

**SANDGATE, VERMONT**  
**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**TOWN & SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**2021 FISCAL YEAR**



# SANDGATE TOWN WARNING

The legal voters of the Town of Sandgate, Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Sandgate Town Hall on Monday, February 28th, 2022 at 7:00 pm for the purpose of acting on the following articles, with the exception of Article 1 which will be voted on by Australian Ballot on Tuesday, March 1st, 2022. Absentee and early voting is permitted on all matters to be voted on by Australian Ballot. The polls will be open at the Town Hall on March 1st, 2022 between 10:00 am and 7:00 pm.

ARTICLE 1. To vote on the following Town and School Officers using Australian Ballot:

Auditor – three year term	School Moderator – one year term
Cemetery Commissioner – three year term	Selectboard – three year term
Constable – one year term	Selectboard – one year term
Delinquent Tax Collector – one year term	Selectboard – one year term
Grand Juror – one year term	Town Agent – one year term
Lister – three year term	Town Clerk – three year term
School Director – three year term	Town Moderator – one year term

ARTICLE 2. Shall the Town authorize the Selectboard to borrow money, in anticipation of taxes, to pay current expenses of the Town for the ensuing year?

ARTICLE 3. Shall the Town authorize the Selectboard to spend budget surplus funds (if there are any) in the next fiscal year?

ARTICLE 4. Shall the Town of Sandgate vote to approve the collection of the Town and School taxes to be due on or before October 1, 2022?

ARTICLE 5. Shall the Town of Sandgate appropriate \$7,500 to the Arlington Rescue Squad?

ARTICLE 6. Shall the Town of Sandgate vote \$1,200 in support of Arlington Nursing Services?

ARTICLE 7. Shall the Town of Sandgate vote \$3,000 in support of Arlington Recreation Park?

ARTICLE 8. Shall the Town of Sandgate appropriate \$3,800 for the Martha Canfield Library?

ARTICLE 9. Shall the Town of Sandgate vote to appropriate the total sum of \$2,957 for the following: Arlington Area Childcare, \$750; Arlington Community House, \$100; Bennington County Child Advocacy, \$200; Bennington County Conservation District, \$300; Bennington-Rutland Opportunity Council (BROC), \$137; Burdett Commons, \$75; Center for Independent Living, \$95; Center for Restorative Justice, \$250; Green-Up Day, \$50; PAVE, \$100; Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging, \$600; Tutorial Center, \$200; VT Association of Conservation Districts, \$100?

ARTICLE 10. Shall the Town vote to adopt a budget of \$636,015 to defray expenses of the Town for the period from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023?

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## 2021 SELECT BOARD COMMENTS

Karen Dzialo, Mike Hill, Joe Nolan, Tom Santelli, Karen Tendrup

This past year, as a result of COVID issues, the Town postponed the yearly March Town Meeting to Tuesday May 4.

This past year the Town suffered excessive flood damage as the result of a severe storm in July. The Town Road Department responded quickly to give access to residents by clearing debris and dumping gravel. Mike Hill worked with BCRC and FEMA to secure Grants that will enable the Town to make improvements to the roads and minimize future damage. The Town office offered information to residents of what programs could possibly help them individually.

The Town updated the Voter List, removing those that had moved from Sandgate. It was found that there was a person claiming to live in a certain residence, and thus eligible to vote, and the owner of said residence did not know this individual, nor did anyone else. Which is why the purging of the voter list is important.

Way back in 2017 the Town received “free” Traffic control signs from the Federal government. However, only the Federal crew can put them in. The Town still waits for the traffic control signs to be installed on West Sandgate Road.

The Board acknowledges that much of the road work completed this past year has been possible because of the Grant-In-Aids that Mike Hill has secured. Thank you for your hard work Mike! This year’s grants include the \$175,000 State Paving Grant; \$225,000 State Structures Grant; \$10,000 Better Back Roads Grant; and the Grant-In-Aids for \$14,000. The Total for the year is \$400,000 (that taxpayers don’t have to pay). We also want to thank Jim Henderson for his valuable help that he gave Mike in this endeavor. Mike recently submitted a grant request for Better Back Roads for \$20,000 for 2022. This grant will be used for repairs to Rupert Road. Let it be noted that over the past nine years the Town has received over a million dollars in Grants. Thank you, Mike and Jim, for continuing to save the town money.

A dry hydrant was installed on Consie West’s property this past year.

The Town approved partial funding for the Planning Commission to update the Town Plan and Zoning By-laws. This past year Sheila Kearns accepted the position of Zoning Administrator. We thank her for her past service on the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Thank you to all that have stepped forward to serve the Town. The Select Board appreciates the support from our residents. A special thank you to all that helped with the annual Spring Clean Up, especially our youth for their hard work.

Regular Select Board meetings are scheduled for the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month starting at 6:00 pm at the Town Hall. All meetings are open to the public. Minutes are posted on the Town website at [sandgatevermont.org](http://sandgatevermont.org)

## TOWN CLERK'S COMMENTS FOR 2021

Sandra Reidy, Sandgate Town Clerk

The Town Clerk office is open Monday through Thursday 9:30 to 12:30 and the vault is open during those office hours.

The Town Website is [www.sandgatevermont.org](http://www.sandgatevermont.org). The minutes of Select Board meetings are posted after each meeting and we post them outside the office.

We are in volume 60 in the Sandgate Land Records. All volumes have been microfilmed up to and including volume 55. The Vermont State archives have a copy.

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### VITAL RECORDS FOR 2021

**BIRTHS:** Lennox Faye Blake and Mary Ryan Dobias

**MARRIAGES:** None

**DEATHS:** Robert W Clark (85), Michael Koscinski (60), Crystal Lee Ann Margaret Teleford (53), and William Skidmore (81)

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### WUERSLIN-STUECKLEN ARTS GRANT COMMITTEE

Jean Eisenhart, Chair; Pat Hall, Dona McAdams, Hasso Wuerslin, Jeanne Zoppel

There were no grants awarded in 2021.

The "Arts" means creative endeavors including, but not limited to, visual arts, performing arts, and literature. The amount of each award will be determined by the Award Committee. It is for one year only. The Award check will be sent, when applicable, directly to the chosen institution or supplier of services. The number and amount of awards will vary depending on available funds.

Application forms are available at the Town Clerk's office or online at [sandgatevermont.org](http://sandgatevermont.org). Here is a chance for you or your child to do something in the Arts, compliments of your town.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jean Eisenhart

## AUDITORS' REPORT

Valerie dePeyster, Sheila Kearns, Katie Kenny

We have audited the orders, invoices, checks, and bank statements of the Town of Sandgate for 2021. To the best of our knowledge, the consolidated balance sheet and other financial statements represented in this town report fairly reflect the financial position of the Town as of 12/31/2021. Town auditors do not serve as auditors for the town school district, nor are they responsible for audits of incorporated school districts, union school districts, or supervisory unions.

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## LISTERS' REPORT

Shelley Finn, Valerie dePeyster, Jeanne Zoppel

Sandgate's 2021 Grand List contained 344 parcels and 7 non-tax parcels totaling \$63,780,019 after exemptions. We are pleased to say that there are no outstanding appeals.

The Listers continue to work on the town-wide reappraisal for the 2022 Grand List. We are not making inspection visits but may need to verify info by phone.

REMINDER: By law all residents must file Form HS-122 by April 15. If you are no longer a resident, file Form HS-122W, the non-resident form.

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## 2021 FOREST FIRE WARDENS' REPORT

Lynn Fielding, Louis Jobson

There was one grass fire and two brush fires this year. Your fire wardens issued 24 burn permits for 2021. If you have any questions about burning or need a permit, please call Lynn Fielding at 802-375-2211 or Louis Jobson at 802-681-6710. You do not need a burn permit when there is snow on the ground around the fire.



## **PLANNING COMMISSION / ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

Richard Zoppel, Chair; James Aschmann, Brad Kessler, Rob Viglas, and Jean Eisenhart, Alternate

In 2021, Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Adjustment (PC/ZBA) had number of adjustments of its own with changes in membership and the transition to a new person in the Zoning Administrator. Those adjustments included the appointment of Rob Viglas and James Aschmann to the PC/ZBA. Additionally, James was selected by the PC/ZBA to serve as clerk. After several years of fine work, Bill Henry resigned as Zoning Administrator. Sheila Kearns resigned as member and chair and was appointed to the position of Zoning Administrator. Richard Zoppel was appointed to fill Sheila's position and was selected by PC/ZBA members to serve as chair. Finally, after long service on the PC/ZBA, Joe Nolan resigned due to his time-commitment on the Select Board and his position has yet to be filled. Anyone with interest in serving on the PC/ZBA should contact the Select Board to express their interest.

Along with the approved permits that are identified in the Zoning Administrator's Report, the ZBA denied a variance of setback requirements for a permit to construct a primitive camp on Swearing Hill Road in the Forest 2 Zone. A subsequent request for a variance to construct a residence on the same property was reviewed by the PC/ZBA and later withdrawn.

A preliminary sketch for a subdivision of a property on Egg Mountain was presented to the PC/ZBA by the Conservation Fund (Bly Hollow LLC). The stated purpose of the subdivision was not development but to take further steps to preserve the part of the property that has come to be identified as Shays' Settlement. The PC/ZBA deemed the proposal to be a minor subdivision with the understanding that the Conservation Fund/Bly Holdings LLC will proceed with a survey of the property in order to file an application for final plat approval under Section 5.06 of the Sandgate Subdivision Regulations.

The PC/ZBA received approval from the Select Board of a budget for projects to update the Town Plan and the Zoning Bylaws. With grant funding obtained by the Bennington County Regional Commission (BCRC), the PC/ZBA has been working with Catherine Bryars of the BCRC to update the Town Plan. This work included a public meeting to discuss town historical resources, presentations on flood hazard areas, and a review of a re-drafted Historical Resources section of the Town Plan. When the PC/ZBA has completed an updated draft of the Town Plan required public hearings will be held and required approvals will be sought.

Anyone with an interest in the Town Plan update process should review the 2022 agendas for PC/ZBA meetings on the third Wednesday of each month for topics related to the work on the plan.

Respectfully submitted,  
Richard Zoppel

# 2021 ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Sheila Kearns

There was a somewhat prolonged transition following Bill Henry's resignation as Zoning Administrator in July until the appointment of Sheila Kearns in October. Bill's diligent work and commitment during this time is greatly appreciated. His care and thoroughness with all zoning matters has been of tremendous service to the town.

Activities for the past year include the issuance of four permits: one for a new home and accessory building, another for a remodel/alteration, and two for accessory buildings. The year's work also included the support and issuance of two Certificates of Zoning Compliance to attorneys handling property transfers and one notice of Intent for Agricultural Use.

In addition to permit activities, support was provided to the Planning Commission in updating the Town Plan and Zoning Bylaws. This work is being done with the assistance of grant funding obtained through the Bennington County Regional Commission (BCRC). Catherine Bryars of BCRC has developed an outline of activities for first updating the Town Plan and then updating to Zoning Bylaws. Sections of the Town Plan being addressed in the update are: Historic Resources, Land Use, and Energy. Once the Town Plan review and approval process is completed, work will begin on the Zoning Bylaws.

Permit Applications as of December 31,2021:

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Request</b>	<b>Action</b>
Audy	Rupert Rd.	New Residence & Accessory Building	Approved
Schoenberg	Sandgate Rd.	Remodel/Alteration	Approved
Stannard	Stannard Rd.	Accessory Building	Approved
Sundquist	Woodcock Rd.	Accessory Building	Approved
		Zoning Compliance Letter	2 Issued
		Notice of Intent for Agricultural Use	1 Issued



## ROAD FORMAN REPORT

Mike Hill, Tom Santelli, Willie Madison

2021 was a very productive year. A great deal of road maintenance was completed, including paving. Some work was interrupted due to major storm repairs that are being addressed through FEMA. Repairs should take place in the spring. All roads were graveled and graveling will continue as well as brush cutting, ditching and roadside mowing.

The town received a total of \$381,261 in grants this past year. Grants included:

- Paving: \$140,276 (including 600 ft of culverts)
- Grant in Aids: \$10,161 for 5000 ft of ditching
- Better Back Roads: \$10,324 for storm damage
- Equipment Grant: \$7,500 for 2,500 yards of gravel
- State Structure: \$200,000
- Dry Hydrants: \$13,000 (1 new, 1 flood repair)

A special thanks to Jim Henderson for all his help in acquiring grants and all his work with FEMA. All roadwork this past year was within budget. For road problems, please contact Tom Santelli at 375-9297 or Mike Hill at 375-8358.

