



TOWN OF Goshen Vermont

Annual Report
July 1st, 2022 to June 30th, 2023

Town Meeting
At the Goshen Town Hall
March 4th, 2024
7:00 P.M.

Welcome to the Goshen Town Report, covering the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year!

Please bring this report with you to the town meeting. You may want to use it to follow along, ask questions, and take notes.

<p>Goshen Town Meeting 7 P.M. March 4th, 2024 Goshen Town Hall 50 Carlisle Hill Road Goshen, VT 05733</p>	<p>Voting Day 9 A.M. - 7 P.M. March 5th, 2024 Goshen Town Hall 50 Carlisle Hill Road Goshen, VT 05733</p>
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Gillespie Peak, taken from Silver Lake Road
Photo by Jim Bodette

Cover Photo:
One of the first snow storms this year
Photo by Chad Beckwith

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Important Dates, Times, and Details

Visit goshenvt.org for more information.

Town Office Address:

50 Carlisle Hill Road
Goshen, VT 05733

Town Office Phone:

802-247-6455

Town Clerk: Extension 4
Treasurer & Tax Collector: Extension 1
Listers / Auditors: Extension 3
General Mailbox: Extension 0

Selectboard Meetings

2nd and 4th Monday of the month
6:30 P.M. at the Goshen Town Hall

Planning Commission Meetings

3rd Monday of the month
7 P.M. at the Goshen Town Hall

Town Clerk's Hours

Tuesdays 9A.M. - 1 P.M.

Auditors, Listers, Treasurer

By appointment,
leave a message at the town office

Trash, Recycling, and Compost Pickup

Wednesdays - have it out by 8 A.M.

Library Use

Goshen residents have free access to the
Salisbury and Brandon public libraries!

Safe Burning

Fire Warden is Shawn Martin
802-247-6433

You must have a permit before you burn.



Thank you, Jim, for your dedication and service to Goshen.

Trash, Compost, & Recycling

- Trash pickup is Wednesdays – please have it out by 8AM
- One 30-gallon bag of is trash allotted per household, up to three bins of recycling, and one 5-gallon bucket of compost. **Goshen businesses are NOT included in trash pick-up. Please contract for your business garbage and recycling collection separately.**
- If you have more garbage, a trash tag is required. These can be purchased at the town office. Tie trash tags to bags.
- Please tie garbage bags shut and do not put several bags in one bag. Heavy bags will be left as they rip when picked up!
- Plastic bags, filmy plastic, Styrofoam, tissues, and paper towels are NOT recyclable.
- Residents can compost on their property, or compost can put out with trash in a 5-gallon bucket (buckets available at ACSWMD). State law bans food scraps from trash.
- Secure your trash especially in the summer for bears, crows, and dogs. Receptacles with lids are a good idea to prevent wind from blowing recyclables away.

For questions or concerns about trash, call Dave Sabatini at 802-247-6350

Goshen is a member of the Addison County Solid Waste Management District (ACSWMD). As a member we must comply with the rules and regulations that are set by the ACSWMD. For a complete list of what can and cannot be recycled or thrown away please visit their website:

www.addisoncountyrecycles.org

Hazardous Waste Disposal

Hazardous waste including but not limited to metal, some light bulbs, microwaves, batteries, paints, chlorine bleach, antifreeze, drain cleaner, and more, must be taken to the transfer station.

*Disposal of hazardous waste is free for all District residents!
(Businesses must pay for hazardous waste disposal and must schedule an appointment ahead of time.)*

The Transfer Station is located about 2 miles south of the Town of Middlebury, located on the east side of the highway between the U.S. Forest Service and Breadloaf Construction.

District Transfer Station & HazWaste Center
1223 Route 7 South

District Transfer Station Hours
Monday – Friday, 7 a.m to 3 p.m.
Saturday, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

HazWaste Center Hours
Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Saturday, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Dedication

Jeff Whiting

Jeff Whiting was born in 1943 and grew up in East Barre, VT. He attended grade school and high school in Barre City. He attended Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, NY. He graduated in 1965 with a degree in Chemical Engineering. While at RPI he was a member of the ROTC program. After graduation from RPI, he served in the Army and was stationed in Europe for 6 years. When he returned from Europe, he started working for Monsanto Corporation in 1971. With his background in chemical engineering, he was very involved in the making of the layer of plastic in car windshields and high-rise building windows. Working in manufacturing gave Jeff the opportunity to work at several Monsanto plants around the world. He has many fond memories working in Belgium and Whales, Detroit, MI and Springfield, MA.

In 1991 Jeff bought a small home in Goshen as his weekend getaway home where he could hunt and fish. It was in 1993 that he met Vickee, and they married in 1994. They bought a house in East Hampton, MA and would travel to Goshen on weekends. In December, 1999 Jeff retired from Monsanto/Solutia. They sold their house in East Hampton, added onto the house in Goshen and became full time residents of Goshen. Jeff's dream was to retire to Vermont and have a piece of property where he could go out his back door and hunt for birds with his black lab or track down a deer. And when the lakes or streams aren't frozen Jeff is out fishing with his cousin Chuck, or good friends Jeff and Gary.

In 2012 his retirement came to an end when he was approached by a start-up biofuels company in Amherst, MA. Within a couple of years Jeff had hired 30 employees and the company moved to Pearl River, NY. He worked for Anellotech for several years and in 2020 decided to retire again. Since then, he has consulted with Anellotech and remains dedicated to their biofuels research. Jeff has served on several committees in Goshen and served as a Select Board Member from 2001 to 2007. In the past several years Jeff has helped write grants for several road projects and other town projects. He has also served on the Municipal Forest Board for several years. At 80 years old Jeff remains very active in hunting, fishing and skiing. If he's not skiing in Vermont or Utah, he is traveling in Europe with Vickee. Vermont is home and Goshen is his happy place.



Town Officials

Elected Officials

Office	Term Expires
Selectboard - 3 years	
Thomasina Magoon.....	2025
Tammy Walsh.....	2026
William J. Mathis, Chair.....	2024
Town Clerk - 3 years	
Martin Fjeld.....	2024
Treasurer - 3 years	
Vickee Whiting.....	2024
Listers - 3 years	
Madine Reed.....	2025
Fran Viko.....	2024
Barbara Walsh.....	2026
Auditors - 3 years	
Open.....	2024
Open.....	2025
Open.....	2026
Delinquent Tax Collector - 1 year	
Vickee Whiting.....	2024
Justice of the Peace - 2 Years	
Kenneth Brown.....	2025
Marci Hayes.....	2025
Jasmine Horta Hoffman.....	2025
Diane O'Classen.....	2025
Barbara Walsh.....	2025
Trustee of Public Funds - 3 years	
Vickee Whiting.....	2025
Open.....	2024
Open.....	2026
Moderator - 1 year	
William Mathis.....	2024
Otter Valley School Director - 3 years	
Fernanda Canales.....	2026
Cemetery Commissioners - 3 years	
Ken Brown.....	2026
Lee Baker.....	2025
Diane O'Classen.....	2024
First Constable - 2 years	
Marci Hayes.....	2025
Second Constable - 2 years	
Dave McKinnon.....	2024

Appointed Officials

Office	Term Expires
Assistant Town Clerk - 3 years	
Vickee Whiting.....	2026
Assistant Treasurer - 3 years	
Martin Fjeld.....	2026
Selectboard Clerk	
Martin Fjeld.....	2024
Road Foreman	
Tammy Walsh (Selectboard).....	2024
Road Crew	
Will Mathis.....	2024
Chuck Steady.....	2024
Planning Commission - 3 years	
Chad Chamberlain, Chair.....	2025
Madine Reed.....	2025
Dick Conrad.....	2024
Annina Seiler.....	2026
Jim Pulver.....	2026
Board of Adjustment - 1 year	
David Bishop, Chair.....	2024
Kenneth Brown.....	2024
Dick Conrad.....	2024
Annina Seiler.....	2024
Barb Walsh.....	2024
ACRPC Rep - 3 years	
Jim Pulver.....	2024
ACRP Alternate - 1 year	
Chad Chamberlain.....	2024
Zoning Administrator - 1 year	
Keith Arlund.....	2024
Emergency Management Director - 1 year	
Ethan West.....	2024
Emergency Management Coordinator - 1 year	
Timmi Moffi.....	2024
ACSWMD Rep - 1 year	
Annina Seiler.....	2024

Appointed Officials Cont.

<u>Office</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
ACSWMD Rep - 1 year Annina Seiler	2024
ACSWMD Alternate - 1 year David Sabatini	2024
Town Energy Coordinator - 1 year Bob West	2024
OCWICD Rep - 3 years Jeff Whiting	2026
Chad Beckwith	2025
OCWICD Rep Alternate - 3 years Ben Lawton	2024
Health Officer - 3 years Janice Gould	2024
Deputy Health Officer - 3 years James Hayes	2024
Service Officer - 1 year Kathy Mathis	2024
Grand Juror - 1 year James Hayes	2024
Goshen Municipal Town Forest Board - 3 years Tom Bahre, Chair	2024
Jeff Whiting	2024
Jim Pulver	2026
Wes Butler, VT Fish & Game Warden	2025
Selectboard	terms
Goshen Historical Society Reps - 1 year Madine Reed, Chair	2024
Galina Chernaya	2024
OCCUD Broadband Rep - 1 year Tyler Davidson-Toman	2024
OCCUD Broadband Alternate - 1 year Open	2024
Pound Keepers - 1 year Constables	2024

Appointed Officials Cont.

<u>Office</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Tree Warden - 1 year Selectboard	2024
Green-up Day Coordinators - 1 year David Sabatini	2024
Annina Seiler	2024
Fence Viewers - 1 year Selectboard	2024
Inspector of Lumber, Shingles and Coal - 1 yr Selectboard	2024
Weigher of Coal - 1 year Selectboard	2024



A snowy Goshen-Ripton Road!



TOWN of GOSHEN - WARNING 2024

The legal voters of the Town of Goshen are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Goshen Town Hall on Monday, the 4th day of March 2024 at 7:00 PM to transact the following from the floor:

Article I: To hear and act on the Report of the Selectboard.

Article II: To hear and act on the Report of the Town Officers.

Article III: To see if the Town of Goshen will appropriate \$4,000.00, such sum to be raised by taxes, annually for the next five (5) years to be placed in the Town Hall Renovations Fund to be used for said renovations. Said sum upon approval will be added to Article IV, the General Expense appropriation.

Article IV: To see if the Town of Goshen will use the Town's portion of interest earned in the Goshen Town Forest timber sale account amounting to \$2,000.00 to help pay for renovations of the Town Buildings.

Article V: To see if the Town will appropriate the **sum of \$747,150.00** to defray the Highway Expenses of the Town for the 2025 fiscal year, the amount of such sum to be raised by taxes to be reduced by receipts, state aid, grants, and other income.

Article VI: To see if the Town will appropriate the **sum of \$269,761.00** to defray the General Expenses of the Town for the 2025 fiscal year, the amount of such sum to be raised by taxes to be reduced by receipts, state aid, grants, and other income.

Article VII: To see if the Town will authorize collection of taxes on real and personal property by its Treasurer, payable in three equal installments, due on or before August 15th, 2024, November 15th, 2024, and January 15th, 2025.

Article VIII: To see if the Town will assess delinquent taxes on one percent interest per month or fraction thereof for the first three months, and thereafter one and one-half percent per month or fraction thereof, from the due date of each installment, plus fees as provided in VSA Title 32§4873.

Article IX: To do any other business, legal and proper at this time.



TOWN of GOSHEN - WARNING 2024

At the close of the above business, the meeting shall be recessed until Tuesday, March 5th, 2024, at 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM at the Goshen Town Hall to vote by Australian Ballot on the following matters, to wit:

Shall the voters authorize the Selectboard to appoint a town treasurer that may or may not be a town resident as provided in 17 V.S.A. § 2651f?

Shall the voters authorize the Selectboard to eliminate the office of town auditor as provided in 17 V.S.A. § 2651b? If authorized the Selectboard shall contract with a public accountant licensed in this State to perform an annual financial audit of all funds of the town except the funds audited pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 323.

Shall the voters authorize the Selectboard to eliminate the office of constables as provided in 17 V.S.A. § 2651a? The Selectboard shall appoint an **Animal Control Officer** to perform duties pertaining to animal or dog policy/stray dog/unlicensed issues in town, as per the **Goshen Dog Ordinance**.

