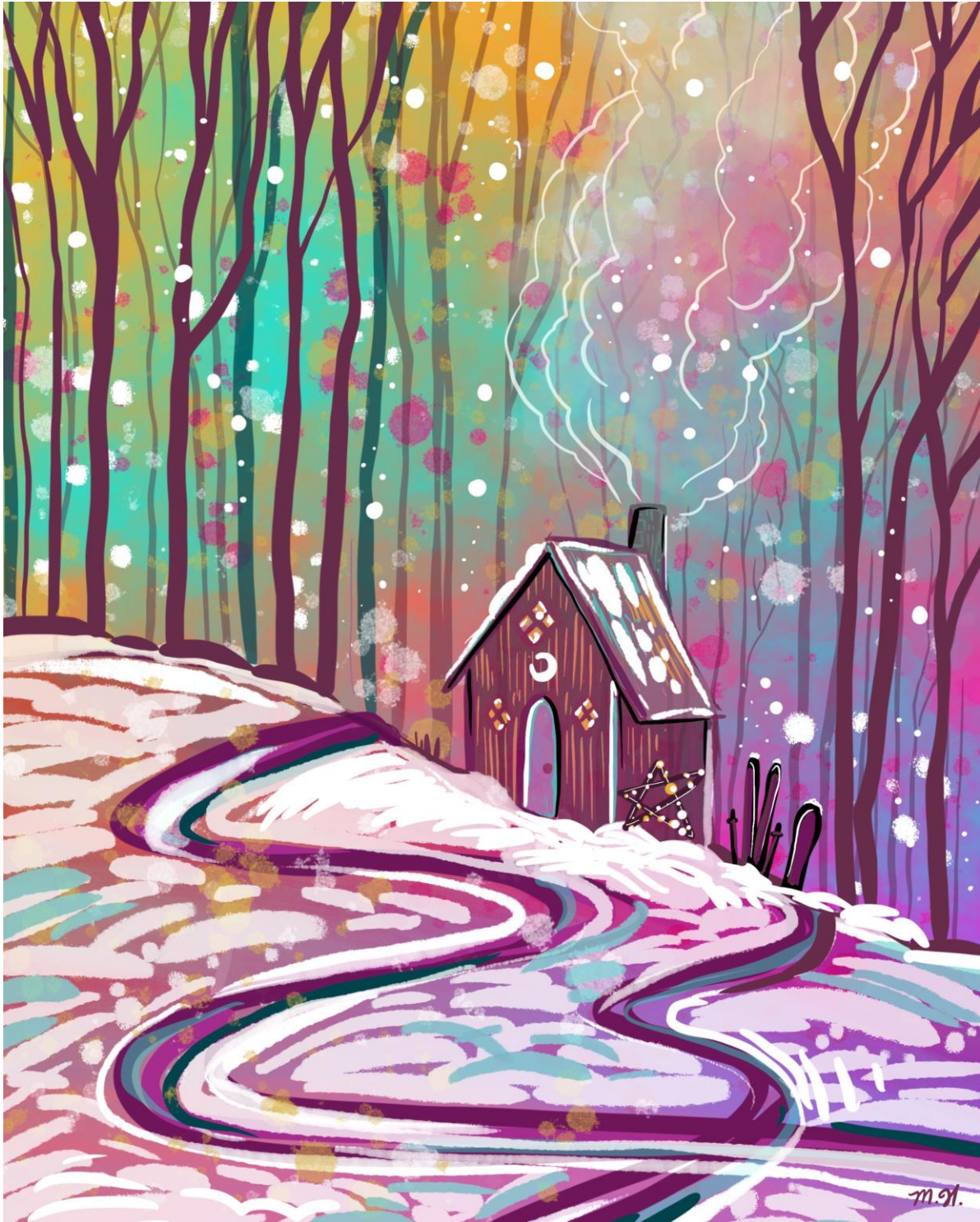


Town of Shrewsbury, Vermont



2022 Annual Report

2022 ANNUAL TOWN REPORT DEDICATION

Veteran readers of the Shrewsbury Town Report know that this page is reserved for dedications. Over the years a variety of people have been recognized. Some have been paid while working for the town either on a salaried or hourly basis, some are entitled to payment but accept little or no salary from the town, and others, like the entire Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department, recognized in the 2016 town report, are unpaid volunteers.

The list of elected and appointed officers in this year's report (pages 1 - 3) has the same mixture with the overwhelming majority being unpaid volunteers. What each of those listed have in common as officers of the Town of Shrewsbury, is a strong commitment to public service and a willingness to use their time and talents for the betterment of the town.

There are numerous ways of serving the town and many of them are not directly related to town government. Organizations like the Shrewsbury Day Committee, Shrewsbury Library, Historical Society, the Mountain School, Pierce's Store, SAGE, Shrewsbury Conservation Commission, and the Shrewsbury Community Church all depend on volunteers. But all town organizations, public and private, are important as threads that weave together to create a strong, safe, healthy and caring community.

Regardless of whether an individual serves as an official or a volunteer, they devote additional time and effort outside of warned meetings. There are work sessions (sometimes on weekends and evenings and some can involve physical labor), correspondence, research, training sessions, and meetings with other officials and volunteers in the region and statewide.

The 2022 Shrewsbury Town Report is dedicated to all individuals who serve as volunteers, and in an official capacity, in grateful acknowledgement of their diligent and needed public service to our town. All of us benefit. All of us should be appreciative. And all of us, as we are able, should look for ways to make our own contribution. Together we ensure that our unique community thrives and remains vibrant for future generations.

This recognition comes with a sense of urgency. As of this writing, two of the three lister positions are expected to be vacant after Town Meeting Day, there are no town constables, and the Planning Commission is at least two members short of being a full board. We recently lost two dedicated volunteers, Larry Carrara and Gary Salmon, whose positions will be difficult to fill. The road commissioner has been struggling for the past year to field a full time three-person crew. Additionally, the fire department is looking for more members to join a very veteran, but also very effective, crew. A scan of the names on the list of elected and appointed officials reveals that some names appear in more than one place because a willing candidate was not found.

Because we live in a beautiful small town located in a quiet corner of the world, we may take that for granted. **Please don't.** What we have was created by the work of those who came before us. Consider what you can do to build our community and, when we each do our part, Shrewsbury will continue to be the place we delight to call home.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Board of Auditors recognizes the service of Larry Carrara and Gary Salmon to the town.
Please see pgs 37 and 39 for commemorations.

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Town of Shrewsbury
2022 ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS *as of December 31, 2022*

Elected Office	Term	Elected officer(s)	Term Expires
MODERATOR	1 Year	Eldred French	2023
TOWN CLERK	3 Years	Megan LaChance	2024
TOWN TREASURER	3 Years	Linda McGuire	2024
SELECTBOARD	3 Years	Francis Wyatt Aaron Korzun Steven Nicholson ⁽¹⁾	2023 2024 2025
AUDITORS	3 Years	Rich Biziak Sanford Bragg Michelle Greene ⁽²⁾	2023 2024 2025
LISTERS	3 Years	Sue Kennedy ⁽³⁾ Sharon Winnicki Adrienne Raymond ⁽⁴⁾	2023 2023 2024
MILL RIVER UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS	3 Years	Samantha Greene Adrienne Raymond	2024 2025
1 ST CONSTABLE	1 Year	Vacant	2023
2 ND CONSTABLE	1 Year	Vacant	2023
COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES	3 Years	Ed Hemmer	2024
CEMETERY COMMISSION	3 Years	Benny Carrara Larry Carrara George Brigham, Jr.	2023 2024 2024

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE ELECTED AT GENERAL ELECTION

Justices of the Peace are elected for two-year terms every other year. Current justices were elected November 3, 2020 to serve from February 1, 2021 through January 31, 2023.		John Berryhill	2023
		Larry Carrara	2023
		Barry Griffith	2023
		Betsy Jesser	2023
		Taffy Maynard	2023
		Trish Norton	2023
		Lee Wilson	2023

Town of Shrewsbury
2022 OFFICERS APPOINTED BY THE SELECTBOARD⁽⁵⁾ *as of December 31, 2022*

ACT 64 REPRESENTATIVE	1 Year	Aaron Korzun	2023
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER		Vacant	2023
COMMUNITY MEETING HOUSE TRUSTEES ⁽⁶⁾	3 Years	Mark Youngstrom Liesbeth Van der Heijden Steven Spatz	2023 2024 2025

Town of Shrewsbury
2022 OFFICERS APPOINTED BY THE SELECTBOARD⁽⁵⁾ as of December 31, 2022
(continued)

CONSERVATION COMMISSION	4 Years, unless determined otherwise by the Select Board	Pam Darrow Louise Duda Peter Grace Connie Youngstrom Carrie Clancy Christina Clarke Andy Richards-Peelle Cynthia Thornton	2023 2023 2023 2023 2025 2025 2025 2025
DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD	3 Years, unless determined otherwise by the Select Board	Alan Shelvey Dany Cote Greg McGown Bruce Bullock Mark Youngstrom	2023 2023 2023 2024 2024
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR		Aaron Korzun	2023
EMERGENCY MGMT. COORDINATOR		Steven Nicholson	2023
ENERGY COORDINATOR		Davis Terrell	2023
FENCE VIEWERS		Steven Nicholson Bert Potter Brian Winkler	2023 2023 2023
GREEN UP DAY COORDINATOR		Connie Youngstrom	2023
HEALTH OFFICER		Kathy Felder	2023
DEPUTY HEALTH OFFICER		Sharon Winnicki	2024
INSPECTOR OF LUMBER, SHINGLES, & WOOD		Greg Miller	2023
LIBRARY BOARD		Elijah LaChance	2023
OTTER CREEK COMMUNICATIONS UNION DISTRICT		Laura Black	TBD
PLANNING COMMISSION	3 Years, unless determined otherwise by the Select Board	Laura Black Vacant Vacant Melissa Reichert Ryan Fitzbeauchamp	2023 2023 2023 2024 2024
POUND KEEPER		Vacant	2022
REGIONAL AMBULANCE SERVICE		Gerry Martin	2023
REGIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE		Jack Perry ⁶	2022
ROAD COMMISSIONER		Jamie Carrara	2023
RUTLAND REGION TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL		Adrienne Raymond	2023
RUTLAND REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION		Laura Black Aaron Korzun - alternate	6/30/23 ⁶
SOLID WASTE ALLIANCE COMMUNITIES		Bert Potter	2023

Town of Shrewsbury
2022 OFFICERS APPOINTED BY THE SELECTBOARD⁽⁵⁾ as of December 31, 2022
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TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN ⁽⁷⁾		Kevin Brown	6/30/23
DEPUTY FOREST FIRE WARDEN		Alan Ridlon Jr.	6/30/23
TRANSFER STATION ADMINISTRATOR		Bert Potter	2023
TREE WARDEN		Gary Salmon	2023
WEIGHER OF COAL		Greg Miller	2023
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR	3 Years	Adrienne Raymond	2024

Town of Shrewsbury
OTHER TOWN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES as of December 31, 2022

TOWN ROAD CREW (hired by road commissioner)	Dan Cavoto (full time) Gary Martin (as needed) John Elwert (as needed)	
TRANSFER STATION ATTENDANTS (hired by selectboard)	Paul Young, Jeremiah St.Pierre	
ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK (Appointed by town clerk for the town clerk's term unless changed by the town clerk.)	Betsy Jesser	
ASSISTANT TOWN TREASURER (Appointed by treasurer for the treasurer's term unless changed by the treasurer.)	Christina Clarke	2024

Footnotes:

1. Accepted election to the selectboard with the expectation he would resign by end of 2022. His resignation was submitted on Dec 7, 2022 so his selectboard seat would be up for election. At the same selectboard meeting, Steven was appointed to serve till Town Meeting Day, 2023.
2. Appointed auditor for one year of a three-year term expiring in 2025. Appointment expires 2023.
3. Elected Lister for a one-year term. When position is up for election it will be for two years with an expiration date of 2025.
4. Appointed to one year of a 3-year term ending in 2024.
5. All appointments expire on the date of Town Meeting in March of year shown unless otherwise indicated.
6. Supporting documentation of appointment could not be located.
7. State appointment.



Conservation Commissioners supporting their furry and feathered friends during Shrewsbury Day

Town of Shrewsbury
WARNING for 242nd ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 7, 2023

The legal voters of the Town of Shrewsbury in the County of Rutland are hereby notified and warned to meet in the Shrewsbury Community Meeting House on Tuesday, March 7, 2023 between the hours of 10:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M. to take action by Australian Ballot on the following matters:

1. To elect all town officers as required by law:

One Moderator	1-year term
One Selectboard Member	3-year term
One Selectboard Member	2 years of a 3-year term
One Auditor	3-year term
One Auditor	2 years of a 3-year term
One Lister	3-year term
One Lister	2 years of a 3-year term
One Lister	1 year of a 3-year term
One Delinquent Tax Collector	1 year of a 3-year term
One 1st Constable	1-year term
One 2nd Constable	1 year term
One Cemetery Commissioner	3-year term
One Cemetery Commissioner	2 years of a 3-year term
One Mill River Unified Union	2 years of a 3-year term
School Director	
2. Shall the Town approve a total general fund expenditure of **\$1,259,844** of which **\$711,236** shall be raised by taxes and **\$548,608** by non-property tax revenues and surplus funds and reserve funds?
3. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$1,500** for the Town Office Reserve Fund?
4. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$2,500** for the Town Garage Reserve Fund?
5. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$1,000** for the Town Office Equipment Reserve Fund?
6. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$75,000** for the Town Road Equipment Fund?
7. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$1,000** for the Town Records Restoration Reserve Fund?
8. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$35,000** for the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department Equipment Reserve Fund?
9. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$17,000** for the Shrewsbury Community Meeting House?
10. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$35,000** for the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department Operating Fund?
11. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$7,500** for the Shrewsbury Library?
12. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$2,500** for the Shrewsbury Historical Society?
13. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$250** to help support the Rutland Natural Resources Conservation District?
14. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$2,526** to help support VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region?
15. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$150** to help support the Green Up Vermont organization?
16. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$130** to help support the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)?

