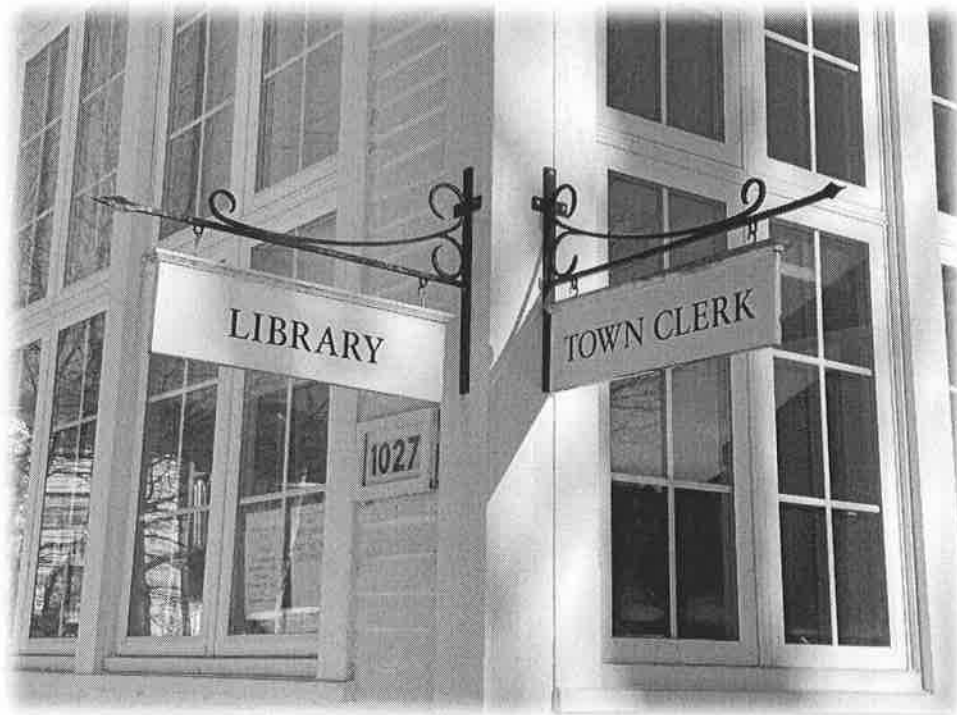


Annual Town Report
for
Hancock, Vermont



Town Report for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021

**Town Meeting to be held via Australian ballot at the Town Office
Tuesday, March 1, 2022, from 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM**

AUDITORS' STATEMENT We have examined and prepared the reports of the Town Officers for the 2020–2021 Fiscal Year as presented to us and verify them to be correct to the best of our knowledge. Many thanks to Becky Klein for her assistance with the NEMRC accounting system.

Geraldine K. Twitchell, Chair; and Rose Juliano

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An Invitation

To All Townspeople and to Any Other Interested Parties

A Note about This Year's Meeting and Voting

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, meeting in person will not be possible in March. The Selectboard has decided to hold the vote on Town Meeting Day, Tuesday, March 1, 2022, at the Town Office. This decision was made pursuant to S. 172, *An act relating to authorizing alternative procedures for 2022 annual municipal meetings in response to COVID-19*, signed by Governor Scott on January 14th, 2022.

An informational meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 22, 2022, at 7 PM by Zoom as required in S. 172. The informational meeting warning will be posted at least 10 days prior. **Information about accessing the meeting will be available on the town's website or by calling the Town Clerk.** You may either call in by telephone or join through your computer, telephone, or tablet.

Voting will be conducted by Australian ballot for all articles as allowed by S. 172. Voters may cast their ballot in person at the Town Office between 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM or by requesting an absentee ballot through the State's My Voter Page at <https://mvp.vermont.gov> or from the Town Clerk.

This change in voting is for 2022 only. We will return to meeting in person and voting from the floor and by paper ballot as soon as conditions are safe to do so.

Budget and Appropriations

PLEASE NOTE that the Appropriation requests in Article 4 are NOT included in the final budget amount in Article 9.

Town of Hancock

Informational Sheet

Town Office Hours

1-4 PM Monday; 9-2 Tuesday; 9-12 PM Thursday

(other times by appointment)

Selectboard Meetings

6 PM 1st and 3rd Tuesday at the Town Office

Contact Information

Town Clerk & Town Treasurer 767-3660

Email: townclerk@hancockvt.org

Recycling

Company: ABLE Waste Management, 802-672-3569

Location of Dropoff: Rochester Town Office

Time/Date of Dropoff: Every Saturday 8 AM-11AM

Town Website

www.hancockvt.org

Please visit our Town Website to keep up to date with agendas, meeting minutes, contact information, and forms.

ORDINANCE FOR THE CONTROL OF DOGS

Pursuant to Article 24 V.S.A. §2291 (10) and 24 V.S.A. § 1974 (a), the Selectmen of the Town of Hancock hereby adopt the following ordinance relating to the regulation of keeping of dogs and providing for their leashing or restraint within the Town of Hancock.

1. DEFINITIONS: A dog "running at large" shall mean a dog which is not (a) on a leash, or (b) on or within a vehicle, or (c) on the property of its owners or his agent, or (d) clearly under the verbal command of its owner or his agent, or (e) hunting with its owner or his agent.
2. A person shall not allow a dog to run at-large within the limits of the Town of Hancock.
3. A person shall not permit any female dog "in heat" to be outside a building or outside a fenced enclosure.
4. A person shall not permit a dog to bark excessively, or to otherwise become a public nuisance, or to create a disturbance.
5. The Hancock Town Animal Control Officer shall be the chief enforcement officer of this Ordinance.
6. The Animal Control Officer and any law enforcement officer may use all reasonable methods for catching and impounding a dog in violation of this Ordinance, including the use of tranquilizing and marking apparatus.
7. The Animal Control Officer or any law enforcement officer may impound a dog found in violation of this Ordinance at the pound, and upon complaint, shall impound any dog found in violation of this Ordinance.
8. The procedure for claiming or releasing a dog from the pound shall be as follows:
 - A. Upon delivery to the pound, the pound attendant shall notify the dog's owner, if the dog is licensed. The dog shall be held for three (3) days after the owner is notified, unless claimed earlier.
 - B. If the dog is unlicensed, the pound attendant shall notify the radio station of the dog's description, and the dog shall be held for three (3) days after the first broadcasting of the dog's description, unless claimed earlier.
 - C. If the owner does not claim the dog within the three (3) day period, the dog shall be given to whoever pays the pound fees, rabies shots, and any other necessary fees.
 - D. If no person claims the dog, the dog may be humanely destroyed, and the Town shall pay all necessary fees.
 - E. No dog shall be released from the pound until it is properly licensed, and all pound and other charges are paid.
9. A person claiming the dog from the pound shall pay a reasonable fee for the dog's board, all fees for licensing, and all other necessary charges and expenses incurred by the pound. In addition, such person shall pay to the pound for the benefit of the Town the sum of Ten dollars (\$10) to compensate the Town for its reasonable expenses in enforcing this Ordinance.
10. A person who violates this Ordinance shall be fined not more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100).
11. If any part of this Ordinance is held to be invalid, such holding shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance, which shall remain in full force and effect.
12. This Ordinance shall be effective as agreed May 1, 1974 and adopted by the Board of Selectmen for the Town of Hancock herein.

**TOWN OFFICERS OF HANCOCK, VT
2021-2022**

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Auditors (3 year)

First, expires 2022

VACANT

Second, expires 2023

Geraldine K Twitchell

Third, expires 2024

Rose Juliano

Budget Committee (3year)

First, expires 2022

Marjorie Ross

Second, expires 2023

Eva M Jesso

Third, expires 2024

Maurice Eaton

Cemetery Commission (3 year)

First, expires 2022

Geraldine K Twitchell

Second, expires 2023

Maurice Eaton

Third, expires 2024

Larry Bettis

Constable (1 year)

Scott Gillette

Delinquent Tax Collector (1 year)

Jaime Morin

Justices of the Peace

Roger Comes

Maurice Eaton

John Ross

Marjorie Ross

Monica Collins

Library Trustees (5 year)

First, expires 2022

Jody Jesso

Second, expires 2023

Margi Rogal

Third, expires 2024

Gretchen Perera

Fourth, expires 2025

Rose Juliano

Fifth, expires 2026

Eva M Jesso

Listers (3 year)

First, expires 2022

Don Crickard

Second, expires 2023

Wendell Thurston

Third, expires 2024

Bernard Shawn

Moderator (1 Year)

James Leno

Road Commissioner (1 year)

Dan Perera

GHUD School Board (3 year)

First, expires 2021

Sara Deering

Second, expires 2022

Stacey Peters

Third, expires 2023

Samantha Sheehan

Select Board (3 year)

First, expires 2022

Second, expires 2023

Third, expires 2024

Monica Collins

Scott Gillette

Dan Perera

Town Clerk (3 year) expires 2022

Town Treasurer (3 year) expires 2022

WRVA Board Member (1 year)

Jody Jesso

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John Ross

APPOINTED OFFICIALS:

E-911 Coordinator

Asst. Town Clerk/Treasurer

Asst. Town Clerks

Civil Defense

Emergency Management

Energy Coordinator

Fence Viewers

Scott Gillette

Janet Jesso

Eva Jesso and Marjorie Ross

James Leno

Jacques Veilleux

Scott Gillette

Daniel Perera

John Ross

Garrett Troumbley

Fire Warden

Health Officer

Deputy Health Officers

Jonathan Deering

Monica Collins

VACANT

VACANT

VACANT

Inspector of Wood, Shingles & Lumber

Animal Control Officer

Septic/Sewage Officer

Solid Waste/Recycle Coordinator

Stagecoach Board Member

Town Service Member

Tree Warden

Weigher of Coal

***Planning Commission
(6 years)***

Thomas Patterson

VACANT

VACANT

VACANT

Wendell Thurston

VACANT

Garrett Troumbley

John Ross

Monica Collins, Select Board Rep.