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## SANDGATE CONSERVATION COMMISSION 2021

Jean Eisenhart, Chair; Jim Henderson, Harry Rich, Phoebe Sheres

Trout Unlimited, in partnership with local, state, and federal organizations, is working to mediate the effects of the mass failure along the Green River which is causing tons of sediment to be transported and deposited downstream. TU was awarded a Clean Water Design and Implementation Block Grant from Watersheds United Vermont to develop a conceptual, 30% design to address this impairment.

Meanwhile, the Batten Kill Watershed Alliance partnered with 350VT and the Arbor Day Foundation to acquire trees and shrubs for riparian buffer plantings along the Green River. In total 130 plantings occurred on the Buck, Quinn, Davala, and Sirvis properties. An order for the 2022 planting season will be placed soon. Please contact Jim Henderson if you own river or stream banks that you would like to plant.

Jim Henderson · [jhenderson@bcrcvt.org](mailto:jhenderson@bcrcvt.org) · 802-375-9461

# SANDGATE CEMETERY COMMISSION 2021 ANNUAL REPORT

Julie Robertson, Kathleen Hill, Kathy Wagner

*“There is a certain frame of mind to which a cemetery is. If not an antidote, at least an alleviation. If you are in a ‘fit of the blues,’ go nowhere else”.* –Robert Louis Stevenson

Our efforts to clean and straighten stones in the Center Hill Cemetery older section continued in 2021 with the help of Mahar Monuments. Please take advantage of viewing the newly cleaned headstones when you can. The writing is clearly visible on most of them now and fascinating reading. I had predicted we would have finished with the project in 2021, but there is still a lower section to be completed, which we will have John Mahar and his crew come back to do during the 2022 season.

We had the stone wall repaired/rebuilt in the old section of Center Hill Cemetery this summer and are researching new fencing for the spring of 2022. After one of our more infamous rain storms late summer, the Center Hill driveway was severely damaged. We thank the Sandgate road crew for coming to our aid and making the driveway more than passable!

There were several burial plots requested by residents this past year. As a reminder, we are asking that corner markers be placed on the gravesites bearing the family’s initials. And to make it less confusing for future Cemetery Commissioners, please have all corner markers engraved with the same initial.

Our current Cemetery Policy – we ask a \$400 donation to secure a plot in the one remaining town cemetery that is still open for burials. We will assign you the location. You have to be a resident or landowner of the town. Corner markers on the site are required at your expense and are available through any funeral service. One plot can hold up to 4 cremations. However, some situations may need to come before the Cemetery Commission for review. Please notify any one of the cemetery commissioners of the date and time when there is a burial taking place.

The beautiful flag pole in the Center Hill Cemetery was donated to the town by Kathleen and Mike Hill.

Consider bequeathing property or donations to the Town Cemeteries for continued maintenance and improvements and as always, we appreciate the support you have given this Commission throughout the years.

# SANDGATE PROPERTY TRANSFERS

January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021

Eric Weissleder of Sandgate, VT  
to Brian Audy of Sandgate, VT

Brian Audy of Sandgate, VT  
to Ambrose O'Donnell of Sandgate, VT

Paul Woodard of Arlington, VT  
to Paul G Woodard Trustee

Richard M Zoppel of Sandgate, VT  
to Brian Audy of Sandgate, VT

Linda Oliveri of Boynton Beach, FL  
to Todd Nuro of Shushan, NY

Kathleen Kenny of Sandgate, VT  
to Mary Ellen Hetes of Sandgate, VT

Lawrence Golub of Longwood, FL  
to Burton Golub of New Port Richey, FL

Robert Donaldson Jr. of Chelmsford, MA  
to Steven Reynolds of West Rupert, VT

Linda Iannacone of Sandgate, VT  
to Ronald Iannacone of Sandgate, VT

Joseph Gracey of Norwalk, CT  
to Joan Snyder of Sandgate, VT

Frederick Broberg of Sandgate, VT  
to Peter Markalunas of Metuchen, NJ

Barbara Pike of Lakeland, FL  
to Susan Casey of Mount Pleasant, SC

Nancy Clark of Sandgate, VT  
to Randy Downey of Saunderstown, RI

Michael Perra of Sunderland, VT  
to The Perra Family Revocable Trust

John Muldoon of West Pawlet, VT  
to Michael Lenahan of Stratford, CT

Louise Jones of West Rupert, VT  
to The Robert F Jones Revocable Trust of Brooklyn, NY

The Robert F Jones Revocable Trust  
to Stephen H Carter

Virginia Paige of Jersey City, NJ  
to Robert Whipkey of Brooklyn, NY

Sylvia Hoffstein of Montclair, NJ  
to Jefferey E Hoffstein of Providence, RI

Leila Kauffman of Sandgate, VT  
to Suzanne dePeyster of Sandgate, VT

Ronald Lapointe Sr. Estate to  
Sandra Lapointe of Townsend, MA

Robert Bultman of Balston Spa, NY  
to Richard Bultman of West Rupert, VT

Sophia Miskel of Sunderland, VT  
to Life is Gold LLC of Saratoga Springs, NY

Raymond Suter of Sayville, NY  
to Matthew Moore of Dorset, VT

The Estate of James M Gunn of Sandgate, VT  
to YBS Sandgate, LLC of Sandgate, VT

Judith Hoffstein of Montclair, NJ  
to Elizabeth Daut of Washington, DC

James Buccolo of Sandgate, VT  
to Ronald Costa of Rumford, RI

A.R.F INC. of Arlington, VT  
to Thomas Santelli Jr. of Shushan, NY

Linda Iannacone of Saugerties, NY  
to Gregory Tew of South Deerfield, MA

Richard M Zoppel Co Trustee of the Zoppel Family Trust  
to Richard M Zoppel of Sandgate, VT

**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**Cash Receipts & Disbursements - General Fund**  
**July 1, 2020 through July 1, 2021**

Bank Balance: 7/1/2020	\$42,711
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**Receipts:**

Current Taxes Paid as of 6/30/21	\$1,325,812
Building Permit Fees	\$350
Delinquent Tax Collector	\$7,015
Town Clerk Fees	\$9,876
General Fund Checking Interest	\$955
Hold Harmless Money	\$21,430
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$1,365,438</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE</b>	<b>\$1,408,149</b>

**Expenses:**

School Tax Share	\$859,829
Highway Property Tax Share	\$263,956
<b>TOTAL TRANSFERS</b>	<b>\$1,123,785</b>

**SELECT BOARD SALARY AND EXPENSES**

Select Board Salaries	\$5,082
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**TOWN OFFICIAL SALARY AND EXPENSES**

Auditors Salary	\$375
Town Clerk Salary	\$10,609
Town Clerk Fees	\$9,876
Assistant Town Clerk	\$2,900
Treasurer Salary	\$12,721
Assistant Treasurer	\$2,900
Delinquent Tax Collector	\$7,015
Constable Salary	\$1,200
Lister's Salary & Expenses	\$4,757
Misc Mileage & Reimbursement	\$620
Zoning Administrator Salary	\$2,840
Zoning Administrator Expenses	\$195
ZBA Planning Expenses	
Payroll Tax	\$4,856
Training Town Officers	\$20

**GENERAL MAINTENANCE AND SUPPLIES**

Town Hall Utilities	\$8,754
School House Utilities	
Office Supplies	\$2,523
Computers, Software & Internet	\$5,277
Office Equipment Maintenance	\$676
Town Hall Maintenance	\$3,996

**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**Cash Receipts & Disbursements - General Fund**  
**July 1, 2020 through July 1, 2021**

Postage	\$661
Town Report Expense	\$501
Legal and Professional Fees	\$8,373
<b>GENERAL SERVICES</b>	
Solid / Hazardous Waste / Recycle	\$4,102
BCSWA	\$1,917
BCRC	\$3,000
Fire Protection	\$24,476
Insurance and Bonding	\$6,216
BCA Meetings/Poll Workers	\$1,403
VLCT Dues	\$1,588
Animal Control	
Sheriff Patrol Expense	
County Tax	\$4,680
<b>APPROPRIATIONS</b>	
Arlington Area Childcare	\$750
Arlington Community House	\$100
Arlington Nursing Service	\$1,200
Arlington Recreation Park	\$3,000
Arlington Rescue Squad	\$7,500
Bennington County Conservation District	\$300
Bennington-Rutland Opportunity Council (BROC)	\$137
Burdett Commons	\$75
Center for Independent Living	\$95
Center for Restorative Justice	\$250
Green Up Day	\$142
Wuerslin-Stuecklen Scholarship	\$350
Martha Canfield Library	\$3,800
Tutorial Center	\$200
VT Association of Conservation Districts	\$100
Cemetery Commission	\$6,000
Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging	\$600
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>	
<b>GENERAL FUND EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$168,707</b>
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<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$1,292,493</b>
<b>BALANCE TO ACCOUNT FOR</b>	<b>\$115,657</b>
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Accounted for as follows:	
General Fund Checking (Balance 7/1/21)	\$111,304
Plus June HW payroll/orders	\$4,353
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	<b>\$115,657</b>
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# TREASURER'S REPORT

Reserve Accounts, 1 Year - July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

<b>Planning / Zoning Fund</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/20	\$377
Interest earned	\$2
Bank balance: 6/30/21	\$379
<b>Emergency Management Fund</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/20	\$1,300
Interest earned	\$4
Bank balance: 6/30/21	\$1,304
<b>Records Restoration/Town Hall Building Fund</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/20	\$9,227
Interest earned	\$26
Bank balance: 6/30/21	\$9,253
<b>Property Reappraisal Fund</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/20	\$30,369
State Money	\$3,036
Interest earned	\$6
Bank balance: 6/30/21	\$33,411
<b>Wuerslin- Stuecklen Scholarship</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/20	\$5,544
Interest earned	\$11
Bank balance: 6/30/21	\$5,555
<b>Wuerslin- Stuecklen CD</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/20	\$3,498
Interest earned	\$15
Bank balance: 6/30/21	\$3,513
<b>School House Fund</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/20	\$5,728
Interest earned	\$16
Bank balance: 6/30/21	\$5,744

<b>Holiday Party Fund</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/20	\$778
Interest earned	\$2
Bank balance: 6/30/21	\$780
<b>Office Equipment Fund</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/20	\$1,056
Interest earned	\$3
Bank balance: 6/30/21	\$1,059
<b>Miscellaneous Fund</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/20	\$11,958
Interest earned	\$34
Bank balance: 6/30/21	\$11,992
<b>Legal Professional Fund</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/20	\$22,004
Interest Earned	\$64
Bank balance: 6/30/21	\$22,068
<b>Tax Stabilization Fund</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/20	\$18,965
Interest Earned	\$17
Bank balance: 6/30/20	\$18,982
<b>Independent Audit</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/20	\$6,151
Interest earned	\$17
Bank balance: 6/30/20	\$6,168
<b>Computer Grant</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/20	\$789
Interest Earned	\$3
Bank balance: 6/30/21	\$792

**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**Cash Receipts & Disbursements - General Fund**  
**July1, 2021 through December 31, 2021**

Bank balance: 7/1/2021	\$111,304
<b>RECEIPTS:</b>	
Current Taxes	\$1,506,523
Building Permit Fees	\$50
Town Clerk Fees	\$3,947
Delinquent Tax Collector	\$3,509
General Fund Checking Interest	\$343
Hold Harmless Money	\$17,662
<b>TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE</b>	<b>\$1,532,034</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
School Property Tax Share	\$844,195
Highway Property Tax Share	\$414,776
<b>TOTAL TRANSFERS</b>	<b>\$1,258,971</b>
<b>SELECT BOARD SALARY AND EXPENSES</b>	
Selectmen's Salaries	\$1,090
<b>TOWN OFFICIAL SALARY AND EXPENSES</b>	
Auditors Salary	\$288
Town Clerk Salary	\$5,396
Town Clerk Fees	\$3,947
Delinquent Tax Collector	\$3,509
Assistant Town Clerk	\$1,493
Treasurer Salary	\$6,374
Assistant Treasurer	\$1,494
Constable Salary	\$618
Lister's Salary & Expenses	\$3,761
Misc Mileage & Reimbursement	
Zoning Administrator Salary	\$360
Zoning Administrator Expenses	\$10
ZBA Planning Expenses	
Emergency Coordinator	
Health Officer Salary	
Health Officer Expenses- Phone/Mileage	
Payroll Tax	\$2,127
Training Town Officers	

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**Cash Receipts & Disbursements - General Fund**  
**July1, 2021 through December 31, 2021**

