

Town of Bethel, Vermont
Annual Report June 30, 2022

Town Charter

The State of Vermont declared its independence on July 4, 1777 and on March 3, 1778 set up and organized government with sovereign powers, calling it New Connecticut. Before 1778 all town charters had been granted by either New Hampshire or New York, both claiming ownership of the land. Bethel was chartered December 23, 1779 by the Republic of Vermont.

“I **pledge allegiance** to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”

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***FINANCIAL AUDIT** An audit for fiscal year end June 30, 2022 was completed by Sullivan, Powers & Co. CPA, and is posted on the Town's website (www.townofbethelvt.com). Copies are available upon request. *

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The Bethel Selectboard Dedicates the 2023 Town Report to Tim Mills and Carl Russell



The passing of Tim and Carl this year along with many other wonderful residents, is a reminder of how much of an impact one individual can have on their community. Both Tim and Carl dedicated countless hours to our community through their work for the town, and by serving on several committees throughout the years. They loved Bethel and always had its best interest at heart.

Tim worked for the Town of Bethel for 35 years as the Chief Operator of the Sewer Treatment Plant and then as our Utility Director, where he oversaw sewer, water and stormwater operations. Tim received many awards for his outstanding work ethic and knowledge. Aside from being a town employee, Tim also volunteered for the town. He served on our Class 4 Road Committee, Ancient Roads Committee, and our Emergency Planning Committee. Tim was also an avid supporter of the American Red Cross and always participated in their local blood drives. One year he gathered several Town Employees together so they could all donate with him. The Town of Bethel was lucky to have such a dedicated employee, volunteer and friend.

Carl was a Selectboard Member and Selectboard Chair for several years; he also served on our Conservation Committee, Class 4 Road Committee, Ancient Road Committee and the Emergency Planning Committee. Carl brought a multitude of talents to our community. He always put the citizens of Bethel first and had an "open door" policy. Carl's knowledge and dedication to Bethel helped us to make huge strides in improving our town government. Carl was a dedicated citizen, volunteer and friend. He is truly missed.

Bethel lost many wonderful people this past year. We are forever thankful for the positive impact they had on our lives and our community. We honor them by continuing their good works and service to the community they loved.

WARNING

TOWN OF BETHEL ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

The legal voters of the Town of Bethel are hereby warned, and notified, to meet at the **WHITE RIVER UNIFIED MIDDLE SCHOOL, BETHEL CAMPUS GYMNASIUM**, in said Bethel on Tuesday, March 7, 2023, at 10:00 am to transact the following business from the floor:

1. To elect a Town Moderator for the term of one year.
2. To elect a Town Clerk for the term of one year.
3. To elect a Town Treasurer for the term of one year.
4. To elect by ballot, a Selectboard Member for a term of three years to succeed Paul Vallee, whose term expires.
5. To elect by ballot, a Selectboard Member for a term of two years to succeed Chris Jarvis, whose term expires.
6. To elect by ballot, a Lister to serve the one-year balance of a three-year term, to succeed Pamela Brown, whose term expires in 2024.
7. To elect by ballot, a Lister for a term of three years to succeed Judi Brigham, whose term expires.
8. To elect a Trustee of Public Funds under section 24 V.S.A. for a term of three years to succeed Sandy Farrell, whose term expires in 2023.
9. To elect a Trustee of Public Funds under section 24 V.S.A. to serve the one-year balance of a three-year term, to succeed Paul Vallee, whose term expires in 2024.
10. Shall the voters authorize total fund expenditures for operating expenses of \$2,655,475 of which \$2,164,713 shall be raised by taxes and \$490,762 non-tax revenues?
11. Shall the voters appropriate up to the additional sum of \$27,500 to the Bethel Library, for continued service to Bethel residents?
12. Shall the voters appropriate up to the additional sum of \$30,000 to the Recreation Facility Improvement capital fund, to complete phase 2 of the skatepark?
13. Shall the voters appropriate a total of \$26,350 to the following social service agencies, pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 2691? (See the Town Report for a detailed description of each agency.)
14. Shall the voters appropriate up to the sum of \$153,048 to the White River Valley Ambulance, Inc., for continued service to Bethel residents?
15. Shall the Town Voters authorize the expenditure of \$1,000 for the not-for-profit operation of the Friends of the Historic Playhouse Theater in Randolph, Vermont?
16. Shall the voters authorize payment of real and personal property taxes in four (4) equal installments, with the due dates being August 15, 2023, November 15, 2023, February 15, 2024, and

May 15, 2024, by delivery to the town office postmarked on or before that date?

17. Shall the Town of Bethel elect its town officers by Australian ballot?

18. Shall the town provide notice of the availability of the annual report by postcard, mailed to all registered voters at least 30 days before the annual meeting, instead of mailing the report to the voters of the town pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 1682(a)?

Discussion of items to be voted on by Australian ballot.

The following articles will be voted by Australian ballot. Polls open Tuesday, March 7, 2023 from 8 am to 7pm at the White River Unified Middle School, Bethel Campus.

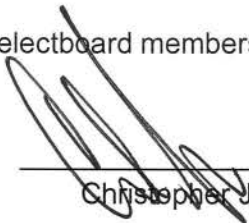
Article 1. Shall the voters of the Town of Bethel permit the operation of cannabis retailers in town?

Article 2. Shall general obligation bonds or notes of the Town of Bethel be issued in an aggregate amount not to exceed Two Million Five Hundred Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$2,500,000.00), subject to reduction by state and federal grants-in-aid and other financial assistance, be issued to fund the costs and expenses of making capital improvements to the water system of the Town of Bethel?

19. To transact any other non-binding business that may legally come before this meeting pursuant to 17 V.S.A. § 2660(d).

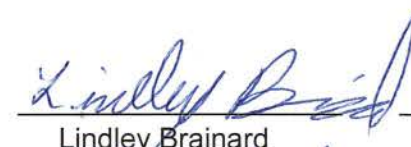
Dated at Bethel, Vermont, this 23rd day of January, 2023.

By the Selectboard members of the Town of Bethel:




Christopher Jarvis

David Eddy



Lindley Brainard



Paul Vallee



D. Gene Kraus

Town of Bethel Official Election Results – March 1, 2022 Annual Town Meeting Elections

Town of Bethel

March 1, 2022

OFFICIAL RESULTS

At the Annual Town Meeting, legally warned and holden in the Town of Bethel, Vermont on the first Tuesday of March 2022, various questions having been duly taken, sorted, counted and also tabulated, the following had the number of votes annexed to their names/items, respectively, for the several offices and items stated:

Article 1: To elect a town moderator for the term of one (1) year (vote for not more than one)

Eric Benson	171
Write-Ins	0
Undervotes	<u>1</u>
Total	172

Article 2: To elect a town clerk for the term of one (1) year (vote for not more than one)

Pamela Brown	171
Write-Ins	1
Undervotes	<u>0</u>
Total	172

Article 3: To elect a town treasurer for the term of one (1) year (vote for not more than one)

Pamela Brown	171
Write-Ins	0
Undervotes	<u>1</u>
Total	172

Article 4: To elect by ballot, a selectboard member for a term of three (3) years to succeed David Eddy, whose term expires (vote for not more than one)

David Eddy	149
Write-Ins	10
Undervotes	<u>13</u>
Total	172

Article 5: To elect by ballot, a selectboard member for a term of two (2) years to succeed Lindley Brainard, whose term expires (vote for not more than one)

Lindley Brainard	163
Write-Ins	1
Undervotes	<u>8</u>
Total	172

Article 6: To elect by ballot, a lister for a term of three (3) years to succeed Maurice Brigham, whose term expires (vote for not more than one)

Maurice Brigham	153
Write-Ins	2
Undervotes	<u>17</u>
Total	172

Article 7: To elect a Trustee of Public Funds under section 24 V.S.A. for a term of Three (3) years to succeed Eric Benson, whose term expires (vote for not more than one)

Eric Benson	170
Undervotes	<u>2</u>
Total	172

Article 8: Shall the voters authorize total fund expenditures for operating expenses of \$2,418,146 of which \$1,983,678 shall be raised by taxes and \$434,468 non-tax revenues?

Yes	148
No	23
Undervotes	<u>1</u>
Total	172

Article 9: Shall the voters appropriate a total of \$26,220 to the following social service agencies, pursuant to 24 V.S.A § 2691? (See the Town Report for a detailed description of each agency)

Yes	152
No	14
Undervotes	<u>6</u>
Total	172

ARTICLE 10: Shall the voters appropriate up to the sum of \$127,080 to the White River Valley Ambulance, Inc. for continued service to Bethel residents?

Yes	164
No	7
Undervotes	<u>1</u>
Total	172

ARTICLE 11: Shall the voters authorize payment of the real and personal property taxes in four (4) equal installments, with the due dates being August 15, 2022, November 15, 2022, February 15, 2023 and May 15, 2023, by delivery to the town office postmarked on or before that date?

Yes	168
No	3
Undervotes	<u>1</u>
Total	172

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela Brown
Town Clerk

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Moderator: Rick Benson

Town Clerk: Pamela Brown

Town Treasurer: Pamela Brown

Selectboard:

Chris Jarvis – 2023

Paul Vallee – 2023

Lindley Brainard – 2024

Gene Kraus – 2024

Dave Eddy - 2025

Listers:

Judi Brigham: Term Expires 2023 Pam Brown: Term Expires 2023

Moe Brigham: Term Expires 2025

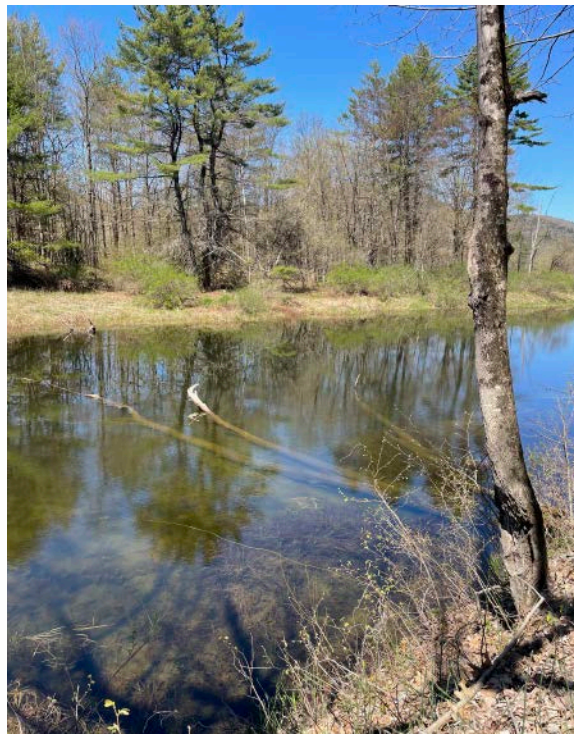
Trustees of Public Funds:

Rick Benson: Term Expires 2025

Sandy Farrell: Term Expires 2023

Justice of the Peace:

Cathy Day, Mark Heckmann, Kirk White, Ele Griffin, Winslow Ayer, Lisa Campbell, Caleb Harwood



Kate's Pond

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Therese Kirby: Town Manager, Tax Collector, Road Commissioner, Water Superintendent, Zoning Administrator, and Emergency Management Director.

Jean Burnham: Assistant Town Clerk, Assistant Town Treasurer.

Charles Davis: Health Officer

Paul Vallee: Deputy Health Officer

Oscar Gardner: First Constable

Justin Cram: Second Constable

Geary Coogler: Fire Warden **Laura Woods:** Tree Warden

Bethel Planning Commission:

Eric Benson (Chair), Adam Sappern, Zoe Cartwright, Therese Kirby, Denise Guilmette, Eric Webb.

Bethel Development Review Board:

Eric Benson (Chair), Penny Griffin, Chuck Washburn, Brad Andrews, Owen Daniel-McCarter.

Bethel Community Forward Festival Committee:

Mary Floyd, Cathy Day, Marilyn Pratt, Craig Twombly, Barbara Nickerson, Jamie Coogler.

Bethel Conservation Commission:

Mary Floyd (Co-Chair), Ferron Griffin (Co-Chair), Emily Miller, Mark Heckman, Danny Dover, Chris Fors, Lisa Campbell*.

Bethel Recreation Committee:

Ele Griffin (Chair), Shane Kinsley, Melissa Harwood, Caleb Harwood, Alejandra Bangerter, Lindsey Schell.

Human Services Advisory Board:

Paul Vallee, Stan Capron, Scott Putney, Sandy Farrell, Kelly Hill* (Support Staff)

Bethel Energy Committee: Nicole Cyr (Co-Chair) *, Christopher Scheffler (Co-Chair), Scott Putney, Vincent Bergamo.

Equity and Inclusion Committee:

Jesse Plotsky, Owen Daniel-McCarter*, Christy Fry, Rita Champion, Laura Perez, James Key.

Equipment Committee:

Ryan Slack, Geoff Gilman, Ray Blakeney, Moe Brigham, Morgan Drury, AJ Lewin.

Class 4 Road Committee:

Derek Aldrighetti, Alex Riesterer, Chris Fors.

Bethel Council on the Arts:

John Duddie (Chair)*, Kyle Duddie.

Revolving Loan Committee:

Judy Ferland, Ellen Nobile, Beverly Washburn, Abby Solomon.

Town Meeting Committee:

Eric Benson (Chair), Pam Brown, Victoria Webber, Rebecca Stone.

Emergency Management Planning & Operations Committee:

Therese Kirby, David Aldrighetti, Kelly Hill*, Oscar Gardner, Geary Coogler, Jason Rogers, Moe Brigham, Rebecca Yon.

Regional Transportation Advisory Committee:

Bill Hall

Two Rivers Ottauquechee Regional Planning Commission Representative:

Vacant

Stagecoach Advisory Committee Representative:

Thomas Burgos

White River Valley Ambulance Representative:

David Aldrighetti

South Royalton Senior Center Representatives:

Paul Baylor, Jack Borella, Eric Richardson

ECFiber Board of Directors Representative:

Matt Washburn, Ian Stewart (Alternate)

Red Cross Shelter Volunteers:

Cindy Metcalf, Paul Vallee, Dave Bagley, Richard and MaryAnn Church, Greg Fedak, Terri Hodgdon, John Hubble, Joann Marshall, Wendell Wills, Jolene Snelling, Linda Orr.



VOLUNTEER

Regular Meeting Schedule of Town Boards & Committees:

Selectboard: 2nd & 4th Mondays, 6pm

Planning Commission: 2nd Thursday 7pm

Development Review Board: 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7pm (as needed)

Conservation Commission: 2nd Tuesday, 6:30pm

Recreation Committee: 1st Wednesday, 6:30pm

Energy Committee: 2nd Tuesday, 5:30pm

Equity and Inclusion Committee: 4th Tuesday, 6pm



Bethel Selectboard

Gene Kraus, Paul Vallee, Chris Jarvis (chair), Dave Eddy, Lindley Brainard

Year in Review

In 2022, the Selectboard sold our share of the Bethel Royalton Transfer Station to the Town of Royalton. Bethel will still be a member of the White River Alliance and pay our annual dues for use, so nothing has changed for Bethel residents using the Transfer Station. We sold our share for \$273,250, which will be paid to us in annual installments over five years.

The Selectboard also contracted with New England Municipal Resource Center (NEMRC) to perform a two-year rolling reappraisal starting in July of 2023. They will work with the Bethel Listers to review all 1,117 parcels, to be sure land sizes/values and building sizes/values are all up-to-date. This process allows the Grand List to be adjusted to reflect accurate values. Once the reappraisal is complete, property owners will receive a "Change of Appraisal Notice", which will show the past and current value of the property, and the amount of decrease or increase. There is a statutory process by which people can speak with NEMRC and the Listers to discuss any changes.

We have included a copy of our finalized audit for fiscal year ending June 30, 2022. As you can see, Bethel now has an undesignated fund balance. This is due to tighter financial controls and Department Head oversight.

The Equipment Committee approved the purchase of a 2022 Western Star to replace the 2013 Freightliner. We have yet to take possession of the vehicle due to Covid delays, but hope to have in on the road by March of 2023. This purchase continues to be a part of the capital equipment plan for purchasing highway equipment.

During 2022, the Selectboard adopted the Declaration of Inclusion, updated the Purchasing Policy and Cemetery Rules, and renewed the Town Manager's contract for two years.

The Selectboard also appropriated American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) money to replace the pumps at the wastewater plant, replace the generator on Lower Church Street for the Sewer Department, update the Town website and perform road construction projects.

Bethel has secured funding to replace the small bridge over Stoddard Brook on Peavine Boulevard, rebuilding and repaving of Christian Hill, a stormwater/paving project on Sand Hill, a ditching and culvert replacement project on Wright Road/Gilead Road and to replace a large culvert on Deering Road. Those projects will happen during 2023. We also secured funding for a 4-year scoping and construction project to update the sidewalk from a portion of Church Street to a portion of Pleasant Street. Pinello Bridge replacement will happen in 2024.

To help reduce the damage to Town roads during rain storms and the spring thaw, property owners are reminded it is your responsibility to manage your own stormwater runoff. You should be keeping your driveway crowned, and your ditches and culverts clear of debris.

Bethel still desperately needs volunteers on the Planning Commission, to oversee the shooting range, the Bethel Fire Department, the Equity & Inclusion Committee, Energy Committee, Development Review Board and Class 4 Road Committee. If you are interested in serving in any of these roles, please attend a meeting or reach out to the Town Office for more information.

On behalf of the Selectboard and the Town Manager, we hope you all have a safe and healthy 2023.