Forrest Patterson

Eva M. Jesso (appointed)

Gretchen Perera (appointed)

Stacey Peters (appointed)

Monica Collins

TRORC

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Representatives

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WARNING OF TOWN OF HANCOCK, VERMONT ANNUAL MEETING MARCH 1, 2022

The legal voters of the Town of Hancock, VT, are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Town Clerk's Office in said town to transact the following business:

Article 1: To elect a Town Moderator for the next year ensuing

Article 2: To elect all Town Officers as required by law:

- Town Clerk—three-year term
- Town Treasurer—three-year term
- Select Board member—three-year term
- Lister—three-year term
- Auditor—three-year term
- Constable—one-year term
- Collector of Delinquent Taxes—one-year term
- Cemetery Commissioner—three-year term
- Road Commissioner—one-year term
- Library Trustee—five-year term
- Advisory Budget Committee—three-year term
- White River Valley Ambulance Representative—one-year term

Article 3: “Shall the voters authorize the elimination of the Office of Lister and replace it with a professionally qualified assessor appointed by the select board who shall have the same powers, discharge the same duties, proceed in the discharge thereof in the same manner, and be subject to the same liabilities as are prescribed for listers or the board of listers under the provisions of Title 32?” (by ballot)

Article 4: Shall the voters appropriate a total of **\$35,035.54** to the following social service agencies pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 2691:

Vermont Family Center —Supports families with young children	250.00
Hancock Town Pride —Provides cultural events and opportunities in Hancock	1,500.00
Green-Up Vermont —Supports Green Up Day	50.00
Vermont Adult Learning —Provides adult learning opportunities	115.00
WomenSafe —Provides help related to sexual and domestic violence to all genders	500.00
John Graham Shelter —Provides emergency shelter	350.00
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Central Vermont Council on Aging —Assistance to seniors accessing social services	800.00
Park House —Senior housing non-profit	500.00
Clara Martin Center —Provides mental health services	595.00
Visiting Nurse Alliance of VT/NH, Inc. —Provides home healthcare and hospice services	1475.00
Quin-Town Senior Center —Provides Meals on Wheels services to valley seniors.	2716.00
White River Valley Ambulance (approx. \$65 per capita)—Ambulance services residents	23,335.00
Granville Volunteer Fire Dept. First Responders —First responder services to valley towns	2101.00
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Dated this 4th day of January 2022

By the Select Board of the Town of Hancock, VT

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Dated this __4th____day of _January, 2022

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TOWN OF HANCOCK GENERAL FUND - SELECTBOARD BUDGET

	FY 20-21		FY 21-22	FY 22-23
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget
REVENUE				
10-4-00-011.00 Current Property Taxes	0.00	225,110.71		
10-4-00-011.01 Current Property Tax Interest	0.00	436.91		
10-4-00-012.00 Delinquent Property Taxes	40,000.00	39,258.50	40000.00	
10-4-00-012.01 Delinquent Tax Interest	0.00	5,969.75		
10-4-00-014.00 Delinquent Tax Penalty	0.00	1,698.05		
10-4-00-032.00 Current Use	0.00	10,058.00		
10-4-01-051.00 Money Market Interest	130.00	59.54	65.00	
10-4-01-061.00 Town Savings Interest	0.00	0.00		
10-4-11-021.00 Dog Licenses	200.00	165.00	150.00	
10-4-11-022.00 Liquor Licenses	325.00	225.00	325.00	
10-4-11-023.00 Marriage Licenses	0.00	0.00		
10-4-11-041.00 Town Clerk Fees	5,000.00	3,985.75	4500.00	
10-4-19-080.01 Lock Box Grant		960.36		
10-4-19-080.02 State Equalization Payment		261.00		
10-4-19-090.00 Quin Town Rent	3,000.00	3,000.00	3000.00	
10-4-19-090.01 Town Hall Rentals	300.00	0.00	150.00	
10-4-19-090.02 Miscellaneous	0.00	890.49		
10-4-19-095.00 USDA Parking Lot Grant		31,400.00		
10-4-22-031.00 Police Patrol Income	8,000.00	1,338.59	5000.00	
10-4-96-085.00 Forestry Receipts	45,000.00	0.00	45000.00	
TOTAL REVENUE:	101,955.00	324,817.65	98190.00	0.00
GENERAL FUND EXPENSES				
10-5-00-101.00 Select Board	3,600.00	3,600.00	3600.00	3600.00
10-5-00-101.01 Select Board Clerk Wages	700.00	330.00	700.00	500.00
10-5-00-101.02 Auditors	2,500.00	345.00	2500.00	700.00
10-5-00-101.03 Laborers	5,000.00	2,553.75	5000.00	3000.00
10-5-00-101.04 Listers	3,000.00	1,575.00	2500.00	5140.00
10-5-00-101.05 Animal Control	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
10-5-00-101.06 Flood Plain Administrator	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
10-5-00-101.07 Emergency Mgmt Coordinator	250.00	0.00	250.00	250.00
10-5-00-101.08 Health Officer	50.00	0.00	50.00	50.00
10-5-00-101.09 Delinquent Tax Collector	0.00	2,171.63		
10-5-00-101.10 Land & Vital Record Organization	3,000.00	1,905.00	2500.00	2000.00
10-5-00-101.11 Road Comm Stipend	0.00		1500.00	1500.00
10-5-10-220.00 Payroll Taxes - FICA	6,000.00	4,827.85	6000.00	5500.00
10-5-10-220.01 Unemployment Tax	200.00	117.78	400.00	200.00
10-5-10-313.00 Short Term Interest	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
10-5-10-331.00 Legal Fees	3,000.00	2,037.40	3000.00	3500.00
10-5-10-332.01 Professional Audit	5,500.00	8,710.00	5500.00	6000.00
10-5-10-340.00 Service Contracts/Tech	2,500.00	3,714.43	3000.00	3750.00
10-5-10-350.00 Training	100.00	136.00	300.00	250.00
10-5-10-400.00 Town Winter Roads	70,000.00	43,466.00	70000.00	70000.00
10-5-10-431.00 Summer Mowing Contract	4,200.00	4,200.00	4200.00	4300.00
10-5-10-432.00 Sand Pit Rental	1,500.00	1,850.00	1850.00	2000.00
10-5-10-540.00 Postage	1,300.00	934.89	1300.00	1000.00
10-5-10-550.00 Printing	750.00	525.00	600.00	500.00
10-5-10-583.00 Mileage Reimbursement	200.00	23.20	200.00	100.00
10-5-10-610.00 Office Supplies/Records Restoration	1,700.00	699.16	1700.00	1500.00
10-5-10-731.00 Office Equipment	1,000.00	783.20	500.00	500.00
10-5-11-101.00 Town Clerk/Treasurer Wages	23,500.00	23,500.08	24500.00	30000.00
10-5-11-101.01 Asst. TC/TR Wages	3,000.00	926.25	3000.00	3000.00
10-5-11-101.02 Ballot Clerks	900.00	1,136.25	300.00	550.00
10-5-18-410.00 Trash	300.00		300.00	0.00
10-5-18-410.01 Recycling	9,000.00	9,000.00	9000.00	6600.00

TOWN OF HANCOCK GENERAL FUND - SELECTBOARD BUDGET

	FY 20-21		FY 21-22	FY 22-23
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget
10-5-18-422.00 Copier Lease	1,500.00	1,273.51	1500.00	1500.00
10-5-18-540.00 Advertising	2,000.00	411.57	2000.00	1500.00
10-5-18-650.00 Computer	500.00	19.99	500.00	500.00
10-5-19-810.00 Bethel/Royalton Landfill	3,600.00	3,700.72	4100.00	4100.00
10-5-19-811.00 County Taxes	1,500.00	1,510.08	1575.00	1819.00
10-5-19-812.00 VLCT Dues	1,355.00	2,928.00	1475.00	1526.00
10-5-19-812.01 VMCTA Dues	0.00	75.00	100.00	100.00
10-5-19-812.02 Two Rivers Ottaquechee	468.00	494.00	495.00	567.00
10-5-19-812.03 Homeward Bound	450.00	450.00	450.00	450.00
10-5-22-360.00 Sheriff Patrol	10,000.00	12,280.08	15000.00	15000.00
10-5-61-431.00 Maintenance/Repairs/Water Testin	6,200.00	5,767.36	6500.00	6500.00
10-5-61-530.00 Telephone	2,400.00	1,779.74	3300.00	2400.00
10-5-61-530.01 Internet		506.37		864.00
10-5-61-622.00 Electricity	6,000.00	4,516.56	6000.00	6000.00
10-5-61-622.01 Street Lights	4,000.00	3,871.38	4000.00	4000.00
10-5-61-624.00 Fuel Oil	10,000.00	10,119.00	10000.00	12000.00
10-5-61-700.00 USDA Access Grant Ex		43,955.63		0.00
10-5-65-521.00 Insurance	15,000.00	11,544.32	15000.00	12000.00
10-5-65-521.01 Contribution to Health Ins.				7000.00
10-5-65-526.00 Workers Comp Insurance	2,200.00	1,829.68	2200.00	2200.00
10-5-70-313.00 Flood Loan - Princippal	25,000.00	20,932.41	25000.00	20000.00
10-5-70-313.01 Flood Loan - Interest	5,500.00	4,067.59	5500.00	5000.00
10-5-70-313.02 Fire Station - Principal	15,000.00	15,876.84	15000.00	15000.00
10-5-70-313.03 Fire State - Interest	5000.00	3,123.16	5000.00	4000.00
Appropriations				
10-5-95-950.00 Green Up Vermont	50.00	100.00	50.00	0.00
10-5-95-950.01 Vermont Adult Learning	115.00	115.00	115.00	0.00
10-5-95-950.02 Women Safe	500.00	500.00	500.00	0.00
10-5-95-950.03 John Graham Shelter	0.00	0.00	350.00	0.00
10-5-95-950.04 Valley Food Shelf	500.00	500.00	0.00	0.00
10-5-95-950.05 Tri-Valley Transit	558.00	558.00	558.00	0.00
10-5-95-950.06 Capstone	0.00	0.00		0.00
10-5-95-950.07 CVCOA	800.00	800.00	800.00	0.00
10-5-95-950.08 Park House	500.00	500.00	500.00	0.00
10-5-95-950.09 Clara Martin Center	595.00	595.00	595.00	0.00
10-5-95-950.10 VNA of VT/NH Inc	1475.00	1,475.00	1475.00	0.00
10-5-95-950.11 Quin Town Senior Center	2797.00	2,716.00	2716.00	0.00
10-5-95-950.12 White River Valley Ambulance	19380.00	19,830.00	19703.00	0.00
10-5-95-950.13 Granville Volunteer Fire Departme	1834.64	1,835.00	1984.00	0.00
10-5-95-950.14 VT Rural Fire Protection	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
10-5-95-950.15 Addision Restorative Justice	90.54	90.54	90.54	0.00
10-5-95-950.16 Vermont Family Center				0.00
10-5-95-950.17 Hancock Town Pride				0.00
Transfers Out				
10-5-96-815.00 Cemetery Commission	6,100.00	6,100.00	6100.00	7600.00
10-5-96-815.01 Fire Department	12,000.00	12,000.00	12000.00	12000.00
10-5-96-815.03 Library Fund	17,500.00	17,500.00	17500.00	17500.00
10-5-96-815.04 Building Maint. Capital Fund	10,000.00	10,000.00	10000.00	10000.00
10-5-96-815.06 Reappraisal Fund	2,000.00	2,000.00	2000.00	2000.00
10-5-96-815.07 Highway Capital Project	5,000.00	5,000.00	3000.00	2000.00
10-5-96-815.08 Tax Mapping	0.00	0.00	700.00	700.00
Road Comm Budget (Forestry Receipts)	45,000.00	57,034.00	45000.00	45000.00
Town Road Basic Maint. Taxes to be raised	10,000.00	10,000.00		0.00
TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURE	407,618.18	419,449.40	404981.54	377116.00

APPROVAL OF SET TAX RATE FOR HANCOCK FY22

Grand List:

Tax Rate:

Total:


Municipal		\$362,141.00			0.709	\$256,757.96
Local Agree. Vets Exemption		\$362,141.00			0.0027	\$977.78

