET**

	ACTUAL 2020	ACTUAL 2021	ACTUAL 2022	BUDGET 2023	PROPOSED 2024	
<b>REVENUES</b>						
PROPERTY TAXES	\$ 1,380,967	\$ 1,433,119	\$ 1,589,881	\$ 1,529,952	\$ 1,621,611	
STATE HIGHWAY AID	\$ 83,036	\$ 105,569	\$ 93,435	\$ 83,000	\$ 90,000	
RAILROAD TAX	\$ 380	\$ 380	\$ 380	\$ 380	\$ 380	
SEWER & WATER ADMIN	\$ 29,500	\$ 29,500	\$ 39,500	\$ 39,500	\$ 34,500	
ORDINANCE FINES	\$ 10,053	\$ 10,819	\$ 6,924	\$ 10,000	\$ 6,000	
SCHOOL TAX BILLING FEE	\$ 5,534	\$ 6,344	\$ 6,415	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	
CLERK FEES	\$ 14,985	\$ 20,457	\$ 27,365	\$ 15,000	\$ 18,000	
ZONING FEES	\$ 2,417	\$ 1,567	\$ 1,301	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,500	
COPIER	\$ 329	\$ 315	\$ 437	\$ 300	\$ 300	
DOG LICENSES/T CLERK OTHER	\$ 1,789	\$ 1,801	\$ 2,101	\$ 1,700	\$ 1,800	
INTEREST	\$ 3,322	\$ 5,869	\$ 1,478	\$ 5,000	\$ 1,500	
TOWN HALL RENT	\$ 4,800	\$ 2,725	\$ 3,980	\$ 3,000	\$ 5,000	
LIQUOR LICENSE	\$ 655	\$ 830	\$ 755	\$ 700	\$ 700	
DEL. TAX INT/PENALTY	\$ 25,526	\$ 29,636	\$ 38,699	\$ 25,000	\$ 30,000	
PERMITS	\$ 550	\$ 480	\$ 558	\$ 500	\$ 500	
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	\$ 19,857	\$ 4,634	\$ 3,976	\$ 2,000	\$ 3,000	
SPONSORSHIP	\$ 400	\$ 5,750	\$ 3,483	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	
MISC. REC. PROGRAMS	\$ 2,681	\$ 1,615	\$ 1,279	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,500	
REC BASEBALL/SOFTBALL	\$ -	\$ 2,630	\$ 2,737	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	
PILOT PROGRAM	\$ 3,070	\$ 3,070	\$ 3,070	\$ 3,070	\$ 3,110	
STATE LAND USE	\$ 10,320	\$ 13,840	\$ 14,192	\$ 10,500	\$ 14,000	
REC SOCCER	\$ 700	\$ 700	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 300	
SENIOR MEALS	\$ 1,003	\$ -	\$ 1,404	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,200	
BASEBALL/SOFTBALL SPONSOR	\$ 100	\$ 2,710	\$ 3,185	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	
DOG PARK	\$ 320	\$ 1,945	\$ 5	\$ 500	\$ 500	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,601,774</b>	<b>\$ 1,684,361</b>	<b>\$ 1,846,540</b>	<b>\$ 1,747,602</b>	<b>\$ 1,847,401</b>	<b>3.7%</b>

**TOWN OF WEST RUTLAND  
BUDGET WORKSHEET**

EXPENDITURES						
ADMINISTRATIVE	ACTUAL 2020	ACTUAL 2021	ACTUAL 2022	BUDGET 2023	PROPOSED 2024	
MANAGER'S SALARY	\$ 78,221	\$ 81,500	\$ 86,950	\$ 86,242	\$ 90,554	
MANAGER'S EXPENSE	\$ 2,815	\$ 2,360	\$ 2,567	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	
TREASURER'S SALARY	\$ 10,559	\$ 14,499	\$ 15,577	\$ 15,450	\$ 16,223	
OFFICE BACK UP	\$ 1,095	\$ 1,860	\$ 1,112	\$ 5,304	\$ 1,300	
TOWN CLERK SALARY	\$ 42,025	\$ 44,000	\$ 46,918	\$ 46,535	\$ 40,040	
TOWN CLERK ASSISTANT					\$ 19,500	
TOWN CLERK SUPPLIES	\$ 1,565	\$ 2,159	\$ 4,307	\$ 3,050	\$ 3,750	
COPIER LEASE	\$ 3,292	\$ 3,355	\$ 3,551	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,700	
COMPUTER SOFTWARE/CLOUD	\$ 4,105	\$ 6,525	\$ 3,693	\$ 13,807	\$ 19,000	
TOWN OFFICIAL EXPENSE	\$ 4,306	\$ 3,056	\$ 6,134	\$ 4,000	\$ 6,000	
EDUCATION / TRAINING	\$ 988	\$ 393	\$ 148	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	
SAFETY / WELLNESS					\$ 1,000	
LISTERS	\$ 9,584	\$ 17,610	\$ 15,835	\$ 22,000	\$ 23,000	
SELECTMEN SALARY	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	
PLAN/ZONING SALARY	\$ 1,386	\$ 1,118	\$ 1,344	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	
ZONING MILEAGE	\$ 100	\$ 22	\$ 26	\$ 200	\$ 200	
ZONING ADMIN. SALARY	\$ 11,173	\$ 12,200	\$ 13,584	\$ 15,000	\$ 16,000	
HEALTH OFFICER SALARY	\$ 1,800	\$ 1,800	\$ 2,400	\$ 2,400	\$ 2,400	
BOOKKEEPER SALARY	\$ 57,364	\$ 57,770	\$ 63,172	\$ 72,667	\$ 75,584	
HEALTH & DENTAL	\$ 24,269	\$ 16,260	\$ 16,245	\$ 19,441	\$ 24,721	
FICA	\$ 13,442	\$ 22,055	\$ 23,763	\$ 21,832	\$ 21,879	
PROPERTY & LIABILITY	\$ 9,852	\$ 10,257	\$ 9,287	\$ 3,096	\$ 1,688	
WORKERS COMP	\$ 692	\$ 633	\$ 180	\$ 60	\$ 1,261	
RETIREMENT(VMERS)	\$ 12,179	\$ 9,198	\$ 11,412	\$ 16,177	\$ 13,868	
EMPLOYMENT PRACTICE	\$ 3,250	\$ 2,575	\$ 1,911	\$ 637	\$ 2,730	
UNEMPLOYMENT INS	\$ 397	\$ 330	\$ 417	\$ 346	\$ 364	
DISABILITY	\$ 1,055	\$ 445	\$ 413	\$ 411	\$ 408	
PUBLIC OFFICIAL LIABILITY	\$ 3,810	\$ 3,012	\$ 2,242	\$ 748	\$ 2,956	
AUDITING	\$ 24,875	\$ 19,432	\$ 20,850	\$ 19,000	\$ 20,000	
SINGLE AUDIT	\$ -	\$ 3,567	\$ 6,787	\$ 4,000	\$ 7,000	
ELECTIONS	\$ 1,955	\$ 5,198	\$ 2,348	\$ 6,800	\$ 3,000	
TAX BILLING	\$ 1,574	\$ 796	\$ 839	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	
DATA PROCESSING/EQUIPMENT	\$ 6,964	\$ 7,045	\$ 20,248	\$ 6,000	\$ 8,000	
LEGAL FEES	\$ 4,501	\$ 4,774	\$ 7,034	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	
LEGAL FEES - LISTERS	\$ 42,016	\$ 51,187	\$ 102,241	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	
OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$ 2,129	\$ 3,997	\$ 2,084	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	
POSTAGE	\$ 1,433	\$ 1,901	\$ 1,858	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,500	
TOWN REPORT	\$ 921	\$ 972	\$ 1,050	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,200	
ADVERTISING	\$ 1,406	\$ 445	\$ 870	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	
TELEPHONE	\$ 2,550	\$ 2,590	\$ 2,674	\$ 2,800	\$ 2,800	
REGIONAL PLANNING	\$ 1,335	\$ 975	\$ 975	\$ 975	\$ 975	
VLCT DUES	\$ 3,811	\$ 3,968	\$ 3,968	\$ 3,882	\$ 4,017	
MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 629	\$ 1,136	\$ 776	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	
GRANT ADMINISTRATION	\$ 2,919	\$ 1,761	\$ 1,955	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	
Total ADMINISTRATIVE	\$ 403,342	\$ 429,736	\$ 514,745	\$ 431,860	\$ 470,118	8.9%

**TOWN OF WEST RUTLAND  
BUDGET WORKSHEET**

HIGHWAY	ACTUAL 2020	ACTUAL 2021	ACTUAL 2022	BUDGET 2023	PROPOSED 2024	
EQUIPMENT SAVINGS	\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000	
LABOR	\$ 144,747	\$ 168,800	\$ 174,782	\$ 179,690	\$ 185,218	
FICA	\$ 10,375	\$ 10,918	\$ 12,631	\$ 13,746	\$ 14,169	
RETIREMENT (VMERS)	\$ 8,004	\$ 8,706	\$ 10,557	\$ 10,332	\$ 10,650	
HEALTH & DENTAL	\$ 40,704	\$ 45,809	\$ 47,480	\$ 49,595	\$ 41,643	
WORKMANS COMP	\$ 11,818	\$ 11,395	\$ 4,846	\$ 1,615	\$ 12,397	
PROPERTY & LIABILITY	\$ 6,128	\$ 6,137	\$ 5,249	\$ 1,750	\$ 6,212	
UNEMPLOYMENT	\$ 27	\$ 207	\$ 262	\$ 279	\$ 273	
DISABILITY	\$ 1,272	\$ 617	\$ 579	\$ 591	\$ 612	
UNIFORMS	\$ 1,322	\$ 1,993	\$ 1,798	\$ 1,800	\$ 1,800	
SALT	\$ 92,459	\$ 91,305	\$ 102,403	\$ 90,000	\$ 95,000	
SAND	\$ 10,456	\$ 7,605	\$ 5,317	\$ 8,500	\$ 9,000	
MAG. CHLORIDE	\$ -	\$ 2,773	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ 3,000	
ENGINEERING	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ 2,000	
CULVERTS	\$ 1,806	\$ 4,622	\$ 3,292	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	
GRAVEL	\$ 9,822	\$ 10,308	\$ 8,338	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	
HOT MIX	\$ 625	\$ -	\$ 317	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	
CRACK SEAL					\$ 13,500	
RESURFACING & REPAIRS	\$ 25,000	\$ -	\$ 45,745	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	
DUST CONTROL/CHLORIDE	\$ 467	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 500	
COLD PATCH	\$ 2,781	\$ 243	\$ 676	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	
EMERGENCY MAINTENANCE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,020	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	
RENTAL EQUIPMENT					\$ 5,000	
LAWN MAINTENANCE	\$ 7,447	\$ 6,008	\$ 7,447	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	
TREE WORK	\$ 1,601	\$ 16	\$ 400	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	
TRAFFIC SIGNS	\$ 1,233	\$ 1,512	\$ 26,377	\$ 1,000	\$ 2,000	
PAGER SERVICE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 550	\$ 550	
TOOLS & MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 3,319	\$ 3,539	\$ 3,035	\$ 4,000	\$ 5,000	
SUPPLIES	\$ 1,372	\$ 1,093	\$ 719	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	
BRIDGE RESERVE	\$ 44,500	\$ 44,500	\$ 44,500	\$ 45,000	\$ 45,000	
CATCH BASIN CLEANING	\$ 1,350	\$ 234	\$ 74	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	
CHANNEL MAINTENANCE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 600	\$ 2,000	\$ 5,000	
PERMITS		\$ 240	\$ -	\$ 1,600	\$ 2,000	
SIDEWALK REPAIR	\$ 29,390	\$ 45	\$ 15,772	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	
STREET CLEANING	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	
ROAD CONSTRUCTION	\$ 19,233	\$ 11,347	\$ 20,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	
PAVEMENT MARKING	\$ 2,301	\$ -	\$ 406	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	
TRAINING	\$ -	\$ 100	\$ 163	\$ 150	\$ 5,000	
GAS,OIL,DIESEL	\$ 13,708	\$ 8,182	\$ 15,698	\$ 15,000	\$ 17,000	
REPAIR PARTS	\$ 5,159	\$ 9,097	\$ 8,803	\$ 7,500	\$ 10,000	
OUTSIDE REPAIRS	\$ 7,599	\$ 8,935	\$ 5,502	\$ 9,000	\$ 10,000	
TIRES,CHAINS,BATTERIES	\$ 3,043	\$ 1,476	\$ 3,778	\$ 4,000	\$ 5,000	
PLow BLADES	\$ 5,778	\$ 3,540	\$ 7,384	\$ 6,000	\$ 7,000	
TOOLS & EQUIPMENT	\$ 1,152	\$ 2,021	\$ 1,716	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	
INSURANCE - AUTO	\$ 4,356	\$ 3,922	\$ 2,961	\$ 950	\$ 3,876	
RADIOS	\$ -	\$ 205	\$ 251	\$ 350	\$ 350	
GARAGE HEAT	\$ 4,841	\$ 5,082	\$ 6,063	\$ 6,000	\$ 7,000	
BUILDING MAINT/REPAIRS	\$ 2,737	\$ 2,497	\$ 5,061	\$ 3,000	\$ 5,000	
TELEPHONE	\$ 629	\$ 668	\$ 566	\$ 700	\$ 700	
ELECTRICITY	\$ 2,078	\$ 466	\$ 1,936	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	
DATA PROCESSING	\$ 1,485	\$ 1,713	\$ 1,942	\$ 1,000	\$ 2,000	
GARAGE LOAN BOND	\$ 18,562	\$ 18,494	\$ 18,427	\$ 18,359	\$ 16,744	
SAND & SALT SHED BOND	\$ 6,108	\$ 5,838	\$ 5,670	\$ 5,431	\$ 5,207	
Total HIGHWAY	\$ 626,794	\$ 582,208	\$ 704,543	\$ 681,488	\$ 739,901	8.6%