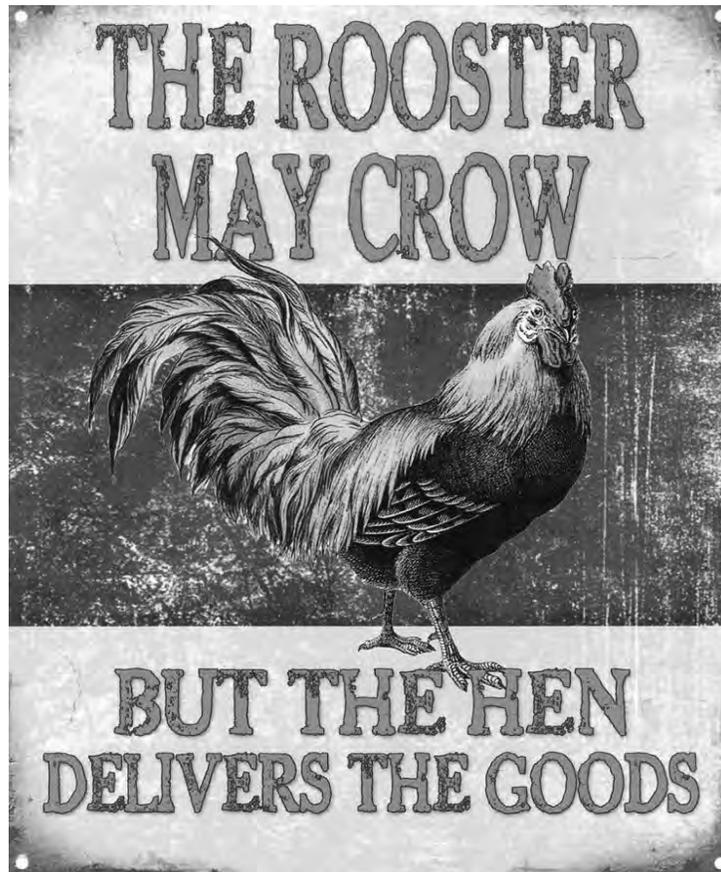
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<b>GENERAL MAINTENANCE AND SUPPLIES</b>		
Town Hall Utilities		\$1,513
School House Utilities		
Office Supplies		\$1,544
Computers Software & Internet		\$5,293
Town Hall Maintenance		\$1,531
Town Hall Major Repairs and Improvements		
Postage		\$165
Town Report Expense		\$500
Website Management		
Legal and Professional Fees	credit-	\$84
<b>GENERAL SERVICES</b>		
Solid / Hazardous Waste / Recycle		\$2,175
Bennington County Sheriffs		
Bennington County Solid Waste		\$1,418
BCRC		\$3,000
Fire Protection		\$24,276
Insurance and Bonding		\$500
BCA Meetings/Poll Workers		
VLCT Dues		\$1,709
Animal Control		\$250
County Tax		\$4,343
<b>APPROPRIATIONS</b>		
Arlington Area Childcare		\$750
Arlington Community House		\$100
Arlington Nursing Service		\$1,200
Arlington Recreation Park		\$3,000
Arlington Rescue Squad		\$7,500
Bennington County Child Advocacy		\$200
Bennington County Conservation District		\$300
Bennington-Rutland Opportunity Council (BROC)		\$137
Burdett Commons		\$75
Cemetery Commission		\$6,000
Center for Independent Living		\$95
Center for Restorative Justice		\$250
Green Up Day		\$50
Martha Canfield Library		\$3,800

**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
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PAVE	\$100
Tutorial Center	\$200
VT Association of Conservation Districts	\$100
Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging	\$600
Wuerslin-Stuecklen Scholarship	\$350
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>	
<b>GENERAL FUND EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$103,490</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$1,362,461</b>
<b>BALANCE TO ACCOUNT FOR</b>	<b>\$169,573</b>
Accounted for as follows:	
General Fund Checking Balance: 12/31/21	\$181,605
Surplus	\$12,032



# TREASURER'S REPORT

Reserve Accounts, 6 Month - July 1, 2021 - December 31, 2021

<b>Planning / Zoning Fund</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/21	\$379.00
Interest earned	\$0.00
Bank balance: 12/31/21	\$379.00
<b>Emergency Management Fund</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/21	\$1,304.00
Interest earned	\$0.00
Bank balance: 12/31/21	\$1,304.00
<b>Town Hall Building Fund/Records Restoration</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/21	\$9,253.00
Interest earned	\$6.00
Bank balance: 12/31/21	\$9,260.00
<b>Property Reappraisal Fund</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/21	\$33,411.00
Interest earned	\$2.00
Bank balance: 12/31/21	\$33,412.75
<b>Wuerslin / Stuecklen Scholarship</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/21	\$5,555.00
Appropriation	\$350.00
Interest earned	\$5.00
Bank balance: 12/31/21	\$5,909.72
<b>Wuerslin- Stuecklen CD</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/21	\$3,512.50
Interest earned	\$7.00
Bank balance: 12/31/21	\$3,519.50
<b>School House Fund</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/21	\$5,744.00
Interest earned	\$5.00
Bank balance: 12/31/21	\$5,748.90

<b>Holiday Party Fund</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/21	\$780.00
Interest earned	\$1.00
Bank balance: 12/31/21	\$781.00
<b>Office Equipment Fund</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/21	\$1,059.00
Interest earned	\$1.00
Bank balance: 12/31/21	\$1,060.00
<b>Miscellaneous Fund</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/21	\$11,992.00
Interest earned	\$10.00
Bank balance: 12/31/21	\$12,002.00
<b>Legal Professional Fund</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/21	\$22,068.00
Interest Earned	\$19.00
Bank balance: 12/31/21	\$22,087.00
<b>Tax Stabilization Fund</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/21	\$18,982.00
Interest Earned	\$4.00
Bank balance: 12/31/21	\$18,986.00
<b>Independent Audit</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/21	\$6,168.00
Interest Earned	\$5.00
Bank balance: 12/31/21	\$6,172.70
<b>Computer Grant</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/21	\$792.00
Interest Earned	\$0.00
Bank balance: 12/31/21	\$792.00

**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**Cash Receipts & Disbursements - Highway**  
**July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021**

Bank balance: 7/1/2020	\$73,592
<b>Receipts:</b>	
Property Tax Share	\$263,956
VT State Highway Aid	\$32,724
Highway Checking Interest	\$160
Hold Harmless Money	\$64,290
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$361,130</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE</b>	<b>\$434,722</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Road Foreman Salary	\$56,684
Road Foreman Overtime	\$4,359
Road Worker Pay	\$38,070
Uniforms/Shop Towels	\$2,306
Payroll Tax Expenses	\$4,591
Retirement Contribution	\$5,480
Health Insurance	\$4,500
Unemployment Insurance	
Workers' Comp. Insurance	\$11,449
Drug Testing	
Training / Mileage	\$173
Misc. Expenses	\$503
Garage Maintenance	\$2,286
Heating Oil	\$1,312
Electric	\$565
Phone/ Internet/Radios	\$4,545
Equipment Maintenance	\$12,681
Tires	\$1,430
Fuel and Oil (Trucks/Equipment)	\$10,777
Oil and Lube	\$2,829
Tools & Supplies	\$2,186
Insurance & Liability (Garage / Vehicle)	
Road/Ditch Materials and Hauling	\$41,351
Sand (delivered)	\$30,367
Salt (delivered)	\$20,255
Calcium Chloride (delivered)	\$4,180
Tree and Brush Removal	\$4,050
Contracted Services	\$15,849
Pavement Maintenance	\$7,056

**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**Cash Receipts & Disbursements - Highway**  
**July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021**

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Bridge / Culvert Program	\$15,517
Guard Rails	\$175
Construction account	\$500
Road Equipment Fund Appropriation	\$40,000
Grant Funding	\$11,045
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$357,070</b>
<b>Balance to account for</b>	<b>\$77,652</b>
Accounted for as follows:	
Balance: 7/1/21	<b>\$82,005</b>
Minus June payroll/orders	\$4,353
	<b>\$77,652</b>
<b>Paving Fund</b>	
Balance as of 7/1/20	\$25
Receipts:	
YE carryover	
Interest	
Balance in fund as of 6/30/21	\$25
<b>Bridge &amp; Culvert Fund</b>	
Balance as of 7/1/20	\$93,995
Expenses	
Receipts:	
Additions	\$22,206
Interest	\$270
Balance in fund as of 6/30/21	\$116,471
<b>Materials &amp; Hauling Fund</b>	
Balance as of 7/1/20	\$21,279
Expenses	
Receipts:	
Additions	
Interest	\$61
Balance in fund as of 6/30/21	\$21,340

**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
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<b>Road Equipment Fund</b>	
Balance as of 7/1/20	\$40,605
Interest	\$116
Balance in fund as of 6/30/21	\$40,721
<b>Miscellaneous Fund</b>	
Balance as of 7/1/20	\$3,849
Expenses	
Interest	\$11
Balance in fund as of 6/30/21	\$3,860
<b>Grant Proposal Fund</b>	
Balance as of 7/1/20	\$10,861
Interest	\$32
Balance in fund as of 6/30/21	\$10,893
<b>Construction Fund</b>	
Balance as of 7/1/20	\$24,317
Interest	\$72
Balance in fund as of 6/30/21	\$24,389



# TREASURER'S REPORT

## Cash Receipts & Disbursements - Highway

July 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021

Bank balance: 7/1/2021	\$82,005.00
Property Tax Share	\$414,776.00
VT State Highway Aid	\$31,016.74
Highway Checking Interest	\$112.38
Hold Harmless Money	\$52,986.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$498,891.12</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE</b>	<b>\$580,896.12</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Road Foreman Salary	\$27,958.57
Road Foreman Overtime	\$2,305.13
Road Worker Pay	\$19,683.00
Uniforms/shop towels	\$870.00
Payroll Tax Expenses	\$2,315.00
Retirement Contribution	\$2,789.00
Health Insurance	\$2,250.00
Unemployment Insurance	
Workers' Comp. Insurance	
Drug Testing	
Training / Mileage	
Garage Maintenance	\$1,335.00
Heating Oil	\$290.00
Electric	\$273.00
Phone/ Internet	\$1,762.00
Equipment Maintenance	\$10,030.00
Tires	
Fuel and Oil (Trucks/Equipment)	\$6,062.00
Oil and Lube	
Tools & Supplies	\$658.00
Insurance & Liability (Garage / Vehicle)	
Road/Ditch Materials and Hauling	\$48,049.00
Sand (delivered)	\$20,432.00
Salt (delivered)	\$3,733.00
Calcium Chloride (delivered)	\$2,754.00
Tree and Brush Removal	
Contracted Services	\$3,800.00
Pavement Maintenance	
Bridge / Culvert Program	\$14,725.00

**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
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Guard Rails/Signs	
Grant Funding	\$7,063.27
Road Equipment Appropriation	\$50,000.00
Misc. Expenses	\$1,047.00
Construction Account	
Sub-total:	\$230,183.97
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<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$230,183.97</b>
<b>Balance to account for</b>	<b>\$350,712.15</b>
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Bank Balance: 12/31/21	<b>\$413,807.28</b>
Surplus	\$63,095.00
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<b>Paving Fund</b>	
Balance as of 7/1/21	<b>\$25.00</b>
Receipts:	
Interest	
Balance in fund as of 12/31/21	<b>\$25.00</b>
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<b>Bridge &amp; Culvert Fund</b>	
Balance as of 7/1/21	\$116,471.00
Receipts:	
Interest	\$97.90
Balance in fund as of 12/31/21	\$116,568.90
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<b>Materials &amp; Hauling Fund</b>	
Balance as of 7/1/21	\$21,340.00
Receipts:	
Interest	\$17.00
Balance in fund as of 12/31/21	\$21,357.00
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<b>Road Equipment Fund</b>	
Balance as of 7/1/21	\$40,721.00
FY 20/21 loan transfers 7/1/21	\$40,603.16
FY 21/22 Appropriation	\$50,000.00
Tractor loan- 2nd payment	\$15,939.18
Dump truck- 4th payment	\$26,664.16
Interest	\$1.00
Balance in fund as of 12/31/21	\$7,515.50

