

**READING, VERMONT  
TOWN AND SCHOOL DISTRICT  
2021 ANNUAL REPORT  
For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021**



**Informational Meeting**

**Saturday, February 26, 2022**

**9:00 AM at the Reading Elementary School**

**Town of Reading Annual Meeting and  
Windsor Central Unified Union School District**

**Australian Ballot Voting**

**Tuesday, March 1st, 7:00 AM—7:00 PM**

**At the Reading Town Hall**

# Please READ !!!!!!!!

Due to the change to Australian Ballot voting, there is no in person  
Town Meeting.

There will be an *informational* meeting held on  
Saturday, February 26, at 9 A.M. in person

At the time of this printing, there is not a plan to have the meeting  
available via ZOOM.

Should this change due to Covid restrictions,  
the connection code for ZOOM will be announced with  
Front Porch Forum, bulletin boards and the Town website.

Please e-mail questions that you would like answered regarding the articles  
on the warning or any of the reports to ***readingvermont@comcast.net***

Voting on the **Town** warning articles will be done with Australian Ballot.  
Requests for absentee ballots will be available through the Town Clerk's  
office starting on **2/9/22**. Details on how you can vote your ballot will be  
included with the ballot.

**If you would like to vote the Windsor Central Unified Union School  
District ballot, you will need to request an absentee ballot or vote in  
person on March 1st. To request an absentee ballot, please call  
484-7250 or email [readingvermont@comcast.net](mailto:readingvermont@comcast.net).**

## Cover Photo

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Spring Brook Farm

[www.springbrookfarm](http://www.springbrookfarm)

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## Town of Reading Phone Directory

### Ambulance, Fire or State Police Dial 911

Elementary School	484-7230	www.resvt.org
Fire Department	484-3473 (fire)	
Fire Warden	484-0094 Nate Willard	802-384-2101 Greg Smith
Game Warden	802-722-4600	Dispatched by State Police
Library	484-5588	www.readinglibrary.org
Listers	484-7258	Email: rtownhall_464@comcast.net
Post Office	484-5994	
Public Works Dept	484-5122	Glen Towne: Road Foreman
State Police	802-722-4600	Non Emergency Out of Westminster
Town Office	484-7250	www.readingvt.govoffice.com
Zoning Administrator	802-296-1124	rkallen@myfairpoint.net

### Meeting Schedule Location, date & time can vary. Refer to monthly posted meeting agenda

Cemetery Commission	4th Wednesday	6 pm at Reading Town Hall
Energy Committee	3rd Thursday	7 pm at Reading Town Hall
Fire & Rescue Department	1st Tuesday	7 pm at Emergency Services Building
Fire Dept. Auxiliary	1st Monday-Qtrly	6:30 pm at Emergency Services Building
Green Space Committee	3rd Thursday -Qtrly	6:00 pm at Library Jan, April, July, Oct
Library Trustees	Last Tuesday	6 pm at Library
Planning & Zoning Commission	1st Monday	7 pm at Reading Town Hall
Reading All-Terrain Sportsman	2nd Wednesday	7 pm at Emergency Services Building
Recreation Commission	3rd Thursday	6 pm at Library
Selectboard	2nd Monday	6 pm at Reading Town Office
Snowmobile Club, Little Ascutney	2nd Thursday	7 pm at 65 Malagash Road (Sept - April)
WCUUSD	1st Monday	6:30 pm—Location see meeting agenda

#### Reading Town Office

PO Box 72 - 799 Route 106  
Reading, VT 05062  
Open Monday - Wednesday  
8 am to 4 pm  
Thursday 7:30 am—3 pm

#### Reading Public Library

PO Box 7 - 717 Route 106  
Reading, VT 05062  
Open  
Tuesday - 12 to 3 pm, 4 to 7 pm  
Thursday - 10 am to 5 pm

### Town Clerk Fees

Burn Permit	No Charge
Certified Copies	\$10.00
Civil Marriage License	\$60.00
Copies of Vital Records	\$10.00
Dog License must be registered by April 1st	
Males / Females	\$13.00
Neutered / Spayed	\$9.00
Replacement Tag	\$3.00
New Dog after 10/1	\$9 / \$7
After 4/1 add late fee	\$2.00 / \$4.00
Green Mountain Passport	\$2.00
Overweight Truck Permits - issued by Selectboard	\$10.00
Printer Copying per page	\$ .25
Recording in Land Records per page	\$15.00
Transfer Station Coupons—Garbage	\$17.50 / \$35.00
Transfer Station Coupon—Compost Waste	\$10.00
Transfer Station Vehicle Window Sticker	
Property Owner	1st sticker free - 2nd \$25.00
Renter	\$25.00
Vault Document Copies	\$1.00
Vault Time per Hour	\$4.00

