

Annual Report
BARNARD, VERMONT
TOWN MEETING 2024



YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2023

DEDICATION

This year we celebrate the many years of public service, leadership, and now, retirement of community members Scott Mills and Rob Tracy. The pair are better known as 'Chief' and 'Assistant Chief' of the fire department since 1989. But as announced in the August 17, 2023 article published in The Randolph Herald (right), the proverbial torch is being passed down.

Scott was the 4th chief and Rob was the 4th assistant chief for the department since the founding in 1956.

The two remain active with the department and other community organizations, so we will still see them around.

When you do, thank them.

After 34 Years, Barnard VFD Chief, Assistant Chief Stepping Down

By Kassie Tibbott

At the Barnard Volunteer Fire Department's Annual Meeting held on August 8, Chief Scott Mills and Assistant Chief Rob Tracy announced that they will step down from their leadership roles.

"I'm 67 years old, it's time," said Mills. "Younger blood and new ideas in leadership are not a bad thing."

The Barnard Volunteer Fire Department was formed in 1956 and Mills joined the department in 1977. He served in various roles under two chiefs before he was voted in as chief in 1989. Rob Tracy was voted in as assistant chief the same year.

"We came into leadership together and I thought that we might as well go out together, too," said Tracy.

A lot has changed for the department over the past 34 years since Mills and Tracy were voted in. The department has a lot of newer equipment, a new emergency-services building, and more diversified services.

"It's not just because we were in charge," Mills said. "We have always had a great group of volunteers who are willing to learn and pay attention to what the community needs."

In addition to fires, the department now responds to calls for emergency medical

services, swiftwater rescue, ice rescue, large animal rescue, and mutual aid.

"It's important to be available to help people," said Tracy.

Mills and Tracy will remain on the roster as volunteer firefighters and continue in their roles as the town fire wardens. At the meeting they nominated, and the department voted in, Chief Stuart Hull and Assistant Chief Brodie Webster.

"We are in good hands," said Mills.

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The Auditors for Barnard would like to acknowledge and thank Rob Ramrath for his kind and patient assistance in the creation of this year's Annual Town Report.

Pace & Hawley, LLC

Certified Public Accountants

December 11, 2023

The Select Board
Town of Barnard, Vermont

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Barnard, Vermont, for the year ended June 30, 2023. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information previously through our engagement letter dated June 6, 2023. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

Significant Audit Findings

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the Town of Barnard, Vermont are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted for June 30, 2023. We noted no transactions entered into by the governmental unit during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimate affecting the financial statements was:

Management's estimate that all receivables were collectible and therefore an allowance for uncollectible accounts was not recorded in the financial statements to offset any future uncollectible accounts.

The estimate of VMERS net pension liability is based on data provided by the State of Vermont and from the State's actuary. Significant estimates were used by the State's actuary in computing the net pension liability and the allocation to each participating employer.

Certain financial statement disclosures are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. The most sensitive disclosure affecting the financial statements was:

The disclosure of the presentation of fund balance categories is significant to financial statement users because this communicates the level of constraints placed on assets in a particular fund.

The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.

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Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are clearly trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Management has corrected all such material misstatements. The misstatements corrected by management are shown in the accompanying listing of adjusting journal entries. The immaterial misstatements not corrected by management are shown in a separate schedule, uncorrected misstatements.

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, a disagreement with management is a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated December 6, 2023.

Other Audit Findings or Issues

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the governmental unit's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

Other Matters

We applied certain limited procedures to the schedule of revenues and expenditures budget and actual General Fund, schedule of revenues and expenditures budget and actual Highway Fund, schedule of the proportionate share of the net pension liability and the schedule of pension contributions, which are required supplementary information (RSI) that supplements the basic financial statements. Our procedures consisted of inquiries of management regarding the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We did not audit the RSI and do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the RSI.

We were engaged to report on the balance sheet and schedule of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance for the nonmajor governmental funds, which accompany the financial statements but are not RSI. With respect to this supplementary information, we made certain inquiries of management and evaluated the form, content, and methods of preparing the information to determine that the information complies with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the method of preparing it has not changed from the prior period, and the information is appropriate and complete in relation to our audit of the financial statements. We compared and reconciled the supplementary information to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves.

Management Comments

We would like to thank Diane and Alice for their help and assistance through the audit process. Additionally, we recognize their diligent efforts in overseeing the financial records of the Town including maintaining well organized deposits, vendor invoices, warrants, and bank statement reconciliations.

Restrictions on Use

This information is intended solely for the use of the Select Board and management of the Town of Barnard, Vermont and is not intended to be, and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,

Pace & Hawley, LLC

Local Auditors' Report

To the best of our knowledge, the Town of Barnard's statement of accounts and appointed independent Auditor's statement of accounts represent the conditions of the finances of the town.

The 2023 independent Auditor's report by Pace and Hawley, LLC, Certified Public Accountants is available at the Town Clerk's office.

The financial records of the school district for the year ending June 30, 2023 have been audited and a copy of the audit report is available from the offices of the business manager of the Mountain Views Supervisory Union upon request.

Patty Hasson

Beth Finlayson

Tom Morse

WARNING

TOWN OF BARNARD ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MARCH 5, 2024

The legal voters of the Town of Barnard are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Barnard Town Hall, 115 North Road in the Town of Barnard, Vermont on Tuesday March 5, 2024 at 10:00 A.M. to transact the following business from the floor:

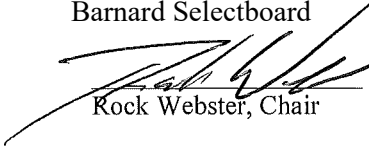
ARTICLES

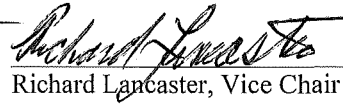
1. To elect a Town Moderator.
2. To hear the reports of the Town Officers.
3. To elect the following Town Officers by ballot: one Selectman for three years, one Auditor for three years, a Delinquent Tax Collector for one year, a First Constable for one year, a Second Constable for one year, a Town Clerk for three years, a Treasurer for three years and to elect all other officers as made necessary by law.
4. Shall the voters authorize the Treasurer to collect current taxes?
5. To authorize the Treasurer to collect property taxes due for the ensuing year in two equal payments. The first payment to be due on or after August 15, 2024, with the due date being set by the Treasurer, and the second payment being due on February 13, 2025. Such payments are to be made in United States funds, to be physically received by the Town on or before the due date, or if mailed, legibly postmarked on or before the due date, with interest and penalties to be applied to past due payments as allowed by law.
6. To authorize the Board of Selectmen to reconcile the FY23 General Fund and Highway surplus or deficit, and in the event of a surplus, the amount is to be carried forward to the next fiscal year.
7. Shall the Town raise \$16,500 for restoration of 13 original windows on the main floor of the Danforth Library?
8. Shall the Town transfer \$300,000.00 from accumulated budget surpluses as of June 30, 2023 into the Major Highway Projects reserve (dedicated) fund for the purposes of critical road repairs including culverts, bridges and bank slides?
9. To vote a FY25 Highway budget of \$1,497,237.00 of which \$1,367,237.00 shall be raised by taxes, and a FY25 General budget of \$875,977.65 of which \$589,462.65 shall be raised by taxes.
10. To do any other business which may come legally before this meeting.


Eligible residents can register to vote at the town clerk's office during normal business hours prior to town meeting, and at the town hall during town meeting. Early or absentee ballots are not available for votes "from the floor" at town meeting. Voters must be present to be counted.

Dated this 24th day of January 2024.

Barnard Selectboard


Rock Webster, Chair


Richard Lancaster, Vice Chair


Robert Edmunds

From VLCT, July/August 2012, Secretary of State Jim Condos RE: Town Meeting Minutes

Minutes of a meeting of a public body should not attempt to be a transcript of the meeting or a complete restatement of all public discussion at the meeting. 1 V.S.A. #312(b) provides a list of what must be included in minutes. In summary: Record all motions whether adopted or defeated, name of the maker of the motion, number of votes on each side in a motion, names of board members present, names of active participants in the meeting. Do not record discussion or expressions of personal opinion. Do not try to capture individual statements except for motions made.

**MINUTES
TOWN OF BARNARD
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
March 7, 2023**

Meeting called to order at 10:00 A.M. by Paul Doton, who leads Pledge of Allegiance.

ARTICLES

- 1. To elect a Town Moderator.** Doug Martin nominates Paul Doton. 2nd by Wes Hennig. **Voice vote elects Paul Doton.**
- 2. To hear the reports of the Town Officers.** Kurt Lessard makes motion, 2nd by Sue Lewis. Discussion. **Voice vote passes article.**
- 3. To elect the following Town Officers by ballot: one Selectman for three years, one Auditor for three years, a Delinquent Tax Collector for one year, a First Constable for one year, a Second Constable for one year, a Town Clerk for three years, a Treasurer for three years and to elect all other officers as made necessary by law.** (Except as noted, all nominations were moved, and a seconding motion made that nominations cease, and the Town Clerk or Assistant Town Clerk cast one ballot for the person nominated. The first person named in parentheses nominated the person for office, the second person named moved nominations cease and the third person seconded the motion.) **One Selectman for three years: Rock Webster** (Tom Morse, Kurt Lessard, Tom Morse); **One Auditor for three years: Pat Hasson** (Linda Caruso, Tom Morse, Wes Hennig); **one Delinquent Tax Collector for one year: Diane Rainey** (Doug Martin, Kurt Lessard, Carol Mosher) **one First Constable for one year: Wes Hennig** (Jay Caruso, Kurt Lessard, Carol Mosher); **one Second Constable for one year:** no nominations; **one Town Clerk for three years: Diane Rainey** (Doug Martin, Kurt Lessard, Carin Park); **one Treasurer for three years: Diane Rainey**, (Linda Caruso, Kurt Lessard, Sue Lewis); **one Trustee of Public Funds for 3 years: Diane Rainey** (Margaret Powell, Kurt Lessard, Wes Hennig); **one Library Trustee for five years: Susan McNulty** (Judy Maynes, Mike Manning, Margaret Edwards); **one Cemetery Commissioner for five years: Phil Lewis** (Bob Edmunds, Wes Hennig, Doug Martin); **one Cemetery Commissioner to complete the last three years of a five-year term: Chris Campbell** (Phil Lewis, Mike Manning, Wes Hennig)
- 4. Shall the voters authorize the Treasurer to collect current taxes?** Doug Martin makes motion, 2nd by Linda Caruso. Discussion. **Voice vote passes article.**
- 5. To authorize the Treasurer to collect property taxes for the ensuing year in two equal payments. The first payment to be due on or after August 16, 2023, with the due date being set by the Treasurer, and the second payment being due on February 14, 2024. Such payments are to be made in United States funds, to be physically received by the Town on or before the due date, or if mailed, legibly postmarked on or before the due date, with interest and penalties to be applied to past due payments as allowed by law.** Sue Lewis makes motion, 2nd by Doug Martin. No discussion. **Voice vote passes article.**
- 6. To authorize the Board of Selectmen to reconcile the FY22 General Fund and Highway surplus or deficit, and in the event of a surplus, the amount is to be carried forward to the next fiscal year.** Tom Morse makes motion, 2nd by Wes Hennig. Discussion. **Voice vote passes article.**

7. **Shall the Town use \$200,000 from accumulated budget surpluses as of June 30, 2022 for the purpose of reducing Fiscal Year 2024 property taxes?** Kurt Lessard makes motion, 2nd by Sue Lewis. Discussion. **Voice vote passes article.**
8. **Shall the Town transfer \$200,000 from accumulated budget surpluses as of June 2022 into the Major Highway Projects reserve (dedicated) fund for the purposes of critical road projects?** Doug Martin makes motion, 2nd by Phil Lewis. Discussion. **Voice vote passes article.**

Senator McCormack speaks at the meeting. Discussion.

9. **To vote a FY24 Highway budget of \$1,774,329.00 of which \$1,076,685.00 shall be raised by taxes, and a FY24 General budget of \$832,580.01 of which \$549,115.01 shall be raised by taxes.** Motion by Curt Lessard; 2nd by Tom Morse. Tom Morse makes **motion to amend General Budget by \$3700 for an appropriation for Visiting Nurse/Hospice.** 2nd by Pam Fraser. Discussion. **Voice vote passes amendment.** Tim Johnson, in light of Articles 7 and 8 and the amendment just made, makes **motion to amend the original motion as follows: “To vote a FY24 Highway budget of \$1,774,329.00 of which \$876,685.00 shall be raised by taxes and FY24 General budget of \$836,280.01 of which \$552,815.01 shall be raised by taxes.”** Carin Park seconds motion. Discussion. **Voice vote passes amended article.**

Representative Surprenant speaks at meeting. Discussion

Windsor County Sheriff Ryan Palmer speaks at the meeting.

Swearing-in of officers elected at meeting (All present except Chris Campbell)

10. **To do any other business which may come legally before this meeting.** Discussion. Doug Martin makes motion to adjourn, 2nd by Wes Hennig. **Meeting adjourns at 11:45 A.M.**

A true record of the March 7, 2023, Annual Town Meeting, to the best of our ability.

Attest: Diane L. Rainey, Town Clerk Paul Doton, Moderator Rock Webster, Selectman

SELECTBOARD REPORT 2024 TOWN MEETING

Weather once again kept the town crew and the Selectman busy this last year. With mud season and another major flood event, Town resources were again stretched to the limit. Although several roads were closed by the flooding, all but two were passable within a week, thanks to the Town Road Crew and all those that volunteered time and materials to the recovery effort. One of the two closed roads was reopened in November, but the remaining road will require a bridge to be repaired sometime next year. There are also areas where the roads are narrow due to bank slides. Some of these road repairs are scheduled for next year, others will be completed in 2025.

Although FEMA has been working with the Town on eventual partial reimbursement for flood repairs and mitigation, the process is not an easy one. Because of engineering and permitting requirements, along with the extensive FEMA paperwork, some road repairs and updates will extend into 2025 and beyond. Other mitigation efforts from previous events have been completed, including the bank slide on the East Barnard Road, which was finished this summer. Other projects are currently in the works, such as the Broad Brook Road culvert replacement and a flood plain parcel buy-out on Route 12, both of which should be complete before the end of 2024.

The Selectboard would like to thank Delmar Balch for taking on the position of Highway Foreman. Tarkin Clark and Nicholas Stone are our other two Road Crew members. Despite the Selectboard's best efforts to manage the growing demand on the extensive network of public roads in Town, the workload for the Road Crew is increasing, and therefore we are still looking for a fourth crew member.

The Selectmen have addressed several Class IV Road issues, including the layout of some Class IV Roads, the new gate on Masterson Road that restricts access to private land, and repairs to Porter Road. Other Class IV Road issues, involving Cootey Farm Road and the Old Stagecoach Road, will be addressed in 2024.

The Selectmen have signed the updated Local Hazard Mitigation Plan and expect to review and accept the revised Town Plan in February 2024. Once the Town Plan has been accepted, the hard work of updating the Zoning Regulations can begin. Regulation updates start with the Planning Commission and end with the Selectboard bringing the revised regulations to a Town vote. It is important that the public bring their concerns and ideas regarding Zoning Regulations to the Planning Commission while the Commission is updating the regulations.

The repurposing of the Old Fire Station is progressing slowly. Issues with usable water and septic disposal are being looked at. The focus right now is on a holding tank and a well that can supply cleaning and flushing water. Drinking water will have to be supplied from another source.

Sixteen Barnard property owners took advantage of our Home Energy Upgrade Campaign. Fifteen applicants were reimbursed for their audits. One was reimbursed for a hot water heater. The Energy Committee is still looking for more people to participate, as audit refund money is still available.

Tennis Court Refurbishment was done this fall, but this was only a quick fix as the foundation of the courts is unstable. It is expected that a more complete renovation will be needed in the future, along with some changes in the courts' use to help slow the degradation of the playing surface.

ARPA funds were used for various projects, including the installation of a generator at the Barnard General Store. The generator will allow the Store to remain open during extended power outages, thus keeping this valuable town resource available in emergencies. The other projects, not relating directly to Town operations, which received ARPA funding were the Library, the Energy committee and the village sign project.

Traffic concerns are ongoing and the Selectboard has asked for a preliminary cost estimate to change the markings on the Stage Road from the Post Office to the intersection with Route 12. If the price is right, work on the marking of the road may be scheduled for next spring and summer. The marking of the other areas of the Town center will be explored after reviewing the results of the Stage Road marking.

In the miscellaneous category, the Welcome to Barnard village signs have been delivered and installation is expected to be complete when the ground has defrosted and dried out next spring. The Selectboard is also glad to have new front steps on the Town Hall, courtesy of Eben Farinas. The Selectmen are working on getting the main front doors repaired, thus slowing down the cold air that is currently entering the building around the doors.

And last, but not least, the Selectboard was apprised by the State that beaver dams on private property are just that, private property. Although the water released by a dam failure often results in the destruction of both public and private property, the rules are clear. The landowner is responsible for initiating any dam threat mitigation procedures. If you have a beaver dam on your property that is big enough to be a public threat when it fails, please talk to the Selectboard, or contact the State, about what can be done.

BARNARD ASSESSORS' OFFICE

The format of the Assessors' Office is still working well. Being able to respond on call has simplified many tasks that have come up this year. The 2023 Grand List was lodged on time, and I received only 2 grievances – neither moved on to the BCA level. The Equalization Study was completed and the CLA has dropped to 64.3%. This change was anticipated, and a Statistical Reappraisal is underway to be completed for the 2024 Grand List. I will be conducting a final field review of all properties in Barnard from this January into the beginning of February to set final values for the Statistical Reappraisal. This will correct the current CLA by bringing values to current fair market as of April 1, 2024. A temporary CLA will be recalculated once the reappraisal is submitted and that CLA will be applied to 2024 tax bills.

The office did run into some difficulties this Fall with the server failing. We have since recovered and updated the Town's appraisal software to be cloud based. Moving both the Towns Grand List software and CAMA (computer assisted mass appraisal) software to the cloud we were able to get rid of the local server, making all the Towns data far more secure.

All homestead declarations and the current use exchange have been completed for the 2023 Grand List. The final 2023 Grand List summary is as follows:

Total Number of parcels – (844) - 5 less than last year due to contiguous parcels being merged.

Total building value – 207,148,200

Total land value – 110,185,900

Total yard item value – 12,567,200

Town of Barnard total value – 329,901,300

Number of homestead properties – 308

Number of Current Use enrollments – 181

The Assessors' office will be active in the community this Winter completing the Statistical Reappraisal and following up on open permits and properties under construction. This Spring change of value notices will be mailed to all Barnard property owners with instructions on how to file an informational or formal grievance hearing with the Assessor. If anyone has any assessment related questions, please do not hesitate to reach out. As always it is a pleasure serving the Town of Barnard!

Respectfully submitted,

Ryan Silvestri

Barnard Assessor

Vice President – Southern Vermont

New England Municipal Consultants Ltd..