**TOWN OF WEST RUTLAND  
BUDGET WORKSHEET**

<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2020</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2021</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2022</b>	<b>BUDGET 2023</b>	<b>PROPOSED 2024</b>	
LABOR	\$ 25,250	\$ 25,250	\$ 24,781	\$ 25,250	\$ 25,250	
OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$ 506	\$ 324	\$ -	\$ 400	\$ 300	
POSTAGE	\$ 87	\$ 126	\$ 57	\$ 100	\$ 100	
DATA PROCESSING	\$ 2,287	\$ 2,400	\$ 1,932	\$ 1,932	\$ 1,932	
TOOLS	\$ 1,343	\$ 10,076	\$ 5,474	\$ 6,500	\$ 6,500	
VEHICLE FUEL	\$ 1,077	\$ 1,021	\$ 1,132	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	
CONSUMABLE SUPPLIES	\$ 209	\$ 188	\$ 255	\$ 300	\$ 300	
PHONE	\$ 2,312	\$ 3,218	\$ 3,011	\$ 3,400	\$ 3,400	
TRAINING	\$ 1,489	\$ 292	\$ 3,291	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	
DUES		\$ 488	\$ 506	\$ 550	\$ 900	
INS PROPERTY & CASUALTY	\$ 4,908	\$ 5,014	\$ 5,008	\$ 5,008	\$ 5,092	
INSURANCE AUTO	\$ 5,927	\$ 6,165	\$ 6,088	\$ 6,088	\$ 6,277	
WORKMAN'S COMP	\$ 3,546	\$ 2,875	\$ 2,938	\$ 2,938	\$ 2,398	
ACCIDENT & SICKNESS	\$ 1,928	\$ 1,908	\$ 1,729	\$ 1,928	\$ 2,819	
BUILDING & GROUNDS MAINT	\$ 7,598	\$ 5,982	\$ 9,350	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000	
UNIFORMS	\$ 802	\$ 347	\$ 1,476	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	
ELECTRIC	\$ 3,377	\$ 464	\$ 2,878	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	
HEATING FUEL	\$ 2,954	\$ 3,564	\$ 3,230	\$ 3,600	\$ 3,600	
CAP. EQUIPMENT SAVINGS	\$ 10,450	\$ 10,450	\$ 10,450	\$ 10,450	\$ 10,450	
COMMUNICATIONS	\$ 4,019	\$ 4,822	\$ 5,778	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	
TRUCK MAINTENANCE	\$ 6,480	\$ 7,745	\$ 3,505	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	
EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	\$ 5,085	\$ 2,968	\$ 4,687	\$ 5,500	\$ 5,500	
PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIP					\$ 9,000	
SNOW REMOVAL	\$ 2,260	\$ 2,260	\$ 2,260	\$ 2,260	\$ 2,260	
MEDICAL SURVEILLANCE	\$ 547	\$ 702	\$ 436	\$ 500	\$ 500	
MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 345	\$ 515	\$ 559	\$ 500	\$ 500	
TRUCK SAVINGS	\$ 35,000	\$ 37,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 45,000	\$ 50,000	
BOND PAYMENT	\$ 71,657	\$ 66,948	\$ 66,554	\$ 64,185	\$ 61,666	
<b>Total FIRE DEPT</b>	<b>\$ 201,443</b>	<b>\$ 203,112</b>	<b>\$ 207,365</b>	<b>\$ 212,889</b>	<b>\$ 225,244</b>	<b>5.8%</b>
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2020</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2021</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2022</b>	<b>BUDGET 2023</b>	<b>PROPOSED 2024</b>	
STREET LIGHTS	\$ 38,777	\$ 36,425	\$ 37,916	\$ 37,000	\$ 38,000	
SOLID WASTE MGT	\$ 1,358	\$ 2,102	\$ 1,871	\$ 1,500	\$ 2,000	
LIBRARY	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 52,500	\$ 55,000	
MEMORIAL DAY	\$ 372	\$ -	\$ 1,325	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,500	
IRA TOWN TAXES	\$ 652	\$ 737	\$ 761	\$ 800	\$ 800	
CHILD ADVOCACY FIRST	\$ 600	\$ 600	\$ 600	\$ 600	\$ 600	
<b>Total MISCELLANEOUS</b>	<b>\$ 91,759</b>	<b>\$ 89,864</b>	<b>\$ 92,473</b>	<b>\$ 94,400</b>	<b>\$ 97,900</b>	<b>3.7%</b>
<b>TOWN HALL</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2020</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2021</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2022</b>	<b>BUDGET 2023</b>	<b>PROPOSED 2024</b>	
MAINTENANCE LABOR	\$ -	\$ 78	\$ 5,434	\$ 5,000	\$ 6,000	
INSPECTIONS - ELEVATOR, ETC.	\$ 2,940	\$ 4,163	\$ 7,713	\$ 4,000	\$ 8,000	
JANITORIAL / ADDTNL LABOR	\$ 5,906	\$ 3,250	\$ 3,248	\$ 6,656	\$ 6,000	
ELECTRIC	\$ 6,337	\$ 707	\$ 5,260	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	
MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 3,973	\$ 2,578	\$ 3,302	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	
FUEL OIL	\$ 7,748	\$ 7,351	\$ 8,726	\$ 8,000	\$ 9,000	
ELECTRICAL IMPROVEMENTS	\$ 7,275	\$ 1,706	\$ 289	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	
IMPROVEMENTS-RESERVE	\$ 10,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	
BOND PAYMENT	\$ 6,109	\$ 5,838	\$ 5,670	\$ 5,431	\$ 5,207	
BOND - RESTROOMS	\$ 45,687	\$ 44,577	\$ 43,376	\$ 42,067	\$ 40,684	
<b>Total TOWN HALL</b>	<b>\$ 95,975</b>	<b>\$ 75,248</b>	<b>\$ 88,018</b>	<b>\$ 86,154</b>	<b>\$ 89,891</b>	<b>4.3%</b>

**TOWN OF WEST RUTLAND  
BUDGET WORKSHEET**

<b>LAW ENFORCEMENT</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2020</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2021</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2022</b>	<b>BUDGET 2023</b>	<b>PROPOSED 2024</b>	
POLICE ANIMAL CONTROL	\$ -					
HUMANE SOCIETY	\$ -	\$ 200	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	
POLICE FORCE - LABOR	\$ 88,478	\$ 96,474	\$ 98,384	\$ 100,402	\$ 104,416	
<b>Total LAW ENFORCEMENT</b>	<b>\$ 88,478</b>	<b>\$ 96,674</b>	<b>\$ 98,884</b>	<b>\$ 100,902</b>	<b>\$ 104,916</b>	<b>4.0%</b>
<b>RECREATION</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2020</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2021</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2022</b>	<b>BUDGET 2023</b>	<b>PROPOSED 2024</b>	
ELECTRIC	\$ 850	\$ 295	\$ 749	\$ 700	\$ 800	
TELEPHONE / WIFI	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 195	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	
LABOR	\$ 4,894	\$ 7,132	\$ 14,028	\$ 17,316	\$ 15,000	
FICA				\$ 1,325	\$ 1,148	
WORKERS COMP / UNEMPLOY	\$ 695	\$ 439	\$ 90	\$ 69	\$ 9	
SUPPLIES / EQUIPMENT	\$ 1,382	\$ 1,961	\$ 3,326	\$ 2,000	\$ 3,000	
BUILDING AND GROUNDS MAINT	\$ 271	\$ 2,569	\$ 5,157	\$ 2,500	\$ 4,000	
PROPERTY & LIABILITY INS.	\$ 428	\$ 455	\$ 404	\$ 135	\$ 906	
HEATING FUEL	\$ 431	\$ 520	\$ 505	\$ 600	\$ 700	
GIRLS SOFTBALL	\$ 387	\$ 3,273	\$ 1,490	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,500	
BOYS BASEBALL	\$ -	\$ 1,541	\$ 765	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,500	
SPONSOR BANNERS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 500	
CONSTRUCTION	\$ 5,000	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ 3,000	
BABE RUTH	\$ 280	\$ 1,587	\$ 92	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,000	
MITEY MITES/T BALL	\$ -	\$ 551	\$ 712	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	
SENIOR MEALS	\$ 2,282	\$ -	\$ 1,828	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	
MISC PROGRAMS	\$ 2,049	\$ 496	\$ 997	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,000	
FIELD MOWING	\$ 4,975	\$ 6,569	\$ 7,117	\$ 6,500	\$ 6,000	
TOWN FOREST MAINTENANCE	\$ -	\$ 270	\$ 470	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	\$ 25,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	
DOG PARK	\$ 412	\$ 175	\$ 122	\$ 500	\$ 500	
<b>Total RECREATION</b>	<b>\$ 49,296</b>	<b>\$ 48,158</b>	<b>\$ 58,047</b>	<b>\$ 70,145</b>	<b>\$ 66,063</b>	<b>-5.8%</b>
<b>COUNTY TAX</b>	<b>14,184</b>	<b>16,463</b>	<b>13,599</b>	<b>17,910</b>	<b>20,365</b>	<b>13.7%</b>
<b>OTHER</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2020</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2021</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2022</b>	<b>BUDGET 2023</b>	<b>PROPOSED 2024</b>	
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	\$ 5,664	\$ 4,321	\$ 5,917	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	
REDEVELOPMENT FUND	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ -	
MARKETING / SPECIAL EVENTS	\$ 2,725	\$ 2,595	\$ 6,517	\$ 5,000	\$ 6,000	
GREEN UP	\$ 25	\$ 801	\$ 1,521	\$ 800	\$ 1,200	
PROPERTY & GIS MAPPING	\$ 1,065	\$ 1,650	\$ 5,975	\$ 4,950	\$ 6,000	
STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS	\$ 7,425	\$ 6,753	\$ 4,374	\$ 5,000	\$ 4,000	
CEMETERY MAINTENANCE	\$ 1,734	\$ 1,777	\$ 1,890	\$ 1,800	\$ 1,500	
RUTLAND REGIONAL AMBULANCE	\$ 9,304	\$ 9,304	\$ 9,304	\$ 9,304	\$ 9,304	
<b>Total OTHER</b>	<b>\$ 37,942</b>	<b>\$ 37,201</b>	<b>\$ 45,498</b>	<b>\$ 41,854</b>	<b>\$ 33,004</b>	<b>-21.1%</b>
<b>BUDGET GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,609,213</b>	<b>\$ 1,578,664</b>	<b>\$ 1,823,172</b>	<b>\$ 1,737,602</b>	<b>\$ 1,847,401</b>	<b>6.3%</b>
					\$ 109,799	

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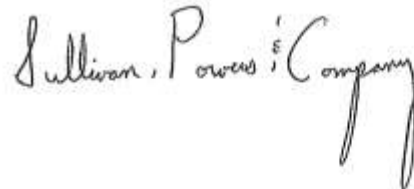
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December 29, 2022

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We have audited the financial statements of the Town of West Rutland, Vermont as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022.

The financial statements and our report thereon are available for public inspection at the Town Manager's Office.

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**DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES**  
**Balances over \$10 as of June 30, 2022**  
**V = Paid as of 1/15/2023**  
**A = Payment Agreement in Effect**

Name		Previous Years	2021-2022
Bassett	Joseph P	\$2,593.23 A	\$2,329.38 A
Belden	Bruce		\$12.39 V
Bills	Dale		\$1,127.70
Brewster	Todd		\$426.32 V
Breznick	Joseph P		\$1,506.98
Brown	Gertrude	\$299.08	\$1,362.39
Bruno	James A & Kathleen		\$696.48 V
Carris	Jessie		\$1,153.37
Carris	Jessie		\$4,522.68
Chadwick	Julie	\$182.86	\$2,538.09
Chandler	Holly		\$1,728.32
Corey Knoll Land			\$2,620.24 V
Curtis	Glen	\$647.98	\$1,410.42
Davis	Jonathan M		\$6,195.36
Davis	Shawn	\$435.98 V	\$1,564.02
Dee-Cliff Farm LTD		\$4,133.26 V	\$2,840.79 V
DePhillips	Robert, Sr.		\$2,534.14 V
Dodds	Jeffrey	\$1,294.21	\$2,740.14
Dziubek	Michael		\$266.91 V
Ellison	Margaret		\$59.95 V
Ellison	Margaret		\$72.22 V
Flynn	Christopher		\$92.49 V
Grandchamp	David		\$1,377.03 V
Grant	Erica	\$930.06 V	\$2,452.44 V
Henry	Michael, Jr.	\$3,840.77 A	\$4,069.77 A
Higgins	Patrick C	\$2,192.37 A	\$4,770.03 A
Hyjek	Helen T	\$4,175.02 V	
Jarrosak	Kevin		\$965.17 A
Krystofik	John		\$1,155.46 V
Lake Sunapee Bank			\$4,143.96 V
Lebo	Sandra		\$3,838.86
Martindale	Frances	\$244.00 V	\$1,781.67 V
McKearin	Lori L		\$2,326.00 V
Michaud	Jeffrey		\$750.59 V
Mills	Connie		\$1,043.64 V
NAYLA, LLC			\$161.29 V
Northeast Hemp Com		\$50.42	\$5,639.28
Pierce	Brian R		\$2,775.01 V
Poczobut	Frances		\$526.47 V

**DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES**  
**Balances over \$10 as of June 30, 2022**  
**v = Paid as of 1/15/2023**  
**A = Payment Agreement in Effect**

Name		Previous Years	2021-2022
Poploski	Michael J	\$2,861.74 A	\$3,396.78 A
Prevendoski	Charles	\$2,912.99 A	\$2,718.27 A
Ray	Mary V		\$874.26 v
Reed	Rebecca L		\$160.56 A
Sawyer	Elizabeth	\$266.80 v	\$2,461.89 v
Sherman	Cecil	\$3,753.05	\$1,383.78
Shull	Richard L	\$2,702.23 A	\$3,021.36 A
Sienicki	Phil		\$1,846.28 v
Smith, Jr.	Richard		\$411.07 v
Souza	Joshua M		\$144.54 v
Therrien	Elizabeth	\$3,425.17 A	\$2,784.45 A
Thornton	Michael	\$3,492.61 v	\$3,209.49 v
Trepanier	Kathleen	\$8,183.45 v	\$3,182.04 v
Viggue	Ronald		\$543.04 v
WCEC Revocable Trust			\$1,099.99
Wing	Bartley J		\$710.76 A
Yarson	Kerianne		\$238.70 v
<b>Totals</b>		<b>\$48,617.28</b>	<b>\$103,764.71</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>\$152,381.99</b>	

**TOWN OF WEST RUTLAND  
BUDGET WORKSHEET**

<b>WATER DEPARTMENT</b>						
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2020</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2021</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2022</b>	<b>BUDGET 2023</b>	<b>PROPOSED 2024</b>	<b>change</b>
SALARIES	53,212	48,885	57,021	65,304	70,386	
ASSISTANT LABOR	108		62	1,000	1,000	
ADMINISTRATIVE REIMBURSEMENT	13,500	18,500	16,000	18,500	18,500	
FICA	4,217	3,587	4,237	4,861	5,385	
OFFICE SUPPLIES	437	698	689	500	500	
DATA PROCESSING	120	2,486	500	2,000	2,000	
ADVERTISING	-	-	-	200	200	
CONTRIBUTIONS & SUBSIDIES	-	-	-	350	350	
HEALTH/ & DENTAL INS	7,744	7,870	9,201	15,857	9,583	
RETIREMENT VMERS	2,861	2,651	3,038	3,669	4,047	
DISABILITY/LIFE INSURANCE	165	154	150	205	164	
PROPERTY & LIABILITY INSURANCE	1,532	1,338	1,211	404	2,795	
WORKERS COMP INS	3,894	3,630	232	78	6,819	
UNEMPLOYMENT INS	10	77	97	85	91	
TESTING & SAMPLING	1,672	2,172	1,447	2,000	2,000	
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES			743		1,000	
PERMITS	5,932	2,983	2,766	5,000	5,000	
POSTAGE	-	-	-	500	800	
Total ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET	95,404	95,031	97,394	120,533	130,620	
<b>WELL &amp; LINE OPERATIONS</b>						
PUMP & WELL SUPPLIES	500	-	-	500	500	
CHLORINE & CHEMICALS	338	270	555	500	600	
PHONE /FIBER	514	541	448	600	1,200	
PAGER SERVICE	300	300	300	500	500	
CONTRACT SERVICES	1,500	1,300	-	2,500	2,500	
WELL/PLANT MAINTENANCE	6,588	1,270	5,516	6,000	6,000	
TANK MAINTENANCE	5,375	-	304	500	500	
METER PURCHASE/REPAIR	2,236	492	3,182	5,000	7,000	
LINE MAINTENANCE	14,507	10,206	33,593	25,000	30,000	
PROPANE-WELL	727	1,150	-	1,000	1,500	
ELECTRIC-WELLS	33,596	4,087	33,400	34,000	35,000	
ELECTRIC-PINE HILL	2,239	603	2,252	2,200	2,400	
PROPANE-PINE HILL	215	235	290	400	400	
PHONE-PINE HILL	514	541	448	550	550	
ELECTRIC-CLARK HILL VALVE VAULT	1,192	522	987	1,000	1,100	
HYDRANT MAINTENANCE	84	36	-	100	100	
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT/RESERVE	25,000	25,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	
VEHICLE INSURANCE	1,082	660	-	321	532	
VEHICLE FUEL	903	624	1,283	800	1,500	
VEHICLE MAINT.	1,273	3,100	121	500	500	
UNIFORMS	512	461	356	660	660	
TRAINING	829	327	291	2,000	1,000	
ENGINEERING	-	1,000	-	2,000	2,000	
PUBLICATION EXPENSE-CCR	-	74	525	200	200	
GENERATOR MAINTENANCE	865	865	865	1,500	1,500	
Total WELL & LINE	100,889	53,664	119,716	123,331	132,742	
BOND PRINCIPLE & INTEREST	187,679	186,998	186,315	197,854	195,691	
Total Water Department	383,972	335,693	403,425	441,718	459,053	3.9%
					17,335	