### Robinson Hall Fees

Kitchen	\$75.00
Dining Room	\$75.00
Auditorium	\$150.00
Civic Organization Fees For Hall	
Kitchen	\$25.00
Dining Room	\$25.00
Auditorium	\$50.00

### Zoning Permit Fees

Accessory	\$35.00 + .04 psf
Board of Adjustment Hearings	\$200.00
Boundary Line Adjustment	\$60.00
New House	\$60.00 + .04 psf
Pools/Ponds	\$100.00
Signs	\$15.00
Site Plan Review	\$200.00
Subdivision Application	\$200.00

### Selectboard Permit

Driveway Access Permits - issued by Selectboard	\$20.00
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**Town of Reading, Vermont  
General Information  
Chartered July 6, 1761**

<b>Town Owned Real Estate</b>	Parcel Id	Acres	<b>Town Ordinances, Effective Date</b>	
Amsden Property	1236	6.57	Animal Control	5/6/1998
Cemetery, Amsden	1217	2.6	ATV Amended	5/9/2011
Cemetery, Baileys Mills	1214	0.83	Driveway Amended	12/8/2014
Cemetery, South Reading	1216	0.39	Health Amended	1/9/2006
Cemetery, Spear	1213	0.93	Highway Amended	4/9/2007
Cemetery, Swain	1218	0.38	Town Plan Amended	1/13/2020
Cemetery, Weld/Sawyer	1215	1.28	Winter Road	12/9/1996
Claude Bartley Memorial Field	1202	3.99	Zoning Amended	7/08/2019
Fire Services Building Lot	1224	5.93		
Former Reading Christian Church	1204	0.19	<b>Highway Mileage</b>	<b>Map of 10/2014</b>
Indian Stones Site, Felchville	1209	2.52	State -	7.479 miles
Library, Gilbert A. Davis	1207	0.2	Class 2 -	9.100 miles
Robinson Hall, Felchville (Trust)	1211	0.64	Class 3 -	30.240 miles
Stone School House, S. Reading	1208	0.38	Class 4 -	14.760 miles
Town Garage, Center Road	1203	5.34	Total Miles -	61.579 miles
Town Green, Felchville	1205	0.25		

**Town Owned Timber Rights**

Evarts Lot, 101.66 acres  
Land is State owned

**Acreage**

Total Town Acreage - 19,132.76 acres  
State Owned Acreage - 6,808.39 acres  
Town Owned Acreage—38.11 acres

**2020 Census**

637 (2020 Population and Housing Estimate)

**Altitudes Above Sea Level**

Felchville - 754'  
South Reading - 1274'

**Felchville Cemetery Assoc. Owned Property**

Felchville Cemetery, Parcel 1219 1.15 acres

**Historical Society Owned Property**

Universalist Church, Parcel 1221 .19 acres

**South Reading Meeting House Association**

Stone Church, Parcel 1212 .39 acres

**Registered Voters - 532**

As of 12/31/2021

**WARNING FOR ANNUAL MEETING OF THE  
TOWN OF READING, VT.**

The legal voters of the Town of Reading, Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Reading Town Hall on Tuesday, March 1, 2022, during the polling hours of 7 am to 7 pm, for the purpose of transacting during that time, voting by Australian ballot:

**March 1, 2022 - Australian Ballot Questions**

- ARTICLE 1:** To elect the following Town Officers for the ensuing year: Town Moderator, Selectperson, Lister, Auditors, Trustee of Public Funds, Library Trustee, Cemetery Commissioner
- ARTICLE 2:** Shall the voters set the date and time, by which the Town property taxes must be paid and received by the Town Treasurer, to be Friday, November 4, 2022 by 5:00 P.M?  
(No Post Marks)
- ARTICLE 3:** Shall the voters elect the Town Treasurer as Collector of Delinquent Taxes for the ensuing year?
- ARTICLE 4:** Shall the voters of the Town of Reading vote to appropriate the amount of \$688,650 (Six Hundred Eighty-Eight Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Dollars) to be raised by taxes for the Selectboard's Budget beginning July 1, 2022?
- ARTICLE 5:** Shall the voters appropriate \$1,000 (One Thousand Dollars) to Aging in Place Reading-West Windsor for localized elder care?
- ARTICLE 6:** Shall the voters appropriate \$707 (Seven Hundred Seven Dollars) to HCRS –Health Care & Rehabilitation for providing mental health services?
- ARTICLE 7:** Shall the voters appropriate \$1,000 (One Thousand Dollars) to Ottauquechee Health Foundation for health and wellness services?
- ARTICLE 8:** Shall the voters appropriate \$750 (Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars) to Spectrum Teen Center for connecting teens to the community?