- Auditor – Three (3) Years
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- Auditor – Three (3) Years
- Collector of Delinquent Taxes – One (1) Year
- Lister – Three (3) Years
- Moderator of Town Meeting – One (1) Year
- Selectman – Three (3) Years
- Town Clerk – One (1) Year (remainder of 3 Year term)
- Treasurer – One (1) Year (remainder of 3 Year term)
- Trustee of Public Funds – Three (3) Years
- Second Constable – Two (2) Years

Selectboard, Town of Goshen

William J. Mathis, Chair

Tammy Walsh

Thomasina Magoon

Goshen Town Office Received and Recorded

Martin Fjeld, Goshen Town Clerk

dated this 26th day of January, 2024

July 10, 2023



Value of Real Property, Goshen VT (2023-2024)
 Goshen Grand List:
 Homestead:
 Non-Homestead:

\$27,216,800.00
 \$272,168.00
 \$126,048.00
 \$146,720.00

School Homestead	1.4045 X	\$126,048.00	\$177,034.42
School Non-Homestead	1.6201 X	\$146,720.00	\$237,701.07
Road	0.3940 X	\$272,168.00	\$107,234.19
Town	0.4866 X	\$272,168.00	\$132,436.95
Total Taxes			\$654,406.63

We hereby certify that the foregoing is the tax set for the Town of Goshen for the 2023-24

William J. Mathis
 William J. Mathis - Chair

Thomasina Magoon
 Thomasina Magoon

Tammy Walsh
 Tammy Walsh

**Town of Goshen
Statement of Financial Condition
Road Account
Fiscal Year Ending 6/30/23**

CURRENT ASSETS:

Checking Account	\$34,939.06	
Property Taxes Outstanding	\$1,116.40	
Paving Investment Fund	\$96,360.89	
Road Money Market	\$235,509.37	
TOTAL ASSETS:		\$367,925.72

CURRENT LIABILITIES:

\$0.00

BALANCE:

\$367,925.72



Our Sugar House
Photo by Jan Bishop



Goshen Town Potluck!

**Town of Goshen Road Fund
Balance Sheet
As of June 30, 2023**

	Jun 30, 23
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1000000 · Goshen Road Account	34,939.06
1001000 · Paving Investment Fund CD	96,360.89
1003000 · Road Money Market	235,509.37
Total Checking/Savings	366,809.32
Accounts Receivable	0.00
Total Current Assets	366,809.32
TOTAL ASSETS	366,809.32
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
30000 · Opening Balance Equity	10,705.72
32000 · Unrestricted Net Assets	380,815.78
Net Income	-24,712.18
Total Equity	366,809.32
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	366,809.32



Goshen Town Potluck!

Financial Reports Town of Goshen
Road Account

	BUDGET 2021-2022	ACTUAL 2021-2022	BUDGET 2022-2023	ACTUAL 2022-2023	BUDGET 2023-2024	BUDGET 2024-2025
Road Budget						
Income						
4000000 · Income						
4002000 · Property Taxes	186,000	185,343	182,500	181,384	143,300	155,150
4201000 · Miscellaneous Income	0	68,916	0	32,950	0	0
4201500 · Loan Repayment of 6/27/22	0	0	0	30,000	0	0
4202000 · Grants Income - Grant In Aid - Ends	0	6,139	0	2,433	0	10,000
4203000 · Storm Income	0	0	0	0	0	0
4205000 · National Forest – Serv. Render.	3,200	0	3,200	0	3,200	0
4206000 · Municipal Forest Income	0	19,382	0	0	0	0
4220000 · FEMA Reimbursement	0	0	0	0	0	0
4232000 · State Allocations	28,000	33,156	29,000	30,660	30,000	30,000
4940110 · Town Hill Road Grant - Ends 12/25	0	0	0	0	0	200,000
4940200 · Transfer from Paving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	117,000
4940250 · Transfer from Road Money Market	0	0	0	0	0	235,000
Total 4000000 · Income	217,200	312,936	214,700	277,427	176,500	747,150
Total Income	217,200	312,936	214,700	277,427	176,500	747,150
Expense						
5000000 · Expenses						
5000400 · Loan to Town Acct. 6/27/22	0	30,000	0	0	0	0
5000530 · N/P Town Interest	0	0	0	0	0	0
5001500 · P/R Tax Expense	4,500	2,459	4,500	3,334	3,000	4,000
5111100 · Summer - Labor	30,000	16,041	30,000	14,576	20,000	20,000
5111210 · Summer - Materials	40,000	22,678	40,000	39,749	30,000	35,000
5111560 · Summer - Purchased Services	20,000	15,137	20,000	102,198	20,000	20,000
5111660 · Summer - Equipment Rentals	20,000	16,783	20,000	9,948	17,000	22,000
5140100 · Winter - Labor	22,000	13,831	22,000	16,205	18,000	20,000
5140210 · Winter - Materials	25,000	20,649	25,000	13,015	22,000	22,000
5140560 · Winter - Purchased Services	3,000	1,165	3,000	330	1,500	2,000
5140660 · Winter - Equipment Rentals	30,000	20,405	27,500	22,279	23,000	27,500
5141000 · Miscellaneous Expense	0	100,675	0	81,012	0	0
5142000 · VT Dept. of Envir. Conservation	0	0	0	0	0	650

Financial Reports Town of Goshen
Road Account

Expense

	BUDGET 2021-2022	ACTUAL 2021-2022	BUDGET 2022-2023	ACTUAL 2022-2023	BUDGET 2023-2024	ACTUAL 2022-2023	BUDGET 2024-2025
5150000 · Equipment Maintenance Labor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5151000 · Paving Investment Fund	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
Total 5000000 · Expenses	214,500	279,822	212,000	322,647	174,500	322,647	193,150
6000000 · Other Expenses							
6100100 · Storm - Labor	1,000	0	1,000	0	1,000	0	1,000
6100210 · Storm - Materials	1,700	0	1,700	0	1,000	0	1,000
6100560 · Storm - Purchased Services	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6100660 · Storm - Equipment Rentals	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6400675 · Town Hill Road Project	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total 6000000 · Other Expenses	2,700	0	2,700	0	2,000	0	552,000
6600000 · Payroll Reimbursement							
Total Expense	217,200	279,822	214,700	322,647	176,500	322,647	747,150
Net Ordinary Income	0	33,114	0	-45,220	0	-45,220	0
Other Income/Expense · 8000000 · Interest Income	0	312	0	679.08	0	679.08	0
Net Income	0	33,425	0	44,540.92	0	44,540.92	0

Financial Reports: Town Account Statement of Financial Condition

Town of Goshen
Statement of Financial Condition
Town General Account
Fiscal Year Ending 6/30/23

CURRENT ASSETS:

Checking Account	\$22,391.13	
Petty Cash	\$150.00	
EEG & Reappraisal	\$14,662.51	
Restoration & Preservation Res.	\$3,308.77	
Equipment Replacement Savings	\$9,008.50	
Act 200 Fund	\$2,122.48	
Town Hall Renovations	\$6,050.84	
Cemetery Investment	\$775.96	
Property Taxes Outstanding	\$2,605.94	
Accounts Receivable	\$15,548.95	
Due from Road Account	\$0.00	
TOTAL ASSETS:		\$76,625.08

CURRENT LIABILITIES:

Due to Road	\$0.00	
Note Payable - Town Loader	\$1,166.16	
Note Payable - Grader	\$0.00	
Note Payable – 2012 Inter. Truck	\$0.00	
VT Withholding Payable	\$99.79	
VT Unemployment Tax Payable	\$79.43	
Federal Withholding Tax Payable	\$188.60	
Medicare Tax Payable	\$198.71	
Social Security Tax Payable	\$849.86	
TOTAL LIABILITIES:		\$2,582.55

BALANCE: \$74,042.53

**Town of Goshen
Balance Sheet
As of June 30, 2023**

	Jun 30, 23
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1000000 · Goshen Town Account	22,391.13
1050000 · Petty Cash	150.00
1100000 · EEG & Reappraisal Savings	14,662.51
1100250 · Restoration & Preservation Res.	3,308.77
1100500 · Cemetary C.D.	775.96
Total Checking/Savings	41,288.37
Accounts Receivable	
11000 · Accounts Receivable	15,548.95
Total Accounts Receivable	15,548.95
Total Current Assets	56,837.32
Fixed Assets	
1500000 · Trucks & Equipment	175,129.20
Total Fixed Assets	175,129.20
TOTAL ASSETS	231,966.52
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
20000 · Accounts Payable	599.76
Total Accounts Payable	599.76
Other Current Liabilities	
2400000 · Payroll Liabilities	
2400004 · VT Withholding Payable	99.79
2400006 · VT Unemployment Tax Payable	79.43
240001 · Federal Withholding Tax Payable	188.60
240002 · Medicare Tax Payable	198.71
240003 · Social Security Tax Payable	849.86
Total 2400000 · Payroll Liabilities	1,416.39
2520000 · N/P Muni Forest - Loader	1,166.16
2521000 · N/P Muni Forest- Grader	5,304.06
Total Other Current Liabilities	7,886.61
Total Current Liabilities	8,486.37
Long Term Liabilities	
2020500 · N/P Muni Forest - 2012 Truck	10,540.20
Total Long Term Liabilities	10,540.20
Total Liabilities	19,026.57
Equity	
30000 · Opening Balance Equity	-117,553.42
32000 · Unrestricted Net Assets	337,245.39
Net Income	-6,752.02
Total Equity	212,939.95
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	231,966.52

Town Budget

Financial Reports Town of Goshen
Town Account

	BUDGET		ACTUAL		BUDGET		ACTUAL		BUDGET		BUDGET	
	2021-2022	2021-2022	2021-2022	2021-2022	2022-2023	2022-2023	2022-2023	2022-2023	2023-2024	2023-2024	2024-2025	2024-2025
Income												
4000000 - Income	117,959	156,821	122,683	173,688	147,443	149,061						
4001000 - Property Taxes	0	15,786	0	25,419	0	0						
4030000 - Current Delinquent Taxes	3,000	1,308	2,500	2,043	1,800	2,000						
4031000 - Current Delinquent Tax Penalty	2,000	518	1,800	694	1,000	1,000						
4032000 - Current Delinquent Tax Interest	200	0	200	0	200	200						
4033000 - Current Tax Sale Fees	0	3,210	0	3,083	0	0						
4040000 - Past Delinquent Taxes - 2022	0	257	0	225	0	0						
4041000 - Past Delinquent Penalty - 2022	0	337	0	359	0	0						
4042000 - Past Delinquent Interest - 2022	700	476	500	688	500	500						
4120000 - Dog Licenses	19,000	0	21,000	24,122	21,500	21,500						
4219000 - National Forest - PILT	0	0	0	0	0	0						
4220300 - MERP Mini Grant	0	0	500	0	0	0						
4221000 - Fire Dept. Ins. Claims Income	4,000	4,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000						
4300000 - Municipal Forest Income	12,500	11,854	15,000	9,330	12,500	11,000						
4380000 - State of Vermont - Homestead	0	24,362	0	24,374	0	0						
4385000 - ARPA State & local recovery Payment	1,000	0	2,500	56,759	2,500	2,500						
4390000 - Miscellaneous Income	0	0	0	0	0	0						
4390500 - Capital Income from Equip. Rep.	20,000	25,761	24,000	24,237	24,000	24,000						
4391000 - Current Use rebate	1,000	1,378	1,368	1,368	1,400	1,400						
4392000 - EEG & Reappraisal	1,000	790	600	480	800	600						
4440000 - Zoning Permit Fees	750	0	1,800	0	750	750						
4440500 - Vault Fee	500	470	400	470	500	500						
4440700 - Overweight Permits	1,000	305	500	180	350	250						
4440800 - Trash Tag Fees	2,400	2,211	3,500	2,037	3,500	3,000						
4441000 - Town Clerk Fees	0	60	0	180	0	0						
4442000 - Recording Fees	47,500	37,188	47,500	32,422	40,000	49,500						
4540000 - Equipment Rentals	0	0	0	0	0	0						
4930050 - Cemetery Plot Fee	0	0	0	2,566	0	0						
4971500 - Town Office Grants	0	0	0	0	0	0						
4975000 - Reappraisal	0	0	0	0	0	0						
Total Income	254,269	316,635	269,851	386,722	260,743	269,761						
	254,269	316,635	269,851	386,722	260,743	269,761			260,743		269,761	
Expense												
5000000 - General Government												
5000100 - Salaries - Selectmen	3,795	3,795	4,395	4,451	4,395	4,395						
500010A - Special Project Admin. Costs	2,500	120	2,500	208	2,500	1,500						
500010B - Selectboard Secretary edicare Tax Expense	1,000	1,605	1,000	2,771	1,000	2,000						
	1,000	993	1,100	669	1,100	1,100						