GENERAL INFORMATION FY23

Taxable Grand List: \$ 2,892,407.00

Tax Rate:	Municipal & Highway (set by the Barnard Board of Selectmen):	\$ 0.4912
	School (set by the VT Dept. of Taxes):	TOTALS
	Homestead	\$ 1.9933 \$ 2.4845
	Non-Residential	\$ 1.8214 \$ 2.3126

Population:	958
Acres:	311360
Altitude:	1334 ft.
Zip Code:	05031

Barnard Volunteer Fire Department:		--EMERGENCY 911--
Chief: Stuart Hull		353-2808
Broad Brook Volunteer Fire Department:		--EMERGENCY 911--
Chief: Art Levin		763-7044
Emergency		911
Fire Wardens:	Scott Mills	234-9073
	Rob Tracy	234-9785
Constables/Dog Wardens	Wes Hennig	234-5152
	Edge Cole	234-3758
Health Officer:	Tom Morse	234-5256
Assessors' Office:	Assessor@Barnardvt.us	234-9211 ext. 4 or 234-9576
	Assessor cards at Barnard website under Assessor's office	
Selectmen:	Selectboard@BarnardVT.us	234-9211 ext. 2
	Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of the month, 7 PM, Town Office	
Town Garage:	BarnardVtHighway@gmail.com	234-6961
Town Clerk/Treasurer/Tax Collector	Diane Rainey BarnardTO@gmail.com	234-9211 ext. 1
Town Office	Monday & Tuesday 8:00 – 3:30	
Transfer Station:	Saturday 8-4 (during summer also Wed 4-8)	
Zoning Administrator:	Robert Ramrath Selectboard@BarnardVT.us	234-9211 ext. 2

TOWN OFFICERS ELECTED

Moderator: (1-year term)	Paul Doton	2024
Town Clerk: (3-year term)	Diane L. Rainey	2026
Selectmen: (3-year terms)	Robert Edmunds	2024
	Richard Lancaster	2025
	Rock Webster	2026
Listers:	Elimination of Office Article 3 of FY22 Town Meeting	
Treasurer: (3-year term)	Diane L. Rainey	2026
Current Tax Collector:	Authorized Diane L. Rainey	
Delinquent Tax Collector: (1 year term)	Diane L. Rainey	2024
Auditors: (3-year terms)	Beth Finlayson	2024
	Tom Morse	2025
	Patricia Hasson	2026
Constable, first: (1 year term)	Wes Hennig	2024
Constable, Second: (1 year term)	Edwin Cole	2024
Town Agent:	Elimination of Office Vermont Act 84	
Trustees of Public Funds: (3-year terms)	Lee Resseguie	2024
	Tom Morse	2025
	Diane L. Rainey	2026
Library Trustees: (5-year terms)	Susan McNulty	2028
	Margaret Edwards	2026
	Berna Donlon	2025
	Judy Maynes	2027
	Kassie Tibbott	2024
Cemetery Commissioners: (5-year terms)	Phil Lewis	2028
	Sue Lewis	2024
	Robert Edmunds	2025
	Chris Campbell	2026
	Joseph Tokarski	2027
Barnard Academy Directors:	Elimination of Office Unified District	
Windsor Central MUUD School District	Bryce Sammel	2024
Director (3-year Term)	Carin Park	2025
Justices of the Peace:	Elizabeth Finlayson	2025
(Nov. elections for 2-year terms)	Ellen Miles	2025
	Paul Doton	2025
	Patricia Hasson	2025
	Tom Morse	2025

TOWN OFFICERS APPOINTED

(1-year terms unless otherwise noted)

Conservation Commission: (3-year term)

Callee Simpson	2024	Tom Platner	2024
Gerald Fredrickson	2024		
Douglas Blain	2024	2 vacancies	
Arlana Ruch	2026		

Development Review Board: (3-year term)

Doreen Hurley	2024	Kurt Lessard	2025
Edythe Wright	2024	Ellen Miles	2026
Teo Zagar	2025	Alternate: Greg Boulbol	2024
Alternate: Justin Park	2024	Doug Blain	2024

East Ctr VT Telecomm. Dist. – delegate

- Alternate		Dan Leavitt	4/30/2024
- Alternate		Richard Lancaster	4/30/2024
		Patrick Kell	4/30/2024

E-911-Cordinator: Robert Ramrath 2024

Energy Committee:

Elizabeth Ferry	2024	3 vacancies	
Karen Thorkilsen	2023		

Fire Wardens:

Scott Mills			2024
Rob Tracy			2024

Green up VT:

Helping Hands – Mary Blanton			2024
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Health Officer (3-year term)

Tom Morse			2024
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Librarian:

Margaret Edwards			2024
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Emergency Mgt Director/Coordinator:

Mike Manning			2024
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Ottauquechee Planning Commission:

Gerald Fredrickson			2024
Alternate: Steve Cota			2024

Planning Commission: (3-year term)

Ed Jodice	2025	Steve Cota	2026
Carin Ewing	2024	Brooks Wright	2026
Gerald Fredrickson	2025	Greyling VanAlstyne	2024
Kate Reeves	2024		

Pound Keeper: Wes Hennig 2024

Recreation Committee:

Dean Edmunds	2024	Lucas Coogan	2024
Eben Farinas	2024	Drew Reeder	2024
Tammy Gerdes	2024	Matt Piper	2024
Michael Lackey	2024	Justin Park	2024

Road Foreman: Del Balch 2024

Service Officer:

Position repealed by Vt Legislature -- call 211

Solid Waste Supervisor:

Robert Edmunds			2024
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Solid Waste Attendant

Wes Hennig			2024
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State Police Advisory Bd

Mike Manning			2024
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State Police Liaison:

Mike Manning			2024
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Town Administrator:

Robert Ramrath			2024
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Town Hall Supervisor

Robert Ramrath			2024
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Transportation Advisory Comm.

Gerald Fredrickson			2024
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Tree Warden:

Richard Lancaster			2024
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White River Valley Ambulance:

Lynne Tracy			2024
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Zoning Administrator:

Robert Ramrath			2024
Alternate: Tom Morse			2024

	Actual FY21	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Budget FY24	Budget FY25
HIGHWAY DEPT. BUDGET					
REVENUE -- HIGHWAY DEPT.					
Highway Revenue to be Raised in Taxes	734,720.00	741,558.00	861,675.00	876,685.00	1,367,237.00
SURPLUS to Lower Taxes				200,000.00	0.00
PROJECTS & GRANTS					
REVOLVING					
Grants in Aid	27,891.32	46,391.32	0.00	39,500.00	Please
GRANTS					See
Shared Use Path Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	33,024.00	Grants
Bridge 30 Scour (BC2123)	0.00	0.00	0.00	42,750.00	and
Lime Pond Rd Structures Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	200,000.00	Projects
Broad Brook Culvert (BC2220)	0.00	0.00	0.00	200,000.00	Moved to
Better Roads E.B. Rd Bank Slide	0.00	0.00	0.00	40,000.00	Reserved
Hazard Mitigation Plan	0.00	0.00	7,612.50	0.00	Major
Sidewalk Study (CA0615)	15,477.06	10,922.94	0.00	0.00	Projects
Storm July 2023 FEMA DR4720	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Spring Flood	6,625.84	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Insurance Reimbursement	0.00	9,976.82	0.00	0.00	0.00
Materials Reimbursement	733.76	2,729.25	4,574.14	0.00	0.00
State Aid	169,179.45	149,334.10	135,665.40	142,370.00	130,000.00
TOTAL, HIGHWAY REVENUES	954,627.43	960,912.43	1,009,527.04	1,774,329.00	1,497,237.00
EXPENSES -- HIGHWAY DEPT.					
EQUIPMENT OPERATIONS					
Fuels	46,573.27	85,030.99	59,403.39	70,000.00	80,000.00
Insurance	6,293.46	3,385.94	8,511.19	6,000.00	9,200.00
Maintenance: Excavator	1,486.91	1,566.21	106.71	1,500.00	6,500.00
Maintenance: One-Ton Trucks	2,470.21	8,475.98	7,376.35	2,500.00	2,500.00
Maintenance: Grader	4,425.37	3,946.77	13,232.60	7,500.00	7,500.00
Maintenance: Loader	2,675.96	157.14	756.13	1,000.00	5,000.00
Maintenance: Misc. Equip.	3,933.43	2,971.43	1,012.19	3,000.00	3,000.00
Maintenance: Dump Trucks	27,842.48	18,510.72	33,056.01	20,000.00	30,000.00
Maintenance: Roadside Mower	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,500.00
TOTAL, EQUIPMENT OPERATIONS	95,701.09	124,045.18	123,454.57	111,500.00	150,200.00
GARAGE OPERATIONS					
Insurance	2,404.00	2,432.44	5,439.94	3,500.00	8,500.00
Maintenance & Repairs	5,696.47	2,824.03	11,400.34	15,000.00	35,000.00
Supplies & Tools	3,584.71	7,949.58	5,480.36	4,500.00	4,500.00
Utilities	1,514.34	2,232.29	2,048.16	2,500.00	2,500.00
TOTAL, GARAGE OPERATIONS	13,199.52	15,438.34	24,368.80	25,500.00	50,500.00
MATERIALS					
Chloride	10,890.00	8,080.00	8,327.05	9,000.00	9,000.00
Culverts	9,375.50	8,365.80	10,176.97	10,000.00	10,000.00
Gravel & Hardpack	101,141.72	64,892.35	51,775.72	95,000.00	95,000.00
Guardrails & Signs	7,343.21	3,432.97	2,336.34	5,000.00	5,000.00
Heavy stone	6,598.88	3,866.00	441.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Misc. supplies	386.54	981.99	174.90	500.00	500.00

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Budget	Budget
	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25
Patch paving/ Resurfacing	7,100.00	0.00	183.30	3,000.00	3,000.00
Salt	12,123.87	17,238.54	25,149.17	35,000.00	35,000.00
Sand	<u>23,602.86</u>	<u>35,339.77</u>	<u>8,316.00</u>	<u>35,000.00</u>	<u>25,000.00</u>
TOTAL, MATERIALS	178,562.58	142,197.42	106,880.45	196,500.00	186,500.00
PROJECTS AND GRANTS*					
REVOLVING					
Class IV Road Maintenance	0.00	653.60	0.00	5,000.00	0.00
Grants In Aid	3,402.00	14,875.75	211.10	49,375.00	0.00
Mun.Rd.Gen.Perm.	1,590.00	1,350.00	1,765.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Engineering Services	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	0.00
GRANTS					
Better Roads E.B. Rd Bank Slide	0.00	0.00	0.00	40,000.00	Please
Broad Brook Culvert (BC2220)	0.00	0.00	0.00	200,000.00	See
Bridge 30 Scour (BC2123)	0.00	0.00	0.00	42,500.00	Grants
Lime Pond Rd Structures Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	200,000.00	and
Shared Use Path Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	41,280.00	Projects
Hazard Mitigation Plan	0.00	2,719.87	5,840.90	0.00	Moved to
Sidewalk Study (CA0615)	19,346.32	16,658.68	0.00	0.00	Reserved
Storm July 2023 FEMA DR4720	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Major
Road Inventory	7,844.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Projects
Bridge 34 Rehab	87,148.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
PROJECTS					
Highway Projects	<u>11,100.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL, PROJECTS & GRANTS	130,430.42	36,257.90	7,817.00	590,155.00	2,000.00
ROAD CREW					
Health//HRA Benefits	89,620.31	102,758.74	96,258.64	142,370.00	153,600.00
Disability Insurance	1,460.12	1,436.52	1,463.27	1,532.00	1,600.00
Insurance - Unemploy & Work.Comp.	14,415.26	6,161.67	17,149.74	17,000.00	17,000.00
Retirement Funding	10,729.10	12,823.88	12,263.44	16,770.00	18,060.00
Social Security Taxes	13,752.82	15,696.36	14,433.14	20,502.00	21,277.00
Uniforms	7,738.30	9,761.67	8,989.02	8,500.00	8,500.00
Wages: Crew Overtime	6,187.14	10,998.41	22,330.88	11,000.00	11,000.00
Wages: Crew	114,005.00	133,079.81	149,836.00	180,000.00	180,000.00
Wages: Foreman Overtime	5,584.54	7,020.00	714.00	7,000.00	7,000.00
Wages: Foreman	53,040.00	54,080.06	15,786.18	60,000.00	60,000.00
Wages: Extra Help	<u>957.50</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>10,000.00</u>	<u>5,000.00</u>
TOTAL ROAD CREW	317,490.09	353,817.12	339,224.31	474,674.00	483,037.00
SUB-CONTRACTED SERVICES					
School Plowing	401.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Equipment Rental	157.30	3,943.20	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Tree Removal	<u>2,970.00</u>	<u>3,480.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>10,000.00</u>	<u>10,000.00</u>
TOTAL, SUB-CONTR. SERV.	3,528.43	7,423.20	0.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
UNBUDGETED					
Spring Flood 2019	126,969.38	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Major storm 7/23 - Loan	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL, UNBUDGETED	126,969.38	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TRANSFERS TO RESERVED FUNDS					
Equipment Replacement Fund	75,000.00	75,000.00	100,000.00	250,000.00	250,000.00
Emergency Highway Repair	0.00	0.00	0.00	86,000.00	20,000.00
Major Projects	0.00	100,000.00	225,000.00	0.00	300,000.00
Class IV Road Repair	0.00	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	15000.00
Paving	<u>75,000.00</u>	<u>75,000.00</u>	<u>75,000.00</u>	<u>25,000.00</u>	<u>25,000.00</u>
TOTAL, HIGHWAY TRANSFERS	<u>150,000.00</u>	<u>252,000.00</u>	<u>400,000.00</u>	<u>361,000.00</u>	<u>610,000.00</u>

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Budget	Budget
	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25
TOTAL HIGHWAY SPENDING	1,015,881.51	931,179.16	1,001,745.13	1,774,329.00	1,497,237.00

	Actual FY21	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Budget FY24	Budget FY25
MUNICIPAL BUDGET					
REVENUE -- MUNICIPAL	Actual FY21	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Budget FY24	Budget FY25
Munic. Revenue to be Raised in Taxes	475,577.52	614,216.35	532,943.95	552,815.01	589,462.65
Delinquent Prop. Taxes to be Collected	6,679.89	37,203.25	7,847.06	0.00	0.00
Interest	8,095.98	21,209.93	16,979.14	12,500.00	12,500.00
Penalties	9,905.13	23,499.92	16,297.05	10,000.00	5,000.00
Tax Collection Expenses Reimbursed	100.00	100.00	225.00	100.00	100.00
State School Refund (Pupil count error)	48,081.57	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Union School Refund (" " " ")	97,163.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL, MUNICIPAL TAXES	645,603.09	696,229.45	574,292.20	575,415.01	607,062.65
MISCELLANEOUS					
Bank Interest	4,943.63	4,412.37	18,031.06	4,000.00	15,000.00
Insurance Reimbursements	0.00	1,162.43	0.00	0.00	0.00
Town Hall Energy Grant	0.00	3,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous	3,697.53	529.19	494.61	0.00	0.00
TOTAL, MISC. REVENUE	8,641.16	9,103.99	18,525.67	4,000.00	15,000.00
STATE OF VERMONT\FEDERAL					
Current Use Reimbursment	140,408.00	143,172.50	140,411.00	140,000.00	140,000.00
Judicial Fines	16,408.25	10,686.01	7,215.24	10,000.00	10,000.00
PILOT Prog/ Lease Land	26,447.80	24,597.80	25,230.46	23,000.00	25,000.00
TOTAL, STATE OF VT	183,264.05	178,456.31	172,856.70	173,000.00	175,000.00
TOWN OFFICE					
Town Office Fees	21,255.63	16,918.75	5,490.75	17,500.00	10,000.00
Liquor Licenses//Cannabis	715.00	715.00	1,130.00	915.00	915.00
Recording Fees		0.00	14,583.00	0.00	9,000.00
Town Hall Rental	1,750.00	4,550.00	3,625.00	3,250.00	3,500.00
On-Line Records Grant	38,347.43	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Zoning Permits	2,020.00	2,895.00	2,530.00	2,900.00	1,500.00
TOTAL, TOWN OFFICE	64,088.06	25,078.75	27,358.75	24,565.00	24,915.00
TRANSFER STATION FEES					
Recyclables	3,213.84	3,098.92	1,872.93	9,000.00	0.00
Station Sales	42,080.45	46,872.21	49,171.00	50,300.00	54,000.00
Town Office Sales	737.00	308.00	^^	^^	^^
TOTAL TRANSFER STATION	46,031.29	50,279.13	51,043.93	59,300.00	54,000.00
TOTAL MUNICIPAL REVENUES	947,627.65	959,147.63	844,077.25	836,280.01	875,977.65
EXPENSES -- MUNICIPAL					
APPROPRIATIONS					
NON-PETITIONED APPROPRIATIONS:					
Barnard Cemetery Comm.	25,000.00	35,000.00	43,074.00	38,827.00	44,473.00
Barnard Historical Society	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Budget	Budget
	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25
Barnard Vol. Fire Dept.	62,000.00	62,000.00	62,000.00	62,000.00	65,000.00
Broad Brook Vol. Fire Dept.	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
Conservation Commission Fund	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	0.00
Danforth Library	9,000.00	9,000.00	9,000.00	12,000.00	12,400.00
Recreation Committee	8,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00
Green Up	50.00	50.00	50.00	Moved to Selectmen's Budget	
Two-Rivers Ott. Plan. Comm.	1,449.00	1,449.00	1,567.00	Moved to Selectmen's Budget	
White River Valley Ambulance	61,712.83	53,821.17	76,296.15	Moved to Public Safety	
Woodstock Library	0.00	0.00	60.00	Moved to Selectmen's Budget	
Woodstock Union Rental	45,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
PETITIONED APPROPRIATIONS:					
Art Bus	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Green Mtn. Ec.Dev.Corp.	459.00	459.00	463.50	0.00	
Health Care & Rehab. Serv. SE VT	975.00	975.00	975.00	975.00	975.00
Job Bank	300.00	300.00	0.00	0.00	
Ottauquechee Health Foundation	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Pentangle	900.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
VT Rural Fire Protection (VACD)	100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	
Spectrum Teen Center	750.00	750.00	750.00	750.00	750.00
The Thompson Center	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	4,000.00
Visiting Nurses Assoc.	3,700.00	3,700.00	3,700.00	3,700.00	
Windsor County Mentors	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
WISE	0.00	0.00	400.00	0.00	400.00
Bethel Area Food Shelf	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00
TOTAL, APPROPRIATIONS	247,895.83	203,504.17	234,435.65	149,252.00	157,998.00
AUDITORS' OFFICE					
Auditor's Wages	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	0.00
Auditor's Soc. Sec. Taxes	0.00	0.00	0.00	12.00	0.00
Expenses	482.10	0.00	12.00	500.00	50.00
External Audit	6,187.50	7,500.00	7,850.00	9,000.00	8,500.00
Town Reports	3,803.46	3,356.48	4,709.70	3,800.00	5,000.00
TOTAL , AUDITORS' OFFICE	10,473.06	10,856.48	12,571.70	13,462.00	13,550.00
BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY	3,945.69	1,633.61	3,539.57	2,000.00	6,000.00
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
COUNTY TAXES					
Courthouse Bond	7,173.00	6,337.00	6,425.12	6,531.91	Pd in Full
County Taxes	13,567.00	13,515.00	14,348.00	15,109.96	20,683.26
TOTAL, COUNTY TAXES	20,740.00	19,852.00	20,773.12	21,641.87	20,683.26
CURRENT TAX COLLECTION					
Collector's Salary	10,367.24	10,367.24	10,990.20	12,300.00	12,300.00
Expenses	1,830.01	2,221.83	2,887.99	2,000.00	2,000.00
Social Security Taxes	793.00	793.00	840.32	941.00	996.00
TOTAL, CURRENT TAX COLLECTION	12,990.25	13,382.07	14,718.51	15,241.00	15,296.00
DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR					
Collector's Salary	10,367.24	10,367.24	10,990.20	12,300.00	12,300.00
Expenses	1,796.41	2,249.45	2,320.97	2,000.00	2,000.00
Social Security Taxes	793.00	793.00	840.32	941.00	996.00
TOTAL, DELINQ. TAX COLL.	12,956.65	13,409.69	14,151.49	15,241.00	15,296.00
DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD					
Clerical Wages	585.25	1,920.00	2,694.90	2,520.00	2,520.00

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Budget	Budget
	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25
Expenses & Notices	246.65	1,081.44	750.38	700.00	700.00
Social Security Taxes	44.78	146.92	206.20	193.00	204.00
TOTAL, DEV. REV. BD.	876.68	3,148.36	3,651.48	3,413.00	3,424.00
FIRE & RESCUE BUILDING					
Insurance	2,617.08	1,523.48	5,134.73	2,000.00	5,800.00
Maintenance & Repair	1,946.00	923.48	4,566.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Solar System - Maint. & Repair	232.84	256.15	266.51	250.00	250.00
Utilities - Electricity	313.24	551.41	454.22	400.00	400.00
Utilities - Heat	3,135.52	3,955.60	1,962.56	5,500.00	4,500.00
Loan repayment - principle	332,377.07	82,377.07	82,377.07	82,377.07	82,377.07
Loan repayment - interest	27,722.64	18,997.34	16,653.77	16,588.00	11,727.00
TOTAL, EMERG. SERV. BLDG	368,344.39	108,584.53	111,414.86	109,115.07	107,054.07
OLD FIRE STATION					
Insurance	416.10	244.40	244.40	500.00	250.00
Maintenance & Repair	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Utilities	310.43	292.72	296.51	300.00	200.00
TOTAL, OLD FIRE STATION	726.53	537.12	540.91	800.00	450.00
LISTERS' OFFICE					
Consulting//Appraiser Contract	13,100.00	0.00	See	See	See
Equipment	266.97	246.80	Selectmen	Selectmen	Selectmen
Expenses & Notices	5,282.96	664.42	Budget	Budget	Budget
Listers' Wages//Selectboard Liaison	14,490.00	0.00	Assessor's	Assessor's	Assessor's
Mapping	2,400.00	0.00	Office	Office	Office
Social Security Taxes	1,108.50	0.00			
TOTAL, LISTERS' OFFICE	36,648.43	911.22	0.00	0.00	0.00
PLANNING COMMISSION					
Clerical Wages	62.50	990.00	1,125.00	1,080.00	1,080.00
Consulting//Grants	0.00	3,457.36	7,459.97	0.00	6,000.00
Expenses & Notices	12.40	13.00	20.00	300.00	300.00
Social Security Taxes	4.79	75.77	86.09	83.00	88.00
Energy Committee	0.00	0.00	179.88	500.00	200.00
TOTAL, PLANNING COMM.	79.69	4,536.13	8,870.94	1,963.00	7,668.00
PUBLIC SAFETY					
Constables' Office	384.86	297.63	813.56	500.00	820.00
Windsor County Sheriffs	26,241.60	27,280.80	39,573.60	50,000.00	50,000.00
White River Valley Ambulance	0.00	Moved from Appropriations		72,602.00	78,368.00
911 Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL, PUBLIC SAFETY	26,626.46	27,578.43	40,387.16	123,102.00	129,188.00
SELECTMEN'S OFFICE					
Administrative Wages	15,311.48	16,323.98	18,727.50	20,000.00	20,000.00
Contingency Expense	2,218.00	9,396.08	8,324.20	3,000.00	3,000.00
Expenses & Supplies	1,592.27	1,989.30	1,840.92	2,000.00	2,000.00
Insurance: General Liability	1,164.94	857.76	2,604.72	2,150.00	4,300.00
Insurance: Public Officials	2,541.42	574.94	1,916.69	1,800.00	1,800.00
Insurance: Work. Comp//Unemploy.	1,037.30	743.16	1,158.38	1,600.00	1,200.00
Legal Fees	3,630.00	4,485.38	3,810.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
Library Mowing/Plowing	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
Selectmen's Wages	6,732.75	4,244.03	5,164.15	9,000.00	9,000.00
Social Security Taxes	1,686.64	1,582.48	1,827.54	2,220.00	2,350.00
Street Lights	1,605.49	1,671.10	1,704.40	2,000.00	2,000.00
VT League Cities & Towns	4,488.00	0.00	2,702.00	2,404.00	2,479.00
Green Up	0.00	Moved from App		50.00	50.00
Two-Rivers Ott. Plan. Comm.	0.00	Moved from App		1,617.00	1,667.00
Woodstock Library	0.00	Moved from App		200.00	200.00