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ARTICLE 9: Shall the voters appropriate \$4,000 (Four Thousand Dollars) to Visiting Nurse & Hospice of VT & NH for in-home healthcare services?

ARTICLE 10: Shall the voters appropriate \$200 (Two Hundred Dollars) to Volunteers in Action for assistance to those with special needs?

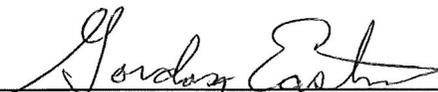
ARTICLE 11: Shall the voters appropriate \$500 (Five Hundred Dollars) to Windsor County Mentors for youth mentorships?

ARTICLE 12: Shall the voters appropriate \$300 (Three Hundred Dollars) to WISE for programs that provide crisis advocacy?

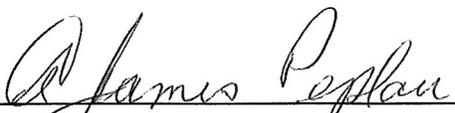
ARTICLE 13: Shall the voters authorize the Selectboard to borrow up to \$320,000 (Three Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars) for the purchase of a new pumper/tanker fire truck?

Dated this 17th day of January, 2022

By the Selectboard of the Town of Reading, VT:

  
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Gordon Eastman

  
\_\_\_\_\_

A. James Peplau

  
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Robert K. Allen

# Article 1

## Elected Officials

### MODERATOR

Robert J. Hartnett Jr. **2022**

### TOWN CLERK

Calista Brennan 2023

### TOWN TREASURER

Calista Brennan 2023

### SELECTBOARD

Robert Allen **2022**

A. James Peplau 2023

Gordon Eastman 2024

### LISTERS

Neil Muirhead **2022**

John Fike 2023

Penny Allyn 2024

### TOWN AUDITORS

Jim Waterfall **2022**

Marion Pickielnok 2023

Open Position 2024

### TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC FUNDS

Liesbeth Kozlowski **2022**

Curt Allen 2023

Kenneth Norcross 2024

### LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Vanessa Maxham **2022**

Janet Malcolm 2023

Heather Evans 2024

Bill Bakker 2025

Libbet Downs 2026

### CEMETERY COMMISSION

Susan Goodhouse **2022**

Tim Bishop 2023

Adam Kozlowski 2024

### JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

**Feb.** 2021-2024

Rayna Bishop 2024

Robert J. Hartnett Jr 2024

Jonathan Springer 2024

Mary E. Springer 2024

Steven D. Vogl 2024

Elected during general election

Windsor Central Unified Union School District

#### Voted on by Australian Ballot

School Board Members

Adam Ameele **2022**

Anna Sessa 2023

### Appointed Officials By Selectboard 2021

<b>Planning Commission/ZBA</b>	Term	<b>Recreation Commission</b>	Term
Kurt Voight - Chairperson ZBA	<b>2022</b>	Gerry Marletta	<b>2022</b>
Kevin Kaija	2023	Lisa Morrison	<b>2022</b>
Ken Cox Chairperson ZBA ( R )	2024	Shiri Macri	<b>2022</b>
Jean Goldsborough - Vice Chair ZBA	2024	Kelsey Coyle	2023
Kathy Callan-Rondeau Vice-Chair PC	2025	Stephen D'Agostino ( R )	2023
Stephen Strait - Chairperson PC	2026	Kristen Hurd	2023
Richard Windish Jr. Alt. PC/ZBA (1 Yr)	<b>2022</b>	Lisa Kaija	2024
		Dominic Lord	2024
<b>Memorial Day Administrator</b>	1 Year	<b>Green Spaces Committee</b>	<b>All 1 Year</b>
Patrick McLean	<b>2022</b>	Ann Rubright	
		Stephen D'Agostino ( R )	
<b>ECFiber Committee</b>	1 Year	Heather Evans	
John Malcolm	<b>2022</b>	Jean Goldsborough	
William Bakker ( R )		Lisa Kaija	
Gerry Marletta 1st Alternate	<b>2022</b>	Sue Mulder	
<b>SWCTAC Representative</b>		<b>Energy Committee</b>	
Gordon Eastman		Adam Ameele ( R )	<b>2022</b>
		Brian Cali	2023
<b>ARPA Committee New 2021</b>		Kevin Kaija	2024
Jon Springer - Chairperson		Bill Neukomm	2025
Sara Kobylenski - Secretary			
Marie Caduto		<b>Tree Warden</b>	<b>1 Year</b>
Bill Neukomm		Kristopher Blanchard	<b>2022</b>
Rich Grogan			
Gary Vittum - Alternate		<b>SWCRPC</b>	<b>1 Year</b>
		Kathy Callan-Rondeau	<b>2022</b>
<b>Fire Chief &amp; Emergency Director</b>		<b>Solid Waste Mgmt. District Rep</b>	<b>1 Year</b>
Gary Vittum		James Peplau	<b>2022</b>
<b>Deputy Fire Chief</b>			
Curt Allen		<b>Animal Control</b>	
		Vacant	
<b>E911 Coordinator</b>		<b>Road Foreman</b>	
Curt Allen		Glen Towne	
Gary Vittum			
<b>Appointed Officials by Other</b>			