Selectboard:

Chris Jarvis - Chair, Lindley Brainard, Dave Eddy, D. Gene Kraus and Paul Vallee

Town Manager Therese Kirby

GRANTS

CURRENT/AWARDED	Project	Grant Amount	Local Match	Total
FY21 Better Connections Grant (VTrans/ACCD)	Bethel Village & Stormwater Plan	97,500	7,500	105,000
FY23 VTrans Better Roads - Cat B Ditching	Gilead/Wright	20,000	5,000	25,000
FY23 VTrans Structures Grant	Bridge crosses Stoddard Brook on Peavine	183,924	20,436	204,360
FY23 Vtrans Paving Grant	Christian Hill Road	200,000	40,000	240,000
FY23 Federal Earmark	Sand Hill (water, stormwater, paving)	600,000	150,000	750,000
FY23 VTrans Grants in Aid Ditching	Project to be decided in Spring 2023	45,000	11,250	56,250
FY22 VTrans Bike Ped Grant	Church/Pleasant Street Sidewalk Project	424,000	106,000	530,000
FY23 Building Resilient Infrastructure and Com	Scoping for box culvert on Gilead	69,750	7,750	77,500
FY23 Building Resilient Infrastructure and Com	Scoping for box culvert on Gilead	3,875	0	3,875
FY24 Vtrans Better Roads Grant	Replace 1 culvert on Deering	27,600	6,900	34,500
VOREC	Trails, signage, etc.	331,809	0	331,809
Forest, Parks & Recreation	Phase 2 of skate park	25,000	25,000	50,000
Vermont Community Foundation (EIC)	Programming for Equity & Inclusion Com.	10,000	0	10,000
Resilient Communities Grant	Program Assistance for Energy Com.	People Power	Only	
St of Vt Recreational Facilities Grant Program	bike rack, seating and exit ladders for pool	1,487	1,487	2,974
Association of VT Conservation Commissions	blue bird house and bird books	570	0	570
American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)	WW pumps, generator, website, roads	583,205	0	583,205
Total of grants awarded:				\$3,005,042.56



Pumpkin People at Champlain Farms

TOWN OF BETHEL, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2022

	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
<u>ASSETS</u>			
Cash	\$ 2,991,513	\$ 10,025	\$ 3,001,538
Investments	359,123	12,667	371,790
Receivables (Net of Allowance for Uncollectibles)	467,716	56,044	523,760
Loans Receivable	18,565	0	18,565
Lease Receivable	78,640	0	78,640
Internal Balances	88,471	(88,471)	0
Prepaid Expenses	3,848	4,740	8,588
Capital Assets:			
Land	326,708	7,100	333,808
Construction in Progress	0	114,418	114,418
Other Capital Assets, (Net of Accumulated Depreciation)	15,592,340	4,861,007	20,453,347
Total Assets	19,926,924	4,977,530	24,904,454
<u>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</u>			
Deferred Outflows of Resources Related to the Town's Participation in VSERS	300,845	54,348	355,193
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	300,845	54,348	355,193
<u>LIABILITIES</u>			
Accounts Payable	66,499	8,574	75,073
Accrued Payroll and Benefits Payable	52,951	3,611	56,562
Unearned Revenue	291,602	3,088	294,690
Due to the Bethel/Royalton Solid Waste Management Facility	17,954	0	17,954
Tax Sale Overpayments	37,436	0	37,436
Accrued Interest Payable	27,073	2,292	29,365
Noncurrent Liabilities:			
Due within One Year	120,867	62,430	183,297
Due in More than One Year	2,479,955	1,259,477	3,739,432
Total Liabilities	3,094,337	1,339,472	4,433,809
<u>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</u>			
Prepaid Property Taxes	35,419	0	35,419
Lease Receivable	77,744	0	77,744
Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to the Town's Participation in VSERS	289,544	52,508	342,052
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	402,707	52,508	455,215
<u>NET POSITION</u>			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	13,873,196	3,763,438	17,636,634
Restricted:			
Trustees of Public Funds	328,848	0	328,848
Revolving Loans	401,915	0	401,915
Other Purposes	110,942	0	110,942
Unrestricted/(Deficit)	2,015,824	(123,540)	1,892,284
Total Net Position	\$ 16,730,725	\$ 3,639,898	\$ 20,370,623

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

TOWN OF BETHEL, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

	Program Revenues				Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position		
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
Functions/Programs:							
Primary Government:							
Governmental Activities:							
General Government	\$ 676,012	\$ 58,479	\$ 54,941	\$ 25	\$ (562,567)	\$ 0	\$ (562,567)
Public Safety	286,051	3,104	23,555	0	(259,392)	0	(259,392)
Public Works	1,352,309	490	176,282	122,749	(1,052,788)	0	(1,052,788)
Culture and Recreation	101,483	9,594	7,738	13,066	(71,085)	0	(71,085)
Community Development	0	681	0	0	681	0	681
Cemetery	36,159	1,210	0	0	(34,949)	0	(34,949)
Sanitation	23,929	0	0	0	(23,929)	0	(23,929)
Interest on Long-term Debt	68,516	0	0	0	(68,516)	0	(68,516)
Total Governmental Activities	2,544,459	73,558	262,516	135,840	(2,072,545)	0	(2,072,545)
Business-type Activities:							
Water	185,938	257,077	0	687,012	0	758,151	758,151
Sewer	231,050	264,348	0	0	0	33,298	33,298
Total Business-type Activities	416,988	521,425	0	687,012	0	791,449	791,449
Total Primary Government	\$ 2,961,447	\$ 594,983	\$ 262,516	\$ 822,852	(2,072,545)	791,449	(1,281,096)
General Revenues:							
Property Taxes					2,058,632	0	2,058,632
Penalties and Interest on Delinquent Taxes					34,461	0	34,461
General State Grants					153,253	0	153,253
Unrestricted Investment Earnings/(Loss)					(2,784)	55	(2,729)
Insurance Proceeds					4,080	0	4,080
Other Revenues					1,031	0	1,031
Total General Revenues					2,248,673	55	2,248,728
Change in Net Position					176,128	791,504	967,632
Net Position - July 1, 2021					16,554,597	2,848,394	19,402,991
Net Position - June 30, 2022					\$ 16,730,725	\$ 3,639,898	\$ 20,370,623

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.



ZONING

The Bethel Planning Commission has written Zoning Bylaws to enable the Town of Bethel to implement the Town Plan. The Planning Commission creates a Town Plan every five years, including strategies and plans for future land use, transportation, housing, energy efficiency, protection of natural resources and local character.

The Zoning Bylaws are designed to provide the minimum amount of regulation necessary to achieve the goals of the Town Plan.

Do You Need a Permit?

Just because a use is "permitted" does not mean you don't need a permit. You do!

Permits allow the Town to track development and to be aware of the placement of structures on lots, adherence to provisions such as off-street parking and the relationship of structures to open land.

Have questions about zoning? Please call the Town Manager's Office

Therese Kirby- Zoning Administrator

Kelly Hill- Assistant Zoning Administrator

802-234-9340

You can also find our Zoning Bylaws on the Town website

<https://townofbethelvt.com/>

WE NEED YOU!!

Towns, cities and villages run on volunteers: from serving on boards, commissions, and advisory committees to working as polling officials, volunteer firefighters, or elected officials. Other volunteer opportunities may not require as much time, but are equally important. Residents can join clean-up days, work at recreational or cultural events, help write the town history and keep track of artifacts, publicize community milestones, or even keep track of a neighbor who lives alone. Your participation is important and valued!

There is always something to do! It matters that residents volunteer. Getting involved in local government by serving on a town board or committee can be more than just personally satisfying; it helps build a community. Vital programs and services can generate positive interest from outside the community attracting people and businesses that add interest, value, and spirit to our town, potentially increasing property values along with quality of life.

The Town of Bethel is always looking for people who want to help in some way. There are many committees that need more members, and the Bethel Fire Department is in need of members who are willing to make a commitment of time to attend monthly meetings and trainings, and respond to emergency calls.



TOWN COMMITTEE SUMMARIES

Bethel Conservation Commission:

Members: Mary Floyd (Chair), Ferron Griffin (Co-Chair), Emily Miller, Mark Heckmann, Lisa Campbell*, Danny Dover, Chris Fors.

The Bethel CC had a productive and fun year with our current projects. At 428 Pleasant St, now called Carla's Meadow, we plan to install blue birds houses there in the spring of 2023. We also received a small grant for educating young people about birds. We have ordered binoculars and books. Thanks for your continued support, we appreciate it!

Bethel Community Forward Festival Committee:

Members: Mary Floyd, Cathy Day, Marilyn Pratt, Barb Nickerson*, Jamie Coogler, Craig Twombly

The Forward Festival is a chance for Bethel residents to come together to celebrate its resiliency and 244 years of history as of this year. It is held in and around the downtown area and at the Bandshell near the White Church. There are vendors displaying their wares, civic organizations represented, and food of all kinds. On stage the music fills the air and adds to the festivities. The pumpkin people will continue to be on display throughout the town in the fall to greet all who are passing though.

Bethel Council on the Arts:

Members: John Duddie* (Chair), Kyle Duddie

The Bethel Council on the Arts is a town committee focused on providing musical entertainment Wednesday evenings in the summer months. Our primary venue is the picturesque bandshell. The BCA has become a staple in summer entertainment and family fun for the entire Upper Valley. This past year we expanded our concert series into the month of June and offered eleven free concerts featuring remarkable musical talent. The bandshell continues to partner with many other local organizations including the Girl Scouts, Global Campuses, and the Bethel Recreation Committee to provide fundraising support and local exposure. We have invited local businesses to offer food and drink at our shows to further enhance the experience. The Bethel business community provides over half of our performance budget through their generous support. Members of the committee include Kyle Duddie (Chair), and John Duddie.

Bethel Planning Commission:

Members: Eric Benson, Zoe Cartwright, Denise Guilmette, Adam Sappern, Eric Webb, and Therese Kirby. **The Planning Commission is looking for more members!**

The Commission's primary focus during 2022 was to update the Unified Bylaws (zoning regulations). The primary focus on updating the bylaws is an effort to address the current housing shortage and affordability affecting Vermont. Bethel has been working with Two Rivers Ottaquechee Regional Commission (TRORC) to implement these changes. Both the Bethel Town

Plan and Bethel Unified Bylaws are available on-line by visiting the Town of Bethel website, or in print by stopping in at the Bethel Town Office. The Planning Commission meets at 7pm on the second Wednesday of each month at the Town Offices on South Main Street. All meetings are open to the public and residents are encouraged to attend and offer input.

Bethel Development Review Board:

Members: Rick Benson (Chair), Penny Griffin, Brad Andrews, Chuck Washburn, Owen Daniel-McCarter

The Development Review Board is the Town entity which reviews subdivisions, conditional use permits, variances and site plan approvals. It is the responsibility of the Board to make sure all applications adhere to the requirements of the Bethel Unified Bylaw and Town Plan. While most of the application reviews are fairly simple processes, they are time consuming. The Board strives to keep the process flowing smoothly and all applicants are encouraged to schedule an appointment to review their project with the Zoning Administrator to ensure all necessary information is submitted. The Board meets on the first and third Tuesdays of each month by appointment only, as needed.

Bethel Recreation Committee:

Members: Ele Griffin (Chairperson), Dietre Feeney (Pool Director), Melissa Harwood, Caleb Harwood, Shane Kinsley, Lindsey Schell, Alexandra Bangerter.

The Recreation Committee worked with other organizations to provide families a variety of activities. In February, the committee and Bethel for All held a Winter Event at the center. There was sledding and cross-country skiing. In September, the committee helped the Conservation Committee hold a Trailfest Event at the center. At the end of October, the committee and the Rotary put on a spooky event on the Recreation center trail in the woods. The committee appreciates that we are all working together for the benefit of Bethel Families.

Bethel Class 4 Road Committee:

Members: Chris Fors, Derek Aldrighetti, Alex Riesterer

The Class 4 Road Committee lost three members in 2022, Carl Russell, Tim Mills and Derek Wright. Carl, Tim and Derek were all dedicated volunteers and their loss has had a huge impact on the town as a whole. This committee is looking for more members. Please contact the Town Manager's Office if you are interested.

Meeting Times: Second Wednesdays, 7pm, Town Offices.

In 2023, the committee plans to continue town-wide road assessments, and will explore potential remedies and solutions to the observed issues and concerns.

Equity & Inclusion Committee:

Members: Jesse Plotsky, Owen Daniel-McCarter*, Christy Fry, Rita Champion, Laura Perez, James Key

We meet on the 4th Tuesday of the Month from 6-8pm via zoom. Join online at

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5820627640> or call in to the meeting at 646-558-8656. The meeting ID is: 582 062 7640

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1. understanding issues of inequality in our community, suggesting ideas to remedy issues,
2. increasing civic engagement, and
3. offering education and training on how to foster a more inclusive community for everyone.

Please see our website at www.bethelequity.com, to see the exciting projects we plan for 2023. Also, see page 28 of this report for a full write up of what we have accomplished in 2022.

Bethel Energy Committee:

Members: Nicole Cyr*, Scott Putney, Chris Scheffler, Vincent Bergamo.

The Bethel Energy Committee is a volunteer team of Bethel area residents who are concerned about climate change and dedicated to taking action! We recognize that local energy production, use, and conservation are key factors to reducing global greenhouse gas emissions. Our mission is to, “facilitate, create, and inform the community of opportunities, projects and/or programs intended to increase the energy efficiency of public and private energy use”. All are welcome to participate in BEC projects and events.

Volunteers and new members are the fuel sources that keep the BEC’s engine running! Are you interested in joining forces with the BEC? Please contact us at BethelVT_EC@aol.com for more information. Follow the BEC on Facebook [@BethelVermontEnergyCommittee](#) for updates and event announcements. Thank you!

Equipment Committee:

Members: Geoff Gilman, Ray Blakeney, Ryan Slack, Moe Brigham, Morgan Drury, AJ Lewin, Therese Kirby.

Town Meeting Committee:

Members: Rick Benson (Chair), Pam Brown, Rebecca Sanborn Stone, Victoria Webber

Bethel Emergency Shelter Committee

The Bethel Emergency Response Team may decide to designate an emergency shelter if necessary, depending on the type and severity of an emergency and the resulting need. In December 2022 the Bethel Town Hall was designated and opened as a warming shelter after widespread, long-lasting power outages. It was a place to get warm, charge devices and access running water and flush toilets. Folks even brought their own bedding to spend the night. Also, the town is fortunate to have an agreement with the WRV School-Bethel Campus to use this facility as a designated shelter for our area. If needed in an emergency this site would be set up and managed by the **Bethel Emergency Shelter Committee**: Cindy Metcalf, Ele Griffin, Lisa Campbell, Paul Vallee, Carlos Lupton, Lois Mears, Kathleen Watters, Jolene Scott, Joann Marshall, Mary Ann Church.

Local help in the event of an emergency

The Town of Bethel has collaborated with Bethel Strong to develop an online citizen communication system designed to keep citizens updated during an emergency. It was created during the pandemic and resurrected during 2022 weather threats. Look for updates about the emergency, as well as information about getting help at this website, bethelvtstrong.org. Updates will also be posted on the Vt Community Forum Facebook page.

Emergency Alert!

December 23, 2022

A severe winter storm is here. Be ready for flooding, ice, heavy wind, power loss and extreme cold.

Call 911 if you have an emergency.
If you need help or information, please click the links below.

- STORM INFO FROM TOWN OF BETHEL
- GREEN MOUNTAIN POWER OUTAGE CENTER
- VERMONT 211 INFORMATION CENTER
- NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE FORECAST

Bethel Strong is a volunteer community aid group in Bethel, Vermont.

I NEED HELP

I WANT TO HELP

RESOURCES

We're here to help the community work together and get help to those who need it... during Covid-19 and beyond.

bethelvtstrong.org

Check out the community aid website bethelvtstrong.org to be prepared in case you need help or want up-to-date information about emergencies.

Fire Chief report

Hello to all. The Bethel Fire Department responded to 87 calls this year with a typical mix of call types that can be seen in the attached pie graph. We sit in relatively good shape with equipment, and have been able to keep everything in working order and purchase the supplies needed to keep us moving forward. As with everything, our budget has increased slightly, as fuel prices, insurance, and supplies are up. We do our best to monitor our expenses and stay on track with our budget.

The Fire Departments fleet of trucks and equipment is still in very good shape. The Pumper/Tanker and Tanker Freightliners are performing well and are expected to serve the Town for many years. The 2001 E-One is now 22 years old, but still a strong running first line pumper with no issues. Our Rescue is a 2000 F-550 and is definitely getting tired. It will be the next truck to be replaced. We plan to replace this without an additional increase in the budget by using the capital equipment fund. The Department was also able to purchase some well needed wildland firefighting equipment from our equipment fund. As our world is slowly changing, summers are getting warmer and dryer so we have seen an increase in wildland fires. Your Assistant Fire Chief/Fire Warden Geary Coogler, has brought the Town's burn permitting up to date and in compliance with state rules. A small reminder, if you wish to burn anything beyond a contained fire pit, a burn permit is required. Not only does it help prevent fires from getting out of control, it also stops the Fire Department from getting called out to fires for unneeded reasons. All permit information is available on the Town's web page.

I would like to take a minute to talk about our membership and members. Since Covid, things have changed and I can see the ripple effect in our department. We lost some good members whose lives have changed and they could no longer commit themselves to the Fire Department. We have all witnessed that volunteerism is at an all-time low, and that includes in the Fire Department. We have picked up some great new members who are really coming along well, but we are always looking for new members and residents of the community to join us!! While on this subject about serving your community I would like to take a minute to remember firefighter Peter Hart, Peter joined the department when he was first able to as a young adult. Peter served our community his entire life, Peter lost his multiyear battle with cancer this year. Peter continued to make every meeting and every call that he was physically able to all the way to the end of his life. There is no bigger example of commitment to serving your community then Peter Hart's commitment to the fire department and to the residents of Bethel. He is and will be missed.

I think it is important for you to know what is asked of your Fire Department members. I watch them go on a lot of trying calls within our community. I have seen them working side by side with WVRA trying to save some of our Town's residents lives, going to car accidents with injuries, and fighting structure fires, some with loss of lives, along with many more types of calls that can really wear you down. Sometimes it's a successful outcome, but many times it's not. We all work together as a team to get through these hard times and look out after each other. I just ask that when you see a member of the Fire Department, that you take a minute to say thank you. As a small, kind gesture, it has a great impact on the mental health of every one of the firefighters in a big way. It takes the whole community to run the community.

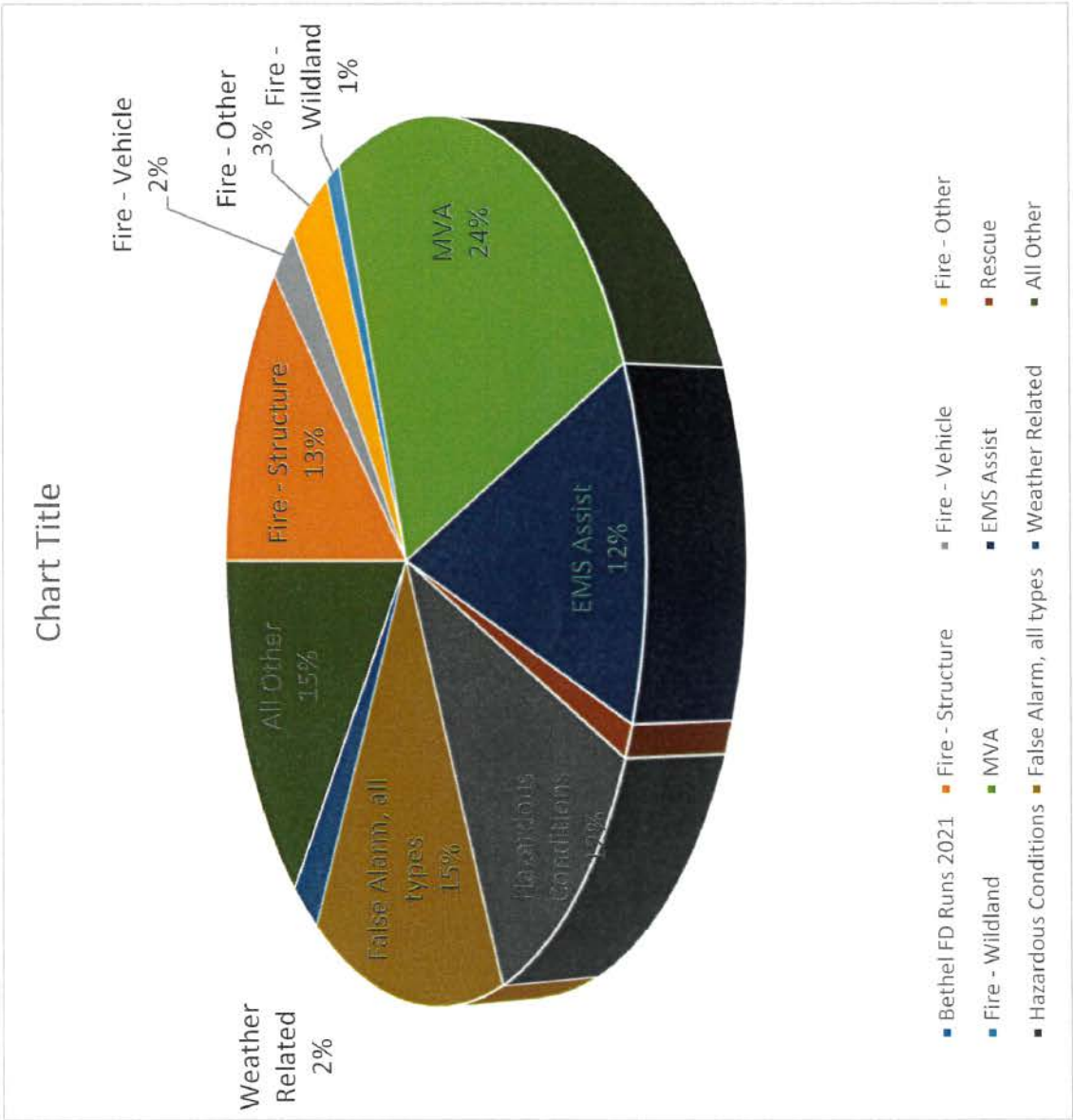
I would like to give my yearly praises to Geary Coogler, your Assistant Fire Chief, who always has my back, and to every one of our members who give up valuable time to provide this Town with fire and emergency response. I also want to thank our Town office staff, who does so much for the Department. All of these folks give it all for our community and enough can never be said about that!