Financial Reports: Town Account Financial Reports

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Expense	BUDGET		ACTUAL		BUDGET		ACTUAL		BUDGET	
	2021-2022	2021-2022	2021-2022	2021-2022	2022-2023	2022-2023	2022-2023	2022-2023	2023-2024	2023-2024
5000151 · Social Security Tax Expense	4,000	4,248	4,500	4,500	2,862	4,500	4,500	4,500		
5000160 · Fed. Unemployment Tax Expense	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
5000161 · VT Unemployment Tax Expense	800	469	500	500	98	500	500	500		
5000200 · Town Office Supplies	5,000	6,269	5,000	5,000	4,088	5,500	5,500	5,000		
5000300 · Town Office Advertising	500	189	500	500	476	500	500	500		
5000340 · Town Office Postage	500	557	500	500	442	600	600	600		
5000350 · Town Office Telephone	2,400	2,349	2,500	2,500	2,181	2,500	2,500	2,500		
5000375 · ARPA – Town Grant Expense	0	412	0	0	22,993	0	0	0		
5000400 · Town Office Grant Expenses	0	412	0	0	0	0	0	0		
5000425 · MERP Mini Grant Expense	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
5000440 · Addison Co. Solid Waste Landfill	6,500	5,787	6,500	6,500	6,069	0	0	0		
5000480 · Insurance & Bonds	25,000	25,003	27,000	27,000	16,082	29,000	29,000	30,000		
5000490 · Drug and Alcohol Testing	1,000	756	1,000	1,000	491	1,000	1,000	1,000		
5000520 · Interest on Note for Loader	342	342	144	144	144	4	4	0		
500052A · Principal on Note for Loader-see Liab.	5,568	0	5,766	5,766	0	981	981	0		
5000530 · Interest on NP Muni. Forest CD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
5000540 · Interest on Note for Grader	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
500054A · Principal on Note for Grader-see Liab.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
5000560 · Interest on Note for 2012 Truck	15	15	0	0	0	0	0	0		
500056A · Principal on Note for 2012 Truck-see Liab.	4,206	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
5000580 · Town Hall Renovation Fund	0	0	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000		
5000600 · Computer Services	1,000	308	1,000	1,000	524	1,000	1,000	1,000		
5000620 · Printing Town Report	700	600	700	700	971	700	700	1,000		
5000790 · Miscellaneous	100	0	500	500	30,525	500	500	500		
5000800 · Education Property Tax Credit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
5000980 · Constable - Wages	2,000	1,413	2,000	2,000	1,538	2,000	2,000	1,000		
5000990 · Constable Expenses	1,000	0	500	500	0	500	500	250		
5020560 · Constable Purchase Services	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
5020570 · Garbage Contracted Service	12,000	11,972	14,000	14,000	22,853	21,580	21,580	30,680		
5030560 · Otter Creek Mosquito Dist. Purchase Serv.	14,381	14,381	14,381	14,381	14,381	14,814	14,814	5,536		
5060500 · Otter Valley Unified Union Dist.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
5070000 · Road allocation of Property Tax	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Total General Government	95,309	81,997	99,987	99,987	138,817	99,174	99,174	97,561		
5310000 – Elections										
5310100 · Ballot Clerks etc.	1,500	474	1,950	1,950	827	1,000	1,000	1,500		
5310210 · Supplies	120	300	120	120	56	200	200	200		

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	BUDGET 2021-2022	ACTUAL 2021-2022	BUDGET 2022-2023	ACTUAL 2022-2023	BUDGET 2023-2024	BUDGET 2024-2025
Total Elections	1,620	774	2,070	883	1,200	1,700
5400000 – Finance						
5400100 · Treasurer - Salary	10,062	10,062	10,062	10,062	10,062	20,000
540010A · Assistant Treasurer - Salary	100	4,901	3,000	1,500	1,000	1,500
5400560 · Treasurer - Purchased Services	200	108	400	862	400	400
5420100 · Auditors - Salary	3,600	3,679	4,000	5,206	4,000	4,500
5430100 · Listers - Salary	3,000	5,183	2,000	2,802	3,000	3,000
5430560 · Listers - Purchase Service	500	210	400	0	400	300
5430600 · Special Reappraisal	0	0	0	0	0	0
5440100 · Delinquent Tax Collector - Fees	3,000	1,952	3,000	1,525	3,000	2,000
5440200 · Delinquent Tax Postage/Supplies	250	66	100	93	100	100
5440300 · Delinquent Tax Adv. Tax Sale	200	209	200	239	200	200
Total Finance	20,912	26,370	23,162	22,289	22,162	32,000
5500000 – Administration						
5500100 · Town Clerk - Salary	7,000	6,574	9,400	7,493	9,400	11,200
550010A · Assistant Town Clerk	2,600	2,768	2,800	3,983	2,800	1,000
5500110 · Town Clerk Fees	3,000	2,227	3,500	2,208	3,500	3,000
5500120 · State Treasurer Animal License	350	265	350	265	350	350
5500130 · State Treasurer Marriage Lic.	100	50	100	50	100	100
5500150 · Restoration & Preservation Res.	0	0	1,800	0	1,500	1,500
5500200 · Network Administrator	250	475	500	200	500	200
5500400 · Dues, Meetings & Assessments	150	110	150	492	150	200
5500560 · Town Clerk Purchased Services	0	0	0	0	0	0
5500600 · Legal Services	5,000	416	5,000	325	5,000	4,000
5500740 · Travel, Meetings & Registration	1,000	231	500	153	500	300
5500741 · Training Salaries	0	0	0	0	0	0
5520400 · VLCT	1,265	1,265	1,288	1,288	1,300	1,130
Total Administration	20,715	14,380	25,388	16,455	25,100	22,980
5600000 – Boards and Agencies						
5610220 · Planning Commission - Supplies	100	0	100	0	100	100

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	BUDGET 2021-2022	ACTUAL 2021-2022	BUDGET 2022-2023	ACTUAL 2022-2023	BUDGET 2023-2024	BUDGET 2024-2025
5610300 - Planning Commission - Advertis.	100	29	100	0	100	100
5610340 - Planning Commission - Postage	50	0	50	0	50	50
5610560 - Planning Commission -Pur. Serv.	250	0	100	0	500	250
5610620 - Planning Commission - Printing	0	0	100	0	100	100
5610630 - Addison County Regional Plan.	212	211	232	232	232	250
5610650 - Zoning Administration Expense	750	910	1,000	820	1,000	1,000
5610670 - Board of Adjustment Expense	0	0	0	0	500	100
Total Boards and Agencies	1,462	1,150	1,682	1,052	2,582	1,950
5700000 - Buildings and Grounds						
5710100 - Maintenance and Labor	2,000	238	1,000	931	1,000	1,000
5710220 - Supplies	2,000	644	2,000	1,071	2,000	1,500
5710540 - Renovations Expense	6,000	145	6,000	0	6,000	6,000
5710560 - Purchased Services	6,000	5,672	6,000	4,309	6,000	6,000
5710760 - Utilities - Electric	3,000	2,158	3,000	2,540	3,000	3,000
5710761. Utilities - Heat	7,500	8,767	7,500	8,681	7,500	7,500
Total Buildings and Grounds	26,500	17,625	25,500	17,531	25,500	25,000
5800000 - Equipment						
5820210 - Diesel, Gas, Oil and Grease	10,000	16,986	12,000	14,228	17,000	17,000
5820220 - Other Materials, Parts, etc.	15,000	12,259	10,000	17,849	13,000	15,000
5820300 - Capital Expense - Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	0
5820400 - Repairs, Maint. and Labor	20,000	10,269	20,000	11,957	20,000	15,000
5820560 - Purchased Services	6,000	11,759	6,000	7,095	10,000	15,000
5820830 - Equip. Replacement Cap. Inv.	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
Total Equipment	55,000	55,273	52,000	55,129	64,000	66,000
5900000 - Road Labor						
5900100 - Sum. Road Labor(see Road Budget)	0	0	0	0	0	0
5900200 - Win. Road Labor(see Road Budget)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Road Labor	0	0	0	0	0	0
6000000 - Other Expenses						

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	BUDGET 2021-2022	ACTUAL 2021-2022	BUDGET 2022-2023	ACTUAL 2022-2023	BUDGET 2023-2024	BUDGET 2024-2025
6110430 - Brandon Area Rescue Squad	1,200	1,200	3,440	3,440	3,440	3,440
6110440 - Health Services Contributions	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,550	1,500	1,500
6111450 - Humane Society Contributions	450	450	450	450	450	450
6112440 - Brandon Library	1,000	1,000	1,000	0	2,500	1,000
6510560 - Firefighting Purchase Services	2,500	3,218	5,000	80	5,000	5,000
6620210 - Cemetery Maint. - Supplies	100	0	100	46	500	500
6620560 - Cemetery Maint. - Purchase Serv.	5,500	4,951	5,500	4,696	6,000	9,045
6930000 - Addison County Tax Assessment	1,467	1,415	1,537	1,537	1,600	1,600
6990000 - Tax Loss (Lease Land)	25	0	25	0	25	25
6990100 - Tax Loss Due to Abatement	10	0	10	0	10	10
Total Other Expenses	13,752	13,733	18,562	11,799	21,025	22,570
6600000 - Payroll Expenses	0	137	0	1,200	0	0
6690000 - Reconciliation Discrepancies	0	0	0	135	0	0
Total Expense	235,269	211,438	248,351	265,290	260,743	269,761
Other Income	0	19,170	0	0	0	0
8000000 - Interest Income	0	12	0	11	0	0
Total Other Income	0	19,182	0	11	0	0
Net Income	0	230,620	0	265,300	0	0

Town of Goshen
Statement of Financial Condition
Municipal Forest
Fiscal Year Ending 6/30/23

CURRENT ASSETS:

Checking Account	\$13,348.13
Savings Account	\$7,262.12
Certificate of Deposit (BH) #1	\$54,108.57
Certificate of Deposit (BH) #2	\$93,591.32
Certificate of Deposit (BH) #3	\$62,671.46
Certificate of Deposit (BH) #4	\$60,300.72
Savings Account (TD)	\$51,832.79
Money Market (BH)	\$45,078.30

TOTAL ASSETS:	\$388,193.41
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PRINCIPAL & INTEREST- Loans to Town (Balances remaining on loans)

Grader	-\$0.22
Loader	\$1,897.69
2012 Inter. Truck	\$0.00

TOTAL LOANS:	<u>\$1,897.47</u>
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TOTAL:	\$390,090.88
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Previous Balance (6/30/22)	<u>\$392,648.97</u>
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Gain/(Loss)	\$(2,558.09)
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Municipal Forest Balance Sheet As of June 30, 2023

	Jun 30, 23
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1002300 · Muni. Fforest - CD#4(6449)BH	60,300.72
1000750 · Muni.Forest Money Mkt. (BH)	45,078.30
1002200 · Muni. Forest CD#3(8176)BH	62,671.46
1006000 · Muni. Forest Saving-TD Bank6593	51,832.79
1000000 · Municipal Forest Checking	13,348.13
1000500 · Savings (BH)	7,262.12
1001000 · Muni. Forest CD #1 (0462)BH	54,108.57
1002100 · Muni. Forest CD#2(2073)BH	93,591.32
Total Checking/Savings	388,193.41
Other Current Assets	
1301003 · N/R on Grader	-0.22
1301001 · N/R on Loader	1,897.69
Total Other Current Assets	1,897.47
Total Current Assets	390,090.88
TOTAL ASSETS	390,090.88
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
20000 · Accounts Payable	2,000.00
Total Accounts Payable	2,000.00
Total Current Liabilities	2,000.00
Total Liabilities	2,000.00
Equity	
32000 · Unrestricted Net Assets	89,244.26
3000000 · Opening Balance Equity	303,401.15
Net Income	-4,554.53
Total Equity	388,090.88
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	390,090.88

Financial Reports: Collection of Delinquent Taxes and Donated Services

TOWN OF GOSHEN – COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT TAXES
JULY 1, 2022 – JUNE 30, 2023