Assistant Town Clerk by Town Clerk	3 Year	Esther Allen	2023
Assistant Treasurer by Treasurer	3 Year	Esther Allen	2023
Local Deputy Registrars by Town Clerk (plus local funeral directors)	1 Year	Adam Kozlowski	<b>2022</b>
		Susan Goodhouse	<b>2022</b>
		Tim Bishop	<b>2022</b>
Zoning Administrator by Plan Commission	3 Year	Robert Allen	2024
Zoning Administrator Alternate	1 Year	Ray Johnson	<b>2022</b>
Librarian hired by Library Trustees	No Term	Tony Pikramenos	
Fire Warden by State Fire Commissioner	3 Year	Nathan Willard	2026
Fire Warden Asst. by State Fire Commissioner	3 Year	Greg Smith	2026
Health Officer by VT. Dept. of Health	3 Year	Mary Springer	2023
Health Officer by VT. Dept. of Health	3 Year	Claire Kilbride	2024

# Town Financial Reports

## **Auditors Report**

**The Reading Auditors have examined the financial records of the governmental activities and fund information of the Town of Reading.**

**Jim Waterfall**

**Marion Pickielnok**

**January 2022**

**Town of Reading**  
**Selectboard's Report**

The Selectboard's budget for Fiscal year July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, requests \$688,650.00 to be raised by taxes to support the general expenses of the Town. Monies requested in special articles are not included in this amount. The total amount for special appropriations that are approved by the voters will be in addition to this amount.

For this year's budget analysis, the Selectboard and the Town Clerk approved and issued standard forms for each of the department heads to follow with presenting their requests. The Selectboard conducted three informational meetings during the month of December, to review and record the requests to the budget. The Selectboard wants to sincerely thank all of the department heads for presenting their budget requests in a timely manner.

A special Town Meeting was held this summer to change the voting method to Australian ballot for future town meetings. This article was passed. There will be an informational meeting held at the Reading Elementary School on Saturday, February 26, 2022 at 9:00 AM to discuss the town report. Voting on the town budget will occur on Tuesday, March 1, 2022.

The Selectboard accepted the ARPA funding provided through the State of Vermont Legislature. The town will receive about \$190,000, of which \$95,000 was sent to the town in 2021 and another \$95,000 will be sent in 2022. The legislature has set guidelines as to how the funds are to be spent. These funds are to be obligated by December 31, 2024 and to be disbursed by December 31, 2026. The ARPA committee was formed to solicit potential projects from the community that would qualify for funding under the guidelines and make their recommendations to the Selectboard. To date the ARPA committee has recommended that the Selectboard, purchase the necessary equipment to be able to conduct remote meetings for each of the town committees. The Selectboard has authorized the purchase of this equipment.

The Town requested and received three grants to continue the roadside ditch stabilization. One area was on Spear Cemetery Road and two more areas on North Puckerbrush Road. These three areas have been completed.

The Robinson Hall siding project was completed in the spring of 2021, a loan was taken out to pay for the project, and this loan will be paid off in 2023. The Selectboard is planning to solicit bids for the repair of the roof when the loan is paid off.

The Selectboard would like to thank Mary Springer, Reading's Health Officer for all of her efforts during the continuing pandemic to keep the Selectboard informed about the status and safety measures that should be followed. The Selectboard accepted her resignation to this position as of the end of the year and accepted her recommendation of Claire Kilbride to be the Reading Health Officer.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Reading Selectboard  
Gordon Eastman  
James Peplau  
Robert Allen