Please check your smoke detectors and change the batteries twice a year. Detectors save lives!
Thank you for your continuing support,
Chief David Aldrighetti

Bethel FD Runs 2021

Fire - Structure	11
Fire - Vehicle	2
Fire - Other	3
Fire - Wildland	1
MVA	21
EMS Assist	10
Rescue	1
Hazardous Conditions	10
False Alarm, all types	13
Weather Related	2
All Other	13

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Bethel Fire Department: 25-30 Year Apparatus Replacement Plan

Fiscal Year (July - June)	Balance Available as of June 30	Appropriation, Donation, etc.	Loan Payment	Apparatus Purchase	Revenue from Apparatus Sale	EOY Balance	Equipment Description
FY2021 (20/21)	-18,468	38,550				20,082	2012 Kenworth paid off 3/2020
FY2022 (21/22)	20,082	60,069				80,151	
FY2023 (22/23)	80,151	38,550				118,701	
FY2024 (23/24)	118,701	38,550				157,251	
FY2025 (24/25)	157,251	38,550		165,000	10,000	40,801	Replace 2000 Ford F550 Rescue
FY2026 (25/26)	40,801	38,550				79,351	
FY2027 (26/27)	79,351	38,550				117,901	
FY2028 (27/28)	117,901	38,550				156,451	
FY2029 (28/29)	156,451	38,550				195,001	
FY2030 (29/30)	195,001	38,550				233,551	
FY2031 (30/31)	233,551	0	-223,500	450,000	17,000	24,051	Replace 2001 Freightliner Eagle One (new 30 year loan)
FY2032 (31/32)	24,051	5,000				29,051	2017 Kenworth paid off 7/2031
FY2033 (32/33)	29,051	25,800				54,851	
FY2034 (33/34)	54,851	25,800				80,651	
FY2035 (34/35)	80,651	25,800		7,000	1,000	100,451	Replace Zodiac Boat & motor
FY2036 (35/36)	100,451	25,800				126,251	
FY2037 (36/37)	126,251	25,800				152,051	
FY2038 (37/38)	152,051	25,800				177,851	
FY2039 (38/39)	177,851	25,800		22,500	3,500	184,651	Replace Load Rite Elite Series Trailer & Polaris Ranger
FY2040 (39/40)	184,651	25,800				210,451	
FY2041 (40/41)	210,451	25,800		15,000	2,000	223,251	Replace Triton VC-714 Swift Water Trailer
FY2042 (41/42)	223,251	25,800				249,051	
FY2043 (42/43)	249,051	25,800				274,851	
FY2044 (43/44)	274,851	25,800		15,000	2,000	287,651	Replace Mission MES Back Country Rescue Trailer
FY2045 (44/45)	287,651	25,800				313,451	
FY2046 (45/46)	313,451	25,800				339,251	
FY2047 (46/47)	339,251	25,800				365,051	
FY2048 (47/48)	365,051	0	-142,000	500,000	17,000	24,051	Replace Kenworth T370 Tanker (new 30 year loan)
FY2049 (48/49)	24,051	10,000				34,051	
FY2050 (49/50)	34,051	15,000				49,051	

** Loans to be paid via the general fund and appropriation to be reduced accordingly.



Town of Bethel – Constabulary
134 South Main Street, Bethel, Vermont 05032
PHONE: 802-234-9340 Fax: 802-234-6840
Chief Constable Oscar J. Gardner



Hello and I Hope all is Well,

Another year has passed by, and a lot has happened since my last letter in 2022. I wish to convey my greatest wishes to the health and safety of our community and our friends.

As always, I have relied on our community members to assist with the reporting of anything that seems to be out of place, and to echo a well-known phrase "If you see something, please say something".

The Town of Bethel – Constabulary will always appreciate your time and welcome any information brought to our attention, and when needed relay this information to other members of our law enforcement team.

The Town of Bethel - Constabulary has been and continues to work alongside our Vermont State Police – Royalton Barracks, Royalton Police Department, and the Orange and Windsor County Sheriff's Department's in effort to providing a team and community based approach to law enforcement.

Please let me emphasize, our community members are a valued member of this team.

PLEASE REMEMBER IF YOU HAVE AN EMERGENCY CALL 911!

If you need to reach the Town of Bethel - Constabulary, you can call the Vermont State Police – Royalton Dispatch at 802-234-9933 and they can notify you if we are on duty. Please bear in mind, the Town of Bethel – Constabulary does not operate on a 24/7 basis, but if I can I will take a call.

You can also email me at Oscar.Gardner@Vermont.gov and I'll be in touch as soon as I can.

Take Care and Be Safe,

Chief Constable - Oscar J. Gardner.



CAPITAL CRUISER 4 YEAR REPLACEMENT PLAN

	<u>2021-2022</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>	<u>2027-2028</u>	<u>2028-2029</u>
Opening Balance	4,909	9,932	14,932	19,432	7,932	12,432	16,932	21,432
Appropriation	5,000	5,000	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500
Sale of Equipment								
Insurance Claim								
Interest	23							
Total Available	9,932	14,932	19,432	23,932	12,432	16,932	21,432	25,932
Equipment Item								
Net Cost	0	0	0	cruiser + fit-up -16,000	0	0	0	cruiser + fit-up -20,000
Closing Balance	9,932	14,932	19,432	7,932	12,432	16,932	21,432	5,932

This is set-up to purchase used vehicles.

Due to the varying price of resale values, this capital plan does not include a value for resale or trade. Any money made on the sale of a used cruiser will be added into this fund and reflected at that time.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

In 2022, we concentrated on ditching most of our back roads. We utilized the grader to do all of the ditching. This will improve drainage come spring, and hopefully minimize mud season. We also completed a two-phase ditching/culvert project on Christian Hill Road.

The Highway Department has struggled with equipment breakdowns so are happy to say we are purchasing a new Western Star 10-wheeler that was recommended by the Equipment Committee (Geoff Gilman, Ray Blakeney, Ryan Slack, Moe Brigham, Morgan Drury, AJ Lewin and Therese Kirby). The committee is also looking into purchasing a new sidewalk machine. The current machine we have is getting old.

In 2022, Hazen Salls and Allan Patton moved on to greener pastures. AJ Lewin returned as Assistant Road Foreman and long-time employee Morgan Drury returned as Road Foreman. A majority of the year we were down to only two highway employees. This fall two seasonal operators returned (Paul Feeney and Hazen Salls), and we hired a new seasonal operator (Curtis Barry) as Richard Manning is now the Chief Operator for water and sewer.

In 2023 we plan to rebuild and repave Christian Hill Road and Sand Hill Road, complete a ditching/culvert project on Wright Road/Gilead Road, and replace the bridge that crosses Stoddard Brook on Peavine Boulevard. We have additional grant money to replace a large culvert on Deering Road, complete a scoping study for replacing a box culvert on Gilead, and the engineers are finalizing the design for the replacement of Pinello Bridge. We plan to continue our normal grading and ditching schedule. The Selectboard also set aside some American Rescue Plan money to help cover the matching funds needed for some of these grants, as well as to help fund additional road improvement work.

We thank everyone for their patience out on the road during winter storms. We encourage you to be sure you have on good winter tires and have supplies in your vehicle so you are prepared for an emergency. Bethel does not have a bare roads policy; we have a safe roads policy. If you have any questions about road conditions, please dial 511. They can update you before you travel.

Morgan Drury
Road Foreman



AJ Lewin, Richard Manning, Paul Feeney, Curtis Barry, Morgan Drury, Hazen Salls

BETHEL RECREATION

In February 2022, the Recreation Committee coordinated with the Bethel for All committee to hold a Winter/Valentine Event. Families enjoyed sledding, cross-country skiing, roasting marshmallows over a small fire, drinking hot chocolate, and eating heart cookies. It was exciting to see the community getting together and enjoying winter activities.

With Vermont winters getting warmer, the ice-skating rink was a bit of a challenge this past year. We set-up in January and found maintaining the rink to be challenging with the drastic temperature changes, in addition to the liner problems. As always though, our hearts were warmed throughout the season to find random town members helping keep the rink clear and shoveled/plowed. A huge thank you to everyone who helped with the effort this past year. We saw a diverse crowd over the season, including long-time skaters, hockey enthusiasts, figure skaters, first timers, kids on school trips, and other individuals within a 30-mile radius of Bethel. A new liner has been purchased and the committee will notify the townspeople of shovel needs via the "Bethel VT Recreation Facility" Facebook page.

Summer came and so did a successful pool season at the center. There were 50 families that held season passes. 176 children took lessons, whether it was levels 1-6 or Parent/Child or Preschool Aquatics. A variety of groups attended, as well as people from surrounding towns. Dietre, the Pool Director, was able to staff the pool with experienced young adults, as well as newly trained teenagers. Four wonderful Friday Fun nights were held. All too soon the summer pool season was over.

This summer marked the 2nd annual Camp Kickflip at the Bethel Skate Park. Hosted by the Recreation Committee, one week of afternoon skate sessions followed by four more singles sessions were well attended and a lot of fun. Kids ages 4-12 worked with instructor Kyle Cartwright to learn new skills, gain confidence, and form new friendships. It was amazing to see the skaters progress and support one another in such a positive way!

Throughout the year, the Bethel Recreation Committee planned and executed a variety of fundraisers to benefit phase II of the Bethel Skatepark. At the start of 2022, we continued our bottle/can fundraiser at Bob's M&M in Randolph. This fundraiser started during the summer of 2021 and will continue. In the spring, we sold Bethel Skatepark t-shirts and stickers at Bethel for All's Winter/Valentine Event. In the summer, we sold baked goods, lemonade, and other snacks at three Bethel Bandshell concerts; sold hot dogs, burgers, and other refreshments at two Family Fun Friday events; sold t-shirts and various year-sale items at a committee member's home; held a coin-drop; and implemented an online crowdfunding fundraiser through the Ioby (in our backyards) website. We look forward to continuing our fundraising efforts for the skatepark, as well as for other Recreation Center projects!

In September, over 30 Bethel Area residents participated in a 5K as a fundraiser. The race included runners of all ages, along with some four-legged friends. The committee hopes to make this an annual event. We also hosted the Bethel Trail Fest to promote outdoor recreation and the growing trail system at the center, in Carla's Meadow and beyond. Members of the Recreation and Conservation committees, as well as various town members, worked together to provide guided hikes and bike rides alongside youth mountain bike demos. First Branch Coffee supplied fresh brew and Dessert First (Melissa Harwood) provided baked goodies.

For a second year, the committee and the Rotary Club coordinated an amazing Halloween event in October. Children and Adults wearing costumes trucked through a spooky wooded trail. They made it past a witch's campsite and a flying owl, then through a snake-filled gravesite and past a huge gorilla to be awarded with a treat bag. Come join the Bethel Recreation Committee the first Wednesday of the month to plan more fun in 2023.

Equity and Inclusion Committee

Current Committee Members

Christy Fry
James Key
Jesse Plotsky
Laura Perez
Owen Daniel-McCarter
Rita Champion



Days and Times We Meet

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Short Paragraph of Our Year in Review.

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In 2022:

- The EIC successfully advocated for Bethel Town Constable report data to be submitted to the state to meet requirements for transparency in traffic stops and race. That data is available online here: <https://vcjc.vermont.gov/content/traffic-stops-race-data>
- Our committee met with the White River Valley Consortium to discuss barriers to affordable housing in our community and opportunities for collaboration.
- A representative of the EIC and a Bethel Selectboard Member joined the LEAD VT Initiative which is a State coalition of Vermont municipalities working to advance racial and other forms of equity.
- The EIC worked with the Bethel Planning Commission and the Selectboard to pass the Declaration of Inclusion on September 26, 2022.
- The Town of Bethel was awarded a \$10,000 Equitable and Inclusive Communities Grant from the Vermont Community Foundation in partnership with the Vermont League of Cities and Towns and the State Office of Racial Equity. The EIC wrote this grant.

Join us for exciting projects in 2023 like an Equity and Inclusion book group, training and presentations, and fun events that highlight the leadership and contributions of BIPOC, women, and/or LGBTQ+ residents in our community!

For updated information, go to our website: <https://bethelequity.com>

Declaration of Inclusion

The Town of Bethel condemns racism and welcomes all persons, regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, gender identity or expression, age, income, or disability, and wants everyone to feel safe and welcome in our community. As a town, we formally condemn all discrimination in all of its forms, commit to fair and equal treatment of everyone in our community, and will strive to ensure all of our actions, policies, and operating procedures reflect this commitment.

The Town of Bethel has and will continue to be a place where individuals can live freely and express their opinions.

Adopted by the Bethel Selectboard on September 26, 2022.

**TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS
TOWN OF BETHEL
07/01/2021 – 06/30/2022**

Starting Balance (as of 6/30/2021):

Mascoma Savings Bank cash	\$ 153.92
Mascoma Savings Bank c/d's	\$ 4,840.14
Northfield Savings Bank c/d's	\$156,055.28
Infinex Investments mutual funds	\$187,216.34

Income:

Interest	\$ 1,312.65
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Expenses:

Infinex Investments	\$ 20,730.63
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Ending Balance:

Mascoma Savings Bank cash	\$ 153.92
Mascoma Savings Bank c/d's	\$ 5,880.51
Northfield Savings Bank c/d's	\$156,328.06
Infinex Investments mutual funds	\$166,485.71

Trustees Of Public Funds:

Rick Benson: Term Expires 2025

Sandy Farrell: Term Expires 2023



Town of Bethel Water Department

2022 overall was a rather quiet year for our town's water system. With the exception of a power outage from the December 16th and 17th snow storm, there was no major disruptions to our system or its users.

We finished up the first phase of our water system upgrades in August 2021, so it was nice to have this summer with no construction activities or any disruptions within our distribution system. Since completion, we have noticed an overall decrease in our daily and monthly water production. That in turn helps to lessen the burden on our pumping equipment and our wells.

While the year did seem to be abnormally dry, neither well showed any signs of weakness. They both continue to produce well beyond our capacity requirements.

With any luck, we may be starting phase 2 of our system upgrades soon. Our engineers are about 100% complete with the design so we will be moving forward to a bond vote on Tuesday March 7, 2023. This phase will include Sand Hill Road, Bicentennial Lane, as well as Highland Ave, Graham Street, and Krystal Dr. It will consist of replacement of existing water mains in these areas, replacement of a water main crossing under the railroad to loop main street and Peavine Boulevard together, and a booster pump station to better serve residents on Krystal Drive. It will also include a much-needed reconstruction of our Gaiko Well Pumphouse. This phase will add significant integrity and increased flows within our system in these respective areas.

The Town of Bethel drinking water system continues to operate under a mandate by the State of Vermont Drinking Water Division to chlorinate our drinking water year-round.



Photo Credit Richard Manning: Road to Gaiko Reservoir

Bethel Water Department (1/20/2023 draft)	Budget FY 20-21	Actual FY 20-21	Budget FY 21-22	Actual FY 21-22	Budget FY 22-23	Actual as of 1/6/23	Proposed Budget FY 23-24
30-6-00-81.00 Water Rentals	238,904	237,739	248,809	247,197	256,482	127,933	
30-6-00-95.00 Interest & Penalty	4300	5,977	4,700	4,380	4,700	2,899	
30-6-00-95.01 Delinquent Water Rent (prior)							
30-6-00-95.02 Misc. Revenue	150	2,462	150		150		
30-6-00-95.03 Fire Protection	5500	5,500	5,500	5,500	5,500	5,500	5,500
30-6-00-96.02 Grant Revenue		943,000		687,012			
TOTAL - Water Department Revenues	248,854	1,194,678	259,159	944,089	266,832	136,332	5,500
30-7-00-01.00 Wages	22,910	24,118	24,860	20,437	22,572	9,876	22,187
30-7-00-01.02 Over time	8,230	9,429	8,477	14,571	5,797	3,010	11,922
30-7-00-02.00 Social Security	1,931	1,986	2,067	2,249	1,759	716	2,115
30-7-00-03.00 Medicare	452	446	483	527	411	168	495
30-7-00-04.00 Retirement	4,360	4,278	5,001	4,713	5,532	513	5,586
30-7-00-05.00 Health Insurance	8,969	8,302	9,453	10,028	6,848	2,883	8,146
30-7-00-05.01 Dental Insurance	433	382	446	377	304	147	303
30-7-00-06.00 W/c & UE	4,600	1,296	2,584	1,716	2,500	766	2,692
30-7-00-20.00 Electricity	25,000	20,083	23,000	24,439	23,000	9,725	21,000
30-7-00-25.00 Repairs - Maintenance Pumps	10,000	734	10,000	0	10,000		5,000
30-7-00-25.01 Repairs - Hydrants	8,000	12,899	15,000	3,938	13,000		5,500
30-7-00-25.02 Telemetering					3,500	600	1,500
30-7-00-26.00 Mains & Distribution Line	12,795	17,465	12,500	15,882	12,500		17,000
30-7-00-27.00 Maintenance - Website					0		0
30-7-00-28.00 Building Maintenance	500	800	500	91	1,500	190	41,000
30-7-00-29.00 Contracted Services	4,500	380	9,500	1,375	9,500		1,500
30-7-00-30.00 Tools		95	0		0		
30-7-00-51.00 Supplies (inc. PPE)	5,750	2,841	5,250	1,104	5,250	483	3,000
30-7-00-51.01 Office supplies/postage	1,400	258	1,400	428	1,400	303	1,200
30-7-00-51.02 Meters					4,000		1,500
30-7-00-52.00 Water Testing	3,300	2,430	3,000	2,119	3,100	1,064	3,000
30-7-00-53.00 Engineering Charges	3,000	165,932	2,580	101,919	2,580	9,316	1,500
30-7-00-54.00 Reserve Funds	5,000	0	7,000	0	7,000		10,000
30-7-00-55.00 Utility Truck Maintenance			3,000	4,072	3,000	128	3,000
30-7-00-70.00 Insurance	2,000	2,060	2,000	1,482	2,000	837	2,400
30-7-00-73.00 Legal Services	500	140	500	440	500	100	500
30-7-00-75.00 Reimb. To Town Of Bethel	6,585	6,585	6,811	6,811	7,731		9,200
30-7-00-75.01 Mileage	350	0	350	0	350		1,200
30-7-00-76.00 State of Vermont Permits	4,000	3,016	4,000	2,609	4,000	1,302	3,500
30-7-00-77.00 Leases	100	200	200	200	200	200	200
30-7-00-78.00 Chlorine	1,400	598	1,400	1,107	1,400	268	1,400
30-7-00-79.00 Training	800	195	250	227	250	14	250
30-7-00-80.00 Dues	250	375	375	375	375	390	400
30-7-00-81.00 Uniforms	934	230	934		934		300
30-7-00-82.00 Grant Match	0		0		0		
30-7-80-83.00 Reimburse GF	5,000	5,000	7,000		5,000		5,000
30-7-00-95.00 Other	100	1,088	100		100		100
30-7-00-96.00 Depreciation Expense		43,236		42,704			
30-7-60-91.00 Debt Service - Principal	80,890	61,645	67,461	5,160	68,880	23,182	28,123
30-7-60-91.02 Debt Service - Interest	14,816	2,423	5,004	6,233	3,810	7,065	2,123
30-7-60-91.04 DWRSF loan		1,421,487	16,674	520,895	26,250	23,497	23,497
30-7-80-80.00 Capital Outlay		-1,600,790		-597,624			
30-7-80-81.00 Change in GASB 68		30,514		-14,291			
TOTAL - Water Department Expenditures	248,854	252,157	259,159	185,938	266,832	96,742	247,338

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Town of Bethel WWTP

As we take the time to reflect back on another year, 2022 came in strong and dealt us all a devastating blow with the loss of long time Chief Operator Tim Mills. Tim had been the Town's Chief Operator of the Wastewater Treatment Plant since it was built in 1987. Tim was a very devoted family man, a highly dedicated operator, and a great friend to many of us.