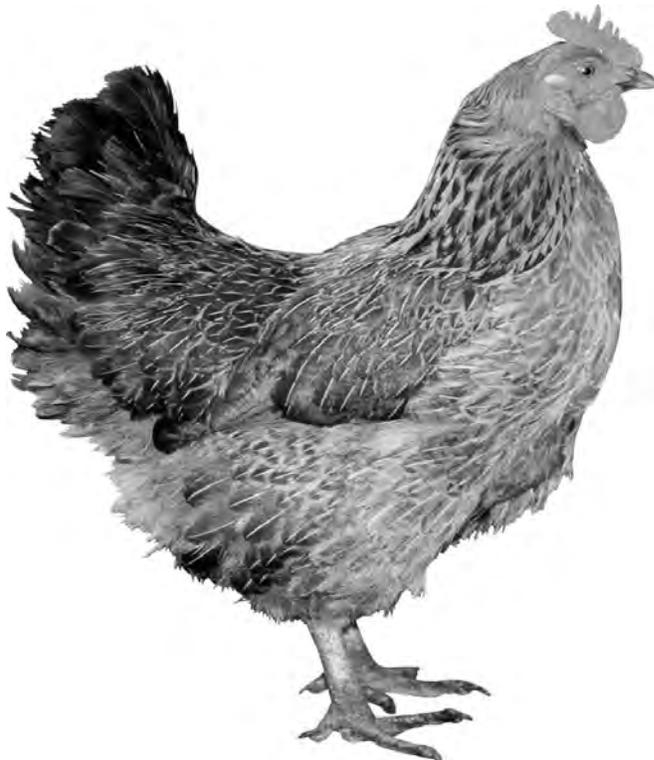
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<b>Miscellaneous Fund</b>	
Balance as of 7/1/21	\$3,860.00
Interest	\$3.00
Balance in fund as of 12/31/21	\$3,863.00

<b>Grant Proposal Fund</b>	
Balance as of 7/1/21	\$10,893.00
Interest	\$8.00
Balance in fund as of 12/31/21	\$10,901.00

<b>Construction Account</b>	
Balance as of 7/1/21	\$24,389.00
Interest	\$20.00
Balance as of 12/31/21	\$24,409.00



## SANDGATE SCHOOL DISTRICT

### FY20/21 ACTUAL BUDGET

<b>BANK BALANCE – 7/1/20</b>	<b>\$212,897.04</b>
Revenues FY20/21	\$929,229.96
Expenditures FY20/21	-\$1,026,143.00
Interest	\$528.93
<b>Total Funds Available – 6/30/21</b>	<b>\$116,512.93</b>

### FY21/22 BUDGET 7/1/21-12/31/21

<b>Actual Balance – 7/1/21</b>	<b>\$116,512.93</b>
Revenue	\$850,139.17
Expenditures	-\$159,821.00
Interest	\$221.86
<b>Fund Balance – 12/31/21</b>	<b>\$807,052.96</b>

### BUS RESERVE FUND 7/1/20 – 6/30/21

<b>Beginning Balance – 7/1/20</b>	<b>\$74,387.43</b>
Interest	\$212.84
<b>Balance – 6/30/21</b>	<b>\$74,600.27</b>

### BUS RESERVE FUND 7/1/21 - 12/31/21

<b>Beginning Balance – 7/1/21</b>	<b>\$74,600.27</b>
Interest	\$62.97
<b>Balance – 12/31/21</b>	<b>\$74,663.24</b>

### TUITION AND SPECIAL ED RESERVE FUND

<b>Opening/Recovered Balance – 12/9/20</b>	<b>\$200,025.21</b>
Interest	\$333.19
<b>Bank Balance – 12/31/21</b>	<b>\$200,358.40</b>

**Treasurer's Report**  
**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET - TOWN FUNDS**  
**July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021**

FUND	General	Highway	Equipment	Pavement	Bridge & Culvert	Materials & Hauling
Bank Balance: 7/1/20	\$42,711	\$73,592	\$40,605	\$25	\$93,995	\$21,279
<b>Revenues</b>	\$1,365,439	\$361,130	\$116		\$22,476	\$61
Total Funds Available	\$1,408,150	\$434,722	\$40,721		\$116,471	\$21,340
<b>Expenditures</b>	\$1,292,493	\$357,070				
Revenues minus Expenditures	\$115,657	\$77,652	\$40,721	\$25	\$116,471	\$21,340
Available Funds: 7/1/2021	\$115,657	\$77,652	\$40,721	\$25	\$116,471	\$21,340
GF Account Balances 6/30/21 - Computer Grant: \$792; Emergency Management: \$1,300; Holiday party: \$780; Independent Audit: \$6,168; Legal & Professional: \$22,068; Misc. Fund: \$11,992; Office Equip: \$1,059; Planning/Zoning: \$379; Property Reappraisal: \$33,411; Records Restoration/Town Hall Fund: \$9,253; School House: \$5,744; Tax Stabilization: \$18,982; Wuerslin-Stuecklen Scholarship: \$5,555; HW Misc. Fund: \$3,860; Grand Proposal Fund: \$10,893; Construction Account: \$24,389						

**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET - TOWN FUNDS**  
**July 1, 2021 - December 31, 2021**

FUND	General	Highway	Equipment	Pavement	Bridge & Culvert	Materials & Hauling
Bank Balance: 7/1/21	\$111,304	\$82,005	\$40,721	\$25	\$116,471	\$21,340
<b>Revenues</b>	\$1,420,730	\$498,891	\$50,001		\$98	\$17
Total Funds Available	\$1,532,034	\$580,896	\$90,722	\$25	\$116,569	\$21,357
<b>Expenditures</b>	\$1,362,461	\$230,184	\$83,206			
Revenues minus Expenditures	\$169,573	\$350,712	\$7,516	\$25	\$116,569	\$21,357
Checking Balance: 12/31/21	\$181,605	\$413,807	\$7,516	\$25	\$116,569	\$21,357
GF Account Balances 12/31/21 - Computer Grant: \$792; Emergency Management: \$1,304; Holiday Party: \$781; Independent Audit: \$6,173; Legal & Professional: \$22,087; Misc.Fund: \$12,002; Office Equipment: \$1,060; Planning/Zoning: \$379; Property Reappraisal: \$33,413; School House: \$5,749; Tax Stabilization: \$18,986; Town Hall/Records Restoration: \$9,260; Wuerslin-Stuecklen Scholarship: \$5,910; HW Misc: \$3,863; Grant Proposals: \$10,901; Construction Account: \$24,409.						

## STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED

Total Grand List	637,800.19
Total Taxes Billed: Due 10/01/21	1,525,518.14
Taxes Received in Good Time	1,508,136.37
Delinquent Taxes before penalty and interest as of 10/02/21	17,381.77
<b>Total Taxes Accounted for</b>	<b>\$1,309,280.15</b>

## HOLD HARMLESS FUNDS

as of December 31, 2021

Highway Portion	\$52,986	75%
Town Portion	\$17,662	25%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$70,648</b>	

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## HIGHWAY STATE AID

as of December 31, 2021

21 July	\$15,508.37
21 October	\$15,508.37
22 January	\$15,508.13
22 April	\$15,508.13
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$62,034.00</b>

## CASH ON HAND - 07/01/2021

The cash on hand was not subtracted from the budget total to obtain the total to raise. As stated in voted Article 3.

## TAX RATE FOR 2021-2022 FISCAL YEAR

<b>MUNICIPAL BUDGET</b>		
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>		
Admin. Expenses	\$54,207	
Maintenance	\$22,000	
General Services	\$57,376	
Appropriations	\$18,807	
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>		<b>\$152,390</b>
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND TO BE RAISED</b>		<b>\$152,390</b>
<b>HIGHWAY</b>		
Total Highway Budget	\$477,608	
Highway State Aid	-\$62832	
<b>TOTAL HIGHWAY TO BE RAISED</b>		<b>\$414,776</b>
<b>TOTAL MUNICIPAL TAXES TO BE RAISED</b>		<b>\$567,166</b>
Grand List: Total Municipality	\$637,800.19	
General Fund Tax Rate (per 100)	0.238931	
Highway Tax Rate (per 100)	0.650323	
TOTAL MUNICIPALITY RATE (per 100)	0.889254	
<b>MUNICIPAL TAX RATE WILL RAISE</b>		<b>\$567,166</b>
<b>SCHOOL BUDGET</b>		
Homestead Tax Rate	\$1.3790	
Non Residential Tax Rate	\$1.5770	
Grand List: Homesteads	\$233,799.53	
Non-Residential	\$404,000.66	
Total Raised: Homesteads	\$322,409.55	
Total Raised: Non Residential	\$637,109.04	
<b>TOTAL SCHOOL BUDGET TAXES TO RAISE</b>		<b>\$959,519</b>
<b>LOCAL AGREEMENT TAX RATE</b>		
Local Agreement Tax Rate	\$0.0037	
Municipal Grand List	\$637,800.19	
<b>TOTAL LOCAL AGREEMENT TAXES TO BE RAISED</b>		<b>\$2,360</b>
<b>TOTAL TAXES TO BE RAISED</b>		<b>\$1,529,045</b>
Homestead Tax Rate, Municipal	\$0.8893	
Homestead Tax Rate, School	\$1.3790	
Homestead Tax Rate, Local Agreement	\$0.0037	
<b>TOTAL HOMESTEAD RATE</b>		<b>\$2.2720 (per thousand)</b>
Non-Residential Tax Rate, Municipal	\$0.8893	
Non-Residential Tax Rate, School	\$1.5770	
Non-Residential Tax Rate, Local Agreement	\$0.0037	
<b>TOTAL NON-RESIDENTIAL RATE</b>		<b>\$2.4700 (per thousand)</b>

<b>2021/22 LOCAL AGREEMENT RATE</b>		
Homestead Education Rate	1.3790	Set by State
Veterans Exemptions	\$160,000.00	The local agreement rate is found by dividing the forgone revenue by the total grand list.
Foregone Revenue	\$2,364.80	
Total Grand List	\$637,800.19	
Local Agreement Rate	0.0037	

## MAIN DRIVERS OF TAX CHANGES VERSUS LAST YEAR

	<b>Municipal Grand List</b>	
	2020/2021	2021/2022
Grand List	\$634,869.38	\$637,800.19

<b>2020-2021 RATE</b>			<b>2021-2022 RATE</b>		
	Homestead	Non-residential		Homestead	Non-residential
Municipal	0.5909	0.5909	Municipal	0.8893	0.8893
School	1.4585	1.4789	School	1.3790	1.5770
Local Agreement	0.0037	0.0037	Local Agreement	0.0037	0.0037
<b>Total</b>	<b>2.0531</b>	<b>2.0735</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>2.2720</b>	<b>2.3700</b>

<b>DIFFERENCE FROM LAST YEAR</b>	<b>HOMESTEAD</b>	<b>NON-RESIDENTIAL</b>
Municipal	0.2989	0.2989
School	-0.0795	0.0981
Local Agreement	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.2194</b>	<b>0.3970</b>

### GRAND LIST

FY 21/22 Grand List is \$2,930.81 higher than last year.

### MUNICIPAL BUDGET

FY 21/22 rate is .2989 higher than last year.

- Total GF budget to be raised is \$41,178 higher than last year.
- Total HW budget to be raised is \$150,820 higher than last year.

The increases are due to keeping surplus funds. In previous years, we count the cash on hand against the tax amount to raise.

### SCHOOL BUDGET

Homestead Rate for FY 21/22 is 0.0795 lower than last year.

Non-Residential Rate for FY 21/22 is 0.0981 higher than last year.

### LOCAL AGREEMENT

No Change

## ASSETS & COMPENSATION

### COMPENSATION 7/1/21 - 6/30/22

Auditors	Min wage
Board of Civil Authority	Min wage
Constable	1,236/year
Health Officer	250/year
Listers	Min wage
Lister Reappraisal Years	15/hour
Road Foreman	27.32/hour
Road Help	Contracted
School Board Salaries	2,368/year
Select Board Chair	1,250/year
Select Board Clerk	1,250/year
Select Board Road Liaison	1,050/year
Select Board Member	600/year
Town Clerk	10,927/year
Assistant Town Clerk	2,987/year
Treasurer	13,113/year
Assistant Treasurer	2,987/year
Webmaster	500/year
Zoning Administrator	Hired

### FIXED ASSETS

Cemetery Equipment
Constable Safety Items
Fire Pumps & Related Equip.
Office Equipment
Vault
2003 International Truck
2018 International Dump Truck
2019 Ford F350 ¾-ton pickup fitted w/plow and sander
2014 670G John Deere Grader
3 Sanders
2 Stone Rakes
2019 John Deere 310SL Backhoe
Ditch Leaf Blower
2015 2500 gal. Chloride tank
2015 525 gal. Chloride Tank
2015 Pump for Chloride
2016 John Deere 6120E tractor/mower
Cemeteries, Town Garage, Town Hall/Office

## INDEBTEDNESS

The Sandgate General Fund and the School Fund have no indebtedness.