Town of Shrewsbury
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MARCH 7, 2023

17. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$700** to help support the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging?
18. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$1,192** to help support Rutland Mental Health Services?
19. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$150** to help support NewStory (formally the Rutland County Women's Network and Shelter)?
20. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$600** to help support BROCC-Community Action in Southwestern Vermont?
21. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$400** to help support the Rutland County Parent Child Center?
22. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$250** to help support the Vermont Family Network?
23. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$150** to help support the Rutland County Humane Society?
24. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$170** to help support the Vermont Center for Independent Living?
25. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$400** to help support the Child First Advocacy Center?
26. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$500** to help support the American Red Cross of NH/VT?
27. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$500** to help support Vermont Adult Learning?
28. Shall the taxes be postmarked on or before, or in the hands of the Treasurer no later than 7:00 P.M., **Friday, October 6, 2023.**

Dated: **February 1, 2023**

Shrewsbury Selectboard

/ss/

Aaron Korzun, Chair

Steven Nicholson

Francis Wyatt

/s/

Attest: Megan A. LaChance, Town Clerk

The informational meeting for the annual Shrewsbury Town Meeting will be held at the **Shrewsbury Community Meeting House, 88 Lottery Road at 11:00 AM, Saturday, March 4, 2023.**

Early / Absentee Ballots are available by contacting the Town Clerk at the Shrewsbury Town Office - 492-3511 or shrewsburyclerk@vermontel.net or [My Voter Page - Vermont](#)

Town of Shrewsbury
241st ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES
Saturday, February 26, 2022

The hybrid Shrewsbury informational meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. February 26, 2022 by the Moderator, Eldred French. Present were Selectmen Aaron Korzun, Steven Nicholson, and Francis Wyatt; Town Clerk Megan LaChance; Treasurer Linda McGuire; Assistant Treasurer Christina Clarke; Lister Sharon Winnicki; State Representative Logan Nicoll; members of the public Mark Goodwin, Carol Goodwin, Lily French, Ludy Biddle, Liesbeth van der Heijden, Grace Brigham, Carrie Clancy, Laura Black, Melissa Riechert, Linda Ducrot, Martha Sirjane, Barry Griffith; and virtually attending Rich Biziak, Adrienne Raymond, Linda Fontana, Betsy Jesser, and several other households.

Eldred French went over how the meeting would be conducted. Megan LaChance, who was monitoring the virtual component of the meeting, went over how questions from those attending virtually would be addressed. Eldred stated he would go through the 2022 Warning by article in the order presented beginning with Article 2. Eldred thanked the Auditors for their excellent work on the annual report and acknowledged the dedication of the 2021 Annual Report to Barry Griffith. Since Representative Logan Nicoll was present at the meeting, Eldred gave him the opportunity to make a few opening remarks at the start of the meeting.

Representative Nicoll briefly discussed his plans and goals for the remainder of the legislative session and invited questions and comments from those present. After taking questions, Representative Nicoll gave the floor back to Eldred French who proceeded to go through the articles. Eldred then opened the floor to questions concerning the warning.

The question was raised as to why the voter checklist included birth years and addresses as it made several people uncomfortable having that information posted publicly. Megan LaChance stated that the voter checklist always included addresses as this was required by State law, but that the inclusion of birth year was an inadvertent mistake that was corrected within a few days after the initial posting. Much discussion was had on where the checklist was to be posted as multiple people felt uncomfortable with it being posted down at the Post Office and online and wondered why that choice had been made. The Selectmen stated that public posting places were always decided at the first Selectboard meeting following Town Meeting Day, and former Town Clerk Mark Goodwin added that the checklist had been posted down at the Post Office for many years. Megan LaChance agreed to not post the checklist online as that was not strictly required, and the Selectmen agreed to review the designated public posting locations in Town at their next meeting.

There was discussion on funds the Town was receiving from the American Rescue Plan Act and what those potentially could be used for. The Selectboard indicated that there would be discussion on uses at subsequent Selectboard meetings. It was mentioned that some funding may be used to help digitize the Town's maps and land records. There were questions and discussion on the reasons why those records should or should not be converted to a digital format. The question was also raised whether the Town would be investing in a scanner for the office. One person offered to connect the Town with a tech company which could help with our IT needs.

The meeting was recessed at 12:17 pm. Voting by Australian ballot was held on Tuesday, March 1st, 2022 beginning at 10:00 am at the Shrewsbury Community Meeting House.

Minutes approved by:

Aaron Korzun – Selectboard Chair

Francis Wyatt - Selectman

Attest: Megan LaChance, Town Clerk

Date: 2/26/2022

Town of Shrewsbury
RESULTS FOR 241ST ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 1, 2022

1. To elect all town officers as required by law:

One Moderator	Eldred French
One Selectboard Member	Steven Nicholson
One Auditor	No write-in with the requisite number of votes 3 year term
One Lister	Susan Kennedy 1 Year Term
One Lister	No write-in with the requisite number of votes 3 Year Term
One Town Clerk	Megan LaChance
One 1st Constable	No write-in with the requisite number of votes
One 2nd Constable	No write-in with the requisite number of votes
One Cemetery Commissioner	No write-in with the requisite number of votes 1 Year Term
One Director MRUUSD	Adrienne Raymond

2. Shall the Town approve a total general fund expenditure of **\$1,145,086** of which **\$656,280** shall be raised by taxes and **\$488,806** by non-property tax revenues and surplus funds?

YES – 261 No – 57

3. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$1,500** for the Town Office Reserve Fund?

YES – 265 No – 51

4. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$1,500** for the Town Garage Reserve Fund?

YES – 279 No - 38

5. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$1,000** for the Town Office Equipment Reserve Fund?

YES – 264 No – 52

6. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$65,000** for the Town Road Equipment Fund?

YES – 276 No – 40

7. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$1,000** for the Town Records Restoration Reserve Fund?

YES – 269 No – 49

8. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$35,000** for the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department Equipment Reserve Fund?

YES – 274 No – 43

9. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$16,000** for the Shrewsbury Community Meeting House?

YES – 264 No – 53

10. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$35,000** for the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department Operating Fund?

YES – 281 No – 34

11. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$7,500** for the Shrewsbury Library?

YES – 267 No – 51

12. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$2,500** for the Shrewsbury Historical Society?

YES – 252 No – 60

13. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$250** to help support the Rutland Natural Resources Conservation District?

YES – 247 No – 65

14. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$2,526** to help support VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region?

YES – 265 No – 50

15. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend the sum of **\$150** to help support the Green Up Vermont organization?

YES – 260 No – 56

Town of Shrewsbury
RESULTS FOR 241ST ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 1, 2022

16. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$130** to help support the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)?

YES – 262 No – 51

17. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$700** to help support the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging?

YES – 250 No – 63

18. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$1,192** to help support Rutland Mental Health Services?

YES – 247 No – 64

19. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$150** to help support New Story (formally the Rutland County Women's Network and Shelter)?

YES – 267 No – 47

20. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$600** to help support BROCC-Community Action in Southwestern Vermont?

YES – 239 No – 71

21. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$400** to help support the Rutland County Parent Child Center?

YES – 246 No – 67

22. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$250** to help support the Vermont Family Network?

YES – 234 No – 71

23. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$150** to help support the Rutland County Humane Society?

YES – 262 No – 49

24. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$170** to help support the Vermont Center for Independent Living?

YES – 244 No – 69

25. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$400** to help support the Child First Advocacy Center?

YES – 248 No – 63

26. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$500** to help support the American Red Cross of NH/VT?

YES – 252 No – 58

27. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$500** to help support Vermont Adult Learning?

YES – 240 No – 73

28. Shall the taxes be postmarked on or before, or in the hands of the Treasurer no later than 7:00 P.M., **Friday, October 7, 2022?**

YES – 287 No – 26

29. Shall the Town of Shrewsbury be required, following notification from the Public Utility Commission, to inform its residents when sources of radiofrequency radiation, such as that emitted from cell towers and antennas are being proposed for installation or modification within the town limits?

YES -256 NO – 60

30. Shall the voters vote to exempt from property taxes for a period of five years the properties (fire stations) owned by the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department, which are located at 23 Shunpike Road and 9800 Cold River Road, and which are used by said Fire Department exclusively for the purposes of said organization?

YES – 279 NO – 37

Town of Shrewsbury
2022 BOARD OF AUDITORS REPORT

The Board of Auditors is pleased to present this Annual Report as required by Vermont statutes. We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Town of Shrewsbury for the year ended December 31, 2022, as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the town officers and organizations submitting the reports. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

Based on the records available to us, in our opinion the financial statements included in this report present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of Shrewsbury and the organizations it supports financially as of December 31, 2022, as well as the results of their operations for the year.

We conducted our audit in accordance with 24 V.S.A 1681-1684, which, among other things, requires that we examine and adjust the accounts of all town officers and all other persons authorized by law to draw orders on the town treasurer. Our objectives were to 1) validate the correctness of the Town accounts, 2) detect errors or fraud in these accounts and 3) verify the financial condition and results of operations of the Town as of and for the year ended December 31, 2022. Town auditors are also expected to review the internal controls practiced by the Town.

To accomplish these objectives, we examined the Town's financial records on a quarterly basis to verify that expenditures were supported by invoices that were approved on selectboard and road commissioner orders and documented on bank statements. For each quarter including year end, we tracked tax payments, reconciled monthly bank statements for the Town's general fund and performed proof of cash to tie bank statements back to the Town's general ledger.

We also reviewed the Town's year-end financial statements, including the budget prepared by the selectboard, as well as the financial statements of town organizations which appear in this report, the transfer station punch card revenues and the grand list. On a quarterly basis as well as for year-end financial reports we used established sampling techniques to verify the accuracy of the statements.

We note that the Statement of Taxes Raised (page 20) now shows the percentage of the 2022 tax rate allocated to the Town's appropriations, as listed in items 3 – 27 of the 2022 warning (pages 4 – 5).

The Town engaged an independent auditor to review the 2021 town financials, based on our recommendation and guidance from the Vermont League of Cities and Towns. Results of the audit were not yet available when this report went to press.

We appreciate the cooperation of everyone who submitted reports this year, and for providing well organized financial records for review. The cooperation and assistance of the selectboard, the listers, and the town clerk throughout the year was also very helpful. We especially wish to thank Treasurer Linda McGuire for her assistance during the quarterly audits and review of the year-end financial statements and also selectboard member Steven Nicholson who worked closely with us on the selectboard budget. We also thank Lee Wilson for writing the dedication.

Richard Biziak

Sanford Bragg

Michelle Greene

Town of Shrewsbury
2022 TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Office is responsible for overseeing all financial records as required by State statutes and performing a variety of cash management functions. These include the collection and processing of tax payments, as well as payments for fees, programs, and receivable invoices.

Taxes are due once a year in Shrewsbury, the voters set the date by Australian ballot. Payment must be received by the date due; U. S. Postal Service postmark is accepted. If the payment is not received timely, a warrant is issued to the collector of delinquent taxes and an eight percent penalty is charged on the unpaid balance. Current tax payments are accepted at any time before the due date and may be mailed to Town of Shrewsbury, Treasurer's Office, 9823 Cold River Road, Shrewsbury, VT 05738, placed in the drop box, or paid online and in person.

As required by the Government Accounting Standards Board our Town is using the modified accrual system for accounting procedures. The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of the financial statements.

Refer to the town website at www.shrewsburyvt.org to make online payments by credit card or electronic check, and to find answers to your questions about property taxes or how to contact Town departments and services.

Please review the Vermont State Income Tax package for the Homestead Declaration, or online filing is available at <https://tax.vermont.gov>. For questions on these forms or filing, please call the State of Vermont at (866) 828-2865.

Please call if you have questions or need a copy of tax records. As always, it is my pleasure to be your treasurer and I look forward to serving you.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda McGuire

Telephone (802) 492-3558

Town of Shrewsbury
Balance Sheet
For The Year Ended December 31, 2022

	General Fund	Restricted and Designated Funds ⁽⁹⁾	Total Governmental Funds
Assets			
Cash ⁽²⁾	224,493	983,685	1,208,179
Prepaid Expenses	15,533		15,533
Receivables ⁽³⁾			
Delinquent Tax Receivable	58,329		58,329
Other Receivables	12,928		12,928
Capital Assets ⁽⁶⁾			
Land and Buildings	704,125		704,125
Machinery and Equipment	389,660		389,660
Infrastructure	3,310,268		3,310,268
Total Assets	4,715,336	983,685	5,699,021
Current Liabilities			
VMBB Garage Bond ⁽¹²⁾	20,000		20,000
Accounts Payable ⁽⁴⁾	46,381		46,381
Other Current Liabilities	56,536		56,536
Long-Term Liabilities			
VMBB Garage Bond	80,000		80,000
Equity			
Restricted Funds		983,685	983,685
Unrestricted Equity	4,464,750		4,464,750
Excess Revenue	47,668		47,668
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	4,715,336	983,685	5,699,021

Town of Shrewsbury
2022 RESTRICTED OR DESIGNATED TOWN FUNDS ⁽⁹⁾

Fund Name	Beginning Balance	Transferred from General	Disbursed	Interest	Ending Balance
ARPA Funds	\$146,922	\$146,992	\$5,831	\$266	\$288,349
Conservation Commission Reserve	\$2,376	\$143	\$20	\$2	\$2,501
Brown Bridge Grant	\$3,062	\$0	\$0	\$3	\$3,065
Townwide Reappraisal Sinking Fund	\$80,116	\$6,650	\$0	\$80	\$86,846
Cemetery Reserve Fund	\$1,318	\$0	\$0	\$1	\$1,319
Energy Grant	\$1,123	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,123
Garage Reserve Fund	\$21,366	\$1,500	\$0	\$21	\$22,887
Highway Supplement Funds	\$0	\$50,721	\$27,927	\$18	\$22,812
Road Equipment Reserve Fund	\$100,932	\$65,000	\$47,447	\$109	\$118,595
Records Restoration Fund	\$31,584	\$5,812	\$0	\$34	\$37,430
SVFD Equipment Reserve Fund	\$329,661	\$35,000	\$0	\$336	\$364,998
Smith Brook Culvert Fund	\$4,403	\$0	\$0	\$4	\$4,407
Town Office Equipment Reserve Fund	\$8,472	\$1,000	\$0	\$9	\$9,481
Town Office Reserve Fund	\$18,355	\$1,500	\$0	\$18	\$19,874
TOTALS	\$749,690	\$314,318	\$81,225	\$902	\$983,685