**TOWN OF WEST RUTLAND  
BUDGET WORKSHEET**

WASTEWATER EXPENSES	ACTUAL 2020	ACTUAL 2021	ACTUAL 2022	BUDGET 2023	PROPOSED 2024	change
SALARIES	91,267	82,780	76,002	95,632	102,834	
HEALTH/DENTAL INSURANCE	18,243	18,728	19,864	28,482	22,361	
DISABILITY/LIFE INSURANCE	387	289	264	205	245	
WORKMAN'S COMP	5,840	5,444	3,627	1,209	10,229	
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE	20	154	194	85	91	
PROPERTY & LIABILITY	5,872	4,460	4,038	1,346	9,448	
F I C A	6,608	5,982	5,399	7,239	7,867	
RETIREMENT (VMERS)	5,060	4,681	4,765	6,388	6,941	
UNIFORMS	961	860	780	1,140	1,140	
ASSIST LABOR	212	-	-	1,000	1,000	
ADMIN REIMBURSEMENT	16,000	21,000	18,500	21,000	21,000	
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES					1,000	
DATA PROCESSING	630	665	4,718	2,000	2,000	
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	55,000	69,645	65,000	65,000	65,000	
VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	2,279	6,533	1,982	2,000	2,000	
VEHICLE INSURANCE	1,320	1,215	963	321	798	
VEHICLE-FUEL	953	1,247	1,747	1,500	1,500	
LAB CHEMICALS	-	434	448	1,200	1,000	
LAB EQUIPMENT	1,557	1,823	1,849	2,000	2,000	
INSTRUMENTATION & CONTROL	4,713	12,032	2,530	10,000	10,000	
SOLID WASTE REMOVAL	1,951	1,701	1,871	2,000	2,000	
LAB TESTING	3,436	3,440	3,730	3,500	7,000	
SODA ASH	1,080	-	1,080	1,500	1,500	
SODIUM ALLUMINATE	9,386	10,477	8,984	11,000	11,000	
UV BULBS	4,042	1,990	-	5,000	-	
TELEPHONE	2,378	2,490	2,098	2,500	2,000	
MODEM PHONE	1,607	1,667	1,439	1,800	1,800	
PAGING SERVICE	311	300	300	600	400	
OFFICE SUPPLIES	823	1,396	1,657	1,200	1,200	
MISCELLANEOUS	1,479	1,357	1,070	1,500	1,500	
TRAINING / EDUCATION	422	497	1,011	2,000	1,000	
PLANT MAINTENANCE	10,216	15,431	7,247	20,000	20,000	
ENGINEERING/PLANNING	-	1,000	-	5,000	5,000	
HEATING FUEL	6,894	8,447	6,763	10,000	10,000	
UV ROOM HEAT	1,435	1,751	1,688	2,000	2,000	
EMERGENCY MAINTENANCE	750	9,564	1,092	5,000	5,000	
LAWN SERVICE	1,337	1,332	1,512	1,500	2,310	
GENERATOR MAINTENANCE	1,895	1,895	28	2,000	2,000	
SEWER LINE MAINTENANCE	11,200	15,059	9,886	15,000	15,000	
SLUDGE MANAGEMENT	39,863	42,575	31,492	40,000	40,000	
ANNUAL OPERATING PERMIT	1,350	2,700	1,350	1,350	1,350	
MANHOLE MAINTENANCE	-	-	784	3,000	3,000	
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>318,777</b>	<b>363,041</b>	<b>298,495</b>	<b>385,197</b>	<b>403,514</b>	
PLANT - ELECTRIC	25,083	4,212	23,888	25,000	25,000	
PUMP STATION MAINTENANCE	7,611	7,127	8,913	10,000	12,000	
ELM STREET	10,921	1,748	16,515	11,000	15,000	
ELM ST FUEL	924	796	618	1,000	1,000	
HARRISON AVENUE	4,776	1,307	4,811	5,000	5,000	
HARRISON AVENUE PROPANE	-	23	224	100	200	
BARNES STREET	871	429	802	1,000	1,000	
BAXTER STREET	1,615	325	9,890	1,700	1,500	
CLARENDON AVENUE	1,774	435	2,014	2,000	2,000	
CLARENDON AVENUE PROPANE	-	-	157	150	150	
MAIN STREET	1,584	371	1,644	1,600	1,700	
THRALL AVENUE	805	295	822	800	900	
ELECTRIC ROUTE 4	269	275	294	400	400	
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>56,233</b>	<b>17,343</b>	<b>70,592</b>	<b>59,750</b>	<b>65,850</b>	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>375,010</b>	<b>380,384</b>	<b>369,087</b>	<b>444,947</b>	<b>469,364</b>	<b>5.5%</b>
<b>BOND PRINCIPLE &amp; INTEREST</b>	<b>127,025</b>	<b>254,051</b>	<b>31,388</b>	<b>127,025</b>	<b>31,388</b>	
<b>Total Wastewater Treatment Dept.</b>	<b>502,035</b>	<b>634,435</b>	<b>400,475</b>	<b>571,972</b>	<b>500,752</b>	<b>-14.2%</b>

**DELINQUENT UTILITIES**

Balances over \$10 as of June 30, 2022

✓ = Paid as of 1/15/2023

A = Payment Agreement in Effect

Anagnos	Sheila	\$707.00 ✓
Aprilliano	John	\$465.53 ✓
Austin	Charles J	\$1,282.73
Bassett	Joseph	\$1,299.97
Biathrow	Howard	\$851.08 ✓
Bills	Dale E	\$428.13
Bissitte	Michael, Jr.	\$399.54
Boynton	Justin	\$615.21
Breznick	Joseph	\$1,068.64
Bruno	James	\$772.90 ✓
Burlett	Daryl	\$557.69
Burlett	Daryl	\$913.25
Cain	William, Jr.	\$1,827.59 ✓
Chadwick	Julie	\$475.23
Chandler	Holly	\$1,641.78
Chandler	Holly	\$3,413.90
Charron	Justin S	\$473.23 ✓
Crowningshield	Kenneth H	\$467.83
Cushman	Steve	\$2,644.02
Davis	Bettina	\$926.62 ✓
Davis	Shawn	\$314.70
Dejong	Sarah D	\$450.94
Delpha	Michelle M	\$259.54 ✓
Dodds	Jeffrey	\$468.03
Doty	Katrina	\$1,407.26 ✓
Dumas	Robert	\$952.95
Duncan	Charles	\$1,669.22
Duncan	Scott	\$214.24 ✓
Duprey	Gregory	\$489.53 ✓
Dusablon	Milan William	\$989.82 ✓
Fales	Chad	\$960.84
Fischer	Lyndsi	\$460.10 ✓
Fitzgerald	Kathy	\$740.76
Fleming	Jeremy	\$934.29 A
Fox	Edward	\$982.94
Gauthier	Lee	\$477.08 ✓ A
Gelbar	Edward	\$813.52 A
Geryk	Robert	\$1,696.74
Graham	Bonnie	\$1,056.50 A
Grandchamp	Betty	\$575.36 ✓
Grandchamp	David	\$436.44

**DELINQUENT UTILITIES**

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Grant	Erica	\$943.34 ✓
Greene	Lauretta	\$1,502.58
Greene	Sandra	\$252.90
Harrison	Rachel	\$451.37 ✓
Henry	Michael, Jr.	\$1,787.55 ✓
Higgins	Patrick C.	\$1,504.18 A
Higgins	Patrick C.	\$3,328.95 A
Holden	William	\$460.06
Howard	Anthony	\$321.71 ✓
Johnson	Dennis D.	\$1,719.64 ✓
Kinsman	Rita	\$688.37
Korey	Elliott	\$249.11 ✓
Korzun	Constance	\$2,730.06
Lafond	Thomas	\$251.33 ✓
Loso	Gary T	\$1,411.70 A
Lynch	Marcia A	\$705.15 A
Maksimovic	Sasa	\$124.39 ✓
Marcoux	Stephen	\$2,343.62
Martindale	Frances	\$1,067.17 ✓
Martucio	Margaret	\$730.19 ✓
McCullough	Roy	\$214.24 ✓
McGee	Sean	\$424.42
Michaud	Jeffrey	\$772.45 ✓
Miller	Sean	\$454.97 A
Mills	Connie	\$897.34 ✓
Miner	Richard	\$1,045.25 A
Mumford	James, Jr.	\$3,065.66 ✓
Patch	Veeda	\$482.04 ✓
Pease	John R. Jr.	\$386.97
Pierce	Brian R	\$468.55 ✓
Poploski	Michael	\$2,390.17 A
Prevendoski	Charles	\$1,097.36 A
Rivers	Michael	\$1,341.46 ✓
Rockwell	Jeffrey	\$615.51
Sawyer	Elizabeth	\$972.16 ✓
Shull	Richard L	\$218.29 ✓
Sienicki	Phil	\$454.25
Smith	Greg	\$438.88 ✓
Sorrentino	John	\$535.76 ✓
Souza	Joshua M	\$456.34 ✓
Sprague	Bethany	\$456.70 ✓

**DELINQUENT UTILITIES**

Balances over \$10 as of June 30, 2022

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Therrien	Elizabeth	\$813.76	A
Thompson	Lori	\$147.63	✓
Thornton	Michael A	\$961.27	A
Torres	Tina	\$727.45	
Trepanier	Leo H., Jr.	\$2,361.18	✓
Turner	Ethan	\$444.64	✓
Viggue, Jr.	Ronald	\$1,000.61	
Walgreen Co.		\$933.68	✓
WCEC Revocable Trust		\$216.46	✓
Welch	Daniel	\$661.71	✓
White	Rici	\$817.87	✓
Wiese	Mariah	\$1,133.64	✓
Wing	Bartley J	\$480.99	A
WRVT001TRUST		\$848.77	✓
WRVT001TRUST		\$461.89	✓
WRVT001TRUST	Stephen	\$2,306.95	✓
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$91,663.31</b>	

# Water & Wastewater Department

Hello everyone. 2022 was a good year for the water and wastewater system. Overall, the town's water system, along with the wastewater system ran well and in compliance with all regulations. The shortage of materials slowed some of the upgrades and changes scheduled for the wastewater system but we are excited that we finally have ship dates on some vital items for upgrades to the Elm Street pump station and the wastewater treatment facility. The wastewater system will be getting a brand-new UV system installed in the coming months and a rebuild of our Elm Street pump station will be taking place this Spring. Some new equipment has already been installed in Elm Street and has already made tremendous improvements! We can't wait to see how well the finished product will perform!! The water system saw a nice improvement this spring with a chlorine analyzer being installed, which give us 24/7 chlorine readings that are much more accurate than the handheld devices we used to have to test daily with. This allows us to dose the chlorine better and more accurately.

We would like to take a bit of your time and point out some things that homeowners and other users of the water and wastewater systems could do to make the systems work better and cost less to operate. One of the best ways to help is to make sure that what goes into the waste stream is free of all fat and grease. The fat and grease can cause many problems from plugging the sewer mains to fouling the operation of the wastewater facility. Also, please be careful what you flush - many of the new flushable towelettes do not break down fast and they can plug pumps and sewer lines. When you use the water, please be sure to only run the tap when you need the water and make sure that any leaks are repaired as soon as possible.

If you hear what sounds like water running and you are not using water, please call us and we will come out and check for a leak in our line. If you see anyone other than us opening any manholes, please call us! And if you live near a fire hydrant, we want to thank you for shoveling the snow and keeping the grass and brush trimmed from around it. Please be sure to run your water on extremely cold nights if you have experienced frozen water in the past.

We take a lot of pride in our work at the treatment plant and providing the town with high quality water. We work 365 days a year testing the water and wastewater to make sure the systems are operating safely and in compliance with State and Federal regulations.

A big THANKS to the town for your support, patience and help you provide us with! We also want to thank Mary Ann and the Board for their continued support. The staff at the town hall are also a great help and we appreciate all the work that they do for us. We also continue to work with and get help from the road crew — thank you!

We are available 24/7 at (802)438-5633

Thank you,

**Seth Pietryka**, Superintendent

**Dave Zawistowski**, Operator



## Highway Department Report

The West Rutland Highway Department is responsible for maintaining approximately 28 miles of roads, 20 of which are paved, as well as the sidewalk network and various Town owned parking lots.

Over the past year we have kept busy with winter maintenance which includes plowing sanding and/or salting highways, sidewalks and parking lots.

As Spring approached, we graded and performed minor repairs to gravel roads and ditches as needed from winter damage.

Paving projects included a final overlay on a section of Pleasant Street which had been ground up and reclaimed last year with a base coat laid over it. A small section was also patched between Thrall and Slason St. Meadow Lane was also milled and repaved with the addition of a berm placed on the North side to direct stormwater flow along the roadway shoulder to catch basins, as opposed to across properties on the lower side. Additional ditching was done as well as replacing and adding a couple driveway culverts and catch basins and cutting shoulders down to allow water to exit the roadway.

Ditch cleaning and repairs from a Spring storm were also performed on Boardman Hill, as well as about 1600 feet of ditching and roadway resurfacing, which included stone lining for erosion control. Two cross culverts were also replaced. Most of this work was completed with funding from the "Grants in Aid" program administered by Vtrans.

In July, it was discovered that the deck on the Whipple Hollow Bridge over the Castleton River had completely failed. Upon inspection, it was determined that the bridge needed to be closed until repairs could be made. By nothing short of a miracle, the bridge reopened around the first of November with a new four section precast concrete deck and abutment caps, and new railings. This work was accomplished utilizing a structures grant from Vtrans which covered the majority of the cost, as well as funds from a bridge reserve fund set aside for this and other bridge repairs in town. Work was performed by Daniels Construction of Ascutney, VT.

Roadside mowing got off to a slow start due to needed equipment repairs which were delayed due to supply chain issues. Thanks to The Town of Pittsford for helping us out.

As Winter approached, we converted over and prepped equipment for winter maintenance, which we are in the middle of as this is being written.

We have seen some personnel changes at the Highway department in the past year with long time member Dave Zawistowski transferring to Water and Wastewater Departments in April to help out there. A new crewmember was hired in July, and he moved on in October. Jacob Crockett joined the crew on January 2<sup>nd</sup>. Sean Barrows moved into the Foreman position on July 1<sup>st</sup> with Frank Woolf stepping aside as he contemplates retirement, date yet to be determined. Thanks to Dave for his many years of service and thanks to Frank assisting and sharing his many years of experience.

We are again looking at a busy year ahead with hopes of increasing our paving considerably to include more preservation treatments, and completing several projects including ditching, gravel resurfacing, and several culvert replacements.

Many thanks to all the other West Rutland staff members, the Select Board, and of course all of our residents for your continued support. Please remember to give us a brake and extra room when you see us in or along the roadway, and again, thank you for your support and patience.

Respectfully,

Sean Barrows; Foreman

Frank Woolf; Crewman

Jacob Crockett; Crewman



Whipple Hollow Road Bridge Project.  
Photo Courtesy of Daniels Construction, project Contractor.



Meadow Lane Project

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT 2022

The Town Clerk's office is full of statistics. Here are a few:

- Recorded 2208 pages in Land Records
- Town Clerk fees were \$27,294.00.
- Restoration Fees and Digitizing Fees totaled \$9,773.00. These fees are for preservation of old records and scanning of new records.

Vital Statistics are as follows:

- 13 Births
- 21 Deaths
- 10 Marriages

We did 236 dog licenses totaling \$3068.00 in fees:

- \$1180.00 was paid to the state for their rabies and neutering program.
- License costs for spayed and neutered dogs are \$18.00. Unspayed/unneutered dog licenses are \$22.00.
- We are excited to be able to hold our Rabies Clinic **Saturday March 18, 2023 10am -12pm**. The Clinic will be at the Town Recreation Center on Fairview Avenue. Look for the signs. Dog licenses will also be available at the clinic.
- Dog Licenses are still due by April 1st. Checks can be mailed or dropped in the drop box at the Town Hall. A current rabies certificate must be on file or included with your payment. Dog Licenses will be available Election Day March 7<sup>th</sup> 10:00-7:00 pm at the polling place.

The Town Clerk's office continues to do vehicle registration renewals.

- This year we processed 44 renewals. These renewals generated \$132.00 in fees.

I would like to extend a thank you to all of the voters, volunteers and BCA members for your participation in our Elections.