As we picked up and moved forward, the WWTP continues to operate efficiently and well within the expected parameters of our discharge permit producing a quality effluent. The town had secured some American Rescue Plan money so we were able to replace some key components that are vital to our daily operations. As the System and the treatment facility continue to further age, we are closely monitoring other components as well. While we continue to maintain everything the best we can, some components are reaching their expected life span.

Richard Manning
Chief Operator

PLEASE DO NOT USE THE TOILET AS A TRASH CAN.

Flushing inappropriate items can cause plumbing problems and harm the environment.

THINGS NOT TO FLUSH:

Medications, vitamins
Hypodermic needles
Cloth rags, towels
Dental Floss
Feminine Products

Plastic bags, bottles
Chemicals, solvents
Grease
Baby wipes
Fats, cooking oil

Condoms
Diapers
Cigar tips, cigarette butts
Paper towels
Butane Lighters

Did you know that the water you flush goes through the pipes and sewers, to our wastewater treatment plants, and then into our lakes and rivers? **Protect our environment.** Please dispose of diapers, paper towels and other non-flushable items in the waste bins, not in the toilets.



Richard Manning



Tim Mills

Bethel Sewer Department (As of 1/20/2023)	Budget FY 20-21	Actual FY 20-21	Budget FY 21-22	Actual FY 21-22	Budget 22-23	Actual FY 22-23 (as of 12/31/22)	Budget FY 23-24
20-6-00-81.00 Fees	253,501	252,998	261,613	260,288	262,000	13,589	
20-6-00-95.00 Interest & Penalty	6000	5,817	5,750	4,060	4,000	3,594	
20-6-00-96.03 Grant Revenue		205					
20-6-00 Miscellaneous Revenue		2,241					
TOTAL - Sewer Department Revenues	259,501	261,261	267,363	264,348	266,000	17,183	0
20-7-00-01.00 Labor - Operations	80,000	91,668	86,608	68,691	60,000	36,034	60,366
20-7-00-01.02 Labor - OT							11,922
20-7-00-02.00 Social Security	4,960	4,965	5,370	4,335	3,720	2,155	4,482
20-7-00-03.00 Medicare	1,160	1,117	1,256	1,014	870	504	1,048
20-7-00-04.00 Retirement	11,200	11,409	12,991	11,491	11,700	-513	11,970
20-7-00-05.00 Health Insurance	22,098	14,381	23,289	16,950	20,543	8,649	24,437
20-7-00-06.00 W/C & UE	5,100	4,450	6,712	5,607	5,000	2,032	5,000
20-7-00-06.01 Dental Insurance	1,066	949	1,098	835	910	442	910
20-7-00-07.00 Insurance	2,480	1,384	1,600	1,331	1,500	1,855	4,300
20-7-00-20.00 Electricity	23,000	24,097	24,500	30,353	24,800	12,981	26,446
20-7-00-21.00 Telephone	2,500	2,805	3,000	3,434	3,640	1,771	3,116
20-7-00-25.00 Maintenance - Bldg.	2,500	2,877	2,500	6,960	7,500	5,767	5,000
20-7-00-25.01 Maintenance - System	20,000	19,385	20,000	18,407	25,000	4,216	25,000
20-7-00-26.00 Maintenance - Equipment	6,000	10,500	6,000	10,007	7,200	2,828	18,000
20-7-00-27.00 Maintenance - website	215						
20-7-00-33.00 Flushing sewer lines	2,000	2,940	2,000		2,445		3,500
20-7-00-34.00 Sludge Disposal	25,000	12,918	25,000	11,220	25,000		25,000
20-7-00-35.00 Supplies	3,000	3,455	3,000	1,813	3,000	1,195	3,000
20-7-00-35.05 Postage/mailling	800	258	1,000	391	1,000	258	500
20-7-00-40.00 Lab Testing	3,000	3,868	3,000	5,526	4,000	1,837	6,690
20-7-00-40.10 Lab Supplies	500	878	500	725	500	513	1,930
20-7-00-50.00 Generator	500		500	0	500		500
20-7-00-51.01 Chemicals	600		500	0	500		250
20-7-00-53.00 Engineering Charges	2,500	1,870	1,500	330	1,500		750
20-7-00-73.00 Legal Services	500		500	0	500		400
20-7-00-75.00 Reimb - Town of Bethel	4,428	4,428	4,409	4,409	4,476		7,227
20-7-00-75.01 Reimb - Use of emp. Truck	4,650	4,249	4,800	2,762	4,800	669	1,200
20-7-00-77.00 Lease	750	400	750	400	750		500
20-7-00-78.00 Training	800	118	500	84	500	49	250
20-7-00-79.00 Certification	1,500	345	1,500	585	1,500	345	400
20-7-00-80.01 Reserve Fund	6,000		4,030		30,000		5,000
20-7-00-80.00 Dues	250		250	45	250		150
20-7-00-81.00 Uniforms	800	676	800	414	800		300
20-7-00-82.00 Grant Match	1,500						
20-7-00-95.00 Other	300	1,088	300	85	300		300
20-7-00 Reimburse GF	8,496		8,600		11,296		5,000
20-7-00-95.03 Debt Service (mascoma)	7,998	0	7,998	7,998	0		7,753
20-7-00-96.00 Depreciation Expense	0	66,086		66,996			
20-7-00-80.02 Capital Outlay		-11,853					
20-7-00-81.00 Change in GASB 68		21,424		-44,156			
20-7-60-91.00 Interest on debt	1,350	1,966	1,002	8	0	529	513
TOTAL - Sewer Department Expenditures	259,501	305,101	267,363	239,047	266,000	84,116	273,110

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Town of Bethel
Proposed FY 2023 Budget Summary

This year's proposed budget has an increase in expenses of 10.25% over last year. This does not include the additional money requested by the Bethel Library, Bethel Recreation Committee, or the Randolph Playhouse. Green Mountain Care Board approved large increases in health care costs and we are budgeting for another increase in our Vermont State Retirement plan, to the tune of \$50,000. The increased cost of electricity, heating fuel, diesel fuel, gasoline and road salt all skyrocketed, as you have seen in your own household budget. This accounts for approximately \$67,000. Due to growth in our Grand List, we are only looking at a 4.37% increase in our tax rate, despite these inflation related costs increases.

The Public Works budget is up 13.63%. That includes changing to manufactured sand, an increase in fuel prices, increase in the equipment repair budget, increase in salt prices and adding \$10,000 to the capital budget allocation for sidewalk repair.

The Constable budget is up 14.11%. That is due to an increase in fuel prices and labor. In order to achieve the 20 hours per week of police coverage the Selectboard would like to occur in Bethel, they increased the hourly rate of the Constables. In the past two years, due to staffing shortages in their full-time police departments, they have been unable to dedicate the time to Bethel they would have liked to. You should be seeing an increased police presence in Bethel in the upcoming weeks. We have also budgeted for two more flashing solar speed signs.

The Recreation budget has increased by 14.38%, as we plan to transition from one Pool Director to another. This budget allows for us to pay for proper training and transitioning from one staff member to another. The budget also contains money for resurfacing the skatepark, which needs to occur annually.

The Selectboard took a closer look this year at how Town Officials were being paid. They have worked with each Official to quantify how many hours they were working, versus being compensated for. You can see that detail in the budget notes.

The Lister's Office, Town Hall, government operations, debt service and county tax portions of the budget changed slightly. The municipal office budget has increased by 10.24%, due to increasing hours for the Financial Clerk, budgeting money for contract labor and increased heating fuel prices. White River Valley Ambulance is also looking for a 20% increase over last year. Like all businesses, they are facing a large increase in health insurance premiums and staffing costs, to retain employees.

With the increase in revenue, due to the sale of our share of the Transfer Station, there is an overall increase of 9.69% over last year to be raised by taxes. As we know, we have an increase in the value of the Grand List, so we expect the Bethel tax rate to increase by (approximately) 4.7% over last year. That includes the successful passage of separate warning items for the Bethel Library's request of \$27,500, the Recreation Committee's request for \$30,000 for phase II of the skatepark and \$1,000 for the Randolph Playhouse.

Bethel has successfully secured \$2,040,515 in grant money for roads, bridges, stormwater upgrades, sidewalk upgrade, planning grant and outdoor recreational opportunities. This will require a remaining \$347,336 in matching funds, which has already been set aside in capital funds. Several of these projects are planned for construction/completion in 2023. This does not include the \$583,205 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) money the Selectboard already allocated for wastewater upgrades, roads and a website upgrade.

<i>Approved by Selectboard 1/23/23</i>						NOTES:
	BUDGET FY 21-22	Actual FY 21-22	Budget FY 22-23	Actual as of 11/1/2022	Proposed FY 23-24	
LOCAL REVENUES						
10-6-00-10.01 Dog Tax	704	1,426	1,300		1,300	
10-6-00-10.02 Local Licenses	705	810			0	
10-6-00-10.05 Town Clerk Fees	17,200	27,213	27,600	32	27,600	
10-6-00-10.08 Recreation Area Fees	5,780	9,594	8,575	6,924	6,270	50 passes @ \$80 + 2270 in camps
10-6-00-10.16 Zoning Application Fees	1,450	1,830	3,075	1,365	1,830	
10-6-00-10.18 Overweight Permit Fees	510	490	530	10	500	
10-6-00-10.19 Trustees Of Public Funds		4,675				
10-6-00-10.22 Proceeds of BRTS Sale				54,560	54,560	5 years
10-6-00-10.24 Town Hall Rental Fees	1,000	757	1,500	210	1,000	
TOTAL - Local Revenues	27,349	46,795	42,580	63,101	93,060	118.55%
MISCELLANEOUS LOCAL REVENUE						
10-6-00-21.00 Misc. Local Revenue						
10-6-00-21.02 Reimb. Tax Sale Exp.		5,046			3,000	
10-6-00-21.50 Other	500	931	1,100	993	1,100	
Total - Miscellaneous Local Revenue	500	5,977	1,100	993	4,100	272.73%
STATE AND FEDERAL REVENUES						
10-6-00-25.01 Highways - Class I	10,380	10,379	10,510	2,664	10,656	
10-6-00-25.02 Highways - Class II	51,024	51,024	51,662	13,102	52,408	
10-6-00-25.03 Highways - Class III	89,264	89,258	90,372	22,917	91,668	
10-6-00-25.08 State Owned Lands	1,750	1,733	1,733	0	1,733	
10-6-00-25.09 Traffic Tickets	3,550	3,105	4,000	185	2,500	
10-6-00-25.10 Fish & Game (Fish Hatch.)	185	171	355	0	355	
10-6-00-25.11 P.I.L.O.T payment (State)	1,183	1,185	1,733		2,000	
10-6-00-25.21 Other		300		15		
10-6-00-25.22 Municipal Planning Grant						
10-6-00-25.46 Tower Lease	6,000	8,096	7,200	1,800	7,200	
10-6-00-25.47 PACIF Grant		2,583				
10-6-00-25.51 TRORC- highway grant						
10-6-00-25.52 Grant Income						
10-6-10-00.01 Dry Hydrant Grant	4,000					
TOTAL - State and Federal Revenues	167,336	167,834	167,564	40,684	168,520	0.57%
MISCELLANEOUS						
10-6-00-30.01 Admin Reimb-Solid Waste	8,846	8,801	0		0	

TOWN OF BETHEL BUDGET

<i>Approved by Selectboard 1/23/23</i>	BUDGET 21-22	FY	Actual 21-22	FY	Budget 22-23	FY	Actual as of 11/1/2022	Proposed Budget FY 23-24	Notes for 23/24 budget
PUBLIC WORKS PERSONNEL									
10-7-05-01.00 Wages	191,980		189,558		217,974		44,441	232,300	3 FT 2 seasonal
10-7-05-01.02 Overtime	40,000		53,093		40,000		3,100	40,000	
10-7-05-02.00 Social Security	14,383		15,974		15,994		3,094	16,883	
10-7-05-03.00 Medicare	3,364		3,483		3,741		678	3,948	
10-7-05-04.00 Retirement	29,171		46,170		44,904		12,588	39,600	
10-7-05-05.00 Health Insurance	98,861		45,857		62,490		10,747	56,700	
10-7-05-06.00 Workers' Comp/UI	20,345		16,065		15,040		2,177	23,063	
10-7-05-06.01 Dental Insurance	4,561		2,048		2,500		384	1,856	
10-7-05-08.00 Mileage Reimbursement	1,600		563		1,600		58	1,600	
10-7-05-09.00 Training	1,000		489		1,000		120	2,500	
TOTAL - Public Works Personnel	405,264		373,300		405,243		77,387	418,449	3.26%
TOWN OWNED EQUIPMENT									
10-7-05-10.10 Insurance-Building & Equip.	9,970		9,990		9,970		2,590	15,320	
10-7-05-10.32 Repairs/Parts	66,000		74,378		69,300		15,344	55,000	loader and grader need engine service
10-7-05-10.33 Tires, Chains, cutting edges								20,000	
10-7-05-10.35 Permits	1,600		1,350		1,700		0	1,700	
10-7-05-10.36 Garage Supplies/Bldg. Mnt.	13,600		13,976		14,000		3,930	16,000	
10-7-05-10.37 Electricity	3,655		4,386		3,655		1,155	5,000	
10-7-05-10.38 Telephone	6,180		7,431		6,270		1,862	7,500	
10-7-05-10.39 Uniforms	5,000		3,349		5,000		431	5,000	
10-7-05-10.40 Other	300		408		300		0	300	
10-7-05-10.41 Gas, Oil & Grease	8,800		13,473		9,000		-706	15,000	
10-7-05-10.42 Diesel	55,650		62,137		55,650		0	70,000	
10-7-05-10.43 Underground Tank	500		525		550		50	550	
10-7-05-10.44 Communications System	8,500		13,197		1,500		0	2,500	
10-7-05-10.45 Trash Removal								744	
TOTAL - Town Owned Equipment	179,755		204,600		176,895		24,656	214,614	21.32%
Hired SERVICES OR EQUIPMENT									
10-7-05-12.25 Roadside Mowing	12,600		26,222		14,122		0	15,931	60 miles
10-7-05-12.26 Ditching	20,000		20,298		30,000		28,248	30,000	
10-7-05-12.27 Tree Cutting	5,000		6,275		5,000		0	3,000	
10-7-05-12.40 Sweeping	1,850		1,011		1,950		0	2,000	
10-7-05-12.41 Rental Equipment	500		0		500		0	1,500	
10-7-05-12.42 Hired Services	20,000		15,971		22,500		3,500	24,750	
10-7-05-12.43 Engineering Services	500		0		1,875		0	500	
TOTAL - Hired Services or Equipment	60,450		69,777		75,947		31,748	77,681	2.28%
MATERIALS									
10-7-05-30.01 Salt	60,000		58,070		60,000		0	92,400	800 ton
10-7-05-30.02 Chloride	16,200		4,085		20,750		9,872	20,750	

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10-6-00-30.02 Admin Reimb-Sewer Dept.	4,409	4,409	4,476		7,227	based on salary & insurance
10-6-00-30.07 Admin Reimb-Water Dept.	6,811	6,811	7,731		9,200	based on salary & insurance
10-6-00-30.08 Green Maple True-Up						
10-6-00-30.10 RR Revenue Sharing	3,700	1,850	3,700		3,700	
10-6-00 Green Lantern Lease	1,500	1,500	1,500	375	0	
TOTAL - Miscellaneous	25,266	23,371	17,407	375	20,127	15.63%
10-6-00-31.00 Checking Interest	6	6	6	2	6	
10-6-00-31.01 Sweep Account Interest	1,448	1,052	1,011	26	1,000	
10-6-00-31.06 Proceeds of Debt		15,934		2,443		
TOTAL - Interest Earnings	1,454	16,992	1,017	2,471	1,006	-1.08%
TAXES - PROPERTY			2,145,004			
10-6-00-50.02 Current Property Taxes		2,117,632		1,533,283		
10-6-00-50.03 Land-use	141,000	149,671	144,000	4,030	148,049	per State spreadsheet 2022
10-6-00-50.05 Delinquent Taxes-prior	35,000	0	30,000	0	25,000	
10-6-00-50.06 Penalty	16,000	14,247	10,000	-129	10,000	
10-6-00-50.07 Interest	20,000	20,214	15,000	5,524	15,000	
10-6-00-50.10 Education Billing Fee	5,800	5,943	5,800		5,900	
TOTAL - Taxes-Property	217,800	2,307,707	204,800	1,542,708	203,949	-0.42%
TOTAL REVENUES	439,705	2,568,676	434,468	1,650,333	490,762	12.96%
Amount to be Raised by Taxes	2,094,623		2,136,958	-323,807	2,344,111	9.69%
TOTAL EXPENSES	2,534,328		2,571,426	1,326,525	2,834,873	10.25%