The Sandgate Highway Fund owes:

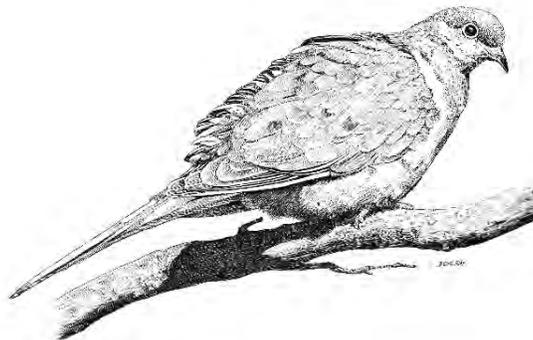
- \$43,365 on the John Deere backhoe with 4 more yearly payments of \$14,441
- \$49,856 on the 2018 International dump truck with 2 more payments of \$26,664
- \$56,427 on the 2016 John Deere tractor/mower with 4 more yearly payments of \$15,939



## PROPOSED 2022-2023 SANDGATE BUDGET- GENERAL

	FY20/21 Budget	FY20/21 Actual	FY21/22 Budget	FY21/22 as of 12/31/21	FY22/23 Budget to Vote	Proposed % change	\$ Change
<b>SALARY &amp; EXPENSES</b>							
Assistant Town Clerk	2,900	2,900	2,987	1,431	3,077	3%	90
Assistant Treasurer	2,900	2,900	2,987	1,307	3,077	3%	90
Auditor's Salaries	1,500	375	1,500	288	1,545	3%	45
Constable Salary	1,200	1,200	1,236	618	1,273	3%	37
Health Officer Expenses	-	-	250	-	250	0%	-
Health Officer Salary	250	-	250	-	250	0%	-
Listers Salaries & Expenses	4,000	4,757	4,120	3,761	4,240	3%	120
Office Training	500	-	500	-	500	0%	-
Payroll Tax Expenses	5,000	4,856	4,635	2,127	4,774	3%	139
Salaries (Selectmen)	5,050	5,082	5,202	1,090	5,358	3%	156
Town Clerk Salary	10,609	10,609	10,927	5,645	11,255	3%	328
Treasurer Salary	12,731	12,720	13,113	6,374	13,506	3%	393
Website Management	500	1,000	500	-	500	0%	-
Zoning Administrator Expenses	1,000	195	1,000	10	1,000	0%	-
Zoning Administrator Salary	3,000	2,840	3,000	360	3,000	0%	-
<b>TOTAL SALARIES/EXPENSES</b>	<b>51,140</b>	<b>49,433</b>	<b>52,207</b>	<b>23,011</b>	<b>53,605</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>1,398</b>
<b>MAINTENANCE &amp; SUPPLIES</b>							
*Independent Audit	1,000	-	1,000	-	1,000	0%	-
*Legal & Professional Fees	1,000	8,373	1,000	84	1,000	0%	-
*Town Hall Major Repairs	1,000	-	1,000	-	1,000	0%	-
Computer Software & Internet	3,000	5,277	3,000	5,293	3,000	0%	-
Office Equipment	-	-	-	-	-		-
Office Equip. Main.	3,000	676	3,000	-	3,000	0%	-
Office Supplies	4,000	2,523	2,000	1,544	2,000	0%	-
Postage	600	661	700	165	700	0%	-
Schoolhouse Utilities	300	-	300	-	300	0%	-
Town Hall Maintenance/Repairs	5,000	3,995	4,000	3,988	4,000	0%	-
Town Hall Utilities	4,000	8,754	4,000	1,513	4,500	13%	500
Town Report Expense	2,000	501	2,000	500	2,000	0%	-
<b>TOTAL MAIN. &amp; SUPPLIES</b>	<b>24,900</b>	<b>30,760</b>	<b>22,000</b>	<b>13,087</b>	<b>22,500</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>500</b>
<i>* End of year balance will transfer to reserve funds</i>							
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>76,040</b>	<b>80,193</b>	<b>74,207</b>	<b>36,098</b>	<b>76,105</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>1,898</b>
<b>GENERAL SERVICES &amp; FEES</b>							
Animal Control	400	-	400	250	400	0%	-
BCA Mtgs / Poll Workers	1,800	1,403	1,800	-	500	-72%	(1,300)
BCRC	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	0%	-
BCSWA	2,100	1,237	2,100	1,418	2,100	0	-

Traffic Control	8,000	1,917	8,000	-	6,000	-25%	(2,000)
Cemetery Commission	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	0%	-
County Tax	5,000	4,680	5,000	4,343	5,500	10%	500
Fire Protection	24,276	24,476	24,276	24,276	25,000	3%	724
Insurance & Bonding	6,000	6,216	6,000	500	6,500	8%	500
ISWAP	2,500	4,102	2,500	2,175	4,000	60%	1,500
VLCT Dues	1,500	1,588	1,500	1,709	1,600	7%	100
<b>TOTAL GENERAL SERVICES</b>	<b>60,576</b>	<b>54,619</b>	<b>60,576</b>	<b>43,671</b>	<b>60,600</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>TOTAL G.F TO BE VOTED</b>	<b>136,616</b>	<b>134,812</b>	<b>134,783</b>	<b>79,769</b>	<b>136,705</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>1,922</b>
	<b>FY20/21 Budget</b>	<b>FY20/21 Actual</b>	<b>FY21/22 Budget</b>	<b>FY21/22 To date</b>	<b>FY22/23 Budget to Vote</b>	<b>Proposed % change</b>	<b>\$ Change</b>
<b>APPROPRIATIONS</b>							
Arlington Area Childcare	750	750	750	750	750	0%	-
Arlington Community House	100	100	100	100	100	0%	-
Arlington Nursing Service	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	0%	-
Arlington Recreation Park	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	0%	-
Arlington Rescue Squad	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500	0%	-
Benn. Co. Child Advocacy	200	200	200	200	200	0%	-
BCCD	300	300	300	300	300	0%	-
BROC	137	137	137	137	137	0%	-
Burdett Commons	75	75	75	75	75	0%	-
VCIL	95	95	95	95	95	0%	-
CRJ	250	250	250	250	250	0%	-
Green-Up Day	50	50	50	50	50	0%	-
Lothan Wuerslin Scholarship	350	350	350	350	350	0%	-
Martha Canfield Library	3,800	3,800	3,800	3,800	3,800	0%	-
PAVE	100	100	100	100	100	0%	-
SWVT Area Council on Aging	600	600	600	600	600	0%	-
Tutorial Center	200	200	200	200	200	0%	-
VACD	100	100	100	100	100	0%	-
<b>Appropriations to be voted</b>	<b>18,807</b>	<b>18,807</b>	<b>18,807</b>	<b>18,807</b>	<b>18,807</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total GF &amp; Appropriations</b>	<b>155,423</b>	<b>153,619</b>	<b>153,590</b>	<b>98,576</b>	<b>155,512</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>1,922</b>



## PROPOSED 2022-2023 SANDGATE BUDGET - HIGHWAY

	FY20/21 Budget	FY20/21 Actual	FY21/22 Budget	FY21/22 as of 12/31/21	FY22/23 Budget to Vote	Proposed % change	\$ Change
<b>Salaries/Wages/Expenses</b>							
Drug Testing	\$250	\$0	\$250	\$0	\$250	0%	\$0.00
Health Insurance	\$15,000	\$4,500	\$15,000	\$2,250	\$15,000	0%	\$0.00
Payroll Tax Expenses	\$8,000	\$4,591	\$8,000	\$2,315	\$8,000	0%	\$0.00
Retirement Contribution	\$4,500	\$5,480	\$4,650	\$2,789	\$4,790	3%	\$140.00
Road Foreman Overtime	\$9,624	\$4,359	\$9,600	\$2,305	\$9,600	0%	\$0.00
Road Foreman Salary	\$55,167	\$56,684	\$56,822	\$27,959	\$58,527	3%	\$1,704.65
Road Worker Pay	\$32,000	\$38,070	\$35,000	\$19,683	\$36,050	3%	\$1,050.00
Training/Mileage	\$400	\$173	\$400	\$0	\$400	0%	\$0.00
Unemployment Insurance	\$650	\$0	\$650	\$0	\$650	0%	\$0.00
Uniforms/Shop Towels	\$2,000	\$2,306	\$3,000	\$870	\$3,000	0%	\$0.00
Workers' Comp Insurance	\$14,000	\$11,449	\$14,420	\$0	\$14,420	0%	\$0.00
<b>Total Salaries/Wages/Expenses</b>	<b>\$141,591</b>	<b>\$127,611</b>	<b>\$147,792</b>	<b>\$58,171</b>	<b>\$150,687</b>	<b>2.0%</b>	<b>\$2,894.65</b>
<b>Garage Equipment &amp; Maintenance</b>							
Construction Account	\$25,000	\$500	\$25,000	\$0	\$25,000	0%	\$0.00
Electric	\$816	\$565	\$816	\$273	\$816	0%	\$0.00
Equip Maint/Parts/Repairs	\$15,000	\$12,681	\$20,000	\$10,030	\$20,000	0%	\$0.00
Fuel & Oil (Trucks & Equip)	\$17,000	\$10,777	\$17,000	\$6,064	\$17,000	0%	\$0.00
Garage Maintenance	\$2,500	\$2,286	\$2,500	\$1,335	\$2,500	0%	\$0.00
Heating Oil	\$3,000	\$1,312	\$3,000	\$290	\$3,000	0%	\$0.00
Ins & Liability (Garage/Vehicle)	\$7,500	\$0	\$7,500	\$0	\$7,500	0%	\$0.00
Oil & Lube (fuel oil)	\$3,000	\$2,829	\$3,000	\$0	\$3,000	0%	\$0.00
Phone/Internet/Radios	\$4,500	\$4,545	\$4,500	\$1,762	\$4,500	0%	\$0.00
Tires & Chains	\$4,000	\$1,430	\$4,000	\$0	\$4,000	0%	\$0.00
Tools & Supplies	\$2,500	\$2,186	\$2,500	\$658	\$2,500	0%	\$0.00
<b>Total Equipment &amp; Maintenance</b>	<b>\$84,816</b>	<b>\$39,111</b>	<b>\$89,816</b>	<b>\$20,412</b>	<b>\$89,816</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Materials &amp; Hauling</b>							
Calcium Chloride (delivered)	\$6,000	\$4,180	\$9,000	\$2,754	\$9,000	0%	\$0.00
Road/Ditch Materials & Hauling	\$45,000	\$41,351	\$50,000	\$48,049	\$50,000	0%	\$0.00
Salt (delivered)	\$25,000	\$20,255	\$25,000	\$3,733	\$25,000	0%	\$0.00
Sand (delivered)	\$25,000	\$30,367	\$29,000	\$20,432	\$29,000	0%	\$0.00
<b>Total Materials &amp; Hauling *</b>	<b>\$101,000</b>	<b>\$96,152</b>	<b>\$113,000</b>	<b>\$74,967</b>	<b>\$113,000</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Projects</b>							
Bridge/Culvert Program *	\$20,000	\$15,517	\$20,000	\$14,725	\$20,000	0%	\$0.00
Contracted/Equip Rental	\$15,000	\$15,849	\$20,000	\$3,800	\$20,000	0%	\$0.00
Guard Rails /Signs	\$2,000	\$175	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000	0%	\$0.00
Pavement Maintenance *	\$30,000	\$7,056	\$30,000	\$0	\$30,000	0%	\$0.00
Tree & Brush Removal	\$4,000	\$4,050	\$4,000	\$0	\$4,000	0%	\$0.00
<b>Total Projects</b>	<b>\$71,000</b>	<b>\$42,646</b>	<b>\$76,000</b>	<b>\$18,525</b>	<b>\$76,000</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Other</b>							
Equip Reserve Fund Appropriation	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	0%	\$0.00
Misc. Expenses *	\$1,000	\$503	\$1,000	\$1,047	\$1,000	0%	\$0.00
Grant Funding		\$11,045		\$7,063			
<b>Total Other</b>	<b>\$41,000</b>	<b>\$51,548</b>	<b>\$51,000</b>	<b>\$58,110</b>	<b>\$51,000</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>TOTAL HW. EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$439,407</b>	<b>\$357,069</b>	<b>\$477,608</b>	<b>\$230,184</b>	<b>\$480,503</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>\$2,894.65</b>
Less Anticipated State Aid	<b>\$62,832</b>	<b>\$62,832</b>	<b>\$62,832</b>	<b>\$62,832</b>	<b>\$62,034</b>	<b>-1%</b>	<b>-\$798.00</b>
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$376,575</b>	<b>\$294,237</b>	<b>\$414,776</b>	<b>\$167,352</b>	<b>\$418,469</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>\$3,692.65</b>

\* End of year balance will transfer to reserve funds

\$0.00

# DOG LICENSES

Sandy Reidy, Town Clerk

In 2021 there were 61 dogs licensed in the Town of Sandgate. I would like to thank all the people who cooperated with the licensing process.