The March Election will be held on **March 7, 2023**. Polls will be open 10:00am - 7:00pm. **Ballots will not be mailed for this election.** If you would like to request an absentee ballot contact (802) 438-2204.

Town Clerk's office hours are Monday through Thursday, 9:00am to 3:00pm.  
Call (802) 438-2204

Respectfully submitted,  
Christine Wener  
Town Clerk



## **ZONING ADMINISTRATOR (ZA) REPORT – Fiscal Year 2021 - 2022**

The ZA reviewed 28 zoning permit applications in the past fiscal year; almost the same activity level as the previous year. As is the trend in many towns, the major number of permits were for residential accessory structures. As to commercial activity, the former Bar Harbor Bank was sold to the Regional Ambulance Service, who received a Conditional Use permit to change the use and structure into a four-bay ambulance terminal.

<b>Summary of permits requested:</b>	<b>#Applications</b>
Residential (attached to the residence): additions, decks, porches	3
Accessory (detached) Structures: garages, sheds, pools, fences	17
New Single Family Residences (stick-built, modular, panel, log, mobile homes)	1
Commercial Projects, Changes of Use, Home Occupations	5
Demolitions (Note that a VT Asbestos Certification may also be required)	1
Miscellaneous (“No Permit Required” determination; amended permit)	0
Signs (business)	0
Subdivisions, Boundary Line Adjustments	0
Barns, Agricultural Structures (to qualified farmers)	0
Denied, incomplete, or withdrawn Applications	1
<b>Total # Applications:</b>	<b>28</b>

The **PLANNING COMMISSION (PC)** continued to work towards completion of its effort to update the Zoning Regulations to address new uses, clarify rules, and incorporate Flood Hazard regulations. FYI, these were approved in December, and are now in effect. *Sample improvements:* Sheds 120 sq. ft. or less in floor area can receive a “No Permit Required” determination from the ZA, and the minimum setback to boundaries are now only three feet. Food trucks/trailers are allowed with a Town approved Vendors license.

After a decade of service, Denis Lincoln is leaving the PC, and the **PLANNING COMMISSION now NEEDS Two ADDITIONAL MEMBERS!** Join current commissioners Leona Minard, Stan Brzoza and Sean Barrows in continued improvements to the rules and Town Plan! Requirements are a desire to contribute to the future of your Community, common sense, and approximately three hours per month. A stipend and training is offered. If interested, please contact the Town Manager or this Zoning Administrator for more information.

The **PC** holds regular Public Meetings at Town Office on the first Wednesday of every month, starting at 6:30 pm. The Public may also participate by phone or Zoom video conferencing (Please notify the ZA one week in advance of your interest in *remote attendance*). Agendas, meeting minutes and remote Log-On instructions are posted in the Post Office, Town Office, and on the Town’s website ([www.WestRutlandVT.org](http://www.WestRutlandVT.org)).

F.Y.I, the Town Plan, Zoning and Subdivision Regulations, and application forms are available on the Town website. When considering a project, please **check with the ZA** (not the contractor, salesperson, or neighbor) on if a permit is required, and weeks in advance of any work startup. I am *usually* available to assist you on completing an application on Mondays or on Thursday mornings. Contact me at [zoning@westrutlandvt.org](mailto:zoning@westrutlandvt.org) or 438-2204 ext. 16 for additional Information.

*“The Right Information, at the Right Time, is 9/10ths of any Battle.”* **Jeffrey Biasuzzi, Z.A.**

## **West Rutland Development Review Board**

### **Report for 2022**

Our board consists of Deb Higgins, Denis Lincoln, Jonathan Wallace, Anthony Ponto (Vice Chair), and Michael Moser (Board Chair).

The Board works with Jeffrey Biasuzzi, the West Rutland Zoning Administrator, when cases for consideration are brought before the Board.

I'd like to thank the Board Members for their dedication of time and thoughtful attention to each case with which we were presented. Our goal is to examine each case brought before us by the Zoning Administrator, and to use as a "yardstick" the regulations with which we are provided to ensure that a fair ruling can be equally applied.

Our challenge and desire is to provide equal judgment as we serve the citizens of West Rutland, Vermont.

Our meetings are open to the public on the third Wednesday of the month, as needed, and are held in the Conference Room of the West Rutland Town Hall at 7:00 pm.

If you have any questions concerning the Development Review Board, you can contact the Zoning Administrator, Jeffrey Biasuzzi at 438-2204 Ext. 16.

We look forward to continuing our service to the community and the cases brought before the Board in 2023.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Michael Moser* – Chairman

West Rutland Development Review Board



## **West Rutland Board of Listers Annual Report 2022**

The Board of Listers are charged with determining the assessed value of property in West Rutland and setting the Grand List for each tax year. The Select Board uses the total value of the Grand List to set the tax rate based on budgets that the Town voters have passed, which provides town services. Please keep in mind that the State of Vermont determines the final rate property owners will pay for the educational portion of your tax bill.

Here are some statistics from our Grand List: In 2022, we had 653 homesteads; compared to 645 in 2021, 643 in 2020 and 657 in 2019. The number of homesteads has remained fairly constant over the past 5 years. Out of 1004 total taxable parcels, this equates to 65% of our parcels occupied by full-time residents of the town.

In 2022, the Listers heard 4 Lister Grievances. No parcels went on to appeal before the Board of Civil Authority. In 2022, we settled Superior Court appeals from prior years.

On an annual basis, the State of Vermont Property Valuation & Review (PVR) conducts a Sales Study in each town and uses that study to calculate a CLA, or Common Level of Assessment, and COD, or Coefficient of Dispersion. The CLA is a driver of the education tax rates for the following tax year. For 2022 the CLA has been determined to be 87.23% and the COD is 16.30%, compared to the 2021 CLA of 100.38% and COD of 9.61%, and compared to the 2020 CLA of 105.64% and COD of 3.75%. The CLA is the average ratio of list price to sale price, using valid sales over the last three years. For more information about the sales cited in this study and the calculations you can visit the PVR website at the following link:

<https://tax.vermont.gov/municipalities/reports/equalization-study>

A CLA over 100% results in a decrease in the tax rate and a CLA less than 100% results in a higher tax rate. This is designed to make the statewide base rates more equitable by applying a decrease in the tax rate to towns over 100% and applying an increase in the tax rate to towns under 100%. The COD is a measure of the dispersion of the range of sales ratios for valid sales in the study and is intended to measure uniformity or equity of assessments. The higher the COD the less uniform assessments become.

The Listers will be conducting property inspections for any properties for which there have been any building permits or other known changes to the property since last April 2022. This includes re-valuing any properties listed as a percentage of completion last year. Taxpayers whose property has been revalued will receive a change of assessment notice in the mail in June of 2022. This notice will show previous and current assessed value, including homestead and housesite values. This notice will also indicate the dates of Listers Grievances to be held and the process for submitting a grievance if the taxpayer chooses to do so.

The Listers hold office hours on Tuesday mornings and by appointment. You can also contact the Listers office at 438-2263 or e-mail [listers@westrutlandvt.org](mailto:listers@westrutlandvt.org).

West Rutland parcel mapping is now on GIS and online and available to the public. In addition to viewing the parcels, and applying various overlays to the map, you can also access a copy of your full property record card (aka "Lister Card") from the GIS mapping. The mapping can be accessed at the following link:

[https://www.axisgis.com/West\\_RutlandVT/](https://www.axisgis.com/West_RutlandVT/)

Be sure to file your Homestead Declaration by April 15 and complete the Property Tax Adjustment Form at the same time. This avoids having to pay late fees.

## FRIENDS OF THE WEST RUTLAND TOWN HALL

PO Box 591  
West Rutland, Vermont 05777

Balance July 1, 2021               \$     370.57

### Receipts

Friendship Tree           \$     687.00

Donations                 \$     749.75

**Total Receipts           \$    1436.75**

### Expenses

General Fund             \$     134.00

Friendship Tree           \$     460.60

**Total Expenses \$     594.60**

Balance June 30, 2022           \$    1212.72

### Current Assets (Dec. 31, 2022)

Checking Account       \$    1577.60

Heritage Fam. Svgs.     \$    1030.95

Heritage Fam. MM       \$  11,282.84

**Total Assets             \$  13,891.39**

As the pandemic has eased, the Town Hall is in use again, with monthly senior lunches and other events.

If anyone would like more information about the Friends of the Town Hall, please call the town office at 438-2263.

# CARROL B. AND HARRIET ROSS MEMORIAL FUND

This fund was established by the late Donald Ross in memory of his parents.

The purpose of the fund is to assist “the residents of the Town of West Rutland who have encountered unexpected misfortunes by reason of sickness, accident or financial distress beyond the relief furnished by governmental agencies, as determined by a Committee of all the clergy in the Town of West Rutland.”

In 2022 the fund distributed \$47,385 to three institutions which serve West Rutland residents.

All requests for help are treated with confidentiality. If any West Rutland resident requires assistance and meets the conditions set in the trust please do not hesitate to contact:

**Bill Harvey**

**802-438-5771, 802-236-4194, or**

**[wfharvey972@gmail.com](mailto:wfharvey972@gmail.com)**

# WEST RUTLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

P.O. Box 385 35 Marble Street West Rutland, VT. 05777

Peter Kulig - President \* Mary Reczek - Vice-President

Barbara Trepanier - Treasurer \* Jean Heleba - Secretary

Chris Mathewson - Trustee \* Ceil Scott - Trustee

Margie Salengo - Trustee \* Beth Moser - Trustee

Kitty Furman - Trustee

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Part of the mission of the West Rutland Historical Society is to collect and archive not just items such as books, photographs and other memorabilia associated with West Rutland's history but also to preserve the stories about living and working here, about going to school, about growing up in town and remembering how past generations did so as well.

This year members of the Historical Society helped preserve some of these stories. In our collections, we have several recordings of town citizens recalling their time living and working in town. These interviews were recorded several years ago but some were on audiocassette and others on video cassettes that made it difficult to readily access them in a digital format. Now we have them all saved in an updated digital format so they are available to anyone interested in accessing them.

This summer we were delighted to work with the Town of West Rutland and the West Rutland Library to conduct the first annual Town Scavenger Hunt. Participants had to locate and complete a list of the places and things they found around town. This summer long scavenger hunt was open to anyone who wanted to find out more about W. Rutland history and earn a gift certificate once they completed the list.

In addition, on June 25, 2022, members of the Historical Society in cooperation with the staff of the Carving Studio and Sculpture Center conducted an open house at the studio center that was open to all W. Rutland students and their families. They were able to participate in a guided tour of the Center's museum buildings and displays led by sculptor Samantha Newman. In the afternoon resident artist, Evan Morse demonstrated the techniques he employs to create his sculptures.

This year the Historical Society was pleased to announce the sponsorship of a scholarship to a student who could choose to work on this year's Stone Bench Project or attend a weekend class at the Carving Studio and Sculpture Center working in one of the artistic mediums of their choice.

At our meeting on Sunday September 18, 2022, Professor Paul Searls of Northern Vermont University presented his lecture on Vermont's Debate New Route 7 - (1950-1990). The topic considered the classic debate of progress and development versus history and tradition. This program covered the varied issues associated with the State of Vermont's plans to upgrade this important highway in southern Vermont.

We would like to invite anyone interested in any of these topics to join the West Rutland Historical Society. We are a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization.

Annual membership dues in the Historical Society are: Individual-\$15.00; Family-\$30.00; Youth (under18) \$5.00; Institutional-\$25.00; Sustaining-\$50.00.

Payment may be mailed to West Rutland Historical Society

**P.O. Box 385  
West Rutland, VT. 05777**

Please include Name, Address, Phone number and Email address.

Or contact us at [history@westrutlandvt.org](mailto:history@westrutlandvt.org)

Or look for us on Facebook: @West Rutland Historical Society

Respectfully submitted by,

Pete

Peter Kulig, President  
West Rutland Historical Society

## WEST RUTLAND FREE LIBRARY

West Rutland Free Library has continued to provide our community with a place to borrow books and DVDs, Passes, and Inter Library Loans, a quiet place to read and work. Last year we offered help with computer use, research, resumes, job searches & applications, copies, and a room for tutoring.

2022 found the library getting back in the groove of being open full time and serving our community. Our patrons have a choice from thousands of books, DVDs, and other materials. Borrowing through Inter Library Loan is always available as is curbside pickup. The library also loans Snowshoes (adult & child), havahart traps, and a metal detector and is open to suggestions for our new Library of Things. Passes for free or reduced admission to Echo Aquarium, Shelburne Museum, Wonderfeet Museum, Southern Vermont Natural History Museum, VINS, Vermont Historical Sites, Vermont History Museum & Vermont History Center, and Vermont State Parks are available.

The library serves over 1000 cardholders (there's always room for more) and offers a count of over 13,000 books and videos to choose from. We have been building the Children's and Young Adult sections including Series books, Jr. Fiction, and Graphic Novels. We also add to our new Adult book section weekly.

Children's programs have also grown with Craft Club, Lego Club, and Storytime.

Last year we received a grant to purchase new computers which are greatly appreciated.

Submitted by

***Rene Cressy***

Director

**Hours:**      **Monday-Wednesday-Friday: 1:30-5:00**  
                     **Tuesday & Thursday: 9:30-5:00**  
                     **Saturday: 9:30-12:30**



## West Rutland Free Library

### 2023 Budget versus 2022 Budget

| INCOME                             | 2023      | 2022       |
|------------------------------------|-----------|------------|
| Town of West Rutland               | 55,000.00 | 50,000.00  |
| Proctor Trust                      | 17,200.00 | 16,075.00  |
| Miscellaneous                      | 14,130.00 | 8,500.00   |
| Total                              | 86,330.00 | 74,575.00  |
| EXPENSES                           |           |            |
| Donations (for patron passes)      | 500.00    | 500.00     |
| Green Mountain Library Consortium  | 460.00    | 400.00     |
| Insurance                          | 3,400.00  | 3,400.00   |
| Job Supplies                       | 450.00    | 450.00     |
| Magazines                          | 100.00    | 200.00     |
| Legal & Accounting                 | 1,800.00  | 0          |
| Office Supplies & Software         | 900.00    | 850.00     |
| Other Business Expenses            | 1,500.00  | 2,250.00   |
| Payroll Expenses                   | 10,750.00 | 9,300.00   |
| Purchases (Books, DVDs, Magazines) | 8,000.00  | 8,000.00   |
| Repairs and Maintenance            | 3,600.00  | 3,600.00   |
| Salaries & Wages                   | 43,000.00 | 38,600.00  |
| Shipping, Freight & Delivery       | 1,300.00  | 900.00     |
| Taxes & Licenses                   | 20.00     | 20.00      |
| Telephone & Internet               | 1,300.00  | 985.00     |
| Travel                             | 300.00    | 300.00     |
| Utilities (including heat and a/c) | 9,000.00  | 8,000.00   |
| Total                              | 86,330.00 | 77,755.00  |
| Net Operating Income (Loss)        | (0.00)    | (3,180.00) |



# West Rutland Fire Department

P.O. Box 206

West Rutland, VT 05777

## 2022 – 2023 Annual Report of the Fire Chief

It is my honor to provide this Annual Report to the residents of the Town of West Rutland. The West Rutland Fire Department continued to provide high-quality emergency services to our residents and visitors, answering 72 emergency calls throughout the past year.

We know firsthand that smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors provide the best protection for your family to escape a fire or carbon monoxide situation in the home. Again, this year, we held a smoke and carbon monoxide detector giveaway program, which was grant funded through a state fire safety program. We set up a booth at the West Rutland Block Party and our firefighters distributed 124 smoke detectors and 22 carbon monoxide detectors to protect 25 homes.

During Fire Prevention Week, we provided fire prevention safety education to West Rutland School's kindergarten through third grade classes. Approximately 100 students participated in this program where they enjoyed a field trip to the fire station and learned important fire safety lessons. Each student received fire prevention educational materials for them to review in the classroom and at home with their families. We continue to encourage all families to discuss fire safety at home.

We have signed a contract and ordered a new rescue pumper to replace Engine 3, which is a mini-pumper. The new truck will be capable of both fire and rescue responses and will provide more space for carrying rescue equipment and personnel than our current truck does. We anticipate delivery of this new truck in January 2024.