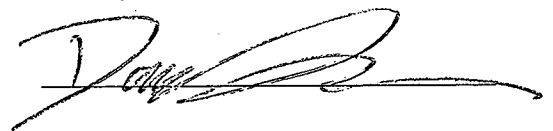
School Homestead		\$133,935.00			1.6256	\$217,724.73
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School- Non Homestead		\$210,755.70			1.5316	\$322,793.90
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Total Taxes to be Raised						\$798,252.90
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Total 21-22 Tax Rate:	\$2.34	Homestead
Total 21-22Tax Rate:	\$2.24	Non-Homestead





Select Board, Dated July 6, 2021

LIBRARY REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 01, 2020 - JUNE 30, 2021

BEGINNING BALANCE:		\$ 10,188.37
Income Received:		
Town Of Hancock (Budgeted)	\$ 17,500.00	
Interest	\$ 0.38	
Grants	\$ 600.00	
Transfer from Restricted Account	\$ -	
Total Income:		\$ 18,100.38
Total Expenses:		<u>\$ 21,061.95</u>
ENDING BALANCE:		\$ 7,226.80

RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT - NOT TOWN FUNDED

BEGINNING BALANCE 7/01/20		\$755.07
Income Received		
Donations	\$50.00	
Fundraisers	\$0.00	
Total Income		\$50.00
Total Expenses		\$166.00
ENDING BALANCE 6/30/21		\$639.07

CEMETERY TRUST FUND REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 2020 - JUNE 2021

Certificate of Deposit:

Beginning Balance 07/01/20	\$ 13,502.66
Interest Accumulated	<u>\$ 135.70</u>
Ending Balance 06/30/2021	\$ 13,638.36

Savings Account:

Beginning Balance 07/01/20	\$ 3,999.61
Perpetual Care	\$ -
Cemetery Lot	\$ -
Interest Accumulated	\$ 3.29
Ending Balance 06/30/21	\$ 4,002.90

**ROAD COMMISSIONER MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT FOR FISCAL YEAR
JULY 01, 2020-JUNE 30, 2021**

BEGINNING BALANCE:	\$ 57,377.84
Income Received:	
Forestry Receipts FY 20/21	57,034.00
State of VT Trans. Aid	13,273.80
Grants in Aid	4,020.00
Interest	25.72
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Total Income:	74,353.52
Expensed out:	
Labor	345.00
Equipment rentals	127.50
Road Commission Salary	1,500.00
Equipment and Supplies	105.00
Road Maintenance	32,260.00
Road improvements	-
Transferred to Highway Capital Project	40,000.00
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Total Expenses:	74,337.50
ENDING BALANCE:	\$ 57,393.86

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 01, 2020 - JUNE 30, 2021

Income Received:	
Town of Hancock (Budgeted)	\$ 12,000.00
Total Income:	\$ 12,000.00
Expenses:	
911 Phone Charges	\$ 711.30
Gas/Repairs	825.00
Equip/Supplies	3,014.20
Radio/Radio Repairs	1,012.98
Misc.	256.00
Sub Total	5,819.48
Fire Dept. Bldg./Equip. Fund Transfer Out	6,180.52
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Total Expenses	12,000.00
ENDING BALANCE	\$ -

DOG LICENSE REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 01, 2020 - JUNE 30, 2021

33 dogs @ \$9.00/ea.	\$ 297.00
2 dogs @ \$12.00 (unneutered)	\$ 24.00
6 Late Fees Collected	<u>\$ 18.00</u>
Total:	\$ 339.00

\$4.00 per dog refunded to State of Vermont for rabies Fund

RESTRICTED ASSETS for FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2020 - JUNE 30, 2021

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 01, 2020 - JUNE 30, 2021

Beginning Balance:	\$	3,233.96
Income: Interest Earned	\$	1.48
Expenses:	\$	(4,025.00)
Ending Balance:	\$	(789.56)

HONOR ROLL REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 01, 2020-JUNE 30, 2021

Beginning Balance:	\$	1,996.70
Income: Interest Earned	\$	1.52
Deposit	\$	50.40
Expenses:	\$	(131.73)
Ending Balance:	\$	1,916.89

LIBRARY FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 01, 2020-JUNE 30, 2021

Beginning Balance:	\$	3,764.00
Income: Interest Earned	\$	0.38
Grants	\$	600.00
Expenses: Transfer to Library Fund	\$	(200.00)
Ending Balance:	\$	4,164.38

SANCTUARY ACCOUNT FOR FY JULY 1, 2020-JUNE 30, 2021

Beginning Balance:	\$	2,612.87
Income: Interest Earned	\$	2.36
Expenses:	\$	-
Ending Balance:	\$	2,615.23

Highway Capital Project Fund:

Beginning Balance 07/01/2020	\$ 261,419.86
Interest Accumulated	\$ 212.55
VT Highway Supplement	\$ 3,427.93
Town Contribution	\$ 5,000.00
Road Improvements	\$ (16,150.00)
Capital Projects	\$ (11,777.50)
RD Comm drawoff	\$ 50,000.00
Ending Balance 06/30/2021	\$ 292,132.84

Hancock Reappraisal Money Market:

Beginning Balance 07/01/20	\$ 14,914.34
Interest Accumulated	\$ 0.13
Deposit	\$ 4,218.50
Service Charges	\$ -
Ending Balance 06/30/21	\$ 19,132.97

Building Maintenance Fund:

Beginning Balance 07/01/20	\$ 48,704.90
Interest Accumulated	\$ 41.39
Town Contribution	\$ 10,000.00
Withdrawal	\$ -
Ending Balance 06/30/2021	\$ 58,746.29

Hancock Scholarship Fund:

Beginning Balance 07/01/20	\$ 661.49
Interest Accumulated	\$ 0.59
	\$ 662.08
Ending Balance 06/30/21	

Fire Dept. Building/Equipment Fund

Beginning Balance 07/01/20	\$ 10,277.50
Interest Accumulated	\$ 7.45
Drawoff from Fire Dept Maintenance Budget	\$ 6,180.52
Ending Balance 06/30/2021	\$ 16,465.47

Hancock Tax Mapping

Beginning Balance 07/01/20	\$ 266.00
Expenses	\$ (1,500.00)
Ending Balance 06/30/21	\$ (1,234.00)

GOVERNMENT BONDS REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 2018-JUNE 2019

Series HH Bonds:

D3963456HH	\$ 500.00
D3963457HH	\$ 500.00

Currency:	\$ 7.50
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As authorized by the selectboard the principal amount of the matured bonds has been reinvested into a CD at the Randolph National Bank. The interest earned being deposited into the Money Market Account.

Hancock's U. S. GOVERNMENT BONDS: a short history

Up until 1965 the following paragraph was included with the bonds report giving a short explanation of how they came into being -

"Because all, or parts, of various lease lots have been sold to the federal government to be incorporated in the Green Mt. National Forest, the selectmen have seen fit to set up the following trust fund. The revenue received from this fund is expected to reimburse the town for the loss of the annual lease money."

The funds began around 1940. The cash balance shown above also comes from the sale of the lease lots.

SURETY BONDS FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 2020-JUNE 2021

Through the Town's insurance policy with the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, all town officials and town employees are covered under a blanket policy for up to \$500,000.00 for the fiscal year of July 2020 through June 2021

Parcel	Name	Tax Year	Payment 1	Payment 2	Payment 3	Payment 4	Interest	Penalty	Other	Total
01-1050-	BAXTER CHESTER JR	20-21	0.00	0.00	17.64	0.00	0.18	1.41	0.00	19.23
01-1055-	MANNING MATTHEW	20-21	335.35	335.35	335.34	0.00	46.90	80.49	0.00	1133.43
01-1095-	BOUTWELL STEVEN	12-13	71.10	71.10	71.10	71.10	179.63	22.76	0.00	486.79
		13-14	67.50	67.50	67.50	67.50	155.72	21.60	0.00	447.32
		14-15	63.54	63.54	63.54	63.54	136.32	20.32	0.00	410.80
		15-16	70.17	70.17	70.17	70.17	133.00	22.44	0.00	436.12
		16-17	85.78	85.78	85.78	85.78	156.52	27.44	0.00	527.08
		17-18	95.30	95.30	95.30	95.30	149.15	30.48	0.00	560.83
		18-19	92.58	92.58	92.58	92.58	102.30	29.64	0.00	502.26
		2019-2020	78.76	78.76	78.76	78.76	56.09	25.20	0.00	396.33
		20-21	107.49	107.49	107.49	0.00	14.98	25.80	0.00	363.25
			732.22	732.22	732.22	624.73	1083.71	225.69	0.00	4130.78
01-1120-	BIRKER JERRY	20-21	0.00	707.71	929.81	0.00	23.46	131.00	0.00	1791.98
01-1215-	CROSSGROVE CHRISTO	20-21	3.00	0.00	425.39	0.00	4.37	34.27	0.00	467.03
01-1225-	CURTIS LELAND LIFE	14-15	537.84	658.84	658.84	754.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	3268.86
		15-16	727.62	727.62	727.62	1499.68	232.84	0.00	0.00	4643.00
		16-17	686.28	686.28	686.28	1303.40	219.60	0.00	0.00	4288.12
		17-18	762.39	762.39	762.39	1257.30	243.96	0.00	0.00	4550.82
		18-19	741	740.68	740.68	580.08	178.34	0.00	0.00	2987.87
		2019-2020	486.33	486.33	486.33	345.06	155.64	0.00	0.00	2446.02
		20-21	414.17	414.17	414.17	0.00	57.96	99.39	0.00	1399.86
			3622.04	4476.31	4476.31	4062.14	5797.98	1129.77	0.00	23564.55
01-1250-	DEERING JON	18-19	1626.87	2249.42	2249.42	2249.42	83.74	0.00	0.00	8458.87
		20-21	0.00	27.04	2702.06	0.00	28.10	218.32	0.00	2975.52
			1626.87	2276.46	4951.48	2249.42	111.84	218.32	0.00	11434.39
01-1260-100	DELOREN MICHAEL	20-21	0.00	0.00	719.34	0.00	7.19	57.55	0.00	784.08
01-1305-	CANNON JOHN	20-21	0.00	0.00	270.60	0.00	2.71	21.65	0.00	294.96
01-1310-	BROWN TIMOTHY	20-21	561.35	561.35	561.34	0.00	78.54	134.73	0.00	1897.31
01-1330-	COLLINS, MONICA	17-18	0.00	0.00	0.00	51.34	18.36	0.00	0.00	69.70
01-1360-	EDMON MATTHEW M	20-21	0.00	32.09	1070.39	0.00	11.34	88.20	0.00	1202.01
01-1370-	COMEN RICHARD	20-21	17.46	581.79	581.80	0.00	17.80	94.48	0.00	1293.33
01-1380-	OROURKE CATHERINE	20-21	0.00	0.00	32.82	0.00	0.33	0.00	0.00	33.15
01-1425-100	ADISON COUNTY COM	20-21	0.00	0.00	17.57	0.00	0.18	1.41	0.00	19.16
01-2150-	VERMONT HOME BAKER	20-21	0.00	55.32	1843.83	0.00	19.54	151.94	0.00	2070.63