TOTAL DELINQUENT TAXES	2022	TOTAL
To be collected:	\$29,407.80	\$29,407.80
Taxes collected:	\$25,685.46	\$25,685.46
Tax balance due as of 6/30/22:	\$ 3,722.34	\$ 3,722.34
OTHER COLLECTIONS:		
Interest	\$ 693.62	\$ 693.62
Penalties	\$ <u>2,042.83</u>	\$ <u>2,042.83</u>
TOTAL	\$ 2,736.45	\$ 2,736.45

Vickee P. Whiting
Collector of Delinquent Taxes
Goshen, VT

Delinquent Tax List
For the year 2022

Boise, Thomas
Brown, Shari
Coble, Ronald T.
Fielder, Francis G.
Grant, R.B.
Hayes, Cassandra
Hoberman, Julie
Hulten, Raymond
Kepes, Andrew
Kinsley, Roy
Kutepow, Michael
Murdock, Jane
Rantanen, David
Reed, Madine
Steen, Michael
Swahn, Jan

Town of Goshen Annual Service Contributions 2022-2023	
Addison County Restorative Justice Services, Inc.	\$150
Addison County United Way	\$100
Age Well	\$100
Counseling Service of Addison County	\$150
Elderly Services	\$100
End of Life Services (formerly Hospice Volunteer Services)	\$50
Front Porch Forum	\$50
Green-Up Day	\$50
Home Health Hospice	\$100
Hope	\$100
Parent Child Center of Addison County	\$100
Rutland County Parent Child Program	\$100
Vermont Association for the Blind and Impaired	\$50
Vermont Center for Independent Living	\$150
Women Safe	\$150
Total	\$1,500

**All Taxes are paid at the time of this printing

Vickee P. Whiting
Collector of Delinquent Taxes
Goshen, VT

Dear Citizens of Goshen:

It has been refreshing and very busy year. The new board has been all hands-on deck for a variety of expected, and unexpected, projects. We are thankful to those of you who have found the time to attend and participate in selectboard meetings over the last year; please continue to attend—we value and appreciate your input.

ROADS

The Town Hill Road Project is tracking for summer 2025. VTrans awarded Goshen and 80/20 matching grant with \$200,000 from the state and a required matching \$40,000 from Goshen. At this time, we will be bidding out the work to begin in the spring of 2025 and completed by October 2025.

The funds required for this project are estimated at around \$600,000. Because the road is adjacent to the river, we will need to hire an engineer and adhere to ANR compliance. It is our intent to complete as much of the road as possible, however, we might bid most of the road as the main bid, with an add alternate to complete the lower half.

The anticipated allocation of funds for this project are as follows:

Road Money Market account	\$235,000
Paving Investment Fund	\$117,000
<u>VTrans Grant</u>	<u>\$200,000</u>
Total	\$552,000

If there is remaining money in the road account from the current fiscal year of 2023-2024, then that money will be placed in the Road Money Market Account. There is also an annual amount of \$20K budgeted for the Paving Investment Fund that will be available to tap into for 2023-24 and 2024-25.

Please note that when the warning asks for your vote to approve the road budget totaling \$747,150 that this includes all the above line-item allocations (please see detail on road budget). The proposed amount raised by taxes \$155,150. This is up \$11,850.

Please see the Road Foreman’s Report for more details on road activities.



ARPA FUNDS

The Town of Goshen received \$48,736.43 in ARPA funds which were granted during Covid. Initially designated for specific uses, those that parameters have changed, and these monies can be used however the town would like.

DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	Total	Notes
ARPA Funds Income Received		\$ 24,362.47	
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ARPA Funds Income Received		\$ 11.49	
		\$ 48,736.43	

Air Purifiers for Town Buildings	Town Office/Hall	\$ 412.45	Completed
Digitization of Land Records	Town Office	\$ 9,770.40	Completed
Heat Pump for Town Office	Town Office	\$ 3,977.00	Completed
Replacement Windows Town Hall	Town Office/Hall	\$ 5,422.23	Completed
Video Surveillance Sign	Town Office	\$ 13.77	Completed
Double Exterior Bulletin Board - Town Office	Town Office	\$ 142.77	Completed
Single Exterior Bulletin Board - Town Garage	Town Garage	\$ 180.19	Completed
Desk and Table for Town Office	Town Office	\$ 350.00	Completed
Garden Plants for New Garden	Grounds	\$ 203.60	Completed
New Exterior Light for Town Office	Town Office	\$ 60.41	Completed
Technology Upgrades - Security Cameras	Town Office	\$ 3,830.00	Completed
New Town Hall Tables (6)	Town Hall	\$ 941.70	Completed
Town Hall Chairs (24 heavy duty with pad)	Town Hall	\$ 862.80	Completed
Tablecloths – (20) washable for Town Events	Town Hall	\$ 165.80	Completed
Chainsaw & Roadside Tools	Town Garage	\$ 1,400.00	Completed
Torches - Road Crew	Town Garage	\$ 350.00	Completed
Back-up Generator for Town Hall/Office	Town Office/Hall	\$ 3,231.60	Completed
New Town Office Sign & machinery logos	Office/Garage	\$ 1,000.00	In Progress
Back-up Emergency Generator Installation	Town Office/Hall	\$ 2,000.00	In Progress
Welland's View Cemetery – road construction	Cemetery	\$ 3,000.00	Budgeted
Interior Bulletin Board - Town Hall	Town Hall	\$ -	Donated
Refinish Floors - Town Office	Town Office	\$ 3,000.00	Planned
Minor Upgrades to Town Office	Town Office	\$ 3,000.00	Planned
Kitchen Upgrades to Town Hall	Town Hall	\$ 3,000.00	Planned
Mini-Blinds for Town Office	Town Office	\$ 300.00	Planned
		\$ 46,614.72	

	Remaining Balance	\$ 2,121.71	
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CHANGES TO ELECTED OFFICIAL'S OFFICES

On November 4, 2023, an informational meeting was held at the Town Hall to provide information on the selectboard's decision to ask voters to change the structure of some of our elected officials' offices. There are many common sense and fiduciary reasons behind this decision.



TREASURER

The selectboard is asking voters to change the position of treasurer from an elected position to an appointed position with the authority to hire a candidate from out of town. While over the last many years we have had qualified citizens in town that have been willing to run for this important role. However, it is inevitable with such a small population, that we could very well be caught in a position where we do not have a qualified candidate. This role is imperative to your tax dollars. The treasurer maintains the day-today financials, understands, and provides the correct submissions for grants reimbursement, understands the financial markets and how best to invest our money for optimum return, as well as provides monthly financials and assessments to the board. Many other towns around Vermont have moved in this direction.

CONSTABLES

State statute limits the constables in their ability to provide "true" policing to Goshen. The town is required by law to carry a "policing bond" on these elected officials, at roughly \$1,500 a year. Historically, the constables have primarily been contacted for dog/animal issues – they do not have the training, nor certifications, for any other policing matters. The state also requires training for constable positions, at a cost to our town. The two-year term, with turnover, has us potentially paying for these required trainings quite often. The certifications are applicable for other policing jobs in Vermont. We are asking voters to eliminate these positions and we will appoint an Animal Control Officer to manage animal issues around town. For other more serious matters, we have the Vermont State Police and Addison County Sherriff to call on. Many other towns around Vermont have moved in this direction.

AUDITORS

Again, our small Goshen population poses a challenge to fulfilling these elected positions. We are asking citizens to eliminate the auditor positions and allow the selectboard, in collaboration with the treasurer, to hire an outside certified CPA firm to perform an annual audit of our accounting/books. We are grateful for the many citizens over the years who were willing to provide their expertise and time to ensure our books and processes are on the up and up. Many other towns around Vermont have moved in this direction.

TECHNOLOGY

In the spring of 2023, the town received several technology upgrades. A new server was installed and elected officials using the network have access to these folders as well as password protected folders for their respective files. Solid state drives were added to computers that were older and needed more speed and disk space. The network has a cloud back up as well as hard disk backups are being initiated monthly with the back-up files stored in the vault. The network is connected to the new security system. ARPA funds were used to pay for this new system.

SECURITY

In the spring three security cameras were installed on the buildings and grounds. One inside the town office, one outside the town office facing the town hall and one placed on the town garage. There is a unique IP address to access the cameras and is only accessible using the town's network. ARPA funds were used to pay for this new system.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

As noted in the road report, the area around the town garage was cleaned up, and looks great. A new bulletin board was added to the exterior of the town garage. The plow and bollards were repainted red.

The town office sign is under repair and a new one should arrive this spring. There was a new historic looking light fixture installed along with a large new bulletin board, replacing the old rotted one.

Special thanks to Elise and Steve Sherril for their donation of a balsam tree for the town green area.

A new flower garden around the well head utilized ARPA funds for the materials with the labor and garden design donated by Tammy Walsh and Fran Viko.

There will be a new wooden flagpole installed to replace the old one this spring. It will include a solar light for the flags.

Both the town hall and town office roof's received repairs to stop leaks. A new roof will be needed on the town hall sooner than later. We hope to obtain grants to pay for this project.

The Town Hall received a good old-fashioned cleaning—and removal of many years of accumulated “stuff”. The kitchen area thoroughly cleaned and is now usable as a kitchen and not a storage room. ARPA funds were used to purchase new tables, chairs, and tablecloths. There are plans for renovations to the kitchen to add more countertop space and a more commercial stove/oven, and maybe, a new refrigerator for serving community dinners. There was also a bulletin board donated for inside the back door.

The board encourages citizens to consider renting the Town Hall for special functions. It is a great space and FREE to Goshen citizens. Once the MERP Grant is completed the upstairs will be available as well—what a great place for a concert/music venue.

MERP GRANT

The Municipal Energy Resilience Program (MERP) is a new grant program funded by Vermont Building and General Services (BGS) and administered by regional planning commissions to help communities become more energy resilient (grant is only applicable on municipal buildings). Goshen qualifies and has been placed at the top of the list of towns in dire need. We qualify for up to \$500,000 for building renovation projects for weatherization, thermal efficiency, and supplementing or replacing fossil fuel heating systems with more efficient renewable or electric alternatives. There is a revolving loan program to support future retrofit needs beyond Implementation grant funds.

Special thanks to Bob West who have been leading the charge and working with ACRP (Addison County Regional Planning Commission) to schedule and attend each of the comprehensive and free energy assessments which occurred in November. Qualified contractors performed energy audits, including blower door tests, for the town office and town hall. The town hall proved so drafty that the contractors were unable to perform a blower test. They came later in December and assessed the town garage.

We should hear soon on when the applications open for the grant. The energy audits were a pre-requisite for the grant application—which we were required to apply for. To receive this grant all buildings are required to meet ADA requirements; therefore, we will be installing of lift in the town hall and up to 25% of the grant funding can be used to meet ADA compliance.

MINI MERP GRANT

The Town of Goshen received \$4,000 to be used for a variety of community energy education and outreach events. We used some of this money for the “Button-Up” signs that were designed and created by Bob West. More to come on how this money can be used to help you learn more about optimize your energy consumption in your home.

EMERGENCY SHELTER BACK-UP GENERATOR

The town hall is designated as one of Goshen's Emergency Shelter locations. It currently does not have an adequate back-up energy source. The town recently purchased a 26kW automatic backup generator, fueled by propane. The installation will begin in the spring. The scope of this installation includes connecting the town office and town hall to one meter, therefore when the power goes out, both buildings will be powered. The town hall acts as an emergency shelter and the town office as a command center, if needed.

BRANDON FIRE DEPARTMENT CONTRACT

The selectboard has been challenged over many years to collect the charges assessed by the Brandon Fire Department for emergency calls to Goshen. The main challenge has been that often calls were for car accidents resulting on Route 73 state highway, but in Goshen, nonetheless. Actual fire calls for structure fires were being charged back to the homeowner, but often with a fair amount of time trying to collect the reimbursement from insurance companies and citizens. The selectboard met with the Brandon Fire Chief, Tom Kilpeck, and after some discussion a draft proposal was submitted by the Chief. The one-year initial contract proposal included a flat fee of \$5,000 to cover all emergency calls to Goshen, except for other departments who may be called for larger structure fires. Any other fees incurred by other towns would be additional. The contract will run October through September for the first year and considerations may be proposed for a longer 3-year contract in the future. There are numerous benefits to this contract, such as more accurate budgeting, less time chasing reimbursements, and the Brandon Fire Department welcomes Goshen citizens who would like to become fire-fighting volunteers.