**Article 4****Town of Reading Proposed Budget FY 2023**

	<b>Budget FY2021</b>	<b>Actual FY2021</b>	<b>Budget FY 2022</b>	<b>Actual 12/31/2021</b>	<b>Budget FY 2023</b>	
<b>INCOME</b>						
1	Beginning Balance	\$50,000.00	\$146,804.97	\$10,000.00	\$249,169.06	\$10,000.00
2	<b>State Aid/Other Income</b>					
3	Class 2/Class 3 State Aid	\$84,000.00	\$109,342.42	\$84,000.00	\$48,257.80	\$95,000.00
8	Grants - Highway Department	\$0.00	\$6,307.06	\$0.00	\$51,526.30	\$0.00
9	Grant-Planning	\$0.00	\$2,913.00	\$0.00	\$2,912.00	\$0.00
10	Grant - Energy Committee	\$0.00	\$1,150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
13	Grant - Elections	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
14	Grant - Library	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
15	Lister Reappraisal	\$5,200.00	\$5,168.00	\$5,200.00	\$0.00	\$5,200.00
16	Land/Current Use	\$129,000.00	\$134,787.00	\$134,000.00	\$131,105.00	\$134,000.00
17	Zoning Permits	\$1,000.00	\$3,102.36	\$1,500.00	\$875.28	\$1,500.00
19	Hearing Fees	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
20	Zoning Fines	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
21	Emp Cont.- Health Ins	\$8,000.00	\$8,530.80	\$8,350.00	\$3,344.90	\$8,350.00
22	Workman's Comp Rebate	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,044.00	\$0.00
23	TC Recording Fee	\$5,500.00	\$12,859.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,527.00	\$8,000.00
24	Vault Time	\$150.00	\$355.50	\$250.00	\$138.00	\$250.00
25	Restoration Fund	\$1,000.00	\$4,676.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,013.00	\$2,000.00
26	Dog Licenses	\$700.00	\$909.00	\$700.00	\$18.00	\$700.00
27	Liquor Licenses	\$255.00	\$255.00	\$255.00	\$115.00	\$255.00
28	Copier Receipts	\$1,200.00	\$1,726.00	\$1,200.00	\$965.25	\$1,500.00
29	Marriage Licenses	\$50.00	\$10.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
30	Green Mt. Passports	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6.00	\$0.00
31	Fish & Wildlife	\$100.00	\$102.50	\$100.00	\$59.50	\$100.00
32	Motor Vehicle Fees	\$50.00	\$6.00	\$50.00	\$9.00	\$50.00
33	Weathersfield Dump Tokens	\$0.00	\$445.00	\$360.00	\$850.00	\$500.00
34	Civil Highway Fines	\$15,000.00	\$21,531.63	\$15,000.00	\$6,188.00	\$15,000.00
35	Interest-Checking	\$4,500.00	\$3,398.61	\$2,500.00	\$1,357.09	\$2,500.00
36	Reading Informer	\$2,000.00	\$1,275.00	\$1,500.00	\$375.00	\$1,500.00
37	Truck Permits	\$200.00	\$225.00	\$200.00	\$10.00	\$200.00
38	Taxes Collected	\$0.00	\$558,322.70	\$0.00	\$604,579.40	\$0.00
39	In Lieu of Taxes	\$46,000.00	\$46,154.40	\$46,000.00	\$46,012.40	\$46,000.00
40	Del.Tax Int. Earned	\$4,000.00	\$7,443.45	\$4,500.00	\$1,179.34	\$2,000.00
41	Del.Tax Collected	\$0.00	\$102,350.10	\$0.00	\$56,134.30	\$0.00
42	Tax Sale Property Sold	\$0.00	\$442.00	\$0.00	\$4,210.25	\$0.00
44	Food Shelf Rent	\$1,800.00	\$2,300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,300.00
45	Misc Income	\$1,000.00	\$103.93	\$500.00	\$502.24	\$500.00
50	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	\$360,705.00	\$1,188,696.43	\$323,215.00	\$1,220,633.11	\$337,455.00
60	<b>SHORT TERM BORROWING</b>					
63	Robinson Hall Restoration	\$0.00	\$100,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
64	Tyson Road Pavement	\$0.00	\$250,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
65	<b>TOTAL BORROWING</b>	\$0.00	\$350,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
70	<b>GRAND TOTAL INCOME</b>	\$360,705.00	\$1,538,696.43	\$323,215.00	\$1,220,633.11	\$337,455.00

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## Town of Reading Proposed Budget FY 2023