Town of Shrewsbury
GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES
Year Ending December 31, 2022

RECEIPTS:

Property Tax Receipts

Taxes: Education Current	\$	2,102,551	
Taxes: Town Current		694,771	
School Reconciliation Taxes		19,896	
Delinquent Tax		119,848	
Total Property Tax Receipts			\$ 2,937,066

Other Tax Receipts

Land Use		61,227	
State in Lieu of Tax		38,213	
Federal in Lieu of Tax		12,739	
Railroad Tax		480	
Total Other Tax Receipts			112,659

Road Commission Receipts

Grants		12,928	
Highway Supplement Funds		7,608	
Services Rendered		5,185	
State Aid		139,344	
Weight Permits		255	
Total Road Commission Receipts			165,320

Other Receipts

ARPA		146,991	
Act 60 Funds		6,650	
Conservation Commission		143	
DRB Hearing Fee		600	
Dog Licenses		356	
Fines		1,289	
Insurance Reimbursement		383	
Interest		1,316	
Leased Land		60	
Liquor License		370	
Miscellaneous		26	
Recycling		111	
Restoration Fees		4,812	
Transfer Station Card Income		13,324	
Zoning Permits		1,983	
Total Other Receipts			178,414

TOTAL RECEIPTS			\$ 3,393,459
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Town of Shrewsbury
GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES
Year Ending December 31, 2022

DISBURSEMENTS:

School Account	\$ 2,108,533
Selectboard's Orders (Net)	271,536
Road Commissioners Orders (Net)	715,939
Depreciation ⁽⁷⁾	313,374
Capitalized Improvements ⁽⁶⁾ & Liability ⁽¹²⁾	(237,660)

Warned Items

American Red Cross	\$ 500
Bennington Rutland Opportunity Council	600
Child First Advocacy Center	400
Garage Reserve Fund	1,500
Green Up	150
Retired and Senior Volunteer Program	130
Road Equipment Sinking Fund	65,000
Rutland County Humane Society	150
Rutland Mental Health	1,192
Rutland Area Visiting Nurse & Hospice	2,526
New Story	150
Rutland Natural Resources Conservation	250
Rutland Parent/Child Center	400
Shrewsbury Community Meeting House	16,000
Shrewsbury Historical Society	2,500
Shrewsbury Town Library	7,500
Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department	35,000
SVFD-Equipment Reserve Sinking Fund	35,000
Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging	700
Town Office Sinking Fund	1,500
Town Office Equipment Reserve Fund	1,000
Town Records Restoration Reserve Fund	1,000
Vermont Adult Learning	500
Vermont Family Network	250
Vermont Center for Independent Living	170
Total Warned Items	<u>174,068</u>

174,068

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS

\$ 3,345,790

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS

\$ 47,668

Respectfully submitted,
Linda McGuire, Treasurer

Town of Shrewsbury
2022 PAYROLL FOR TOWN OFFICIALS, APPOINTED AND EMPLOYEES

<u>Department</u>		<u>Amount</u>
Selectboard Salaries	\$	3,000.00
Town Officers Salaries, Administrative & Fees**		67,328.59
Delinquent Tax Collection Salary**		10,688.53
Zoning and DRB Salary		2,097.00
Transfer Station Attendant and Administration Salaries		29,290.00
Lister Salary		23,024.88
Road Salaries		144,927.65
Total Salaries and Fees		<hr/> 280,356.65
Social Security/Medicare Matching Expense (less deductions)		<hr/> 21,413.25
Total Town Payroll Expense/Calendar Year	\$	<hr/><hr/>301,769.90

Payroll reporting for calendar year.

** Based on fees collected

Town of Shrewsbury – Treasurer’s Report
2022 NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Basis of Accounting. In 1999 the Government Accounting Standards Board issued Statement 34, introducing revised financial reporting. The new reporting required for a clean audit could impact bonds and federal grants and will provide improved accountability and comparability across municipalities.

Our town is incorporating expenditures for capital assets in excess of the \$2,500 value limit and infrastructure and has begun reporting using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recognized when measurable and available. In addition, land, buildings, machinery and equipment, have been valued for the balance sheet, as well as depreciation.

2. Cash. At year-end the Town’s bank balance was \$1,208,179, which is covered by federal depository Insurance, or was collateralized with securities held by the financial institution’s agent in the Town’s name. No values were unsecured or uncollateralized.

3. Accounts Receivable. Amounts receivable at year-end, as reported in the Balance Sheet are as follows:

Accounts Receivable	
Delinquent tax receivable	\$ 58,329
Other Receivables	<u>12,928</u>
Total Receivables	\$ 71,257

4. Accounts Payable. Amounts payable at year-end as reported in the Balance Sheet:

Accrued Payroll	\$ 8,984
Miscellaneous Vendors	<u>37,397</u>
Total Payables	\$ 46,381

5. Fixed Assets. Capital acquisitions are reflected in the related assets account group. All purchased fixed assets are valued at cost where historical records are available and at estimated historical costs where no historical records exist. Donated fixed assets are valued at their estimated fair market value on the date received.

Town of Shrewsbury - Treasurer's Report
2022 NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

6. Capital Assets. Capital asset activity for year-end was as follows:

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Capital Assets not being depreciated:			
Land	\$293,361	\$ 0	\$ 293,361
Capital Assets being depreciated:			
Buildings and Improvements	1,088,713	0	1,088,713
Vehicles and Equipment	1,505,081	62,028	1,567,109
Roads, Bridges, & Culverts	5,346,475	155,632	5,502,107
TOTALS	7,940,268	217,660	8,157,929
Less accumulated depreciation for:			
Buildings and Improvements	655,831	22,117	677,949
Vehicles and Equipment	1,096,471	80,978	1,177,449
Roads, Bridges & Culverts	1,981,560	210,279	2,191,839
TOTALS	3,733,863	313,374	4,047,237
Total Capital Assets being depreciated	4,206,406	-95,714	4,110,692
Government Activity Capital Assets, Net	4,499,767	-95,714	4,404,053

7. Depreciation. Depreciation was applied as follows to the corresponding Capital Assets:

Buildings	\$ 22,117
Vehicles and Equipment	80,978
Roads, Bridges & Culverts	210,279
Total Depreciation	\$313,374

8. Risk Management. The Town is exposed to various risks of loss related to theft, damage, destruction of assets, errors and omission, injuries to employees and natural disasters. The Town maintains commercial insurance coverage covering each of those risks of loss. The Selectboard believes such coverage is sufficient to preclude any significant uninsured loss. The Shrewsbury Meeting House maintains insurance coverage independently. The Meeting House Committee annually provides a copy to the town of the insurance policy covering the meeting house.

Town of Shrewsbury – Treasurer’s Report
2022 NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

9. Restricted/Designated Funds.

ARPA Reserve Fund	American Rescue Plan Act funds provided by the U. S. Department of the Treasury for recovery from the needs created by the Coronavirus.
Brown Bridge Grant	Funds received from the Preservation Trust to be used for the Brown Bridge.
Cemetery Reserve Fund	Funds designated for town cemetery maintenance.
Conservation Commission Fund	Funds to be reserved for conservation projects.
Energy Grant	Funds from NeighborWorks of Western Vermont designated by agreement of March 21, 2013, for specific use.
Garage Reserve Fund	Funds designated for Town Garage.
Highway Supplement Fund	Funds designated for Roads.
Records Restoration Fund	Fees collected (\$4 per page for recorded documents) at Town office for restoration of Town documents.
Road Equipment Reserve Fund	Funds designated for replacement or purchase of road equipment.
SVFD Equipment Reserve Fund	Funds designated for Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department vehicles.
Smith Brook Culvert Fund	Funds designated for costs associated with a review of the Smith Brook culvert on Town Highway #4.
Town Office Equipment Fund	Funds designated for replacement or purchase of town office equipment.
Town Office Reserve Fund	Funds designated for improvements/repairs to the town office.
Town-wide Reappraisal Fund	Includes funds to be used for reappraisal costs and funds designated for the purpose of maintaining and updating our equalized grand list.

Town of Shrewsbury – Treasurer’s Report
2022 NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

- 10. Transfer Station Costs.** It is estimated that 30 hours of road crew hours were spent working at the transfer station, resulting in \$795 of additional expenses directly attributed to the transfer station.
- 11. Meeting House.** The meeting house building is a town asset. The meetinghouse committee is a separate corporate entity.
- 12. Vermont Municipal Bond Bank.** The town applied for a bond of \$410,000 for the new garage and borrowed \$550,000 in a bond anticipation note. The following is the remaining payment schedule for the 20-year bond, at net interest cost of 4.51 percent.

	Principal	Interest	Debt Service
2023	20,000	4,625	24,625
2024	20,000	3,708	23,708
2025	20,000	2,787	22,787
2026	20,000	1,862	21,862
2027	20,000	933	20,933
	\$100,000	\$13,915	\$113,915

- 13. Pension Funds.** Town employees eligible for the Vermont Municipal Employees’ Retirement System are required to pay 3.5% of wages and the Town contributes 5% which are expenses in the financial statements. These rates are expected to increase in July of 2023, but they have not been determined by the legislature at this time. The town currently has three members. Vesting occurs upon reaching 5 years of creditable service. Additional information is available at the Vermont State Treasurer’s website.
- 14. Lease Purchase.** The town has entered a Lease Purchase Agreement on November 16, 2020, for a John Deere loader, payments will be \$47,446.94 per year for 3 years due each July 16. Total will be paying \$142,341 including interest. These payments will be a transfer from the Road Equipment Sinking Fund.
- 15. Audit.** A financial audit of 2021 is being conducted by RHR Smith & Company, CPA, Buxton, Maine. Completion is expected before the Town Meeting. Copies will be available, and it will be uploaded to the Treasurer’s page website.

TOWN OF SHREWSBURY - Treasurer's Report
STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED
Year Ending December 31, 2022

GRAND LIST

Real Estate and Equipment	\$ 166,617,600
Less Exemptions	<u>12,190,000</u>

TOTAL GRAND LIST

\$ 154,427,600

TAXES BILLED

Municipal Grand List	1,544,276	
Tax Rate	<u>0.425</u>	
Municipal Taxes Billed		656,317.35
Education Grand List-Non-Resident	719,806	
Tax Rate-Statewide Share	<u>1.5969</u>	
Education Non-Resident Taxes Billed		1,149,458.28
Education Grand List-Homestead	831,920	
Tax Rate-Local Share	<u>1.5066</u>	
Education Resident Taxes Billed		1,253,370.66
Municipal Grand List	\$ 1,544,276	
Local Agreement Tax Share	<u>0.0009</u>	
Local Agreement Taxes Billed		1,389.80
Municipal Grand List	\$ 1,544,276	
Appropriations	<u>0.1127</u>	
Local Agreement Taxes Billed		174,039.89

TOTAL TAXES BILLED

3,234,575.98

TAXES ACCOUNTED FOR

Taxes Collected	3,139,782.84
Delinquent Taxes	119,018.92
Adjustments/Changes	7,425.28
Refunds/Overpayments	<u>(31,651.06)</u>

TOTAL TAXES ACCOUNTED

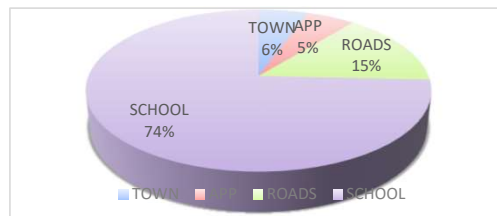
3,234,575.98

TAX RATE PERCENTAGES

The 2022 Tax Rate as follows:

General Town	0.425	656,317.35
Appropriations	0.1127	174,039.89
Local Agreement Rate	0.0009	1,389.80
Schools Residential	1.5066	1,253,370.66
Schools Non-Residential	1.5969	<u>1,149,458.28</u>
		<u>3,234,575.98</u>

Resident	2.0452
Non-Resident	2.1355



Town of Shrewsbury - Treasurer's Report
2022 TAX COMPARISON

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>GRAND LIST</u>		<u>TAX RATE</u>	<u>TAXES BILLED</u>
2022	1,666,176	Residential	2.0452	3,234,576
		Non-Residential	2.1355	
2021	1,668,192	Residential	2.0596	3,233,533
		Non-Residential	2.118	
2020	1,670,863	Residential	1.8745	2,920,396
		Non-Residential	1.8912	
2019	1,664,196	Residential	1.914	2,969,470
		Non-Residential	1.9311	
2018	1,657,498	Residential	1.9366	3,013,767
		Non-Residential	1.9878	
2017	1,655,868	Residential	1.9122	2,956,890
		Non-Residential	1.9428	
2016	1,625,801	Residential	1.7791	2,739,762
		Non-Residential	1.8793	
2015	1,618,198	Residential	1.7589	2,725,958
		Non-Residential	1.9266	
2014	1,621,270	Residential	1.8063	2,766,744
		Non-Residential	1.9372	
2013	1,612,213	Residential	1.7351	2,588,723
		Non-Residential	1.773	

Reappraisal complete in 2010.