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All are encouraged to regularly visit the homepage, and entire website, for important news and updates. There's an event calendar, reflecting town business and community events. Citizens are encouraged to submit events and feel free to provide feedback so we can make it better. We are going to try to be more consistent with e-newsletters in the coming year. Anyone who is interested in writing or providing photos, please reach out to goshennews@goshenvt.org

TOWN CLERK

The selectboard would like to recognize Martin Fjeld for his work as our new Town Clerk. Office hours have been extended to all day on Tuesday 9 am-4 pm with a willingness to open for scheduled appointments. Marty's collaboration with the board as well as work as selectboard clerk has been invaluable in assisting with contracts, maintaining compliance, and meeting deadlines. Thank you, Marty.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The selectboard would like to thank Dick Conrad for his many years of service on the Planning Commission and Board of Adjustment. Dick retired in the fall. We appreciate all your time and efforts on the Goshen Town Plan and the beautiful photography in it. Thank you, Dick.

ROAD FOREMAN

Last March after elections, Jim Hayes retired as Road Foreman after serving Goshen for almost 25 years and many more years on the road crew. His commitment and dedication in the wildest of weather—often sacrificing time with family during holidays and special occasions—to serve our community does not go unappreciated. His quick-wit and character are embedded in our town's history. Thank you, Jim.

AUDITOR

Many thanks to Barb Walsh for her eagle eye and commitment to Goshen. She served passionately as Auditor for more years than we can accurately state in this report. Barb retired this last summer; however, she gratefully accepted a recent reappointment to assist with completing the town report, which insured our compliance to state statute. Thank you, Barb.

TREASURER SPECIAL THANKS

Lastly, the board with like to express deep gratitude and appreciation to Vickee Whiting. Vickee retired as Treasurer after serving our community for over 12 years. She invested her time training a new Treasurer. Unfortunately, this situation did not work out. As Vickee had expressed prior to her retirement, the skill set required to maintain our books needs to be a trained professional. When the situation with the new treasurer did not work out, Vickee graciously rolled-up her sleeves and dug in to straighten us out again.

Vickee has saved the Selectboard not only with her financial guidance, ability to provide immediate answers, but also with her years of experience, and most of all her commitment to our community, adherence to state statute, legal process and procures, and her deep love of Goshen.

Respectfully Submitted,
The Goshen Selectboard



Road Foreman's Report - 2024

It has been an extraordinarily busy year. At the meeting immediately following elections, Jim Hayes, Goshen's Road Foreman for over 25 years announced his retirement.

The board needed to act quickly and work on a replacement plan. Jim was willing to stay on through the winter plowing season allowing us to focus on spring projects.

The spring was a whirlwind. The board hired Will Mathis as road crew and a plan was devised to begin cleaning up the town garage, inside, and out. Many thanks to Will, this was not an easy task. He rolled up his sleeves and dug in on this oily, dirty, and monumental, several week task. Three large dump truck loads were hauled away, along with various piles of recycled materials. Extensive grounds work was performed all around the buildings. Once the inside and outside areas were cleaned up—we were able to get in assess needed repairs.

The Goshen Highway Department V-Plow with new logos are forthcoming this spring The bollards around the buildings were also painted red. We may add another coat of red paint again this spring. The plow was set up on to get it up off the ground and easier to mow and maintain around. The floor drain tank from the garage was full and needed to be pumped immediately. With the inside emptied out—we were able to assess the building and recognize that in the near future the back wall will need to be shored up as it has been knocked off the sill. Wi-fi was added to the garage for communication accessibility and security measures.

At the same time, we began to assess the condition of all the town's road equipment and what repairs may be needed as well ensuring all vehicles are road legal and safe—we found everything to be in very poor condition.

Plow Trucks:

The town owns two large plow/dump trucks, neither of which were inspected. It was determined that the first order of business was to perform all necessary repairs, so they are legal and safe. It took some time to fully determine all the issues with each truck. After determining that the black truck would be the primary plow truck, and once in the shop, it was clear that it required significant repairs. One of the front brake cans was incorrectly installed, those had to be completely replaced. The wing was broken and replaced. We also had to purchase a new motor for the sander auger. The black truck drive shaft snapped around mid-summer, so that needed to be repaired. Both trucks are now registered and safe, however the green truck is not worth us investing more money into and we have continued to only use it for hauling gravel or sand. It has antifreeze in the engine block.

I have found and hired (with board approval) a diesel certified mechanic that will come to Goshen to work on all our machinery for larger repairs and more complicated maintenance.

Loader & Grader:

The loader and grader also have significant issues. The grader leaks a tremendous amount of oil and needs (2) new tires. The piston on the roller is broken. There are no brakes. The valve bodies need replacement. On the loader there is a steering leak, 2 leaky cylinders, a tire and an o-ring.

Green Garbage Truck & Chloride Truck

It was determined that both vehicles were no longer needed and were sold.

Grading:

In the meantime, our priority was to get out and grade the roads. We were lucky to have the expertise of Jeremy Disorda to begin the grading season. My focus was, and is, to ensure all the roads have a solid crown for shedding water. Along with grading we also added much needed gravel to several areas. This last year, the roads were graded more than the last several years combined. Thanks to each of you who reached out to offer your support and acknowledge how happy you were to drive on smooth roads this year.

Once the garage was cleaned-up we realized we did not have a lot of smaller tools to perform

road clearance and tree debris cleanup as well as the necessary tools for basic vehicle repairs. I was able to acquire several second-hand chainsaws, rakes, shovels, welding tools, and torches for the garage. We used ARPA money for these purchases.

Grants:

For 2023 we received roughly \$10,200 in Grant in Aid with required completion by the 9/30/2023. The VTrans Municipal Grants in Aid Program provides technical support and grant funding to municipalities to promote the use of erosion control and maintenance techniques that save money while ensuring best management practices are completed in accordance with the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation's Municipal Roads General Permit (MRGP.) We decided to invest the work this year into an area on Hathaway Road that had a plugged culvert and needed immediate repair. The water at times has backed up into a nearby homeowner's yard. We also used the Capital Improvement Plan that was completed in 2020 as a guideline for choosing the project as it outlines which culverts are in the most critical condition and provides direction on the order in which to repair them. We are required to update the VT Culvert GIS data to stay in compliance and to maintain accurate records of our culvert condition in town (see photo). We rented an excavator for one week for this project. We determined that while there, the next culvert up the road was also in poor condition was also repaired. A significant amount of ditching was also completed while in possession of the excavator rental. While working in this area it was also determined that a culvert on Cape Lookoff Road was plugged and without immediate repair could potentially cause a lot of damage, especially to the work that was just completed. That culvert was also replaced. All work completed meets Orange Book Standards. Thank you to Jeff Whiting for assisting with his expertise and the landowner communication and collaboration.

We have been awarded \$12,500 Grant in Aid for work to be completed by the end of 2024. No project has been determined for this money at this time. We need to do more work on the Goshen-Ripton Road, or we may use this money towards the Town Hill Road Project.

We will apply for the 2025 Grant in Aid this spring.

The Town Hill Road project is referenced in the selectboard report. We have been granted and 80/20 match from VTrans – \$200K with a \$40K match. Town Hill decisions need to be made on logistics and timeframe for allocating this money. Thomasina will be working with Jeff Whiting and Brian Sanderson on this project.

GMNF:

With all the transition, we were unaware that we had \$12,500 of GMNF that needed to be spent by the end of 2023. We were able to use this money for the washed-out culvert that occurred during the heavy rainstorm in December as well as purchasing some additional gravel.

We have another \$20,000 that will need to be spent by the end of 2025. These monies are limited to work on Goshen-Ripton Road, Silver Lake, and newly added to the contract, Flora White Road.

Storms:

Goshen experienced significant rain in July and amazingly our roads held up much better than many other towns around the state. We experienced minimal erosion requiring some gravel and grading.



South Hill, Flora White, Dutton Brook, and White Rocks Roads experienced most of the erosion. There was extensive tree blow downs and damage around town.

In December we also experienced a culvert washout on Goshen-Ripton Road that closed the road for about 16-hours. I was able to mobilize Will and Goshen Mountain Landscaping to get it in asap and get the road open. There was another culvert north of this one that will be replaced this spring because it is completely plugged. This culvert was granted a 2-year temporary permit and will need to be replaced with 2 years with larger culvert as a permanent solution—we will be seeking grant monies for this project.

In January we experienced two significant extremely high windstorms toppling trees throughout Goshen. Again, Will and GML mobilized at all hours to get the roads passable and safe.

Ditching:

There was a lot of ditching performed all over town this last year. We used the excavator that was rented to complete a lot of this work. It is important to continue to keep our water flowing in the right direction.

Brush & Bridge Clearing:

Will continued to work to clear trees away from bridges, intersections, and areas where trees could potentially interfere with the plow truck during winter months.

Driveway Access Permits:

Homeowners requesting new access to their property from the main road need to follow the proper process and submit a driveway access permit to the Selectboard. All applications are reviewed by the Road Foreman who will make a recommendation to the Selectboard and homeowner, based on Orange Book Standards. This is a state law, and the purpose is to ensure safe access for all drivers as well as assessing erosion mitigation issues. We will be assessing the water runoff from driveways and ensuring that new curb cuts driveway access permits are fully executed with requirements in place before permits are issued and approved.

Cost Saving and Hauling Gravel/Sand:

We were able to save a significant amount of money by pricing our hydraulic oil, culverts purchases and other items before buying to ensure we are getting the best prices.

With the trucks down for a few months – we contracted out some hauling of gravel and sand. As winter approached, we used the green truck for this. We were able to also save some money by strategically hauling sand at the beginning of the winter and not using the mixed sand/salt stored in the shed.

Roadside Mowing:

Len palmer performed the roadside mowing for this past year. We will continue to bid this work out in the coming year.

Sand Clearing:

When spring arrives, we will rent the street sweeper again to clean the sand off from paved intersections and steep hills. This is for safety as well as a courtesy to the homeowners living in these areas who wish to open their windows.



Winter:

As winter approached, we only had one CDL driver, Will Mathis. Therefore, it is not good practice to not have someone on back up with a CDL. The board recently made a motion to hire local citizen Chuck Steady to assist in times of emergency, and possibly providing at least a day a week for him to get the hang of the roads. In addition, another CDL driver, James McKeighan is in the process of being added to the back-up team.

New 550 Truck Purchase:

With both large trucks in poor shape the difficulty in finding CDL drivers that are available—we have been considering the purchase of a Ford 550 truck with a V-plow and sander. There are many reasons why this would be a solid and strategic investment for Goshen.

- A smaller truck like this does not require a licensed CDL driver.
- The smaller truck is much easier to maneuver on almost all our smaller dirt roads, turning around in tight parking areas, plowing intersections and the buildings and grounds areas.
- The truck could be used for several other road projects throughout the year.
- After our own research, many other surrounding towns are moving in this direction.

The board has decided to price out new and used trucks. More to come.

Budget:

In getting ahead of the game. There are overages in this year's budget due to the unexpected repairs as well as the unexpected storms.

Typically, we have employees performing almost all the work, but with only one employee and with so many storms, Goshen Mountain Landscaping has jumped in, along with Bob Laporte, and others to assist in times of emergency.

Without the crew from Goshen Mountain landscaping stepping up during these times, the trees and washouts would never have been completed in a safe and timely manner.

This new Selectboard has no tangible historical insight on real costs to operate and maintain the roads, in the summer or winter, or even a yearly average. This is a learning curve for all of us; then throw in the weather, which is different every single year. We are trying stay tight with expenses, but we also want to maintain a high standard for you, your safety, and your tax dollars.

We will need to look at how we budget line items as we move forward and develop and new way of managing the roads.

I would like to personally thank Vickee Whiting for her guidance and patience with the budget allocation and grants—Goshen is lucky to have her. And a thank you to Jeremy Disorda for jumping in this last spring to help with grading and the culvert installations on Hathaway Road. He is now leading the Town of Brandon's Road Crew.

In closing, I am truly honored to serve as your Road Foreman. I have lived here my entire life—Goshen is my heart and soul. I grew up taking care of these roads, alongside my father. Please understand that I'm committed to holding a high standard of road and equipment maintenance—as well as keeping your taxes down. Please be patient as we work to get this engine running smoothly.

I believe it is important to develop trust and respectful communication amongst our neighbors. I would respectfully request that if you have any questions, concerns, or complaints that you begin by reaching out directly to me. (802) 353-5507.