If your dog has passed away, please contact the office, otherwise we need to see a current Rabies certificate and you need to license your dog.

**Please don't forget to license your dogs. Licenses are ready by the first of January each year for your convenience. All dogs must be licensed by April 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. There are late fees if animals are not licensed by that date.**

Lost or found animals should be reported to Erin McDermott (small animals), 375-2201 or Suzanne dePeyster (large animals), 375-6005. You should also call Second Chance Animal Shelter at 375-0249 because they run a hotline for lost or found animals.

## SCHEDULE OF DOG LICENSES AND FEES

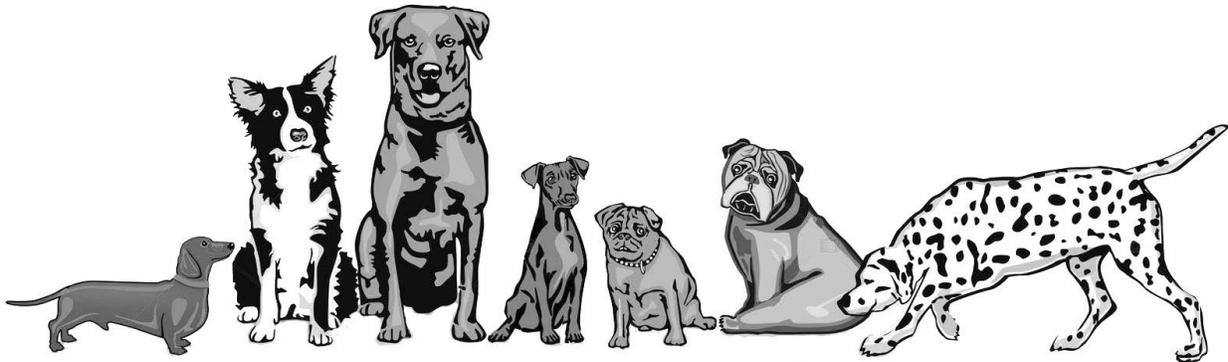
	Before April 1 <sup>st</sup>	After April 1 <sup>st</sup>
Neutered/spayed dogs etc.	\$11.00	\$16.00
Unaltered dogs etc.	\$16.00	\$23.50

NOTE: If you become an owner/keeper of a dog that is over six months old after April 1<sup>st</sup>, you have 30 days to license that animal. All unlicensed dogs should be reported to the Town Clerk. Sandgate has an Animal Control Ordinance.

**A PERSON WHO FAILS TO LICENSE A DOG OR WOLF-HYBRID IN THE REQUIRED MANNER SHALL BE FINED UP TO \$500 (20 V.S.A. § 3550). The Rabies Control Hotline number is 1-800-4-Rabies.**

## RABIES VACCINATION LAW

All dogs or wolf-hybrids over three months of age shall be vaccinated against rabies. Initial vaccination is valid for 12 months. Within 9-12 months the animal must receive a booster vaccination. All subsequent vaccinations are valid for 36 months. (20 V.S.A. § 3581)



## SANDGATE ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS

as of December 31, 2021

Town & School Moderator	Chris Barlow
Town Clerk	Sandra Reidy
Assistant Town Clerk	Eleanor LaCross (appointed by Town Clerk)
Assistant Town Clerk	Pat Hall (appointed by Town Clerk)
Treasurer	Sandra Reidy
Assistant Treasurer	Eleanor LaCross (appointed by Treasurer)
Selectboard, 1 Year (Chair)	Karen Dzialo
Selectboard, 3 Year	Karen Tendrup
Selectboard, 1 Year	Joe Nolan
Selectboard, 1 Year	Thomas Santelli
Selectboard, 3 Years	Mike Hill
State Officer & Constable	Richard Dahm
Delinquent Tax Collector	Eleanor Lacross
Auditor, 3 Year	Sheila Kearns
Auditor, 3 Year	Valerie dePeyster
Auditor, 3 Year	Katie Kenny
Lister, 3 Year	Valerie dePeyster
Lister, 3 Year	Shelley Finn
Lister, 3 Year	Jeanne Zoppel
Town Agent, 1 Year	Jean Eisenhart
Town Grand Juror	Jean Eisenhart
Cemetery Commission, 3 Year	Julie Robertson
Cemetery Commission, 3 Year	Kathleen Hill
Cemetery Commission, 3 Year	Kathy Wagner
School Director, 3 Year	Celeste Keel
School Director, 3 Year	Allan Tschorn
School Director, 3 Year	Jeanne Zoppel
Justices of the Peace	Valerie dePeyster
	Dona McAdams
	Julie Robertson
	Phoebe Sheres
	Nancy Tschorn

# SANDGATE APPOINTED OFFICERS

as of December 31, 2021

<b>CONSERVATION COMMISSION</b>
Jean Eisenhart, Chair; Jim Henderson, Harry Rich, Rob Viglas, Dottie Sundquist
<b>PLANNING COMMISSION / ZONING BOARD</b>
Richard Zoppel, Chair – 3 years
Brad Kessler – 3 years
James Aschmann – 3 years
Joseph Nolan – 3 years
Rob Viglas – 3 years
Jean Eisenhart, Alternate
<b>911 ADDRESSES</b>
Road Foreman, Town Clerk
<b>ZONING ADMINISTRATOR</b>
Sheila Kearns
<b>FIRE WARDENS</b>
Lynn Fielding (State appointed)
Louis Jobson (State appointed)
<b>POUND KEEPER</b>
Erin McDermott - Small Animals
Suzanne dePeyster - Large Animals
<b>TOWN SERVICE OFFICER</b>
Karen Tendrup
<b>EMERGENCY FUEL COORDINATOR</b>
Select Board
<b>EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR</b>
Select Board
<b>BCRC REPRESENTATIVES</b>
Sheila Kearns
<b>BCSWA/ISWAP REPRESENTATIVE</b>
Karen Dzialo
<b>INSPECTOR OF LUMBER, SHINGLES &amp; WOOD</b>
Dona McAdams
Karen Tendrup, Sandy Reidy
<b>FENCE VIEWERS</b>
Suzanne dePeyster, Mike Hill
<b>TREE WARDEN</b>
Mike Hill
Select Board
<b>ARTS GRANT SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE</b>
Jean Eisenhart, Pat Hall, Dona McAdams, Hasso Wuerslin, Jeanne Zoppel

# DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Eleanor LaCross, Collector

Town taxes are due upon receipt of your yearly tax bill. The final date for the Treasurer to receive payment for 2021-2022 taxes was October 1st 2021. A mailing date of October 1st does not constitute payment of taxes in a timely fashion and the 8% penalty and 1% interest will be applied to all taxes which do not arrive at town hall **on or before** October 1st of each year. 1% interest on the principal is charged per month or portion of the month that the tax remains unpaid. This is an interest rate of 12% per year.

## STATEMENT OF DELINQUENT TAXES AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2021

NAME	PARCEL	TOTAL
<b>2021</b>		
Cerretani, Jaclyn	146000-00R	2,866.14
Cutler Camp Trust	151000-0R0	4.93
Grogan, Heath E	307500-00R	9,184.26
Koscinski, Michael	424000-00L	1,292.08
Low, Albert M	312000-0R0	481.79
Maue, Eugene	148500-00R	4,273.22
Miller, Charles	704700-00L	238.17
Salmon-Holgren, Lorraine	612000-00R	790.65
Matthew Moore	630500-00R	140.02
Walsh, John F III	426000-00L	1,790.32
	<b>TOTAL FOR 2021</b>	<b>\$21,061.58</b>
<b>2020</b>		
Cerretani, Jaclyn	146000-00R	1,332.74
Grogan, Heath E&T	307500-00R	1,565.20
Maue, Eugene R	148500-00R	3,948.68
Miller, Charles	704700-00L	27.06
	<b>TOTAL FOR 2020</b>	<b>\$6,873.68</b>
<b>2019</b>		
Grogan, Heath	307500-00R	1,103.43
Maue, Eugene R	148500-00R	1,952.76
	<b>TOTAL FOR 2019</b>	<b>\$3,056.19</b>
	<b>TOTAL DELINQUENT TAXES</b>	<b>\$30,991.45</b>

# **DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTION POLICY**

## **Town of Sandgate, Vermont**

1. All delinquent taxes must be remitted to the Collector of Delinquent Taxes. The Town Treasurer is not authorized to accept any payment toward delinquent taxes.
2. As soon as the Tax Collection Warrant has been received from the Treasurer, the Delinquent Tax Collector will send a notice to each delinquent taxpayer each month for three months. The third letter will contain notice of the possibility of a tax sale.
3. Partial payments may be made on a monthly basis; however, payment arrangements which completely pay the bill before April 1st of the year succeeding the current tax due date will be required.
4. Mortgage and lien holder will be notified of the tax delinquency 30 days after the first notice has been sent if the delinquent taxpayer has not paid the taxes or contracted the Collector to make arrangement for payment.
5. There will be a \$20 fee charged for any returned check or other faulty payment of delinquent taxes.
6. Six months after the due date, the Collector will send notice of impending tax sale to sell as much of the property as is necessary to pay the taxes, costs, and fees associated with such a sale.
7. If no satisfactory payment arrangements have been made in one month or if the arrangements agreed to have not been met, the Collector of Delinquent Taxes will instruct a lawyer to begin the following actions to sell as much of the property on which the tax is due, as is necessary to pay the tax, cost and fees.
  - a) The delinquent taxpayer will be notified of the tax sale decision, that full payment must be received prior to the posted date of the impending tax sale, and that the costs of the tax sale will be borne by the taxpayer.
  - b) All mortgage holders and lien holders will be notified of the tax sale.
  - c) If full payment has not been received by the posted time and date of the tax sale, the tax sale will be held according to the procedure specified in 32V.S.A Section 5252.
  - d) Costs of preparing and conducting the sale, including legal fees up to a maximum of 15% of the amount of the delinquent tax, will be charged to the delinquent taxpayer.
8. In the event that no one purchases the property at tax sale, or if in the judgement of the Delinquent Tax Collector, proceeding with tax sale is unwise, the Collector shall collect the delinquent taxes using any or all the methods permitted by law.
9. Each taxpayer has the right to apply for abatement of property taxes based on any of the grounds listed in 24 V.S.A Section 1535, which may be viewed in the Town Clerk's office.

Eleanor LaCross, Collector of Delinquent Taxes  
802-375-2801

## **SANDGATE, VERMONT ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, MAY 3, 2021**

The legal voters of the Town of Sandgate, Vermont met at the Sandgate Town Hall on Monday May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 at 7:00 for the purpose of Acting on Article 2. Articles 1 and 3- 9 were voted on the ballot May 4<sup>th</sup> 2021.

There were 38 people present. Also present State Representative's Kathleen James and Seth Bongartz.

Chris Barlow, Town Moderator brought the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

Kathleen James and Seth Bongartz spoke first. They both discussed the federal money the state should be receiving and what it should be used for.

The federal aid money will be about 99\$ per capita for the state portion and 1.99\$ per capita for the county portion.

VLCT will be giving guidance and posting some literature about the guidelines in which the Town may spend the money. Some of the examples being infrastructure, broad band and some lost revenues.

### **Article 2: To hear and act on the reports of the Town Officers.**

#### **Chris Barlow asks Mike to speak about the Road Foreman report.**

Mike stated that he is working on more Grants for the roads. In an effort to get the roads up to State specs the road crew will be concentrating on one road at a time. Currently working on West Sandgate Road, from the top of the notch to the town line. 2 grants have been applied for the West Sandgate Road.

#### **Town Clerk report.**

Sandy reports that the Town is now on volume 59 in the Land Records book. Nothing more to add.

Betsy Rathburn-Gunn comments on the defibrillator hanging in the meeting room and wonders if it can be accessed out of Clerk hours?

Sandy replied that currently it can not be accessed without a key. A box to house the defibrillator will be priced and considered.

No more Town Officers present. Meeting adjourned 7:41 pm.