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	<b>Budget FY2021</b>	<b>Actual FY2021</b>	<b>Budget FY 2022</b>	<b>Actual 12/31/2021</b>	<b>Budget FY 2023</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>					
<b>100 COST OF GOVERNMENT</b>					
101 Town Clerk/Treasurer Salary	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$32,000.00	\$15,996.50	\$32,000.00
103 Ass't Clerk/Treas.Salary	\$9,500.00	\$6,857.00	\$9,500.00	\$2,692.00	\$9,500.00
104 Health Insurance TC/TT	\$19,500.00	\$22,081.20	\$20,400.00	\$13,043.74	\$20,400.00
105 Selectboard	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
106 Abatements	\$0.00	\$10.14	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
107 Listers	\$27,215.00	\$27,935.61	\$30,375.00	\$14,020.31	\$30,580.00
108 Auditors	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
109 Moderator	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
110 Fire Chief	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
111 E-911 Coordinator	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
112 Zoning Administrator	\$1,000.00	\$1,005.00	\$1,000.00	\$825.00	\$1,200.00
114 Health Officer	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$600.00
115 Town officials-FICA	\$4,600.00	\$4,572.60	\$4,500.00	\$2,164.02	\$4,600.00
116 General Liability Insurance.	\$4,500.00	\$2,837.00	\$4,500.00	\$3,095.50	\$4,500.00
117 Public Officials/EPL Insurance	\$900.00	\$873.00	\$900.00	\$854.00	\$900.00
118 Bond Insurance	\$450.00	\$400.00	\$450.00	\$400.00	\$450.00
119 Workman's Comp. Insurance.	\$400.00	\$210.00	\$350.00	\$355.00	\$400.00
120 Office Supplies	\$2,400.00	\$3,513.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,160.47	\$3,500.00
121 Telephone	\$1,200.00	\$1,347.70	\$1,200.00	\$782.47	\$1,400.00
122 Postage	\$250.00	\$426.60	\$300.00	\$126.89	\$400.00
123 Office Equipment	\$10,000.00	\$11,597.52	\$6,000.00	\$1,255.94	\$6,000.00
124 Computer Support	\$9,000.00	\$10,969.00	\$10,000.00	\$7,226.93	\$10,000.00
125 I T - Web Site Hosting	\$600.00	\$520.00	\$600.00	\$570.00	\$600.00
126 Records Restoration	\$10,000.00	\$9,960.28	\$7,500.00	\$0.00	\$7,500.00
127 Printing & Advertising	\$1,200.00	\$660.20	\$1,000.00	\$83.70	\$1,000.00
128 Town Reports	\$1,500.00	\$1,498.80	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
129 Town Reports-Postage	\$50.00	\$13.00	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$75.00
130 Legal Fees	\$500.00	\$7,356.73	\$5,000.00	\$7,065.33	\$5,000.00
131 Election Workers	\$700.00	\$7,015.40	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$600.00
132 Planning Commission	\$1,500.00	\$2,054.90	\$1,500.00	\$381.20	\$2,500.00
134 Reading Informer	\$8,000.00	\$8,317.87	\$8,100.00	\$4,180.19	\$8,500.00
135 Recreation Commission	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$0.00
136 Misc. Expense	\$2,000.00	\$77.90	\$500.00	\$251.85	\$500.00
137 VLCT	\$1,893.00	\$1,893.00	\$1,893.00	\$1,893.00	\$1,900.00
138 MARC (formally SWCRPC)	\$833.00	\$832.50	\$899.00	\$832.50	\$900.00
139 MARC - Grants	\$9,700.00	\$6,444.54	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,500.00
140 County Tax	\$10,000.00	\$7,854.00	\$9,000.00	\$0.00	\$8,000.00
141 Tax Sale Property Purchased	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,210.25	\$0.00
144 COVID Expense	\$0.00	(\$838.00)	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>150 TOTAL COST OF GOVERNMENT</b>	<b>\$175,841.00</b>	<b>\$184,196.49</b>	<b>\$171,392.00</b>	<b>\$89,766.79</b>	<b>\$173,155.00</b>