This year we recognized Assistant Chief Tom Lacz and Firefighter Chris Jakubiak for 35 years of service. We thank Scott FitzGerald, who retired from the department with 20 years of service. Our department is currently served by 18 very dedicated members who spend hundreds of hours each year responding to emergency calls, training, performing equipment and building maintenance, and performing public education. I would like to thank our firefighters and their families for their selfless dedication to our community.

The West Rutland Fire Department is seeking new members. If you are a West Rutland resident who is interested in serving your community as a firefighter, please contact the Fire Chief. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age, have a willingness to serve their community, be a citizen in good standing, and have the physical ability to perform the duties of a firefighter. No experience is necessary, and we will provide all the training and equipment needed to get you started.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael Skaza".

Michael Skaza  
Fire Chief

### Current Firefighter Roster

| Name                       | Year of Service | Name                          | Years of Service |
|----------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|------------------|
| Steve Czachor, Fire Warden | 44              | Andrew FitzGerald, Lieutenant | 8                |
| Tom Lacz, Assistant Chief  | 35              | Dillon Notte                  | 6                |
| Chris Jakubiak             | 35              | David Joslin                  | 4                |
| Pete Guay                  | 31              | William Grabowski             | 3                |
| Jeff Lacz                  | 29              | Brandon Groh                  | 3                |
| Michael Skaza, Chief       | 29              | Dave Jeffers                  | 2                |
| Lori Lyons, Clerk          | 26              | Sam Grandchamp                | 1                |
| Rod Kenyon                 | 18              | Austin May                    | 1                |
| Jeff Wos, Captain          | 17              | Stephen Marcoux               | 0.5              |

### 2022 Emergency Call Volume

|                                                             |    |                                     |   |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|----|-------------------------------------|---|
| Motor Vehicle Crash                                         | 24 | Carbon Monoxide Detector Activation | 4 |
| Mutual Aid Given                                            | 9  | Hazardous Material Spill/Leak       | 2 |
| Fire Alarm / Smoke Detector Activation                      | 8  | Electrical Wires Down               | 2 |
| Assist EMS, Medical Call                                    | 5  | Water Emergency                     | 2 |
| Motor Vehicle Fire                                          | 5  | Assist Law Enforcement              | 2 |
| Smoke / Odor Investigation                                  | 4  | Animal Rescue                       | 1 |
| Outdoor Fire (swamp, grass, brush, and unpermitted burning) | 4  |                                     |   |

#### ***Smoke and carbon monoxide detectors save lives!***

Make sure that you have working smoke detectors near your bedrooms and on every level of the home. You should have at least one carbon monoxide detector near your bedrooms. Test them monthly and change the batteries twice a year.

#### ***Outdoor Burning Regulations***

Burn permits are required for outside burning within the Town of West Rutland and can be obtained by calling Forest Fire Warden Steve Czachor at 438-2840. Permits can only be issued for the burning of natural products when conditions are safe and burning will not create a nuisance. All outside burning must comply with Town Ordinance.

# WEST RUTLAND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

## 2022 REPORT

To the residents of West Rutland, Hello from the Rec department. I'm pleased to report that the "recreation" part of the department as well as the "grounds maintenance" had a good year and seems to be moving in a direction that you, the residents, seem to appreciate and approve of.

I have recently ended my first full year as Rec director and I'm excited about the future of the Rec program. With that being said, keep in mind that progress and programs take time, money and volunteers to succeed. I'm the Rec director by name but it's all of you that make the Rec department succeed. I ask again this year, as I did last year, please consider volunteering and helping in any way you can. Thank You in advance.

This past year the Rec had many successes including basketball, little league, T-ball, mighty mites, softball, fishing derby, corn hole, horseshoes, pickleball and more. We also had Rusty Dewees bring his show and talents to the Rec for a show this past September. Tentatively he is scheduled to be at the Town Hall, February 18th for another performance.

I am very pleased with the indoor and outdoor Pickleball, as the game was enthusiastically received and many participated. We were also able to complete three (3) boardwalks across small streams and rivers. I've received great reviews regarding the boardwalks and the new walking trail that runs along the Clarendon River from the Rec past the soccer field until it meets the bridge that leads to the current trail. Trees have been cleared of undergrowth and weeds along the trail that now offers a beautiful walking experience. We have also widened the trail across the meadow between the two current bridges to allow access to the trail through the woods easier and more enjoyable.

The grounds at, and around, the Rec area have been trimmed of brush to allow better viewing of the Clarendon River. So much has been accomplished but there is so much more to do to make the Rec area as fine as any in the area. It appears that a potential skateboard park will not happen this year. The discussion of a Pavilion at the Rec continues and I believe it is a project that could be realized in the future. A putting green is scheduled to be installed in April or May of this year for you golfers and anyone that wants to try their putting skills.

Lastly, the dog park continues to grow with more and more people and their dogs from all over the county and beyond enjoying the park, which is one of the nicest anywhere. So again, I ask any and all of you reading this report to reach out and help or volunteer. Who knows, you may find it fun and rewarding!

I will not end without Thanking everyone in the town that have made my job a pleasure and much easier including the Select Board, Town Manager Mary Ann Goulette, Town Clerk, Treasurer, Listers, Highway Department, Water Department, Zoning Officer, Bookkeepers, Event Planner (Melissa and Stan, I couldn't do it without you), a special thanks to Carl Serrani and Joe Harrington for their continued support and help, and all of you residents who have stepped up to volunteer and help including coaches, umpires, and many more. I welcome any and all ideas or input you have, as the Rec department is for everyone to enjoy.

Steve Pietryka

*Steve*

Recreation Director, Town of West Rutland



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

The Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, owned by its member municipalities, with a mission to serve and strengthen Vermont local government. It is directed by a 13-member Board of Directors elected by the membership and comprising municipal officials from across the state.

**Member Benefits** - All 247 Vermont cities and towns are members of VLCT, as are 142 other municipal entities that include villages, solid waste districts, regional planning commissions, and fire districts. Members have exclusive access to a wide range of specialized benefits, expertise, and services, including:

- **Legal and technical assistance**, including prompt responses to member questions that often involve how to comply with state and federal requirements. During the past year, staff responded to thousands of member questions and published guidance, templates, research reports, and FAQs. In 2022, VLCT began offering additional government finance training and consulting services and launched the new Federal Funding Assistance Program (FFAP). FFAP offers communities advice on complying with federal rules surrounding pandemic funding, provides direction and insight on accessing billions of dollars in federal infrastructure funding, and provides input to state leaders on designing and implementing grant programs for municipalities.
- **Trainings and timely communications on topics of specific concern to officials** who carry out their duties required by state law. The League provided training via webinars, onsite classes, and during the hallmark annual event, Town Fair, the largest gathering of municipal officials in the state. VLCT's Equity Committee also published an online equity toolkit that assists municipalities in centering the work of justice, diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging in their decision making, policies, practices, and programs.
- **Representation before the state legislature, state agencies, and the federal government**, ensuring that municipal voices are heard collectively and as a single, united voice. VLCT's recent legislative efforts have helped provide cities and towns additional resources to respond to the pandemic, address road and bridge repair, tackle cybersecurity, improve housing and economic growth, promote renewable energy, provide emergency medical services, address equity and inclusion, and ensure the quality of our drinking water. Specific success in 2022 includes securing \$45 million in funding to help municipalities make energy improvements in their buildings, securing \$250,000 for VLCT's Federal Funding Assistance Program, increasing Municipal Planning Grants to \$870,000, securing \$250,000 for the Vermont Office of Racial Equity to launch the Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Action, Leadership Program, and increasing municipal authorities in statute. Members are also represented at the federal level to Vermont's Congressional delegation and through our partner, the National League of Cities.
- **Access to insurance programs**. The Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund (PACIF) provides comprehensive and cost-effective property, liability, and workers' compensation insurance coverage, programs, and services that protect the assets of your community. The VLCT Unemployment Insurance Trust provides unemployment insurance at stable pricing. VLCT also provides members with the option to purchase life, disability, dental, and vision insurance products at a competitive price. All the programs offer coverage and products that members need and ask for, help Vermont municipalities stretch their budgets, and are *only* available to VLCT members.

Members are welcome to contact VLCT anytime to ask questions and to access resources to help them carry out the important work of local government. **To learn more about the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, visit [vlct.org](https://vlct.org).** Recent audited financial statements are available at [vlct.org/AuditReports](https://vlct.org/AuditReports).

# Rutland County Sheriff's Department

Town of West Rutland Sheriff's report

Thus far in the contract Rutland County Sheriff's have responded to 185 incidents had 17 criminal arrests, performed 187 traffic stops issued 123 tickets and 77 warnings in the town of West Rutland.

Deputies have developed a positive relationship with the board as well as the citizens of West Rutland. I want to thank the citizens of West Rutland for their positive feedback and support for the Sheriff's patrols, we hope to continue serving the citizens of West Rutland for many years to come.

Respectfully submitted

Sheriff

David J. Fox



39<sup>th</sup>  
**ANNUAL REPORT**  
(Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022)  
39 Years of Service 1983 - 2022

To the Honorable Citizens of West Rutland:

We are pleased to present our 39<sup>th</sup> annual report to the Citizens we serve. Regional Ambulance Service, Inc. has continually provided emergency and non-emergency ambulance service for thirty-nine years. From 1983 to the end of the fiscal year, Regional has responded to 250,700 ambulance calls. This past year, ending June 30, 2022, the service responded to a total of 10,609 ambulance calls in our 12 communities and an additional 101 "Medic One" paramedic intercept calls. We are proud of our accomplishments and look forward to continuing to serve the public.

This past year, COVID-19 continued to play a role in the activities at R.A.S. The safety of our patients and staff remains our number one priority. We diligently follow CDC and State Guidelines. We assure you that we are doing everything we can to promote a safe and secure environment for your safety. We are grateful for our dedicated employees. The R.A.S. staff have been and will be there to meet the community needs during these difficult times. This includes treatment, transport and COVID vaccination and testing.

We thank everyone from the communities we serve, our co-workers, our fellow emergency service workers and everyone in the community who have been so gracious with their support, kindness and generosity.

With the continued support of the citizens, our employees, and community governing bodies, we have successfully level funded or lowered the assessment rate for the past 38 years. Since 1990 the assessment rate has been decreased by 36%. Our current assessment rate is \$4 per capita and remains unchanged for the next fiscal year. The public support of our Membership program, direct donations, memorials and estate gifts have been vital to our continued success. Thank you.

Our motto, "Serving People First with Pride, Proficiency and Professionalism" is demonstrated by our employees' commitment to continuing EMS training. Each year our employees have specialized training in Critical Care Paramedicine, Best Practices in Decontamination/Disinfectant, ALS, BLS, Prehospital Advanced Trauma and Medical Life Support, Pediatric Advanced Life Support, Emergency Vehicle Operations, Bloodborne Pathogens and a variety of continuing education programs. Our professional staff is extremely capable and dedicated.

Monthly C.P.R. classes are taught at Regional Ambulance. Last year, through the R.A.S. American Heart Association Training Center, 1,795 people were trained in C.P.R. Tours, lectures, demonstrations and C.P.R. classes are available for the general public. Child Car Seat inspections are Wednesdays at the Regional Ambulance building by appointment. We completed 84 child car seat inspections this past year.

The public is encouraged to visit and talk to our employees at our Stratton Road facility. Please feel free to contact Jim Finger, Chief Executive Administrator, or your Representative, if you have any questions concerning the service.

We are proud of our accomplishments and look forward to serving you in the future. The Board of Directors, Administration and employees of Regional Ambulance Service Inc. will continue working to provide the highest quality of emergency ambulance care at the lowest possible cost to all of the citizens we serve.

Sincerely, Paul Kulig, President  
R.A.S. Board of Directors



## RSVP & The Volunteer Center



Community Care Network  
Rutland Community Programs

thriving community, empowered lives.

**2023 REQUEST FOR TOWN FUNDING & Yearly Report for FY22**  
**TOWN OF: WEST RUTLAND • AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$400.00**

### Brief Description of RSVP & The Volunteer Center

RSVP & The Volunteer Center is a volunteer program for people of all ages who want to meet community needs through volunteer service. RSVP/VC considers volunteering to be a key solution in responding to Rutland County's most pressing challenges. Needs are met in critical areas such as human services, elder care, health care, education, literacy, and the arts. RSVP/VC involves individuals in service that matches their personal interests and makes use of their varied life and professional experiences. RSVP/VC enables people to contribute to their communities while enjoying the personally satisfying and rewarding experience that community engagement offers.

RSVP also offers several free "Signature Programs" that benefit residents. These include RSVP Bone Builders, an osteoporosis prevention program which provides free strength and balance exercise classes offered twice per week at many locations in Rutland County; RSVP Rutland Reads a children's literacy and mentoring program; RSVP Veterans Connections Program, a program designed to reduce social isolation in veterans; and RSVP Operation Dolls & More, which distributes over 15,000 new and restored items to children. Last year approximately 30,552 items were distributed through RSVP Operation Dolls & More to 38 partner agencies and an estimated 1,800 children. We also partner with AARP to provide free income tax return services to low-income residents of Rutland County. Locally, RSVP/VC is the largest program of coordinated volunteer services serving the people of Rutland County with 607 volunteers. From July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022, RSVP/VC volunteers provided 101,761 hours of community service. The cost benefit to the communities of Rutland County in terms of cost of services provided equals \$3,047,741.

### Services Provided to West Rutland Residents

In FY'22, West Rutland residents took advantage of RSVP programs such as free income tax return preparation, and our free Bone Builders classes. West Rutland RSVP volunteers donated their services to the following non-profit organizations: Community Cupboard, Bridges & Beyond, Pittsford Food Shelf, Rutland Regional Medical Center, the Chaffee, Ira Go Getters, Congregate Meals West Rutland Town Hall, RSVP Bone Builders, AARP Tax Program and RSVP Operation Dolls & More.

The monies we are requesting this year will be used to help continue to defray the financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on our organization along with the cost of providing volunteer placement, support, transportation, and recognition. With your help, RSVP & The Volunteer Center will continue to respond to the increasing needs of our local communities.

On behalf of RSVP & The Volunteer Center and our non-profit partners, we would like to thank the residents of West Rutland for their continued support of RSVP. If you have any questions or would like to learn more about our programs, please feel free to call us at 775-8220.

Sincerely,

Maryesa White  
RSVP Director

6 Court St. | Rutland, VT 05701 | Office: 802-775-8220 | Fax: 802-775-8221

Website: [volunteersinvt.org](http://volunteersinvt.org) | Email: [rsvpfpp@gmail.com](mailto:rsvpfpp@gmail.com)

## **Town of West Rutland**

To the Officers and Citizens of West Rutland:

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

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

Last year VNAHSR's dedicated staff made more than 116,571 to 3,900 patients. *In the West Rutland, we provided 3,015 visits to 90 individuals.*

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

Sincerely,



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



Dan DiBattista, President  
Board of Directors



## Community Care Network Rutland Mental Health Services

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

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

During fiscal year 2022, Rutland Mental Health Services provided 4,153 hours of services to 85 West Rutland residents. We value our partnership with the Town of West Rutland in providing these much needed services and thank you for your continued support.

*Dick Courcelle*

Chief Executive Officer  
Rutland Mental Health Services, Inc.



16 Evelyn Street, Suite 101 / Rutland, VT 05701 / Phone 775-0617

**Rutland County Vermont Adult Learning Annual Report  
Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2022**

Vermont Adult Learning (VAL), is a non-profit, seven-county organization providing individuals 16 years of age and older confidential education and literacy services with no cost to students. We provide basic instruction in reading, writing, math and technology. Vermont residents can access our services and earn a high school diploma from their town of residence, or a GED. We also offer citizenship classes for individuals wishing to become an American citizen as well as instruction in ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages). We are the only official GED testing site in Rutland County.

Our flexible pathways provide students with the opportunity to obtain a high school diploma with many options and resources including dual enrollment at local colleges, technical classes at Stafford Tech, online classes, internships and other creative options.