TOWN OF BETHEL BUDGET

<i>Approved by Selectboard 1/23/23</i>	BUDGET 21-22	FY Actual	FY 21-22	Budget 22-23	FY Actual as of 11/1/2022	Proposed Budget FY 23-24	Notes for 23/24 budget
10-7-05-30.03 Gravel	40,000		43,231	40,000	9,716	50,000	includes material for mud season
10-7-05-30.05 Sand	54,575		52,576	53,000	0	75,000	change to new material
10-7-05-30.08 Culverts	10,000		8,042	12,000	5,717	15,000	
10-7-05-30.09 Patching Material	5,500		7,056	5,500	2,433	8,000	
10-7-05-30.10 Guardrail	7,800		6,816	8,580	0	8,000	
10-7-05-30.11 Tools	4,500		3,898	4,500	1,345	5,500	
10-7-05-30.12 Signs	4,000		1,941	4,250	3,825	5,000	
10-7-05-30.16 Highway Rehabilitation	115,000		115,000	115,000	28,750	175,000	inc \$10,000 for sidewalks
10-7-05- ERAF	43,100		43,100	56,790	56,790	44,400	\$88,800 in ERAF left at 1.2M bridge cost
10-7-05-30.95 Other			11				
TOTAL - Materials	360,675		343,826	380,370	118,448	499,050	31.20%
OTHER PUBLIC WORKS							
10-7-05-40.01 Storm Water Catch Basins	15,000		15,189	15,000	38	6,700	
10-7-05-40.02 Cemeteries	37,000		36,159	40,000	18,135	40,000	Fence repair & tree removal
10-7-05-40.03 Church Street Bridge Loan	18,975		18,974	18,376	16,333	17,738	
10-7-05-40.10 Sidewalk Improvement							
10-7-05-40.11 Parking-Pedestrian Safety	1,500		1,036	1,700	0	2,500	
10-7-05-40.13 Other	1,000		523	500	0	500	
10-7-05-40.14 Highway Equip Trust Fund	115,000		115,000	120,000	30,000	125,000	to match capital budget
10-07-05-40.24 2016 ID Backhoe							
10-07-05-40.25 2017 International							
TOTAL - Other Public Works	188,475		186,881	195,576	64,506	192,438	-1.60%
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS	1,194,619		1,178,384	1,234,031	316,745	1,402,233	13.63%
FIRE DEPARTMENT							
10-7-10-01.00 Wages	20,000		19,964	20,000	0	26,450	
10-7-10-02.00 Social Security	1,240		1,238	1,240	0	1,640	
10-7-10-03.00 Medicare	290		289	290	0	384	
10-7-10-06.01 Workers' Comp/UI	4,926		2,764	6,147	3,942	4,698	
10-7-10-07.00 Insurance	10,135		7,367	10,255	766	7,700	
10-7-10-10.00 Apparatus/repairs/maint.	14,500		15,035	14,500	0	14,500	
10-7-10-10. Truck Equipment	3,000		0	3,000	0	3,000	
10-7-10-11.00 Gas, Oil & Lubricants	1,800		1,594	2,500	0	3,500	
10-7-10-20.01 Electricity	1,142		2,071	1,200	590	2,333	
10-7-10-21.00 Telephone	3,912		2,749	2,700	753	3,024	
10-7-10-22.00 Heat	4,000		6,214	4,000	0	6,835	increased 10% over last year
10-7-10 DISPATCHING	1,161		0	1,161	0	0	
10-7-10-50.00 Communications	12,000		11,109	12,000	870	12,000	
10-7-10-51.01 Safety & Equip. Supplies	15,000		20,038	20,000	6	20,000	
10-7-10-52.00 Facility Maintenance	5,000		5,000	2,500	170	2,500	Johnson controls
10-7-10-95.00 Other	100		0	100	0	100	

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10-7-10-96.00 Training	2,400		520		2,400		0	2,400	
10-7-10-97.00 Safety & Equipment Fund	38,550		38,550		38,550		38,550	38,550	
10-7-10-97.01 2017 Kenworth tanker	20,821		31,325		20,821		21,381	21,381	
10-7-10-97.02 2012 Kenworth									
10-7-10-98.00 Homeland Security Grant									
10-7-10-98.02 Dry Hydrant Grant	2,500		0		0				
10-7-10-98.03 Fire Protection	5,500		5,500		5,500		5,500	5,500	
10-7-10-98.04 AFG/FEMA Grant	5,000		0		0				
TOTAL - Fire Department	172,977		171,327		168,864		72,528	176,494	4.52%
CONSTABLE DEPARTMENT									
10-7-15-01.00 Labor	19,324		4,044		18,980		1,348	29,120	20 hours per week @ \$28/hr
10-7-15-02.00 Social Security	1,198		362		1,177		84	1,805	
10-7-15-03.00 Medicare	280		85		275		20	422	
10-7-15-04.00 Retirement	0						0	0	
10-7-15-06.00 Workers' Comp/UI	1,701		962		659		121	1,080	
10-7-15-07.00 Insurance on Equipment	2,300		3,461		2,965		873	3,090	
10-7-15-07.02 Professional Liability	2,312		2,187		2,470		501	3,363	
10-7-15-10.00 Cruiser repair/maint	2,500		871		3,000		0	3,000	
10-7-15-21.00 Cell Phone	600		592		600		148	600	
10-7-15-39.00 uniforms	800		0		800		0	800	
10-7-15-62.00 Gas	2,700		2,708		3,000		25	5,000	
10-7-15-70.00 Contract Services	500		350		500		249	500	
10-7-15-70.01 Equipment	1,000		750		1,000		0	2,000	
10-7-15-90.00 Training	250		0		250		0	750	
10-7-1590.01 Animal Control	1,000		0		500		0	500	For housing animal with local Vet
10-7-15-90.02 Cruiser Replacement Fund	5,000		5,000		5,000		1,250	5,000	
10-7-15-90.03 Signage	7,400		6,824		15,800		0	8,000	2 more solar speed signs
10-7-15-95.00 Other	100		0		100		3	100	
10-7-15-96.00 CONTRACT									
10-7-15-97.00 DOG WARDEN									
TOTAL - Constable Department	48,965		28,196		57,076		4,622	65,131	14.11%
RECREATION DEPARTMENT									
10-7-20-01.00 Wages	44,755		25,628		43,000		26,396	55,000	
10-7-20-02.00 Social Security	2,775		1,700		2,666		1,637	3,410	
10-7-20-03.00 Medicare	649		398		624		383	798	
10-7-20-04.00 Retirement	2,045		2,648		4,018		0	1,410	
10-7-20-06.00 Workers' Comp/UI	2,663		1,691		2,663		281	2,793	
10-7-20-07.00 Insurance-Building & Equip.	2,134		1,994		2,176		443	1,937	
10-7-20-20.00 Electricity	1,000		1,913		1,000		2,400	2,250	
10-7-20-21.00 Telephone	450		1,043		475		312	500	
10-7-20-25.00 Repairs & Maintenance	8,500		10,987		6,500		375	8,500	include \$1200 for skatepark resurface

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10-7-20-27.00 Rec. Facility Improv. Fund	10,000		10,000		10,000		2,500	10,000	
10-7-20-30.00 Programming & Activities	3,600		409		3,600		439	3,000	
10-7-20-51.00 Supplies	2,500		1,121		2,500		187	2,500	
10-7-20-52.00 Chlorine	3,000		1,963		3,000		2,667	3,500	
10-7-20-53.00 American Red Cross	4,000		2,848		4,000		0	3,200	
10-7-20-60.00 Water & Sewer	1,400		719		1,400		315	1,400	
10-7-20-95.00 Other/mileage	150		175		200		191	250	
TOTAL - Recreation Department	89,621		65,237		87,821		38,526	100,448	14.38%
PARKS & PUBLIC PLACES									
10-7-25-01.00 Wages	12,223		13,303		13,030		4,225	19,200	40 hrs/wk for 24 weeks
10-7-25-02.00 Social Security	758		936		808		262	1,190	
10-7-25-03.00 Medicare	177		219		189		61	278	
10-7-25-04.00 Retirement	1,956		2,104		2,541		0	0	
10-7-25-05.00 Health Insurance	7,535		7,292		7,532		0	0	
10-7-25-06.00 Workers' Comp/UI	1,072		190		1,147		22	1,320	
10-7-25-06.01 Dental Insurance	355		324		334		0	0	
10-7-25-07.00 Insurance	200		75		100		21	100	
10-7-25-12.01 Mowing Equipment	2,500		1,494		500		0	500	
10-7-25-12.02 Utility Truck Maint					875		146	1,200	tires, maint., etc
10-7-25-20.00 Street Lights	18,580		19,181		18,769		6,410	19,332	
10-7-25-20.01 Electricity - Parks	1,520		1,806		1,548		474	1,594	
10-7-25-25.01 Maintenance	12,780		13,164		7,780		1,230	9,500	money for stonewall, boat launch
10-7-25-26.00 Parks Beautification	3,000		808		5,500		171	5,500	water fountain at bandshell & gazebo
10-7-25-27.00 Flags and Poles	480		1,081		480			480	
10-7-25-30.00 Streetscape Program					750			750	Must budget for due to VOREC
10-7-25-35.00 Trail Maintenance					50		7	50	
10-7-25-95.00 Other			14						
TOTAL - Parks & Public Places	63,136		61,991		61,932		13,029	60,995	-1.51%
MUNICIPAL OFFICES									
10-7-30-01.01 Wages	67,924		66,620		68,100		19,152	68,044	
10-7-30-01.02 Salary - Town Clerk	32,736		33,746		34,381		11,263	37,030	
10-7-40-01.02 Treasurer	4,910		5,088		5,156		1,577	5,310	
10-7-40-01.03 Town Manager	86,520		87,738		89,116		27,320	91,789	
10-7-40-01.04 Labor					10,000		0	15,000	contract labor/energy coordination
10-7-30-02.00 Social Security	11,910		12,282		12,199		3,684	12,535	
10-7-30-03.00 Medicare	2,785		2,858		2,853		855	2,932	
10-7-30-04.00 Retirement	30,734		38,447		38,367		11,729	42,052	
10-7-30-05.00 Health Insurance	85,317		79,347		85,373		32,150	107,746	
10-7-30-06.00 Workers' Comp/UI	826		950		669		-1,134	1,137	
10-7-30-06.01 Dental Insurance	3,888		3,482		3,876		1,525	3,641	
10-7-30-07.00 Insurance - Building	3,552		2,580		3,160		596	5,568	

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10-7-30-07.01 POL Insurance	4,468		3,234		4,000		719	3,426	
10-7-30-20.00 Electricity	3,000		2,728		2,790		723	2,500	
10-7-30-21.00 Telephone	5,125		6,308		8,000		1,971	7,600	
10-7-30-22.00 Heat	3,500		3,119		4,500		544	5,500	
10-7-30-25.00 Maintenance - Building	1,500		3,064		1,500		862	2,000	inc. \$1,000 for tasco annual fee
10-7-30-25.01 Trash removal	400		102		200		62	150	
10-7-30-26.01 Copier ink, etc	500		1,517		1,884		1,222	1,900	
10-7-30-26.02- Computer	6,500		8,191		7,000		4,620	8,850	Nemrc, Zoom & Carbonite
10-7-30-26.03 Office Equipment	500		92		500		0	500	
10-7-30-27.04 Purchase - Office Furniture	400		170		200		308	200	
10-7-30-28.00 Lease - Photocopier	1,127		1,033		1,128		546	1,138	94.85/mo copier lease
10-7-30-51.00 Supplies	5,500		4,650		6,300		-197	6,300	
10-7-30-52.01 Postage/Mailing Supplies	2,184		2,367		3,500		1,805	2,500	73.64 monthly fee, \$1,600 postage
10-7-30-60.00 Water & Sewer	1,350		1,234		1,296		315	1,360	
10-7-30-70.00 Bank Fees	120		26		100		19	23	
10-7-30-71.00 Compucount	3,500		2,798		3,500		748	3,500	
10-7-30-95.00 Other	350		428		250		238	250	
10-7-30-95.01 Training	500		190		200		0	600	VMCTA, VLCT, VTCMA
10-7-30-95.02 Managers Expense	300		275		300		0	300	
TOTAL - Municipal Offices	371,926		374,664		400,397		123,222	441,380	10.24%
TOWN HALL									
10-7-35-07.00 Insurance	6,200		6,326		7,292		1,788	8,040	
10-7-35-20.00 Electricity	1,200		1,621		1,200		377	1,300	greenbacker cost decrease
10-7-35-21.00 Telephone	1,465		1,411		1,488		446	1,584	
10-7-35-22.00 Heat	4,000		4,539		4,000		128	4,766	5% increase over last year
10-7-35-25.00 Building Repair	6,000		3,504		4,000		1,359	4,000	Includes \$1,500 Tasco
10-7-35-25.02 Repair-Clock	315		315		350		355	350	
10-7-35-51.00 Supplies	800		353		500		90	500	
10-7-35-60.00 Water & Sewer	1,350		1,234		1,296		315	1,296	
10-7-35-95.00 Other	50		0		50		0	50	
TOTAL - Town Hall	21,380		19,303		20,176		4,858	21,886	8.48%
TOWN OFFICIALS									
10-7-40-01.01 Selectboard	1,050		1,050		3,050			3,750	700/ea +250 extra for chair
10-7-40-01.04 Trustees Of Public Funds	250		250		600			600	200/ea
10-7-40-01.06 Health Officer	600		0		600			1,200	1 deputy (40 HRS YEAR CURRENT EST)
10-7-40-01.07 Elections	250		0		250			250	
10-7-40-01.08 Board of Civil Authority	100		0		50			50	
10-7-40-01.10 Cemetery Commissioner	500		500		600			1,500	
10-7-40-01.11 Fire Warden					600			3,000	120 hours a year plus 500 miles (25/hr)
10-7-40-01.12 Tree Warden					600			600	
10-7-40-02.00 Fica/medi	210		99		356			570	
TOTAL - Town Officials	2,960		1,899		6,706		0	11,520	71.79%

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LISTERS									
10-7-45-01.00 Wages	14,500		18,868		25,500		4,865	27,040	
10-7-45-02.00 Social Security	899		1,281		1,581		302	1,676	
10-7-45-03.00 Medicare	210		300		370		71	392	
10-7-45-27.00 Computer	2,800		3,045		2,800		859	3,000	
10-7-45-51.00 Supplies	850		582		850		85	900	
10-7-45-62.00 Mileage	500		95		500		79	500	
10-7-45 Assessor Services	10,000		0		0				
10-7-45-64.00 Mapping Services	2,800		2,675		2,800		2,800	3,000	
10-7-45-70.00 Training	900		215		900			1,000	
10-7-45-80.00 Memberships	300		325		300			350	
10-7-45-95.00 Other	100		19		200		35	200	
TOTAL - Listers	34,073		27,405		35,801		9,096	38,059	6.31%
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS									
10-7-50-90.01 Town Meeting	325		99		325		0	400	
10-7-50-90.02 Town Reports	3,700		3,446		3,800		0	3,800	
10-7-50-90.03 Tax Billing	325		361		375		399	450	
10-7-50-90.04 Preservation Of Records	1,200		1,259		1,200		0	1,500	
10-7-50-90.05 Tax Abatements	6,000		0		6,000		25	6,000	
10-7-50-90.08 Legal	10,000		6,221		10,000		1,711	10,000	
10-7-50-90.09 Planning	1,200		283		1,200		90	1,200	
10-7-50-90.10 Auditing Services	23,500		30,391		24,500		2,266	25,000	
10-7-50-90.11 Training	1,000		239		1,000		165	500	
10-7-50-90.12 Recording Fees	100		165		100		0	200	
10-7-50-90.13 Social Media	750		1,436		1,250		0	2,000	
10-7-50-90.14 Ins. Shooting Range			1,330		1,400		1,536	1,690	website upgrades with ARPA
10-7-50-90.15 Meeting Minutes	1,500		1,339		2,775		471	2,775	
10-7-50-90.16 Conservation Commission	2,500		2,500		2,500		2,500	2,500	
10-7-50-90.17 Red Cross Shelter Maint.	1,200		750		1,500		0	1,500	
10-7-50-90.18 Energy Committee	100		0		100		0	100	
10-7-50-90.20 Voting Equip. & Supplies	750		37		2,500		65	1,500	
10-7-50-90.80 Advertising	5,000		2,414		5,500		428	5,700	
10-7-50-90.81 Other	500		4,378		500		20	500	
10-7-50-90.90 Tax Sale Expenses	4,000		7,643		4,000		0	6,000	some offset by revenue
10-7-50-90.96 Reappraisal Fund	20,000		20,000		6,000		1,500	7,000	per capital schedule
10-7-50-90.98 Capital Improv. Reserve Fund	20,000		20,000		60,000		15,000	55,000	per capital schedule
TOTAL - Government Operations	103,650		104,291		136,525		26,176	135,315	-0.89%
APPROPRIATIONS									
Local									
10-7-55-70.01 Bethel Library	5,000		5,000		5,000			7,500	
10-7-55-70.02 Council On The Arts	2,000		2,000		2,000			2,000	
10-7-55-70.03 Bethel Historical Society	500		500		500			500	

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10-7-55-70.04 Vt League Of Cities/Towns	3,740		3,598		3,536		3,536	3,658	
10-7-55-70.05 Two Rivers Reg Plan Comm	3,106		3,106		3,068		3,068	3,165	
10-7-55-70.06 Green Mtn. Economic Devel	982		982		975			976	
10-7-55-70.07 Green Up Day	150		150		150			150	
10-7-55-70.09 White River Partnership	500		500		500			500	
10-7-55-70.10 VT Rural Fire Protection (VA	100		100		100			100	
10-7-55-70.11 Bethel Forward Festival	2,000		2,000		2,000			2,000	
Total - Local	18,078		17,936		17,829		6,604	20,549	15.26%
Human Services *									
10-7-55-71.01 So. Royalton Senior Center	3,000		3,000		3,000			4,000	
10-7-55-71.02 Visit. Nurse Assoc.	7,000		7,000		7,000			7,000	
10-7-55-71.03 Clara Martin Center	3,000		3,000		3,000			3,250	
10-7-55-71.07 Safeline	1,000		1,000		1,000			1,500	
10-7-55-71.08 Tri-Valley Transit	4,000		4,000		4,000			4,000	
10-7-55-71.09 Windsor County Mentors	600		600		500		500	500	
10-7-55-71.11 Cen VT Council On Aging	650		650		650			650	
10-7-55-71.13 VT Assoc For The Blind	800		800		400			400	
10-7-55-71.15 Vermont Adult Learning	200		200		0			0	
10-7-55-71.17 VT Center for Indep Living	300		300		300			300	
10-7-55-71.21			250						
10-7-55-71.23 Orange County Parent Child	1,000		1,000		1,000			1,000	
10-7-55-71.24 Quin-Town Center for Sr	1,200		1,200		600			500	
10-7-55-71.25 American Red Cross	250		250		250			0	
10-7-55-71.26 Bethel Art Bus	500		500		500			0	
10-7-55-71.27 One Planet (WRSVU)	2,500		2,500		2,500			2,500	
10-7-55-71.28 Health Hub	1,000		1,000		1,000			0	
10-7-55-71.29 Health & Rehab Services	250		250		500		500	500	
10-7-55-71.30 VT Family Network								250	
Total - Human Services	27,250		27,500		26,200		1,000	26,350	
10-7-55-72.01 White River Valley Ambulance	123,830		125,860		127,080		52,750	153,048	
TOTAL - APPROPRIATIONS	169,158		171,296		171,109		60,354	199,947	16.85%
DEBT SERVICE									
10-7-05-54.04 2011 Debt Financing	82,946		82,946		82,946			82,946	
10-7-60-88.04 Long Term Debt-Town Hall	59,528		59,528		59,528			56,236	
10-7-60-91.00 Interest-Tax Antic Notes	2,100		0		2,100			2,100	
10-7-60-97.00 Long Term Debt-WW/BFD	4,121		1,000		0				
10-7-60-98.00 Town Garage	75,000		75,000		0				
10-7-60-99.00 LOC for BRTS					2,529				
TOTAL - Debt Service	223,695		218,474		147,103		0	141,282	-3.96%

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TAXES									
10-7-65-88.00 School Tax Payment			0				637,125		
10-7-65-89.00 County Taxes	14,239		13,053		14,250		13,685	14,021	
10-7-65-90.00 Reimb. Overpaid taxes			0				6,559		
TOTAL - Taxes	14,239		13,053		14,250		657,369	14,021	
MISCELLANEOUS									
10-7-70-91.00 Alliance Fee	23,929		23,929		26,163			26,163	
10-7-70-91.05 Landfill closure maint					3,473				
TOTAL - Miscellaneous	23,929		23,929		29,636		0	26,163	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	2,534,328		2,459,450		2,571,426		1,326,525	2,834,873	10.25%



Volunteers in Action

What is included in the Water System Improvements?

- Installation of new 2", 4" and 8" waterline and appurtenances on Sand Hill Road, Bicentennial Lane, Highland Avenue, Graham Street, Krystal Drive, and under the railroad.
- New water services and curb stops will be installed to the edge of the right-of-way.
- Replacement of the Gaiko Well House.
- Construction of a new booster pump station to alleviate pressure issues on Krystal Drive
- Refurbishment of the Boulevard Water Storage Tank.