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	<b>Budget FY2021</b>	<b>Actual FY2021</b>	<b>Budget FY 2022</b>	<b>Actual 12/31/2021</b>	<b>Budget FY 2023</b>
<b>200 PUBLIC SERVICE</b>					
201 Weathersfield Transfer	\$18,635.00	\$20,635.00	\$18,635.00	\$18,635.00	\$19,250.00
202 Reading Fire & Rescue Dept.	\$35,750.00	\$30,116.18	\$38,850.00	\$5,226.02	\$39,350.00
203 Fire & Rescue - W/Comp.	\$1,300.00	\$1,219.00	\$1,300.00	\$1,219.00	\$1,300.00
204 Fire & Rescue - Liab Ins.	\$3,600.00	\$2,617.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,072.50	\$3,100.00
208 Ambulance Service	\$8,000.00	\$7,326.00	\$8,000.00	\$5,494.50	\$8,000.00
209 Dispatch/Repeater Fees	\$13,000.00	\$14,591.90	\$13,973.00	\$6,986.50	\$15,000.00
210 Windsor County Sheriff	\$40,000.00	\$38,463.80	\$40,000.00	\$18,649.80	\$40,000.00
211 Streetlights	\$3,000.00	\$2,741.22	\$2,800.00	\$1,399.00	\$2,800.00
212 Robinson Hall	\$20,000.00	\$15,247.36	\$18,000.00	\$18,417.09	\$20,000.00
213 Robinson Hall Restoration	\$35,000.00	\$107,310.67	\$0.00	\$14,665.25	\$0.00
214 Town Garage	\$10,000.00	\$6,497.74	\$10,000.00	\$4,474.28	\$10,000.00
215 Food Shelf Building	\$2,500.00	\$2,875.17	\$2,000.00	\$1,572.28	\$3,000.00
216 Property Insurance	\$10,500.00	\$9,116.00	\$10,000.00	\$9,596.50	\$10,000.00
217 Amsden Property	\$250.00	\$520.00	\$400.00	\$390.00	\$600.00
218 Village Green	\$1,200.00	\$810.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,255.50	\$2,000.00
219 Memorial Day	\$200.00	\$145.90	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
220 Library	\$13,900.00	\$13,554.95	\$13,900.00	\$5,930.68	\$13,900.00
221 Librarian	\$18,400.00	\$18,742.39	\$18,400.00	\$9,194.38	\$18,400.00
222 Memorial Field	\$1,200.00	\$1,150.00	\$1,300.00	\$900.00	\$1,050.00
223 Indian Stones Site	\$800.00	\$935.00	\$800.00	\$1,005.50	\$1,150.00
224 Green Up Day	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00
225 Town Cemeteries	\$11,100.00	\$11,100.00	\$8,300.00	\$8,300.00	\$11,500.00
226 Welcome to Reading Signs	\$0.00	\$70.00	\$400.00	\$715.00	\$500.00
227 Energy Committee	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$960.00	\$900.00
<b>230 TOTAL PUBLIC SERVICE</b>	<b>\$248,410.00</b>	<b>\$305,860.28</b>	<b>\$211,533.00</b>	<b>\$138,133.78</b>	<b>\$222,075.00</b>
<b>300 EQUIPMENT USE</b>					
301 Grader-1986 Deere	\$4,000.00	\$2,360.90	\$4,000.00	\$518.66	\$4,000.00
302 Loader-2010 Kawasaki	\$5,500.00	\$1,568.49	\$5,000.00	\$729.97	\$5,000.00
303 Truck #1-2014 International	\$9,500.00	\$15,530.55	\$9,500.00	\$16,336.68	\$9,500.00
304 Truck #2-2019 Western Star	\$9,000.00	\$5,926.56	\$9,000.00	\$8,524.79	\$9,000.00
305 Truck #3-2015 Ford	\$5,300.00	\$5,425.84	\$5,300.00	\$1,829.68	\$5,500.00
306 Snowplows	\$4,500.00	\$1,718.17	\$4,000.00	\$517.75	\$4,000.00
307 Sanders	\$3,000.00	\$87.25	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00
308 Saws	\$500.00	\$125.05	\$500.00	\$50.00	\$500.00
309 York Rake	\$1,000.00	\$1,090.68	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,200.00
310 Radio Repairs	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
311 Misc. Supplies	\$3,500.00	\$3,068.38	\$3,500.00	\$1,725.56	\$3,500.00
312 Diesel Fuel	\$30,000.00	\$19,524.48	\$30,000.00	\$12,858.22	\$30,000.00
313 Oil & Lube	\$2,000.00	\$1,906.42	\$2,000.00	\$749.92	\$2,000.00
314 Shop Tools	\$500.00	\$499.99	\$500.00	-\$467.00	\$500.00
315 Equipment Insurance	\$3,500.00	\$1,977.00	\$3,500.00	\$1,186.50	\$2,500.00
<b>316 TOTAL EQUIPMENT USE</b>	<b>\$82,300.00</b>	<b>\$60,809.76</b>	<b>\$81,300.00</b>	<b>\$44,560.73</b>	<b>\$80,700.00</b>