During this past year, Vermont Adult Learning started EnergyWorks, a workforce training program for jobs in the weatherization, solar panel installation, and heat pump installation fields. Participants partake of technical training, job readiness training and coaching, and job shadowing opportunities. If you like working with your hands and want to get started in a growing field, this could be for you.

Vermont Adult Learning served 1073 students statewide in fiscal year 2022. 144 students were served in our Rutland Center where we provided approximately 5193 hours of education. We provided 144 hours of instructional service to 4 students from West Rutland, including 1 student between the ages of 16-21.

Classes are five days a week, Monday – Friday, with evening classes available. VAL staff have successfully adapted our classes to an online format following the COVID19 pandemic. This has lessened the transportation barriers many of our students faced but increased the need for technology supports. In response, we have been able to supply our students with Chromebooks so they may remain engaged in their educational pursuits.

We greatly appreciate the continued support of the voters of West Rutland.

**Contact: Chris Ettori, Regional Director**  
**Email: [cettori@vtadultlearning.org](mailto:cettori@vtadultlearning.org)**  
**Or call 775-0617 ext. 5011**



December 5, 2022

To the Citizens of the Town of West Rutland,

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

Over the past year, BROC Community Action assisted **215** residents of the Town of West Rutland. Whether they need food at the BROC Community Food Shelf, senior commodities, housing counseling, homelessness assistance, weatherization, heating and utility assistance, forms assistance for benefits such as 3SqVT, budget and credit counseling and resources and referrals; we are here.

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

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

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

Sincerely,

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

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



# ARC

## Advocacy \* Resources \* Community

Serving Citizens with Developmental Disabilities and their Families



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### ANNUAL REPORT 2021-2022

**Mission Statement:** To advocate for the right of individuals with developmental disabilities and their families to be regarded as valued citizens with the same entitlements as non-disabled individuals, including the right to lifelong opportunities for personal growth and full participation in the community.

#### PROGRAMS:

**Representative Payee Program:** ARC serves 52 individuals with DD/IDs by managing each client's individual SS/income and processing payments of their financial obligations on a monthly basis; as well as providing budgeting, completing paperwork pertaining to each client's SS/SSI reviews and coordinating with each client's support team. We currently have a waiting list for this program.

**Self-Advocates (SABE-R) and AKtion Club:** ARC facilitated meetings for both the Self Advocates Becoming Empowered- Rutland (SABE-R) and the AKtion club, a member of the Kiwanis Family SABE-R sets group and individual goals while practicing advocacy and communication skills to become leaders and teachers. The AKtion Club is a community service club that holds fundraisers and donates the proceeds to causes of their choosing. With support from the Rutland County Sheriff's Dept., the club held a car wash to raise money to help a needy family at Christmas time

**Social Events:** These events provide a safe and healthy environment for individuals with developmental disabilities that encourage building a circle of support, practicing social skills and physical exercise. Good attendance at all activities including: themed dances – (Christmas Reindeer Dash, Spring Fling, etc.), a Pool Party and cookout at White's Pool, and on October 1, one of our member families is hosting a barn picnic at their home in Poultney. Fliers and emails are sent out announcing each event to a mailing list of over 500.

**Rutland Family Support Network:** We continue to maintain this Listserve, which provides families and individuals with news, information, and answers questions pertaining to developmental disabilities. We also appeared on PEG-TV to discuss ARC's programs and featured the musical talent of one of our members.

**Sensory Room:** For the last few months, staff and the board have spent many hours setting up and learning how to operate the new equipment in our newly expanded sensory room at the Wing Center., as well as marketing it to those who can refer potential users. "What is or why a sensory room?" you may ask.

*"The human brain is designed to produce and regulate responses to the body's sensory experiences — those things we touch, see, smell, taste and hear. This link between the brain and our behavior is called "sensory integration." For most people, this is a normal and typically overlooked part of their daily experience. But for an individual with a developmental disorder, including autism, the way the brain processes these experiences can be a major source of distress and discomfort. Sensory rooms are "safe" spaces designed to provide a place for individuals with sensory issues to decompress and confront a variety of sensory issues in a way that will ultimately help them learn to cope with seemingly normal experiences." ~Benefits of Sensory Rooms & Spaces in Schools and Homes (enablinglives.com)*

On behalf of those we serve and their families, we are grateful for the support and continued assistance from the citizens of Rutland County. We receive neither state nor federal funding for our programming; we rely on the support of towns in Rutland County, grants, and small fundraisers throughout the year. Typically, a total of 1,000 residents in Rutland County take advantage of all the opportunities we offer annually. We do all this, with 1 full time and 1 part-time employed positions, volunteer board members, volunteers, and much community support. For those wanting more information on these wonderful services or to volunteer, please call 802-775-1370.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Melissa Stevens  
President, ARC Rutland Area Board of Directors.

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

## **Report to the Citizens of West Rutland**

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

### ***Nutrition Support***

The Council helped provide 5,478 meals that were delivered to the homes of 36 elders in your community. This service is often called "Meals on Wheels". In addition, 49 West Rutland elders came together at a luncheon site in your area to enjoy a nutritious meal and the company of others; 431 meals were provided.

Additionally, SVCOA provided 25.5 hours of one-on-one nutrition support, including nutrition assessments and resource connections and referrals, to 26 residents of West Rutland.

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

SVCOA case management and outreach staff helped 37 elders in your community for a total of 255 hours. Case managers meet with an elder privately in the elder's home or at another agreed upon location and assess the elder's situation. They will work with the elder to identify needs and talk about possible services available to address those needs. If the elder desires, the case manager will link the client to appropriate services, coordinate and monitor services as necessary, and provide information and assistance to caregivers. Case managers also help elders connect with in-home assistance programs, including a program called Choices for Care. This program is especially helpful to frail elders facing long term care placement who still wish to remain at home.

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

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



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Town of West Rutland  
Town Manager MaryAnn Goulette  
35 Marble Street  
West Rutland 05777

December 8th, 2022

Re: 2022 Town Report

Dear Town Manager Goulette and Selectboard Members,

On behalf of our board of directors, staff and customers at NeighborWorks of Western Vermont, we want to sincerely thank you for your continued support! My name is Heather Starzynski, the executive director at NWWVT.

While it was once again a challenging year for so many, we are pleased to report that with continued generous funding from our incredible partners, the state of Vermont, and West Rutland, we were once again able to assist many Vermonters with affordable housing services including homebuyer education and counseling, down payment assistance, home repair and energy loans and grants, home energy audits and energy efficiency projects, and housing improvement assistance to landlords. Below is a summary of the specific services we were able to provide throughout our service area.

In the last fiscal year (January – December 2021), our services comprised of:

- 302 Low-cost, Comprehensive HEAT Squad Energy Audits and 92 Home Energy Improvement Projects were completed for which homeowners received a rebate from Efficiency Vermont.
- 25 Energy Loans, totaling \$460,477, were made to help homeowners make energy improvements to their home.
- 34 Down Payment Assistance Loans totaling \$ 1,011,010 were made to assist homebuyers make it over the 20% down payment barrier.
- 26 Home Repair Loans totaling \$ 138,931 were made to homeowners to make health and safety upgrades.
- 1 first mortgage loan in partnership with Habitat for Humanity was made in the amount of \$149,900 to a first-time home buyer.
- 126 families attended Homebuyer Education and of those, and of those 32 became homeowners.
- 218 households participated in homeownership or financial coaching.

Again, thank you for your support as we wouldn't otherwise be able to provide these services.

Sincerely,

Heather M. Starzynski, Executive Director  
[hstarzynski@nwwvt.org](mailto:hstarzynski@nwwvt.org) | 802.797.8602

Rutland West Neighborhood Housing  
d/b/a NeighborWorks of Western Vermont  
Licensed Lender #6200 NMLS #194008





January 2023

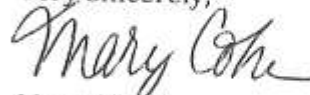
The Housing Trust of Rutland County has a mission to transform buildings and land into quality housing and more and develop relationships to cultivate communities that thrive. Our vision is housing you can trust, afford and call home - the foundation for vibrant communities.

HTRC pleased to own and manage 35 current affordable rental units in the town of West Rutland. 259 Marble Street, Stanislaus Apartments and Colonial West are all nestled in the Marble Street/Barnes Street region - with close walking proximity to the Town Hall, Town School, Mary's Cafe and the Grocery Store. We strive to be good stewards of the properties creating safe, affordable and attractive homes for many people in West Rutland.

We are very excited to know that West Rutland worked very hard on zoning regulation changes that allow us to build another great project in West Rutland. We are currently working on funding applications for a 24 unit complex in the Designated Village Area, which we are calling Marble Village. The multi-family development will be primarily one and bedroom units with access to all local amenities, including the Town Hall, Town School, Mary's Cafe and the shopping center.

If all funding applications are approved, we may be able to break ground either at the end of this year or shortly after the first of next year. We truly appreciate the hard work of Mary Ann Goulette, Jeff Biasuzzi, the Select Board and the Planning Commission as we pull this project together to create more affordable apartments in West Rutland.

Very Sincerely,

  
Mary Cohen

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Info@HousingRutland.org  
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**Otter Creek**  
communications  
union district

## 2022 Annual Summary and Proposed Budget

During 2022, the Otter Creek Communications Union District (OCCUD) completed a high level engineering study and business plan. These documents allow OCCUD to move forward in an informed manner, not going blind into conversations with potential partner-providers. Additionally, these documents affirmed the business case (based on cost and time efficiencies) for OCCUD to partner as opposed to standup an ISP (internet service provider) on its own.

As OCCUD moved forward, it issued Requests for Proposals (RFPs) for potential partner-providers as well as for project management support. These RFPs, while issued along the same time frame, were closed and processed at different times. The RFP for project management was closed and confirmed in June, identifying AO Consulting LLC as the provider for project management services. The RFP process to identify one or more partner-providers closed in August with negotiations beginning in the same month.

As conversations with potential partner-provider(s) continue, OCCUD hopes to have one or more contracts signed before the close of 2022 with cost and timeline confirmed. As such, the following proposed budget for 2022-2023 includes numbers for general operating needs and not the buildout.

OCCUD received \$30,000 grant funding from Vermont Community Foundation in 2020 that has been carefully used to cover some operational expenses. In 2021, OCCUD received \$126,000 grant funding through Vermont's H315 CUD Capacity Building Grant Program, funds from which OCCUD also continues to apply towards operational expenses and which funded the engineering study. In July 2022, OCCUD was fortunate to also be awarded funding through Vermont's Act 71 PreConstruction Grant funding. This award of \$441,000 will allow OCCUD to cover expenses that were previously paid for by the past two grants and sustain those expenses for 18 months. This is critical to ensure OCCUD has full capacity to successfully move forward from identifying its partner-provider(s) through to complete buildout.

**West Rutland Food Shelf**

**Town Annual Report 2022**

Wow, I can't believe it is a new year! Time flies when you are busy.

As of 1 January 2022 we were serving 43 families and individuals. The people who come in on a regular basis (come in 2 weeks or 1 week per month). This year for the turkey baskets many of our patrons had plans with families and declined to take one. So the number of baskets we gave out was 26.

We operate the second and fourth Saturdays of every month, except for November and December. We are closed the month of July. (See schedule below)

Anyone who lives in Westside is welcome to come check us out. If you want to become a patron, all we require is any legal ID that has your name and current address on it. If you don't have any ID, a piece of mail with your name and current address works just as well.

Once again, we would like to thank all the groups and organizations for their generosity: The Townspeople of West Rutland; Town Hall offices and all its employees; all the churches; schools, Boy and Cub Scouts; the American Legion Post 87, their Auxiliary, and Sons of the American Legion; West Rutland Post Office and its employees; local businesses; and the Masonic Lodge.

Our 15<sup>th</sup> year we are ready for you, and we even have a new volunteer. Her name is Barb Flint. Stop by and say hi!

Sincerely submitted,

**Norm Desjardins**

Director

**Ruth A. Manning**

Asst. Director

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**West Rutland Food Shelf**  
**71 Marble Street**  
**Hours of Operation 12:00pm – 2:00pm**

The following dates are for the remainder of 2023. We will be closed for vacation the month of July.

**January 14 & 28**  
**February 11 & 25**  
**March 11 & 25**  
**April 8 & 22**  
**May 13 & 27**  
**June 10 & 24**

**July - CLOSED**  
**August 12 & 26**  
**September 9 & 23**  
**October 14 & 28**  
**November 11 & 18**  
**December 9 & 16**



Marble Valley Regional Transit District  
"The Bus"

2022 Town of West Rutland, Annual Report

Lee Bizon, Community Outreach

Marble Valley Regional Transit District (MVRTD), known as "The Bus" is in its forty sixth year of providing service to the residents of the greater Rutland area. The Bus is the largest, non-urban, public transportation system in the State of Vermont and provides transportation to the general public throughout Rutland County, as well as to social and human service agencies, the resort communities and area businesses. MVRTD provides an enhanced level of self-sufficiency for the elderly, disabled and transportation disadvantaged who rely on public transportation. System ridership was over 485,900 rides this past year. MVRTD provides 65 jobs year round, with upwards of 80 during the winter peak season.

MVRTD provided over 1,700 rides to West Rutland on the Fair Haven Route, a commuter service with stops at the Colonial Apartments, Marble Street, West Rutland High School, West Rutland Industrial Park and Westway Mall. Other highly successful commuter routes operated by MVRTD both within Rutland County and beyond provide connections to three adjoining counties thus serving the growing population committed to the environmental benefits of public transit use as well as the savings realized in the cost of fuel.

MVRTD has provided service under the Elderly and Disabled Program to West Rutland for many years in partnership with the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging.

For more information about schedules and services please call 773-3244 x112 or visit MVRTD's web site at [www.thebus.com](http://www.thebus.com).

MVRTD thanks the residents of West Rutland for their continued support of public transit.

Live Green – Ride the Bus

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Rutland Natural Resources Conservation District (RNRCD) Report</b> <b>Amount Requested \$250</b></p>
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A sample of the activities the RNRCD was involved in during 2021/2022:

**Organization:**

**Local Work Group** - District Supervisors participate in Local Work Group meetings to assist USDA in setting local priorities for Cost Share Programs administered by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

**Programs:**

**Agricultural Outreach Specialist** – The District in cooperation with the Poultney Mettowee and Bennington County NRCD's share staff who work with landowners to find solutions to water quality issues, assist with nutrient management planning and oversee shared equipment used by farmers to implement environmentally friendly field practices.

**Conservation Planner** - The District works with a Conservation Planner providing technical assistance to farmers for the development of Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plans, natural resource assessment, and conservation contract development and management.

**Portable Skidder Bridges** – The District has a portable skidder bridge available for rent to loggers and foresters. Skidder bridges reduce stream disturbance, minimizing the potential for erosion and sedimentation.

**Outreach:**

**Website** – Please visit our website: <https://www.vacd.org/conservation-districts/rutland> for more information about District projects and programs.

Search for us on Facebook

**Watershed Planning for the Upper Otter Creek and its Tributaries:**

With funding through grant sources, the District:

- Coordinated the removal of a berm in the Cold River Watershed in the Town of Clarendon, to restore floodplain function. The berm was created after the floods of the 1970's. Removal of this berm will address sediment and nutrient loading in the Cold River by allowing it to access the floodplain, thus reducing flood heights and slowing velocities which reduces erosion and provides ample storage of sediment within the river corridor.
- Received a final design for a Stormwater Best Management Practice (BMP) located within the parcel boundaries of the Wallingford Elementary School. The design was completed by Watershed Consulting Associates, LLC.
- Provided the City of Rutland with a Phosphorus Control Plan (PCP). The plan was completed by Fitzgerald Environmental Associates and will help the City to achieve the percent phosphorus (P) reduction target for the Otter Creek segment of Lake Champlain.

Is working with the Town of Proctor to develop a Stormwater Master Plan (SWMP). The overall objective is to provide the Town of Proctor with a strategic approach for meeting stormwater management needs in the Otter Creek watershed, to address pressing water resource concerns in an efficient and targeted manner.

The District will continue to work with the City of Rutland, Towns, and landowners to develop and prepare projects for future design and implementation. These projects have been identified in Stormwater Master Plans or other assessment/plans.