Town of Shrewsbury
2022 COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES REPORT
For the year ending December 31, 2022

Delinquent Tax Collections and Balance

Balance Outstanding December 31, 2021	\$ 38,777.20
2021 2nd Amendment	\$ 14.42
Funds applied as result of Appeal 1/25/22	\$ (499.22)
Warrant to Collect, October 20, 2022	\$ 124,016.00
1st Amendment to Warrant	\$ 2,334.10
2nd Amendment to Warrant	\$ (4,558.50)
3rd Amendment to Warrant	\$ (91.20)
4th Amendment to Warrant	\$ (2,898.03)
5th Amendment to Warrant	\$ 216.55
Total Taxes delinquent	\$ 157,311.32
Less delinquent taxes collected in 2022	\$ (98,833.62)
Balance outstanding December 31, 2022	\$ 58,477.70
Funds applied as result of Appeal 1/1/23	\$ (148.85)
Received January 1 - 10, 2023	\$ (14,486.53)
Taxes in Arrears as of 1/10/2023	\$ 43,842.32

Delinquent Taxes still due as of 1/10/2023 (15 accounts)

Tax year	Name	Tax Balance	Notes
2021	FELION GREGORY M	\$ 460.88	making payments
2022	FELION GREGORY M	\$ 2,201.86	making payments
2017	Chapter 13 Trustee	\$ 1,628.43	making payments
2022	FRYDEL IRENE	\$ 3,367.68	
2022	GREENE LAURETTA	\$ 647.95	making payments
2022	GREGORY JOHN O III	\$ 143.08	
2022	LUCIAN ROCKY J.	\$ 2,065.66	\$18 Bad Check Fee
2022	MCGOWAN ANN MARIE	\$ 10,088.11	
2022	PAILING LAWRENCE MONA	\$ 649.79	making payments
2022	PAUL HILARY ADAMS	\$ 4,125.79	
2022	RANTANEN DONNA	\$ 676.60	making payments
2022	REGIMBALD IRENE	\$ 1,319.73	
2022	ROGERS BERNARD	\$ 2,609.58	making payments
2022	VERMONT PROPERTY VENTURES, INC	\$ 11,888.33	
2022	WALLACE HARRY & CHARLOTTE	\$ 1,968.85	making payments
BALANCE of Taxes in Arrears		\$ 43,842.32	

Delinquent Taxes and Fees collected in 2022

	Taxes collected	Fees collected	Bad check Fees
Totals for 2021	\$ 98,833.62	\$ 7,753.25	\$ 18.00
Reimbursements for postage received in 2022	\$ 116.00		

It has been my honor to act as the Town's Delinquent Tax Collector but this was my last year.

Edmund Hemmer
Collector of Delinquent Taxes

Town of Shrewsbury
2022 LISTERS' REPORT

2022 proved to be an especially busy year with transfers and other procedural tasks. The so-called Covid Refugee impact on our town was substantial and is reflected in our CLA (Common Level of Appraisal) of 86.99% and a COD (Coefficient of Dispersion) of 15.423%. We just squeaked by with not receiving an order from the State of Vermont for reappraisal for 2023. However, we are in the process of talking with appraisers for 2024. This is important to note as the Property Valuation and Review notified listers that of the 254 municipalities in Vermont, 165 are receiving orders for reappraisal. Some of these towns have just finished reappraisal within the last couple of years. We here in Shrewsbury are so close to the markers for an order that there is a good chance that the three years sales equalization will put us into position for reappraising with our numbers next year. The difficulty is that there are not enough appraisers to go around. Stay tuned.

The Town was fortunate to have a full Board of Listers after Adrienne Raymond agreed to be appointed to fill the empty lister position. She joined Susan Kennedy and me in maintaining the grand list and the myriad of other functions that accompany the lister job. I am very thankful for their dedication and hard work and for their expertise.

Next year will prove to be a time of change in the Town Office as Adrienne, Susan and I will not be continuing as listers. We have been diligently working to ensure that there is some order to the turnover and are working closely with the Selectboard on setting up a working system. Please, we need citizens to step up and take a position on the Board of Listers. We are investigating bringing in an appraiser one day a week until reappraisal is a reality. It is an opportunity to learn a fascinating job and to work/learn with a professional appraiser. There is some flexibility with time, and these are paid positions.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Winnicki, Chair Shrewsbury Board of Listers



Shrewsbury Historical Society awaiting visitors

Town of Shrewsbury
2022 SELECTBOARD REPORT

In April, the Town accepted the 2022 Local Emergency Management Plan and Public Works Mutual Aid Agreement. The Community Meetinghouse was added as a secondary emergency shelter.

In June, the Rutland County Sheriff's Department started working for the Town, enforcing speed limits in Town and Cuttingsville, and also dealing with animal control issues.

In November, VTTrans recommended the Cuttingsville speed limit revert back to previously posted limits. With the help of concerned townspeople, we convinced the Vermont Traffic Committee, for one more year, to keep the speed limit at 35 mph through Cuttingsville. We will deploy the new speed cart in the spring, concentrating on speeding in Cuttingsville.

With current listers all leaving office at the same time in March of 2023, more than ever we need townspeople to step up as listers. A professional appraiser will be brought in to assist the new board members in 2023. We thank the outgoing listers for their years of service to the Town.

The Town has received \$288,349 in ARPA funding. The Town Office purchased a new printer/scanner for \$5,830 from the funds. After much discussion, the Selectboard has decided that 2 large culverts on the Northam Road which are overdue for replacement will be paid for with the remainder of these funds.

The Selectboard remembers Larry Cararra and Gary Salmon and recognizes their years of service to the Town.

Thanks to Steven Nicholson for serving on the Selectboard for the past 10 years.

Town of Shrewsbury
STATEMENT OF REVENUES-GENERAL AND ROADS
BUDGETED AND ACTUAL
Year ended December 31, 2022

	ACTUAL 2021	BUDGET 2022	ACTUAL 2022	BUDGET 2023
REVENUES				
TAXES:				
Current Property Taxes	620,661		694,771	711,236
Delinquent Tax	114,015		119,848	
Property Tax Receipts-Other				
Less: Warned Items	(157,968)		(174,068)	
Current Property Taxes for General & Roads	576,708	656,280	640,551	711,236
Federal in Lieu of Taxes	12,435	12,435	12,739	12,739
State In Lieu of Taxes	37,726	35,503	38,213	38,213
Land Use Taxes and Release of Land Use	35,898	35,898	61,227	45,000
Railroad Tax	480	480	480	480
Total Other Tax Receipts	86,539	84,316	112,659	96,432
ROADS:				
Paving Grant	192,000	-		
Grant in Aid: Shunpike Rd.			12,928	
Grant in Aid: Jumping Jack	1,840			
Lincoln Hill & Adams Rd. , Grant in Aid	17,240			
Proceeds from Sale of Equipment	5,500			
State Aid to Roads	137,483	137,483	139,344	141,207
Highway Supplement,Restricted Use Funds	7,608		7,608	
Services Rendered - Roads	3,120		5,185	
Weight Permits	280	280	255	255
Total Road Receipts	365,071	137,763	165,320	141,462
OTHER RECEIPTS:				
ARPA Funds, Restricted Use Funds	146,922	146,922	146,991	-
Act 60 Funds, Restricted Use funds	6,679		6,650	
Conservation Commission, Restricted Use Funds	1,636		143	
Dog Licenses	324	300	356	350
Fines Received			1,289	
Interest Income, General Fund	252	250	419	400
Leased Land	60	30	60	30
Liquor Licenses	370	370	370	370
Misc. income, Misc. fees	196	200	26	100
Recycling	263	263	111	100
Restoration Fees, Restricted use funds	4,861		4,812	
School Tax Reconciliation-previous year	32,770		19,896	
Transfer Station Punch Cards	16,880	16,880	13,324	13,300
Zoning Permits/DRB Hearing Fees/Subdivision Permits	2,430	2,000	2,583	2,400
Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Grant	7,597			
Worker's Comp. Insurance Reimbursement	2,088		383	
Total Other Receipts	223,326	167,215	197,413	17,050
TOTAL REVENUE	1,251,645	1,045,574	1,115,943	966,180

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Town of Shrewsbury
STATEMENT OF REVENUES-GENERAL AND ROADS
BUDGETED AND ACTUAL
Year ended December 31, 2022

	ACTUAL 2021	BUDGET 2022	ACTUAL 2022	BUDGET 2023
Cash Beginning Balance General Fund	225,646	286,720	286,720	224,493
Less Restricted Use Funds Received	(146,922)	(190,035)	(166,204)	-
Available Receivables & Pre-Paid less Payables		(65,132)	(65,132)	(28,075)
Transfers from Reserve and Restricted Funds	51,160	68,959	81,224	97,247
Cash Available for Expenses General Fund	<u>1,381,529</u>	<u>1,146,086</u>	<u>1,252,551</u>	<u>1,259,844</u>

Town of Shrewsbury
GENERAL EXPENSES-BUDGETED AND ACTUAL
Year ended December 31, 2022

	ACTUAL 2021	BUDGET 2022	ACTUAL 2022	BUDGET 2023
GENERAL EXPENSES				
TRANSFER STATION				
Tipping Fees	13,918	14,000	10,318	11,000
Hauling	6,683	7,000	7,490	7,500
Tipping-Plastic, Cardboard				3,600
Hauling- Plastic, Cardboard				2,400
Salary-Transfer Station Attendants	24,381	25,278	25,258	27,456
Salary- Transfer Station Administrator	968	1,020	1,132	1,092
Payroll Expenses	2,119	2,201	2,143	2,184
Maintenance	-	3,000	2,699	3,000
Solid Waste Dues	4,763	5,064	5,064	5,085
Equipment/Facilities	1,196	1,100	1,313	1,300
Household Hazardous Waste Disposal	837	1,000	1,263	1,300
Supplies	670	700	655	700
Workers Compensation	1,800	1,555	1,555	1,708
Solid Waste Closing Implementation Plan		2,000	-	2,000
Electricity	1,392	1,400	1,411	1,411
Phone	680	700	623	623
Composting	2,470	2,470	3,445	5,980
Electronics Recycling	470	500	47	500
Total Transfer Station	<u>62,346</u>	<u>68,987</u>	<u>64,414</u>	<u>78,839</u>

TOWN OFFICERS EXPENSE (Continued on Next Page)

Planning Commission Expense	-	900	-	550
Emergency Management	4,503	-	76	-
Building/Property/Liability Insurance	2,800	2,999	2,999	3,740
Law Enforcement Liability Insurance	340	375	375	542
Public Officials Liability Insurance	1,117	1,113	1,113	1,664
Emp. Practices Liability Insurance	1,068	939	939	1,262
Crime Insurance				519
Workers Compensation	300	286	286	270
Office Heat/Electric	2,781	4,500	5,807	6,800
Training/Education	233	450	430	650
Postage	1,526	2,300	2,756	2,600
Supplies & Equipment	3,751	9,830	9,137	3,800
Elections	1,616	3,200	2,501	2,370

Town of Shrewsbury
GENERAL EXPENSES-BUDGETED AND ACTUAL (Continued)
Year ended December 31, 2022

	ACTUAL 2021	BUDGET 2022	ACTUAL 2022	BUDGET 2023
TOWN OFFICERS EXPENSE (Continued)				
Software	376	1,800	1,116	1,800
Selectboard Salary	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,900
Other Town Officers Salary	52,808	68,200	52,529	70,460
Payroll Expenses	6,405	6,982	6,062	7,341
Retirement	1,608	1,698	1,965	1,890
Office Communications	3,795	3,795	7,537	3,800
Mileage Reimbursement	-	100	890	1,000
Building Maintenance/Repair	7,499	5,000	4,321	23,000
Warnings	298	500	337	500
Town Report	2,967	2,970	2,088	1980
Total Town Officers Expense	98,790	120,936	106,262	140,437
LISTERS				
Lister Salaries	20,159	25,000	22,979	47,500
Payroll Expenses	1,542	1,913	1,736	1,760
Supplies and Software	1,235	2,700	1,272	2,700
Upgrade Parcel Mapping	1,350	1,500	1,885	1,500
Tax Appeal Legal/Consulting Fees	4,339	3,500	3,505	3,500
Training & Training Mileage	50	500	50	100
Total Listers Expense	28,675	35,113	31,426	57,060
OTHER DISBURSEMENTS				
Animal Damage and Control	95	300	92	300
Audit		15,000	7,000	4,800
Conservation Commission	664	1,250	1,249	1,250
County Court Tax	10,692	14,272	12,581	15,367
Garage Bond Principal and Interest Payment	25,026	25,536	24,085	24,635
Interest expense, other			6	
Land purchase, emerg. access to garage&school	21,138			
Law Enforcement	-	20,400	17,349	10,294
Legal Fees	3,585	2,000	70	2,000
Miscellaneous expenses			59	-
Regional Ambulance Service	4,224	4,224	4,224	4,224
Rutland Regional Planning Commission Dues	975	1,000	1,000	1,025
Town Events	100	500	100	500
Vermont League of Cities & Towns Dues	2,380	2,380	2,462	2,500
Total Other Disbursements	68,879	86,862	70,276	66,895
TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES	258,690	311,897	272,378	343,232

Town of Shrewsbury
ROAD EXPENSES-BUDGETED AND ACTUAL
Year Ended December 31, 2022

ROAD EXPENSES	ACTUAL 2021	BUDGET 2022	ACTUAL 2022	BUDGET 2023
ROADS				
Chloride	3,918	8,400	8,480	9,000
Grant in Aid- Lincoln Hill	2,875			
Gravel and Stone	49,603	55,000	44,947	60,000
Salt	29,670	40,000	31,664	40,000
Winter Sand	33,964	55,000	40,165	65,000
Erosion Control	530	500	255	500
Stormwater Municipal Rds. General Permit	1,350	1,590	1,350	1,990
Culverts & Bridges	6,023	7,500	34,392	8,000
Tree Removal	3,120	3,000	2,730	3,000
Paving	306,280	160,000	121,240	160,000
Equipment Rental	2,370	4,000	928	7,000
Salaries	150,553	196,000	145,679	196,000
Payroll Expenses	11,393	14,994	11,112	14,994
VT State Retirement	6,881	9,500	6,391	10,290
VLCT Workmen's Compensation	8,648	7,344	7,344	7,011
Health Insurance/Dental Insurance	55,579	65,782	44,632	82,312
VLCT Unemployment	321	528	528	572
Training	-	100	55	100
Other	-	100	273	100
Total Roads	673,078	629,338	502,165	665,870
TOWN EQUIPMENT				
Parts & Repairs	35,461	37,000	45,981	55,444
Tires & Repairs	2,871	7,000	5,470	9,000
Fuels & Lubricants	42,768	55,000	75,076	80,000
Lease payment	47,447	47,447	47,447	47,447
New Equipment	3,963	3,000	8,944	5,000
Misc. Supplies	170	500	390	500
Signs	152	3,000	3,979	3,000
Safety Equipment	36	300	214	500
Vehicle Insurance				6,091
Total Town Equipment	132,868	153,247	187,501	200,891
TOWN GARAGES				
Equipment	377	1,550	366	1,550
Heating Fuel	3,488	4,000	4,814	6,000
Maintenance & Supplies	2,074	1,300	2,180	1,500
Electricity	2,256	3,000	2,008	3,000
Communications	2,915	4,000	3,287	4,000
Buildings & Repair	18,217	25,000	1,862	25,000
Property & Casualty Insurance	12,007	11,754	11,755	8,802
Total Town Garages	41,334	50,604	26,272	49,852
TOTAL ROAD EXPENSES	847,280	833,189	715,939	916,613
TOTAL GENERAL & ROADS EXPENSES	1,105,970	1,145,086	988,317	1,259,844

Town of Shrewsbury
2022 ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

The Shrewsbury Town Highway Department usually consists of three full-time employees that maintain 56.27 miles of roads, bridges, culverts, town equipment, and all town garages. 2022 has been challenging, due to losing an employee in May, and the lack of applicants with a valid commercial driver's license. Even though we try to maintain the same level of service, there is only so much we can do when short-staffed. Some things take more time to get to, and other things have to be put on hold. A big THANK YOU to John Elwert, who helped out with roadside mowing this summer, as well as other projects. Also, another big THANK YOU to Gary Martin for helping to plow in our bigger snowstorms and other storm help.