Parcel	Name	Tax Year	Payment 1	Payment 2	Payment 3	Payment 4	Interest	Penalty	Other	Total
01-1450-	HILLIKER ANDREW CA	20-21	60.26	232.26	232.27	0.00	18.72	41.98	0.00	585.49
01-1495-300	ISAACSON ROAD COND	20-21	0.00	0.00	184.55	0.00	1.85	0.00	0.00	186.40
01-1500-	ISAACSON JOHN	20-21	533.37	533.37	533.37	0.00	74.62	128.01	0.00	1802.74
01-1545-	AUSTINE ROSE, LLC	20-21	0.00	0.00	2017.48	0.00	20.17	161.40	0.00	2199.05
01-1650-	FEDERAL NATIONAL M	20-21	750.17	750.17	750.16	0.00	105.00	180.03	0.00	2535.53
01-1720-	MC DONNELL DALE	15-17	0.00	0.00	657.92	1430.89	20.89	0.00	0.00	2109.70
		17-18	1170.84	1170.84	1170.84	1170.84	1932.15	374.68	0.00	6990.19
		18-19	0.00	0.00	1020.00	1340.37	586.80	188.83	0.00	3136.00
			1170.84	1170.84	2846.76	3942.10	2539.84	563.51	0.00	12235.89
01-1730-	MERRIAM LEON	20-21	0.00	0.00	28.99	0.00	0.29	0.00	0.00	29.28
01-1735-100	MEYER BERNARD	04-05	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.41	0.71	0.00	0.00	2.12
		05-06	0.00	0.00	0.00	20.02	14.40	0.00	0.00	34.42
		07-08	41.22	41.22	41.22	147.60	13.20	0.00	0.00	325.68
		08-09	0.00	5.50	44.33	44.33	76.14	0.00	0.00	170.30
		09-10	134.15	140.96	140.96	140.96	395.47	0.00	0.00	952.50
		10-11	120.81	120.81	120.81	342.43	38.64	0.00	0.00	864.31
		11-12	103.33	103.33	103.33	263.68	33.08	0.00	0.00	710.08
		12-13	127.05	127.05	127.05	331.47	40.64	0.00	0.00	880.31
		13-14	120.61	120.61	120.61	286.77	38.60	0.00	0.00	807.81
		14-15	113.54	113.54	113.54	251.94	36.32	0.00	0.00	742.42
		15-16	125.39	125.39	125.39	257.50	40.12	0.00	0.00	799.18
		16-17	0.00	125.98	125.98	177.66	30.24	0.00	0.00	585.84
		17-18	139.95	139.95	139.95	231.00	44.80	0.00	0.00	835.60
		18-19	135.96	135.96	135.96	149.60	43.52	0.00	0.00	736.96
		2019-2020	115.66	115.66	115.66	82.36	37.00	0.00	0.00	582.00
		20-21	157.85	157.85	157.86	0.00	22.12	37.89	0.00	533.57
			1435.52	1573.81	1612.65	1476.22	3030.85	434.05	0.00	9563.10
01-1760-100	DENIS JAMES	2019-2020	0.00	0.00	50.87	251.30	12.08	0.00	0.00	314.25
		20-21	392.34	392.34	392.34	0.00	54.88	94.17	0.00	1326.07
			392.34	392.34	443.21	251.30	66.96	94.17	0.00	1640.32
01-1770-	NIQUETTE RAYMOND	20-21	0.00	0.00	448.75	0.00	4.49	35.90	0.00	489.14
01-1880-	KEYBANK NATIONAL A	20-21	0.00	0.00	103.31	0.00	1.03	0.00	0.00	104.34
01-1945-	PETERS STACEY	20-21	216.48	216.48	216.48	0.00	30.24	51.96	0.00	731.64
01-2000-	SHAW NANCY	2019-2020	0.00	0.00	0.00	225.36	6.75	0.00	0.00	232.11
		20-21	408.16	408.16	408.15	0.00	57.12	97.95	0.00	1379.54
			408.16	408.16	408.15	225.36	63.87	97.95	0.00	1611.65

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Hancock Vermont Tax Administration
Delinquent Tax Report as of 06/30/2021

Tax Year	Payment 1	Payment 2	Payment 3	Payment 4	Interest	Penalty	Other	Total
04-05	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.41	0.71	0.00	0.00	2.12
05-06	0.00	0.00	0.00	20.02	14.40	0.00	0.00	34.42
07-08	41.22	41.22	41.22	41.22	147.60	13.20	0.00	325.68
08-09	0.00	5.50	44.33	44.33	76.14	0.00	0.00	170.30
09-10	134.15	140.96	140.96	140.96	395.47	0.00	0.00	952.50
10-11	120.81	120.81	120.81	120.81	342.43	38.64	0.00	864.31
11-12	103.33	103.33	103.33	103.33	263.68	33.08	0.00	710.08
12-13	198.15	198.15	198.15	198.15	511.10	63.40	0.00	1,367.10
13-14	188.11	188.11	188.11	188.11	442.49	60.20	0.00	1,255.13
14-15	714.92	835.92	835.92	835.92	1142.76	56.64	0.00	4,422.08
15-16	923.18	923.18	923.18	923.18	1890.18	295.40	0.00	5,878.30
16-17	772.06	898.04	1555.96	2328.93	1658.47	277.28	0.00	7,490.74
17-18	2168.48	2168.48	2168.48	2219.82	3587.96	693.92	0.00	13,007.14
18-19	1862.82	3218.64	4238.64	4559.01	1502.52	440.33	0.00	15,821.96
20-21	3957.45	5512.94	15503.29	0.00	704.11	1969.93	0.00	27,647.72
2019-2020	680.75	680.75	731.62	1157.41	502.34	217.84	0.00	3,970.71
TOTALS	11865.43	15036.03	26794.00	12882.61	13182.36	4159.86	0.00	83,920.29

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Select Board
Town of Hancock, Vermont

We have audited the accompanying modified cash basis financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Hancock, Vermont, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting described in Note 1; this includes determining that the modified cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of these financial statements in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our unmodified and qualified audit opinions.

Basis for Qualified Opinions on Governmental Activities and General Fund

The Town's fire department and delinquent tax collector maintain separate bank accounts which are not under the supervision of the Treasurer. The beginning and ending balances of these accounts and related activity are not included in the Town's financial statements. The amount by which these bank accounts would affect the assets, liabilities, fund balances, revenues and expenditures of the governmental activities and General Fund has not been determined.

Qualified Opinions

In our opinion, except for the effects of the matter discussed in the "Basis for Qualified Opinions on the Governmental Activities and General Fund" paragraph, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the governmental activities and General Fund of the Town of Hancock, Vermont as of June 30, 2021, and the changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting described in Note 1.

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The Select Board
Town of Hancock, Vermont

Unmodified Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of each major fund, other than the General Fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Hancock, Vermont, as of June 30, 2021, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting described in Note 1.

Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 of the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinions are not modified with respect to this matter.

Other Matters

Other information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Hancock, Vermont's basic financial statements. The combining schedules of nonmajor governmental funds and budgetary comparison information, which are the responsibility of management, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The combining schedules of nonmajor governmental funds are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining schedules of nonmajor governmental funds are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

The schedule of budgetary comparison information has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated, September 7, 2021, on our consideration of the Town of Hancock, Vermont's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Town of Hancock, Vermont's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Pace & Hawley, LLC

Berlin, Vermont
September 7, 2021

TOWN OF HANCOCK, VERMONT
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Modified Cash Basis - Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

	General Fund	Highway Capital Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues				
Property taxes	\$ 264,369	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 264,369
Penalties and interest on delinquent taxes	8,105	-	-	8,105
Intergovernmental	117,007	3,428	2,819	123,254
Licenses, permits and fines	1,759	-	-	1,759
Charges for services	6,986	-	1,060	8,046
Interest on cash deposit	85	213	192	490
Donations	-	-	100	100
Miscellaneous	890	-	-	890
Total revenues	<u>399,201</u>	<u>3,641</u>	<u>4,171</u>	<u>407,013</u>
Expenditures				
Current:				
General government	165,803	-	132	165,935
Highways, streets and bridges	83,854	27,928	-	111,782
Public safety	18,100	-	-	18,100
Culture and recreation	-	-	21,228	21,228
Cemetery	-	-	6,121	6,121
Appropriations	29,265	-	-	29,265
Debt service - principal	36,809	-	-	36,809
Debt service - interest	7,191	-	-	7,191
Total expenditures	<u>341,022</u>	<u>27,928</u>	<u>27,481</u>	<u>396,431</u>
Excess of revenues or (expenditures)	<u>58,179</u>	<u>(24,287)</u>	<u>(23,310)</u>	<u>10,582</u>
Other financing sources (uses)				
Transfers in (out)	<u>(96,781)</u>	<u>55,000</u>	<u>41,781</u>	<u>-</u>
Net change in fund balances	(38,602)	30,713	18,471	10,582
Fund balances, beginning of year	<u>245,829</u>	<u>261,420</u>	<u>116,702</u>	<u>623,951</u>
Fund balances, end of year	\$ <u>207,227</u>	\$ <u>292,133</u>	\$ <u>135,173</u>	\$ <u>634,533</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

TOWN OF HANCOCK, VERMONT
Balance Sheet - Modified Cash Basis - Governmental Funds
June 30, 2021

	General Fund	Highway Capital Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Assets				
Cash	\$ 203,623	\$ 292,133	\$ 125,755	\$ 621,511
Cash - restricted Cemetery Fund	-	-	13,500	13,500
Due from other funds	<u>4,082</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,082</u>
Total assets	\$ <u>207,705</u>	\$ <u>292,133</u>	\$ <u>139,255</u>	\$ <u>639,093</u>
Liabilities and fund balances				
Liabilities:				
Other liabilities	\$ 478	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 478
Due to other funds	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,082</u>	<u>4,082</u>
Total liabilities	<u>478</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,082</u>	<u>4,560</u>
Fund balances:				
Nonspendable	-	-	13,500	13,500
Restricted	-	-	38,774	38,774
Committed	-	292,133	67,222	359,355
Assigned	-	-	16,465	16,465
Unassigned	<u>207,227</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(788)</u>	<u>206,439</u>
Total fund balances	<u>207,227</u>	<u>292,133</u>	<u>135,173</u>	<u>634,533</u>
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$ <u>207,705</u>	\$ <u>292,133</u>	\$ <u>139,255</u>	\$ <u>639,093</u>

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SELECTBOARD REPORT

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

As I write this, we are entering into a second challenging winter. The communities of the Valley continue to come together to try to solve our challenges in new and creative ways. As always, we want to thank all those who serve as elected officials and who volunteer their time to the town and the community in general. Truly, this work could not be done without you. Thank you for all you do.

Highlights of the year

- We have contracted with an auditing firm to regularly audit our books and to ensure that we are following best practices.
- The Town Plan is almost completed at the time of this writing (December). Thank you to all who have contributed to this process.
- Work on the Hazard Mitigation Plan will be complete before summer. This plan was developed following Irene and must be revised every 10 years. This plan is required for better FEMA funding in the event of a disaster and ensures that we have a plan of action in place in the event of another emergency, natural or otherwise.
- Dan Perera has been working hard on scheduling roadwork and developing plans for grant applications for future road work.