For further information or to be added to our mailing list or list of volunteers, please contact Nanci McGuire at [nanci.mcguire@vt.nacdnet.net](mailto:nanci.mcguire@vt.nacdnet.net)

#### Disaster Response

In the past year, the American Red Cross has responded to **13 disaster cases** in **Rutland County**, providing assistance to **47 individuals**. Most commonly, these incidents were home fires. Red Cross workers were on the scene to provide food, clothing, lodging, emotional support, and more to families during their hours of greatest need. Our teams also provide Mass Care to first responders. Things like food, water, and warm drinks strengthen the brave people of your local Fire and Police Departments as they answer the call to keep your residents safe.

Town/City	Disaster Events	Individuals
Cuttingsville	1	1
East Wallingford	1	7
Fair Haven	1	2
Proctor	1	3
Rutland	9	34

#### Home Fire Campaign

Last year, Red Cross staff and volunteers worked throughout Rutland County to educate residents on fire, safety and preparedness. We made **6 homes safer** by helping families develop emergency evacuation plans.

#### Blood Drives

We collected **2,686 pints** of lifesaving blood at **64 drives** in Rutland County.



#### Training Services

Last year, **421 Rutland County residents** were taught a variety of important lifesaving skills such as First Aid, CPR, Babysitting Skills and Water Safety.



#### Service to the Armed Forces

We proudly assisted **32 of Rutland County's Service Members, veterans, and their families** by providing emergency communications and other services, including counseling and financial assistance.

#### Volunteer Services

Rutland County is home to **21 American Red Cross Volunteers**. We have volunteers from all walks of life, who are trained and empowered to respond to disasters in the middle of the night, to teach safety courses, to help at our many blood drives, and so much more. The American Red Cross is proud that 90% of its staff is made up of volunteers; they are truly the heart and soul of our organization.



# WONDERFEET KIDS' MUSEUM

## 2022 IMPACT STATEMENT

*How does your local children's museum impact the area's families and economy?*

Over 14,000 visitors in 2022 - comparable to pre-pandemic visitor rates - spending time and money in our local downtown and businesses



Over 1,000 visits during FREE community events such as Friday Night Live and the Downtown Rutland Tree Lighting



Over 700 local students received Wonderfeet programming in their schools or during field trips to the museum



Over 800 attendees to our FREE weekly postpartum support and play group, It Takes a Village



125 families received reduced-cost Family Museum Memberships



76 families visited the museum using a Local Library Lending Pass



128 visits were conducted by social workers and social service agencies connecting families through the healing power of play!



Wonderfeet partnered with Come Alive Outside, Let's Grow Kids, Rutland County Parent Child Center, Rutland Free Library, Rutland County Boys & Girls Club, Rutland Area Robotics, Partners for Prevention, Rutland Mental Health Services, Rutland Regional Medical Center, and The Mint to provide community events and programs in 2022



## **NewStory Center Annual Report 2022**

For 43 years NewStory Center has been the single agency in Rutland County supporting survivors of domestic and sexual violence by working to end the cycle of violence through support, education, prevention, and collaboration.

During FY22, NewStory Center served 728 survivors and their children through direct services such as emergency shelter, medical advocacy, legal advocacy, case management, clinical services, support groups, and the 24/7 crisis hotline. Additionally, we provide training and technical assistance to our community partners, including local law enforcement, to ensure a more effective community response to domestic and sexual violence.

The Board and Staff of NewStory Center thank the voters of West Rutland for their support of our agency. Your generosity allows us to, not only provide survivors with necessities and ongoing advocacy, but also affords us the ability to grow and expand our services to better serve your community.

### **REQUEST**

**NewStory Center** is requesting the sum of \$500, to be voted on at the town meeting in March 2023, to support victims in Rutland County. We are very thankful for the help that the people of West Rutland have given us in the past, and would be very grateful for your continued support of our mission. We provided services for at least **12 residents of West Rutland** this past year. As our services are confidential, in some cases we might not be informed as to where our clients live.

**NewStory Center, Inc.**

**P.O. Box 313, Rutland, VT 05702 • [www.nscvt.org](http://www.nscvt.org)  
Crisis: (802) 775-3232 • Office: (802) 775-6788 • Fax: (802) 747-0470**



Dear Citizens of West Rutland,

The Child First Advocacy Center (CFAC) serves as a central agency through which reports of suspected child abuse can be channeled for investigation and victim recovery. CFAC was established in 1995 and became a fully Accredited Member of the *National Children's Alliance (NCA)* in 2004. We share with NCA the passion to minimize the traumatic effect of child abuse upon the children and families of our community. CFAC is a non-profit organization serving Rutland County to assist family's in the discovery, intervention, treatment and prevention of child sexual abuse, severe physical abuse and children affected by violence. We provide a safe comfortable environment for the forensic quality and child appropriate interviews, training for professionals and collateral referral services for victims and their non-offending family members. Our agency serves families of all socio-economic levels and is committed to providing quality services regardless of the ability to pay.

In calendar year 2022, The Child First Advocacy Center served 160 clients and 155 family members. As of November 28, 2022. **We were able provide direct wrap around services and support to nine (9) West Rutland families as they began their recovery from the effects of trauma.** In addition, we continue to provide community awareness and education at no cost, in an effort to provide adults with the ability to recognize, react and respond appropriately to child sexual abuse and increase each school districts ability to complete the legislatively mandated ACT 1 initiative also known as Child Sexual Abuse Awareness training for Educators, Community Members and Student's grades K-12.

The Child First Advocacy Center is requesting funds in the amount of \$600 to continue our efforts in supporting families in your community.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the Child First Advocacy Center Multidisciplinary Team, we want to thank you for your continued support and dedication. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need further information.

Sincerely,

Wendy Loomis, Executive Director

802-747-0200 or [wendy.loomis@partner.vermont.gov](mailto:wendy.loomis@partner.vermont.gov)

## Rutland Local Health Office Annual Report 2022

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

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

**Worked to prevent and control the spread of disease:** In collaboration with community partners, since COVID-19 response efforts began, we hosted over 75 COVID-19 vaccination clinics and provided over 5,959 COVID-19 doses. Since August 2021, all local health offices have also documented and helped managed 8,125 COVID-19-related situations, including 1,271 COVID-19 outbreaks.

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

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

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

**Provided WIC services and resources to families and children:** Provided WIC nutrition education and support to 1,695 individuals between July 1, 2021 and June 31, 2022, while enabling them to save on groceries so they can have more to spend on other things their family needs. WIC also empowers families with breastfeeding/chestfeeding support and provides referrals to other health and nutrition services. Learn more at [www.healthvermont.gov/wic](http://www.healthvermont.gov/wic).

**Supported student health and youth empowerment:** According to the Vermont Youth Risk Behavior Survey, only 52% percent of students in Rutland County agree or strongly agree that they "believe they matter to people in their community." Regionally, efforts like mentoring and afterschool enrichment programs help to ensure youth feel valued and included.

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



## COOPERATIVE PLANNING IN THE REGION

### TOWN OF WEST RUTLAND

The Rutland Regional Planning Commission (RRPC) is a resource for towns, a platform for ideas and inspires a vision for our future. We balance local desires, best practices, and regional planning for communities that are vibrant today and strong for years to come.

The RRPC and Town of West Rutland continued working together in 2022 on many community development and planning initiatives. Some highlights include:

- Provided technical assistance to Planning Commission and assisted with bylaw updates.
- Funded Brownfields Environmental Site Assessment work at 376/398 Main Street to assist redevelopment efforts.
- Conducted a full culvert inventory update for the Town and provided VTCulverts technical training to Road Crew.
- Held Road Foreman Meeting at Town Hall for a crack sealing demonstration with Town Road Crews.
- Conducted regional bus stop inventory for MVRTD – The Bus.
- Worked with the town to ensure goals were met in VDEC Tactical Basin Plan Report Card for the South Lake Champlain Watershed.
- Worked with the Town to educate it about the upcoming CWSP South Lake Champlain Basin funding for phosphorous reduction projects to be administered by RRPC and Poultney Mettowee Natural Resources Conservation District.
- Worked with Town Manager/EMD to update 2022 Local Emergency Management Plan, adopt Rutland Region Public Works Mutual Aid Agreement, and appoint Regional Emergency Management Committee voting members for 2022-2023 fiscal year
- Worked with Road Foreman to complete FY22 Grants in Aid construction projects (5 segments improved) and apply for FY23 GIA construction program funding
- Worked with Road Foreman and Town Manager on MRGP and erosion inventory trainings to ensure permit compliance and meet 2022 15% milestone – achieved 15% target!
- Serving as Municipal Project Manager for VTrans grant funded Downtown Sidewalk Scoping Study and Marbleway Path Project
- Provided GIS and mapping support.

If you feel inspired to participate in local or regional planning, want to be paired with opportunities to grow your community, or just want to learn more, please visit or give us a call - we'd love to hear from you! Because together, we grow strong communities!

**The Opera House | 67 Merchants Row | Rutland, Vermont**

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## Rutland County Solid Waste District | Annual Report - Calendar Year 2022

The Rutland County Solid Waste District offers a variety of solid waste, recycling, waste education, household hazardous waste, composting and administrative support programs for our eighteen member municipalities, residents, and businesses. Some services are also available to non-district communities on a fee for service basis. In addition, the District operates a regional drop-off center and transfer station at 14 Gleason Road in Rutland City. District program, facility and rate and program information and obtaining your required annual permit on our web site, [www.rcswd.com](http://www.rcswd.com).

This year, The District has had many new challenges amid COVID-19. Being deemed essential by Governor Scott we remained on the job in full force. Each of our employee raised for the occasion in implementing the guidelines from the CDC, VOSHA, and VBOH. The District also has developed many efficiencies. A new annual permit can be obtained from the convenience of your home or business via [www.rcswd.com/permits](http://www.rcswd.com/permits). Debit and credit cards will all be accepted as an added means of payment accepted at our facilities. A small convenience fee will be charged.

The RCSWD did complete the Districts Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP) for the 2020-2025. The State requires that all communities have a current SWIP in place that meets the requirements of the State's Material Management Plan and delineates how solid and hazardous waste will be managed in the District towns for a five-year period. Milestones will need to be reported back as required. The community's involvement in drafting and developing this document was encouraged.

The District has worked and will continue to engage local businesses informing them about recycling composting and hazardous waste and the programs that we offer. The District will also be working with local schools on many of these same issues. To this end, RCSWD was awarded a USDA, rural development grant this year. This will assist the District in providing an expanded outreach program to member towns with 2,000 or fewer residents. This will include reaching out to every household and business in these towns. It will include working with town Boards, employees, residents, and businesses. This will include seeking what each town needs to reduce reliance on landfills through waste reduction, reuse, and recycling programs. Pre and post surveys will assist in measuring these efforts.

The District was also awarded a grant from the State to assist in replacing our 1997 Ford Box Truck. This truck passed its useful life with a Ford F650 with a 26-foot box to continue our 32 HHW Rover event to member towns. Another USDA award will assist the District in replacing our red-lined 1980 Kamatsu Excavator with a new Caterpillar 131G Excavator. This will assist in managing program materials at our regional transfer station.

Our website has been updated! This is your virtual Solid Waste Administration Office. Appointments, permits, and so much information and detail at your fingertips 24 -hours a day. Please see our 2022 Annual Report Book which covers greater detail and all our programs to include but not limited to:

Waste Disposal: During 2022, residents and businesses in our member municipalities disposed of approximately 36,931 tons of municipal solid waste which includes the construction and demolition activity along with a significant amount of bulky waste.

Recycling: The District owns a Material Recovery Facility (MRF), recycling center in Rutland City that is leased to Casella Waste Management for their operations. The MRF accepts Zero Sort recycling from transfer stations, commercial haulers and large generators for processing and sale for re-use. The facility currently receives approximately 36,931 tons of recyclables a year from a large geographical area. Since we began tracking material in 2013 the facility has processed over 259,843.27 tons of recyclables.

Household Hazardous Waste: Rutland County Solid Waste District operates an extensive Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) program for district residents and small business generators. The program operates year-round from the Gleason Road facility by appointment. An additional 32 events are scheduled collections at twelve town transfer stations within eighteen member towns through the spring, summer, and fall. The HHW program collects and safely disposes of dozens of hazardous, flammable, and toxic materials. The RCSWD HHW also collects electronic waste and has collected over 45.95 tons of material.

Other Programs: The District also offered waste management education, and reduction programs, construction, demolition waste, clean wood, and composting. The District is continuing with its "Merry Mulch" program in collecting and processing over 1,200 Christmas trees annually. The District also has been working local organizations including the Rutland Master Gardener's Club, 350 Rutland County, the Rutland Dismas House, Rutland Neighborhood Program, and Vermont Southwestern Council on Aging, Rutland Hospital and Women's Network & Shelter and the Rutland County Humane Society and our valued haulers.

Mark S. Shea, District Manager



ANNUAL REPORT TO  
The Town of West Rutland  
  
2022

The Rutland County Humane Society is dedicated to advocating for and working towards a responsible and humane community. We provide shelter and adoption opportunities for pets that are homeless and promote animal welfare through community programs that benefit both animals and people.

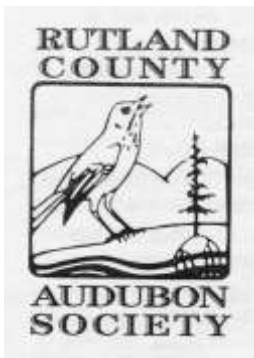
We also serve our community by providing information and referral services to people dealing with animal issues.

The RCHS shelter is the largest program of the agency, taking in more than 1,000 animals in 2021.

Our agency is funded through fees for service, town funding, membership, donations and special events. No funding comes from the state or federal government or national organizations. We sincerely thank those who support our operations. We can only save lives with your help.

The Rutland County Humane Society took in 28 animals from the Town of West Rutland from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

Please call us at 483.9171 or visit our website at [RCHSVT.org](http://RCHSVT.org) if you would like more information about the Rutland County Humane Society.



**RUTLAND COUNTY AUDUBON SOCIETY**  
PO Box 1813, Rutland, VT 05701  
[www.rutlandcountyaudubon.org](http://www.rutlandcountyaudubon.org)

### **RUTLAND COUNTY AUDUBON SOCIETY (RCAS) REPORT FOR 2022 FOR TOWN OF WEST RUTLAND**

Rutland County Audubon Society continued their monthly monitoring of the Marsh, totaling 12 walking trips this past year. On average, 6 members of the public joined them. A special event for Earth Day was held there on April 22, including games and snacks. In May, the Tapestry Program from West Rutland Elementary School visited in the afternoon and RCAS provided rotating educational events for them there: forestry, birding, water filtration, marsh knowledge, and aquatic insects. The first and second grade art classes in West Rutland gave us a donation for the Marsh, as well, for which we are appreciative.

This past fall, RCAS, through a large donation from a visitor and member, was able to replace over half of the boardwalk on Marble Street and a complete replacement is planned for the near future. The kiosk there will also be overhauled. Further, RCAS is seeking funds to replace the fence of the foundation that sits at the entrance to the boardwalk and to beautify that area.

We also continue to provide birdseed to feed the birds there throughout the winter months. ( Cost of replacement to boardwalk and overhaul of kiosk- \$6, 200, approximately. Cost of seed- \$40 +.)

Although there were frequent incidents of vandalism on the boardwalk, all were repaired and a camera has now been installed to deter vandals. We appreciate the carpentry work of Jared Parker, who did much of the repair for about \$1, 000.

We also reported one incident of illegal trapping to the Game Warden, who removed the trap.

In regard to the new Whipple Hollow Trail, David Jenne, West Rutland resident, designed a beautiful map of the trail for us, which was installed early this past summer at the kiosk off Whipple Hollow Road. The cost to RCAS for that was approximately \$450.

Also, in regard to the WHT, in June, a visitor discovered a Sedge Wren nesting in the field at the edge of the trail. This, being a rare bird for our area, caused great excitement in the birding community and brought many visitors from as far away as Texas to the area.