Sincerely,
Tammy Walsh,
Goshen Road Foreman



Town Clerk's Report

Vital Statistics

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Births	1	1	0	1	1
Deaths	2	2	2	2	3
Marriages	1	3	0	0	1

Property Transfers

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Number of Property Transfers	10	12	16	8	11

Property Transfers 2023

1. Francis H Clark Jr. to Clark Family Revocable Trust, 1686 Carlisle Hill Rd
2. Aaron S Corman to Michael Medeiros, 99-103 White Rocks Rd
3. Bernard A Humiston Jr. to Humiston Revocable Living Trust, 257 Hayes Rd
4. Anna E Mitchell to Timothy A Mitchell, South Hill Rd
5. Robert Murphy to Krista G Maddigan, 385 White Rocks Rd
6. Michael Kelly to Lyndsie Karcher, 637 Town Hill Rd
7. David Rantanen to Jason C Martinez, Hathaway Rd
8. Martin and Jennifer Keeler to Martin and Jennifer Keeler and Nathan Clark, 52 Silver Lake Rd
9. David Rantanen to Jason Martinez, Land on Hathaway Rd
10. Brooke Anne Lossmann to Brent M Klecka and Jennifer Stanley, 10 Hayes Rd

Dog Licenses

In 2023 there were a total of 51 dogs licensed in the Town of Goshen. The cost to license a neutered or spayed dog is \$10.00 and \$14.00 for an unaltered dog. State law requires all dog owners to license any dog over the age of six months. They also must wear their town license tag, which helps in returning dogs to their owners. You can license your dog from January 1, 2024 through April 1, 2024. Any dog that is licensed after April 1, 2024 will have an added late fee of 50% to the respective tag. All dogs must have a current rabies certificate per Title 20 V.S.A. § 3581.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Martin Fjeld
 Goshen Town Clerk

Town Clerk's Report Continued

Board of Civil Authority Report

This year the BCA reviewed the most recent voter checklist of qualified voters. The Town of Goshen has 164 registered voters, 153 of whom are verified and 11 of whom are inactive or challenged.

Town Clerk Report on Elections

The official ballot drop box is located next to the town office where it is kept locked except when there is an election and the ballots are ready. It will be checked regularly during early and absentee voting and on the night of the election will be checked by two election officials at 7:00pm and then locked until the next election in accordance with 17 V.S.A. § 2543a. Town Meeting will occur on Monday, March 4, 2024 at 7:00pm at the Goshen Town Hall, 34 Carlisle Hill Rd. Town Meeting will have a floor vote on the proposed Articles including the town budget and road budget. This year will have the Presidential Primary vote coincide with the town Australian ballot for Town Offices and relevant Articles on Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at the Goshen Town Hall. Voting will be open from 9:00am – 7:00pm when the polls close.

A reminder that in person voting for the General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024 at the Goshen Town Hall with the polls open from 9:00am – 7:00pm. Early and Absentee Voting information and ballot requests can be found at:

<https://sos.vermont.gov/elections/voters/early-absentee-voting/>

If you have any questions about early or absentee voting, please call or visit your town clerk. If you need additional assistance you can email the Elections Division at sos.elections@vermont.gov, or call 800-439-VOTE.

Respectfully Submitted,
Martin Fjeld
Goshen Town Clerk

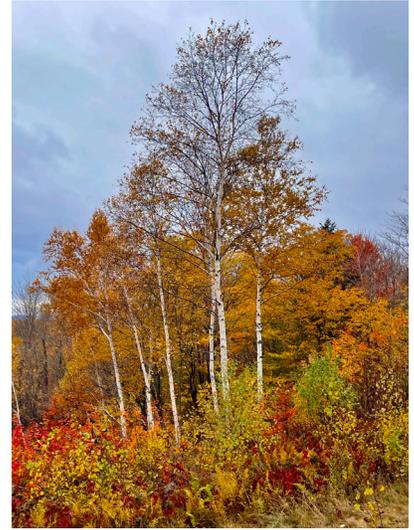


Auditors' Report

After reviewing the books July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, a few errors were found on purchase orders and time sheets.

Respectively submitted:

Goshen Auditors
Barbara Walsh
Frances Viko
Lauri Lovell



Listers' Report

Barb, Madine and Fran have spent the first half of the year updating our files. We inspected individual parcels of land that we felt necessary. Again this year we did not go into the owners homes.

The second half of the year, we worked with our State advisor on their new digital computer programs on how to report ongoing changes to properties, transfers of property and numerous other tasks that the State now requires. Many properties are selling for twice or three times what we have them listed for. The State highly recommends that we get on the list for a whole town re-appraisal and we are working on that as all the State appraisers are fully booked into the next five to seven years! All the Lister files have been totally updated with maps, transfer info, permits, etc. so the town has a paper trail as residents constantly request information.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Walsh, Chair
Fran Viko
Madine Reed



Planning Commission Report

The Town of Goshen Planning Commission has five members: Chad Chamberlain, Richard Conrad, Jim Pulver, Annina Seiler and Madine Reed. Monthly business meetings are held at the Goshen Town Hall on the third Monday of each month. Meetings begin at 7:00 pm

The Planning Commission is currently revising the Town of Goshen Zoning Bylaws and Subdivision Regulations. Every eight years, following the revision of the Goshen Town Plan, the Bylaws are reviewed and brought into compliance with the current Town Plan. This is required by Vermont law.

Respectfully,

Chad Chamberlain, Chair

Board of Adjustment Report

No report submitted.

Zoning Administrator Report

Since assuming duties in July I have worked on four zoning permit applications and filed them with the Town Clerk. I answered questions and clarified the Goshen regulations with various citizens.

The Goshen Zoning Regulations are available on the Goshen website www.goshenvt.org and available in hard copy at the Town Office. If you are planning any project including building, altering or other similar project please let me know so that I can determine whether or not a permit is required. I can be reached by telephone at: (802) 465-8098 or email at: zoning@goshenvt.org.

Keith O. Arlund
521 Deer Run Road
Brandon, VT 05733

Goshen Municipal Forest Board Report

FY 2022-2023: The Board encourages Townspeople to visit the forest and utilize the recreational opportunities in the forest. The log roads provide good trails for hiking and winter sports along with good opportunities for hunting and fishing.

The Board thanks Dave Todd for his work on water bars and roadside brush removal.

Beaver problems continue to threaten the road periodically and are addressed as they arise. The Intersection of Basin Brook and The Middle Road was the main problem this year.

The Forester completed the inventory of the separate stands in the Forest and has recommended future management actions. The next step is to combine the inventory with the recommendations on wildlife habitat improvements by the Fish and Wildlife Department Biologist. The Forester will make recommendations on the potential for a maple lease in the forest. The final report will recommend management actions to the Board.

See the Town Forest Income and Expense page and the Forest Balance sheet in the Town Treasurer's section.

Budget for FY 2023-24

Roadside Mowing - \$150

Road repairs - \$2,000

Log road erosion Repairs- \$850

Update Forest Plan - \$2,000

Cemetery Commissioners' Report

1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023

David Sabatini has performed grounds maintenance for this period. Funds expended are included in the Treasurer's Report.

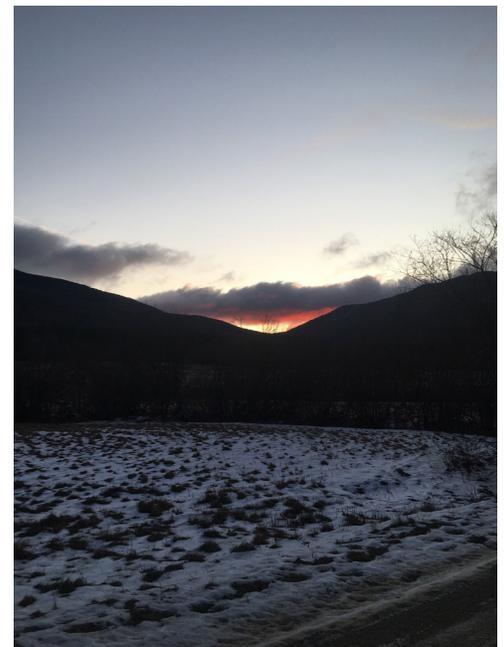
At Town Meeting in March 2023 an article passed to have a Cemetery Commission of three people rather than a committee of three to oversee the cemeteries. Initial Commissioners were appointed by the Selectboard.

They are:

Lee Baker

Diane O'Classen

Ken Brown



Goshen Gap at Sunrise
Photo by Jan Bishop

Emergency Management Report

For those of you who might not know me, my name is Ethan West and I was appointed Emergency Management Director (EMD) by the Select Board in the spring of 2023. I live on Cape Lookoff Rd. on the South end of Goshen. I am also a firefighter on the Brandon Fire Dept.

Much of my work in 2023 has been focused on listening, learning and attending various in person and online trainings on emergency management and emergency preparedness. This includes taking the 8 hour Vermont Local Emergency Management Course which covers the basics of the job and attending Municipal Day in Montpelier to take relevant classes. I have also held meetings with Seth Hopkins and Larry Plesent, Brandon and Rochester's EMDs respectively, to open lines of communications and explore ways to collaborate when emergency situations impact our area.

It has becoming increasingly clear that the greatest threats to our small mountain town are weather related. Severe rain/snow events and related flooding along with strong winds and associated power outages are increasing in intensity and frequency. Given Goshen's geographic isolation and limited infrastructure, it's important that everyone in town personally prepare and work together as a community during severe weather events. Despite their best efforts, emergency services and Green Mountain Power can quickly become overwhelmed during these events and service may be delayed leaving us a bit on our own. I'm happy to discuss the details of emergency preparedness on an individual basis, just let me know.

Moving forward I'd like to make myself as available as possible to the people of Goshen before, during and after any emergency situations and weather events. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me at any time with questions, concerns or ideas. My contact info is below. Also a friendly reminder to first call 911 in an emergency.

Lastly, I'd like to thank my predecessor Dave McKinnon for his many years of service as EMD for the town of Goshen. He has been very helpful assisting me with the transition and deserves our gratitude for his past work.

Ethan West - Emergency Management Director - Goshen, VT.

802-989-2901 (Call and/or Text)
ethan@republicofvermont.com

Fire Warden's Report

No report submitted.

Energy Coordinator Report

The energy coordinator helps the town of Goshen and its residents to find ways to save energy. With the help of the select board, I applied for the MERP grant which will provide the town with up to \$500,000 in funds to make the town hall, town garage, and clerk's office more energy efficient.

I am looking forward to 2024/25 BUTTON UP GOSHEN.

Bob West
Goshen Energy Coordinator

Health Officer Report

No report submitted.

911 Coordinator Report

The State of VT 911 board is searching Air B&B listings for disconnected buildings in need of numbering and have notified me of one in Goshen. I will be contacting that individual in January 2024 to provide them with a number for this separate dwelling. Any dwelling used for accommodations requires its own 911 address.

Only one address has been added this year- Robin and Brian Gentry McGee, added 1189 Goshen Ripton Road, just south of Blueberry Hill and across from Dutton Brook Road on the east side of the road. There are no structures on site currently.

The 911 system in Vermont is only as good as the information and data that drives it. Contact me if you need to add a 911 address.

~Shari B

911coordinator@goshenvt.org



Local Health Office Annual Report: 2023

Middlebury Local Health Office | 156 S. Village Green, Suite 102, Middlebury VT
802-388-4644 | AHS.VDHMiddlebury@Vermont.gov

Twelve Local Health Offices around the state are your community connection with the Vermont Department of Health. **The Middlebury Local Health Office provides essential services and resources to towns in Addison County.** Some highlights of our work in 2023 are below. For more information, visit HealthVermont.gov/middlebury

WIC Welcomes Clients In-Person

When the COVID-19 waivers ended, the Middlebury District Office was able to resume in-person Women, Infants, & Children (WIC) services.

This kickoff event was successful, drawing over 100 attendees eager to reconnect. At this event staff met participants, taught about nutrition and shared VT state park passes. Since the start, the WIC team has been meeting clients by phone and in person. They also continue to reach out to families to educate them about WIC services.

802 Smiles

The 802 Smiles initiative is working to improve dental care access, education and prevention.

Our office is working with Vermont's 802 Smiles program and local schools to improve oral health services for students. We will be collaborating to improve infrastructure and increase capacity, making it easier for students to get care. Including oral health in schools ensures students understand the importance of dental health and have access to necessary resources.