Why are the Water System Improvements required?

- Existing water mains in the project area are past their useful lifespan and are prone to frequent leaks and breaks.
- Boulevard water tank requires refurbishment to protect interior surfaces and prolong its lifespan.
- Existing 2" galvanized steel water mains could negatively impact water quality.
- The State of Vermont Drinking Water and Groundwater Protection Division is requiring construction of the Krystal Drive Pump Station and new Gaiko Well House. Failure to complete these improvements could subject the system to fines or other enforcement action.

What is the project cost and bond amount?

Estimated Costs

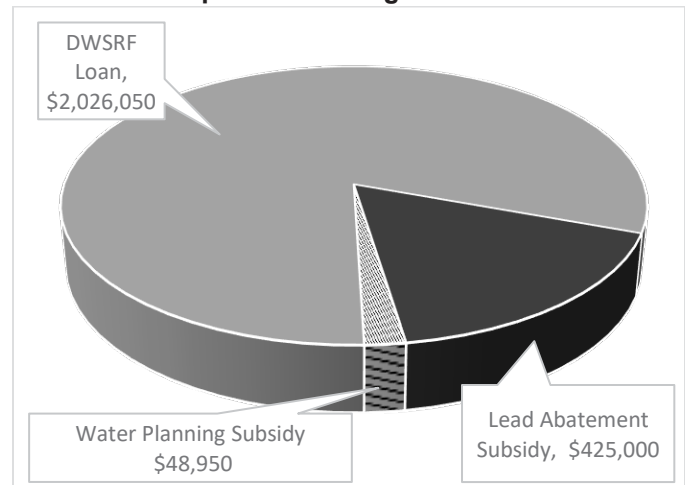
Item Description	Estimated Cost
Construction	\$1,810,000
Construction Contingency (15%)	\$271,500
Engineering	\$328,140
Other Costs	\$76,000
Total Project Cost	\$2,485,650
Total Bond Amount	\$2,500,000

Total Project Cost includes: construction costs, 15% construction contingency, engineering, legal, short-term interest, and other costs.

What are the available funding sources?

Funding through the State of Vermont Drinking Water SRF Program is anticipated for a 40-year term at 1.5% interest rate, with loan forgiveness of approximately \$425,000.

Expected Funding Sources



What is the projected impact on the current Water Rates?

A typical Town residential water customer pays a base rate of \$126.04 per quarter. That customer is anticipated to see their base rate increase by approximately \$ 26.14 per quarter (\$8.71 per month). The debt retirement for the proposed improvements will be shared by the water system customers and tax payers. The tax payers will pay for road work, hydrants and those associated engineering/contingency costs (23% of project costs). For a home valued at \$250,000, that would be an approximate cost of \$18.50 per year (\$1.54 per month).

What if the bond vote does not pass in March?

The Town would still be required to complete most of these the water system improvements and would miss out on subsidy available for other parts of the project as well. Delays in completing this work will also increase the long-term cost due to ongoing inflation and the need to continue costly repairs to water mains.

Will my water service be interrupted during construction?

A few brief interruptions (up to a few hours) may occur. The project design attempts to minimize these interruptions and will require advance notice to users.

What is the project schedule?

Construction is planned for summer 2023. The project contract documents will include financial disincentives to encourage the contractor to complete construction on-time.

Town of Bethel
134 South Main Street
Bethel, VT 05032

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Local

Postal Customer

TOWN OF BETHEL BOND VOTE INFORMATION WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

When is the public information meeting?

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

Bethel Town Hall, 318 Main Street
Monday, February 20, 2023 @ 6:30 p.m.
Monday, February 27, 2023 @ 6:30 p.m.

When is the bond vote?

BOND VOTE – AUSTRALIAN BALLOT

White River Unified Middle School
273 Pleasant Street, Bethel, VT
Tuesday, March 7, 2023
8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Absentee ballots are available at the
Town Clerk's office

What is the project, why is it necessary, how much will it cost, and how will it be paid for?

The project includes replacement of aging and unreliable water mains, replacement of the Gaiko Well House, and construction of a new pump station to alleviate water pressure problems on Krystal Drive.

The improvements are necessary to maintain the reliability of the water system and some are required by the State of Vermont.

Of the estimated \$2.5-million cost, approximately \$425,000 is eligible for subsidized funding by the State of Vermont. **However, voters must approve the bond to access this money.**

Town of Bethel Capital Improvement Program Summary

<i>Highway Equipment Fund</i>	FY 2021/2022	FY 2022/2023	FY 2023/2024	FY 2024/2025	FY 2025/2026	FY 2026/2027
Beginning Balance	18,547	66,464	-1,356	93,674	247,859	15,899
Annual Appropriation	115,000	120,000	125,000	130,000	135,000	140,000
Proceeds from Borrowing/Insurance	4,080					
Proceeds from Sale of Equipment		50,000		28,125	50,000	
Interest Earned	109	20	30	60	40	20
Money from ARPA		20,000				
Capital Expenditures						
Equipment Repairs:						
Purchased Tires						
Replaced 2013 Freightliner w/2021 Western						
Replace 2013 Freightliner		-257,840				
Replace 2007 JD Grader						
Replace 2017 Ford F-350					-45,000	
Replace 2019 Trailer /mower				-4,000		
Replaced 2015 Ford F550 w/2021 Chevy 6500						
Replace 2017 International					-230,000	
Replace 2016 JD Backhoe						
Replace 2009 Komatsu Loader					-142,000	
Replace 2013 Mobark Chipper						
Replace 2009 Kabota sidewalk plow			-30,000			
Replace 2021 Western Star						
Replace 2021 Chevy 6500						
Replace 2020 John Deere Z915EZ						
2015 Ford F550						
2017 Int'l & 2016 JD Backhoe						
2016 JD Backhoe new transmission	-15,532					
2021 Chevy 6500 Plow	-51,799					
2017 Ford F-350 Plow	-3,941					
Ending Balance	66,464	-1,356	93,674	247,859	15,899	155,919

Replace trucks every 8 years, equipment every 20 years and assume trade or resale is 12.5% of purchase price.

	FY 2021/2022	FY 2022/2023	FY 2023/2024	FY 2024/2025	FY 2025/2026	FY 2026/2027
Capital Improvement Fund						
Beginning Balance	183,426	272,298	200,724	235,724	290,724	345,724
Annual Appropriation	105,000	60,000	55,000	55,000	55,000	55,000
Grant Revenue						
Interest Earned						
Payment budgeted for garage loan						
Capital Expenditures						
Town Office (basement insulation, new roof)		-30,145				
Town Garage (engineering, garage doors, etc)		-26,429				
Fire Department (siding, etc)			-20,000			
Salt Shed						-165,000
Underground fuel tank removal Town Office		-75,000				
Stonewall repair at municipal parking lot	-16,128					
Fire rated double doors at sewer plant			-6,750			
Ending Balance	272,298	200,724	235,724	290,724	345,724	235,724
Recreation Facility Improvement Fund						
Beginning Balance	72,666	87,595	97,595	0	294,000	304,000
Annual Appropriation	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Grant Proceeds	3,000					
Donations/Fundraising	7,066					
Trail Donations						
Interest Earned	63			284,000		
Capital Expenditures						
Trails						
Playground						
Pool (replace walkway, piping and liner, estimate only)			-250,000			
Skateboard Park, benches for skate park, etc.	-3,000					
Fundraising Expenses	-2,200					
Ending Balance	87,595	97,595	-142,405	294,000	304,000	314,000

	FY 2021/2022	FY 2022/2023	FY 2023/2024	FY 2024/2025	FY 2025/2026	FY 2026/2027	FY 2027/2028
Capital Road Fund - Paving, etc.							
Beginning Balance							
Annual Appropriation	209,722	320,221	931,155	751,030	871,030	890,030	815,030
Annual Appropriation for Bridges	75,000	75,000	80,000	80,000	85,000	85,000	90,000
Annual Appropriation for Class 4 Roads	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000
Annual Appropriation for Highway Aid	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Additional State Highway Aid	16,675						
Sanders Earmark				282,914			
Grant Proceeds (Roads)	109,680	247,600	1,142,625		424,000	0	175,000
Grant Proceeds (Bridges)		215,426				175,000	
ARPA Surplus Transfer from GF		396,070					
Subtotal for Roads	387,253	998,213	1,878,588	602,213	1,116,213	676,213	946,213
Subtotal for Bridges	63,824	296,104	315,192	268,817	303,817	513,817	173,817
Total Revenue	451,077	1,294,317	2,193,780	871,030	1,420,030	1,190,030	1,120,030
Capital Road Expenditures							
Pavement (Marsh Meadow)		-15,750					
Gilead Road box culvert scoping study			-81,375				
Church/Pleasant Street sidewalk project			-530,000				
Factory Hill Road/Randolph Ctr. Road (.560)	-60,901						
Sand Hill (stormwater, engineering & pave)			-750,000				
Better Roads Grant - Deering Rd		-34,500					
Better Roads Grant - Christian Hill	-7,959	-32,000					
Gilead & East Bethel Ditching & Culvert replacement	-11,850						
Culvert replacement Sanders Road	-32,000						
Christian Hill Road - Paving		-240,000					
Campbrook Road section #1							-500,000
Better Roads Grant - Gilead/Wright Rd		-25,000					
Church & Pleasant Sidewalk Project					-530,000		
Grants in Aid Project TBD			-56,250				
Subtotal for Road Expenses	-112,710	-347,250	-1,361,375	0	-530,000	0	-500,000
Capital Bridge Expenditures							
East Bethel Bridge (pave in 2020) (other repairs in 2027)						-375,000	
Gilead Road Box culvert scoping study Winterberry			-81,375				
Watershed/Campbrook Bridge	-14,540	-15,912					
Peavine Bridge crosses Stoddard Brook		-204,360					
Redecking of Peaving Tressle Bridge	-3,606						
Subtotal for Bridge Expenses	-18,146	-15,912	-81,375	0	0	-375,000	0
Ending Balance	320,221	931,155	751,030	871,030	890,030	815,030	620,030

Capital Reappraisal Fund

	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026	2026-2027	2027-2028	2028-2029	2029-2030	2030-2031	2031-2032
Opening Balance	180,706	211,058	227,058	183,518	140,978	160,078	180,279	201,582	223,988	247,498	272,113
Town Appropriation	20,000	6,000	7,000	8,000	9,000	10,000	11,000	12,000	13,000	14,000	15,000
Interest Income	279										
State Per Parcel Annual Contribution	10,073	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,100	10,201	10,303	10,406	10,510	10,615	10,721
Total Available	211,058	227,058	244,058	201,518	160,078	180,279	201,582	223,988	247,498	272,113	297,835
Cost of Reappraisal (Per Parcel Charge)	0	0	-60,540	-60,540	0	0	0	0	0	0	-247,000
Balance	211,058	227,058	183,518	140,978	160,078	180,279	201,582	223,988	247,498	272,113	50,835

This is based on a reappraisal being completed in 2025 and an appraisals being repeated every 7 years.
(\$111 per parcel for this service in 2021 at 1263 parcels. Adjust for 5% increase each year, plus 1% growth in number of parcels.)

CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS REPORT

HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT FUND:

June 30, 2021 Balance	\$ 18,547
FY 22 Appropriation	\$ 115,000
Interest Income	\$ 109
Insurance Reimbursement	\$ 4,080
Sale of Equipment	\$ 0
Expenditures	\$ (71,272)
June 30, 2022 Balance	\$ 66,464

FY 2022 expenses consisted of a new transmission for the loader, plow for 2021 Chevy and plow for 2017 Ford.

FIRE EQUIPMENT FUND:

June 30, 2021 Balance	\$ 20,082
FY 22 Appropriation	\$ 60,040
Interest Income	\$ 28
Sale of Equipment	\$
Donations	\$
Expenditures	\$
June 30, 2022 Balance	\$ 80,150

FY 2022 no expenditures as we continue to save for future purchases.

TOWN HALL RENOVATION FUND:

June 30, 2021 Balance	\$ 20,509
Interest Income	\$ 34
Donations	\$ 26
Expenditures	\$
June 30, 2021 Balance	\$ 20,569

RECREATION FUND:

June 30, 2021 Balance	\$ 72,666
FY 22 Voted Appropriation	\$ 10,000
Interest Income	\$ 63
Donations/Fundraising/Grant	\$ 10,066
Expenditures	\$ (5,200)
June 30, 2022 Balance	\$ 87,595

FY 2022 expenses consisted of benches and fundraising expenses.

REAPPRAISAL FUND:

June 30, 2021 Balance	\$ 180,706
ACT 60 Payment	\$ 10,073
FY 22 Appropriation	\$ 20,000
Interest Income	\$ 279
Expenditures	\$ (0)
June 30, 2022 Balance	\$ 211,058

COUNCIL ON THE ARTS FUND:

June 30, 2021 Balance	\$ 4,788
Interest Income	\$ 0
Donations/Fundraising	\$ 5,480
Expenditures	\$ (5,306)
June 30, 2022 Balance	\$ 4,962

BANDSHELL FUND:

June 30, 2021 Balance	\$ 2,753
Donations/Fundraising	\$
Interest Income	\$ 6
Expenditures	\$ (538)
June 30, 2022 Balance	\$ 2,221

LEASEHOLD FUND:

June 30, 2021 Balance	\$ 3,609
Interest Income	\$ 6
Expenditures	\$
June 30, 2022 Balance	\$ 3,615

TOWN RECORDS PRESERVATION FUND:

June 30, 2021 Balance	\$ 34,442
Recording Fees	\$ 5,477
Interest Income	\$ 81
Expenditures	\$
June 30, 2022 Balance	\$ 40,000

EMERGENCY SHELTER FUND:

June 30, 2021 Balance	\$ 753
Interest Income	\$ 0
Donations	\$
Expenditures	\$
June 30, 2022 Balance	\$ 753

FORWARD FESTIVAL FUND

June 30, 2021 Balance	\$ 3,800
Appropriation/Donations/Event Income	\$ 4,258
Expenditures	\$ (2,194)
June 30, 2022 Balance	\$ 5,864

CONSERVATION FUND:

June 30, 2021 Balance	\$ 5,000
FY 22 Appropriation	\$ 2,500
Interest Income	\$
Expenditures	\$
June 30, 2022 Balance	\$ 7,500

ROAD FUND:

June 30, 2021 Balance	\$ 209,722
FY 22 Appropriation	\$ 115,000
Grant Income/State Payments	\$ 126,356
Interest Income	\$
Expenditures	\$ (130,856)
June 30, 2022 Balance	\$ 320,222

FY 2022 expenses consisted of ditching, culvert replacement and paving of Factory Hill Road and a portion Randolph Center Road, new decking on Peavine Bridge, and Christian Hill culvert project.

FEMA FUND:

June 30, 2021 Balance	\$ (724,276)
Grant Received	\$ 423,595
ERAF Paid by Town	\$ 43,100
State/Federal Receivable	\$ 334,249
Deferred Revenue	\$
Expenditures	\$ (29,283)
June 30, 2022 Balance	\$ 47,385

FY 2022 expenses consisted of Pinello Bridge engineering.

BUILDING FUND:

June 30, 2021 Balance	\$ 183,426
FY 22 Appropriation	\$ 105,000
Grant Income	\$
Expenditures	\$ (16,128)
June 30, 2022 Balance	\$ 272,298

FY 2022 expenses consisted of stonewall repair at municipal parking lot.

RLF – VCDP

June 30, 2021 Balance	\$ 26,795
Interest Income	\$ 2
Expenditures	\$
June 30, 2022 Balance	\$ 26,797

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – RLF

June 30, 2021 Balance	\$ 324,934
Loan Balances (inc. principal payments)	\$ 67,301
Interest earned	\$ 1,463
Deferred Revenue	\$ (18,565)
Expenditures	\$ (15)
June 30, 2022 Balance	\$ 375,118

FY 2022 the two local business loans are current, and there is money available to loan out.

BUDGET COMPARISON REPORT

	Budget Fiscal 19-20	Budget 20-21	Fiscal Fiscal 21-22	Budget Fiscal 22-23	Budget Fiscal 23-24	
Gross Appropriations	2,399,888	2,494,432	2,534,328	2,571,426	2,893,373	
Less Anticipated Revenues	397,294	436,283	439,705	434,468	490,762	
Total Amount to be Raised by Taxes	2,002,594	2,058,149	2,094,623	2,136,958	2,402,611	
Amount to be Raised by						Estimated Tax *
Town Highway & General Taxes	1,828,262	1,775,246	1,882,365	1,909,059	2,087,374	0.967
Plus Amount to be Raised by Special Articles						
Human Services Agencies	38,389	41,003	45,328	44,029	46,899	0.022
WRVA	135,943	123,900	123,830	127,080	153,048	0.071
Bethel Library					27,500	0.013
Bethel Recreation (for skatepark)					30,000	0.014
Randolph Playhouse Theatre					1,000	0.000
ERAF (12.5% of FEMA damage)		118,000	43,100	56,790	56,790	0.026
Subtotal	174,332	282,903	212,258	227,899	315,237	
Total Amount to be Raised by Taxes	2,002,594	2,058,149	2,094,623	2,136,958	2,402,611	1.113
Change in Town Highway & General	152,290 9.09%	64,984 3.55%	150,219 8.46%	83,484 4.44%	235,105 12.32%	
Change in Total Amount to be Raised by Taxes:	58,576 3.01%	55,555 2.77%	36,474 1.77%	42,335 2.02%	265,653 12.43%	
Tax Rates	1.023	1.052	1.041	1.066	1.113	

* FY 2023 Estimated Tax Rate is based on all articles being approved, and using a 2022 Grand List of \$2,158,095

Using the Estimated Tax Rate for FY'23, Municipal Taxes for a home valued
at \$250,000, taxes would be \$2,782.50

FIVE YEAR COMPARISON OF FUNDS RAISED BY TAXES

	<u>2019-2020</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>	<u>2021-2022</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
General & Highway	\$1,828,262 2.00%	\$1,893,246 3.55%	\$1,925,465 1.70%	\$1,965,849 2.10%	\$2,202,664 12.05%
Human Services & WRVA	\$174,332 14.96%	\$282,903 62.28%	\$169,158 -40.21%	\$171,109 1.15%	\$199,947 16.85%
Local Agreement	\$7,046 -48.066%	\$7,636 8.367%	\$8,294 8.617%	\$8,350 0.675%	\$8,046 -3.641%
Total General Fund	\$2,009,640	\$2,183,785	\$2,102,917	\$2,145,308	\$2,410,657
Percent change over previous year:	2.66%	8.67%	-3.70%	2.02%	12.37%

Note: Percentage figures beneath each item represent the change from the previous year.

The actual local agreement rate is not available until the Lister's Office lodges the Grand List in April. It represents the school tax portion we pay on Veterans Exemptions and Voted Exemptions.