In 2022, the town received a \$14,800 grant from the Municipal Roads Grant-In-Aid Program. It was used to bring high priority portions of Shunpike Road ditches into compliance with the state's Clean Water Act, by stone lining and culvert replacement to reduce erosion.

Normal road maintenance continued the rest of the year and included:

- a. 0.8 of a mile on Northam Road was paved
- b. 4,493 tons of gravel and stone were used on various roads.
- c. 4,408 tons of sand were stockpiled for winter use.

The appropriations for the Town Garage Reserve Fund and the Town Road Equipment Reserve Fund are requested to be increased for 2023 to reflect projects that are ongoing in regards to the Town garages and high inflation for Town's road equipment.

Thank you for your support and patience.

Respectfully submitted,
James Carrara
Road Commissioner

2022 Inventory of Town Equipment Estimated Value	
2020 International HV513 with plow and sander	\$160,000
2017 International 7600 with plow and sander	\$100,000
2015 Caterpillar 12 M 3 Grader	\$265,000
2015 International 7600 with plow and sander	\$60,000
2014 Ford F-550 with plow and sander	\$25,000
2010 International 7600 with plow and sander	\$15,000
2009 John Deere 5065E tractor with mower, broom	\$20,000
2005 Caterpillar 307C Excavator	\$25,000
2020 Cam Trailer	\$18,000
2019 John Deere 544L Loader	\$145,000
2013 Caterpillar 430F Backhoe	\$40,000
1995 Woodchuck Brush Chipper	\$4,000
Chloride tank with spray bar	\$1,000
Miscellaneous Tools	\$8,000
Goosen Bale Chopper	\$4,000
Total	\$890,000

Town of Shrewsbury
2022 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The Town Clerk is elected for a three-year term and is required by statute to receive, record, and maintain the Town's land records. Other statutory responsibilities include registering voters and maintaining the voter checklist in conjunction with the Board of Civil Authority and serving as the presiding officer for all elections. The Town Clerk also serves as the clerk of the Board of Civil Authority in matters related to appeals of lister grievances, and as the clerk of the Board of Abatement in matters related to appeals of tax assessments. Additional responsibilities include recording town proceedings and maintaining the agendas and minutes of various town boards and commissions on the Town website (www.shrewsburyvt.org) in accordance with Vermont Open Meeting Law.

The Town Clerk maintains Vermont Department of Health vital records for the Town which includes births, deaths and civil marriages, and issues civil marriage licenses and certified copies of other vital records. The Clerk also issues and maintains a record of animal licenses for the Department of Public Safety. Town clerks are often asked to disseminate information from various State agencies to local constituencies. Town clerks also take on responsibilities that are specific to their particular municipality. In Shrewsbury, the Clerk issues and maintains transfer station vehicle permits and punch cards and coordinates addresses with the statewide E-911 board.

The Board of Civil Authority (BCA) met in August 2022 for two lister grievance appeals which were heard and acted upon with required site visits and written findings. In one instance the BCA did not have jurisdiction, and the appellant took no further action. At the time of this writing, the Selectboard had appealed the decision of the BCA in the other matter to the Property Valuation and Review Board and was contemplating whether to continue that action.

The Board of Abatement (BOA) met in January 2022 to hear two tax appeals regarding 2021 tax assessments. Following a hearing and written decision by the BOA, neither appellant chose to appeal their case further. The BOA met again in November 2022 to hear a tax appeal pertaining to a 2022 tax assessment. After conducting the hearing and sending out the written decision, the appellant did not pursue any further action.

In 2022 Shrewsbury had three elections: the Town Meeting, the August primary election, and the November general election. Shrewsbury did not need to have a recount in any of the three elections. The Board of Civil Authority did not meet to go over the registered voter list but will do so in 2023.

This year was a bit of a challenging one when it came to elections. Town Meeting was the first ever election I presided over, and while those who were there assisting and counting will likely agree it was not without its bumps, we ultimately all got through it and had a successful election. Then the State provided all of the towns that already had tabulators with new ones, so we all had to work to learn the new machine before the August primary, which absolutely could not have happened without all of our wonderful poll workers and volunteers. I came down with COVID just a few days before the primary, and the BCA quickly appointed a temporary presiding officer, set up for the election, and made sure everything went off without a hitch. A special thanks goes out to Mark Goodwin for stepping in to fill the void as presiding officer for the August primary, and to Betsy Jesser for holding down the fort while I was out of the office recovering. Thank you to all of our BCA members and poll workers this year. You certainly all deserve a round of applause for making the elections this year so successful.

Respectfully submitted,
Megan A. LaChance, Esq., Town Clerk

Town of Shrewsbury
2022 VITAL STATISTICS

	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
BIRTHS	8	6	6	6	10	4	7	8	6
DEATHS	15	7	12	9	9	9	9	8	7
CIVIL MARRIAGES	6	3	6	9	5	6	6	10	5

Upon recommendation of the Vermont Department of Health, no names are published in this report. The vital records are available at the Town Office and are public records. Note: The implementation date for Act 46 was July 1, 2019. Certified Copies of Birth & Death Vital Records will require the submission of an application from family member, legal guardian and certain other court related parties and legal representatives.

Town of Shrewsbury
2022 ANIMAL LICENSE REPORT

QUANTITY	TYPE	FEE	COLLECTED
61	Spayed Female	\$9.00 Each	\$549
71	Neutered Male	\$9.00 Each	\$639
5	Unspayed Female	\$13.00 Each	\$65
9	Un-Neutered Males	\$13.00 Each	\$117
0	Special Permit	\$30.00 Each	\$0
0	Pet Dealer License	\$25.00 Each	\$0
Total: 146			
13	Late Fees	\$4.00 Each	\$52
		TOTAL	\$1,422
Fees Retained by Town of Shrewsbury			\$400
Fees Retained by Shrewsbury Clerk			\$292
Fees Submitted to State Spay/Neuter Program			\$438
Fees Submitted to the State for Mandatory Assessment			\$292
TOTAL			\$1,422

Town of Shrewsbury
2022 JUSTICES OF THE PEACE REPORT

Shrewsbury elected seven Justices of the Peace in November 2022: Sally Deinzer, Barry Griffith, Betsy Jesser, Taffy Maynard, Trish Norton, Adrienne Raymond and Lee Wilson. These two-year terms begin on February 1, 2023. Sally and Adrienne will fill positions held through 2022 by two long-serving Justices; more about them below.

The responsibilities of a Justice of the Peace (JP) are established by the Vermont statutes. Shrewsbury's seven JPs (together with the three Selectboard members and Town Clerk) constitute a majority of the Board of Civil Authority, which is importantly responsible for the conduct of elections within the town. We oversaw three elections in 2022: Town Meeting in March, the primary contests in August, and the general election in November. JPs worked closely with the Town Clerk, in each instance spending hours testing the tabulator to verify its accuracy, processing ballots submitted in advance, supervising the polling place on election day, and ensuring a correct final tally once the polls were closed.

The Board of Civil Authority (BCA) is also responsible for conducting appeal hearings when taxpayers challenge Lister property valuation determinations. BCA members (together with the Listers and Treasurer) also sit on the Board of Abatement (BoA), which has authority to reduce a tax assessment or penalty in certain circumstances. We were called upon to decide two assessment appeals and one abatement request in 2022.

As individuals, Justices of the Peace are authorized to solemnize marriages in Vermont. A Justice may also be licensed as a Notary Public, with the legal authority to confirm oaths and acknowledgements. As a group, we do not keep statistics on these services provided individually by Justices to members of our community.

It is with sadness that we note the recent passing of Larry Carrara, who served Shrewsbury as a JP for more than twenty years. Larry's comprehensive knowledge of the town, common sense and wit brought much to our Board hearings during his decades of service. We also gratefully acknowledge the valuable and even longer tenure of retiring Justice John Berryhill. John was first elected in 1986, and served the town as JP for a remarkable 36 years. John served as our Board Chair (both BCA and BoA) for as long as any of us can remember. John always presided fairly, calmly and competently. Thank you, John and Larry, for your decades of service to the town. We will be guided by your example and legacy going forward.

Respectfully submitted,
Barry Griffith
Vice Chair, Board of Civil Authority

Town of Shrewsbury
2022 ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

The Zoning Office was busy again this year. The last several years have seen so many properties changing hands and seemingly everyone wants to put their stamp on their new property.

Seventeen building permits were issued. Of these, one was an administrative Boundary Line Adjustment, four were for new homes with one of these disallowed by the Development Review Board, and the others were for various decks, sheds, and garages. Notice of two agriculture buildings was given.

As I say every year, please call before starting any building project to check on whether it needs a building or other town permits. Even if a permit is not required, setbacks to your neighbors' property line and to the road need to be followed.

If you are assuming that a structure does not need a permit because it has no foundation and is temporary, please consider that temporary means it is in place less than ½ the year. How many of us and our neighbors have "temporary buildings" on their property for far longer? How many of us have storage containers and plastic covered storage structures that should have a permit?

Please call me if you think you should have had or might now need a permit for something. You will need to submit an application showing that your structure follows the property line setbacks and other zoning requirements, pay the fee, and I can likely issue a permit. It is far easier to make sure everything is proper on your property before you decide to refinance or sell and everything is rushed.

As always, thank you all for your good humor in the face of regulations and fees. Following the rules helps us all live together more amicably.

Respectfully submitted,
Adrienne Raymond, Zoning Administrator



A Hippie Ghost haunted the entrance to Pierce's Store this past Halloween

Town of Shrewsbury
2022 SHREWSBURY DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD REPORT

The Shrewsbury Development Review Board (DRB) reviews applications for subdivision of land, variances from the town's zoning regulations, conditional uses, development in overlay zones and appeals from decisions of the zoning administrator.

The DRB meets as required, based on the applications received. All hearings are publicly warned and open to the public. In addition, we notify all adjacent landowners of applications in accordance with state statute. All records of applications, hearings and decisions by the DRB are retained at the town office and are a public record.

Applications to the DRB may be obtained from the zoning administrator, who will inform the applicant about the information needed by the board to conduct a hearing. The DRB's decisions are made in accordance with the town's duly adopted unified zoning and subdivision ordinances.

During 2022, the DRB held seven hearings, which consisted of: two conditional use applications, three subdivisions, two waivers, plus one landowner advisory meeting.

Applicants are reminded to review the town's zoning and subdivision regulations in preparation for an application to the board. In addition, applicants are reminded that there are strict state regulations regarding development near wetlands and flood-prone areas, as well as State requirements for design of wastewater disposal systems. Questions can be addressed to the zoning administrator.

Submitted by
Mark Youngstrom, Chair



An old roadway connecting between two Upper Cold River roads (Photo courtesy of Gary Salmon)

Town of Shrewsbury
2022 SHREWSBURY PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

The duties of the Shrewsbury Planning Commission (SPC) are varied and include the following:

- Prepare a town plan and amendments to the town plan for consideration by the legislative body (selectboard);
- Prepare and present land use regulations;
- Undertake capacity studies and make recommendations on matters of land development, economic development, wetland protection, historic and scenic preservation, etc.;
- Hold public meetings that relate to the work of the planning commission with other departments of the municipality;
- Participate in a regional planning program

Since 2019, the SPC has been developing an updated Flood Hazard Area Bylaw. After two public hearings, this bylaw was unanimously approved by the Selectboard in November 2022. The updates to this bylaw ensure that town development will be done in a way that minimizes potential for flood damage to life and property. The changes will also prevent development in the floodplain and river corridor that would intensify damage caused by flooding. The adoption of these changes will enable the town of Shrewsbury to receive the maximum amount of Emergency Relief and Assistance Funds from the State of Vermont in the event of flood damage to the town. These updates to the Flood Hazard regulations are a valuable part of our town's ability to be resilient in the face of a changing climate.

The SPC also submitted some minor changes to the Unified Zoning and Subdivision regulations, which were also approved by the Selectboard. These changes fixed inconsistencies between the maps and text of the town's zoning regulations, clarified language, and updated our zoning to reflect recently adopted state statutes on accessory dwellings. Additionally, the planning commission did work on the creation of a shade tree preservation plan, which would reinstate the Shrewsbury tree warden's responsibility for management of roadside trees.

The SPC currently has only three members of a maximum five member body. My colleagues, Laura Black and Melissa Reichert, are dedicated public servants with years of experience and are excellent mentors. Reach out if you would like to learn more about the valuable work of serving on the planning commission.

The SPC meets at 7:00 pm on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month. We welcome input and dialogue from everyone in our community.

Respectfully submitted,
Ryan Fitzbeauchamp
SPC member

Town of Shrewsbury
2022 HEALTH OFFICER REPORT

In 2022 three dog bite reports were logged. Two dogs were not up to date on their Rabies vaccinations. Fortunately, after the required ten-day confinement both dogs remained healthy, as did the humans. After the confinement period had expired, the owners did get their dogs up to date with rabies vaccination. Two of the dogs reside in Shrewsbury and were not licensed. Owners were informed of this requirement and encouraged to obtain dog licenses. A fox was reported as close as Ludlow with Rabies. The relatively great job we have done in Vermont with vaccinating domestic animals has kept this fatal disease from being passed on to people. It is much easier to track dogs that are licensed, so when a dog bites a person or another dog, vaccine status confirmation is vital.