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Budget	Budget
	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25
Website Maintenance	1,569.31	1,805.45	1,680.62	2,000.00	3,500.00
Town Operations IT	1,907.81	5,134.51	8,605.00	8,149.00	7,824.00
Assessor's Office					
Liaison	0.00	115.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Contract	4,150.00	35,550.00	38,100.00	40,800.00	43,200.00
Mapping/GIS	0.00	5,450.00	3,000.00	5,000.00	4,000.00
Expense/supplies	33.88	3,522.67	4,161.41	500.00	5,750.00
Equipment	0.00	104.94	152.90	0.00	0.00
TOTAL, SELECTMEN'S OFFICE	49,669.29	93,550.78	105,480.43	114,990.00	124,820.00
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT					
Alliance Fees	10,260.08	11,287.94	12,431.07	12,431.07	12,431.07
Hauling & Disposal	52,563.90	49,028.05	51,636.01	60,000.00	60,000.00
Landfill Monitoring	4,915.00	4,260.00	6,555.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Operating Maint. & Repair	1,169.77	1,044.70	2,550.87	10,000.00	5,000.00
Social Security Taxes	791.78	777.24	758.89	957.00	1,011.25
Utilities	475.38	704.49	2,284.81	1,000.00	1,000.00
VT Franchise Tax	999.43	958.45	886.41	1,000.00	1,200.00
Wages	10,350.00	10,160.00	9,920.00	12,500.00	12,500.00
Workmans Comp//Unempoy. Ins.	1,710.62	672.69	1,524.64	1,137.00	1,225.00
TOTAL, SOLID WASTE MGT.	83,235.96	78,893.56	88,547.70	104,025.07	99,367.32
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE					
Assistant's Wages	8,395.00	10,031.45	11,739.21	11,360.00	11,360.00
Clerk's Salary	25,712.44	25,712.44	25,712.44	27,030.00	27,030.00
Continuing Education	41.50	87.50	27.50	100.00	100.00
Equipment	1,847.21	2,194.94	246.54	1,000.00	1,000.00
Expenses & Supplies	2,042.75	4,287.75	5,869.39	3,000.00	3,000.00
Clerk: OnLine Records Monthly Expenses	10,216.45	5,479.50	8,462.72	14,400.00	6,300.00
Clerk: On-line Records Grant	38,404.92	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Health//HRA Benefits	11,080.44	11,985.47	10,490.05	12,342.00	14,400.00
Record Restoration	14,178.30	15,686.60	1,318.50	1,000.00	500.00
Retirement Funding	4,155.84	4,329.00	4,672.20	5,079.00	5,079.00
Social Security Taxes	2,609.41	2,763.61	2,865.18	3,650.00	4,025.00
Telephone & Internet	494.69	482.98	509.00	500.00	500.00
TOTAL, TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE	119,178.95	83,041.24	71,912.73	79,461.00	73,294.00
TOWN HALL					
Social Security Taxes	0.00	0.00	0.00	153.00	162.00
Cleaning - Wages	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Insurance	2,200.97	2,319.56	7,222.31	3,000.00	5,800.00
Maintenance and Repair	7,326.07	6,911.46	5,095.82	20,000.00	35,000.00
Energy Updates	55.00	21,702.30	0.00	0.00	0.00
Rental Refunds	400.00	400.00	75.00	0.00	0.00
Utilities	5,379.25	5,586.52	5,544.65	8,000.00	7,000.00
TOTAL, TOWN HALL	15,361.29	36,919.84	17,937.78	33,153.00	49,962.00
TREASURER'S OFFICE					
Assistant's Wages	12,868.50	14,455.50	15,346.73	13,500.00	15,600.00
Continuing Education	41.50	27.50	97.50	100.00	100.00
Equipment	984.32	1,817.94	352.51	500.00	500.00
Expenses & Supplies	3,482.32	2,879.90	3,549.92	2,500.00	2,500.00
Social Security Taxes	2,576.12	2,697.61	2,862.45	3,060.00	3,405.00
Treasurer's Salary	20,815.60	20,815.60	22,065.16	26,500.00	26,500.00
TOTAL, TREASURER'S OFFICE	40,768.36	42,694.05	44,274.27	46,160.00	48,605.00
ZONING ADMINISTRATION					
Expenses	1,012.51	1,304.80	838.90	500.00	500.00
Social Security Taxes	261.17	217.18	153.27	200.00	212.00
Wages	3,413.75	2,838.75	2,002.80	2,610.00	2,610.00

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Budget	Budget
	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25
TOTAL, ZONING ADMIN.	4,687.43	4,360.73	2,994.97	3,310.00	3,322.00
UNBUDGETED	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL UNBUDGETED	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
SPECIAL VOTED ARTICLES					
Energy Coordinator -3/20 art. 9	11,100.00	10,489.50	11,655.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL, SPEC. VOTED ART.	11,100.00	10,489.50	11,655.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL, MUNICIPAL SPENDING	1,066,304.94	757,883.51	807,858.27	836,330.01	875,977.65

ARPA OBLIGATED FUNDS TRACKER

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DATE APPROVED</u>	<u>COST</u>	<u>ARPA FUNDS REMAINING</u>	<u>BEGINNING ARPA FUNDS</u>
				\$277,104.42
Library Re-grading	August 17, 2022	\$2,000.00	\$275,104.42	
Library Insulation	August 17, 2022	\$2,350.00	\$272,754.42	
Residential Weatherization Proposal	September 7, 2022	\$76,350.00	\$196,404.42	
Village Signs	September 21, 2022	\$4,659.31	\$191,745.11	
E. Barnard Rd Slope Remediation Engineering	September 21, 2022	\$20,000.00	\$171,745.11	
Broad Brook Rd Culvert Replacement Engineering	September 21, 2022	\$20,000.00	\$151,745.11	
Danforth Library Painting	December 7, 2022	\$11,000.00	\$140,745.11	
BSG Generator	December 21, 2022	\$35,462.02	\$105,283.09	
L3 Charger Grant Match	April 5, 2023	\$50,000.00	\$55,283.09	
Tennis Court	May 17, 2023	\$41,500.00	\$13,783.09	
BarnArts Fire Station Septic & Well	October 4, 2023	\$1,946.25	\$11,836.84	
Town Hall Generator	December 20, 2023	\$11,836.84	\$0.00	

VITAL STATISTICS

Due to concerns about identity theft, the State of Vermont now processes and keeps records of all Vermont birth and death certificates. The Town of Barnard does not receive copies of such records. In order to obtain vital records copies please contact the State by phone at 1-800-439-5008 or online at secure.vermont.gov/VSARA/vitalrecords

Processed in the Town of Barnard during fiscal year.
July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

BIRTHS

Feb. 7, 2023	Eve Paradis
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CIVIL MARRIAGES

June 18, 2022	Rachel Johnson & Cole Rediker
July 3, 2022	Jonathan Brennand & Seth Colby
Aug. 9, 2022	Avuntaura Gullede & Andrew Wilson
Aug. 27, 2022	Morgan Landow & Steven Carrey
Sept. 2, 2022	Laura Buckley & James Wayne
Sept. 3, 2022	Ashley McKeever & Edwin Cole
Sept. 7, 2022	Kirsty Jimenez & Damian Kozlowski
Oct. 1, 2022	Allison Horwitz & Ashlyn Angell
Nov. 7, 2022	Brittany Soda & Rachel Amato
Nov. 11, 2022	Raquel Morales & Suzanne Nyitray
Dec. 31, 2022	Jenna Chippendale & Iain Nestor
Jan. 7, 2023	Kelly Davis & Thomas George
Feb. 21, 2023	David Sullivan & Matthew Woods
March 7, 2023	Stacey Forest & Jeremiah Larmie
May 20, 2023	Dillon Donaldson & Loretta Blakeney
June 1, 2023	Daniel Luginbill & Julia Flumian

DEATHS

July 29, 2022	Jordan Jarvis
Sept. 11, 2022	Nancy Bartlett
Nov. 19, 2022	Richard Jenks
Dec. 3, 2022	Kevin O'Peirce
Dec. 6, 2022	Rodney Croft
Dec. 14, 2022	Kenneth Tatro
Dec. 30, 2022	Shelley Wood
May 15, 2023	Douglas Martin
June 1, 2023	Dennis Burke

BURIALS or CREMATIONS

Aug. 13, 2022	G Richard Kline, East Barnard Cemetery
Sept. 17, 2022	Rhonda Robinson, Silver Lake Cemetery
Nov. 18, 2022	William Badger, Ashley-Ellis Cemetery
Nov. 21, 2022	Robert McCredie, Methodist Extension
Nov. 21, 2022	Elizabeth McCredie, Methodist Extension
Dec. 21, 2022	Carole Browning, Windward Cemetery
May 20, 2023	Leta McCoy, Silver Lake Cemetery
May 20, 2023	Kenneth Tatro, Silver Lake Cemetery
May 28, 2023	Erma Kucewicz, Silver Lake Cemetery

TOWN EQUIPMENT INVENTORY

1 – 21 Western Star Truck	1 -- 99 Chipper
1 – 15 Western Star Truck	1 -- 3" Water Pump
1 – 19 Western Star Truck	1 -- Plate Compactor
1 – 08 Roadside Mower	5 -- Snow Plows
1 – 14 Cat Wheeled Excavator	4 -- Sanders
1 – 23 Ford 550	2 -- Utility Trailers
1 – 19 Ford 350	1 -- Leaf Vacuum
1 – 19 Cat Loader	1 -- Lap Top Computer
1 – Gosen Hay Blower	1 -- Sand Screen
1 – 08 Caterpillar Grader	2 -- Road Rakes & 2 Blades
9 – 2-Way Radios & 5 Portable	1 -- Welder
1 – Air Compressor	1 -- Pressure Washer
3 – Chain Saws	Miscellaneous Garage Tools
2 – Generators	Miscellaneous Town Office Equipment
1 – Poll saw	

DOG LICENSE REPORT

# of Tags	@	Tag \$	Collected
73	@	\$9.00	\$657.00
17	@	\$13.00	\$221.00
22	@	\$13.50	\$297.00
8	@	\$19.50	<u>\$156.00</u>
120	Dogs		\$1,331.00
Fees to the State of Vermont			
120	@	\$5.00	\$600.00

DOG LICENSE FEES

By Vermont law, a person must license his or her dog on or before April 1 of every year.

The Vermont legislature has set license fees as follows with \$5.00 of each license sold going to the State of Vermont.

On or before April 1:

Neutered or spayed dog that is 6 months or older \$9.00

Unneutered or unsprayed dog that is 6 months or older \$13.00

After April 1

Neutered or spayed dog that is 6 months or older \$13.50

Unneutered or unsprayed dog that is 6 months or older \$19.50

If you become the owner/keeper of a dog 6 months or older after April 1st, you have thirty (30) days to license the animal.

You may license your dog(s) in person at the Town Clerk's office during regular office hours. You may also do so by mail (Town of Barnard, PO Box 274, Barnard, VT, 05031): send a copy of the dog's current rabies certificate, a copy of the neuter/spay certificate and the appropriate fee (checks made payable to Town of Barnard), and enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope for returning dog tag.

DELINQUENT REPORT

TAXPAYER	PARCEL	TAXPAYER	PARCEL
* Barber, Leon & Mary Estate	04-0030	* Miltner, Rachel	06-0024
* Berg, Michael	06-0057	* New Twin Brook Farm	06-0754
* Bertarelli, Paul	02-0060	* Perkins, Carol	05-0613
* Brown, Sheldon Est of	04-0581	* Poulin, Donald	06-0595
* Coogan, Jared	03-0147.2	* Roman, Joseph	01-0921
* Evensen, Gabriel	06-0274	* Shortlidge, Todd	05-0678
* Johnson, Stephen	06-0274	* Sigafos, John	07-0509
* Keller, Theresa	06-0380	* W&K Capital Management	05-0282
* Killary, Benjamin	06-0111		
TOTAL DUE on 6/30/23	\$81,947.07	TOTAL DUE on 12/31/23	\$0.00
* PAID IN FULL OR IN PART ON OR BEFORE 12/31/23			

- * Paid in full or partial on or before the end of the calendar year
- Because of new confidentiality laws the VT Dept. of Property Valuation & Review and the VT League of Cities & Towns very strongly suggest that no individual delinquent amounts be posted or printed in Town Reports
- Amounts due include all Taxes, interest, penalties & expenses.

TAX DOLLAR DISBURSEMENT

	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24
Barnard Central School (pre to 6th)	1,125,914.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Woodstock Union High Sch. (7th to 12th)	934,949.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Windsor Supervisory	0.00	2,286,130.00	2,352,843.58	2,701,374.00	3,135,688.00
State of Vermont (Act 46 School)	2,049,242.15	1,904,116.00	2,037,824.50	1,618,127.48	1,944,687.73
Municipal	585,984.96	586,895.62	587,248.07	665,211.96	552,815.00
Highway	<u>853,465.00</u>	<u>734,720.00</u>	<u>766,558.00</u>	<u>861,675.00</u>	<u>876,685.00</u>
TOTAL TAXES TURNED OVER	5,549,555.11	5,511,861.62	5,744,474.15	5,846,388.44	6,509,875.73

ANNUAL TAX RATES

	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24
Municipal	0.1990	0.1697	0.2119	0.2104	0.1987 *	0.4912
* Highway & Municipal Combined	0.2558	0.3125	0.2652	0.2747	0.3045 *	
School Tax - Residential	1.4870	1.7398	1.6899	1.7326	1.7043	1.9933
School Tax - Non-Residential	1.3891	1.6264	1.6617	1.7285	1.6487	1.8214
Grand List	2,879,641.38	2,731,173.50	2,770,331.00	2,790,694.00	2,830,032.00	2,910,084.00
Total Resident Tax Rate	1.9418	2.2220	2.1670	2.2177	2.2075	2.4845
Total Non-Resident Tax Rate	1.8439	2.1086	2.1388	2.2136	2.1519	2.3126

TAX RATE CALCULATION

				TAX RATES:	
				Residential	on-Residential
	GRAND LIST VALUATION				
TAX DOLLARS TO BE RAISED (Voted at Town Meeting)					
GENERAL FUND	Budget Original to be raised by Taxes				
	Special Articles:				
	Art 9 (Visiting Nurses)				
	Total Amended	552,815.01			
HIGHWAY FUND	Budget Original to be raised by Taxes				
	Special Articles:				
	Art 8 (budget surplus)				
	Total	876,685.00			
	BUDGET TOTAL TO BE RAISED BY TAXES	1,429,500.01		0.4912	0.4912
	STATE EDUCATION TAX RATES			<u>1.9933</u>	<u>1.8214</u>
	TOTAL TAX RATES			2.4845	2.3126

FISCAL YEAR SUMMARY OF GENERAL CHECKING ACCOUNT

	FY21		FY22		FY23	
FISCAL YEAR SUMMARY OF GENERAL CHECKING ACCOUNT						
General Checking Account Balance - Ending Previous Year	542,200.79		570,216.80		796,095.83	
ADD: Current Year Total Credits	6,444,302.17		6,827,111.20		6,487,117.05	
DEDUCT: Current Year Total Debits	<u>-6,416,286.16</u>		<u>-6,601,232.17</u>		<u>-6,309,232.65</u>	
FISCAL YEAR CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE to be Reconciled		570,216.80		796,095.83		973,980.23
Add Uncleared Deposits as of end of Fiscal Year	50,820.72		2,095.00		0.00	
Less Uncleared Checks as of end of Fiscal Year	<u>-7,919.44</u>		<u>-3,710.59</u>		<u>-15,327.91</u>	
		<u>42,901.28</u>		<u>-1,615.59</u>		<u>-15,327.91</u>
RECONCILED BANK BALANCE AS OF END OF FISCAL YEAR		613,118.08		794,480.24		958,652.32
FISCAL YEAR ENDING-MONTH BANK RECONCILIATION						
Bank Statement Balances as of End of Fiscal Year						
General Checking	<u>570,216.80</u>		<u>796,095.83</u>		<u>973,980.23</u>	
Sub Total		570,216.80		796,095.83		973,980.23
ADD: Outstanding Deposits	50,820.72		2,095.00		0.00	
DEDUCT: Outstanding Checks	<u>-7,919.44</u>		<u>-3,710.59</u>		<u>-15,327.91</u>	
		<u>42,901.28</u>		<u>-1,615.59</u>		<u>-15,327.91</u>
RECONCILED BANK BALANCE AS OF END OF FISCAL YEAR		613,118.08		794,480.24		958,652.32

RESERVED//RESTRICTED FUNDS REPORT

	Beginning FY Balance	Town Appropriations	Other Revenue	Expenditures	Ending FY Balance	
#201 EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT	24658.91	100000.00	838.66	(38806.32)	86691.25	
#202 EMERGENCY HIGHWAY	(26028.65)	0.00	0.00	0.00	(26028.65)	
#203 TOWN FOREST	18107.15	0.00	181.70	0.00	18288.85	
#300 LISTER REAPPRAISAL	32613.10	0.00	8432.30	0.00	41045.40	
#320 PAVING FUND	150807.45	75000.00	2230.29	0.00	228037.74	
#302 RECORD RESTORATION	17764.40	0.00	5458.91	(8864.82)	14358.49	In Transit \$84
#205 HWY MAJOR PROJECTS	313166.18	225000.00	3326.42	(82197.44)	459295.16	" " \$-207612.7
#306 ARPA FUNDS	138851.08	0.00	140931.66	(44721.89)	235060.85	In Transit \$2615.9
DEDICATED FUND TOTALS	669939.62	400000.00	161399.94	(174590.47)	1056749.09	
#400 CONSERVATION COMMITTEE	74321.24	5000.00	793.24	0.00	80114.48	

LONG TERM DEBT REPORT

		Beginning FY Balance	Principle Paid	Interest	Ending FY Balance
08 GRADER:	Dedicated// Paid FY20	PAID IN FULL			0.00
08 MOWER:	Highway Budget//Paid FY19	PAID IN FULL			0.00
14 EXCAVATOR:	Dedicated//Paid FY24	36,098.30	-17,839.17	736.99	18,259.13
19 LOADER	Dedicated//Paid FY26	73,478.02	-17,352.83	2,877.33	56,125.19
FIRE & RESCUE BUILDING:	Mascoma Bank Bond// Paid FY32	562,277.65	-82,377.07	16,653.77	479,900.58
LANDFILL CLOSURE:	Pace & Hawley Annual AJE	20,000.00	0.00	0.00	20,000.00
	TOTAL LONG TERM DEBT	691,853.97	-117,569.07	20,268.09	574,284.90

SURPLUS//DEFICIT REPORT

MUNICIPAL			HIGHWAY	
Ending FY10 SURPLUS	304,980.00		Ending FY10 SURPLUS	0.00
FY11 Deficit	-79,890.00		FY11 Deficit	-30,288.00
FY12 Deficit	-16,419.00		FY12 Surplus	123,291.00
FY13 Surplus	28,116.00		FY13 Surplus	395,452.00
FY14 Deficit	-66,565.00		FY14 Deficit	-739,941.00
FY15 Deficit	-13,709.00		FY15 Surplus	237,471.00
FY16 Surplus	63,822.00		FY16 Deficit	-73,456.00
FY17 Surplus	64,116.00		FY17 Surplus	133,145.00
FY18 Deficit	-11,908.00		FY18 Surplus	86,870.00
FY19 Surplus	126,906.00		FY19 Surplus	18,656.00
FY20 Surplus	5,211.00		FY20 Surplus	149,904.00
FY21 Deficit	-118,677.00		FY21 Deficit	-61,254.00
FY22 Surplus	201,264.00		FY22 Surplus	29,733.00
FY23 Surplus	36,218.98		FY23 Surplus	7,781.91
culated				
Municipal Surplus/Deficit	<u>523,465.98</u>		Highway Surplus/Deficit	<u>277,364.91</u>
IMULATED TOTAL DEFICIT/SURPLUS				
as of end of Fiscal Year on June 30th				800,830.89
	FY24 to Lower Tax Rate			-200,000.00
	Adjusted Surplus/Deficit			600,830.89

Please note that historically a surplus has been carried over to the next fiscal year rather than borrowing money in anticipation of taxes collected.