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Bethel 2022 As Billed/Lodged Grand List
Tax Book Report
*** GRAND TOTALS ***

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	MUNICIPAL	HOMESTEAD	NONHOMESTEAD
TAXABLE PARCELS	1,118		
ACRES	27,402.73		
LAND	67,096,300		
BUILDING	148,869,600		
REAL	215,965,900	113,237,000	102,728,900
Add			
(+) NON-APPROVED CONTRACTS		0	111,400
(+) NON-APPROVED FARM CONTRACTS		0	0
(+) INVENTORY	0		
(+) EQUIPMENT	376,753		376,753
Subtract			
(-) VETERAN	560,000	360,000	200,000
(-) FARM STAB	0	0	0
(-) CURRENT USE	14,073,208	4,391,800	9,681,408
(-) CONTRACTS	488,153	0	111,400
(-) SPECIAL EXEMP.		0	246,900
GRAND LIST	2,012,212.92	1,084,852.00	929,773.45
HOMESTEAD	168,407,500		
HOUSESITE	149,244,400		
LEASE	0.00		
NON-TAX COUNT	65		
NON-TAX VAL.	13,416,000		
LATE HOMESTEAD PENALTY:			2,231.08
RATE NAME	TAX RATE	X GRAND LIST	= TOTAL RAISED
NONHOMESTEAD ED.	1.5076	928,659.45	1,400,046.92
HOMESTEAD ED.	1.4993	1,084,852.00	1,626,518.68
LOCAL AGREEMENT	0.0040	2,012,212.92	8,048.71
MUNICIPAL	1.0624	2,012,212.92	2,137,757.58
TOTAL TAX			5,174,602.96
TOTAL STATE PAYMENTS			609,521.12
MUNICIPAL PAYMENTS			111,901.99
EDUCATION PAYMENTS			497,619.13

STATEMENT OF DELINQUENT TAXES

July 1, 2022 to Present (1/16/2023)

(Includes interest & penalty)

Beginning Delinquent Taxes Receivable as of July 1, 2022:

FY 2015	1	property	2,832.19
FY 2016	1	property	4,320.66
FY 2017	2	properties	4,818.51
FY 2018	3	properties	5,694.13
FY 2019	3	properties	4,577.72
FY 2020	4	properties	5,097.78
FY 2021	9	properties	11,118.89
FY 2022	69	properties	101,342.81
Total Delinquent Taxes Receivable			\$139,802.89

Delinquent Tax Payments through January 16, 2023:

FY 2015	-0-
FY 2016	-0-
FY 2017	- 750.00
FY 2018	-1,232.24
FY 2019	-0-
FY 2020	-0-
FY 2021	-2,418.23
FY 2022	-51,024.81
Total Tax Collections	\$ -55,425.28

Balance of Delinquent Taxes Receivable: \$89,571.30 (includes \$5,193.69 of interest charged since 7/1/22.)

As of January 17, 2023, there are 72 properties that have outstanding September 15, 2022 and/or November 15, 2022 tax payments. Those properties are not considered delinquent until May 15, 2023. Those 72 properties currently owe \$75,598.68. The total taxes due the Town of Bethel as of January 17, 2023 are \$165,169.98, a decrease of .5% over last year.

Delinquent Water & Sewer Accounts

As of January 16, 2023
(includes interest & penalty)

Adams, David	269.72	Aldrighetti, Tim	422.51
Antiuk, Michael	541.45	Apelquist, Maryellen	334.35
Ayer, Winslow	459.24	Bedi, Jason	136.93
Benoir, William	338.51	Bilodeau, Michael	334.35
Blatt, Alexander	334.35	Boule, Mary	1,711.95
Brule, Roni	334.35	Butler, Adam	2,115.39
Carpenter, Susan	940.94	Clark, Tanya	822.98
Conley, Sean	133.60	Dicosimo, Danielle	334.35
E.P.E. Realty	3,375.10	E.P.E. Realty	2,926.83
Emerson Block	11,264.61	Evans, Annie	134.86
Floyd, James	334.35	Fuglestad, Linda	269.72
Gray, Christopher	134.85	Greene, Beverly	334.35
Haikara, Karl	133.60	Heller, Richard	1,397.39
Hill, James	942.56	Irish, Jeffrey	262.24
Madden, Matthew	334.35		
Marshall, Doug, Jr	431.63	Mills, Katie	334.35

Patry, Willyjane	647.31
Placy, Diane	1,711.95
Poland, Daniel	334.35
Richards, Tracy	652.75
Snelling, Jason	1,490.32
Sprague, Timothy	124.71
Staff, Jeffrey	2,723.97
Tilton, Justin	133.60
Viets, Joe, Jr.	326.61
White, Gair	963.46
Young, Jacoby	133.60

Peters, Philip	133.60
Placy, Diane	282.32
Rainville, Rodney	133.60
Ruggiero, Anatasia	334.35
Spambanato, Diane	680.97
Staff, Jeffrey	2,723.97
Strong, Glen	334.35
Timmons, Greg	133.60
Washburn, Adam	333.54
Wilcox, Esther	326.78

Accounts with payment arrangements are not listed.

TOTAL DELINQUENT UTILITIES: \$48,565.80



Tools at the Bethel Historical Society

TRORC 2022 YEAR-END REPORT

The Two Rivers-Ottauquechee Regional Commission is your regional planning commission. We are governed by a Board of Representatives appointed by each of our 30 member towns. We work to make the area better today, and to articulate a vision for tomorrow that has a thriving regional economy and keeps the Region's outstanding quality of life. The following are highlights from our work in 2022.

Technical Assistance on Planning Issues

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

Economy and Public Health

This year, TRORC obtained Federal grant funding to support the Region's talented artists, food producers, and other parts of the creative economy sector through training and networking events. We also were able to provide many small businesses with grant funds to weather Covid, as well as guidance to towns on using their federal recovery funds. TRORC worked on public health projects with local hospitals, helped towns grapple with new cannabis legislation, and incorporated health-related goals and policies into town plans.

Emergency Management and Preparedness

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

Energy/Climate Change

TRORC assisted six towns on Enhanced Energy Plans to save money for communities and further the State energy goal of meeting 90% of energy needs from renewable sources by 2050. TRORC has continued working to support town Energy Committees on energy efficiency outreach and education with funding from Efficiency Vermont. We also work on state-level climate policy and local adaptation measures.

Transportation

TRORC managed the Municipal Roads Grants-In-Aid program in our Region getting funding for towns to implement projects including grass and stone-lined ditches, upsizing and replacement of culverts, and stabilizing catch basin outlets. We also work to support our transit agencies, build park and ride lots, and help towns with traffic counts and speed studies.

Specifically in Bethel this past year, TRORC assisted the town with updating its Local Emergency Management Plan. Staff also assisted Bethel with updating its zoning bylaws to facilitate housing. TRORC also assisted the town with a grant to address road erosion on Gilead Brook Road, as well as a grant to improve accessibility of the sidewalk network on Pleasant Street. TRORC also assisted the town with a Grants in Aid program to complete ditching and culvert improvements on Christian Hill Road. TRORC also conducted pedestrian traffic counts on Main Street.

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

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STATEMENT OF LIABILITIES
as of June 30, 2022

Note payable to KS StateBank, with annual principal and interest payments of \$20,821, due 7/5/2031, for the 2017 Kenworth T300 Tanker. Interest is a fixed rate of 3.53%.	\$ 182,366
Note payable to Vermont Municipal Bond Bank, with annual principal payments of \$20,000 until 12/01/2018, \$15,000 to 12/01/2028, for the Church Street Bridge. (Interest rate changes over remaining 6 years from 4.3% to 4.65%)	\$ 105,000
Note payable to the US Department of Agriculture, with annual principal payments of \$43,900, until 12/20/2030, for Town Hall Reconstruction. (3.75% interest, we also receive a bi-annual interest refund due to the type of bond)	\$ 394,800
Note payable to Mascoma Savings Bank, with annual principal and interest payments of \$82,946, until 11/18/2043, for debt retirement. (2019-2028 @ 3% interest, 2029-2043 variable interest rate)	\$1,363,686
Total Governmental Liabilities:	<u>\$2,045,852</u>
Proprietary Funds:	
Sewer:	
Note payable to Mascoma Savings Bank, with annual principal payments of \$7,998 until 6/30/23, for capital improvements. (3.35% interest)	\$ 15,751
Water:	
Note payable to Vermont Municipal Bond Bank, with annual interest and principal payments of \$30,247, until 1/1/2031, for the 2009 water main replacement. (1% interest and 2% admin fee)	\$ 235,504
Note payable to Vermont Municipal Bond Bank Loan Fund for Phase I water system improvement, with annual interest and principal payments of \$23,496.78, until 8/1/2061. (0% interest)	\$ 939,871
Planning Loan of \$104,600 for the Phase II water project. This loan will be wrapped into the final bond payment, once the project is complete.	\$ 104,600
Total Proprietary Liabilities:	<u>\$1,295,726</u>

2022 DOG LICENSES

111 Neutered Males at \$4.00 each	\$ 444.00
124 Spayed Females at \$4.00 each	496.00
21 Males at \$8.00 each	168.00
30 Females at \$8.00 each	240.00
4 Farm Animal Fees at \$5.00 each	20.00
2 Kennel Permit	80.00
Late Fees	258.00
State Fees Collected	<u>1,430.00</u>
Total	\$ 3,136.00
Less Town Clerk's Fees	718.00
Less State Fees Paid	<u>1,430.00</u>
Paid Town of Bethel	\$ 988.00

Licensing Requirements:

State law requires dogs age 6 months and older to have copies of current rabies certification and spayed/neutered licenses on file in Town Clerk's Office. Tags are important because they contain the tag number of the animal, in the event the dog becomes lost or questions arise regarding rabies vaccination. Please license your dog at the Town Clerk Office or via mail. The Town Control Officer, finding unlicensed dogs, may subject the owner up to \$50 in fines.

2022 LIQUOR LICENSES

FIRST CLASS:

Tozier's Restaurant	\$ 115.00
Babe's Bar Inc.	115.00
Creek House Diner	115.00
Cockadoodle Pizza Café	115.00
Tessie's Tavern	115.00

SECOND CLASS:

Champlain Farms	70.00
Locust Creek Store	70.00
Bethel Central Market	70.00
Sambor Enterprises	70.00

Total	\$ 855.00
Less Town Clerk's Fees	<u>45.00</u>
Paid Town of Bethel	\$ 810.00

VITAL STATISTICS 2022

BIRTHS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE OF BIRTH</u>	<u>TOWN OF BIRTH</u>	<u>PARENT'S NAME</u>	<u>MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME</u>
Georgiana L Nadon	February 12, 2022	Randolph	Darren G Nadon	Alicia G Drown
Meera L Curtin-Wood	March 13, 2022	Randolph	Matthew J Wood	Hannah R Curtin
Carson G K Smith	April 2, 2022	Randolph	Alex B Smith	Avery Y Palmer
Solomon M Linthicum	April 11, 2022	Bethel	Ross M Linthicum	Lauren E Priestap
Amari A Thomas-Beaupré	July 21, 2022	Randolph	Parker J Beaupré	Savannah E Thomas
Elora G Wheeler	September 9, 2022	Burlington	John W Wheeler	Elizabeth M Baral
Eowyn E Wheeler	September 9, 2022	Burlington	John W Wheeler	Elizabeth M Baral
Esme F Mitchell	September 20, 2022	Bethel	Adam T Mitchell	Caitlin T Rotkiewicz
Ace A Laurendeau	September 28, 2022	Randolph	Nicholas A Laurendeau	Meagan R Grivois
Hudson R Pedro	December 18, 2022	Randolph	Austin B Pedro	Elizabeth M Sayers

MARRIAGES

<u>APPLICANT A</u>	<u>RESIDENCE</u>	<u>APPLICANT B</u>	<u>RESIDENCE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
Shawn A Lumbrá	Bethel	Jennie V Yon	Bethel	January 1, 2022	Bethel, VT
Tracy R O'Brien	Billerica, MA	Brad D Robson	Billerica, MA	January 7, 2022	Chittenden, VT
Madelyn G Feeney	Bethel	Casey B Fillerup	Pismo Beach, CA	June 18, 2022	Bethel, VT
Analisa I Starr	Bethel	Krishna M White-Guthrie	Bethel	July 2, 2022	Stockbridge, VT
Demi L Adrighetti	Bethel	Devin A Noyes	Bethel	September 8, 2022	Royalton, VT
Chad W Benoir	Bethel	Brittany M Flint	Bethel	September 10, 2022	Braintree, VT
Lucy W Godshall	Bethel	Ryan M Onorato	Bethel	September 24, 2022	Barnard, VT
Joe E Viets, Jr	Bethel	Alison R Hayden	Bethel	October 1, 2022	Montpelier, VT
Heather M Runnals	Wolfeboro, NH	Harold A Miner III	Wolfeboro, NH	October 8, 2022	Bethel, VT
Robert J Hawley	Bethel	Kimberly D Small	Bethel	December 10, 2022	Bethel, VT

DEATHS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>DATE OF DEATH</u>	<u>TOWN OF DEATH</u>	<u>RESIDENCE</u>
Allen D Manning, Jr	88	January 18, 2022	Bethel, VT	Bethel
George S Talbot	87	January 23, 2022	Bethel, VT	Bethel
Lorraine J Putnam	91	January 29, 2022	Randolph Ctr, VT	Bethel
Timothy P Mills	58	February 21, 2022	Burlington, VT	Bethel
Carroll F Ketchum	84	February 26, 2022	Bethel, VT	Bethel
Jason S Tabor	46	March 14, 2022	Bethel, VT	Bethel
Willis C Whitaker, Jr.	90	March 29, 2022	Bethel, VT	Bethel

DEATHS (cont)

NAME	AGE	DATE OF DEATH	TOWN OF DEATH	RESIDENCE
Charles L McCrillis	69	April 25, 2022	Bethel, VT	Bethel
Naomi L Frink	70	May, 2022	Bethel, VT	Bethel
Derrick C Wright	63	May 1, 2022	Bethel, VT	Bethel
Carl B Russell	62	June 9, 2022	Bethel, VT	Bethel
Lisa P Dyer	62	June 25, 2022	Randolph, VT	Bethel
Loris G Barr	74	July 8, 2022	Bethel, VT	Bethel
Peter A Hart	67	July 23, 2022	Bethel, VT	Bethel
LeRoy M Jackson	72	November 10, 2022	Bethel, VT	Bethel
Margret U Daniel	90	November 10, 2022	Bethel, VT	Bethel
Richard L Adams	86	November 20, 2022	Bethel, VT	Bethel
Fernand J Cyr	87	November 23, 2022	Berlin, VT	Bethel
Jessie R.B. Mundell	87	November 30, 2022	Berlin, VT	Bethel
Norman W Martin	77	December 8, 2022	Randolph, VT	Bethel
Davis L Dimock	76	December 13, 2022	Bethel, VT	Bethel
Victoria Weber	75	December 13, 2022	Bethel, VT	Bethel
Thomas R Preece	65	December 14, 2022	Randolph Ctr, VT	Bethel

DEATHS REPORTED FROM OTHER TOWNS – Burials in 2022

NAME	DATE OF DEATH	PLACE OF DEATH	PLACE OF BURIAL
Geraldine Rhoades	January 7, 2022	Lebanon, NH	Fairview Cemetery
Benjamin S Rhoades	March 14, 2016	Bethel, VT	Fairview Cemetery
Fay W Ford	May 12, 2022	Hudson, FL	Fairview Cemetery
Sidney H Bradley	January 6, 2022	Dunnellon, FL	Cherry Hill Cemetery
Merl O Mudgett	February 20, 2022	Palmersville, TN	Cherry Hill Cemetery
Julie M Wayland	July 21, 2022	St. Johnsbury, VT	Fairview Cemetery
Ronald Gould	June 4, 2022	Lebanon, NH	Fairview Cemetery
Richard Gould	February 28, 2020	Randolph, VT	Fairview Cemetery
Marie A Davis	October 15, 2021	Fort Myers, FL	Cherry Hill Cemetery
Dorothy A Ahmad	March 9, 2022	Lebanon, NH	Fairview Cemetery
William C Clifford IV	February 21, 2022	So Daytona, FL	Fairview Cemetery
Gloria Mills	September 5, 2022	Lebanon, NH	Fairview Cemetery
Marsha E Munyon	October 23, 2022	Rutland, VT	Fairview Cemetery

Due to concerns about identity theft, the State of Vermont now processes and keeps records of all Vermont birth and death certificates. With that in mind, changes to the way information is presented on these pages, could change in the future.

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 several part-time staff we maintain two Paramedic level staffed ambulances 24/7, 365 days a year. From January 1, 2022, through November 30, 2022, White River Valley Ambulance responded to 1,550 emergency calls and transfers. This includes Advanced Life Support transfer between hospital.

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 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 from \$65.00 to \$72.00. Town contributions pay for about 54% of the cost of ambulance activities.

Looking back on 2022 and ahead to 2023, we are ever grateful for the numerous first responders and fire departments with whom we work with and who volunteer their time to help a neighbor in need. Your dedication and commitment to serve makes a difference in the lives of those who call for help. For that, we can never thank you enough. **3190 Pleasant St., Bethel, VT 05032 802-234-6800 www.wvra.org**

**Matthew Parrish,
Executive Director**



Photo from Charlie Wilson Road
Photo Credit: Judi Brigham

White River Valley Ambulance, Inc.