A complaint of garbage collecting, and unsanitary conditions was investigated. The person residing on the property cleaned the property, and avoided a health order being served.

Some off the processes with handling and reporting Public Health Hazards and Rental Property Violations have changed and are updated in the Town Health Officer (THO) Manual available online at <http://www.healthvermont.gov/local/tho/tho.aspx>

Assistant THO Sharon Winnicki assisted Town Clerk Megan Lachance, Esq. with the requirements of approving a private burial site.

Sharon and I get Rutland Regional Emergency Management Committee notices. We can attend meetings via zoom or read the notes from the meetings to be aware of any changes in the emergency response plans applicable to the town of Shrewsbury and also any new resources of which we should be aware.

Covid is still causing some interruption in plans, but we are resilient and are learning to co-exist. I keep up to date on information on infectious diseases from a variety of reliable sources that have served me well through my 40 plus year as a Nurse Practitioner.

At the end of March, I will be completing my sixth year as Town Health Officer and will request reappointment for another three-year term.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Felder, RN



Gloria Benson and Brady Parks enjoying Halloween cookie decorations at the Library

Town of Shrewsbury
2022 CEMETERY COMMISSION REPORT

The responsibility of the Shrewsbury Cemetery Commission is to oversee and maintain the small family cemeteries that were created during the settlement of the town in the late 1700's and early 1800's. Normally two or three families living near each other would select a piece of property that they would share for the burial of family members. Therefore, these cemeteries are important historically because they reflect the early settlement patterns and families in the town. Now, in 2023, these cemeteries are almost all located on private property. Occasionally commission members are asked for genealogy information.

It is with sadness that we note the recent passing of Larry Carrara, who served Shrewsbury in various capacities, including the Cemetery Commission. Larry's dedication and knowledge will be missed. The remaining members of the Cemetery Commission for 2022 were Bennie Carrara and George Brigham Jr. We are very grateful to the property owners and neighbors who care for these cemeteries. We thank the Tabor family for maintaining the Colburn Cemetery in East Shrewsbury, Leonard Page and his son Leonard Jr. at the Plumley-Page Cemetery on the Upper Cold Road, Red and Judy Landon at the First Cuttingsville Cemetery, Donna Smith and son Jeff at the Shrewsbury Center Cemetery and the Mitchell and Haley families.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bennie Carrara



Larry Francis Carrara

Larry Francis Carrara, 85, a long serving Justice of the Peace and Cemetery Commissioner for the Town of Shrewsbury passed away after a lengthy illness on January 4, 2023.

Larry is best remembered for a visit from a lovesick moose (Josh) that was attracted to one of his heifer cows (Jessica) and spent 76 days on the farm. The relationship captured the attention of people from all around the world and brought tens of thousands of people to Larry's farm to see the animal romance in action. Larry memorialized the love story between Josh and the heifer by writing the book, "A Moose For Jessica."

He is survived by Lila, his loving wife of 68 years; his children, as well as many in-laws, grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews and friends.

The Shrewsbury Board of Auditors acknowledge Larry's service to our town as Justice of the Peace from 1999 to present, serving on the Board of Civil Authority and Board of Abatement as part of his duties. His knowledge of the town served him well in those tasks and also to preserve part of Shrewsbury's history in his role of Cemetery Commissioner, served from 1998 to the present.

Town of Shrewsbury
SHREWSBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

Our town is fortunate to have so many residents that are environmentally aware and dedicated to conserving our town's and world's natural resources. The members of our Shrewsbury Conservation Commission (SCC) as well as so many volunteers and participants all contribute to helping to keep Shrewsbury's fields, forests, and waters as healthy as possible. Thank you!

Green Up Day, as always, was well attended and roadside litter was removed on every road in town by enthusiastic volunteers. Under the direction of our Invasive Czarina, volunteers continued their seasonal management of invasive plants and more and more landowners have stepped up to try to remove invasives from their property as well. This year we have a Junior Conservation Commission Member and more youth volunteers, making work sessions more fun! As Covid posed less of a threat, we started "Walks and Talks" back up, with three well attended sessions of a scavenger hunt walk in Jeffords Forest, a Harvest Moon Walk and Pie Sharing, and a training session for citizen scientists learning about identifying Wildlife Tracks.

Our Wildlife Road Crossing Project hopes to identify the number and variety of animals whose travel corridors intersect our roadways. Roadways and bridges should be designed with wildlife connectivity needs in mind. Our project will help identify where wildlife corridors are as well as help landowners become aware and understand the importance of conserving forested land on each side of the roadway. Look for volunteers on our roads after a fresh snowfall, recording data that will be then taken by Vermont Fish and Wildlife to make a master map. Over 3-5 years, we should have a very clear pattern that emerges.

Another interesting project combined the efforts of the SCC, the Shrewsbury Planning Commission, and interested residents in walking all the Class 4 roads in town and recording pertinent data concerning their condition and impacts on conservation concerns such as wildlife corridors and habitat, erosion, wetlands and streams, unfragmented forest lands, and historic resources, as well as impacts on potential costs to our town for maintenance of eroding roads and bridges. A complete outline of the data and maps were presented to the Selectboard in November, and further work on this will resume in the spring.

We have been working on several events coming up in 2023. Hope to see you there!

Respectfully submitted,
Louise Duda, Chairperson

Town of Shrewsbury
2022 TREE WARDEN'S REPORT

Tree Warden Gary Salmon passed away prior to submitting a 2022 report. The Board of Auditors acknowledge Gary's service as Shrewsbury Tree Warden from 2014 till the present. In this role, he made many contributions to the Town, including guidance on shade tree preservation and an inventory of ash trees posing risks to the Town when infected by Emerald Ash Borer. He also spent many hours patrolling the roads of Shrewsbury identifying diseased or damaged trees for the road crew. We will miss his contributions to the Town's annual report, including his photographs, such as the one on page 34.

Gary Frank Salmon



Gary Frank Salmon, 75, died January 1, 2023, at his home. He earned a BS degree in Resources Management from State University College of Forestry at Syracuse University. A US Marine Corps veteran, he served during the Vietnam era. In 1970 he married Margery (Starr) Salmon.

He loved to sing and was a member of the Grace Congregational United Church of Christ Sanctuary Choir among others.

Gary worked as a forester for Vermont Dept of Forests, Parks and Recreation for 36 years. He fought forest fires in MT, MN, ID, CA, OR and VT. During his long career Gary worked with the Vermont Youth Conservation Corps and served as an Arbor Day Coordinator and Educator along with numerous other environmental and forestry endeavors such as serving as Shrewsbury's Tree Warden

Gary authored educational and entertaining monthly tree articles for the *Times of Shrewsbury* and the *Mountain Times* and annually for the Shrewsbury Town Report

Survivors include his wife, Margery of Shrewsbury, a sister, Judy, her husband Michael Geng; cousins and their families.

Town of Shrewsbury
2022 FOREST FIRE WARDEN'S REPORT

This year we had one brush fire that was quickly extinguished by Shrewsbury firefighters. Again, we would like to remind you that if you are going to bum, burn only natural wood and Call for a PERMIT from Al Ridlon Jr. or Kevin Brown.

Thank you and be fire safe!!

Kevin Brown
775-6194 (H) 775-5518 (W) 345-8668 (C)

Al Ridlon, Jr.
492-3722 (H) 282-3642(C)

Town of Shrewsbury
2022 SHREWSBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department responded to 29 calls in 2022, broken down as follows:

7 structure fires (2 in town, 5 mutual aid)	3 brush fires	2 chimney/stove fires
7 motor vehicle accidents (2 in town, 3 mutual aid)		4 downed power lines
4 investigations (smoke, gas leak, fire alarm activation, basement water hazard)		
2 EMS assists	1 trail rescue	1 barn collapse in Clarendon

Our August mutual aid response to the barn collapse provides a good example of what we can be called upon to do. Clarendon Fire requested assistance from Shrewsbury and other neighboring towns. When word came in of a simultaneous house fire in Wallingford, SVFD's crews split up to tackle both. Volunteers went on to spend a long and harrowing night struggling to remove 60 cows from the collapsed barn. We do much more than just fight fires.

As always, our members spent many hours in 2022 training and performing maintenance on our trucks and equipment. Our unpaid volunteers also spent these months researching and pondering a solution to our Cuttingsville dilemma. The pumper there is 24 years old and will need replacing soon. Fire trucks are much bigger now than they were when tiny Cuttingsville Station was erected 70 years ago. Can we expand and/or move the existing building? Do we need a new station? Neighbor P.E. Mark Youngstrom is helping us to consider our options. In 2023 we will continue to seek out the best solution for the Town for decades to come.

Loyalty Day (in May) and Shrewsbury Day (in September) were celebrated again in 2022, and we participated in both. In October – Fire Prevention Month – Chief Phil Severy and Safety Officer Bob Snarski led a well-received program at the Mountain School. Our Junior Firefighters -- Dylan Thomas, Ethan Severy and Phil Severy Jr. – received a warm reception at their old school. Students were given a tour of our fire trucks and had their pictures taken with us. Thank you, Principal Kristin Cimonetti, for making this important safety program possible.

Our membership and leadership remained steady in 2022. We welcomed new member Mark Goodwin and bid farewell to past member Bob Gould. Charter member Al Ridlon Sr. was awarded a Life Membership and presented with a plaque acknowledging his remarkable 70 years in the fire service. Awards were presented at a December celebration hosted by our wonderful Auxiliary. We did much more as well, but this report only has so much space.

The Fire Department's funding requests on the 2023 Warning remain the same as last year. We appreciate your continued support. Be smart and stay safe in 2023.

Respectfully submitted,
Phillip Severy, Chief

Jack Perry, President
Jon Lees, Secretary

Bob Snarski, Vice President
Barry Griffith, Treasurer

Town of Shrewsbury
SHREWSBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
Financial Report for the Year Ending December 31, 2022

	Actual 2021	Budget 2022	Actual 2022	Budget 2023
RECEIPTS				
Town of Shrewsbury	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$35,000
Raised by SVFD	\$21,960	\$15,000	\$10,642	\$15,000
Total Operating Income	\$56,960	\$50,000	\$45,642	\$50,000

EXPENSES				
New Equipment	\$16,834	\$10,000	\$5,604	\$7,500
Operating	\$4,690	\$5,000	\$4,687	\$5,000
Maintenance	\$14,254	\$8,600	\$5,280	\$7,000
Stations	\$2,144	\$5,000	\$8,095	\$7,500
Insurance	\$8,442	\$8,700	\$8,665	\$8,800
Communications	\$2,665	\$2,800	\$2,961	\$3,200
Heating	\$2,263	\$3,500	\$3,523	\$4,400
Electric	\$2,258	\$2,700	\$2,132	\$2,500
Dues/Training	\$939	\$1,000	\$560	\$1,000
Fundraising	\$2,199	\$2,500	\$2,929	\$3,000
Miscellaneous		\$100		
Bank Charges	\$60	\$100	\$60	\$100
Total Operating Expense	\$56,749	\$50,000	\$44,496	\$50,000

GENERAL FUND	Beginning Balance January 1, 2022	\$34,660
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Receipts

Town of Shrewsbury	\$35,000	
Fundraising	\$10,000	
Misc. Income	\$635	
Interest Income	\$7	
Total General Fund Receipts		\$45,642

Expenditures	-\$44,496
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GENERAL FUND Ending Balance December 31, 2022	\$35,806
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Town of Shrewsbury
SHREWSBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
Special Accounts for the Year Ending December 31, 2022

Replacement Fund

Opening Balance 1/1/22	\$105,090	
Break Open Ticket Proceeds	\$10,855	
Mailer Donations	\$8,890	
Other Misc. Donations	\$1,042	
Interest Income	\$56	
Bank Charges	-\$8	
Transferred to Operating	-\$10,000	
Ending Balance 12/31/22		\$115,926

Minnie Shaw Endowment Fund

Opening Balance 1/1/22	\$343,743	
Change in Investment Value	-\$38,352	
Paid Investment Advisor Fees	-\$3,230	
Ending Balance 12/31/22		\$302,162

SPECIAL ACCOUNTS Ending Balance December 31, 2022	\$418,088
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The Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department visits the Shrewsbury Mountain School fifth and sixth graders. Left to right are: Dylan Thomas*, Lt. Jamie Carrara, Chief Phil Severy, Ethan Severy*. Far right, in shorts: Phil Severy, Jr.* (* indicates Junior Firefighter)

Town of Shrewsbury
2022 SHREWSBURY COMMUNITY MEETING HOUSE REPORT

The Trustees of the Shrewsbury Community Meeting House are responsible for the management and maintenance of our treasured and historic Town Hall, constructed in 1852. The Meeting House is used by the community and church, as originally intended, for town meetings, voting, dances, hearings, church services, committee meetings, receptions, parties, concerts, weddings, funerals, food divides, quilting classes, exercise classes and other community functions. It is truly one of the most important buildings in town and the centerpiece of Shrewsbury Center. For the third year in a row, the Meeting House grounds served as the venue for a series of wonderful outdoor community concerts, organized and coordinated by Vicky Arthur and Paul Sgalia as well as the festive return of Shrewsbury Day.

The Shrewsbury Meeting House Trustee Board is comprised of seven trustees, with three trustees appointed by the selectboard, three appointed by the Shrewsbury Community Church, and one member appointed by the trustees. The building is available for any town or church function, general community or civic group gathering, and it can be reserved for private functions by town residents. For private functions or events that are not free and open to the entire community, a reasonable usage fee is required and rental can be arranged through Julianne Sharrow. Appropriate use of the sanctuary must be arranged through the Shrewsbury Community Church (Karen Lorentz) and trustees (Julanne Sharrow), since generally only one gathering in the building is desired at the same time. Our policy is to allow use of the building by only Shrewsbury residents since the Meeting House is such a historic, fragile and important building to our community.

The building also is now adequately equipped to serve as an emergency shelter.