BARNARD CEMETERY FISCAL YEAR REPORT

	FY21		FY22		FY23	
BEGINNING BALANCE (Previous years Ending):						
Checking:	12,993.59		19,623.33		20,682.47	
TOTAL BEGINNING BALANCE:		12,993.59		19,623.33		20,682.47
FY RECEIPTS:						
Interest:	58.14		63.01		291.25	
Sale of Cemetery Lots:	10,600.00		8,000.00		400.00	
Donations	0.00		0.00		0.00	
Town Appropriation:	25,000.00		<u>35,000.00</u>		250.00	
Transfer of CD into Checking					<u>43,074.00</u>	
TOTAL FY RECEIPTS:		35,658.14		43,063.01		44,015.25
FY ORDERS PAID:						
Cemetery Maintenance:						
Ashley & Ellis	-635.36		-869.88		-700.00	
East Barnard & Extension	-3,899.95		-16,720.66		-11,865.94	
Methodist & Extension	-6,044.10		-7,168.09		-5,721.33	
Nye	-200.00		-100.00		-205.38	
Perkins	-570.76		-525.38		-600.00	
Silver Lake	-7,508.40		-2,667.96		-2,183.36	
South Barnard	-2,187.13		-3,509.92		-2,627.90	
Village	-5,542.21		-7,364.44		-8,933.68	
Windward	-1,237.67		-2,014.57		-2,561.46	
All Cemeteries	<u>-1,202.82</u>		<u>-1,062.97</u>		<u>-1,539.49</u>	
LESS FY ORDERS PAID:		<u>-29,028.40</u>		<u>-42,003.87</u>		<u>-36,938.54</u>
ENDING CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE:			19,623.33		20,682.47	27,759.18

RECONCILED ENDING FY BANK ACCOUNTS:						
Bank Statement:						
Ending Statement Balance	29,542.79		38,049.30		33,799.18	
Uncleared Deposits	0.00		0.00		0.00	
Uncleared Checks	0.00		0.00		-795.00	
In Transit Acct Payables	<u>-479.04</u>		<u>-328.34</u>		<u>0.00</u>	
Reconciled Bank Balance		29,063.75		37,720.96		33,004.18
Processed after June 30th		<u>-9,440.42</u>		<u>-17,038.49</u>		<u>-5,245.00</u>
CD Ending Balance						
TOTAL FUNDS FORWARD:			19,623.33		20,682.47	27,759.18

THE CHARLES B. DANFORTH LIBRARY FY 2023:

JULY 1, 2022 – JUNE 30, 2023

The Charles B. Danforth Library, a Town property, serves the Barnard and East Barnard communities year-round. It is staffed by five town-elected Library trustees as well as other volunteers. Membership is free and open to full- and part-time residents. The Danforth Library's first floor Book Room offers a special children's corner, free ECFiber Wi-Fi, and space to read, write and meet. The collection of fiction and non-fiction, of DVDs and audio books, constantly expands with donations and purchases to appeal to all ages. The Library's Holway Community Room is available free for classes, meetings, and events open to the public. It is equipped with tables and chairs, and includes a media center with a 70-inch screen and DVD player.

During FY2023, trustee Margaret Edwards continued to write a monthly column called A VERMONT WRITER for the Barnard Bulletin and to cite the Danforth Library as its sponsor. A new, outdoor "sidewalk sign" announces more visibly the Library's Open Hours and events. The trustees arranged free access to hundreds of online classes through "Universal Class" and "Learning Express." In the Book Room, trustees took turns arranging displays on various themes to show off the wide range of the book collection. New exterior signage for the building was designed and purchased. Trustee Kassie Tibbott-Hull updated our Danforth Library page on Facebook.

The Library hosted a number of programs and events in the Book Room. A quilt made by Paula Audsley to cover the media screen in the Holway Room was formally presented on May 23, 2023. This event included a talk on quilt-making by Vermonter Sandra Palmer, AQS Certified Appraiser. Jenny Hewitt presided over Story Hour for kids in July and August 2022, and from October 2022 through April 2023, Amanda Hull did the same. Author Events began with Barnard's Geza Tatrallyay reading from his memoirs about escaping from Communism. During April as Poetry Month, a poem per day was posted on Barnard's Listserv, and printed poems appeared at the General Store and Post Office. The Danforth hosted a public poetry reading in April involving 4 Barnard poets: Geza Tatrallyay, Pam Ahlen, Anne Shafmaster and Danny Dover. On June 4, Barnard author Sara Widness read from her new memoir Girl on the Prow.

The Danforth opened a new CD to take advantage of better interest rates (April 2023). Building maintenance went forward with the attic being insulated and tree branches trimmed away from the roof and chimney. In January 2023, Barnard resident Brian Lessard was hired to oversee the building maintenance, the snow shoveling, etc. In the summer, a new double railing was installed on either side of the entrance ramp to the Library's front door.

Library volunteers during this period were Edythe Wright, Jenny Hewitt, Amy Mattox, and Amanda Hull. When Ellen Miles resigned as trustee, volunteer Kassie Tibbott-Hull was appointed May 3, 2023, to complete Ellen's term ending March 2024.

Respectfully submitted by the Charles B. Danforth Library Trustees: Berna Donlon, Margaret Edwards, Kassie Tibbott-Hull, Judy Maynes (Secretary), and Susan McNulty (Treasurer).

CHARLES B. DANFORTH LIBRARY

FY2023 Financial Statement: 7/1/2022 - 6/30/2023

OPENING BALANCE 7/1/2022		
Checking - Unrestricted	\$ 18,361.35	
Checking - Restricted (Perry Fund: \$3,347.87; LaDouceur Fund: \$0)	\$ 3,347.87	
CD - Opened 2/22/2023	\$ -	
<i>Opening Balance 7/1/2022</i>		\$ 21,709.22
INCOME		
Dividends and Interest	\$ 928.68	
Restricted Funds for Books (no restricted donations)	\$ -	
Other Income (unrestricted donations)	\$ 888.00	
Town of Barnard appropriation	\$ 9,000.00	
<i>Income</i>		\$ 10,816.68
EXPENSES		
Books/Media	\$ 1,871.44	
Insurance	\$ 1,789.45	
Electric	\$ 616.27	
Phone/Internet	\$ 1,249.32	
Propane	\$ 995.82	
Office Expense/Supplies/Postage	\$ 907.77	
Building Maintenance	\$ 890.07	
Librarian Stipend	\$ -	
Furniture/Art	\$ -	
Bank Fees, Checks, Misc.	\$ -	
<i>Expenses</i>		\$ 8,320.14
<i>Opening Balance plus Income less Expenses</i>		\$ 24,205.76
CLOSING BALANCE 6/30/2023		
Checking - Unrestricted	\$ 8,863.35	
Checking - Restricted (Perry Fund: \$3,205.93; LaDouceur Fund: \$0)	\$ 3,205.93	
CD - matures 8/22/2023	\$ 12,136.48	
<i>Closing Balance 6/30/2023</i>		\$ 24,205.76

Arthur D. Perry Trust Fund Stock Holdings	Shares	Closing Price	Value
Allstate (ALL)	40	\$ 109.04	\$ 4,361.60
Morgan Stanley (MS)	32	\$ 85.40	\$ 2,732.80
Norfolk Southern (NSC)	54	\$ 226.76	\$ 12,245.04
AT & T (T)	1	\$ 15.95	\$ 15.95
Exxon Mobile (XOM)	64	\$ 107.25	\$ 6,864.00
Discover (DFS)	16	\$ 116.85	\$ 1,869.60
Dupont (DD)	1	\$ 71.44	\$ 71.44
<i>*Source: nasdaq.com/market-activity/stocks/all/historical</i>		6/30/2023	\$ 28,160.43

Prepared by Susan McNulty, Treasurer

BARNARD ENERGY COMMITTEE

In June, 2023, Barnard completed its participation in the Intermunicipal Regional Energy Coordinator (IREC) program. Our three-year involvement in this program was an investment in long-term benefits for our town. In 2023, we built on that foundation in the following ways:

Barnard Home Energy Upgrade and Barnard Bonus

We launched the Barnard Home Energy Upgrade campaign in March. Our goal is to make home weatherization accessible to all interested Barnard homeowners. A full description of the program is available on the town website and printed copies are at the Town Office.

Program highlights:

- a \$500 reimbursement on the cost of a home energy audit for any income level;
- promotion of Capstone's No-Cost Weatherization program for low income residents;
- an additional "Barnard Bonus" to help middle income residents take action on energy audit recommendations. The bonus is a "side car" to Efficiency Vermont's weatherization rebate program and follows those same rules and guidelines.

Progress: Twenty or more households have had an energy audit at their home. The number of completed weatherization projects continues to grow. Thanks to Rob Ramrath, Diane Rainey, and Alice Rydjeski, for authorizing and issuing the refund checks. In addition, at least three households have been approved for Capstone's no-cost weatherization services. Capstone is scheduling the work in the near future.

Budget: About half of our budget remains. We encourage everyone who is interested to take the next step soon, while money is available and there is time for work to be completed before the funds expire near the end of the calendar year 2023. Right now is a great time to act.

Clean School Bus Program Award

In 2022, the IREC coordinator submitted a successful federal grant application on behalf of our supervisory union and student transportation service. One of the three awarded electric buses will run on the Barnard route, due to our IREC participation at the time.

Charging infrastructure will be installed at the school site in Woodstock and the buses will be on the road in 2024. Grant sources cover the costs of the buses and the charging station, valued at about \$1.2 million. Savings will be passed through to taxpayers.

Municipal Energy Resilience Program (MERP)

MERP is a Vermont program to help evaluate and fund projects such as weatherization and fuel switching in municipal buildings. Grants of up to \$500,000 are at stake.

The select board and administrator, the energy committee, and TRORC staff have secured a MERP Community Capacity-Building mini-grant (\$4,000) and a free energy audit on two municipal buildings. Use of the mini-grant is to be determined. Building assessments will take place in 2024.

Respectfully submitted, Elizabeth Ferry and Karen Thorkilsen

BARNARD'S 2023 MUNICIPAL ENERGY USE SNAPSHOT

Electricity Used in Kilowatt Hours, by Building

Solar Array

kWh Used	Town Hall	Town Garage	Transfer Station	Fire & Rescue	4-Bldg. Total	School Portion	Array Generated kWh	Array Generated \$\$\$
kWh 2021	9,130	6,580	2,134	7,008	24,852	4,162	29,014	\$ 5,922
kWh 2022	8,740	6,747	1,851	6,903	24,241	6,061	30,302	\$ 6,241
kWh 2023	8,797	7,053	1,307	8,294	25,451	3,439	28,890	\$ 6,107
3-Year AVG	8,889	6,793	1,764	7,402	24,848	4,554	29,402	\$ 6,090
Percent of Generated	30%	23%	6%	25%	85%	15%	TOTAL since 2018:	\$ 35,952

Electricity Notes: The town's solar array produces enough power each year to meet the needs of our four municipal buildings plus a fraction of Barnard Academy's needs. Since inception, this amounts to \$35,952.

Fuel Usage by Type and Building

	3-Year AVG 2021-2023		2022		2023		% Change from 2022	
	Gallons	Cost	Gallons	Cost	Gallons	Cost	Gallons	Cost
DIESEL								
Town Garage: Heat & all Trucks Combined	19,702	\$ 65,437	20,441	\$ 88,212	16,072	\$ 55,622	-21%	-37%
FUEL OIL #2								
Town Hall: Heat	1,184	\$ 3,880	1,480	\$ 5,780	883	\$ 2,737	-40%	-53%
PROPANE								
Fire & Rescue: Heat	1,216	\$ 2,949	1,744	\$ 4,476	947	\$ 2,093	-46%	-53%
Town Hall: Stove/Generator	129	\$ 365	77	\$ 256	0	\$ 0	-100%	-100%
Transfer Station Office: Heat	51	\$ 169	54	\$ 163	50	\$ 140	-8%	-14%
TOTAL PROPANE	1,397	\$ 3,484						
TOTAL ALL FUELS	22,283	\$ 72,801	23,796	\$ 98,887	17,952	\$ 60,591	-25%	-39%

Fuel Usage Notes: Fuel use decreased in all four town buildings in 2023. Milder weather may be a factor, but weatherization improvements at the Town Hall may also be playing a role. The Town Hall probably used some propane, but not enough to warrant a delivery.

Compiled by the Barnard Energy Committee

BARNARD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Fiscal 2023 Annual Report

The Barnard Historical Society began the year with participation in the Vermont Historical Society's legislative exhibit "History in the 252" which painted a picture of a robust, diverse history that is found and preserved in every corner of Vermont. Barnard's presentation was the role of Barnard as an internet leader, recognizing the inauguration of ECFiber. This topic was a reminder that even recent history is important history.

Joe Ladouceur gave the society the shotgun that was used in the hunt of the last panther killed in Vermont, here in Barnard. This was a follow up to a mini re-enactment of the hunt held by the society in 2021

In September the Society hosted a program "Letters from Home" People read from scripts based on letters sent by the East Barnard Grange to people from the area serving in the military in World War II. The readers were requested because: they live in a house owned by people mentioned in the letters, people mentioned in the letters, relatives of people mentioned in the letters, or was a recipient of the letters- Floyd Van Alstyne. The program was well received

The society was reported in two articles on local papers.

Artifacts donated to the society this year include: copies of photos taken of the quarry on the Ellis farm, a leather wallet noted "property of William Bowman 1816" a photo of brother (George) and sister (Alice) Chamberlain, a toy bureau made in Barnard and immigrated with an Ashley family to Tonica Illinois.

The society responded to several queries about ancestors

Respectfully submitted,

Paige Gibbs-president, Barnard Historical Society

BARNARD HISTORICAL SOCIETY FINANCIAL
STATEMENT 07/01/2022 - 06/30/2023

Opening Balance 07/01/2022			
Checking		\$ 3,236.02	
Savings		\$ 1,112.87	
CD		\$ 3,106.39	
			\$ 7,455.28
Income			
Interest		\$ 33.53	
Book Sale		\$ -	
Donations		\$ -	
Town of Barnard		\$ 3,000.00	
	Income		\$ 3,033.53
Expenses			
Electric		\$ 258.77	
Membership Dues		\$ -	
Lawn Care		\$ 875.00	
Insurance		\$ 1,869.74	
Program Expenses		\$ -	
PO Box Rent		\$ 96.00	
	Expenses		\$ 3,099.51
Opening Balance plus Income less Expenses			\$ 7,389.30
Closing Balance 06/30/2023			
Checking		\$ 136.71	
Savings		\$ 4,115.63	
CD		\$ 3,136.96	
			\$ 7,389.30

BARNARD RECREATION DEPARTMENT FISCAL YEAR REPORT

		FY21			FY22			FY23		
BEGINNING BALANCE	(From Previous FY)	<u>8517.23</u>			14616.38			<u>8941.63</u>		
			8517.23			14616.38			8941.63	
RECEIPTS:										
	Bottle Returns	1306.30			1406.35			1030.95		
	Soccer Program	0.00			0.00			0.00		
	Baseball Program	0.00			0.00			0.00		
	Town Appropriations	8000.00			8000.00			8000.00		
	Bank Interest	40.85			27.13			119.30		
	Donations	<u>0.00</u>			<u>400.00</u>			<u>0.00</u>		
TOTAL FY RECEIPTS:			9347.15			9833.48			9150.25	
LESS ORDERS PAID:										
	Lawn Maintenance	-3000.00			-3000.00			-3000.00		
	Office Supplies	0.00			0.00			0.00		
	Soccer Program	-248.00			-245.00			-270.00		
	Baseball Program	0.00			-1874.00			-984.30		
	Porta Potty Rental	0.00			0.00			0.00		
	Community Events	0.00			-5000.00			-1639.50		
	Ice Rink	<u>0.00</u>			<u>-5389.23</u>			<u>-576.56</u>		
TOTAL LESS FY ORDERS PAID:			<u>-3248.00</u>			<u>-15508.23</u>			<u>-6470.36</u>	
ENDING BALANCE:				14616.38			8941.63			11621.52

RECONCILED BANK ACCOUNTS:										
	Year end Bank Statement	14646.38			9091.63			12186.02		
	Uncleared//Pending Deposits	0.00			0.00			0.00		
	Uncleared//Pending Checks	<u>-30.00</u>			<u>-150.00</u>			<u>-564.50</u>		
TOTAL FUNDS FORWARD:				14616.38			8941.63			11621.52

BARNARD VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE

From July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, Barnard Volunteer Fire & Rescue responded to 78 calls. Of this total, 31 calls were specific to fire and included chimney fires, fire alarm activations, powerlines, brush fires, and calls for mutual aid to neighboring towns. The remainder of the calls were specific to first response or rescue and included medical emergencies, motor vehicle accidents, search and rescue, and one large animal rescue.

Barnard Volunteer Fire & Rescue is funded by town appropriations, various grants, generous private donations, and proceeds from the annual – and ever popular – chicken barbeque and tag sale hosted the first weekend in July. Funds are used for equipment, maintenance, and the firehouse. This year our major purchase was new airpacks (the ones we had were 20 years old!) and we had the opportunity to test them during a live fire training at Hambsch Farm.

We are volunteers of all ages and professions. There are 27 volunteers on our roster, and nine of our volunteers respond to both firefighter and first responder calls. We had one retirement this year: Donald “Don” Stewart, who we thank for his 40 years of service to the department and the community. The department also recognizes John “Jack” Dibble for his long-term commitment to the annual Fire Safety Day at the Barnard Academy for the past 18 years.

With the end of the fiscal year came a change in leadership. As of August, Barnard Volunteer Fire & Rescue is under the leadership of Chief Stuart Hull Jr., Assistant Chief Brodie Webster, Captain Steve Johnson, Captain Mike Manning, Lieutenant Mike Johnson, and Lieutenant John Hull. As always, you can find us at the firehouse on Tuesdays at 7PM.

2023 Fire Safety Day at Barnard Academy.

Pictured L to R: Jack Dibble, Dean Edmunds, Jen Johnson, Stuart Hull, Jake Rhoades, and John Hull.



BARNARD VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE

FY2023 Financial Statement: 7/1/2022 – 6/30/2023

Balance on July 1, 2022 \$47,082.49	Balance on July 1, 2023 \$65,030.11
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INCOME	
2022 Carry Over Balance	\$47,082.49
Town Funds: Barnard, Bethel, Stockbridge, BroadBrook Fire Dept.	\$67,904.87
4th of July Fundraiser & Deer Pool	\$19,824.70
Other Donations	\$7,450
Miscellaneous: Refunds, Interest	\$884.80
Total Funds	\$143,146.86
EXPENSES	
Insurance	\$13,636.00
MSB Loan Payment (Vehicles)	\$27,912.88
Radio Communications System	\$9,728.34
4th of July Fundraiser & Deer Pool	\$7,494.15
Equipment (purchases, repairs)	\$5,929.62
Pumper Tanker Truck Maintenance	\$599.41
Tanker Truck Maintenance	\$838.00
Forestry Truck Maintenance	\$200.09
Rescue Truck Maintenance	\$2,544.27
Miscellaneous: gas, phone, internet, clothing, building, administration	\$9,233.99
Total Expenses	\$78,116.75
End Balance	\$65,030.11

BROAD BROOK VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION

Budget Report 2024

The Broad Brook Volunteer Fire Association was founded in 1955 to provide fire protection to our neighbors in the Broad Brook watershed. The BBVFA offers and receives mutual aid from other area Fire Departments including, but not limited to, the Barnard Volunteer Fire Department and First Response.

Officers of the firefighting crew are Art Lewin, Fire Chief and Fred Schlabach, Deputy Chief. The Board of Trustees are as follows: Fran Carbino, Chair, Jerry Fredrickson, Assistant Chair, Gregg Freeman, Dan Leavitt, Mason Overstreet, Fred Schlabach, Clay VanAlstyne and Mike Zube. Patrick Kell is the Treasurer and Pam Carbino is the Secretary.

It was an average year for the BBVFA with 10 calls. Thanks to all those who responded and/or helped with these incidents. This past July we held another successful Firemen's Fun Day, which proved to be a great time for the community to come together and helped us to raise funds. We also held our first Fall Fest and Chili Cook-off outside the Community Hall in October, which we hope to continue in 2024. Our Chief won with the submission of his wife Tina's delicious chili.

This year we continue to investigate alternatives for heating the firehouse during the winter to reduce our dependency on heating oil and welcome any insight or assistance for viable energy alternatives. We also took advantage of the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources' 50/50 purchasing program to outfit the firefighters with Wildland Firefighting PPE as well refresh of necessary supplies, hoses and first aid.

Thank you to all the Volunteers, Firefighters, First-Responders and Front-line Healthcare Workers who serve our community throughout the Upper Valley. We are truly grateful for your service.

Broad Brook Volunteer Fire Association
Proposed Budget 2023 - 2024

	19/20 Actual	20/21 Budget	20/21 Actual	21/22 Budget	21/22 Actual	22/23 Budget	22/23 Actual	23/24 Budget	23/24 Actual	24/25 Budget
Insurance										
Property & Auto	4720	4800	4566	4800	4598	4800	4691	4800	2367	4800
Worker's Comp.	1217	1300	1217	1300	1217	1300	1218	1300	1218	1300
Equipment & Supplies										
Fire / Rescue / Medical	2024	4000	4196	4000	2825	4000	5128	4000	1612	4000
Office / HW / Misc.	0	100	88	100	83	100	109	100	0	100
Maintenance & Repair										
Building (Firehouse)	457	1500	2040	3000	750	3000	908	3000	150	3000
Equipment / PPE /										
SCBA	505	1000	49	1000	0	1000	0	1000	0	1000
Vehicles / Apparatus	312	2000	1743	1000	117	1000	451	1000	87	1000
Utilities										
Communications	303	1000	130	500	595	1000	702	700	294	700
Heating Oil / Electric	2142	2000	1561	2000	2114	2500	2269	2500	1021	2500
Other Expenses										
Training	0	600	0	600	0	600	210	600	0	600
Fundraising	1965	2500	2472	1700	1452	1700	1535	2000	298	2000
Community Hall Use	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	0	1000
Totals	14645	21800	19062	21000	14751	22000	18221	22000	7047	22000

**All 23/24 Actuals are as of 1/12/24 and subject to change by the End of Fiscal Year (7/31/24).*

BarnArts

Please Join us in celebrating how BarnArts built Community through Art in 2023!

In March we held our 11th **Masquerade Jazz & Funk Winter Music Carnival** with the all-female BIPOC band Lili Mizik as our headliner, whose lead Kera Washington was able to visit Woodstock Union High School the day before for a percussion workshop. Later that month we brought a comedy of scenes, *The Good Doctor*, to Woodstock Town Hall Theatre. This was a unique effort in both casting and staging - all 7 cast members portrayed multiple characters and each directed at least one scene, and the audience was seated on stage with the actors in an intimate black-box theater approach.