## **BURDETT COMMONS**

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**SANDGATE TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT WARNING**

Legal voters of the Town of Sandgate School District of Sandgate, County of Bennington, State of Vermont, are hereby warned and notified to meet at **10:00 am at the Sandgate Town Hall on Tuesday, March 1, 2022**, to transact the following business:

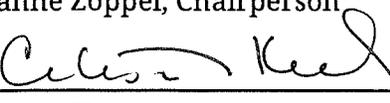
- Article 1: To hear and act on the report of the School District Officers.
- Article 2: To elect one School Board Director for a three-year term by Australian ballot March 1, 2022.
- Article 3: Shall the voters of Sandgate School District authorize the School Board to borrow money by issuance of notes not in excess of anticipated revenue for the fiscal year July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023?
- Article 4: Shall the voters of the Sandgate School District authorize the Board of School Directors to allocate its current fund balance without effect upon the District Tax Levy, as follows: Assign seventy-six thousand, six hundred and fifty-nine dollars (\$76,659) as revenue for future budgets?
- Article 5: Shall the voters of the school district approve the school board to expend \$1,020,065 which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that the proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$18,394.96 per equalized pupil. The projected spending per equalized pupil is 15.31% higher than the spending for the current year.
- Article 6: To transact any other business proper to be brought before said Town School District Meeting.

Absentee voting is permitted on all matters to be voted by Australian ballot. For purposes of Australian balloting, the polls will be open from **10:00 am until 7:00 pm on March 1, 2022**.

Dated this 20th day of January, 2022

Sandgate Board of School Directors:

  
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Jeanne Zoppel, Chairperson

  
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Celeste Keel, Board Member

  
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Allan Tschorn, Clerk

# SANDGATE TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT, MAY 4<sup>th</sup> 2021

Legal voters of the Town of Sandgate School District of Sandgate, County of Bennington, State of Vermont, were warned and notified to meet at 10:00 a.m. at the Sandgate Town Hall on Tuesday, May 4, 2021 to transact the following business:

Chris Barlow brought the meeting to order at 10:02 AM

Approximately 9 people were present. William Bazyk, Superintendent for BVSU was present.

Margaret Phelps made a motion to hear from William Bazyk, Superintendent for BVSU.

Mr. Bazyk states that there may be surplus this year due to a drop in tuition cost for Sandgate. Some students did not return to school this year. The bus is on its last leg. We may be able to get a year or two out of it. There is a grant available for an electric bus, which may be a possibility for Sandgate. The bus fund has plenty of money to purchase a new one. The school tax rate is not set yet. The CLA creates the tax rate set by the state. July 1<sup>st</sup> is the full transition to the SVSU. Tuition for this year remains steady. Bill thanks Allan, Celeste and Jeanne for their hard work on the budget.

Rick Dahm asked "Did the school adjust the tuition for the year based on the fact that the school weeks were cut shorter during the pandemic". Bill answers, that the costs remained through the pandemic. The plan is to run some summer programs and invest in new computers. Rick states that he was pleased they kept the schools open and running during the pandemic.

Margaret Phelps asked "When we join the SVSU will we be able to make that kind of decision again to keep our schools open when others in the SU are closed?" Bill answers yes, we will be able to make those kinds of decisions between Arlington and Sandgate.

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**Article 1:** To Hear and act on the report of the School District Officers

Chris Barlow asks Allan Tschorn if he would like to speak.

Allan states he has nothing to add to Bill's report.

Sandra Reidy made a motion to accept the reports of the School District Officers.

Margaret Phelps seconded

**Article 1 passed**

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**Article 2:** To elect one School Board Director for a three-year term by Australian ballot May 4, 2021.

**Article 2 passed**

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**Article 3:** Shall the voters of the school district approve the school board to expend \$857,129, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that the proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$15,949.51 per equalized pupil. The projected spending per equalized pupil is 10.06% less than the spending for the current year.

Rick Dahm made a motion to accept article 3

Valerie dePeyster seconded

**Article 3 passed**

**Article 4:** Shall the voters of the Sandgate Town School District authorize the Board of School Directors to allocate its current fund balance without effect upon the District Tax levy, as follows: assign any remainder as revenue for future budgets?

Rick Dahm moved the question

Dottie Sundequist seconded

**Article 4 passed**

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**Article 5:** Shall the voters of Sandgate School District authorize the School Board to borrow money by issuance of notes not in excess of anticipated revenue for the fiscal year July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

Margaret Phelps moved the question

Rick Dahm seconded

**Article 5 passed**

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**Article 6:** To transact any other business proper to be brought before said Town School District Meeting.

Margaret Phelps moved the question.

Karen Tendrup seconded

**Article 6 passed**

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Rick Dahm made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Margaret Phelps seconded.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:34 AM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sandra Reidy, Town clerk

## Sandgate School District - FY23 Summary Proposed Budget

Expenditures	FY17 Budget	FY17 Actuals	FY18 Budget	FY18 Actual	FY19 Budget	FY19 Actual	FY20 Budget	FY20 Actual	FY21 Budget	FY21 Actual	FY22 Budget	FY23 Budget	Variance	%
Early Education	\$15,460	\$21,644	\$9,534	\$12,712	\$9,801	\$6,534	\$6,712	\$10,068	\$3,445	\$19,262	\$7,072	\$3,656	(\$3,416)	-48.30%
Instructional Program	\$645,582	\$727,900	\$621,202	\$653,760	\$863,089	\$644,321	\$709,689	\$716,738	\$822,377	\$728,380	\$746,099	\$906,160	\$160,061	21.45%
School Board	\$4,653	\$2,642	\$3,488	\$3,268	\$3,488	\$2,368	\$4,078	\$2,368	\$4,078	\$2,368	\$4,078	\$4,078	\$-	0.00%
Regular Education Assessments	\$73,321	\$73,321	\$64,408	\$61,988	\$56,709	\$61,988	\$60,306	\$66,241	\$58,010	\$58,010	\$50,644	\$55,027	\$4,383	8.65%
SPED Assessments	\$150,571	\$150,571	\$252,606	\$232,398	\$41,934	\$45,359	\$50,967	\$59,081	\$39,377	\$39,377	\$48,736	\$50,644	\$1,908	3.91%
Interest / Prior Year Adjustments	\$500	\$-	\$500	\$-	\$500	\$-	\$500	\$-	\$500	\$-	\$500	\$500	\$-	0.00%
<b>Total Expenditures to be Voted</b>	<b>\$890,087</b>	<b>\$976,078</b>	<b>\$951,738</b>	<b>\$964,126</b>	<b>\$975,521</b>	<b>\$760,570</b>	<b>\$832,252</b>	<b>\$854,495</b>	<b>\$927,787</b>	<b>\$847,397</b>	<b>\$857,129</b>	<b>\$1,020,065</b>	<b>\$162,936</b>	<b>19.01%</b>
Warned Articles/Transfers	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$200,000	\$219,363	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	--
<b>Total District Expenditures</b>	<b>\$890,087</b>	<b>\$976,078</b>	<b>\$951,738</b>	<b>\$964,126</b>	<b>\$975,521</b>	<b>\$760,570</b>	<b>\$1,032,252</b>	<b>\$1,073,858</b>	<b>\$927,787</b>	<b>\$847,397</b>	<b>\$857,129</b>	<b>\$1,020,065</b>	<b>\$162,936</b>	<b>19.01%</b>
<b>Revenues</b>														
1510 Interest	\$400	\$724	\$800	\$1,115	\$800	\$4,014	\$800	\$3,305	\$800	\$592	\$800	\$800	\$-	0.00%
1900 Miscellaneous	\$200	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$14,840	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	--
5400 Return of Prior Year Tuition	\$-	\$40,387	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	--
<b>Total Local</b>	<b>\$600</b>	<b>\$41,111</b>	<b>\$800</b>	<b>\$1,115</b>	<b>\$800</b>	<b>\$18,854</b>	<b>\$800</b>	<b>\$3,305</b>	<b>\$800</b>	<b>\$592</b>	<b>\$800</b>	<b>\$800</b>	<b>\$-</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>3100 Transportation Reimbursement</b>														
3150 Transportation Reimbursement	\$13,332	\$13,122	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	--
<b>3201 SPED Block Grant</b>														
3201 SPED Block Grant	\$22,471	\$22,471	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	--
<b>3202 SPED Intensive Reimbursement</b>														
3202 SPED Intensive Reimbursement	\$44,443	\$54,971	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	--
Grant	\$3,937	\$3,937	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	--
<b>Total State Reimbursements</b>	<b>\$84,183</b>	<b>\$94,501</b>	<b>\$-</b>	<b>\$-</b>	<b>\$-</b>	<b>\$-</b>	<b>\$-</b>	<b>\$-</b>	<b>\$-</b>	<b>\$-</b>	<b>\$-</b>	<b>\$-</b>	<b>\$-</b>	<b>--</b>
<b>3100 Education Spending</b>														
3100 Education Spending	\$804,412	\$804,398	\$948,435	\$948,169	\$970,952	\$970,316	\$827,683	\$826,957	\$923,218	\$923,495	\$853,110	\$1,014,177	\$161,067	18.88%
<b>3114 Tuition on Behalf of Tech Ctr</b>														
3114 Tuition on Behalf of Tech Ctr	\$892	\$906	\$2,503	\$2,503	\$3,769	\$3,769	\$3,769	\$4,495	\$3,769	\$3,769	\$3,219	\$5,088	\$1,869	58.06%
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$890,087</b>	<b>\$940,916</b>	<b>\$951,738</b>	<b>\$951,787</b>	<b>\$975,521</b>	<b>\$992,939</b>	<b>\$832,252</b>	<b>\$834,757</b>	<b>\$927,787</b>	<b>\$927,856</b>	<b>\$857,129</b>	<b>\$1,020,065</b>	<b>\$162,936</b>	<b>19.01%</b>
<b>Surplus (Deficit)</b>		<b>\$35,161</b>		<b>\$12,339</b>	<b>\$-</b>	<b>\$232,368</b>	<b>(\$200,000)</b>	<b>(\$239,101)</b>	<b>\$-</b>	<b>\$80,460</b>	<b>\$-</b>	<b>\$-</b>	<b>\$-</b>	

**Sandgate School District  
FY23 Summary Proposed Budget**

Expenditures	FY19 Actual	FY20 Actual	FY21 Actual	FY22 Budget	FY23 Budget	Variance	%
Early Education	\$ 6,534	\$ 10,068	\$ 19,262	\$ 7,072	\$ 3,666	\$ (3,416)	-48.30%
Instructional Program	\$ 644,321	\$ 716,738	\$ 728,380	\$ 748,099	\$ 906,160	\$ 160,061	21.45%
School Board	\$ 2,388	\$ 2,388	\$ 2,388	\$ 4,078	\$ 4,078	\$ -	0.00%
Regular Education Assessments	\$ 61,988	\$ 66,241	\$ 58,010	\$ 50,644	\$ 55,027	\$ 4,383	8.65%
SPED Assessments	\$ 45,359	\$ 58,081	\$ 39,377	\$ 48,736	\$ 50,644	\$ 1,908	3.91%
Interest / Prior Year Adjustments				\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -	0.00%
<b>Total Expenditures to be Voted</b>	<b>\$ 760,670</b>	<b>\$ 864,495</b>	<b>\$ 847,397</b>	<b>\$ 857,129</b>	<b>\$ 1,020,065</b>	<b>\$ 162,936</b>	<b>19.01%</b>
Warned Articles/Transfers	\$ -	\$ 219,363	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	--
<b>Total District Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 760,670</b>	<b>\$ 1,073,858</b>	<b>\$ 847,397</b>	<b>\$ 857,129</b>	<b>\$ 1,020,065</b>	<b>\$ 162,936</b>	<b>19.01%</b>

Revenues	FY19 Actual	FY20 Actual	FY21 Actual	FY22 Budget	FY23 Budget	Variance	%
1510 Interest	\$ 4,014	\$ 3,305	\$ 592	\$ 800	\$ 800	\$ -	0.00%
1900 Miscellaneous	\$ 14,840					\$ -	--
5400 Return of Prior Year Tuition	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	--
<b>Total Local</b>	<b>\$ 18,854</b>	<b>\$ 3,305</b>	<b>\$ 592</b>	<b>\$ 800</b>	<b>\$ 800</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
3150 Transportation Reimbursement	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	--
3201 SPED Block Grant	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	--
3202 SPED Intensive Reimbursement	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	--
3204 EEE Block Grant	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	--
<b>Total State Reimbursements</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>--</b>
3100 Education Spending	\$ 970,316	\$ 826,957	\$ 923,495	\$ 853,110	\$ 1,014,177	\$ 161,067	18.88%
3114 Tuition on Behalf of Tech Center	\$ 3,769	\$ 4,495	\$ 3,769	\$ 3,219	\$ 5,088	\$ 1,869	58.06%
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 992,939</b>	<b>\$ 834,757</b>	<b>\$ 927,856</b>	<b>\$ 857,129</b>	<b>\$ 1,020,065</b>	<b>\$ 162,936</b>	<b>19.01%</b>
<b>Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$ 232,368</b>	<b>\$ (239,101)</b>	<b>\$ 80,460</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>--</b>