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MONTHLY PAYMENTS BY TOWN FOR JANUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023

Month	Barnard	Bethel	Braintree	Brookfield	Granville	Hancock	Pittsfield	Randolph	Rochester	Stockbridge	Totals
Assessments	71,424.00	139,824.00	86,904.00	47,448.00	21,672.00	25,848.00	36,288.00	343,728.00	79,128.00	51,696.00	903,960.00
January	5,853.83	10,550.00	6,638.17	3,600.00	1,721.17	2,220.33	3,024.00	27,032.00	6,021.00	4,308.00	70,988.50
February	5,853.83	10,550.00	6,638.17	3,600.00	1,721.17	2,220.33	3,024.00	27,032.00	6,021.00	4,308.00	70,988.50
March	5,853.83	10,550.00	6,638.17	3,600.00	1,721.17	2,220.33	3,024.00	27,032.00	6,021.00	4,308.00	70,988.50
April	5,853.83	10,550.00	6,638.17	3,600.00	1,721.17	2,220.33	3,024.00	27,032.00	6,021.00	4,308.00	70,988.50
May	5,853.83	10,550.00	6,638.17	3,600.00	1,721.17	2,220.33	3,024.00	27,032.00	6,021.00	4,308.00	70,988.50
June	5,853.85	10,550.00	6,638.15	3,600.00	1,721.15	2,220.35	3,024.00	27,032.00	6,021.00	4,308.00	70,988.50
July	6,050.17	12,754.00	7,845.83	4,308.00	1,890.83	2,087.67	3,024.00	30,256.00	7,167.00	4,308.00	79,691.50
August	6,050.17	12,754.00	7,845.83	4,308.00	1,890.83	2,087.67	3,024.00	30,256.00	7,167.00	4,308.00	79,691.50
September	6,050.17	12,754.00	7,845.83	4,308.00	1,890.83	2,087.67	3,024.00	30,256.00	7,167.00	4,308.00	79,691.50
October	6,050.17	12,754.00	7,845.83	4,308.00	1,890.83	2,087.67	3,024.00	30,256.00	7,167.00	4,308.00	79,691.50
November	6,050.17	12,754.00	7,845.83	4,308.00	1,890.83	2,087.67	3,024.00	30,256.00	7,167.00	4,308.00	79,691.50
December	6,050.15	12,754.00	7,845.85	4,308.00	1,890.85	2,087.65	3,024.00	30,256.00	7,167.00	4,308.00	79,691.50
Total	71,424.00	139,824.00	86,904.00	47,448.00	21,672.00	25,848.00	36,288.00	343,728.00	79,128.00	51,696.00	903,960.00

Months	Barnard	Bethel	Braintree	Brookfield	Granville	Hancock	Pittsfield	Randolph	Rochester	Stockbridge	Totals
Jan - June	35,123.00	63,300.00	39,829.00	21,600.00	10,327.00	13,322.00	18,144.00	162,192.00	36,126.00	25,848.00	425,811.00
July - Dec	36,301.00	76,524.00	47,075.00	25,848.00	11,345.00	12,526.00	18,144.00	181,536.00	43,002.00	25,848.00	478,149.00
Total	71,424.00	139,824.00	86,904.00	47,448.00	21,672.00	25,848.00	36,288.00	343,728.00	79,128.00	51,696.00	903,960.00
2023 Budget	71,424.00	139,824.00	86,904.00	47,448.00	21,672.00	25,848.00	36,288.00	343,728.00	79,128.00	51,696.00	903,960.00
Difference	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

OPTIONAL MONTHLY PAYMENTS BY TOWN FOR THE SIX MONTHS FOLLOWING DECEMBER 31, 2023 (No increase at least until July 1, 2024)

Month	Barnard	Bethel	Braintree	Brookfield	Granville	Hancock	Pittsfield	Randolph	Rochester	Stockbridge	Totals
January 2023	6,050.17	12,754.00	7,845.83	4,308.00	1,890.83	2,087.67		30,256.00	7,167.00		72,359.50
February 2023	6,050.17	12,754.00	7,845.83	4,308.00	1,890.83	2,087.67		30,256.00	7,167.00		72,359.50
March 2023	6,050.17	12,754.00	7,845.83	4,308.00	1,890.83	2,087.67		30,256.00	7,167.00		72,359.50
April 2023	6,050.17	12,754.00	7,845.83	4,308.00	1,890.83	2,087.67		30,256.00	7,167.00		72,359.50
May 2023	6,050.17	12,754.00	7,845.83	4,308.00	1,890.83	2,087.67		30,256.00	7,167.00		72,359.50
June 2023	6,050.15	12,754.00	7,845.85	4,308.00	1,890.85	2,087.65		30,256.00	7,167.00		72,359.50
Total	36,301.00	76,524.00	47,075.00	25,848.00	11,345.00	12,526.00		181,536.00	43,002.00		434,157.00

AMOUNTS FOR FISCAL YEAR TOWNS' BUDGETS FOR FY 2023-2024

Months	Barnard	Bethel	Braintree	Brookfield	Granville	Hancock	Pittsfield	Randolph	Rochester	Stockbridge	Totals
July - Dec 2023	36,301.00	76,524.00	47,075.00	25,848.00	11,345.00	12,526.00		181,536.00	43,002.00		434,157.00
Jan - June 2024	36,301.00	76,524.00	47,075.00	25,848.00	11,345.00	12,526.00		181,536.00	43,002.00		434,157.00
Total	72,602.00	153,048.00	94,150.00	51,696.00	22,690.00	25,052.00		363,072.00	86,004.00		868,314.00



Bethel Area Food Shelf

Neighbors Helping Neighbors in Bethel, Barnard, Stockbridge, and Pittsfield

January 2023

The Bethel Area Food Shelf (BFS) continued to experience tremendous growth during 2022. One hundred sixty families in our service area relied on the BFS to supplement their food budget and/or provide traditional holiday meals and gifts for their families. To illustrate the growth: in 2020, 46 families visited BFS; in 2021, the number grew to 100 and in 2022, 160 families relied on this support. When the number of people in these households is considered, we were able to address the food insecurity needs of 600 neighbors. BFS is managed and operated by a dedicated pool of 40+ area volunteers. Five compose our Management Team and 7 rotate as shift leads; 29 are from Bethel, 5 from Royalton, 6 from Stockbridge, and 2 from Pittsfield.

The Bethel Food Shelf is currently a Network Partner of the VT Foodbank and as such can access free and reduced-price food on a monthly basis and participate in periodic grant opportunities. Willing Hands, a regional gleaning nonprofit, provides fresh produce, bread, and dairy products on a weekly basis. Many local churches, schools, businesses, and organizations collaborate with us to fill our shelves, refrigerators, and freezers. Even so, our total expenses for 2022 increased by \$24,000. Donations and grants have helped us keep pace with the increase so far, and we are working to build systems that will allow us to anticipate and meet the increased need through future donations and grants.

We continue to be open two days a week, Mondays from 12-1 pm and Thursdays from 5-7 pm, with deliveries available throughout the service area during these times. We offer free delivery of fresh produce boxes on the fourth Friday of each month and co-sponsor and coordinate Project Happy Holidays annually with the Bethel Area Rotary Club. Any excess funds raised during Project Happy Holidays goes toward our BFS Emergency Fund to help families deal with crises.

If you need help supplementing your food budget, contact BFS at 802-234-5513 or bethelvtfoodshelf@gmail.com. Leave your name, address, and phone number and someone will call you back as soon as possible. There is a shopping list on our website, bethelvtfoodshelf.com. Use it to place an order and request delivery, if needed. Other up-to-date information is available at www.facebook.com/bethelvtfoodshelf. If you'd like to volunteer at BFS, contact cindy@action-circles.com. If you'd like to donate to BFS, send a check to Bethel Area Food Shelf, PO Box 211, Bethel, VT 05032.

We have enjoyed working to revitalize the Bethel Area Food Shelf and look forward to continuing this important work of encouraging neighbors to reach out and help their neighbors in need.

Respectfully submitted,

The BFS Management Team

Paul Boynton, Melissa Harwood, Lisa Warhol, Kim Marsh, and Cindy Metcalf



BFS secured several grants in 2022 for the purpose of purchasing two new refrigerators and a freezer to better serve our community.

Bethel Library Association Report

The last year has been one of significant change and growth for Bethel's Public Library. The passing of Marilyn Osborne and Carroll Ketchum - both longtime, active trustees - was a blow. It took us most of the following year to regain our footing. The Board of Trustees is grateful for the addition of new trustees, who have not only brought a new level of energy and excitement to the Library, but also fresh eyes on our programming and finances.

While it receives modest funding from the Town of Bethel, the Bethel Public Library is an independent nonprofit. It is not owned or operated by the Town. While our friends and neighbors here in Bethel enjoy all of the benefits of a municipal library, the taxpayers have never contributed more than \$5,000 to the annual expenses of the Library. We are asking for an increase in support from the taxpayers as we develop alternative funding sources.

The Library has been sustained in recent years by drawing down an investment account originally established to protect the Library's future. This practice has proven unsustainable. At our current draw rate we will completely exhaust this account in just a few years. What was once intended to serve as the foundation for a permanent endowment for the Library is being rapidly depleted to cover the Library's annual operating expenses.

We turn to the voters of Bethel now for annual assistance so that the operating expenses of the Bethel Public Library can be met while we undertake efforts to restore our investment accounts that will secure the library's future. Bethel's contributions would be \$35,000. \$7500 is included in the proposed town budget (an increase of \$2500 from last year), and the remainder of \$27,500 in the article under consideration.

In addition to the request to the town, the Library's Trustees are actively pursuing additional types of financial support, including broad donor appeals like the mailing that went out this past September, fundraisers (a coin-drop is scheduled for the spring and two additional fundraisers are on the calendar for the summer), major donor solicitation, and the pursuit of state, federal, and privately sourced grants.

We have recently been awarded grant funding, including a Rural Libraries Grant from the Children's Literacy Foundation (CLiF), and an American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant from the Vermont Department of Libraries. These grants have allowed us to build our children's, middle grade, and young adult collections and increase the diversity, equity, and inclusion content at the Library.

Donations, both small and significant gifts, remain important for sustaining the library. A bequest in memory of Joyce Benson Clark has provided for us to make physical updates to the building. We are so grateful to her family for this very thoughtful gift. The Bethel Historical Society donated a subscription to Newspapers.com for the second consecutive year, which allows for historical and genealogical research on our in-house computers. The recent community appeal provided not only additional financial resources but important information on the community's interest in non-traditional library services.

The past year has also seen significant upgrades to the building. These include energy efficient lighting in the non-fiction room, replacement of the 13-year-old desktop computers, and planning for the replacement of the front walkway which has deteriorated over time.

At the same time we are aggressively expanding our programming:

- The library is again an active participant in the Inter-Library Loan program sponsored by the Vermont Department of Libraries.
- Patrons are able to participate in the Palace Project App, a new program through the Vermont Department of Libraries which provides patrons access to e-books and audiobooks.
- This spring we will be piloting a "Seed Exchange" for local garden enthusiasts.
- We have re-established Saturday morning hours, staffed now by volunteers.
- In response to feedback received in last fall's community survey, we are expanding our "library of things".
- We remain committed to hosting popular community events such as the Mothers (and Others) Day Tea, Teddy Bear Picnics, and the Stuffy Sleepover!
- The Library is now hosting the monthly Legislative Breakfasts during the current legislative session.
- We have sought grant funding to expand the cache of museum and park passes patrons may borrow.
- This winter our wonderful Librarian, Cathy Day, has invited several guest speakers who will provide first-hand accounts of local history.

Our monthly book club continues to be well attended, and a local quilting group uses the space to gather and work on their projects. The Library provides meeting space for community groups, including an on-going collaboration with Bethel University.

Administratively, the board is actively engaged in improving our website, planning for updating the association's by-laws, and exploring strategic planning for our library's future. We are also working on community outreach, in part by raising the library's public profile using Front Porch Forum, social media, newspaper articles, and increasing the number of community events/activities.

All this is wonderful news for the library, and for the Bethel community. Please consider a vote in support of the future of the Bethel Public Library.



APPROPRIATIONS

ORGANIZATION	2022 REQUESTED	2022 ACTUAL	2023 REQUESTED	2023 PROPOSED
Central VT Council on the Aging	650.00	650.00	650.00	650.00
Clara Martin Center	3265.00	3000.00	3265.00	3250.00
VT Family Network	0	0	250.00	250.00
One Planet	2500.00	2500.00	2500.0	2500.00
Orange County Parent Child Center	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00
Quin-Town Senior Center	1204.00	1200.00	1204.00	500.00
SafeLine	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	1500.00
South Royalton Senior Center	3000.00	3000.00	4000.00	4000.00
Tri-Valley Transit	4000.00	4000.00	4000.00	4000.00
VT Association for the Blind	800.00	800.00	800.00	400.00
Visiting Nurses Association	7500.00	7000.00	7000.00	7000.00
Vermont Center for Independent Living	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
Windsor County Mentors	800.00	600.00	500.00	500.00
Health Care and Rehab Services	500.00	250.00	500.00	500.00
Art Bus	800.00	600.00	No Request	No Request
Totals	\$27,319.00	\$25,900.00	\$26,969.00	\$26,350.00

The Human Services Advisory Board meet each year during the first week of December to review appropriation applications filed by local and regional nonprofit organizations. These recommendations are then placed before the voters of Bethel for final approval. Our emphasis is on local organizations that have immediate impacts on Bethel Residents.

To register your organization for consideration, please contact the Bethel Town Office via email betheltownoffice@comcast.net or by phone 802-234-9340 no later than October 15th of each year. You will then be sent a letter describing the documentation, etc. that is required to apply. This documentation will need to be submitted by December 1st in order to have your request considered for an appropriation. Thank you

TOWN APPROPRIATION SUMMARIES

Clara Martin Center

802-728-4466 claramartin.org

\$3250.00

Clara Martin Center is your local community mental health agency and one of the ten Designated Agencies in Vermont, providing behavioral health and substance abuse services to the greater Orange County area for over 50 years. 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.

Clara Martin Center remains positioned to rise to meet the needs and challenges of the communities we serve. Recent events in our communities have spotlighted opiate use, where Clara Martin Center is at the forefront of this epidemic, providing help to those in the community dealing with this problem. During the current COVID pandemic, the Clara Martin Center staff have worked tirelessly to make sure that essential needs of those we serve were met in conjunction with all other services provided on a regular basis.

One Planet Afterschool/Summer Program

802-763-3812

\$2500.00

This summer Bethel One Planet Summer Camp engaged 48 children in grades K-8th with exciting theme-based projects for 5 weeks. Activities included a variety of competitive and non-competitive sports during "All Ball" week, preparing a performance for "one Planet's Got Talent", exploring fossils during "Day of Dinosaur", engaging in climate change experiments during: Power of One" and creating useful inventions during "Rube Goldberg" week. In addition, all students participated in a literacy and math block infused with hands on learning. We were also able to return to off-site field trips, so participants enjoyed swimming at local lakes and pools, hiking, visiting Motio Rec, VINS, Killington Adventure Center and more. We also returned to our Councilors-in-Training program, which provided local middle school students with leadership and decision-making skills. We were so pleased to come together safely and return to many pre-Covid summer camp elements.

Orange County Parent Child Center

802-685-2264 orangecountypcc.org

\$1000.00

The Orange County Parent Child Center Inc. (OCPCC) is a non-profit organization serving Orange and northern Windsor counties. Our mission is to help families with young children build a sense of place within their communities by connecting them to education, support, advocacy and wellness opportunities. Since 1989, families and providers have come to know us and access us as their primary community resource for any topic or need related to children and families. You can learn more at www.orangecountypcc.org.

Last year, with the continued support of the Bethel community, OCPCC served 27 families from Bethel including 45 adults and 34 children.

Quin-Town Senior Center

802-767-3763 quintownsnrctr@myfairpoint.net

\$500.00

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

The COVID-19 pandemic has dramatically impacted our senior center. To keep patrons safe, we have had to suspend our on-site dining. 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 while continuing to deliver Meals on Wheels each Wednesday and Friday. We have supplied nearly 5,000 meals this past year to seniors at the center and through our Meals on Wheels program. 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. Additionally, we have organized our new Virtual Bingo Game Program in order to help meet our seniors' social needs during this time of social distancing.

The Town of Bethel 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 their citizens help to run our program and provide quality meals and social enrichment for their aging neighbors and relatives within the six communities.

Safeline

800-639-7233 safelineinfo@safelinevt.org

\$1500.00

Safeline, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that provides free and confidential services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking in Orange County and Northern Windsor County. Safeline provides a wide array of free, confidential services including crisis support, safety planning, financial management and job readiness skills, and legal advocacy. Safeline is a resource for the community at large and is committed to changing the culture of violence. In FY21, fifty-six services were provided for seven victims who identified themselves as Bethel residents. It is likely that these statistics are understated as victims often choose not to give identifying information out of fear for their safety.

In order to educate the public, Safeline offers a full range of prevention education for community organizations, schools, medical centers, faith communities, youth groups, and anyone who is seeking information about domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking.

South Royalton Senior Citizens Center

802-763-7386

\$4000.00

The South Royalton Senior Citizens Center serves seniors, 60 years old and older, from Bethel, Royalton, Sharon, and Strafford. Prior to COVID restrictions, meals were served in South Strafford at Barrett Hall on Wednesdays and in Royalton at the Academy Building on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The nutritional program provides one-third of the daily adult nutrition required. Under normal circumstances, entertainment and good fellowship is enjoyed

during meals. Other services offered include home delivered meals, transportation to the meal site, blood pressure clinics, foot clinics, and a flu shot clinic. Since COVID, meals have only been offered curbside, or home delivered to any senior who wished to have a meal. Meals costs have increased due to the need for special take-out style containers.

Tri-Valley Transit (formerly called Stagecoach)

802-728-3773 stagecoach-rides.org

\$4,000.00

Thank you for the Town of Bethel's generous support last year. During the past four years, your support helped us provide an annual average of **2,433 free Dial-A-Ride trips** for Bethel residents either by volunteer drivers or on wheelchair accessible vehicles. TVT's Dial-A-Ride and Shuttle Bus Systems provided a total of 158,302 rides for the year. All of TVT's transportation programs enable community members to maintain their independence, gain and keep employment and access critical healthcare and quality-of-life services.

Dial-A-Ride Programs – Focus on specialized populations including elders, persons with disabilities and low-income families/individuals who are unable to access the bus system. **In Bethel, Dial-A-Ride offers direct access from home to: medical treatments, meal site/senior programs, adult day care services, pharmacies, food shopping, social services, vocational rehabilitation, radiation & dialysis and substance abuse treatment.**

Bus System – Promotes economic development, energy conservation, mobility independence and quality of life. **Bethel residents can access the Randolph Area Circulator, 89'er South Commuter Route, and local service to Chelsea, South Royalton, and Sharon.**

VT Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired

802-863-1358 www.vabvi.org

\$400.00

The mission of The Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired is to help Vermonters with visual impairments be more independent, cultivate adaptive skills, and improve quality of life. The number of clients VABVI serves increases every year. It costs approximately \$1,000 to provide one year of service to an individual adult client. In FY2020, four Bethel students received assistance, with a total of 90 adults and 40 students in Windsor County receiving support from VABVI. An estimated 14,000 Vermonters are currently blind or visually impaired. Funds donated by towns and cities across Vermont go directly to services for clients.

Vermont Center for Independent Living

800-639-1522 vcil.org

\$300.00

The Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL), a statewide, non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for people with disabilities, respectfully requests funding from the Town of Bethel for our FY'22.

Annual support from over 140 cities and towns across the State helps VCIL assist Vermonters with disabilities achieve dignified and self-determined lives. VCIL works to serve individuals who can benefit from our direct services as well as to educate and inform members of the community about disability related issues and independent living. Direct services are available to residents of Bethel in a number of ways. Peer counselors work with residents in their homes or other locations; small grants for adaptive equipment; Meals on Wheels for people with disabilities under the age of 60; Home Access modifications; individual and systems advocacy and programs for youth. Information, Referral and Assistance is available to all residents by calling VCIL's I-Line, at 1-800-639-1522 (Voice and TTY).

Visiting Nurse and Hospice for VT & NH

888-300-8853

\$7000.00

Visiting Nurse and Hospice for Vermont and New Hampshire (VNH) is one of the oldest and largest non-profit providers of in-home healthcare services in the region. VNH is committed to providing the highest quality care throughout all stages of life, from maternal child care to end of life hospice care, and everything in between. Providing individuals and families with the care they need within the comfort of their own home allows them to maintain comfort and dignity throughout their time of care.

Windsor County Mentors

802-674-5101 info@wcmentors.org

\$500.00

Since 1974, Windsor County Mentors has been creating and nurturing intensive community-and school-based mentoring partnerships, free of charge, to any Windsor County child between 5 and 18 who could benefit from a long-term, trusting relationship with an adult in their community. WCM employs regional outreach coordinators around Windsor County, assuring that we are able to grant each town the attention it deserves. For more information on our mentorships, fund us on Facebook, visit our website www.wcmentors.org, or call 802-674-5101.

Health Care & Rehabilitation Services

(802) 886-4500

\$500.00

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

During FY22, HCRS provided 4,217 hours of services to 12 residents of the Town of Bethel. The services provided included all of HCRS' programs resulting in a wide array of supports for the residents of Bethel.

Anyone with questions about HCRS services should contact George Karabakakis, Chief Executive Officer, at (802) 886-4500. Further information can also be found at: <http://www.hcrs.org>

Central Vermont Council on Aging

800-642-5119

\$650.00

Central Vermont Council on Aging is a private, nonprofit organization that has assisted older Vermonters for more than 40 years remain independent for as long as possible, by connecting those 60 years old and older with programs and services they need to thrive. CVCA provides a Help Line, case managers, nutrition services, state health insurance counseling and enrollment services, and family caregiver support. All services and programs are offered to elders at no charge. During the last year, CVCA provided one or more services to 82 Bethel residents.

VT Family Network

\$250.00

800-800-4005

Vermont Family Network is proud to serve over 1500 families yearly with expert information, referral and assistance services provided by family support consultants located in Williston, Newport and Rutland. The mission of VFN is to empower and support all Vermont children and youth and families, especially those with disabilities or special health needs.



The Flag Pole on the property of Robert and Anita Gaiko

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