In May, we brought two **Global Music Residency** artists to our area: Mi'kmaq fiddler Morgan Toney and The Villalobos Brothers. Together they reached over 1000 local students, touching on topics beyond their extraordinary music such as contemporary Indigenous life and the migrant experience. Our 19-week **Feast & Field Music Series** staged bluegrass, folk, rock, honky tonk, Cajun, and Ukrainian hyper-folk noir with artists from as close as Barnard and as far away as South Africa.

We were thrilled to have some of our artists spend time in the community. The Argentine LGBTQ activist band Cachitas Now! held a Q&A and jam at Babe's Bar. Brooklyn-based Bandits on the Run and South African diva Nomfusi both workshoped with our Summer Youth Theater campers as they prepared *Newsies*. Fabiola Méndez held a Puerto Rican folk dance and music workshop at Barnard Town Hall. Montreal-based Ukrainian techno band Balaklava Blues visiting two high schools to discuss current events and share some Ukrainian folk music.

Our summer play, *Arcadia* by Tom Stoppard, made a big impression. It was ambitious to take such a theater-buff's play, famously set in one room in an English estate over the course of 200 years, and produce it outdoors in Vermont in June, but we did it to much acclaim, gaining new audience members and actors along the way. Our 12th **Summer Youth Theater** production of *Newsies*, with its themes of the power of the press and workers rights, spoke truth to our cast of 31 local youth as well as the audiences of the sold outshows!

We held our second **Barnard Street Dance** this year with three Upper Valley bands and Afro-funk Sabouyouma from Burlington, keeping up a beloved town tradition in partnership with Barnard Rec. Despite weather challenges, we staged our second **Haunted Village Theater** in October with five unique scenes taking us from Halloween Town, to the Alaskan Tundra, to a room with suspicious Yellow Wallpaper, back to Barnard, and even to Puritan Salem.

Our **Fall Global Music Residency** brought Guinean djembe player Sayon Camara to five local schools. His ability to connect with folks of all ages and his exceptional drumming skills made a big impression with local elementary students as well as students at Woodstock Union HSMS who drummed on stage with him.

After years of requests, we evolved our beloved December tradition **Holiday Cabaret** into an evening of dinner and dancing and brought Wassail Weekend to the Barnard Town Hall! This gave us the opportunity to celebrate the variety of enormous talent of our town: Barnard's own purveyors LaCollina Vineyard Kitchen and Fable Farm served the food & drink and BarnArts

performers sang and danced alongside the swinging Upper Valley-based Speak Easy Prohibition Band. Locals and visitors connected over dinner and twirled side-by-side across the dance floor with much festive cheer!

Seasonal celebrations and BarnArts 12th season reached a grand finale with our roof-raising **Winter Carols**, featuring over 50 singers and performers in a lovely celebration of community, music and hope at the First Universalist Church & Society of Barnard.

We have big plans for our 2024 season!

- January 19: Community Contra Dance & Potluck at the Barnard Town Hall (with two other dances in March & April - dates TBA!)
- Feb 9-18: The Importance of Being Earnest by Oscar Wilde at the Barnard Town Hall
- March 16: Masquerade Jazz & Funk Winter Music Carnival at the Barnard Town Hall featuring Crocodile River Music and local bands
- April 29-May 4: Spring Global Music Residency with New Inca Son
- May 19: Race Around the Lake
- May 30-September 26: BarnArts Feast & Field Music Series
- June 21-30: Macbeth by William Shakespeare, outdoor summer production
- July 15-Aug 4: Summer Youth Theater High School Musical for ages 8-18, including performances at the Barnard Town Hall
- Aug 24: Barnard Street Dance at the Barnard Town Hall
- Oct 21-Nov 3: Young Frankenstein by Mel Brooks at the Barnard Town Hall
- Oct-Nov: Fall Global Music Residency TBA
- Mid-November: BarnArts Chorale and Youth Choral begin rehearsals
- December 14: Holiday Cabaret dinner & dance - Wassail Weekend
- December 20: Winter Carols
- Year-round: School and Community workshops with local and visiting artists

We look forward to seeing you in the audience, on the dance floor or on the stage in 2024!

The vision of A community that views art as essential to social well-being, values the pursuit of creativity and shared learning and where a thriving arts culture and rural economy are mutually supportive.

Best Wishes from the BarnArts Board of Directors, Anabelle Cellini, Peter Kahn, Carin Ewing Park, Deborah Rice, Stephen Stuntz. Linda Treash, Executive Director

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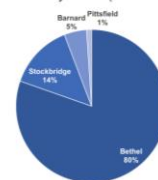
Building Community through Art



2024 BARNARD TOWN MEETING REPORT

Tremendous growth continued for the Bethel Area Food Shelf (BAFS) --serving Bethel, Barnard, Pittsfield, and Stockbridge--during 2023. More than 200 families from our service area relied on BAFS to supplement their food budget. In 2020, 46 families visited BAFS; in 2021, that number grew to 100; and in 2022, 160 families relied on this support. All told, from 2020-2022, BAFS helped relieve food insecurity for 600 individuals in our service area.

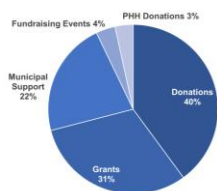
Unique Families by Town (Jan-Oct 2023): 188



With increased demand for food assistance following significant reductions in COVID-relief SNAP benefits, persistent inflation, and summer flooding, BAFS's expenses have increased by nearly \$30K. To address this we are seeking municipal support--commensurate with resident usage--from each town we serve.

BAFS is run by volunteers; no one is paid for their time. As a Network Partner of VT Foodbank, BAFS can access free and reduced-price food monthly and take part in grant opportunities. Willing Hands, a gleaning nonprofit, provides fresh produce and more weekly. Local businesses and organizations also help us periodically.

BAFS Income Sources: Jan 2023--Nov 17, 2023



We're open Mondays, 12-1 pm, and Thursdays, 5-7 pm. Deliveries are available to housebound clients within our service area during these hours. We also offer fresh produce on the fourth Friday of each month, and we put on Project Happy Holidays (PHH) with the Bethel Area Rotary Club. Any excess funds raised during PHH go toward our Emergency Fund to help families in financial crisis.

Call 802-234-5513 or email bethelvtfoodshelf@gmail.com if you need help augmenting your food budget. Use the shopping list at bethelvtfoodshelf.org to place orders and request delivery. Find us at facebook.com/bethelvtfoodshelf. Email cindy@action-circles.com to volunteer. Send donations to Bethel Area Food Shelf, POB 211, Bethel, VT 05032.

Respectfully submitted by the **BAFS Management Team:**

Kim Marsh, Sharon Pavlik, Alyssa Levy, Joanne Mills, Lisa Warhol, Cindy Metcalf

DELECTABLE MOUNTAIN QUILTERS

Delectable Mountain Quilters share a deep passion for the art of quilting, weaving together threads of creativity, compassion, and community spirit. Our dedicated group is not just about crafting beautiful quilts; it's about stitching bonds of friendship, supporting one another in learning new skills, and spreading warmth to those who need it most.



Our Mission: DMQ is on a heartfelt mission to provide handmade quilts to our local community, offering comfort to families, friends, and individuals facing challenging times due to fire, flood, disease, or other major losses. We extend our care to the birthing ward at Gifford Hospital, bringing the joy of handmade quilts to new beginnings. Additionally, we sew small pillows for the breast cancer unit at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center, spreading comfort and hope to those in need.

Join Us in Creating, Learning, and Giving: If you're curious about quilting, eager to learn new skills, or simply looking to connect with like-minded and creative individuals, we invite you! Our meetings take place on the first Tuesday of each month at the Bethel Library from 1-3 pm. It is a wonderful opportunity to engage in the art of quilting, share stories, and forge lasting friendships.

Tying Knots of Friendship: On the third Tuesday of the month, we gather at the Randolph Center Church to tie quilts as needed. This hands-on experience not only contributes to our charitable endeavors but also strengthens the bonds within our delightful quilting family.

Our Diverse Community: The heart of DMQ beats in unity, welcoming quilters and enthusiasts from Barnard, Bethel, Brookfield, Randolph, South Royalton, Woodstock, and White River Junction. Our diverse backgrounds and talents enrich the tapestry of our quilting journey.

How to Join: Ready to become a part of our creative tapestry? Join us at one of our meetings and experience the joy of quilting with kindred spirits. For more information, contact Mary Croft, DMQ Secretary, at (802)-763-7074 or email Mary at rodandmary45@gmail.com. Your presence and passion for quilting will undoubtedly add another vibrant patch to our quilting community.

Let's sew joy, spread warmth, and create together!

The Delectable Mountain Quilters



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ECFiber and the Town of Barnard

The Town of Barnard is a member of the East Central Vermont Telecommunications District, Vermont's first Communications Union District (CUD), whose mission is to provide world-class fiber-optic based internet service to all on-grid homes and businesses in its member towns. The District consists of 31 member towns that own the business which operates under the trade name ECFiber. ECFiber added over 800 new customers, despite critical labor shortages, and now serves over 8,500 customer locations via 1,700 miles of network, which, when fully built out, will bring fiber-to-the-premises (FTTP) to about 32,000 premises over more than 2,000 miles of network.

In June, ECFiber celebrated the completion of its original 23 town network when it activated its operation center in White River Junction. In August, the District was awarded a \$13 million construction grant that will support the first three or four stages of its \$30 million, nine stage, network completion plan. In November, its Series 2023A municipal revenue bond received a "BB" rating from Standard & Poor's Global Credit arm, a historic moment in US financial history: the first time a municipal revenue bond not backed by taxes, and not for a regulated utility or exclusive service territory, received a rating. This was extended to the six earlier bonds as well.

The District contracts with Great Works Internet (GWI) of Vermont to operate the business. The biggest challenges we face now are not funding, but rather finding enough folks to construct the networks – people who know how to operate bucket trucks, splice fiber while 40 feet above the ground, and willing to work outside in difficult weather. ECFiber is actively participating in state and regional workforce development efforts. If you are or know of someone who may be interested in these well-paid jobs, please let us know!

The ECFiber network in Barnard is complete, although some network upgrades are being planned. We invite you to visit our website to learn more about ECFiber and encourage you to sign-up if you're not already a subscriber -- there is no cost to subscribe until your service is activated.

Dan Leavitt (Delegate), Richard Lancaster and Patrick Kell (Alternates)

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Annual Report and Proposed District Budget 2024

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

Your town is one of 31 members of the East Central Vermont Telecommunications District, which owns the business operated under the trade name ECFiber, and this document is provided to the Selectboards of the district's member towns in conformance with the law. We are also providing a template your municipality can follow to post notice of the public hearing which the district governing board will conduct on the district's proposed budget on Tuesday, November 14, 2022, at 7pm.

Report of Activities October 1, 2022 – September 30, 2023

During the past year ECFiber added over 800 new customers and now serves about 8,200 premises in 23 towns via 1,800 miles of fiber-optic cable. Taken together, there are about 31,500 premises in the district located on almost 2,000 miles of roads.

The main goal of the district today is to execute our three year, nine-stage, \$30 million network completion plan. In August of 2023, the District won a \$13 million construction grant from the Vermont Community Broadband Fund, and this, combined with a \$7.5 million bond we will offer in late 2023 will fund work through 2024, at which point we will have secured more funding via grants or additional borrowing. Stage I work in the Fairlees and Bradford has been underway since last spring and we hope to connect our first customers in those towns during the coming months.

On June 27th this year, ECFiber celebrated the completion of its original mission, to build out a fiber-based broadband network in the 23 towns that created the business in 2008. WRJAM, the CATV operator in White River Junction, documented the exciting one-hour "Golden Patch Cord" event that featured Senator Welch (one of our customers!) and a dozen other speakers who held the audience spellbound as they recounted the creation of ECFiber. Enjoy it on YouTube: <https://bit.ly/ECFiberCelebration>.

The global pandemic has, of course, proven beyond any doubt that rural Vermonters need access to world-class broadband, but Vermont needs to find its own way forward because the market has conclusively shown it cannot, even with construction subsidy, serve every home and business on the grid in the state. ECFiber has demonstrated that this can be accomplished in a cost-effective manner without putting any burden on taxpayers. Until 2021, the district was funded almost entirely by customer revenues, which in turn backed tax-free municipal revenue bonds issued by the District to raise capital to build our infrastructure. This model is now the

state's strategy for solving the rural broadband crisis and nine CUDs like ECFiber are working hard to get going.

The District contract with ValleyNet to operate the ECFiber business was transferred to GWI Vermont, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Great Works Internet of Biddeford, Maine, at the start of 2023. All ValleyNet employees became GWI employees at that time and our original home-grown staff continues to keep it Vermonty, and ECFiber now has better access to and a better story for prospective employees of its operating partner.

This is critically important, because the difficult labor market has continued to delay getting construction and process improvement work done. The District believes the influx of resources and opportunities GWI brings to the table will help close that gap and speed completion of the new towns.

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

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

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

F. X. Flinn, Chair, Governing Board (Town of Hartford Delegate)

e: chair@ecfiber.net | m: 802-369-0069

October 16, 2023, Quechee, Vermont

ECFiber is the East Central Vermont Telecommunications District

415 Waterman Rd | South Royalton VT | 05068 | (802) 763-2262 | info@ecfiber.net

Vermont's First Communications Union District

East Central Vermont Telecommunications District Operating Budget 2024		2023 Projections	2024 Budget
	Network Miles	1,985	2,000
	Subscribers	7,988	10,500
Revenues			
	Subscriptions	\$ 10,479,698	\$ 13,711,000
	Installation	\$ 173,369	\$ 247,000
	Grants and Misc Revenues	\$ 2,625,152	\$ 13,439,000
	Operating Revenues	\$ 13,278,219	\$ 27,397,000
Operating Expenses			
	Cost of Goods Sold	\$ 1,200,250	\$ 1,631,000
	Employees	\$ 1,790,198	\$ 2,748,000
	Overhead Expenses	\$ 2,049,726	\$ 2,531,000
	Operating Expenses	\$ 5,040,174	\$ 6,910,000
	Operating Surplus (EBITDA)	\$ 8,238,045	\$ 20,487,000
	Debt Service	\$ 4,310,576	\$ 5,000,000
	Debt Service Ratio (1.25 minimum)	1.91	4.10
	Operating Surplus after Debt Service	\$ 3,927,469	\$ 15,487,000
Other Income			
	Interest Income	\$374,685	\$451,000
	Total Revenue	\$ 8,612,731	\$ 20,938,000
Other Expenses			
	Interest - New Bonds	\$ 3,050,395	\$ 3,600,000
	Interest - Vehicle Loans	\$ -	\$ 10,000
	Issuance Expenses	\$ -	\$ 510,000
	Amortization of Note Prepayment Penalties	\$ 63,514	\$ 56,000
	Depreciation (30 year)	\$ 1,890,024	\$ 2,000,000
	Net income	\$ 3,608,798	\$ 14,762,000
Construction Sources and Uses of Cash			
	Net Construction Fund Position BOY	\$ 3,000,000	\$ 5,132,000
	Grants Received	\$ 2,660,000	\$ 13,439,000
	Net Proceeds Bond Issuance	\$ 7,040,000	
	Available for Construction	\$ 12,700,000	\$ 18,571,000
	Construction Expenses	\$7,568,000	\$18,142,000
	Net Construction Fund Position EOY	\$ 5,132,000	\$ 429,000

Notes:

Amounts rounded to nearest thousand except debt service ratio calculation.

Financial statements are included in our 2022 Audit, available on our website.

EBITDA: Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation and Amortization.

The District's Revenue Bond require EBITDA to exceed 1.25x of annual debt service.

HEALTH CARE & REHABILITATION SERVICES
ANNUAL REPORT FROM FY23 FOR THE TOWN OF BARNARD

Health Care and Rehabilitation Services (HCRS) is a comprehensive community mental health provider serving residents of Windsor and Windham counties. HCRS assists and advocates for individuals, families, and children who are living with mental illness, developmental disabilities, and substance use disorders. HCRS provides these services through outpatient mental health services, alcohol and drug treatment program, community rehabilitation and treatment program, developmental services division, and emergency services programs.

Anyone with questions about HCRS services should contact George Karabakakis, Chief Executive Officer, at (802) 886-4500.



The Ottawaquechee Health Foundation (OHF) Supports the Health and Wellness Needs of Barnard

Who We Are:

The Ottawaquechee Health Foundation strives to improve the health and well-being of people who live in our core towns through grants, community partnerships, educational opportunities, and the support of wellness initiatives. We believe accessible health and wellness care is a vital part of any community.

We assist in the health and wellness needs of these core towns of **Barnard**, Bridgewater, Hartland, Killington, Plymouth, Pomfret, Quechee, Reading, and Woodstock.

OHF's backbone programs, Good Neighbor and Homecare Grants continue to be utilized extensively by those in need. These programs accommodate the increased and diverse needs of the communities OHF serves. Year-to-date, the foundation has received 274 grant inquiries totaling over \$309,000 in funding requests from residents of its nine core towns.

As of the end of October, OHF provided 30 grants to Barnard residents in 2023 totaling nearly \$24,000. This equates to approximately 11% of our overall granting budget. Your support is invaluable to us and allows us to serve the Barnard Community better. Thank you!

About OHF's Good Neighbor Grant (GNG) program

Our GNG program makes grants on behalf of individuals who are unable to pay for their health and wellness needs that are not covered by health insurance, such as dental care, physical therapy, counseling, hearing aids, eyeglasses, and more. Assistance is based on financial need, and applicants must live in the OHF catchment area.

Additionally, OHF will continue to provide services from our Homecare Grants Program, as well as other wellness offerings, to the Hartland Community. These programs are all part of our commitment to providing access to health and wellness services while supporting overall community health. Together we can indeed create stronger and healthier communities.

Our Funding Sources:

Our funding comes through bi-annual appeal donations, town appropriations, grants, donor cultivation, and a modest draw from our investments.

How to Contact OHF:

Ottauquechee Health Foundation (OHF)

802-457-4188 | www.ohfvt.org | director@ohfvt.org

PO Box 784 | 30 Pleasant Street | Woodstock, VT 05091

BARNARD SILVER LAKE ASSOCIATION

Greetings to all you Silver Lake Admirers,

As winter approaches it is time to reflect on the past year. There certainly were some scary moments, the huge rainfall during early July and the infestation of Planktothrix blooms later in the summer. There were also many enjoyable moments as witnessed by the amount of swimming and boating that occurred frequently. It was a very rainy summer, so we all had to choose our outings cautiously.

The July floods brought a lot of run-off into the lake from its tributaries and from the shoreline as the lake level rose over a foot during the storm. I suspect this is one of the major factors for the blooms that we experienced. Fortunately they seemed to take care of themselves and disappeared after a couple weeks.

This year we had hoped to partner with Barn Arts and bring back the boat races. The weather and location issues prevented us from doing this but we have things in order to resume the races next summer.

After serving many years on the board of the BSLA, Sharon Jackson decided to step down at the annual meeting but will remain on as an advisor to the board. A big thank you goes to Sharon for her years of service. Elected to replace Sharon as secretary is Edythe Wright. Welcome to the BSLA Edythe!

With the exception of one bi-weekly test taken during the flood, the lake remains very clean and healthy. I would like to remind everyone who has property on the lake to have your septic and or holding tanks pumped and maintained on a regular basis. Heavy rains like we have been experiencing, and ground water run-off, can carry unwanted sewage to the lake. Let's make sure we all are doing our part to keep our lake clean and safe.

Thank you to all who generously contribute to the BSLA each year. All of our funds come from your contributions as we are a non-profit, all volunteer organization. You can send your tax deductible donation to:

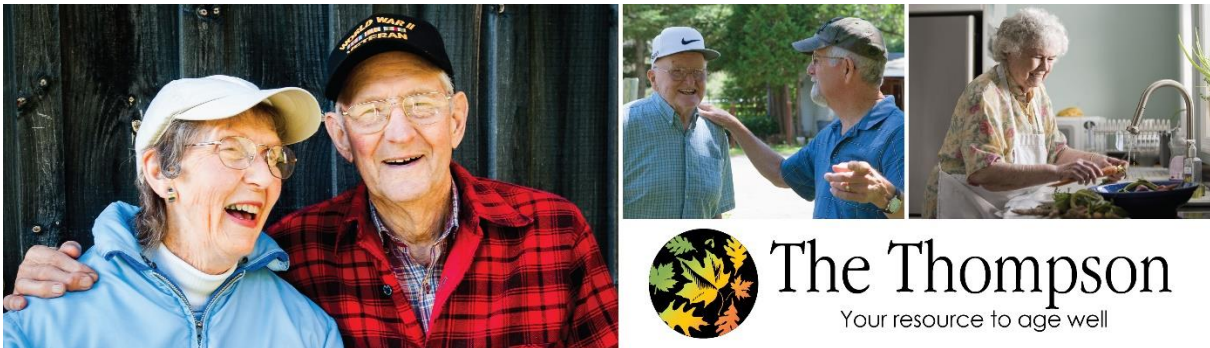
BSLA

PO Box 142

Barnard, VT 05031

Have a great winter and we'll see you on the lake soon. Pete Stoddard, President BSLA

THE THOMPSON CENTER



What an awesome phase of growth we are in! Each month new faces come through our doors for many different reasons: for medical equipment after surgery, help with insurance or taxes, a referral for a caregiver, something fun to do, or they've heard about our delicious meals. The Thompson serves 1,700 older adults annually and reaches more than 50% of the older adults age 65 and older in our area. It is rewarding and it keeps things interesting to be the go-to place for aging well in our area.

A few highlights of the year include expanding our Aging at Home support program by offering handyman services for small odd jobs, successfully completing our Homeshare pilot project, and partnering with HomeShare Vermont to continue to grow that program. Our team's response to the area flooding in July was recognized by Governor Scott. Work was completed on Phase 1 of our building expansion project and preparation continues for the next phases.