Further work at the WHT included removal of about 40 old tires from the entrance to the trail, as well as the removal of much broken glass. This work was undertaken by volunteers on Green Up Day in May.

At this date, 112 species of birds have been documented in and around the new WHT. 201 species have been reported for the Marsh as a whole.

Outside of the Marsh, through Stan's assistance, RCAS has been holding our monthly meetings in the very comfortable Conference Room at the Town Hall. We are grateful for this opportunity.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to the West Rutland community from RCAS, as we continue to enjoy our birding adventures here. Thank you for all of your assistance with our projects, especially to Mary Ann, her crew, and Town Hall employees.

Respectfully submitted,

**Kathleen Guinness , RCAS President**



## Chamber & Economic Development of the Rutland Region Annual Town Report - December 31, 2022

The Chamber & Economic Development of the Rutland Region (CEDRR) exists to serve our region's families, communities, and businesses. If CEDRR's work this year was a story it would be called "From Whoopie Pies to Water Projects" and this is why - in bulleted form. For the full story, go to [www.RutlandVermont.com](http://www.RutlandVermont.com) and click on the Annual Report.

### Business Development

22,000 sq/ft Hub CoWorks and StartUp Rutland Business Incubator opens with 300+ attendees

Grants brought to Rutland County:

- \$1,688,000 - Welch Congressionally Directed Spending for Vermont Farmers Food Center
- \$1,492,687 - Economic Development Administration and match for StartUp Rutland Business Incubator
- \$489,000 – Northern Borders Regional Commission for Airport Industrial Park water line
- \$343,474 - Incentives provided to 22 businesses in partnership with Efficiency Vermont
- \$50,000 - USDA grant for StartUp Rutland Business Incubator
- \$40,000 – Department of Labor Grant in collaboration with Stafford Tech for student internships with local businesses
- \$37,500 - Buildings and General Services Regional Economic Development Grants for 4 businesses
- \$33,000 - Vermont Community Foundation for StartUp Rutland Business Incubator

### Community Building

- 3,000+/- attendees at the first annual Whoopie Pie Festival & Parade of Heroes - celebrating essential workers and the unveiling of Vermont's largest (542 lb.) Whoopie Pie
- 400 attendees at the Real Rutland Feud at the Paramount
- 7 Mixers
- 5 Ribbon Cuttings
- 2 Legislative Events

### Marketing

- 400,000 [www.RealRutland.com](http://www.RealRutland.com) social media views on the Weekend Getaway campaign which resulted in hosting families from California, Texas, New York City and North Carolina
- 300+ social media posts
- 52 newsletters and announcements of special events
- 30 local concierge volunteers
- 12 monthly informational blogs

We look forward to continuing our story with all of you in 2023!

With respect and in service to our families, communities, and businesses,

Lyle P. Jepson - Executive Director

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## POULTNEY METTOWEE NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION DISTRICT

PO BOX 209, POULTNEY, VT 05764; OFFICE: 802-287-6880; INFO@PMNRCD.ORG; WWW.PMNRCD.ORG

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The Poultney Mettowee Natural Resources Conservation District (PMNRCD) is a non-profit organization with a mission to develop programs to facilitate the conservation of healthy soil and clean water. PMNRCD has been providing environmental support, education, and outreach to the 14 towns in the district watersheds for over 80 years. In addition to a five-member board, five employees staff the District: District Manager, Hilary Solomon; Agricultural Outreach Specialist, Jennifer Alexander; Native Plant Nursery Manager and Program Coordinator, Sadie Brown; Agricultural Outreach Specialist, Rachael Burt; and Program Assistant, Averie Noble.

**Stormwater Management** The District is currently working with several towns on implementing 'green stormwater' projects. We worked this past season in Castleton, Poultney, Fair Haven and Wells to design and/or implement stormwater projects with grant funds, and are planning on continuing this work in other local towns. We finished work on a Stormwater Master Plan for the Poultney River Watershed which identified stormwater runoff issues and proposed high priority mitigation projects.

This past year, we worked with homeowners around lakes in the watershed and installed many small shoreline plantings through our Lake Education and Action Program (LEAP). In addition to implementing buffer plantings and small stormwater treatment practices, we completed Lake Wise Assessments along Lake Bomoseen and Lake St. Catherine, resulting in 105 recommendations for homeowners to implement lake friendly practices in their yards. We plan to continue both programs with shoreline homeowners in the coming year.

**Clean Water Service Provider** The Poultney Mettowee Natural Resources Conservation District and the Rutland Regional Planning Commission have been named as the South Lake and Southern Lake Champlain Direct Clean Water Service Provider and are working with many partners around the state to create the new watershed-wide project funding mechanism. This new process aims to keep decision-making local and aims to be a very open and inclusive process. The process will include open meetings and valuable input from local and regional experts, as well as local groups interested in focusing on water quality.

**Agricultural Programs** The District assists farmers who apply manure and fertilizer to their fields through farm-specific, nutrient management plans via a statewide partnership program. The District provides agronomic and water quality guidance to local farms, writes grants to implement water quality improvement projects on farms, and provides rental of a no-till seed planter and soil aerator, which help to improve soil health.

**Champlain Valley Native Plant Restoration Nursery** PMNRCD collaborates with Poultney's Champlain Valley Nursery and area residents to make improvements to water quality. Many restoration plantings (over 4,000 seedlings) were completed in the District to create habitat and to control erosion. The Nursery also serves as an educational center, providing field trip opportunities for elementary students and internships for high school and college students. Plants are available to local landowners through our tree sale or on-site. Visit our website for more information.

*The Poultney-Mettowee watershed consists of all the lands that drain to the Poultney or Mettowee Rivers and their tributaries.*



**GREEN UP VERMONT**

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

**Green Up Day  
May 6, 2023**



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

Support from your municipality is essential to our program. Funds help pay for Green Up Day supplies, promotional outreach, and educational resources including activity books, contests for kids, and a \$1,000 scholarship. We are requesting level funding again for Green Up Day 2023.

Green Up Vermont initiatives are year-round for further our impact with waste reduction initiatives, additional clean-up efforts, and educational programs.

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

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

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



# Green Up Day

***First Saturday in May ~ May 6, 2023***

- Join us on the Town Hall Green at 9:00am to divide and conquer!
- Hot Dog lunch served from 11:00am—Noon.
- Long pants, light colored clothing, boots and gloves are advised.
- Garbage bags are provided!!

## ***Green Up Day Appliance Pick-Up***

*If you have appliances that need to be disposed of and would like the town to pick them up on Green-Up Day, contact the Town Office by May 4, 2023, at 802-438-2263 for rates and instructions.*



# TOWN OF WEST RUTLAND TOWN WIDE YARD SALE

**SATURDAY MAY 13, 2023  
8:00 A.M.—2:00 P.M.**

**For more information or to rent a space call 802-438-2263**



Town of West Rutl and

# Memorial ★ Day ★ Parade

Monday, May 29, 2023 \* 10:00 A.M.

Please Join Us in Honoring our Veterans and  
Celebrating Our Community!



***If you or your business would like to participate in the parade  
or be a sponsor of the event, please contact the  
Town Office at 802-438-2263***

# HOME COMING BLOCK WEST RUTLAND PARTY COMMUNITY ALUMNI MUSIC FOOD FUN

Marble Street & Town Hall Green

Marble Street (from Main to Campbell) will be closed to traffic

Saturday, September 16, 2023

3:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Music ~ Games ~ Vendors  
Food Trucks



West Rutland

Annual

Christmas Tree Lighting

Saturday, December 2nd, 2023 at 6:00 pm

West Rutland Town Hall

*This event brought to you by The Friends of the Town Hall & The Town of West Rutland*



Support the West Rutland Dog Park!



**West Rutland Dog Park Bumper Stickers are still available at the Town Hall Treasurer's Office for \$5**

Proceeds benefit maintenance of the park

### **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 by six months of age.** 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 as well as humane societies during the month of March. 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 an Application for VSNIP and a List of Participating Offices, send a S.A.S.E. (a 9" Self-Addressed, Stamped Envelope) to: VSNIP, PO Box 104, Bridgewater, VT 05034. Or, to download and print, go to: [VSNIP.VERMONT.GOV](http://VSNIP.VERMONT.GOV) Indicate if it's for a cat, dog or both. Once *fully* completed, you will mail it back. If approved, you will receive your Voucher and instructions.

The cost for the surgery to you is only \$27.00, providing there are no complications. Fellow Vermonters pay the balance of your account from funds collected at the time of dog registration. Please be SURE your cat or dog is completely flea and tick free **before** the visit. Animals left UN-neutered are more prone to forms of cancer.

Thank veterinarians for their participation in this important 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've made in our state over the years when euthanasia was the 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)**

## VSNIP Information

VSNIIP is funded by \$4.00 added to the licensing of dogs. Dogs are required by law to be licensed in the town in which you live by six months of age. Proof of a rabies vaccination within the last year is required to be able to license a dog. Puppies and kittens can have a rabies vaccination after 12 weeks of age. Tractor Supply stores offer monthly rabies clinics as do some humane society shelters.

Below is a list of places that offer low cost spay & neuter clinic options to VSNIIP. Animals usually come home the day of surgery. If you must travel, enjoy the day in the area! You may want to call your local humane society to see if they've added a spay day to their schedule.

### **LOW COST SPAY NEUTER OPTIONS: LOOK UP THEIR WEB SITES 📄**

Cat Crusaders of Franklin CTY: Franklin CTY residents considered first. 802-782-9968

Community Pet Clinic: Humane Society of Chittenden CTY, 3 clinics a week! 802-923-9023

Feline & Friends Foundation: 802-323-4793 Cats ONLY in Caledonia, Orleans & Essex Counties considered first. Outside area will be considered as space allows AND Barn & Feral (frightened) Cats in the Northeast Kingdom are welcome. If possible: [Schedule on FFFVT.org](http://Schedule.on.FFFVT.org)

Franklin County Humane Society, St. Albans 802-524-9650 X 707

Frontier Animal Society, Orleans, VT 754-2228 Cats ONLY

Homeward Bound: Addison CTY Humane Society, VT "Taxi Cat" 802-388-1100

Humane Society of Chittenden County's Community Pet Clinic, So. Burlington 802-923-9028

Lucy Mackenzie Humane Society: 802-484-5829 West Windsor, VT

Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Shelter: 802-754-2228 Orleans, VT Cats ONLY

Riverside Rescue: 802-892-5300 Lunenburg, VT 524-9650 X

Rutland County Humane Society: 802-483-6700 Rutland, VT

Second Chance Animal Center: 802-375-2898 Shaftsbury, VT

Second Chance Animal Rescue Inc.: 603-259-3244 Littleton, NH

Springfield Humane Society: 802-885-3997 Springfield, VT

Sullivan CTY Humane Society: 603-542-3277 Claremont, NH

The Feline Connection: Rutland County: [thefelineconnection.vt@gmail.com](mailto:thefelineconnection.vt@gmail.com)

Upper Valley Humane Society: 603-448-6888 Enfield, NH

Windham County Humane Society: 802-254-2232 Brattleboro, VT

VT- CAN: 802-223-0034: Middlesex, VT

N.E. Kingdom Spay-Neuter Program: 802-334-7393 Orleans, Essex County

# FREE TAX HELP FOR VERMONTERS

**NOTE:** To participate, you must meet each program's eligibility requirements.

## **FREE E-FILING WITH FREE FILE OR MYFREETAXES PARTNERSHIP**

In 2020, of the 200,000 Vermont taxpayers qualified to e-file their federal and state income taxes through Free File, only 12,000 actually used Free File. If your AGI is \$72,000 or less, you generally qualify for one or more Free File products. Learn more at [tax.vermont.gov/free-file](https://tax.vermont.gov/free-file).

The MyFreeTaxes Partnership provides free federal and Vermont e-filing for qualified individuals. Are you eligible? Go to [myfreetaxes.com](https://myfreetaxes.com).

## **VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE (VITA) & TAX COUNSELING FOR THE ELDERLY (TCE) PROGRAMS**

Free tax help for those who qualify: 1) lower incomes, 2) disabilities, 3) the elderly, or 4) limited English. TCE focuses on those age 60 years and older. Learn more about VITA/TCE and find a location near you by searching "VITA" or "TCE" at [irs.gov](https://irs.gov).

## **AARP FOUNDATION TAX-AIDE PROGRAM**

Provides tax assistance sites to taxpayers who qualify, such as those with low and moderate incomes, giving special attention to those age 50 years and older. Learn more about the Tax-Aide Program and find a location near you by searching "tax aide" at [aarp.org](https://aarp.org).

Download forms at [tax.vermont.gov/forms](https://tax.vermont.gov/forms)  
Order paper forms at [tax.vermont.gov/form-request](https://tax.vermont.gov/form-request)

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# Rutland County Solid Waste District 2023 HHW Rural Collection Schedule



Gleason Road HHW facility is open Mon-Sat (7am - 3pm)  
(Online appointment required<sup>1</sup> 24 hrs in advance for the Gleason Rd facility)

NEW

Call us to find out more on the drop-in days

APRIL 1, 2023	CASTLETON 7:30AM - 10:30AM	WEST RUTLAND 11:30AM - 1:00PM
APRIL 8, 2023	MT. HOLLY 8:00AM - 10:00AM	KILLINGTON / PITTSFIELD 11:30AM - 1:30PM
APRIL 15, 2023	BRANDON 8:00AM - 10:00AM	PITTSFORD 11:00AM - 1:00PM
APRIL 22, 2023	POULTNEY 8:00AM - 10:00 AM	IRA 11:30AM - 1:30PM
APRIL 29, 2023	DANBY/MT. TABOR @ DANBY T.S 8:00AM - 10:00AM	
MAY 6, 2023	PROCTOR 11:00AM - 2:00AM	
MAY 13, 2023	WALLINGFORD 8:00AM - 10:00AM	CLARENDON 11:00AM - 1:00PM
MAY 20, 2023	BRANDON 8:00AM - 10:00AM	PITTSFORD 11:00AM - 1:00PM
JUNE 3, 2023		POULTNEY 11:00AM - 1:00PM
JUNE 10, 2023	CASTLETON 8:00AM - 11:00AM	WELLS 12:00PM - 2:00PM
JULY 8, 2023	IRA 8:00AM - 10:00AM	WEST RUTLAND 11:00AM - 1:00PM
JULY 15, 2023	MT. HOLLY 8:00AM - 10:00AM	KILLINGTON / PITTSFIELD 11:30AM to 1:30PM
JULY 22, 2023	DANBY/MT. TABOR @ DANBY T.S 8:00AM - 10:00AM	
SEPT 2, 2023	CASTLETON 8:00AM - 11:00AM	WELLS 12:00PM - 2:00PM
SEPT 9, 2023		POULTNEY 11:00AM - 1:00PM
SEPT 23, 2023	WALLINGFORD 8:00AM - 10:00AM	CLARENDON 11:00AM - 1:00PM
SEPT 30, 2023	BRANDON 8:00AM - 10:00AM	PITTSFORD 11:00AM - 1:00PM
OCT 7, 2023		PROCTOR 11:00AM - 1:00PM

**2023 HHW RURAL COLLECTION SCHEDULE**



Questions call<sup>1</sup>: 802-775-7209; or visit [www.rcswd.com](http://www.rcswd.com)

## **TOWN TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

Town Manager	802-438-2263
Town Clerk Fax	802-438-5133
Town Treasurer's Office/Bookkeepers	802-438-2263
Town Clerk	802-438-2204
Listers' Office	802-438-2263
Zoning Administrator	802-438-2204
Town Garage	802-438-2854
Wastewater Treatment Plant	802-438-5633
Water Department	802-438-5633
West Rutland Library	802-438-2964
West Rutland School	802-438-2288
West Rutland Recreation Department	802-438-2263
Neighbor Works of Western VT	802-438-2303
West Rutland Food Shelf	802-438-6385 802-236-2325
Friends of West Rutland Town Hall	802-438-2263
FIRE/POLICE EMERGENCY	911
Fire Warden (Steve Czachor)	802-438-2840
State Police	802-773-9101
Ambulance	802-773-1700
Animal Control Officer (Rutland County Sheriff's Dept.)	802-775-8002