District: <b>Sandgate</b>		<b>T181</b>			
SU: <b>Southwest Vermont</b>		Bennington County		Property dollar equivalent yield	Homestead tax rate per \$12,937 of spending per equalized pupil
			<b>12,937</b>	<--See bottom note	<b>1.00</b>
			<b>15,484</b>		Income dollar equivalent yield per 2.0% of household income
Expenditures		FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023
1.	<b>Budget</b> (local budget, including special programs, full technical center expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures)	\$832,252	\$927,787	\$857,129	\$1,020,065
2.	plus Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting	-	-	-	-
3.	minus Act 144 Expenditures, to be excluded from Education Spending (Manchester & West Windsor only)	NA	NA	NA	-
4.	<b>Locally adopted or warned budget</b>	<b>\$832,252</b>	<b>\$927,787</b>	<b>\$857,129</b>	<b>\$1,020,065</b>
5.	plus Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any	-	-	-	-
6.	plus Prior year deficit repayment of deficit	-	-	-	-
7.	<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$832,252</b>	<b>\$927,787</b>	<b>\$857,129</b>	<b>\$1,020,065</b>
8.	S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data	-	-	-	\$105,668
9.	Prior year deficit reduction (included in expenditure budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-
Revenues					
10.	Offsetting revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)	\$800	\$800	\$800	\$800
11.	plus Capital debt aid for eligible projects pre-existing Act 60	-	-	-	-
12.	minus All Act 144 revenues, including local Act 144 tax revenues (Manchester & West Windsor only)	NA	NA	NA	NA
13.	<b>Offsetting revenues</b>	<b>\$800</b>	<b>\$800</b>	<b>\$800</b>	<b>\$800</b>
14.	<b>Education Spending</b>	<b>\$831,452</b>	<b>\$926,987</b>	<b>\$856,329</b>	<b>\$1,019,265</b>
15.	Equalized Pupils	61.03	52.50	53.68	55.41
16.	<b>Education Spending per Equalized Pupil</b>	<b>\$13,623.66</b>	<b>\$17,656.90</b>	<b>\$15,952.48</b>	<b>\$18,394.96</b>
17.	minus Less ALL net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil	-	-	-	-
18.	minus Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$60,000 for an individual (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-
19.	minus Less amount of deficit if deficit is SOLELY attributable to tuitions paid to public schools for grades the district does not operate for new students who moved to the district after the budget was passed (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-
20.	minus Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer equalized pupils (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-
21.	minus Estimated costs of new students after census period (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-
22.	minus Total tuitions if tuitioning ALL K-12 unless electorate has approved tuitions greater than average announced tuition (per eqpup)	Exempt	-	-	-
23.	minus Less planning costs for merger of small schools (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-
24.	minus Teacher retirement assessment for new members of Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System on or after July 1, 2015 (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-
25.	minus Costs incurred when sampling drinking water outlets, implementing lead remediation, or retesting.	-	-	-	-
26.	Excess spending threshold	threshold = \$18,311 \$18,311.00	threshold = \$18,756 \$18,756.00	threshold = \$18,789 \$18,789.00	threshold = \$19,997 \$19,997.00
27.	plus Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)	-	-	2 year suspension \$15,952	2 year suspension \$18,394.96
28.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Equalized Tax Rate	\$13,624	\$17,657	\$15,952	\$18,394.96
29.	District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%)	127.946% based on yield \$10,648	160.546% based on yield \$10,883	140.960% based on \$10,763	142.189% based on yield \$12,937
Prorating the local tax rate					
30.	Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate (to be prorated by line 30) [\$18,394.96 ÷ (\$12,937 / \$1.00)]	\$1.2795 based on \$1.00	\$1.6055 based on \$1.00	\$1.4096 based on \$1.00	\$1.4219 based on \$1.00
31.	Percent of Sandgate equalized pupils not in a union school district	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
32.	Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town (100.00% x \$1.42)	\$1.2795	\$1.6055	\$1.4096	\$1.4219
33.	<b>Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)</b>	113.88%	110.08%	102.22%	89.31%
34.	Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (\$1.4219 / 89.31%)	\$1.1236 based on \$1.00	\$1.4585 based on \$1.00	\$1.3790 based on \$1.00	\$1.5921 based on \$1.00
If the district belongs to a union school district, this is only a PARTIAL homestead tax rate. The tax rate shown represents the estimated portion of the final homestead tax rate due to spending for students who do not belong to a union school district. The same holds true for the income cap percentage.					
35.	Anticipated income cap percent (to be prorated by line 30) [(\$18,394.96 ÷ \$15,484) x 2.00%]	2.08% based on 2.00%	2.61% based on 2.00%	2.32% based on 2.00%	2.38% based on 2.00%
36.	Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (100.00% x 2.38%)	2.08% based on 2.00%	2.61% based on 2.00%	2.32% based on 2.00%	2.38% based on 2.00%
37.	#N/A	-	-	-	-
38.	#N/A	-	-	-	-

- Following current statute, the Tax Commissioner recommended a property yield of \$13,846 for every \$1.00 of homestead tax per \$100 of equalized property value, an income yield of \$16,705 for a base income percent of 2.0%, and a non-residential tax rate of \$1.385. **THESE FIGURES USE THE ESTIMATED \$90,000,000 SURPLUS FROM THE EDUCATION FUND. I DO NOT EXPECT THAT SURPLUS WILL BE USED TO INCREASE THE YIELDS.** I would suggest using the figures provided without the surplus: \$12,937 for the property yield, \$15,484 for the income yield, and \$1.482 for the non-homestead tax rate.

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

## WILLY SKIDMORE (1940-2021)

When we were kids, we loved to ice skate on Lomberg's pond. Willy was just old enough to drive and I was much younger. One day, after skating in the morning, we were riding home and Willy began to describe to me how he planned to make a lighting system so we could skate at night. He looked down at me and said, "I think I will take the engine off my lawnmower and mount it on a board." This was in the middle of the winter and it meant he had to go up to the lawnmower shed and unbolt the engine from the mower in the dead of winter. Then he said, "I can find a generator from one of the old junk cars in the yard, mount that on the board, along with a voltage regulator, amp meter, and battery. I'll take out the headlights and build boxes to hold them."



That evening we went back to Willy's pond and Willy fired up his lawnmower motor and connected the headlamps to his homemade power station, threw the switch and, voila, we had lights to skate by that evening—not bad for a teenage kid who understood the lighting system of a car and adapted it to night lights for ice skating in Sandgate.

Willy was a master carpenter and a perfectionist. He usually took the lead on many jobs while building homes and condos on Stratton and Bromley. The boss would always go to Willy and talk to him about the details of the final products. The rest of the crew on these jobs was usually not so well trained, left a big mess, and their workmanship was askew. Willy would walk around with a 4-foot level and show how far out of level the walls were or the ceiling or the doors. He would make the crew do it over or make the corrections right there. When you saw Willy approaching with his 4-foot level you could hear the groans of the crew and you knew what was about to happen. —*Don Trachte*

Willy Skidmore was a luxury we have lost—someone who just did it correctly and was an artist as well. My first interaction was the construction of a spice cabinet. Having explained what I wanted, I was informed that it would be done, but with his design. I decided to take a chance because of his good reputation. That began many seemingly impossible projects. I learned that I could explain the goal and leave everything to him. I never worried because it would be much better and well thought out than anything I could design. Every day I enjoy all those efforts. I guess that explained William Skidmore, always understated, generous, and hardworking to make it better for those around him. —*Marge Peff*

I first met Bill when my brother, Fred Frost, hired him as a promising young carpenter just out of carpentry school. Bill showed an aptitude for the work and his attention to detail and thoroughness was evident. Fred had hired me as well, as a helper. One day, while building a house in East Arlington, Fred took me with him to do a repair on another house. He had instructed Bill to install a knee wall. When we returned a few hours later Bill was rushing around visibly agitated and the wall wasn't finished. He said, "Don't worry, Fred, this won't cost you a cent." It turned out that Bill had finished the wall only to discover that the level measurements were off about a quarter of an inch. He couldn't let that stand and rushed over to Miles Lumber and bought some new 2x4s with his own money, tore out the completed wall and rebuilt it square. This is how conscientious and exacting Bill was. Of course, Fred refunded his money and paid him his full wage.

One time we were building a house on Red Mountain and Bill had recently acquired a motorcycle. He was careful and operated it somewhat gingerly, riding it to work each day. One day Fred said he had to go to Arlington for something and asked Bill if he could use his bike. Bill looked a little dubious but said "yes" right away. After a while we could hear from way down in the valley a bike coming up the mountain pell-mell, up-shifting and down-shifting and echoing all around. We both stood there transfixed. When Fred topped the last rise Bill turned to me, grinning from ear to ear and said, "That's how that bike *should* be ridden." —*Phil Frost*

Willy was a lifelong resident of Sandgate. He attended the one-room school house in Sandgate from first to eighth grade, the last year it was open, in 1956. Willy built houses, additions and furniture for many people in this area.



# TOWN OF SANDGATE PHONE DIRECTORY

## Emergency Calls (Ambulance, Fire & Police) - 911

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER - Large Animals	Suzanne dePeyster	375-6005
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER - Small Animals	Erin McDermott	379-9246
ARLINGTON MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL		375-2589
ARLINGTON POST OFFICE		375-6904
ARLINGTON TOWN CLERK		375-2332
BENNINGTON COUNTY REGIONAL COMMISSION		442-0713
CASELLA LANDFILL Transfer Station: 4561 Sunderland Hill Road, Arlington, VT 05250 Hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri - 7:30-2:00; Sat, 7:30-11:30; Closed Wed, Sun & Holidays		362-4082
CEMETERY COMMISSION	Kathleen Hill	375-6543
DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR	Eleanor LaCross	375-2801
FIRE DEPARTMENT (Other than emergency)		375-2323
FIRE WARDEN - Burning Permit	Lynn Fielding	375-2211
FIRE WARDEN - Burning Permit	Louis Jobson	802-681-6710
FISHER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL		375-6409
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT	Town Garage	375-8358
ROAD LIAISON	Tom Santelli	375-9297
LISTERS		375-9270
MARTHA CANFIELD LIBRARY	Phyllis Skidmore	375-6153
PLANNING COMMISSION/ZONING BOARD	Richard Zoppel	375-9270
POUND KEEPER, ARLINGTON/SUNDERLAND	Traci Mulligan	375-6121
POUND KEEPER, RUPERT		379-3004
RESCUE SQUAD (Other than emergency)		375-6589
RUPERT TOWN CLERK		394-7728
SECOND CHANCE ANIMAL SHELTER		375-0249
SELECTBOARD		375-9075
STATE POLICE (Other than emergency)		442-5421
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS		375-9744
BENNINGTON SHERIFF'S OFFICE		442-4900
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE	Sandra Reidy	375-9075
TREASURER'S OFFICE	Sandra Reidy	375-9075
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR	Sheila Kearns	802-379-9961

# **FIRE WARNING**

**A permit is required from the Fire Warden for any outdoor burning except when there is snow on the ground at the scene of the fire.**

**For brush and forest fires burning out of control or threatening buildings, call 911.**

**For a permit call Lynn Fielding at 375-2211  
or Louis Jobson at 802-681-6710.**

**PLEASE HELP US AVOID FIRES  
REPORT ANY UNATTENDED FIRES**

**NO SMOKING IN THE TOWN HALL**

**FOR EMERGENCIES (POLICE, FIRE, AMBULANCE) CALL 911**

**For non-emergencies:**

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**Police Department: 442-5421**

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**Fire Department: 375-2323**

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**Rescue Squad: 375-6589**

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## **ALL PUBLIC MEETINGS REQUIRE MINUTES**

The open meeting law requires minutes to be kept of all public meetings (1 V.S.A. § 312). The purpose of this rule is to make it easy for the public to know, within five days of the meeting, who was present, what was discussed, and what was decided at the meeting. Minutes do not have to be taken of executive sessions, although the vote to go into executive session, including mentions of the subjects to be discussed should be reflected in the minutes of the meeting (1 V.S.A. § 313). No minutes need to be taken of deliberative sessions of a board since this meeting is not a public meeting under law (1 V.S.A. § 310).