This year, I will not be running for re-election. After 8 years on the board, I feel it is time for new ideas and new people. It has been a very fulfilling time working on the select board and I cannot express how grateful I am to have been given this opportunity to serve the town and to learn more than I could ever say. The position of select board member, as with all town positions, has evolved over the last few years. It is a wonderful opportunity to develop professional skills, learn about the governmental process and all the moving parts that go into running a town while serving your community. I'm happy to talk to anyone who is interested in pursuing this path.

We urgently need volunteers to fill open positions – particularly the Planning Commission, a Health Officer, and Animal Control. Currently, the select board is filling many open roles in addition to the other work we do. We are all busy and these positions do not necessarily pay but they do contribute significantly to making this town a community and tend to be relatively low in time requirements. We hope you will join us.

Select board meetings are open to all and take place on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of every month at 6 pm. Due to COVID-19, we are meeting in person with masks required, or via Zoom, accessible by computer and telephone. Meeting information is available on the town website – www.hancockvt.org or by calling the town offices. We look forward to having you share your concerns and ideas with us. If you cannot make the meeting, please contact us to share your thoughts.

Respectfully submitted,

Monica Collins, Chair

Daniel Perera, and Scott Gillette

Town Clerk's Report

Thank you to our dedicated selectboard members, committee members, trustees, and community members for working together to navigate business during another year of the COVID pandemic. Your hard work is noticed and appreciated.

A special thank you to Janet Jesso, Eva Jesso, Roger Comes, and Becky Klein for always being ready to lend a hand or ear at a moment's notice. It's only together that we can move business forward during difficult times. This fall we welcomed Marjorie Ross to our team as Assistant Town Clerk. Her willingness to learn the intricacies of the job is commendable.

I am looking forward to continuing to serve as Hancock's Town Clerk and Treasurer for another term. The knowledge gained with each year is invaluable, and I look forward to continuing to build upon it.

The office remains open despite the many challenges presented by the pandemic. Appointments are recommended and encouraged to ensure that you receive the best service possible. Our normal public access hours are currently Monday 1PM–4PM, Tuesday 9AM–2PM, Thursday 9AM–12PM. Our front door remains locked for security reasons, so please knock on the door when you arrive so we know you're out there! We also have a newly installed secure drop box for items that need to be left after hours.

Much work takes place behind the scenes here at the office, and appointments continue to be available outside of normal public access hours for residents needing to conduct business in person; simply call to make arrangements for this service. Also note that plans are in the works for expanded public access hours in the new fiscal year.

Respectfully submitted,

Jody Jesso
Town Clerk/Treasurer

Road Commissioner Report

Road work in 2021 included ditch cleaning, ditch repairs, and culvert maintenance on most roads in Hancock. A ditch repair project on Fassett Hill Road was completed with a grant that covered 80% of construction costs. This project was part of an ongoing effort to keep the town compliant with stormwater runoff regulations so that we are eligible for funding in the event of future stormwater damage. Additional grant-funded ditch work is scheduled for 2022.

In addition, most of the town's gravel pile was spread on town roads. The remaining gravel will be spread next summer.

A grant was secured to fund 80% of an engineering study for the replacement of a culvert at the intersection of Tucker Brook Road and Shampeny Hill Road. Grant funding will be pursued in 2022 for the construction of the new culvert.

In all, more than \$14,000 of grant funds were secured for Hancock road work in 2021.

Efforts will continue in 2022 to secure additional grant funding to supplement road maintenance and repair costs.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Perera
Road Commissioner

Hancock Free Public Library Report

With the second year of new and different challenges the Hancock Free Public Library continues to adapt to serve the needs of our patrons. We have been open for browsing during part of the year. We continue to provide curbside and porch pickup for the entire year. Our WIFI is available 24/7 from the parking lot and does not require a password.

We have been privileged to receive grants to continue our existing programs and establish new ones.

Halloween provided an opportunity to “treat” the children to a free book of their choice. Family Game Kits are available upon request.

The Green Mountain Consortium, or perhaps better known as Listen Up Vermont, provided 657 readers and listeners with books for their enjoyment.

Inter Library Loan (ILL) has been busy providing books to our patrons that we do not have in our collection. Though we are not a stop on the courier delivery system, the Hancock Post Office provide the necessary transportation for the books.

Our Adopt an Author Program continues to provide the latest book releases of authors Chris Bohjalian, Janet Evanovich and John Grisham. If you too have a favorite author and would like to donate to the library their newest release, please call the library to make arrangements for the Adopt an Author Program.

Museum passes are available year-round. Summer passes are more plentiful but many indoor museum venues are available during the winter season. There are both free and discounted passes depending on the museum.

Valley Readers Book Club continues to meet via Zoom. Their monthly meeting is the 2nd Thursday of the month. Discussion books are provided by the Friends of the Hancock Free Public Library and are available at the library. Call to reserve your copy.

To contact the Hancock Free Public Library you can call (802-767-4651) or email: Hancockvtlibrary@gmail.com.

Hancock Library Trustees:

Eva Jesso, Chair

Margi Rogal, Treasurer

Gretchen Perera, Secretary

Rose Juliano

Jody Jesso

Caroline Meagher, Librarian

Friends of the Hancock Free Public Library - 2021 Report

The Friends of the Hancock Free Public Library formed in 2012 to support the Hancock Free Public Library (HFPL). During this time, we've shown that support in a variety of ways including holding programs and events and buying books and materials.

The last two years COVID-19 has made it necessary to cancel workshops and events that the Friends would have normally been organizing and sponsoring. On a positive note, our book discussion group, Valley Readers, has continued to meet by moving to Zoom. The group meets at 6pm the second Thursday of these months - January-June & September-November.

If you'd like to help support the Friends, there are many ways to do so:

- There is a book discussion group, Valley Readers, which has been going strong for nine years. The group meets the second Thursday of the month at 6pm and anyone is welcome to join. Currently the meetings take place over Zoom, so please reach out if you'd like to be included.
- Our Adopt an Author program is in its fifth year and is a fun way to expand the collection. Ask at the HFPL how you can take part.
- A nice way to remember a loved one, or honor a friend or family member, is to donate to the Friends. The money is used for books and programs to support the HFPL. Friends is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.
- Friends of the Hancock Free Public Library has a Facebook page with information on events and activities so please "like" the page to keep up with the latest happenings.
- Consider joining the Friends group. Donation levels start as low as \$10/year.

If you'd like more information on the Friends, please contact Jill Jesso-White, President, at 767-4128.

Hancock Town Pride - Annual Report for 2021

While COVID has continued to impact our activities, Hancock Town Pride was still able to bring some normalcy to 2021. Hancock Town Pride has been working consistently for eleven years on these three goals: beautifying the town, holding events and activities and fostering community spirit. This past year made it challenging to hold events and activities, but we were still able to do some things to meet our goals.

We continued our annual tradition of distributing sunflower seeds to anyone interested on Memorial Day. Thanks to Ross Parker and Denise Chapin for the donation of seeds. We also handed out sunflower seedlings planted and donated by Meg Brown, so a big thanks to her as well. We planted the beautiful planters at the base of the bandstand and the wooden barrels with flowers at various locations around town. A big thanks to Dorothy Robson for taking the lead on the planters. Thanks also to all our volunteer waterers who helped with the flowers all summer. All the sunflowers around town looked great.

In 2021 Hancock Town Pride presented six summer concerts on the Hancock Town Green to appreciative audiences, following the cancellation of our 2020 season over COVID concerns. These concerts were free to the public and were paid for by the committee's past fund-raising events, as well as by some contributions from audience members. As a cautionary COVID measure, no food was served at the concerts, and the Fire Station restroom was available only for performers. Due to wet weather, three of the performances were held indoors at the Hancock Town Hall.

On July 8, Rick Redington and The Luv opened the concert series with their unique blend of original music for vocals, guitar, bass and percussion. The following week the sounds of The Panhandlers, a Caribbean steel drum band, rang through the valley on a perfect summer evening. July 22 brought us VT Bluegrass Pioneers, with veteran performers we've enjoyed hearing in other summer concerts. The annual Pete Seeger Memorial Concert was held the last Thursday in July, with members of the Seeger family and musicians from the valley performing songs identified with folk icon Pete Seeger. The first week of August brought us music of the Michele Fay Band, with many original songs written by the band's leader who hails from Ripton. We ended the season on August 12 with music by the Hancock Coffeehouse Singers, a group of local musicians who have traditionally performed at benefit coffee houses in the valley. All concerts were well received, with many inquiries about what we would be hearing next season.

We've been pleased to be able to offer these free outdoor family-friendly concerts, as part of our mission to provide activities and entertainment for residents of Hancock and nearby towns. All are invited to come with their own chairs or blanket and enjoy good music, surrounded by our beautiful Vermont scenery.

In early December we purchased wreaths to hang on our municipal buildings and the bandstand. They looked very festive through the holiday season.

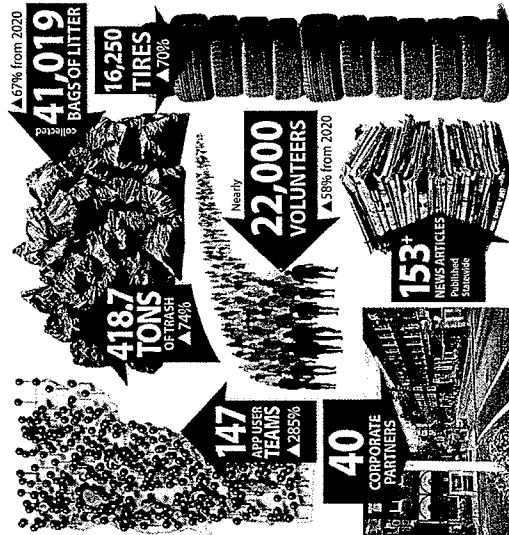
We always welcome new members to join us! We have a Facebook page where we post announcements. Please "like" our page! We would love to hear your ideas and feedback as we work toward adding to the beauty and community spirit of our town.

Respectfully Submitted,
Hancock Town Pride
Jill Jesso-White, President



GREEN UP VERMONT
www.greenupvermont.org

Green Up Day
May 7, 2022



Green Up Day on May 1, 2021 was a huge success thanks to nearly 22,000 volunteers statewide who Greened Up. The infographic shows that all your hard work to beautify Vermont is needed and that it makes where we get to live, work, and play a very special place. As one of Vermont's favorite holidays, it is imperative for today and for future generations to keep building pride, awareness, and stewardship for a clean Vermont environment.

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

Along with Green Up Day, we work year-round to further our impact with waste reduction initiatives, additional clean-up efforts, and educational programs.

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

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

Visit our website, like us on Facebook (@greenupvermont), and follow us on Instagram (greenupvermont) greenup@greenupvermont.org 229-4586

TOWN FUNDS REQUEST

AGENCY NAME:
ADDRESS:

Vermont Adult Learning – Addison
99 Maple Street, #18 Marble Works
Middlebury, Vermont 05753

CONTACT PERSON:

Natalie Reigle, Regional Director
nreigle@vadultlearning.org
802-388-4392, ext. 1008

CONTACT INFORMATION:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: We provide adults with basic skills instruction in reading, writing and math, GED prep and testing, a high school diploma program, and classes for English Language Learners.