We served 22,115 meals (including 12,461 home-delivered Meals on Wheels), provided 1,612 rides, made 4 homeshare matches, spent 85 staff handyman hours on 42 unique odd jobs, and had 28,833 check-ins for classes, foot clinics, games, social events, and caregiver support, vaccine clinics, tax appointments, and more.

With the significant growth we have experienced over the past 10 years and the anticipated growth of our older population expected to more than double in the 70 – 85 age group over the next 10 years, it is more important than ever to be successful and creative in supporting our community members to age well. What an exciting time in the history of the Thompson!

Thank you to each of our Barnard supporters and volunteers for ensuring that The Thompson remains a vibrant resource for all of us.

Please contact us at info@thompsonseneiorcenter.org or 457-3277 with any questions or needs. You can also see the menu and program calendar online at www.thompsonseneiorcenter.org or find us on Facebook.

Respectfully submitted,

Deanna Jones, Executive Director

The Woodstock Area Council on Aging, (d.b.a. The Thompson Center)

TRORC FISCAL YEAR 2023 YEAR-END REPORT

The Two Rivers-Ottauquechee Regional Commission is your regional planning commission. We are governed by a Board of Representatives appointed by each of our 30 member towns. We work to make the area better today, and to articulate a vision for a thriving regional economy that enhances the Region's outstanding quality of life. The following are highlights from our work in 2023.

Technical Assistance on Planning Issues

Our staff support your local officials by being a wealth of information on many subjects, enabling them to serve you better. We provide advice on zoning, capital budgeting, and preventing flood damage; review solar and cell tower projects; stay abreast of state and federal initiatives so that local government can take advantage of these; and have worked hard to address the region's housing crisis. The Municipal Technical Assistance Program has supported eligible towns in identifying project opportunities and funding sources to undertake those projects. TRORC staff have also assisted numerous towns with revisions to municipal plans, bylaws and studies.

Economy and Public Health

This year, TRORC supported the Region's talented artists, food producers, and other parts of the creative economy sector through training and networking events. We also were able to provide many small businesses with grant funds to weather Covid-19, as well as guidance to towns on using their federal recovery funds. TRORC also helps identify and clean contaminated parcels of land for reuse.

Emergency Management and Preparedness

TRORC staff continued to serve as liaisons between Vermont Emergency Management and local emergency responders, organizations, and town officials on emergency planning. TRORC assisted several communities with updating their Local Hazard Mitigation Plans, helping to reduce future damages from disasters and enable greater state and federal funding when they do happen. When disasters happen, we actively become part of the state and local long-term recovery process and have done so most recently with the July floods.

Energy/Climate Change

TRORC assisted towns on Enhanced Energy Plans to save money for communities and further the State energy goal of meeting 90% of energy needs from renewable sources by 2050. TRORC has continued working to support member towns through assessing town buildings for energy conservation upgrades. We also work on state-level climate policy and local adaptation measures.

Transportation

TRORC also worked with towns to get funding to implement road improvement projects. We also work to support our transit agencies, build park and ride lots, and help towns with traffic counts and speed studies.

Specifically in Barnard this past year, TRORC assisted the town with updating its Local Emergency Management Plan, as well as the Town Plan. TRORC also worked with Barnard to apply for a Municipal Planning Grant to update the town zoning and subdivision regulations. For transportation, TRORC assisted the town with completing a grant for bank stabilization along East Barnard Road. Staff assisted the town with applying for energy assessment grants for the Town Hall and Town Garage.

We are committed to serving you, and welcome opportunities to assist you in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter G. Gregory, AICP, Executive Director

William B. Emmons III, Chairperson, Pomfret

VERMONT LEAGUE OF CITIES AND TOWNS

Serving and Strengthening Vermont Local Government

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

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

Legal and technical assistance, including prompt responses to member questions that often involve how to comply with state and federal requirements. Staff responds to thousands of member questions and publishes guidance, templates, research reports, and FAQs. In 2023, VLCT specialists provided government-specific finance training as well as resources and consultation that help Vermont's cities and towns comply with federal rules for receiving federal ARPA and infrastructure funding. Staff also provides input to state leaders on designing and implementing grant programs for municipalities.

Trainings and timely communications on topics of specific concern to local officials. The League provides training via webinars, classes at members' locations, and its annual member conference, the largest gathering of municipal officials in the state. In the wake of the 2023 floods, VLCT became a crucial information hub for local officials. VLCT's Equity Committee assists local officials in centering the work of justice, diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging in their municipalities' decision making, policies, practices, and programs.

Representation before the state legislature, state agencies, and the federal government, ensuring that municipal concerns are heard collectively and as a single, united voice. VLCT's recent legislative efforts have helped cities and towns access additional resources to respond to the pandemic, repair roads and bridges, enact cybersecurity, improve housing and economic growth, promote renewable energy, provide emergency medical services, address equity and inclusion, and ensure the quality of our drinking water. Specific success in 2023 includes securing \$3 million for towns to expand their capacity to access state and federal grants through the Municipal Technical Assistance Program, fighting to balance changes to local zoning laws with state land use laws to facilitate housing construction, elevating awareness of the financial difficulties rural emergency medical services face, amplifying municipal concerns as the Legislature contemplates moving toward a state-led reappraisal system, and increasing municipal authorities in statute. Members are also represented at the federal level to Vermont's Congressional delegation and through our partner, the National League of Cities.

Access to insurance programs. The Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund (PACIF) provides comprehensive and cost-effective property, liability, and workers' compensation insurance coverage, programs, and services that protect the assets of your community. The VLCT Unemployment Insurance Trust provides unemployment insurance at stable pricing. VLCT also offers members group rates on important benefits for municipal employees: life,

disability, dental, and vision insurance. All the programs offer coverage and products that members need and ask for, help Vermont municipalities stretch their budgets, and are *only* available to VLCT members.

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



WISE FY23 BARNARD ANNUAL REPORT

Mission Statement:

WISE leads the Upper Valley to end gender-based violence through survivor-centered advocacy, prevention, education and mobilization for social change.

Since 1971, WISE has been dedicated to providing trauma-informed advocacy and support for victims of domestic violence, sexual violence, stalking, and human trafficking within 23 communities in Windsor and Orange Counties, VT and Grafton County, NH. WISE supports people through the confidential and free 24-hour crisis line, on-site emergency housing and housing advocacy, legal services, safety planning, groups, and in-person advocacy at the WISE Program Center, police stations, courthouses, hospitals, social service agencies, and at Dartmouth College. In FY23 (7/1/22-6/30/23), WISE provided advocacy and other critical support services to a total of 1333 people. Among the advocacy responses sought from WISE, emergency shelter, legal advocacy, and accompaniments were the most common. WISE advocates are available every hour, every day at 866-348-WISE, or text at 603-836-9472 or chat online at resourceconnect.com/wiseuv/chat.

LOCAL HEALTH OFFICE ANNUAL REPORT: 2023

**White River Junction Local Health Office | 118 Prospect Street, White River Junction,
VT 802-295-8820 | AHS.VDHWhiteRiverJct@Vermont.gov**

Twelve Local Health Offices around the state are your community connection with the Vermont Department of Health. The White River Junction Local Health Office provides essential services and resources to towns in Northern Windsor and Southern Orange counties. Some highlights of our work in 2023 are below. For more information, visit www.healthvermont.gov/local/white-river-junction

Collaboration with Partners

The White River Junction (WRJ) staff works with over 30 diverse health care and social service organizations in the Greater Upper Valley Integrated Services Team (GUVIST). GUVIST is making services and support for community members of all ages more efficient, effective, responsive and appropriate to the desires of those in need. To learn more about this initiative, visit www.uvpublichealth.org/guvist/

Addressing Health Equity

Our Women, Infants & Children (WIC) program helps pregnant people and families with children under age 5. We provide healthy foods, nutrition education, breastfeeding support and referrals to community resources. Our office understands that not having transportation can make it difficult to get services. Our office has the most access points in the state with our nutritionists hosting clinics at seven satellite sites. If you would like to learn more visit www.healthvermont.gov/local/white-river-junction/wic-white-river-junction

Planning For and Responding to Emergencies

Our Emergency Preparedness Specialist, Immunization Nurse, Epidemiologist and other staff have worked with the Upper Valley Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) to help our communities. They have spent hundreds of hours conducting COVID testing, administering COVID and Mpox vaccinations, investigating over 210 infectious disease cases and collecting kits for water testing during flood recovery. Learn more about the MRC at www.uvpublichealth.org/featured-partner-upper-valley-medical-reserve-corps/

Scan to access the report online



WINDSOR COUNTY

To: Windsor County Town Clerks

From: Assistant Judges Alison Johannensen and David Singer

Re: County News

Date: December 2023

The County has experienced some changes this year, the first one is the bond that the county tax payers had approved for the Court House renovation has been paid off as of November 01, 2023. Thank you to all the tax payers for supporting this renovation.

Assistant Judge Ellen Terie decided not to run for re-election last year and retired as of January 31, 2023. Assistant Judge Terie was a valued member of the county and we certainly thank her for the 8 years she served Windsor County residents.

We also thank Assistant Judge Michael Ricci, who was also a valued member of the county and served the Windsor County residents for almost 2 years after being appointed by Governor Scott.

Our Deputy Clerk, Dianne Bumps decided to retire from her county position in May of 2023. We thank Dianne for her dedication during her 5 years with Windsor County.

The County Building Superintendent, Bruce Page, who has taken care of both county building since July of 2017 decided to retire from his county position at the end of November 2023. We thank Bruce for all his dedication and hard work.

We thank Mike Chamberlain for the many years he served Windsor County as Sheriff. We wish him well and hope he is enjoying himself.

We wish them all well in their new adventures!

Windsor County residents elected Ryan Palmer as the County Sheriff. Sheriff Palmer has been approaching his new responsibility with a lot of enthusiasm.

Windsor County residents elected two (2) new Assistant Judges, Alison Johannensen and David Singer who assumed office as of February 01, 2023. We welcome both of the assistant judges.

The Assistant Judges are working hard on securing an energy efficiency grant to be used to replace the old boiler in the county building. If the county is successful in securing the grant, we hope the boiler can be replaced within the next year.

The Windsor County Final Budget Hearing is scheduled for Friday, January 19, 2024 at the County Building in Woodstock, Vermont at 5:00 P.M.



PO Box 101 • Windsor, VT 05089 • 802-674-5101 • info@wcmentors.org • www.wcmentors.org

For 50 years Windsor County Mentors has been creating and nurturing intensive community- and school-based mentoring partnerships, free of charge, to any Windsor County child between 5 and 18 who could benefit from a long-term, trusting relationship with an adult in their community.

Mentoring has been studied extensively and strong evidence shows that mentoring offers vulnerable youth opportunities to share experiences with reliable adults to widen their vision of themselves, helping them to become confident, contributing members of their community and increasing their social and mental wellbeing. It has been shown that youth with mentors have:

- Increased high school graduation rates, including higher college enrollment rates
- Enhanced self-esteem
- Enhanced self-confidence
- Improved behavior, both at home and at school
- Stronger relationships with parents, teachers, and peers
- Decreased likelihood of initiating drug and alcohol use

In the past year, WCM served and supported school- and community-based mentorships with children from towns throughout Windsor County. Collectively, our mentors volunteered thousands of hours to their communities.

Our surveys demonstrate the positive effects of mentoring on local families, with a clean sweep this year:

100% of Mentors would recommend mentoring to a family member, friend, or colleague.

- 100% of Mentee parents said their child is hopeful about his/her future.
- 100% of Mentees reported that having a mentor has made a difference in his/her life.

WCM employs regional outreach coordinators around Windsor County, assuring that we are able to grant each town the attention it deserves. Financial support from Windsor County towns helps ensure the well-being of children and their families.

For more information on our mentorships, find us on Facebook, visit our website www.wcmentors.org, or contact us at ProgramsWC@outlook.com 802-674-5101. WCM thanks the voters of Barnard for their support for the children of Windsor County.

Matthew Garcia; Executive Director

WHITE RIVER SOLID WASTE ALLIANCE

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023

The Town of Royalton owns a 22-acre parcel of land on Waterman Road in Royalton which provides facilities for aggregation and shipment of municipal solid waste, recyclables, and a variety of Household Hazardous Waste Materials. The site also contains the now closed landfill which served area towns from 1970 to 1993. By contractual arrangement, other member towns also utilize the Waste Management Program: Barnard, Bethel, Granville, Hancock, Rochester, and Stockbridge.

In May 2016, the VT Department of Environmental Conservation approved the program's new "Solid Waste Implementation Plan" (SWIP) for the purpose of managing solid waste and recyclables in accordance with objectives of current local/state/national priorities. The new SWIP which began July 1st, 2020, will run Through June 2025.

Our facility operates under a license (or certification) which is renewed every 10 years. An application to renew was submitted to the Vermont Solid Waste Management Division in February 2014, and approval was issued May 7th, 2014. The certification is valid until March 31, 2024.

From July 1st, 2022, through June 30th, 2023, a total of 2,721.28 tons of solid waste and 321.02 tons of recycling were collected. The solid waste was collected at the Transfer Station "Tipping Floor". This material was loaded into trailers for shipment to an in-state lined landfill. Recycling was directed to various facilities for processing. Various special wastes are regularly collected in addition to the usual recyclables. These include paint, fluorescent bulbs, used motor oil, antifreeze, lead acid batteries and electronic waste. All fees vary depending on the material involved and the current expenses to the program for handling the materials. From February 2022 through December 2022, the Tipping Floor was closed for repair, so all solid waste was being shipped out in open top 30-yard containers. The Tipping Floor opened back up in January 2023 and the Transfer Station is back to full capacity.

Collection events for Household Hazardous Waste were held in April 2023 at the Royalton Transfer Station and in September 2023 at the Rochester Town Hall parking lot. A total of 198 families participated in the two events. These events provided a means for citizens of the member towns to safely dispose of materials, particularly those not normally taken at the facility such as pesticides, various cleaning compounds, acids, bases, contaminated fluids, etc. The events are open to all member towns at no cost for up to 10 pounds or 10 gallons of materials. Small Quantities of materials generated by businesses are also acceptable at collection events, but a fee corresponding to program costs is assessed on business participants and an appointment must be made in advance. There will be 2 events in 2024. One at the Royalton Transfer Station in April and one in Rochester in the Town Hall parking lot in September. This will allow access for towns not located near the Transfer Station.

Public Hours are Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 7-1 and Saturday 7-2. Facility Staff are onsite on Wednesday's (closed to the public) from 7-1 for operations and maintenance. Information may be obtained during those hours by calling 802-763-2232.

Web Address: whiteriveralliancesolidwaste.org. Submission by John Leighton, White River Alliance/Facility Manager

WHITE RIVER VALLEY AMBULANCE

Thank you, neighbors, for your continued support of White River Valley Ambulance. We are a non-profit, professional emergency medical service and ambulance transport agency serving the towns of Barnard, Bethel, Braintree, Brookfield, Granville, Hancock, Pittsfield, Randolph, Rochester and Stockbridge, an area of over 500 square miles with numerous hiking and biking trails. We are designated as a Vermont Critical Care Paramedic service, the highest licensed skill level that the state recognizes. With our 14 full-time staff and several part-time staff we maintain two ALS level staffed ambulances 24/7, 365 days a year. From January 1, 2023, through November 15th, 2024, White River Valley Ambulance responded to 1,411 emergency calls and transfers.

Training in emergency medical response is also an important part of our mission. We are a regional American Heart Association Training Center, providing CPR and First Aid courses to community members across central Vermont. WRVA is proud to be celebrating 50 years of service in 2024, this would not be possible without support from our community partners like yourself.

Funding for WRVA comes from billed insurance and budget allocations from the towns we serve. Every town pays the same amount per capita. In 2024, the per capita amount will increase from \$72.00 to \$79.00 (increase of 9.72%). Town contributions pay for about 54% of the cost of ambulance activities. I, and the Board of Directors have tried to keep the cost increase to a minimum, however with inflation and an overall pay scale change across the profession; an increase in per capita is needed.

Looking back on 2023 and ahead to 2024, we are ever grateful for the numerous first responders and fire departments with whom we work with and who volunteer their time to help a neighbor in need. Your dedication and commitment to serve makes a difference in the lives of those who call for help. For that, we can never thank you enough. **3190 Pleasant St., Bethel, VT 05032**
802-234-6800 www.wrva.org

Matthew Parrish, Executive Director

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	WRVA - 2024 BUDGET					
2	DRAFT 1.0					
3	WHITE RIVER VALLEY AMBULANCE: 2024 FUNDING REQUEST					
4		2023 BUDGET	2023 EST. ACTUAL	2024 BUDGET	% CHANGE FROM 2023 BUDGET TO 2024 BUDGET	COMMENTS
5	Total Runs	1,600	1,600	1,600	0.0%	
6	Billable Runs	1,200	1,200	1,200	0.0%	No apparent basis to expect volume change
7						
8	NET REVENUE (net of town contributions)	\$818,458	\$818,548	\$804,895	-1.7%	This decrease in revenue is due to, Ins companies not paying full cost of care, (57%) along with a decrease in transfer request from Gifford due to other services adding transfers to their services to help offset there budgets.
9						
10	Wages & Salaries	\$1,159,745	\$1,167,426	\$1,160,670	0.1%	Pay scale based on level of service and years at that level.
11	Benefits	\$236,601	\$208,873	\$183,747	-22.3%	Continued with VT BVBS for 2024. There is a 12.76% increase for 2024 with BCBS. The number of subscribers used was for the budget was 9, in 2023 the number of subscribers used was 13. This is why the figure is lower with the increase this year.
12	W/C and Payroll Taxes	\$146,624	\$154,473	\$150,907	2.9%	Largely a function of the increased payroll cost.
13	Administrative Expense	\$166,065	\$154,468	\$176,102	6.0%	Increase from Property & Liability ins, IT security increase, and other increases from inflation.

	A	B	C	D	E	F
14	Depreciation	\$97,988	\$197,776	\$93,141	-4.9%	Depreciation for several expensive items was completed in 2022. No new depreciable equipment was placed in service in 2023.
15	Other Expense	\$197,312	\$179,565	\$158,362	-19.7%	The costs of of diesel and heating fuel have risen though some other expenses moderated.
16	Non-income statement and non-cash items	-\$238,362	-\$427,397	-\$195,365	-18.0%	This figure is lower in budget year 2023 due to the WRVA board voted to use funds from the reserves to help offset the per capita increase from payroll adjustment. WRVA used \$112,800 in 22/23 budget. We have also not added and funds to the equipment/ambulance fund for 3 budgets.
17	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$1,765,973	\$1,542,113	\$1,832,987	3.8%	
18						
19	CASH DEFICIT	-\$947,515	-\$947,514	-\$1,028,092	8.5%	Difference between revenue received from insurers, Medicare, etc. and the cost to operate WRVA.
20	TO BE BILLED TO TOWNS	\$903,960	\$903,960	\$991,845		
21	REMAINING DEFICIT	-\$43,555	-\$43,554	-\$36,247		WRVA will plan to absorb the remaining deficit in order to hold the per capita increase to \$7.00.
22						
23	Total Service Population	12,555.00	12,555.00	12,555.00	0.0%	2020 census
24	PER CAPITA REQUEST TO FUND DEFICIT	\$72.00	\$72.00	\$79.00	9.7%	A \$7.00 increase in the per capita request from 2023 to 2024

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

While we continue to feel the impact of the Covid years, we strive to return to the rituals, routines, and rhythms of previous years. Our students and their families require a level of care and compassion that previously was not needed, but now our teachers, Social Emotional Coaches, staff, administrators, and district leaders work hard to listen to their needs and address their concerns. This culture of empathy and belonging is pervasive in our school communities.

Five years ago a District Strategic Plan was crafted by parents, community members, Board representatives, students, teachers, and administrators. This year we have begun the process of creating our next five year MVSU Strategic Plan. The current Design Team, that includes all of these stakeholders, reviewed the current Portrait of a Graduate and provided feedback to make the wording more accessible and inclusive of current work and policies. The Design Team has also provided school leaders with guidance on Priority Areas and Goals. By February 2024, a draft will be presented to the Board of the Priority Areas, Goals, and Strategies for the next five years with a finalized document to share in May.

Professional growth has always been a priority for the District. Educators in the Elementary, Middle and High Schools are continuing to develop the skills necessary to meet the Literacy and Math goals for proficiency. The Unified Arts Team is looking to create integrated learning experiences that link their coursework with those of content area teachers. A group of secondary teachers created rubrics and scaffolding to embed greater creativity in assessments. Principals and Directors have attended national conferences as participants and presenters.

On World Teachers Day, each teacher and staff member who has served 10, 20, or 30 years in this district received a marble or brass apple. Inscribed on the apple was a recognition of their years of work, and in the case of 20-plus year employees, the award also included their name and years of service. We have six team members who have been with us for more than 30 years. They are Jamie Gidney (BA), Jenny Hewitt (BA), Sharon Groblicki (BA), Lisa Kaija (RES), Tim Brennan (WUHS) and William Chamberlain (WUHS/MS). It was great to celebrate with the students these amazing teachers and staff members, and to finally formally recognize their contributions.

WUHSMS PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

I am privileged to present a glimpse of the achievements of the students, faculty, and staff at Woodstock Union High School and Middle School. During the 2022-23 academic year, we endeavored to provide personalized, authentic, and student-driven learning experiences for 450 students in grades 7-12. Our student body comes from the seven communities within our district—Barnard, Bridgewater, Killington, Plymouth, Pomfret, Reading, and Woodstock—and fourteen other communities across the region. We were proud to receive recognition for our college preparation program. Our school received AP Honor Roll Silver from the College Board (one of only two Vermont schools to earn this recognition), acknowledging commitment to equitable access to advanced coursework. The Advanced Placement program includes sixteen classes across seven subject areas. GreatSchools.org honored the high school with a College Success Award for dedication to guiding students through successful college enrollment and transition.