Emergency Preparedness

Our office works with community partners to strengthen emergency preparedness and response.

During the recent flood emergency, our office distributed important information and resources. We distributed water test kits and promoted safety for pedestrians, cyclists and drivers through education and reflector distribution. We worked with the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) to offer “Stop the Bleed” training at various locations, including local farms. To learn more about “Stop the Bleed” or to request training, please contact us!



Addison County Regional Planning Commission

14 Seminary Street Middlebury, VT 05753 • www.acrpc.org • Phone: 802.388.3141

Annual Report –Year End June 30, 2023

The Addison County Regional Planning Commission (ACRPC) provided the following technical assistance and planning to the Region during its 2023 fiscal year:

Regional and Municipal Planning and Mapping

- Worked with Orwell, Waltham, Ferrisburgh and Vergennes on Municipal Planning Grants.
- Worked with Bristol, Lincoln and Shoreham on Bylaw Modernization projects focused on housing.
- Represented the Region in Act 250 and Section 248 hearings.
- Assisted municipalities in applying for Village Center Designation: Cornwall, Ferrisburgh.
- Designed and conducted a Regional Housing Survey.

Educational Meetings and Grants

- Hosted educational workshops on planning topics, including housing, planning essentials and flood resiliency bylaws..
- Wrote or provided information and support to communities and organizations to secure grant funding.

Emergency Planning

- Worked with Addison County’s Regional Emergency Management Committee (REMC) and Vermont Emergency Management staff to assist with municipal emergency planning and training.
- Helped communities create Local Emergency Management Plans (LEMPs) & Local Hazard Mitigation Plans (LHMPs)
- Updated Mutual Aid agreements for Public Works Departments.
- Administered two Flood Resilient Communities Fund (FRCF) grants.
- Administered one Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant.
- Assisted Vermont Emergency Management and FEMA with summer flooding response.

Energy Planning:

- Helped all towns access capacity grants and energy assessments through the Municipal Energy Resilience Program.
- Worked with Efficiency Vermont and municipalities to implement enhanced energy plans.
- Provided energy scorecards for municipalities to track progress on state and local energy efficiency goals.
- Developed an online map of renewable energy resources and siting.

Transportation Planning

- Supported the Addison County Transportation Advisory Committee’s regional priorities and studies.
- Supported Tri-Valley Transit by providing leadership and technical support.
- Worked with municipalities to reduce road erosion from local roads.
- Assisted Towns with bike and pedestrian, Better Roads and stormwater grants.
- Served as a Municipal Project Manager for projects in Middlebury, Vergennes and New Haven.
- Sponsored town transportation planning studies.
- Conducted traffic and pedestrian studies and hosted the regional Walk/bike council meetings.
- Provided local oversight fora Planning and Environmental Linkages Study for Vergennes and surrounding communities

Natural Resources Planning

- Actively supported the efforts of the Addison County River Watch Collaborative.
- Worked with municipalities to support conservation commissions.
- Served as the Clean Water Service Provider for the Otter Creek Basin
- Provided educational outreach supporting the Otter Creek Tactical Basin Plan update.
- Assisted in stormwater planning projects and Ecosystem Restoration Program grants.

Brownfields Planning

- Administered EPA-funded Community Wide Assessment grant for brownfield sites

Addison	Bridport	Bristol	Cornwall	Ferrisburgh	Goshen	Leicester
Lincoln	Middlebury	Monkton	New Haven	Orwell	Panton	Ripton
Salisbury	Shoreham	Starksboro	Vergennes	Waltham	Weybridge	Whiting





ADDISON COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

The Addison County Solid Waste Management District is a union municipal district formed in 1988 to cooperatively and comprehensively address the solid waste management interests of its 21 member municipalities: Addison, Bridport, Bristol, Cornwall, Ferrisburgh, Goshen, Leicester, Lincoln, Middlebury, Monkton, New Haven, Orwell, Panton, Ripton, Salisbury, Shoreham, Starksboro, Vergennes, Waltham, Weybridge and Whiting. The District is governed by a Board of Supervisors (Board) comprised of one representative and one alternate appointed by each of the member municipalities. The Board holds hybrid meetings on the 3^d Thursday of the month at 7 PM, and the Executive Board meets monthly 8 days prior to the Board at 4:30 PM. All meetings are open to the public.

District Mission

To seek environmentally sound & cost effective solutions for: (1) Promoting **waste reduction**; (2) Promoting **pollution prevention**; (3) Maximizing **diversion** of waste through reuse, recycling and composting; and (4) Providing for **disposal** of remaining wastes.

District Office and Transfer Station

Telephone: (802) 388-2333

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Website: www.AddisonCountyRecycles.org

E-mail: acswmd@acswmd.org

Transfer Station Hours: M-F, 7 AM–3 PM & Sat, 8 AM–1 PM

Office Hours: M-F, 8 AM–4 PM

HazWaste Center Hours: M-F, 8 AM–2 PM & Sat, 8 AM–1 PM

The District Office, Transfer Station and HazWaste Center are co-located at 1223 Rt. 7 South in Middlebury. The Transfer Station accepts large loads of waste and single stream recyclables for transfer to out-of-District facilities. District residents and businesses may drop off a variety of other materials for reuse, recycling and composting. A complete list of acceptable items and prices can be found on the District's website.

2023 Highlights

New Regional Residential Drop-off. The ACSWMD is developing a new regional residential solid waste transfer station at 65 Campground Road in New Haven, Addison County, VT. This regional facility will serve all 21 member towns of the District. District surveys and experience over the past 30 years have demonstrated that the hub and spoke system of town drop-offs feeding into the District Transfer Station in Middlebury, VT lacks a substantive depot, open some weekdays and on Sats., that can accept a variety of recyclables along with residential bagged Municipal Solid Waste (MSW). This new facility, while not intended to replace the small-town drop-offs, is intended to offer a sustainable system to provide more comprehensive and accessible service for residents. All relevant environmental and solid waste permits have been obtained by the District. The District contracted with Champlain Construction for Phase 1 construction. The scope of the work in Phase I, to be completed in early 2024, includes some site work: erosion control, concrete pads, paving, storm drain, buried retaining wall, driveway, landscaping, gate, and two concrete bunkers. The District will arrange for a private vehicle to park during Phase 1. In Phase 2, with a goal toward CY2025 construction, the new regional residential transfer station will be constructed and fully staffed, and will accept residential single stream recyclables, food scraps, leaf & yard debris, scrap metal, electronics (E-Waste), MSW, fluorescent light bulbs, tires, books, plastic film/bags, and confidential documents for shredding/ recycling. A new regional HazWaste (HHW) Center is planned for Phase 3 in CY2026.

HHW Extended Producer Responsibility Law. In 2023, Vermont enacted the first-in-the nation Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Extended Producer Responsibility Law. H.67 requires producers of hazardous household products to safely collect and dispose of them. It is the eighth Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) law enacted in Vermont, second only to California with its number of successful EPR programs. EPR is a legislative tool that extends a manufacturer's responsibility for its product throughout all lifecycle stages. Under an EPR program, financial and management responsibility for products is shifted away from local governments and back to the manufacturer. The District has been participating in numerous planning sessions to obtain an EPR law for HHW since 2017 and will continue these efforts in the coming years along with the VT Department of Environmental Conservation and other solid waste planning entities to ensure successful implementation of this critical program. The program goals include a reduction in public sector costs for managing HHW, increased education and outreach about safe management and reduction in generation of HHW, and incentives for producers to design products that are less toxic in the future.

2024 Annual Budget

The ACSWMD Board of Supervisors adopted its 2024 Annual Budget, including the Rate Schedule for CY2024, on Nov. 16, 2023. The new rates will take effect on Jan. 1, 2024. As with prior years, the 2024 Annual Budget will be funded by a combination of: (1) tip fees collected at the Transfer Station; (2) a per-ton District Fee on all waste generated within the District and destined for disposal; (3) donations or fees at special events sponsored by the District; (4) the sale of items such as compost bins; (5) grants, if available; (6) profit sharing of scrap metal; and (7) manufacturer EPR reimbursements. **There will be no assessments to member municipalities in CY2024.** The new tip fee for Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) & Construction/Demo Debris (C&D) at the District Transfer Station in Middlebury will be \$148/ton, a \$3/ton increase. Rates on a few other items will have nominal changes. For a copy of the 2023 Annual Report and/or adopted CY2024 Rate Sheet, please call the District at 802-388-2333, or e-mail the office at acswmd@acswmd.org. Both are also available on the District's website at www.AddisonCountyRecycles.org.

Otter Creek Watershed Insect Control District 2023 End of the Year Report

After a Town Meeting Day vote and other required approvals, the Town of Proctor became the 6th member town of the Otter Creek Watershed Insect Control District (OCW) on 12 May 2023. Congratulations and welcome!

In mid-February the OCW found out via a Vermont Public Radio news item that a new Rule for the Control of Pesticides was being promulgated by the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food, and Markets (VAAFMM). That new rule went into effect on 24 February 2023 and required the OCW to submit, no later than 1 February, a comprehensive permit application to conduct mosquito adulticide applications. The 50+ page application package was submitted to VAAFMM on 24 March. The OCW was issued an interim (6 month) permit for adulticiding on 16 May. At that point you'll recall that the mosquitoes were awful bad... the OCW call center phone was ringing off the hook with requests for service. You'll also recall that the very next night the entire district experienced a hard freeze, almost wiping the slate clean. Then it rained... and rained some more, which both provided ideal conditions for mosquito hatching and precluded treatment on far too many nights. Consequently, this spring and summer the nuisance level of biting insect activity in OCW member towns was way above average. The situation improved significantly in early September.

The OCW received 845 calls from district residents requesting nuisance mosquito control: 171 from Brandon, 16 from Goshen, 364 from Leicester, 206 from Pittsford, 19 from Proctor, and 69 from Salisbury. That number of service requests represents a 208% increase from last year. One hundred four owners opted out of adulticide spraying adjacent to their property: 23 from Brandon, 9 from Goshen, 16 from Leicester, 13 from Pittsford, 15 from Proctor, and 28 from Salisbury. That number of no spray requests represents a 20% increase from last year. For reference, 2020 census data showed just over 4,500 households in the district.

On Town Meeting Day in March Salisbury community members voted not to pay for adult mosquito control for the fiscal year that started July 1, 2023. Consequently, as also happened in 2022, only larviciding service is being provided for the Town of Salisbury. In March 2024, Salisbury residents will consider returning to full service. Recognizing that the lack of adult control efforts would negatively impact their members, in July the Lake Dunmore Fern Lake Association raised money via private donations to pay the OCW for adulticide spraying along the private roads in Salisbury immediately adjacent to Lake Dunmore. Sufficient money was collected to provide that service through 30 June 2024.

One of the conditions appended to the adulticide permit was that the OCW could only use PermaSease® (a synthetic pyrethroid pesticide) to control adult mosquitoes; use of Fyfanon® (an organophosphate pesticide in the malathion family) was not allowed. Heretofore the OCW has interjected malathion applications into the spraying schedule to prevent building resistance to permethrin in the mosquito population. In September the OCW submitted mosquito egg samples for resistance testing by an approved laboratory. Results showed no resistance to permethrin. However, only having one pesticide approved for adult control will be a continuing concern.

In November 2022 the OCW Board of Trustees approved a new assessment algorithm, to go into effect in 2024, for apportioning district expenses among the six member towns. That algorithm uses the following factors and weights for determining each town's assessment: equalized education grand list (25.9%), acres of Class 2 wetlands (21.6%), number of dwelling units (26.3%), and adulticide spray route(s) road miles in the town (26.3%). Those factor weights will vary slightly year-to-year based on the ratios of overhead, to larvicide operations, to adulticide operations expenses in the OCW budget. The prices of the two Perma-Sease adulticides we use went up by 34% and 55% this year and the OCW really needs to start replacing our ancient truck fleet (one truck died this year and the other five trucks all have been driven more than 99,000 miles... with two approaching 200,000 miles). Consequently, the 2024 OCW budget will increase by 5% (\$11,816).