AMOUNT REQUESTED FY21: \$115.00

AMOUNT REQUESTED FY22: \$115.00

HANCOCK RESIDENTS SERVED: 1

TOTAL SERVED STATEWIDE (FY21): 974

SOURCES OF INCOME/EXPENSES IN PERCENTAGES* (FY 2021: July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021):

Sources of Income	320,148	%	Major Expenses	319,921	%
Rec'd from federal taxes:	35,285	11.02	Salaries and benefits	268,638	83.97
Rec'd from state taxes:	260,139	81.26	Office expenses	1,663	.52
Rec'd from municipal tax:	11,184	3.49	Facilities	37,704	11.79
Rec'd from donations:	0.0		Programs	10,472	3.27
Rec'd from United Way	10,443	3.26	Other	1,444	.45
Rec'd from grants & other:	3,097	.97	Net gain	228.00	
TOTAL	100.00%	100.00%	TOTAL	100.00%	100.00%

*This data pertains to the Middlebury site only, not VAL as a whole.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

Vermont Adult Learning (VAL) offers a variety of learning opportunities to help adults achieve their educational goals and enhance their quality of life. We work with each student to develop an individualized learning plan that includes a transition to further education or employment. We offer GED testing, programs for completing a high school diploma, basic skills instruction in reading, writing, and math and classes for English Language Learners (ELL). Instruction is also available to students who need skill preparation for college or employment purposes.

In addition, we are contracted by the Vermont Department of Children and Families to place and support Reach-Up participants in unsubsidized work experiences. Our programs are free and confidential.

We are grateful to the townspeople of Hancock for supporting the services we provide.

JOHN GRAHAM HOUSING & SERVICES

December 13, 2021

Citizens of Hancock

JGHS maintains an Emergency Shelter at 69 Main St, Vergennes. The site is a two-story congregate setting, with shared bathrooms, living room, and kitchen. A food shelf service, accessible to anyone in need in the community, is located on the second floor of the Shelter. The property includes a playground for resident's children in the side yard and a front and side porch. The Shelter is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, and staff are on 24/7. COVID has increased client needs and a decrease in available housing have created more clients facing greater housing instability. JGHS also maintains nineteen apartment units spread throughout several Addison County towns. JGHS served clients from approximately 45 Vermont municipalities with a total of more than 350 people receiving JGHS wrap around services in the last year.

We are requesting the same \$350.00 from the voters of Hancock as we have in the past, despite the increased needs.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Susan Whitmore
Executive Director

69 Main Street, Vergennes, VT 05491 · 802-877-2677 · johngrahamshelter.org

WomenSafe, Inc.
Christina Grier, Interim Executive Director
24-hour Hotline: 802-388-4205
Business: 802-388-9180
info@womensafe.net
www.womensafe.net

In the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021 **WomenSafe** staff and volunteers provided the following total services:

- 511 total adults and children served through advocacy and supervised visitation services.
- 8,300 in-person meetings and phone calls through the advocacy program.
- 410 supervised visits and orientation meetings for 18 families including 25 children.
- Worked with the parents/caregivers of a total of 330 children exposed to violence.
- Prevention programming reached 1,784 youth and adults through 438 presentations and outreach events.
- 66 volunteers donated 7,861 hours of services.

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In Hancock, WomenSafe provided advocacy services to at least **3*** residents including the parents and caregivers of **2** children.

** For safety, some people do not share their town of residence.*



A World Where Aging is Honored

CVCOA Helpline 1-800-642-5119

- Information & Assistance staff counsels older Vermonters and families on the many available benefit programs and services, such as 3SquaresVT, seasonal fuel assistance, housing, and more.
- Case Managers work with clients in their homes to assess needs and develop, implement and coordinate individualized long-term care plans.
- Nutrition Services oversees the menu development and technical assistance for home-delivered and Community meals and provides the largest source of funding for the 14 meal sites that prepare and deliver these meals.
- State Health Insurance Program (SHIP) provides personalized Medicare counseling, Medicare & You workshops (now on Zoom), and enrollment assistance for Medicare Part D plans.
- Family Caregiver Program promotes the well-being of the family members serving as caregivers to loved ones, including administration of the Dementia Respite Grant, which provides much needed financial assistance for respite, training, and Memorable Times Café/Memorable Times Online.
- Volunteer Programs provide direct service to community members. Volunteers offer companionship, transportation, assistance with technology, organizing, wellness classes, meal delivery, special event support, errands and grocery shopping, yardwork, creative guidance, and more.
- Special Projects and Programs are designed to help alleviate social isolation and loneliness, addressing the accessibility gap for homebound older adults.

In FY21, CVCOA mobilized 450 volunteers to provide direct service, deliver meals on wheels, support mealists, provide wellness classes, assist with medicare information, provide companionship and creative encouragement, and more. These volunteers served 32,870 hours in Central Vermont communities.

CVCOA served 3,070 unduplicated clients in FY21, plus 6,585 additional interactions with community members for outreach and support. CVCOA services are free of charge. We do charge a modest stipend to private employers who request our Medicare & You workshop for their employees.

All of us at the Central Vermont Council on Aging extend our gratitude to the residents of Hancock for their ongoing commitment to the health, well-being, independence, and dignity of older Vermonters in the Hancock community and throughout Central Vermont.

Phone: 802-479-0531

Fax: 802-479-4235

59 N. Main Street, Suite 200

Barre, VT 05641-4121

Email: info@cvcoa.org

Web: www.cvcoa.org

TRI-VALLEY TRANSIT (TVT), FORMERLY STAGECOACH, SERVICES REPORT TO HANCOCK ON October 2021

Thank you for the Town of Hancock's generous support last year. During the past four years, your support helped TVT provide an annual average of 375 free trips for Hancock residents either by volunteer drivers or on wheelchair accessible vehicles. Tri-Valley Transit's Dial-A-Ride and Shuttle Bus Systems provided a total of 123,974 rides for the year. All our transportation programs enable community members to maintain their independence, gain and keep employment and access critical healthcare and quality-of-life services.

During the COVID-19 outbreak, public transportation has been on the frontlines of providing essential service to many of the most vulnerable members and essential workers of our communities. TVT has revamped its service to protect riders, the general public and staff, focusing on riders with no other means of transportation but whose trips are essential: healthcare staff getting to work and patients accessing dialysis, cancer, and opioid addiction treatment. We also added free food delivery service for at-risk members of the community. Unfortunately the pandemic lingers on with new variants of the virus that are more than 2x as contagious as previous strains and can be passed to unvaccinated people by those who are vaccinated but may not be experiencing symptoms. We remain vigilant to protect riders, staff and volunteers from COVID.

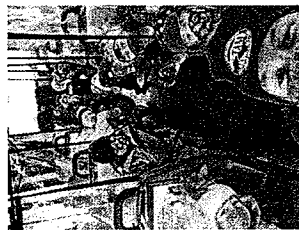
To protect everyone, we have worked hard to:

- install protective shields between seats,
- implement pre-ride screening techniques to ensure drivers and riders are not COVID risks,
- ensure all vehicles are frequently sanitized and hand sanitizer is available,
- require face masks to be worn in our vehicles and facilities, and supply them as needed.

The state and local grants through which we provide these services require us to raise 20% "local match" dollars. TVT's requests from towns account for approximately 5% of the 20% requirement. TVT seeks the other 15% from other sources including businesses, institutions, individuals, and grants.

Please include this in your town report as space allows.

Thank you!





Hi Hancock Neighbors!

It's hard to believe another year has flown by. 2021 started off as crazy as you could imagine. After almost a year of working together to keep everyone safe here at Park House and having our vaccinations scheduled, we ended up with Covid in the house. We are so lucky that the symptoms were mild, even though residents were quarantined to their rooms for a while. Meals were transported by our fabulous little cart and volunteer help. We contracted with Quintown for Meals on Wheels which was a huge help! By spring, when the virus had eased, we decided to try and schedule some fun events again. As we all know, then came the variant strain and we had to put a halt to that. We're still hoping that we can start up again and will make sure it's posted in case you'd like to join us. With grants from Mascoma Bank and Housing Ministries of New England, we were able to do some repairs and paint our beautiful porch-it looks fabulous!

As always, Park House is grateful for your support, and we ask that you consider contributing \$500 again in 2022-2023.

Sincerely,

Joanne McDonnell
Executive Director

16 Park Row, #4 (802) 767-3416 director@parkhousevt.org

As one of 10 Designated Agencies in the state of Vermont, Clara Martin Center provides mental health and addiction recovery services for Orange County and the greater Upper Valley area.

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

The agency continues to work with a wide variety of local partners to enhance community health and wellness including Stagescoach, local police departments, primary care providers, schools and supervisory unions, the Chelsea Health Center Board and local officials, to name a few.

With 55 years of experience and leadership under our belt, we remain positioned to rise to meet the needs and challenges of the communities we serve, such as the opiate crisis. Clara Martin Center is at the forefront of this epidemic, providing help to those in the community dealing with this problem.

For more information about Clara Martin Center services, visit our website at www.claramartin.org.

Quin-Town Center for Senior Citizens
PO Box 113
1097 Route 100
Hancock, VT 05748

802-767-3763
quintownsc@gmail.com

Oct. 20, 2021

To the Town of Hancock Select Board/Budget Committee and Community Members:

Quin-Town Center for Senior Citizens is based in Hancock and since 1972 has given senior citizens in the area a place to go for on-site meals each Monday, Wednesday and Friday at noon. We also provide nutritionally balanced meals delivered to homebound members through our Meals on Wheels Program.

The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted our senior center. To keep our clients safe, we have had to temporarily change our onsite dining, currently serving onsite meals on Wednesdays. However, we continue to provide nutritionally balanced meals to help meet the dietary requirements of our seniors by offering our new To-Go Meals Program and continue delivering Meals on Wheels each Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Our Meals on Wheels Program not only provides healthy meals to seniors, but also provides us with an opportunity to perform a wellness check for our senior neighbors.

The Quin-Town Center for Senior Citizens is requesting a donation from each of our surrounding towns. Our request from Hancock is \$2716.00 for the coming year. The donation is well spent. We have supplied nearly 5,000 meals this past year to seniors at the center including our new To-Go Meals Program and our Meals on Wheels Program.

Your donation will cover a portion of our operating budget not reimbursed by our contract with the Central Vermont Council on Aging. Therefore, each contributing town and its citizens become participants in the successful operation of our program that provides quality meals and social enrichment for our aging neighbors and relatives.

We continue to supplement our funds with a very successful annual appeal each fall and have increased our search for grants and other fundraising events. We would be glad to meet with you if you have any questions. Thank you for your generous support in the past and for considering our current request.

Sincerely,

Quin-Town Board of Directors

Board of Directors
~ Natalie Clook, Acting President ~ Kent Butterfield, Vice President & Treasurer ~ Beverly Allen,
Secretary ~
Members: Annette West
Staff

~ Jody Jesso, Executive Director ~ Margaret Brown, Cook ~ Garvi Jesso-White, Assistant Cook ~

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. 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 a number of part-time staff we maintain two Paramedic level staffed ambulances 24/7, 365 days a year. From January 1, 2021 through November 30, 2021 White River Valley Ambulance responded to 1,600 emergency calls and transfers, up from 1,342 in 2021. This includes Advanced Life Support transfer between hospitals.