All planned major capital improvements have been completed. The focus for the next few years will be on maintenance, with a few smaller projects planned. Over the past 10-15 years, we have made well over \$100,000 in necessary improvements and repairs to this building, generally without increasing the assessment significantly on Town taxpayers or the Church. This is possible largely through a few generous contributions from persons who recognize the importance of this historic building to the Town, as well as a few small grants and events such as the concerts mentioned above. Remembering the Shrewsbury Meeting House in your estate plan or year-end giving will help ensure this building is well maintained and preserved for generations to come. Contact Mark Youngstrom for more information.

As compared to last year, we are requesting a \$1,000 increase from the Town. This will allow us to increase operating cash, and complete the anticipated improvements, while covering unanticipated costs and not having to request the Town's contribution before taxes are collected.

We offer a sincere thank you to those who regularly care for the building and to all who leave the building in good condition after use. Please contact the Meeting House Trustees with any suggestions for improvements or if you are interested in helping us preserve this wonderful building.

Sincerely,
The 2022 Shrewsbury Meeting House Trustees

Appointed by Town: Mark Youngstrom, Steve Spatz, Liesbeth van der Heijden

Appointed by Church: Donna Smith, Julianne Sharrow, Karen Lorentz

Appointed by Committee: Ed Ryan

Town of Shrewsbury
SHREWSBURY COMMUNITY MEETING HOUSE
FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022

BEGINNING BALANCE, JANUARY 1, 2022 **\$5,256**

RECEIPTS

Town of Shrewsbury	\$16,000	
Shrewsbury Community Church	\$5,500	
Hall Rental	\$450	
Interest	\$0	
Donations	\$3,135	
Other		
Total Receipts		\$25,085

EXPENDITURES

Electricity	\$1,207	
Propane	\$4,376	
Telephone	\$1,906	
Custodial	\$2,500	
Maintenance	\$3,608	
Insurance	\$6,913	
Supplies	\$49	
Capital Improvements	\$0	
Miscellaneous	\$895	
Total Disbursements		\$21,454

ENDING BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 2022 **\$8,888**

COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS

	<u>2021</u> <u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>2022</u> <u>BUDGET</u>	<u>2022</u> <u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>BUDGET</u>
RECEIPTS				
Town of Shrewsbury	\$15,500	\$16,000	\$16,000	\$17,000
Shrewsbury Community Chur	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$5,700
Hall Rental	\$400	\$400	\$450	\$500
Interest	\$2	\$3	\$0	\$3
Donations	\$750	\$1,000	\$3,135	\$1,500
Total Receipts	<u>\$22,152</u>	<u>\$22,903</u>	<u>\$25,085</u>	<u>\$24,703</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Electricity	\$970	\$1,100	\$1,207	\$1,200
Propane	\$2,767	\$3,300	\$4,376	\$4,000
Telephone	\$1,719	\$1,800	\$1,906	\$1,800
Custodial	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500
Maintenance	\$2,298	\$3,000	\$3,608	\$3,500
Insurance	\$7,155	\$6,860	\$6,913	\$7,276
Supplies	\$24	\$50	\$49	\$50
Capital Improvements	\$2,656	\$1,500	\$0	\$4,377
Miscellaneous			\$895	\$0
To Cash Reserves		\$2,793	\$3,632	\$0
Total Disbursement	<u>\$20,089</u>	<u>\$22,903</u>	<u>\$25,085</u>	<u>\$24,703</u>

Town of Shrewsbury
2022 SHREWSBURY LIBRARY REPORT

2022 brought a welcome transition back to regular hours and in-person programming with optional masking and distancing. With this re-opening, the number of our volunteer staffers and helpers increased remarkably, enabling us to maintain regular hours:

Mondays: 10 am to noon;
Tuesdays 7 to 9 pm;
Wednesdays: 10 am to 5 pm & 7 to 9 pm;
Thursdays: 7 to 9 pm;
Fridays 10 am to noon
Saturdays: 10 am to noon

The Community Food Shelf in the front entryway is accessible whenever the Library is open.

We circulated 2,922 books, videos, audiobooks, e-books, state park passes, and even snowshoes to adults and children, and greeted 2,506 patrons and visitors. We also provided free wifi and computer access. The “Little Libraries” outside the Library and Pierces’ Store provided free books to all.

Donna Swartz, our Vermont-Certified Librarian, and dedicated volunteer Fred Michel, maintain the collections through our automated cataloging system and with clear new labels on all materials. Trustee Elijah LaChance and Youth Trustee Cabot Spatz are renovating the Young Adult (YA) collection and planning to make the YA section more visible and popular. The Children’s Committee of Trustees and Volunteers held a successful Halloween Party and a Holiday movie, and plans more programs. The Famous Books Book Club and Science Book Club met regularly via Zoom, and then in-person, providing literary classics and science books for lively discussions throughout the year.

The Street Dance with Marcos Levy and The Community Blues Band, always a highlight of our fund-raising events, was enhanced this summer by a Hot Dog Dinner. The Honor-System Book Sale under the tent lasted for two weeks and was particularly successful. While the Holiday Silent Auction & Cookie Share, our biggest fund-raiser and social celebration, was paused for another year, the loss in revenue was offset by the raffle of a beautiful quilt made by Trish Norton. Our annual fund-raising letter, written by Donna Swartz, drew more than double last year’s amount.

For 2023, as we have since 2005, we are requesting Town tax support of \$7,500, to help cover basic operating costs: heat, electricity, telephone/internet service, and insurance. Our fund-raising pays for everything else: books, DVDs, programs, repairs, maintenance, and supplies. For the coming year, we have budgeted \$23,165 in operating expenses. We expect that some items will be higher because of increased utility costs, but can use carry-over funds to cover any shortfalls.

We plan to continue to serve Shrewsbury as a vital community resource, and are very grateful for the Town’s support over the past 47 years.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Aleshire & Lisa Sharrow, Co-Presidents
Donna Swartz, VT Librarian

Town of Shrewsbury
2022 SHREWSBURY LIBRARY REPORT

BEGINNING BALANCE, January 1, 2022		\$ 88,266.00
RECEIPTS:		
Operating	25,026	
Capital Fund	-	
Restricted	2,079	
Total Receipts		27,105
EXPENDITURES:		
Operating	20,586	
Capital Fund	791	
Restricted	1,733	
Total Expenditures		(23,110)
ENDING BALANCE, December 31, 2022		<u>\$ 92,261</u>
<u>Capital Fund</u> - Beginning January 1, 2022		\$ 17,611
Receipts		
Board designation of funds		-
Expenditures		(791)
<u>Capital Fund</u> - Ending December 31, 2022		<u>\$ 16,820</u>

Restricted Revenue and Expense:

	Beginning Balances	Receipts	Expended	Ending Balances
Ben Perry Fund	\$ 1,797	\$ 325	\$ 677	\$ 1,445
E. Jeffords Fund	3,500	-	-	3,500
Freeman Grant	40	-	-	40
Claire Hooper	683	-	-	683
Lorna MacDougal-Cohen Fund	53	45	101	(3)
Joyce Wilson Memorial Fund	477	100	305	272
Allan YA Book Fund	19	200	198	21
Large Print Book Fund	100	-	-	100
Viola Parker Fund	308	50	120	238
Mitch Spencer Fund	813	150	332	631
Childrens Program		1209	0	1,209
	<u>\$ 7,790</u>	<u>\$ 2,079.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,733</u>	<u>\$ 8,136</u>

Town of Shrewsbury
2022 SHREWSBURY LIBRARY REPORT
COMPARATIVE OPERATING REPORT

	2021 Actual	2022 Budget	2022 Actual	2023 Budget
<u>Operating Revenue:</u>				
Town	\$ 7,500	7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500
Donations & Unrestricted Grants	7,988	6,500	13,134	6,500
Fundraising	4,099	4,000	3,417	4,000
Interest Earned	57	45	70	50
Other income	946	-	905	900
Total Operating Revenue	<u>20,590</u>	<u>18,045</u>	<u>25,026</u>	<u>18,950</u>
<u>Operating Expenses:</u>				
Advertising	225	225	225	225
Materials: Adults	2,440	3,460	2,222	3,300
Materials: Children & YA	400	900	478	800
Children's Program Expense	441	600	125	100
Equipment & Repairs	807	750	1,092	1,750
Electricity	1,260	1,400	1,340	1,500
Fuel	1,291	1,700	3,275	4,000
Fundraising expense	552	1,000	875	1,000
Insurance	1,839	1,900	1,839	1,900
Librarian Expense	-	100	-	100
Maintenance	2,218	4,415	3,931	2,240
Miscellaneous	228	250	131	150
Septic	-	1,400	600	1,200
Postage	11	100	-	50
Postage-Interlibrary loan	278	500	189	300
Program Expense	1,880	2,000	1,912	2,100
Supplies	24	250	355	350
Telephone	1,806	2,020	1,997	2,100
Total Operating Expense	<u>15,700</u>	<u>22,970</u>	<u>20,586</u>	<u>23,165</u>
Operating revenue over/(under) operating expenses	<u>\$ 4,890</u>	<u>\$ (4,925)</u>	<u>\$ 4,440</u>	<u>\$ (4,215)</u>

Town of Shrewsbury
2022 SHREWSBURY HISTORICAL SOCIETY REPORT

On May 25, 2022 the Shrewsbury Historical Society (SHS) had its first meeting since the fall of 2019 due to the COVID pandemic. The recording secretary, Ruth Winkler, resigned and Grace Brigham, Penelope Weiss and Ann Vanneman took notes for the following meetings. The museum was the site of the May 29th reunion of Ed and Irene Cook's family, requested by their daughter Carole Cook Hass. John Elwert, chair of the House Committee, reported that the museum weathered the winters but he is seeking professional advice about the condition of the partially stained glass windows facing south. The roof also may need some new replacement shingles, and the fuel tank may have to be replaced. Brian Winkler presented the Current History scrapbook for the years of 2019 to 2021 to be added to the ongoing collection. It was acknowledged that the new road sign on Route 103 approaching Cuttingsville from the north was funded by Dick and Lillian Rohe.

A new committee, suggested by President Grace Brigham, was formed and named "School Outreach". In the spring, photographer Brian Winkler took photos of the 5th and 6th grade students of Mountain School who released their hand-raised baby trout in the brook behind the Pierce's store in Northam. In June, the SHS presented to the 6th grade graduating students a copy of our history book, "Shrewsbury, Vermont - Our Town As It Was" by Dawn Hance, including a map of our town.

Life Members Gloria and Mike Benson suggested the SHS help raise U.S. flags on the Green Mountain Power utility poles on Route 103 through Cuttingsville in honor of B-J and Joan Stewart, a custom established by the Stewarts years ago. Thank you goes to all who were involved in this endeavor. The village was resplendent this summer. Life Member Barry Griffith, also a board member of the Laurel Glen Cemetery Association, approached the members asking for help on August 6th to join the Vermont Old Cemetery Association (VOCA) in the clean-up of the cemetery and for docents garbed in period costumes to help give tours of the Bowman Mansion. Several members volunteered. The museum was also open offering refreshments to all.

The museum exhibited 2-1/2 years' worth of acquisitions including: two large panels of information about the CCC camp in Northam in the 30s, located on the site of the Shrewsbury Mountain School; a quilt made by Marjorie Pierce's mother, Gertrude; a wooden box filled with diaries, a large inscribed photo of a nuclear powered sub commanded by former Shrewsbury resident, John Patten, and more.

On September 17, 2022 the weather smiled on the 3rd Shrewsbury Day Parade and Celebration. Thank you to the "Dream Team" and everyone who made this historic event happen. In honor of the 70th Anniversary of our renowned Volunteer Fire Department, the Historical Society's banner was carried by Penelope Weiss and Grace Brigham proudly wearing vintage fire helmets. Chryl Martin's incredible photos (*Times of Shrewsbury* Oct.2022) includes a photo of three firemen: Al Ridlon, Sr., fireman since 1952; Elliott Stewart, 3rd generation fireman; and Harold Niblack, one of our newest firemen!

On October 2nd the Museum opened its doors to visitors at the "Tap to Table" event across Route 103. The museum was busy until 4pm. Volunteer docents gave tours at the Bowman Mansion.

On October 30th the Society held its Annual Meeting and approved a new slate of officers for 2023 as follows: President, Julianne Sharrow; Vice President, Penelope Weiss; Treasurer, Catherine Carrara and Secretary, Pam Monder. Trustees: Ann Ridlon, Margaret Field and Liesbeth van der Heijden. The museum is now closed for the season but can be opened for research by calling Brian Winkler at 802-492-3324. Next meeting will be held in May, 2023.

Respectfully Submitted,
Grace Brigham and Brian Winkler, Co-Presidents

Town of Shrewsbury
SHREWSBURY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Financial Report for the Year Ending December 31, 2022

BEGINNING CASH BALANCE

Checking Account Balance	\$ 5,387	
Money Market Acct	15,234	
Certificates of Deposit	25,897	
CASH BALANCE, January 1, 2022		\$ 46,519

Total Receipts	\$ 809	
Total Disbursements	3,312	
Excess Receipts over Expenditures		(2,503)

ENDING CASH BALANCE

Checking Account Balance	\$ 2,744	
Money Market Acct	15,551	
Certificates of Deposit	25,975	
ENDING CASH BALANCE, December 31, 2022		\$ 44,270

COMPARATIVE OPERATING STATEMENTS

	Actual 2021	Budget 2022	Actual 2022	Budget 2023
RECEIPTS				
Town of Shrewsbury (1)	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ -	\$ 5,000
Membership Dues	275	500	200	500
Fund Raising	341	2,000	27	2,000
Contributions	1,750	1,000	500	1,000
Interest	105	130	82	130
Total Receipts	\$ 4,971	\$ 6,130	\$ 809	\$ 8,630
OPERATING EXPENDITURES				
Building Repairs/Maintenance	\$ 173	\$ 4,000	\$ -	\$ 4,000
Insurance	-	1,140	2,329	1,200
Electricity	275	475	441	475
Heating Fuel	44	50	49	50
Archival Supplies	422	200	16	200
Supplies and misc	808	350	450	350
Postage	25	375	26	375
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 1,747	\$ 6,590	\$ 3,312	\$ 6,650
Excess Receipts over Expenditures	\$ 3,224	\$ (460)	\$ (2,503)	\$ 1,980

(1) The 2022 Town payment of \$2,500 will be cashed in 2023.