A reminder: No Spray requests must be renewed annually and should be submitted to the OCW no later than April 15th. Requests received after April 15th will be honored, but there could be a delay between the request and marking the property, which could result in the property being sprayed. If a No Spray Zone request was submitted for the preceding year AND there have been no changes in ownership, contact information, or property boundaries, an email sent to the OCW containing the 911 address and requesting No Spray Zone status again for the current year will suffice. The OCW email address is: ocwicd@gmail.com. If a No Spray Zone request was NOT submitted for the preceding year and/or there have been changes in ownership, contact information, or property boundaries, a letter must be submitted listing the name(s) of the property owner(s), his/her/their contact telephone number(s), the 911 address of the property, and include a property map which clearly shows the property boundaries along the public or private road(s). The OCW mailing address is: PO Box 188, Brandon, VT 05733. For additional details please visit: <https://ocwicd.com/adulticide-program>. If you would like to receive email notifications about adulticide spraying planned for your location, please send an email to ocwicd@gmail.com with your name, E-911 physical address, and town.

Kudos again to Will Mathis, the OCW Operations Coordinator, and to Jeremy New and Kerry White for their long hours this season attempting to keep nuisance mosquito populations at tolerable levels. As mentioned in last year's report, additional part-time staff would be most welcome. For job particulars please contact Will, who can be reached via the OCW call center (802-247-6779) or the email address above.

At the OCW Board of Trustees Annual Meeting on 8 November 2023, Jeff Schumann (Salisbury) was elected Chair, Doug Perkins (Leicester) was elected Vice-Chair, Lynne Peck (Leicester) was elected Treasurer, Steve Belcher (Pittsford) was re-elected Secretary, and Jeff Whiting (Goshen) was elected Auditor. The Board is composed of two representatives and one alternate from each member town, appointed by each town's Select Board. Currently, there are openings on the OCW Board for the towns of Pittsford and Salisbury. Anyone interested in serving as an OCW representative should contact their Select Board.

Thank you for your continued support for mosquito control in the Otter Creek watershed.

Respectfully submitted,
Doug Perkins, Outgoing Chair
OCW Board of Trustees



In the first full year of the Goshen Historical Society, we have had growth and we would love to have more of you join us to continue this trend. The GVTHS is a 501c3, non-profit organization, with by-laws and elected officers, that was formed for the purpose of researching, documenting, preserving and revealing the rich history of Goshen and its' people. We welcome anyone with an interest in the history of Goshen and of the people that settled here over the past 231+/- years. Meetings for the GHS are held monthly on the first Monday of the month at 7 pm at the Goshen Town Hall, except for March, July and September. Those months' meeting dates will be posted as to when or if they will be held, prior to that month.

For 2023 activities, we started with a "Dug-Way Ice-Out" 50-50 contest. Tickets were sold with a date and time chosen by the purchaser as to when the ice would melt off the ledges in the 'dug-way' on Rt.#73 East of Churchill House. Tickets (guesses) for the 2024 "Dug-Way Ice-Out" 50-50 will go on sale February 15th for one month. One dollar (\$1.00) affords you the chance of guessing the correct day and time the ice will be off the ledges. The closest date and time wins! Contact any officer or e-mail us at: membership@goshenvermonthhistoricalsociety.org

The 7th of May 2023 we hosted a "World War 11 Event" at the Brandon American Legion Post #55. Many interesting displays of war time subjects were set up by local Brandon and area folks who were invited to be in attendance. Information on many local 'Veterans' of WW11 was collected and displayed that Sunday afternoon. On November 11th of 2023 there was an 'Open House' held at the Goshen Town Hall. Several items and pictures were on display and our 2024 Goshen Historical Society calendars went on sale. For those who might still want to purchase a GHS 2024 calendar, we have them available. There are two different style copies, each at \$15.

As for the immediate future, plans are in the works for GHS t-shirts, Historical Markers to be placed on our town owned buildings and placemats to be designed with info and pictures about Goshen on them, which we hope to sell at some point in the next year. Fundraisers and applying for grants, we hope to obtain, will help pay for future projects. As a Historical Society we have joined the VT. Historical Society and have met with a representative from there to discuss what they offer for help to individual local societies. More to come from this contact. We have also met with and talked to the Ripton and East Middlebury Historical Societies. Interesting ideas and pointers were gleaned from them on managing a local Historical Society, as they have been operating for some time now. The knowledge gained will help us to become a more active, vibrant group of historians!

East Middlebury HS invited us to a presentation given by Max and Lois Kraus, formerly of Dutton Brook Rd. in Goshen, about the research they had done on 'one-room schools' in Addison County. Goshen's was included in it! The Kraus' gave a very interesting picture of what one-room school life was like.

The GHS has plans for more informational and fun events in the coming months. Hopefully we will see you there. **By the way - Did you know?** At the Town Meeting held at the Goshen Town Hall in March 1933, a man named Harvey N. Rickert, age 61, died of a heart attack during the afternoon portion of the meeting. The meeting was adjourned to the following afternoon for the completion of business. Mr. Rickert had lived in Goshen about ten years. He had just been elected to the position of both 'lister' and 'constable' earlier in the day. Harvey was married to the former Zula Chamberlain of North Goshen, daughter of Harlan and Laura Dutton Chamberlain. Mr. Rickert and his family lived in the house directly across the bridge from the Civil War Monument at the time of his death.

Visit the Goshen Historical Society at: www.goshenvermonthhistoricalsociety.org or check us out on FaceBook at bit.ly/GVTHSfacebook for information on officers, by-laws, meeting days and time and for a membership application.

Photos from the WW 11 event we held at the Brandon American Legion on May 6, 2023



**RUTLAND NORTHEAST SUPERVISORY UNION
ANNUAL BOARD REPORT
January 2024**

The Rutland Northeast Supervisory Union (RNESU) Board has been dealing with the ESSER Cliff that I mentioned to you last year. This means that all of the COVID monies we had received from the Federal Government have been depleted. The Administration has made some very hard decisions about what positions to keep within our budget that benefits our children the most. We decided that it made sense to keep the following previously ESSER funded positions in the current budget: a communications coordinator, elementary special education coordinator, a school psychologist, a mental health coordinator, and an out of district LEA. The Board made the decision this year to increase the number of Pre-K lottery slots from 5 to 10. This will allow additional families who cannot access our Pre-K programs to use state funds to attend a Pre-K program outside of our district. We are faced with a 16.4% increase in health care costs for our staff that is negotiated at the state level and is out of our control. Therefore, our budget reflects an 11.85% increase in spending. We have made no significant changes in programming.

We are currently hiring for bus drivers and paraprofessionals, so if you or someone you know are looking for a rewarding position, check us out!



I would like to take this opportunity to thank Rebecca Watters for her tireless work on behalf of the RNESU Board, as she is not seeking re-election. It is with a mixture of sadness and pride that we say goodbye to our Special Education Director, Marsha Bruce, who is retiring after many years of selfless dedication to our students.

Thank you for your support of our schools, staff and students! We are committed to the education of all of our students. If you should have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact a board member or use the Reach Out! button on any school website.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie Bertrand
RNESU Board Chair





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Dear Residents of Brandon, Chittenden, Goshen, Leicester, Mendon, Pittsford, Sudbury, & Whiting:

I am pleased to write this report to capture RNEsu, Otter Valley Unified Union and Barstow Unified Union activities for 2022-2023. Although each town and school within our system is unique, we are committed to supporting OVUU and BUU working together toward achieving RNEsu's vision and mission of educating every child in our eight towns. This report summarizes the talent and dedication of the staff in providing learning opportunities for all students despite the lingering challenges of the pandemic. I want to emphasize how honored and privileged I am to continue to work within such a resilient, passionate, and innovative community.

Over this current school year, we began the collaborative process to identify the hopes, dreams, and aspirations we have for our children and the competencies that best reflect the skills, characteristics, and traits needed to achieve that vision, otherwise known as "**Strategic Planning.**" We will build on past experiences to ensure that current and future students have opportunities to explore their interests and leave prepared to engage as positively contributing members of an ever-evolving society. This cohesive work will provide our roadmap for our work as we journey towards becoming a district of excellence.

In 2022-2023, each of our schools across the system took stock and measure of our academic, social, emotional, and behavioral growth priorities to support positive student outcomes. RNEsu educators across the system prioritized the core work of teaching and learning, working to develop and refine student-focused measurable outcomes. It is through a focus on these outcomes, and other data sources, that our schools and educators are able to honestly reflect on how well our systems are operating and where we need to improve. In 2022-2023, RNEsu schools and educators focused on the work of attending to Vermont's Act 173 legislation, asking for a commitment to:

1. Ensure elementary Tier 1 core instruction meets the needs of most students;
2. Provide additional instructional time outside core subjects aligned to the core instruction, to students who struggle, rather than providing interventions instead of core instruction;
3. Ensure students who struggle receive all instruction from highly skilled teachers;
4. Create or strengthen a systems-wide approach to supporting positive student behaviors based on expert support; and
5. Provide students having more intensive support needs with specialized instruction from skilled and trained experts.

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In RNESU schools and across Vermont, we are committed to making sure each and every student thrives, improving outcomes for ALL students, while also accelerating growth for students that need the most support. In the 2022-2023 school year, we also sought to amplify the voices of our students - those most affected by District decisions – by developing a Student Advisory Council and engaging in “listening walks” in each of our schools. This focus and commitment continues in 2023-2024, with expanded opportunities for student voice in each of our schools, and engagement with student groups around Strategic Planning.

As you review the 2022-2023 annual report, I hope you take the time to reflect on this past school year and all that we accomplished together, while knowing that we still have much work to do as a school system and community. This proposed budget reflects the services and resources to support a student-centered educational program that will help our students flourish. I know from personal experience the transformational power of a great public education and have seen the positive difference it makes for individuals, families, and communities. The health of our greater community depends on the excellence of our public schools, and I am committed to making them work for every one of our children. Thank you for your continued support of each and every student. Together, we can ensure that our children receive the public education they deserve and support they need to achieve their hopes and dreams.



In partnership,
Kristin Hubert, Superintendent
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**Please read the full
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District Annual Report
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OTTER VALLEY UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANNUAL BOARD REPORT
JANUARY 2024

OTTER VALLEY
UNIFIED UNION
SCHOOL DISTRICT

Happy New Year!

COVID still haunts us. We are still seeing the impact of the pandemic on our kids' academics and their social and emotional well-being. Our administration, teachers and staff are doing everything possible to keep the learning going in our classrooms and schools. Now we find ourselves on the edge of the ESSER Cliff that is making for some hard decisions. As many of you know, ESSER were funds from the Federal Government to help us work thru the pandemic by allowing us to hire more staff to help our students who had fallen behind academically and to help with their social and emotional health as we navigated a return to our new “normal”. These positions were temporary as the funding only lasted for three years. We are currently in that final year. We have had to make decisions about which positions we felt were necessary to keep in our local budgets that had previously been paid with federal funding (ESSER).



Not only did we have to make those hard decisions, but new legislation from the State of Vermont in the form of Act 127 also challenged those decisions. Starting with the 2024-2025 budget, Act 127 states that if we kept our per pupil spending below a 10% increase, (what they are calling guardrails), then our communities would only see an increase of 5% on our tax rate. Also, if we stayed within the guardrails this year, we could continue to use this method for the next 4 years. This all sounds like great news right? However, there is one piece of the puzzle that is out of our control. That is the Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) in each of our towns. Home sales have been much higher in all of our towns than what is reflected in the grand lists. Therefore, the CLA in all of our towns has dropped significantly this year. This means that although we are capped at a 5% increase in the school tax rate, the CLA will adjust that tax rate for each town. Unfortunately, the School Board does not have any control over the CLA. However, due to the drops in each of our member towns, each town will be seeing a significant jump in their tax bill.



The Board has been looking down the road 5 to 10 years and have renewed their vision of the possibility of a middle school model and how that might look in our schools. Currently, a middle school model encompasses grades 6 thru 8. To have the most effect, all 3 of those grades should be in the same spot. The Board will be looking at how we might add on to Otter Valley to accommodate that vision. We are just starting this endeavor, so feel free to let us know what you think.





While I am on that topic, the Board has been discussing ways to engage the community. We realize that we need to start coming to the people and wonder how we might be able to do that. If you have any suggestions, we would love to hear them. We want to work together for the success of all of our students.

If you or someone you know are thinking about a career change, we are currently hiring bus drivers and paraprofessionals. Come join the team!

The last thing I would like to do is say thank you to Rebecca Watters and Greg Bernhardt who have been outstanding board members, as they will not be seeking re-election this year. They will certainly be missed.

Thank you for your support of our kids, staff and schools! As always, feel free to contact a Board Member with any questions you might have, or use the Reach Out! button on any school website. We look forward to hearing from you!

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie Bertrand
OVUU Board Chair



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