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. We also provide advanced practice training to emergency response professionals and volunteers from throughout the state.

Funding for WRVA comes primarily from billed insurance and budget allocations from the towns we serve. Every town pays the same amount per capita. In 2022, the per capita amount will increase by \$61.00 to \$65.00, or 6.6%.

Looking back on 2021 and ahead to 2022, we are ever grateful for the numerous first responders and fire departments who 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.wvra.org

Matthew Parrish,
Executive Director

GRANVILLE VOL. FIRE DEPARTMENT
3051 VT Route 100
Granville, VT 05747
Tel.: (802) 767-3033



"Proudly serving Granville, Vermont and the surrounding communities since 1951"

Re: Fiscal Year Ending 2021
To: Residents and Taxpayers

December 23, 2021

Greetings:

The 2021 fiscal year marks the end of our 70th year providing emergency services to Granville and our surrounding community. Through the dedication of our members and the tremendous support from our community we are stronger now than ever.

Last year we witnessed another rise in the number of emergencies our team responded to. A summary of these calls is included in the next page. We expect the trend to continue upward as the community continues to increase their reliance on the services we provide.

This past year, a significant push was made in recruiting and training in emergency medical services. We have welcomed several new members to the department which have increased our active emergency responders to 19. This fall we also held a Medical First Responder course increasing our medical response team by 13 for a total of 18 members. This more than tripled the number of active members who can respond to medical emergencies.

Recruiting remains a high priority for us. Our goal is to maintain an active roster of 30 with more on the auxiliary list. We have positions open for all types of responders and we would like the opportunity to speak with you about how you can serve your community in this unique way.

More recently, in the Fall of 2021 we purchased and placed into service a 1992 Pierce tanker with a 1,000 GPM pump and 3,000 gallons of water. The vehicle replaces a 1983 oil tanker which has served as our water tanker for about 14 years until it was taken out of service. The replacement vehicle will be paid for entirely through the fundraising efforts of our members.

As always, we appreciate your support. If you have any questions about the operations of the department or are interested in serving or helping in some way, please feel free to contact us.

Stay safe,

D. Sugrue

Daniel Sargeant, Fire Chief;
Granville Volunteer Fire Department
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September 15, 2021

Addison County Restorative Justice services is requesting \$90.54 in support from the Town of Hancock in the 2021/2022 budget.

ACRJS provides community restorative justice responses focusing on the "balanced approach" in meeting the needs of the victim, the community and the program participant. The goal is to help the program participant develop empathy and accept responsibility while providing compensation of loss for the victims and compensation of resources for the community. Anyone given the opportunity to participate in our programs is supported to take responsibility for their actions, connect with the community in a positive way, and learn from their experience so as not to reoffend and cause harm to yet another person.

We have expanded our programs beyond Court Diversion and the Youth Substance Awareness Safety Program to include the Driving with License Suspended Program, Safe Driving Program, Reporative Restorative Panels, Reentry Navigation and Circles of Support and Accountability for those reentering the community from incarceration, Pretrial Monitoring and Tamarack for those community members who have committed a crime and have a mental illness or substance use problem. All programs have the goal for the participant of instilling a sense of belonging and commitment to contribute to the Addison County Community as positive, proactive member and to not create any more victims, essentially decrease crime in the county.

The following is a breakdown of the number of individuals from the Town of Hancock who were provided services through our agency in FY 2020/2021

Court Diversion Adult: 1	Court Diversion Youth: 0
Youth Substance Awareness Safety Programs: Reporative Restorative Panels: 0	
Driving With License Suspended: 0	Cosa: 0
Reentry Navigation: 0	Pretrial Services: 0
Tamarack: 1	Safe Driving: 0
Reparative Pretrial: 0	

Thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely,

Jean A. Stone

Jean A. Stone B.A.
Executive Director

Addison County United Way Member Agency

HANCOCK TOWN PRIDE

November 30, 2021

Town of Hancock
PO Box 100
Hancock, VT 05748

Dear Hancock Selectboard:

Hancock Town Pride formed in 2012 with three primary goals. These include holding events and activities, beautifying the town and fostering a sense of pride in the town. Since our start we have done fundraising and grant writing. However, with the last two years of the pandemic we haven't been able to do fundraising. This means that after filling the flower barrels and holding our summer concert series our funds are greatly diminished. Unless something changes, we won't have the funds to hold a 2022 summer concert series.

We are requesting that funding of \$1,500 be added to the list of appropriations for the 2022 Annual Town Meeting.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

Jill Jesso-White

Jill Jesso-White
President, Hancock Town Pride



September 20, 2021

Town of Hancock
PO Box 100
Hancock, VT 05748

Dear Select Board,

The mission of Vermont Family Network (VFN) is to empower and support all Vermont children, youth, and families, especially those with disabilities or special health needs. Formed in 2008 when two organizations, the Vermont Parent Information Center (VPIC) and Parent to Parent of Vermont (P2P), merged, VFN has collectively served the families across Vermont for more than 30 years. Vermont children, youth, and families are provided with a "one-stop-shop" to help them reach their full potential. VFN gives a strong start, lifts family voices, and advances inclusive communities.

We are writing you today to ask for your support in continuing to serve families in Hancock and throughout the state, with an appropriation of \$250. Traditionally primarily funded through state and federal grants, we find that waning funds threaten to slow our work and minimize the number of families we can support. We are reaching out to communities like Hancock where we have served many families to seek your help. Your appropriation will help ensure the work we can do all around the state continues to happen with the same excellence and care that it has for the past 30 years.

We are proud to serve over 1,400 families yearly with expert information, referral, and assistance services provided by family support consultants located in Williston, Newport, and Rutland, an annual conference and more through our Family Support Program.

Vermont Family Network is also home to Puppets in Education, an educational puppetry team that teaches children and parents about important issues like anxiety awareness, bullying, child abuse, and disability awareness through engaging performances that emphasize compassion, respect, effective leadership, and communication. Each year over 10,000 school children and adults benefit from these educational programs and workshops.

Thank you so much for your consideration. The funding received will go a long way to ensuring our ability to continue to provide the much-needed services to Vermont families. Please feel free to reach out to me at Claire.giroux-williams@vtfn.org, or my cell phone at 301-509-2435 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Claire Giroux-Williams

Claire Giroux-Williams
Development and Communications Manager
Vermont Family Network

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

About the League. 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. The most recent audited financial statements are posted on our website, vlct.org/about/audit-reports.

Member Benefits. All 246 Vermont cities and towns are members of VLCT, as are 139 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, consulting, and education services,** including prompt responses to member questions that often involve how to comply with state and federal requirements. During the past year, VLCT's timely legal and technical assistance included answering more than 4,000 legal questions and publishing guidance, templates, research reports, and several new groups of FAQs explaining how municipalities can implement the state's COVID-19 requirements. To support Vermont's towns and cities in responding to the pandemic, VLCT quickly researched, assembled, and distributed important information about fiscal impacts, grant opportunities, and how to hold public meetings remotely.
- **Trainings and timely communications on topics of specific concern to officials** who carry out their duties required by state law, as well as pertinent statewide topics. In response to the pandemic, the League provided online trainings, a virtual week-long conference, and timely announcements and information from state officials about how to comply with requirements and access to funding and assistance.
- **Representation before the state legislature, state agencies, and the federal government,** ensuring that municipal voices are heard collectively and as a single, united voice. VLCT's recent legislative efforts have helped provide cities and towns additional resources to respond to the pandemic, address road and bridge repair, tackle cybersecurity, improve housing and economic growth, promote renewable energy, provide emergency medical services, address equity and inclusion, and ensure the quality of our drinking water. Members are also represented at the federal level to Vermont's Congressional delegation and through our partner, the National League of Cities. This federal partnership was instrumental in securing more than \$200 million in local pandemic aid through the American Rescue Plan Act, and ensuring it reached every city, town, and village in Vermont.
- **Access to two exceptional 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 Employment Resource and Benefits (VERB) Trust provides unemployment insurance, life, disability, dental, and vision insurance products to members at a competitive price. Both programs offer coverage and products that members need and ask for, help Vermont municipalities stretch their budgets, and are *only* available to VLCT members.
- **Access to a host of educational and informative materials and member conferences,** including a news magazine, handbooks, reports, articles, and events that all focus on the needs of local government and provide additional educational and networking opportunities.

At the heart of all these activities is VLCT's commitment to serving as a good steward of member assets, and we are proud of the progress we continue to make in that effort. Members are welcome to contact VLCT anytime to ask questions, and to access resources that can help them carry out the important work of local government. For a comprehensive list of member benefits and services, please visit vlct.org/memberguide.

To learn more about the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, visit the VLCT website at vlct.org.

BETHEL/ROYALTON SOLID WASTE PROGRAM

FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2021

The towns of Bethel and Royalton jointly own a 22 acre parcel of land on Waterman Road in Royalton which has been improved to provide facilities for aggregation and shipment of municipal solid waste, recyclables, and a variety of hazardous waste materials. The site also contains the now-closed landfill which served area towns from 1970 to 1993. By contractual agreement, other member towns also use the waste management program, these towns being Barnard, Stockbridge, Rochester, Hancock and Granville.

Administration of the program has historically been managed by staff of the town of Bethel, under the direction and oversight of the Bethel and Royalton Select Boards. In August 2013, a new Inter-local Contract was approved and endorsed by the Bethel and Royalton Select Boards. This new agreement for administration of the solid waste program shifts management accountability and oversight from Bethel to the White River Alliance Board and the Alliance Manager.

In December 2020, the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation approved the program's new "Solid Waste Implementation Plan" (SWIP) for purposes of managing solid waste and recyclables in accordance with the objectives of current local/state/national priorities. The SWIP is updated every five years.

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 7, 2014. The certification is valid until March 31, 2024. The former Bethel/Royalton landfill is also operated under a certification that is valid until changes are made to the original certification specifications. This certification provides for adequate monitoring of any residual effects stemming from the landfill use.

From July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 a total of 5,497.99 tons of solid waste was collected at the transfer station "tipping floor". This material was loaded into trailers for shipment to an in state lined landfill. Materials received for recycling totaled 746.64 tons and organics totaled 52.02 tons. These materials were 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.

Collection events for **Household Hazardous Wastes** were held in July 2020 and April 2021 at the Bethel Royalton Transfer Station and August 2020 at the Rochester Town Hall Parking lot. A total of 329 families participated in the three 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 material. 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 two events in 2022. One at the Bethel Royalton Transfer Station on April 16, 2022 and one at the Rochester Town Hall on September 17, 2022. This will allow access for those towns not located near the transfer station to attend.

The Transfer Station participates in a variety of manufacturer-sponsored recycling programs including battery, electronics, paint, mercury light bulbs and mercury thermostats. These programs are free to the public. Please grab a brochure at the cashier's office or speak to an attendant regarding daily limits and covered products.

We consider the solid waste program to be comprehensive in the services provided to the public, and the program staff is well trained to provide advice or assistance.