2022 SOLID WASTE ALLIANCE COMMUNITIES REPORT

Funded in town budget

SWAC is composed of the towns of Benson, Chittenden, Fair Haven, Middletown Springs, Pawlet, Rutland Town, Shrewsbury, Sudbury, Tinmouth, and West Haven and serves a population of approximately 14,000 people. These towns work cooperatively to comply with State laws and mandates managing solid and hazardous waste issues in an environmentally responsible and cost effective manner. SWAC acts as a liaison to the State of Vermont representing the SWAC town's interests on issues pertaining to legislation, rule changes, SWIP requirements, and Product Stewardship.

In 2022, SWAC successfully complied with Year Two Act 148 / ANR Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP) requirements. All towns in Vermont are required to be included in a SWIP, and the requirements are extensive. The currently approved and adopted SWIP is available for review on the SWAC website.

SWAC is a member of the Vermont Product Stewardship Council and Product Stewardship Institute. These groups have been instrumental in getting Environmental Producer Responsibility (EPR) legislation passed in Vermont. The EPR legislation requires manufacturers to be financially responsible for the end of life collection of their product(s) thereby saving Vermont's resident's disposal/recycling costs. Efforts are still ongoing to pass new legislation requiring manufacturers of household hazardous waste products and paper and packaging to pay for end of life disposal of their products.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW): HHW collection is the most costly endeavor undertaken. SWAC contracted with US Ecology to hold three household hazardous waste (HHW) events. 5.25 tons of hazardous waste was collected from 115 households. Products included oxidizers, acids, alkalines, reactives, pesticides, aerosols, flammable liquids, ammonia, mercury devices, mercury, batteries, latex, oil based, and flammable paints, propane tanks, batteries, asbestos, pcb ballasts, and antifreeze.

To keep your communities HHW and solid waste collection costs down, remember to Repurpose, Reuse, Repair, Refuse, Reduce, and then Recycle. Consider buying less-toxic products. If you do buy a product, use it or give it to a friend, neighbor, or relative to use. Visit the SWAC website (What Do I Do With page) for locations where electronics, paint, batteries, fluorescent bulbs, and waste oil are accepted for FREE year round. No need to wait for the HHW events.

2023 HHW Schedule: Saturday, April 29, Rutland Town Transfer Station, 218 Northwood Park; Saturday, October 7, Fair Haven Transfer Station, 175 Fair Haven Avenue, both 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. These events are free to all SWAC residents. In addition - shared event with Bennington County Solid Waste Alliance (BCSWA) -date to be determined-- at Dorset School, 130 School Drive, Dorset. The SWAC website provides additional information on these events.

Between events: Residents of SWAC towns may purchase a non-district permit to utilize the Rutland County Solid Waste District Gleason Road transfer station. Permit purchase is available at the scalehouse or hazardous waste depot at the transfer station or at the RCSWD offices, 1 Smith Road, Rutland, Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Telephone 802-775-7209 for additional information and current rates.

Special thanks to town staff and transfer station attendants. Shrewsbury was represented by Bert Potter.

2022 RUTLAND REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Funded in Town budget

The Rutland Regional Planning Commission 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 Rutland Regional Planning Commission and the Town of Shrewsbury continued working together in 2022 on many community development and planning initiatives, including:

- **Provided technical assistance to the Shrewsbury Planning Commission update of the Unified Development Regulations.**
- **Continued to provide traffic safety technical support for VT-103 in Cuttingsville.**
- **Provided technical planning assistance to the Shrewsbury Road Commissioner.**
- **Assisted the Town with its drafting of river corridor protections in its bylaws.**
- **Worked with the Conservation Commission to continue its Button Up workshops and possibly becoming a Window Dressers community and to provide it with the latest list of resources for weatherization and related funds and grants in the State.**
- **Worked with the Emergency Management Coordinator to update the 2022 Local Emergency Management Plan and adopt the Rutland Region Public Works Mutual Aid Agreement.**
- **Worked with the Selectboard to appoint Regional Emergency Management Committee voting members for 2022-2023 fiscal year.**
- **Worked with the Road Commissioner to complete FY22 Grants in Aid construction projects (4 segments improved) and apply for FY23 Grants in Aid construction program funding.**
- **Worked with the Road Commissioner on MRGP and erosion inventory trainings to ensure permit compliance and to meet 2022 15% milestone.**
- **Provided GIS and mapping support for the Conservation Commission and the Planning Commission.**

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 would love to hear from you!

2022 REGIONAL AMBULANCE SERVICE REPORT

Funded in Town Budget

Regional Ambulance Service, Inc. has provided emergency and non-emergency ambulance service for thirty-nine years. From 1983 to the end of the fiscal year, R.A.S. 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. **In 2022 R.A.S. responded to 79 ambulance calls in Shrewsbury.**

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 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, démonstrations 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.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Kulig, President

Gerry Martin, Treasurer & Town of Shrewsbury Representative

2022 RUTLAND NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION DISTRICT REPORT

Funding Request: \$250

Here is sample of the activities the District was involved in during 2021/2022:

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).

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.

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 assessments and 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

2022 VNA & HOSPICE OF THE SOUTHWEST REGION REPORT

Funding Request: \$2,526

In 2022, the VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region provided Shrewsbury residents with exceptional home care, hospice, and community health services. From medically fragile infants 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 to Rutland County's most vulnerable individuals. In 2022 VNAHSR's dedicated staff made more than 116,571 to 3,900 patients.

In the Town of Shrewsbury, we provided 927 visits to 27 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.

Respectfully submitted,
Sara C. King, Chief Executive Officer
Dan DiBattista, President of the Board of Directors

2022 GREEN UP VERMONT REPORT

Funding Request: \$150

Green Up Day on May 7, 2022 was a wonderful success thanks to 19,141 volunteers statewide who participated on Green Up Day picking up nearly 500 tons of trash! **Shrewsbury's 102 volunteers picked up 101 bags of litter and 6 tires on 60 miles of town roads.** All your hard work to beautify Vermont is crucial and that 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. Green Up Vermont initiatives are year-round and 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.

2022 RSVP & THE VOLUNTEER CENTER REPORT

Funding Request: \$130

RSVP and 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 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 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.

In FY22, Shrewsbury residents took advantage of RSVP programs such as free income tax return preparation, and our free Bone Builders osteoporosis prevention exercise classes. Shrewsbury RSVP volunteers donated their services to the following non-profit organizations: Meals on Wheels, Community Cupboard, One-2-One, RSVP Bone Builders, 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 Shrewsbury 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 468-7056.

Respectfully submitted,
Maryesa White
RSVP Director
volunteersinvt.org

Funding Request: \$700

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

Nutrition Support

The Council helped provide 1,302 meals that were delivered to the homes of seven elders in your community. This service is often called "Meals on Wheels."

In addition, 3 Shrewsbury elders came together at a luncheon site in your area to enjoy a nutritious meal and the company of others; 10 meals were provided.

Additionally, SVCOA provided 7 hours of one-on-one nutrition support, including nutrition assessments and resource connections and referrals, to 4 residents of Shrewsbury.

Case Management Assistance:

SVCOA case management and outreach staff helped 5 elders in your community for a total of 11.25 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.

Rutland Office: 802-786-5990

Bennington Office: 802-442-5436

Helpline: 1-800-642-5119

2022 RUTLAND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Funding Request: \$1,192

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 Shrewsbury 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 and crisis services, and developmental disability services.

During fiscal year 2022, Rutland Mental Health Services provided 124 hours of services to 15 Shrewsbury residents.

We value our partnership with the Town of Shrewsbury in providing these much needed services and thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,
Dick Courcelle, Chief Executive Officer

2022 NEWSTORY CENTER REPORT

Funding Request: \$150

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. As our services are confidential, in some cases we might not be informed as to where our clients live.

The Board and Staff of NewStory Center thank the voters of Shrewsbury 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.

2022 BROCCOMMUNITY ACTION REPORT

Funding Request: \$600

To the Citizens of Shrewsbury, on behalf of BROCCOMMUNITY 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. BROCCOMMUNITY ACTION assists families and individuals in crisis and helps provide a sustainable path forward.

Over the past year, BROCCOMMUNITY ACTION assisted 52 residents of the Town of Shrewsbury. Whether they need food at the BROCCOMMUNITY FOOD SHELF, senior commodities, housing counseling, homelessness assistance, weatherization, heating and utility assistance, forms assistance for benefits such as 3SQT, 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 submitted,
Thomas L. Donahue, CEO
tdonahue@brocc.org

2022 RUTLAND COUNTY PARENT CHILD CENTER REPORT

Funding Request: \$400

The Rutland County Parent Child Center is a private, nonprofit organization dedicated to removing the barriers that perpetuate poverty for children and families throughout Rutland County. RCPCC provides many services to the community, including two early childhood education centers, early developmental assessments and interventions, educational opportunities and enrichment for at-risk youth, family navigation services, and food security support. All services are provided at no cost or with substantial financial assistance for working families. Overall, we served over 800 parents/caregivers, and over 1,200 children in Rutland County in 2022.

The COVID-19 pandemic has continued to heighten the needs of families in Rutland County, and we will continue to increase our capacity and scope of services. Our food pantry continues to be one of the largest in the state, by volume and clients served. Additionally, we are set to break ground on One PCC Place, which is a 6,000 sq. ft. 2Gen Campus on Chaplin Avenue in Rutland City where we will deliver quality whole-family programming in a newly renovated space.

Thank you so much for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,
Matthew Bravo, CFO

2022 VERMONT FAMILY NETWORK REPORT

Funding Request: \$250

The Vermont Family Network's mission is to empower and support all Vermont children, youth and families, especially those children with special needs. Our Family Support program employs experienced parents of children with special needs and provides families with the information, training, and support they need to help their child reach their greatest potential. In the last year we are proud to have served 47 families in Rutland County, **one of which was from Shrewsbury**. Thank you for your consideration, we greatly appreciate the support provided by the town of Shrewsbury.

2022 RUTLAND COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY

Funding Request: \$150

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 2022. **The Rutland County Humane Society took in 1 animal from the Town of Shrewsbury during 2022.**

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.

Please call us at 483.9171 or visit our website at RCHSVT.org if you would like more information about the Rutland County Humane Society.

Funding Request: \$170

For over 42 years, The Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL) has been teaching people with disabilities and the deaf how to gain more control over their lives and how to access tools and services to live more independently. VCIL employees (85% of whom have a disability) conduct public education, outreach, individual advocacy, and systems change advocacy to help promote the full inclusion of people with disabilities into community life.

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

VCIL's central office is located in downtown Montpelier and we have five branch offices in Bennington, Chittenden, Lamoille, Rutland and Windham Counties. Our PACs and services are available to people with disabilities throughout Vermont. Our Montpelier office also houses the Vermont Interpreter Referral Service (VIRS) and provides statewide interpreter referral services for sign language, spoken English and CART services for assignments in medical, legal, mental health, employment, educational, civil and recreational settings.

During FY'22, VCIL provided direct services to Vermont residents utilizing the following programs/services: Information, Referral and Assistance (I,R&A); Home Access Program (HAP); Meals on Wheels (MOW); Peer Advocacy Counseling (PAC); Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF); VT Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program (VTEDP).

To learn more about VCIL, please call VCIL's toll-free I-Line at 1-800-639-1522, or visit our web site at www.vcil.org.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Meleady, Development Director

2022 CHILD FIRST ADVOCACY CENTER REPORT

Funding Request: \$400

Dear Citizens of Shrewsbury, 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 families 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 the calendar year 2022, the Child First Advocacy Center served 160 clients and 155 of their family members. **We were able to provide direct wrap around services and support to three (3) Shrewsbury 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 district's 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.

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy Loomis, Executive Director
wendy.loomis@partner.vermont.gov

2022 AMERICAN RED CROSS NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND REGION REPORT

Funding Request: \$500

As we look ahead to the new year, we take a moment to reflect on our profound gratitude to the municipal partners who help us deliver our lifesaving mission in our community. With your support, we are able to ensure the health, safety, and preparedness of our friends and neighbors throughout Northern New England.

Last year, our staff and volunteer workforce provided an array of services throughout the region:

- We made **576 homes safer** by installing smoke detectors and educating families about fire safety and prevention through our Home Fire Campaign.
- Trained **34,765 people** in first aid, CPR, and water safety skills. (training data for county level)
- We collected over **132,000 units of blood**. Hospitals throughout Northern New England depend on the American Red Cross for these collections.
- In our region, over **3,900** service members, veterans, and their families received supportive services through our Service to the Armed Forces department.

Last year we provided one resident of Cuttingsville with disaster assistance and in total, 47 individuals in 13 disaster cases in Rutland County.

If you have any questions, please call us at 1-800464-6692 or supportnne@redcross.org.

Respectfully ,
Lauren Jordan, Development Coordinator

Funding Request: \$500.

Vermont Adult Learning (VAL), is a non-profit, seven-county organization providing individuals 16 years of age and older confidential education and literacy services at no cost. 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 a U.S. citizen as well as English instruction 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.

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 28 hours of instructional service to one student from Shrewsbury.**

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 support. In response, we have been able to supply our students with Chromebooks so they may remain engaged in their educational pursuits.

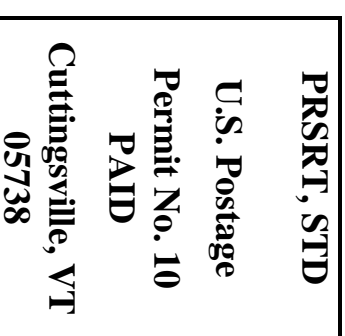
We greatly appreciate the continued support of the voters of Shrewsbury.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Etori, Regional Director



A “drone’s eye view” of Spring Lake looking north toward Mendon, Killington, Little Killington and Shrewsbury peaks

*Town of Shrewsbury
9823 Cold River Road
Shrewsbury, VT 05738*



Informational Meeting

Saturday, March 4, 2023 at 11:00 AM
Shrewsbury Meeting House, 88 Lottery Road

Current Resident
Shrewsbury, Vermont 05738

Australian Ballot

Tuesday, March 7, 2023
Shrewsbury Community Meeting House
10:00 AM - 7:00 PM