The New England Association of Schools and Colleges Commission on Public Schools completed a comprehensive review of our program, including a multi-day visit as part of the decennial accreditation process. The Commission commended many aspects of our school, including "the variety of learning opportunities that are personalized, authentic, and student-driven," "the professional culture that demonstrates a commitment to continuous improvement," and "the safe, positive, respectful, and inclusive culture in the school." In addition to engaging in the accreditation process, teachers worked collaboratively to map the curriculum by subject area or program across grade levels while considering Portrait of a Graduate connections and reviewing curriculum with an equity lens.

We continued our commitment to flexible pathways and community collaboration through many partnerships, including with Artistree, AVA Art Gallery, the Green Mountain Club, Hall Art Foundation, Kiss the Cow Farm, League of Women Voters, Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park, NuVu Innovation School, Pentangle Arts, Thompson Senior Center, the United States Forest Service, and many, many more. These partnerships supported numerous programs, including career exploration, job shadowing, CRAFT and C3, and arts and civics education. Vermont Senate Majority Leader Alison Clarkson, Burlington Mayor Miro Weinberger '88, and elected officials from both parties from our sending towns met with social studies classes. We are grateful to the organizations and individuals who offered their time and resources to enrich our students' experiences.

More than eighty percent of our students participated in athletics and other extracurricular activities, showcasing excellence on and off the field. Several athletic teams, including a unified sports team, competed in state championships, securing four championship titles. The math and scholar's bowl teams won regional and state competitions. The Yoh Theater delivered multiple remarkable performances, enriching our school community with artistic talent. The Social Action Club organized its third Leadership Summit for Social Justice, underscoring the importance of student voice and leadership. Our international travel and exchange programs returned after a three-year pandemic-induced hiatus, with twenty students traveling to Spain and France. Seventeen seniors earned the state-endorsed Seal of Biliteracy, acknowledging global competency and the ability to communicate across cultures.

I extend my deepest gratitude to the community, and we eagerly anticipate another year of achievements at Woodstock Union High School and Middle School. Garon Smail, Principal, WUHSMS

BARNARD ACADEMY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Barnard Academy is the learning environment for 73 students currently enrolled in Prekindergarten through grade six. We have multi-grade classrooms where students access high quality instruction from experienced teachers. Our faculty, staff, students, and families value being part of a community, engaging in outdoors experiences, and academic growth.

Last spring our performing arts put on a musical “A Salute to Broadway” with outstanding acting from all grade levels Kindergarten through 6th grade. This fall the performance was “A Christmas Carol” created to highlight singing and dancing from all grade levels and holiday traditions. Our STEM classes are inventive and creative hands-on activities focused on building, programming and experimenting. Our 5th and 6th grade students have traveled regularly to The Prosper Valley School to build teamwork skills on the new challenge course. Our physical education classes include gymnastics, skateboarding, skating, and many traditional sports. We have enjoyed the experience of Walk-to-School days from the town hall. We held field trips to Boston Museum of Science, VT Institute of Natural Science, Woodstock ski/snowshoeing, local hikes, Plymouth State Park, Marsh-Billings National Park, the zoo, and Bethel Fish Hatchery. We have also held a Fire Safety Day, a Band Concert, and a Field Day.

Our teaching staff in grades K-4 engaged in over 40 hours of intensive training in best practices in literacy instruction. There is enthusiasm and commitment to the highest standards of reading and math instruction. We are supported by a quality interventionist and a Social Emotional Learning teacher to provide students a multi-tiered system of support.

We welcome family and community involvement with the school in the shared commitment to all students' success. The Barnard Educational Endeavor Society (BEES) and the Barnard Education Fund continue to support our school to go further with innovative and exceptional learning experiences. Thank you for the support!

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

In 2023, the work of the Mountain Views School District Board was focused on several key steps to enhance teaching and learning in our schools.

Continuing to leverage pandemic-era ESSR funds to overcome learning loss, the district made key investments in math and reading education this year. Following intensive professional development, our math teachers created foundational agreements to advance teaching practices, engagement, high-quality instructional resources, and learning assessments. Similar investments in student literacy based on the science of reading culminated in a new 90% reading proficiency standard for the district. With historical measures around 65%, this represents an ambitious goal, but one our educators have eagerly taken on with new methods and exciting early results.

Following a district-wide assessment, the Board also approved additional administrative and educational resources at our elementary schools to address socio-emotional behavioral concerns using restorative approaches.

With voter approval of three ballot measures last spring, the Board was able to make significant progress on improving the conditions of our school buildings. A \$1.75M project was completed to replace the roof at Killington Elementary. A \$1.2M upgrade project was required to extend the service life of the heating system at Woodstock Union High School after losing the use of 6 classrooms last winter.

As the maintenance team worked steadily to keep up the MS/HS building, district voters also approved \$1.65M for architectural services needed to complete the detailed design of the new Middle and High School Building. PC Construction was hired in October as the construction management firm for the project. Soon after, PCI Project Consulting were retained as owners' representatives to help complete project costing and value engineering. In December, their work resulted in \$16.5M in cost reductions to achieve a final construction cost of \$90M for the new building. With permitting, site work, and furnishings, voters will be asked to approve a \$99M total project cost in March of 2024. At a square foot price of \$569/square foot, this is among the most efficient school projects currently planned for construction in the state, with 5 other Vermont school buildings ranging from \$633 to \$726/square foot.

We are thankful for the commitment of fellow Board members, and of our exceptional administrators, educators, and school staff. Through all of our collective dedication to the students of our district, we have made real progress in overcoming the challenges presented by the pandemic, as well as tackling infrastructure issues long in the making. We look forward to continuing our important work together in the year to come.

Keri Bristow, Chair, Mountain Views School District Board

Ben Ford, Vice Chair, Mountain Views School District Board

WINDSOR CENTRAL UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
a.k.a. MOUNTAIN VIEWS SCHOOL DISTRICT
PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL HEARING
WARNING, NOTICE, and AGENDA FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2024

The legal voters of the Windsor Central Unified Union School District, a.k.a. Mountain Views School District, comprising the voters of the Towns of Barnard, Bridgewater, Killington, Plymouth, Pomfret, Reading, and Woodstock, are hereby **WARNED** and **NOTIFIED** that an **INFORMATIONAL HEARING** will be held at the Woodstock Union Middle and High School library, located in the Town of Woodstock, Vermont, on Thursday February 29, 2024, commencing at 6:30PM to discuss the Australian ballot articles of the 2024 Annual Unified Union District Meeting Warning. Additionally, the Public Informational Hearing will be accessible through electronic means (online meeting).

Information on how to access the remote hearing:

Topic: WCUUSD/MVSD Informational Hearing

Time: February 29, 2024 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Meeting ID: 893 0245 0476

Passcode: 525685

➤ **By computer: Join Zoom meeting at**

<https://wcsu->

[net.zoom.us/j/89302450476?pwd=ZHJoY2QvTDhHZ3g0dTQxckNLdjY2UT09](https://wcsu-net.zoom.us/j/89302450476?pwd=ZHJoY2QvTDhHZ3g0dTQxckNLdjY2UT09)

You may have to create a free account or sign into your existing account. Select the option to join meeting and enter the meeting ID if prompted: **893 0245 0476** and passcode: **525685** if prompted.

➤ **By smartphone, tablet, or other device:** Download and open the Zoom app. You may have to create a free account or sign into your existing account. Select the option to join meeting and enter the meeting ID: **893 0245 0476** and passcode: **525685** if prompted.

➤ **By telephone:** Dial: **+1 929 205 6099 US (New York) or +1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)**

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AGENDA FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2024

- 6:30PM: Call to Order
- 6:35PM: Additions or deletions to the agenda
 - Public comment
- 6:40PM: To hear the reports of the School District Board of Directors
 - Public comment
- 6:45PM Review and Discuss: **Article 4:** To fix the salary for District Treasurer in the amount of \$7,500.00 for 2024-2025.
 - Public comment

- 6:50PM: Review and discuss **Article 6:** Shall the voters of the Windsor Central Unified Union School District, a.k.a. Mountain Views School District, approve the school board to expend Thirty Million Four Hundred Twenty-Nine Thousand One Hundred Fifty-Three and 00/100 Dollars (\$30,429,153.00), which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$17,043 per Long Term Weighted (LTW) equalized pupil.
- Public comment
- 7:10PM: Review and discuss **Article 7:** Shall general obligation notes or bonds of the Windsor Central Unified Union School District, a.k.a. Mountain Views School District in a principal amount not to exceed Ninety-Nine Million and 00/100 Dollars (\$99,000,000.00) be issued to finance construction of a new Union Middle/High School on the site of the existing Woodstock Union High School and Middle School in Woodstock, Vermont, to construct or install athletic fields and related outbuildings and structures, and to demolish, remove and dispose of Woodstock Union High School and Middle School?

State funds may not be available at the time this project is otherwise eligible to receive State school construction aid. The District is responsible for all costs incurred in connection with any borrowing by the District for the Project in anticipation of State school construction aid.

The Vermont school construction aid program has been suspended since 2007. Accordingly, State funds may not be available at the time this project is otherwise eligible to receive State school construction aid. The district is responsible for all costs incurred in connection with any borrowing done in anticipation of State school construction aid. To meet this responsibility while limiting impacts to district taxpayers, the district intends to use other State funding such as available tax capacity resulting from the implementation of new pupil weights under Act 127 of 2022 and amounts raised through private fundraising.

- Public comment
- 7:30PM: Discussion of other non-binding business (if applicable)
- 7:35PM: Entertain motion to adjourn hearing.

**WARNING FOR
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
WINDSOR CENTRAL UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
a.k.a. MOUNTAIN VIEWS SCHOOL DISTRICT
MARCH 5, 2024**

The legal voters of the Windsor Central Unified Union School District, a.k.a. Mountain Views School District, comprising the voters of the Towns of Barnard, Bridgewater, Killington, Plymouth, Pomfret, Reading, and Woodstock, are hereby **WARNED** and **NOTIFIED** to **VOTE**, in accordance with H.42 of the 2023 Legislative Session and signed by the Governor on January, 25, 2023, by **AUSTRALIAN BALLOT** either via mail as provided by their respective Town Clerk or at their respective Town polling places hereinafter named for the above-referenced towns on **Tuesday, March 5, 2024**, during the polling hours noted below.

The voters residing in each member district will cast their ballots in the polling places designated for their town as follows:

Barnard Town Hall located at 115 North Road, Barnard, VT 10:00AM- 7:00PM
Bridgewater Town Clerk's Office located at 45 Southgate Loop, Bridgewater, VT 8:00AM-7:00PM
Killington Town Hall located at 2706 River Road, Killington, VT 7:00AM-7:00PM
Plymouth Municipal Building located at 68 Town Office Road, Plymouth, VT 10:00AM-7:00PM
Pomfret Town Office located at 5218 Pomfret Road, North Pomfret, VT 8:00AM-7:00PM
Reading Town Hall located at 799 VT-106, Reading, VT 7:00AM-7:00PM
Woodstock Town Hall located at 31 the Green, Woodstock VT 7:00AM- 7:00PM

ARTICLES TO BE VOTED ON BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT- MARCH 5, 2024

ARTICLE 1: To elect a Moderator who shall assume office upon election and shall serve for a term of one year or until their successor is elected and qualified.

ARTICLE 2: To elect a Clerk who shall enter upon their duties on July 1 following their election and shall serve a term of one year or until their successor is elected and qualified.

ARTICLE 3: To elect a Treasurer who shall enter upon their duties on July 1 following their election and shall serve a term of one year or until their successor is elected and qualified.

ARTICLE 4: To fix the salary for District Treasurer in the amount of \$7,500.00 for 2024-2025.

ARTICLE 5: The legal voters of the specified towns designated within this itemized Article shall elect only their director(s) as follows:

- Barnard: one school director to assume office upon election and serve a term of three years or until their successor is elected and qualified
- Bridgewater: one school director to assume office upon election and serve a term of three years or until their successor is elected and qualified
- Killington: one school director to assume office upon election and serve a term of three years or until their successor is elected and qualified
- Pomfret: one school director to assume office upon election and serve a term of three years or until their successor is elected and qualified

- Woodstock: two school directors to assume office upon election and serve a term of three years or until their successor is elected and qualified

ARTICLE 6: Shall the voters of the Windsor Central Unified Union School District, a.k.a. Mountain Views School District, approve the school board to expend Thirty Million Four Hundred Twenty-Nine Thousand One Hundred Fifty-Three and 00/100 Dollars (\$30,429,153.00), which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$17,043 per Long Term Weighted (LTW) equalized pupil.

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Upon closing of the polls, pursuant to 16 V.S.A. §741(b)(2), the ballots will be counted by representatives of the Boards of Civil Authority of the Towns of Barnard, Bridgewater, Killington, Plymouth, Pomfret, Reading, and Woodstock.

The legal voters of the Windsor Central Unified Union School District are further notified that voter qualification and registration relative to said meeting shall be as provided in Section 706(u) of Title 16, and Chapters 43, 51 and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

Windsor Central Unified Union School District
(a.k.a. Mountain Views School District)
<https://mtnviews.org>

FY25 BUDGET:

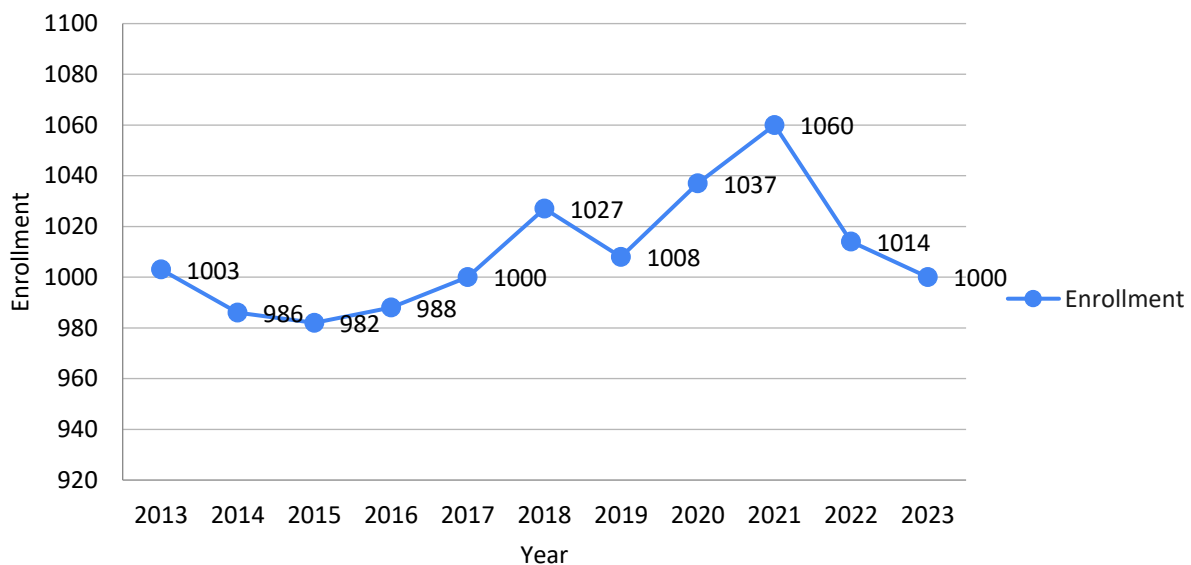
Budget financial details will be posted on our website as documents become available. Visit: MVSU website > About > Budget

AUDIT STATEMENT:

The financial records are being audited by RHR Smith & Company for the year ending June 30, 2023. Copies of the completed audit, when available, may be requested by calling the Director of Finance & Operations at 802-457-1213, ext. 1089, or visit: MVSU website > About > District Finances

Windsor Central Supervisory Union									
Enrollment Report as of October 31, 2023									
Elementary School Enrollment	On-Site PreK	K	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6	Total PreK-6
Barnard Academy	11	10	8	4	8	15	5	10	71
Killington Elementary School	22	13	10	15	8	20	13	11	112
Reading Elementary School	8	4	7	4	5	6			34
The Prosper Valley School							34	42	76
Woodstock Elementary School	43	54	24	38	48	46			253
TOTAL ELEMENTARY	84	81	49	61	69	87	52	63	546
Secondary School Enrollment - WUHSMS									
Grade 7	65	MS TOTAL 130		WCUUSD resident students = 905 Tuition students from sending towns = 89 Act 129 VT High School Choice = 6					
Grade 8	65								
Grade 9	84	HS TOTAL 324							
Grade 10	80								
Grade 11	75								
Grade 12	85								
TOTAL SECONDARY	454	TOTAL ENROLLMENT 1000							

WCSU Enrollment: 10 year comparison PreK -12th grade



OFFICIAL RESULTS OF AUSTRALIAN BALLOT
March 7, 2023

ARTICLE 1: Moderator- Matthew Maxham (Woodstock)

ARTICLE 2: Budget

BARNARD (attested)	Votes in Favor/Yes	<u>64</u>
	Votes Opposed/No	<u>17</u>
	Blank Votes	<u>2</u>
	Spoiled	<u>0</u>
	Total Votes Cast	<u>83</u>
BRIDGEWATER (attested)	Votes in Favor/Yes	<u>53</u>
	Votes Opposed/No	<u>62</u>
	Blank Votes	<u>1</u>
	Spoiled Votes	<u>0</u>
	Total Votes Cast	<u>116</u>
KILLINGTON (attested)	Votes in Favor/Yes	<u>294</u>
	Votes Opposed/No	<u>136</u>
	Blank Votes	<u>27</u>
	Spoiled Votes	<u>0</u>
	Total Votes Cast	<u>457</u>
PLYMOUTH (attested)	Votes in Favor/Yes	<u>56</u>
	Votes Opposed/No	<u>39</u>
	Blank Votes	<u>2</u>
	Spoiled Votes	<u>1</u>
	Total Votes Cast	<u>98</u>
POMFRET (attested)	Votes in Favor/Yes	<u>106</u>
	Votes Opposed/No	<u>33</u>
	Blank Votes	<u>3</u>
	Spoiled Votes	<u>0</u>
	Total Votes Cast	<u>142</u>
READING (attested)	Votes in Favor/Yes	<u>97</u>
	Votes Opposed/No	<u>39</u>
	Blank Votes	<u>4</u>
	Spoiled Votes	<u>0</u>
	Total Votes Cast	<u>140</u>
WOODSTOCK (attested)	Votes in Favor/Yes	<u>290</u>
	Votes Opposed/No	<u>133</u>
	Blank Votes	<u>59</u>
	Spoiled Votes	<u>0</u>
	Total Votes Cast	<u>482</u>

DISTRICT TOTALS
(attested)

Votes in Favor/Yes	<u>960</u>
Votes Opposed/No	<u>459</u>
Blank Votes	<u>98</u>
Spoiled Votes	<u>1</u>
Total Votes Cast	<u>1518</u>

ARTICLE 3: Clerk- Rayna Bishop (Reading)

ARTICLE 4: Treasurer- Calista Brennan (Reading)

ARTICLE 5: School Board Directors-

Barnard (remaining 2 years): Carin Ewing Park
Bridgewater (remaining 2 years): Lara Bowers
Bridgewater (remaining 1 year): Ryan Townsend
Killington (3 years): Anne Karl
Killington (remaining 1 year): Katie Reed
Plymouth (3 years): Josh Linton
Pomfret (3 years): Lydia Locke
Reading (3 years): Anna Sessa
Woodstock (3 years): Sam DiNatale
Woodstock (3 years): John Williams

ARTICLE 6: Treasurer's Salary

BARNARD
(attested)

Votes in Favor/Yes	<u>68</u>
Votes Opposed/No	<u>8</u>
Blank Votes	<u>7</u>
Spoiled	<u>0</u>
Total Votes Cast	<u>83</u>

BRIDGEWATER
(attested)

Votes in Favor/Yes	<u>82</u>
Votes Opposed/No	<u>25</u>
Blank Votes	<u>9</u>
Spoiled Votes	<u>0</u>
Total Votes Cast	<u>116</u>

KILLINGTON
(attested)

Votes in Favor/Yes	<u>344</u>
Votes Opposed/No	<u>74</u>
Blank Votes	<u>39</u>
Spoiled Votes	<u>0</u>
Total Votes Cast	<u>457</u>

PLYMOUTH
(attested)

Votes in Favor/Yes	<u>71</u>
Votes Opposed/No	<u>16</u>
Blank Votes	<u>11</u>
Spoiled Votes	<u>0</u>
Total Votes Cast	<u>98</u>

POMFRET
(attested)

Votes in Favor/Yes	<u>127</u>
Votes Opposed/No	<u>8</u>
Blank Votes	<u>7</u>
Spoiled Votes	<u>0</u>
Total Votes Cast	<u>142</u>

READING	Votes in Favor/Yes	<u>116</u>
(attested)	Votes Opposed/No	<u>15</u>
	Blank Votes	<u>9</u>
	Spoiled Votes	<u>0</u>
	Total Votes Cast	<u>140</u>

WOODSTOCK	Votes in Favor/Yes	<u>382</u>
(attested)	Votes Opposed/No	<u>62</u>
	Blank Votes	<u>38</u>
	Spoiled Votes	<u>0</u>
	Total Votes Cast	<u>482</u>

DISTRICT TOTALS	Votes in Favor/Yes	<u>1190</u>
(attested)	Votes Opposed/No	<u>208</u>
	Blank Votes	<u>120</u>
	Spoiled Votes	<u>0</u>
	Total Votes Cast	<u>1518</u>