The facility is open to the public on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 7am to 1pm. It is closed on Sunday, Monday and Wednesday. Please visit our website for more information: whiteriveralliancesolidwaste.org

ECFiber and the Town of Hancock

Hancock is a member of the East Central Vermont Telecommunications District, a Vermont municipality whose mission is to provide internet service to homes and businesses in its area. During the past year ECFiber added almost 1,700 new customers and now serves over 7,000 premises in 23 towns via 1,500 miles of fiber-optic cable. The district consists of 31 member towns, which, when fully built out, will bring fiber-to-the-premises (FTTP) to about 31,500 locations over more than 2,000 miles network.

In Hancock, ECFiber has completed construction of its network. As of November, 2021, there were 85 customers along 14 miles of network.

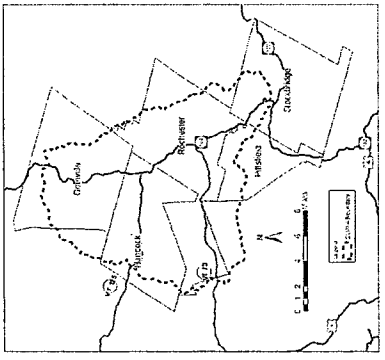
ECFiber is funded entirely by customer revenues, which in turn back tax-free municipal bonds issued by the district to raise capital to build our infrastructure. This model is now the state's strategy for solving the rural broadband crisis and eight CUDs like ECFiber are working hard to get going. The once-in-a-lifetime ARPA funds the state received for broadband have been put into the Vermont Community Broadband Fund. ECFiber and ValleyNet leadership were deeply involved in the work of the administration and legislature during the last session and continues to engage with the state and other CUDs in pursuit of the statewide goal of bringing fiber to all homes and businesses on the grid in our state. We invite you to visit our website to learn more about ECFiber, and encourage you to subscribe. You won't be charged anything until we start service.

Scott Gillette, Hancock's delegate to the ECFiber Governing Board
Hancock@ECFiber.net

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 Vermont's First Communications Union District

Upper White River Cooperative Weed Management Association 2021 Report to the Town of Hancock

2021 was the ninth year that the Upper White River Cooperative Weed Management Association conducted non-native invasive plant surveys, outreach and control projects along town roads and trails located in the Upper White River watershed. See map showing the project area boundary, below.



CWMA partners include the Green Mountain National Forest, US Fish & Wildlife Service, Vermont Department of Forests, Parks, and Recreation, Town of Rochester, and White River Partnership. The members are working together to raise awareness about and manage non-native invasive plants.

Non-native invasive plants are plants that are not originally from this area that have exhibited invasive tendencies, spreading rapidly and taking away habitat that native plants need to thrive. They have the potential to negatively impact land and water resources, recreational opportunities, biodiversity, wildlife, and property values. However, the community at large can play a hand in controlling invasive plants on their own properties and community roads through early detection and rapid response activities.

2021 Summary:

CWMA Coordination:

Grant funding was received, and despite the pandemic, a coordinator was hired, and several tasks were accomplished.

Monitoring and Control:

With the help of Green Mountain National Forest staff and Vermont Youth Conservation Corps, 6.4 acres of wild chervil were controlled on FR 39 in Hancock.

While the infestations that have been and continue to be slated for control represent only a fraction of known infestations, and many more are unmapped, they were chosen because they are either in strategic locations, or are relatively more feasible to control than others, or are part of an ongoing effort in those locations.

Education & outreach:

In April, the CWMA coordinator provided a webinar on ecological landscaping for residents in all the Upper White River CWMA towns (Hancock, Granville, Pittsfield, Rochester, and Stockbridge). In June, Green Mountain National Forest staff offered wild chervil management direction to residents and businesses via Front Porch Forum.

Interested landowners are encouraged to take action to control non-native invasive plants on their own properties, or to get involved with the Cooperative Weed Management Association. To get involved locally, contact MaryBeth Deller at the Green Mountain National Forest at mary.deller@usda.gov. To learn more about invasive plants in Vermont, visit the Vermont Invasives website: <http://vtinvasives.org>

TRORC 2021 YEAR-END REPORT

The Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Commission is an association of 30 municipalities in east-central Vermont that is governed by a Board of Representatives appointed by each of our member towns. As advocates for our members, we seek to articulate a vision for building a thriving regional economy while enhancing the Region's quality of life. The following are highlights from 2021.

Technical Assistance on Planning Issues

Our staff provided technical services to local, state and federal levels of government and to the Region's citizens, non-profits, and businesses. TRORC staff assisted numerous towns with revisions to municipal plans, capital budgets, bylaws and studies. TRORC has applied for funding to assist seven communities review and revise their zoning to enable more housing construction.

Emergency Management and Preparedness

TRORC staff continued to serve on the State Emergency Response Committee, providing state officials with key local information to assist emergency planning. TRORC continues to assist local emergency management directors to meet the needs of our first responders. Again, this past year, TRORC assisted several communities with updating their Local Hazard Mitigation Plans. Having FEMA approved plans is a condition for many FEMA programs.

Energy

TRORC assisted seven towns on Enhanced Energy Plans to save money for communities and further the State energy goals to meet 90% of Vermont's energy needs from renewable sources by 2050. In addition, TRORC sought and received general energy plan implementation funds to assist town Energy Committees on energy efficiency outreach and education.

Transportation

TRORC managed the Municipal Roads Grants-In-Aid program in our Region. This provides funding for towns to implement Best Management Practices (BMP) on municipal roads ahead of the state's forthcoming Municipal Roads General Permit provisions. Funding provides for projects including grass and stone-lined ditches, upsizing and replacement of culverts, and stabilizing catch basin outlets.

Specifically in Hancock this year, TRORC staff assisted in the development of the Hancock Town Plan and had discussions regarding assessing contamination on a commercial property in town.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Peter G. Gregory, AICP, Executive Director
Jerry Fredrickson, Chairperson, Barnard

TRORC
Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee
REGIONAL COMMISSION
128 King Farm Rd. • Woodstock, VT 05091

2021 Local Health Annual Report

Twelve Local Health District Offices around the state provide health services and promote wellness for all Vermonters. Additional information about your local health office and related programs can be found at <https://www.healthvermont.gov/local>.

COVID-19

It has been almost two years since the COVID-19 pandemic began, and in response, our families, schools, businesses, first responders, and countless other groups have worked to better protect the health of our communities. Together we ensured towns had access to the vaccine, testing, and other services needed to make more informed decisions about their health. As of December 1, 2021, approximately

- 494,000 Vermonters received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine.
- 546,055 people have been tested and a total of 2,570,835 tests completed.
- Many COVID-19 resources are now provided in over 20 different languages.
- Up-to-date information, including town-level data can be found on the Health Department's website: <https://www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19/current-activity>.

Public Health Programs

In addition to COVID-19 response efforts, Local Health offices continue to provide health services and programs to Vermont communities, including but not limited to

- In collaboration with Town Health Officers and other local partners, we help Vermonters better understand the relationship between their environment and their health at a time when more of us are spending time at home with our families. Find information about environmental health and lead, asbestos, toxic chemicals, child safety, food safety, climate change, drinking water, and more at <https://www.healthvermont.gov/environment>.
- The WIC nutrition program continues to provide primarily remote access to services with phone appointments. In 2021, an average of approximately 11,300 infants, children, and pregnant, postpartum, and breastfeeding people were served by WIC in Vermont each month.
- As of November 23, 2021, 193,000 flu vaccine doses have been administered. Protecting people from influenza continues to be particularly important as the flu may complicate recovery from COVID-19.

Thank you to everyone involved in supporting these efforts. We look forward to what 2022 brings, to seeing you in the community, and encourage you to stay in touch with us.

**MINUTES OF
TOWN OF HANCOCK, VERMONT ANNUAL MEETING
MARCH 2, 2021, POLLS 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM**

The legal voters of the Town of Hancock, VT, were warned and notified to meet at the Town Clerk's Office in said town to transact the following business by Australian ballot:

*Article 1: To elect a Town Moderator for the next year ensuing. **Jim Leno was elected.***

Article 2: To elect all Town Officers as required by law:

- *Selectboard Member – three year term **Dan Perera***
- *Selectboard Member – two year term **Scott Gillette***
- *Lister – three year term **Brandon Shawn***
- *Auditor- three year term **Rose Juliano***
- *Auditor – 2 year term **Vacant***
- *Constable - one year term **Scott Gillette***
- *Collector of Delinquent Taxes – one year term **Jaime Morin***
- *Cemetery Commissioner - three year term **Larry Bettis***
- *Road Commissioner – one year term **Dan Perera***
- *Library Trustee – five year term **Eva M. Jesso***
- *Advisory Budget Committee – three year term **Maurice Eaton***
- *White River Valley Ambulance Representative – one year term **Jack Ross***

Article 3: Shall the voters appropriate a total of \$29434.54 to the following social service agencies pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 2691:

<i>Green-Up Vermont – Supports Green Up Day</i>	<i>\$50.00</i>
<i>Vermont Adult Learning – provides adult learning opportunities</i>	<i>\$115.00</i>
<i>WomenSafe – Provides assistance related to sexual and domestic violence for people of all genders</i>	<i>\$500.00</i>
<i>John Graham Shelter –Provides emergency shelter</i>	<i>\$350.00</i>
<i>Tri Valley Transit (Stagecoach) – Provides regional mass transit</i>	<i>\$556.00</i>
<i>Central Vermont Council on Aging – Provides services to seniors</i>	<i>\$800.00</i>
<i>Park House – Senior housing non-profit</i>	<i>\$500.00</i>
<i>Clara Martin Center – Provides mental health services</i>	<i>\$595.00</i>
<i>Visiting Nurse Alliance of VT/NH, Inc. – Non-profit that provides home healthcare and hospice services</i>	<i>\$1475.00</i>
<i>Quin-Town Senior Center – non-profit providing Meals on Wheels services to valley seniors.</i>	<i>\$2,716.00</i>

<i>White River Valley Ambulance (\$61 per capita) – provides ambulance services to valley residents</i>	\$19,703.00
<i>Granville Volunteer Fire Dept. First Responders Provides First Responder Services to valley towns</i>	\$1,984.00
<i>Addison County Restorative Justice – provides restorative justice programs to Addison County residents (court diversion, etc.)</i>	\$90.54
TOTAL	<hr/> \$29,434.54

Article 3 approved

- Article 4: Shall the voters authorize the Town Treasurer to transfer the balance from the Road Commissioner's Money Market Account to the Highway Capital Fund. **Approved**
- Article 5: Shall the voters authorize the Selectboard to apply the remaining balance in the General Fund of FY 20-21 to reducing the next fiscal year's amount to be raised by taxes. **Approved**
- Article 6: Shall the voters authorize the Town Treasurer to collect current taxes pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 4791, and if so, to set the payment dates. The dates being of four equal installments dated August 16, 2021; November 15, 2021; February 15, 2022 and May 16, 2022. **Approved**
- Article 7: Shall the Town of Hancock appropriate the sum of **\$375,545.00** to pay the current expenses for the general and highway funds for the ensuing twelve months, with 2021 – 2022 taxes becoming delinquent after May 15th, 2022, and with the County and State taxes to be paid from the general fund. **Approved**

Attest:



Jody Jesso, Town Clerk/Treasurer