ARTICLE 7: Design Financing HS/MS

BARNARD	Votes in Favor/Yes	<u>58</u>
(attested)	Votes Opposed/No	<u>22</u>
	Blank Votes	<u>3</u>
	Spoiled	<u>0</u>
	Total Votes Cast	<u>83</u>

BRIDGEWATER	Votes in Favor/Yes	<u>49</u>
(attested)	Votes Opposed/No	<u>62</u>
	Blank Votes	<u>5</u>
	Spoiled Votes	<u>0</u>
	Total Votes Cast	<u>116</u>

KILLINGTON	Votes in Favor/Yes	<u>244</u>
(attested)	Votes Opposed/No	<u>186</u>
	Blank Votes	<u>27</u>
	Spoiled Votes	<u>0</u>
	Total Votes Cast	<u>457</u>

PLYMOUTH	Votes in Favor/Yes	<u>47</u>
(attested)	Votes Opposed/No	<u>44</u>
	Blank Votes	<u>7</u>
	Spoiled Votes	<u>0</u>
	Total Votes Cast	<u>98</u>

POMFRET	Votes in Favor/Yes	<u>100</u>
(attested)	Votes Opposed/No	<u>42</u>
	Blank Votes	<u>0</u>
	Spoiled Votes	<u>0</u>
	Total Votes Cast	<u>142</u>

READING	Votes in Favor/Yes	<u>86</u>
(attested)	Votes Opposed/No	<u>49</u>
	Blank Votes	<u>5</u>
	Spoiled Votes	<u>0</u>
	Total Votes Cast	<u>140</u>

WOODSTOCK	Votes in Favor/Yes	<u>273</u>
(attested)	Votes Opposed/No	<u>198</u>
	Blank Votes	<u>11</u>
	Spoiled Votes	<u>0</u>
	Total Votes Cast	<u>482</u>

DISTRICT TOTALS	Votes in Favor/Yes	<u>857</u>
(attested)	Votes Opposed/No	<u>603</u>
	Blank Votes	<u>58</u>
	Spoiled Votes	<u>0</u>
	Total Votes Cast	<u>1518</u>

ARTICLE 8: WUHSMS Heating System

BARNARD	Votes in Favor/Yes	<u>67</u>
(attested)	Votes Opposed/No	<u>13</u>
	Blank Votes	<u>3</u>
	Spoiled	<u>0</u>
	Total Votes Cast	<u>83</u>

BRIDGEWATER	Votes in Favor/Yes	<u>67</u>
(attested)	Votes Opposed/No	<u>45</u>
	Blank Votes	<u>4</u>
	Spoiled Votes	<u>0</u>
	Total Votes Cast	<u>116</u>

KILLINGTON	Votes in Favor/Yes	<u>317</u>
(attested)	Votes Opposed/No	<u>115</u>
	Blank Votes	<u>25</u>
	Spoiled Votes	<u>0</u>
	Total Votes Cast	<u>457</u>

PLYMOUTH	Votes in Favor/Yes	<u>54</u>
(attested)	Votes Opposed/No	<u>38</u>
	Blank Votes	<u>6</u>
	Spoiled Votes	<u>0</u>
	Total Votes Cast	<u>98</u>

POMFRET	Votes in Favor/Yes	<u>107</u>
(attested)	Votes Opposed/No	<u>32</u>
	Blank Votes	<u>3</u>
	Spoiled Votes	<u>0</u>
	Total Votes Cast	<u>142</u>

READING (attested)	Votes in Favor/Yes	<u>88</u>
	Votes Opposed/No	<u>45</u>
	Blank Votes	<u>7</u>
	Spoiled Votes	<u>0</u>
	Total Votes Cast	<u>140</u>
WOODSTOCK (attested)	Votes in Favor/Yes	<u>340</u>
	Votes Opposed/No	<u>133</u>
	Blank Votes	<u>9</u>
	Spoiled Votes	<u>0</u>
	Total Votes Cast	<u>482</u>
DISTRICT TOTALS (attested)	Votes in Favor/Yes	<u>1040</u>
	Votes Opposed/No	<u>421</u>
	Blank Votes	<u>57</u>
	Spoiled Votes	<u>0</u>
	Total Votes Cast	<u>1518</u>

ARTICLE 9: KES Roof/Energy Conservation Project

BARNARD (attested)	Votes in Favor/Yes	<u>63</u>
	Votes Opposed/No	<u>16</u>
	Blank Votes	<u>4</u>
	Spoiled	<u>0</u>
	Total Votes Cast	<u>83</u>
BRIDGEWATER (attested)	Votes in Favor/Yes	<u>57</u>
	Votes Opposed/No	<u>52</u>
	Blank Votes	<u>7</u>
	Spoiled Votes	<u>0</u>
	Total Votes Cast	<u>116</u>
KILLINGTON (attested)	Votes in Favor/Yes	<u>363</u>
	Votes Opposed/No	<u>76</u>
	Blank Votes	<u>18</u>
	Spoiled Votes	<u>0</u>
	Total Votes Cast	<u>457</u>
PLYMOUTH (attested)	Votes in Favor/Yes	<u>59</u>
	Votes Opposed/No	<u>32</u>
	Blank Votes	<u>6</u>
	Spoiled Votes	<u>1</u>
	Total Votes Cast	<u>98</u>
POMFRET (attested)	Votes in Favor/Yes	<u>102</u>
	Votes Opposed/No	<u>33</u>
	Blank Votes	<u>7</u>
	Spoiled Votes	<u>0</u>
	Total Votes Cast	<u>142</u>

READING
(attested)

Votes in Favor/Yes	<u>80</u>
Votes Opposed/No	<u>52</u>
Blank Votes	<u>8</u>
Spoiled Votes	<u>0</u>
Total Votes Cast	<u>140</u>

WOODSTOCK
(attested)

Votes in Favor/Yes	<u>292</u>
Votes Opposed/No	<u>177</u>
Blank Votes	<u>13</u>
Spoiled Votes	<u>0</u>
Total Votes Cast	<u>482</u>

DISTRICT TOTALS
(attested)

Votes in Favor/Yes	<u>1016</u>
Votes Opposed/No	<u>438</u>
Blank Votes	<u>63</u>
Spoiled Votes	<u>1</u>
Total Votes Cast	<u>1518</u>

WCUUSD voting totals compiled from attested submissions by district Town Clerks.

DATE: March 8, 2023

ATTEST: Rayna J. Bishop
Signature, WCUUSD Clerk

WCSU & WCUUSD Proposed Budget

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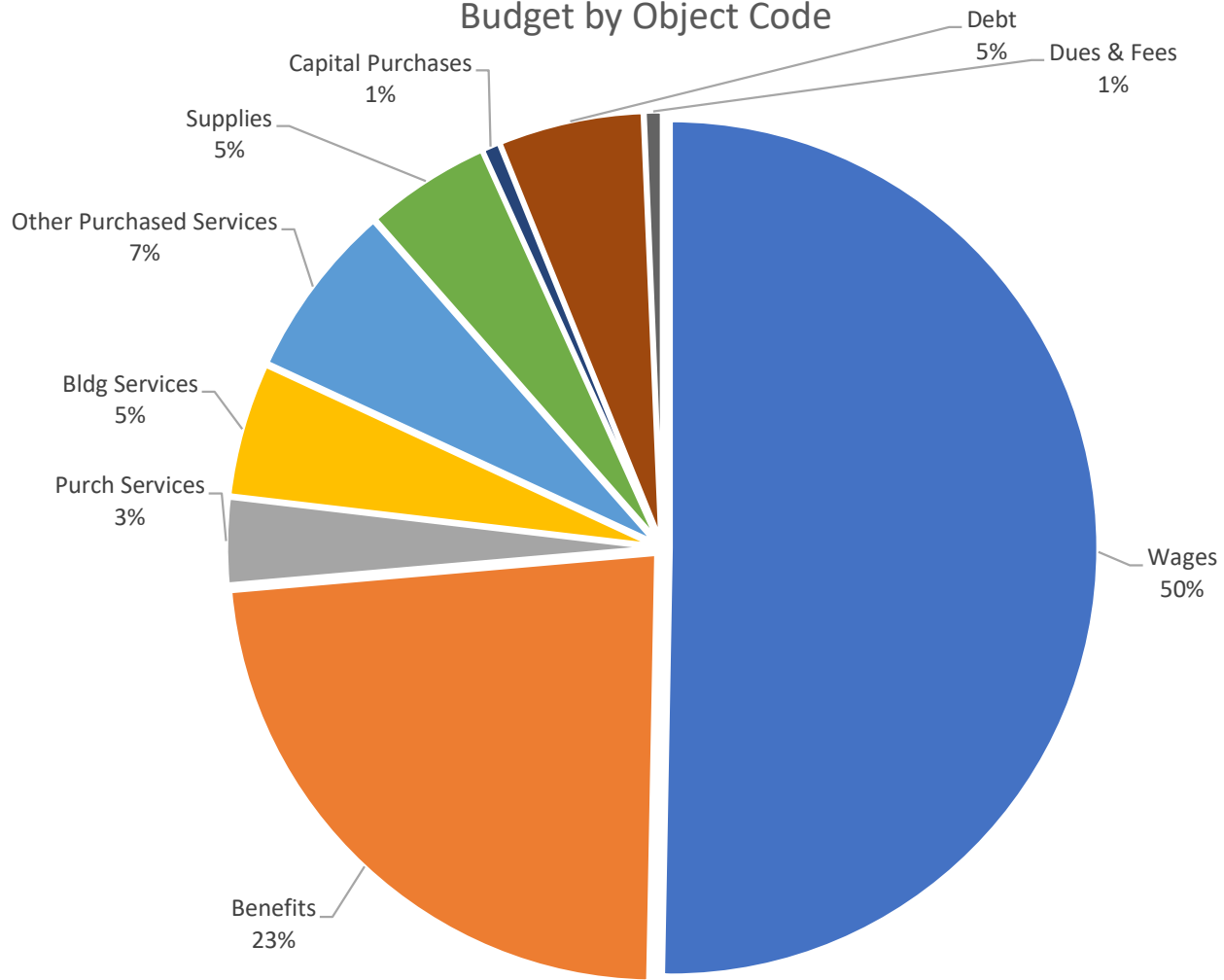
Function Code Summary

	FY24 WCUUSD Adopted Budget	FY24 WCSU Adopted Budget	FY24 Adopted Budget	FY25 MVSD Adopted Budget	FY25 MVSU Adopted Budget	FY25 Proposed Budget	Change Increase/ (Decrease)	% Change
1100 Regular Instruction Program	\$9,823,363.09	\$0.00	\$9,823,363.09	\$11,515,988.00	\$0.00	\$11,515,988.00	\$1,692,624.91	17.231%
1200 Special Education	\$0.00	\$3,037,437.00	\$3,037,437.00	\$0.00	\$3,635,378.00	\$3,635,378.00	\$597,941.00	19.686%
1300 Vocational Tuition Local	\$290,000.00	\$0.00	\$290,000.00	\$285,000.00	\$0.00	\$285,000.00	(\$5,000.00)	-1.724%
1400/1500 Co-Curricular Programs	\$508,718.00	\$0.00	\$508,718.00	\$550,383.00	\$0.00	\$550,383.00	\$41,665.00	8.190%
2100 Student Support Services	\$0.00	\$18,879.00	\$18,879.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$18,879.00)	-100.000%
2120 Guidance Services	\$960,474.00	\$0.00	\$960,474.00	\$1,201,597.00	\$0.00	\$1,201,597.00	\$241,123.00	25.105%
2130 School Nurse Services	\$440,433.00	\$0.00	\$440,433.00	\$502,299.00	\$0.00	\$502,299.00	\$61,866.00	14.047%
2140 Psychological Services	\$0.00	\$184,955.00	\$184,955.00	\$0.00	\$218,447.00	\$218,447.00	\$33,492.00	18.108%
2150 Speech and Other Therapy Services	\$0.00	\$307,160.00	\$307,160.00	\$0.00	\$374,971.00	\$374,971.00	\$67,811.00	22.077%
2160 Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy and Visions Services	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#DIV/0!
2190 Other Student Services	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,500.00	\$20,232.00	\$24,732.00	\$20,732.00	518.300%
2212 Curriculum Development	\$276,725.00	\$161,395.00	\$438,120.00	\$0.00	\$173,586.00	\$173,586.00	(\$264,534.00)	-60.379%
2213 School Leadership	\$0.00	\$27,383.00	\$27,383.00	\$617,074.00	\$22,000.00	\$639,074.00	\$611,691.00	2233.835%
2215 Teaching & Learning	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#DIV/0!
2220 Library Services	\$411,806.00	\$0.00	\$411,806.00	\$248,509.00	\$0.00	\$248,509.00	(\$163,297.00)	-39.654%
2230 Technology Services	\$506,180.00	\$145,604.00	\$651,784.00	\$559,659.00	\$157,955.00	\$717,614.00	\$65,830.00	10.100%
2310 School Board	\$38,471.00	\$19,625.00	\$58,096.00	\$35,400.00	\$31,188.00	\$66,588.00	\$8,492.00	14.617%
2315 Legal Services	\$9,000.00	\$41,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$11,000.00	\$32,000.00	\$43,000.00	(\$7,000.00)	-14.000%
2317 Audit Services	\$0.00	\$45,000.00	\$45,000.00	\$0.00	\$47,500.00	\$47,500.00	\$2,500.00	5.556%
2320 Superintendent's Office	\$0.00	\$371,715.00	\$371,715.00	\$0.00	\$397,928.00	\$397,928.00	\$26,213.00	7.052%
2410 School Administration	\$1,750,070.91	\$0.00	\$1,750,070.91	\$2,092,231.00	\$0.00	\$2,092,231.00	\$342,160.09	19.551%
2420 Director of Instructional Support Services	\$0.00	\$166,270.00	\$166,270.00	\$0.00	\$320,190.00	\$320,190.00	\$153,920.00	92.572%
2495 Grant Writing	\$0.00	\$55,739.00	\$55,739.00	\$0.00	\$58,966.00	\$58,966.00	\$3,227.00	100.000%
2510 Fiscal Services	\$81,500.00	\$0.00	\$81,500.00	\$101,500.00	\$0.00	\$101,500.00	\$20,000.00	24.540%
2520 Director of Finance and Operations	\$0.00	\$475,929.00	\$475,929.00	\$0.00	\$535,461.00	\$535,461.00	\$59,532.00	12.509%
2540 Planning, Research, Development	\$9,000.00	\$0.00	\$9,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	(\$5,000.00)	-55.556%
2570 Human Resources	\$0.00	\$117,383.00	\$117,383.00	\$0.00	\$125,666.00	\$125,666.00	\$8,283.00	100.000%
2600 Building and Grounds	\$2,955,494.00	\$41,885.00	\$2,997,379.00	\$3,227,763.00	\$41,725.00	\$3,269,488.00	\$272,109.00	9.078%
2700 Transportation	\$683,352.00	\$99,500.00	\$782,852.00	\$787,391.00	\$90,365.00	\$877,756.00	\$94,904.00	12.123%
3100 Transfer to Food Services	\$1,052,248.00	\$0.00	\$1,052,248.00	\$200,000.00	\$0.00	\$200,000.00	(\$852,248.00)	-80.993%
4700 Building Improvements	\$399,000.00	\$0.00	\$399,000.00	\$700,000.00	\$0.00	\$700,000.00	\$301,000.00	75.439%
5000 Debt Services	\$1,103,449.00	\$0.00	\$1,103,449.00	\$1,501,301.00	\$0.00	\$1,501,301.00	\$397,852.00	36.055%
5500 Sub-Grants	\$0.00	\$245,000.00	\$245,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$245,000.00)	-100.000%
Total Expenses	\$21,303,284.00	\$5,561,859.00	\$ 26,865,143.00	\$ 24,145,595.00	\$6,283,558.00	\$ 30,429,153.00	\$ 3,564,010.00	13.266%

Windsor Central Unified Union School District
Projected Revenues
Fiscal Year 2025

	FY22 Budgeted	FY22 Actual	FY23 Budgeted	FY23 Actual	FY24 Budgeted	FY25 Budgeted
Local Revenue						
Tuition From Other LEA's	\$1,880,606	\$1,704,757	\$1,787,500	\$1,565,064	\$1,588,335	\$1,767,319
Tuition by Parent/Patron - Pre-School	\$12,525	\$7,783	\$16,000	\$13,427	\$12,000	\$9,000
Interest Earned	\$36,000	\$15,755	\$18,500	\$47,709	\$17,000	\$23,000
Rental Income	\$45,000	\$5,000	\$45,000	\$5,618	\$50,000	\$7,500
Miscellaneous Local Revenues	\$0	\$7,985	\$6,500	\$52,663	\$6,500	\$6,500
SU Services to Others	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$0	\$0
Prior Year Surplus Applied	\$211,624	\$0	\$350,000	\$0	\$300,000	\$0
Food Service Program	\$18,758	\$54,122	\$18,750	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Local Revenue	\$2,234,513	\$1,825,402	\$2,272,250	\$1,714,482	\$1,973,835	\$1,813,319
State and Federal Revenue						
Education Spending Grant	\$17,181,711	\$17,262,242	\$18,258,064	\$18,890,726	\$19,599,186	\$25,845,432
Small Schools Grant	\$149,627	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Transportation Reimb	\$442,798	\$217,406	\$266,978	\$266,978	\$266,978	\$266,978
State Pre-K Subsidy	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$713	\$0	\$0
Ed Fund Payment to Tech Center	\$151,202	\$176,302	\$147,557	\$148,732	\$165,000	\$148,000
Driver's Education Reimbursement	\$4,000	\$2,107	\$6,000	\$4,254	\$6,000	\$4,000
Vocational Ed Transportation	\$25,000	\$0	\$35,000	\$36,060	\$35,000	\$36,000
High School Completion Grant	\$0	\$524	\$0	\$12,190	\$0	\$0
State Food Service Program Revenues	\$8,046	\$27,955	\$9,200	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal School Lunch Program	\$398,573	\$647,320	\$401,826	\$0	\$647,320	\$0
Total State and Federal Revenue	\$18,360,957	\$18,333,856	\$19,124,625	\$19,359,653	\$20,719,484	\$26,300,410
Special Education						
Special Ed Excess Cost Revenue	\$235,748	\$218,500	\$218,500	\$155,129	\$218,500	\$155,000
Special Ed Block Grant	\$386,789	\$386,789	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Special Ed Act 173 Block Grant	\$0	\$0	\$1,617,647	\$1,617,647	\$1,803,408	\$2,007,133
SPED Reimbursement - Extraordinary	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$95,795		\$0
SPED Coord charges to Pittsfield	\$0	\$9,000	\$0	\$0	\$9,000	\$9,000
Special Ed Expenditures Reimbursement	\$1,459,071	\$1,425,933	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Special Ed State Placed Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
SPED ED Service to other LEAs	\$0	(\$208,093)	\$0	\$0	\$30,000	\$30,000
Early Essential Education Grant	\$80,816	\$71,048	\$76,067	\$76,067	\$76,067	\$114,291
Total Special Education	\$2,162,424	\$1,903,177	\$1,912,214	\$1,944,638	\$2,136,975	\$2,315,424
Total Revenues	\$22,757,894	\$22,062,435	\$23,309,089	\$23,018,773	\$24,830,294	\$30,429,153

WCUUSD FY25 Budget by Object Code



■ Wages ■ Benefits ■ Purch Services ■ Bldg Services ■ Other Purchased Services ■ Supplies ■ Capital Purchases ■ Debt ■ Dues & Fees

Final FY24 Tax Rates Calculation

	<u>Barnard</u>	<u>Bridgewater</u>	<u>Killington</u>	<u>Plymouth</u>	<u>Pomfret</u>	<u>Reading</u>	<u>Woodstock</u>
FY23 Equalized Tax Rate	\$1.5122	\$1.5122	\$1.5122	\$1.5122	\$1.5122	\$1.5122	\$1.5122
CLA	0.7637	0.8115	0.6160	0.7702	0.8215	0.8262	0.7537
Homestead Property Tax Rate	\$1.9933	\$1.8759	\$2.4713	\$1.9765	\$1.4632	\$1.8425	\$2.0198
FY23 Homestead Prop Tax Rate	\$1.7043	\$1.7456	\$2.0020	\$1.7340	\$1.5571	\$1.5205	\$1.8671
Increase(Decrease) from FY23	\$0.2890	\$0.1303	\$0.4693	\$0.2425	(\$0.0939)	\$0.3220	\$0.1527
Percentage Change from FY23	16.96%	7.46%	23.44%	13.99%	-6.03%	21.18%	8.18%

Projected FY25 Tax Rates Calculation

	<u>Barnard</u>	<u>Bridgewater</u>	<u>Killington</u>	<u>Plymouth</u>	<u>Pomfret</u>	<u>Reading</u>	<u>Woodstock</u>
FY24 Est Equalized Tax Rate	\$1.5984	\$1.5984	\$1.5984	\$1.5984	\$1.5984	\$1.5984	\$1.5984
CLA	0.6436	0.7432	0.5235	0.6225	1.0053	0.7643	0.6365
Homestead Property Tax Rate	\$2.4835	\$2.1507	\$3.0533	\$2.5677	\$1.5900	\$2.0913	\$2.5112
FY24 Homestead Prop Tax Rate	\$1.9933	\$1.8759	\$2.4713	\$1.9765	\$1.4632	\$1.8425	\$2.0198
Increase(Decrease) from FY24	\$0.4902	\$0.2748	\$0.5820	\$0.5912	\$0.1268	\$0.2488	\$0.4914
Percentage Change from FY24	24.59%	14.65%	23.55%	29.91%	8.66%	13.50%	24.33%