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	<b>Budget FY2021</b>	<b>Actual FY2021</b>	<b>Budget FY 2022</b>	<b>Actual 44,561.00</b>	<b>Budget FY 2023</b>
<b>320 GENERAL MAINTENANCE</b>					
321 Class 2-Labor	\$14,000.00	\$6,877.33	\$14,000.00	\$4,747.85	\$16,800.00
322 Class 2-Contract.Labor	\$0.00	\$18,590.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,500.00
323 Class 2-Materials	\$7,000.00	\$6,736.90	\$7,000.00	\$57.87	\$7,000.00
324 Class 3-Labor	\$42,000.00	\$37,279.61	\$42,000.00	\$37,112.15	\$50,000.00
325 Class 3-Contract.Labor	\$25,000.00	\$14,386.00	\$25,000.00	\$14,344.95	\$25,000.00
326 Class 3-Materials	\$35,000.00	\$35,135.40	\$35,000.00	\$22,701.00	\$40,000.00
327 Class 4-Labor	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
329 Class 4-Materials	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$715.50	\$1,000.00
330 Equipment Rental	\$12,000.00	\$11,760.00	\$12,000.00	\$9,345.63	\$12,000.00
331 State General Permit for Roads	\$1,600.00	\$1,590.00	\$1,350.00	\$0.00	\$1,350.00
<b>332 TOTAL GENERAL MAINTENANCE</b>	<b>\$138,100.00</b>	<b>\$132,355.24</b>	<b>\$140,350.00</b>	<b>\$89,024.95</b>	<b>\$157,650.00</b>
<b>340 WINTER MAINTENANCE</b>					
341 Class 2-Winter Labor	\$14,000.00	\$8,435.63	\$14,000.00	\$2,233.50	\$16,800.00
342 Class 2-Winter Contracted Labor	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
343 Class 3-Winter Labor	\$40,000.00	\$32,981.74	\$40,000.00	\$7,699.00	\$50,000.00
344 Class 3-Winter Contracted Labor	\$5,000.00	\$4,120.00	\$5,000.00	\$160.00	\$5,000.00
345 Elementary School Winter	\$1,000.00	\$608.00	\$1,000.00	\$21.00	\$1,000.00
346 Fire Department - Winter	\$1,000.00	\$566.70	\$1,000.00	\$21.00	\$1,000.00
347 Salt	\$35,000.00	\$23,745.25	\$35,000.00	\$7,236.51	\$37,000.00
348 Sand	\$35,000.00	\$33,689.68	\$35,000.00	\$928.00	\$35,000.00
<b>349 TOTAL WINTER MAINTENANCE</b>	<b>\$131,000.00</b>	<b>\$104,147.00</b>	<b>\$131,000.00</b>	<b>\$18,299.01</b>	<b>\$145,800.00</b>
<b>360 OTHER HIGHWAY</b>					
362 Retreatment-Contracted Labor	\$75,000.00	\$344,087.12	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
364 Dust Control Labor	\$1,500.00	\$1,074.10	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
365 Dust Control-Materials	\$5,500.00	\$37.46	\$5,500.00	\$0.00	\$5,500.00
366 Bridges/Culverts-Labor	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
368 Bridges/Culverts-Materials	\$4,000.00	\$2,932.80	\$3,000.00	\$1,330.80	\$3,000.00
370 Road Signs	\$3,000.00	\$543.04	\$2,000.00	\$456.20	\$3,000.00
<b>371 TOTAL OTHER HIGHWAY</b>	<b>\$90,000.00</b>	<b>\$348,674.52</b>	<b>\$13,000.00</b>	<b>\$1,787.00</b>	<b>\$14,500.00</b>
<b>380 FRINGE BENEFITS</b>					
381 Social Security	\$12,000.00	\$10,501.96	\$12,000.00	\$5,749.92	\$14,000.00
382 Vacations	\$8,000.00	\$12,868.68	\$8,500.00	\$5,690.00	\$8,500.00
384 Holidays	\$4,800.00	\$4,610.81	\$4,700.00	\$3,120.00	\$5,400.00
385 Sick Leave	\$3,500.00	\$6,043.18	\$4,000.00	\$2,074.00	\$3,000.00
386 Health Insurance	\$66,800.00	\$63,172.50	\$70,000.00	\$25,706.47	\$65,000.00
387 Workman's Compensation	\$11,000.00	\$10,207.00	\$11,000.00	\$9,715.00	\$9,700.00
388 Unemployment Insurance	\$200.00	\$424.00	\$200.00	\$314.00	\$425.00
389 Retirement Contribution	\$4,400.00	\$4,123.94	\$4,500.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00
390 Uniforms	\$1,700.00	\$1,812.25	\$1,700.00	\$1,308.61	\$1,700.00
391 Conferences/Training	\$1,500.00	\$311.60	\$500.00	\$148.00	\$500.00
<b>392 TOTAL FRINGE BENEFITS</b>	<b>\$113,900.00</b>	<b>\$114,075.92</b>	<b>\$117,100.00</b>	<b>\$53,826.00</b>	<b>\$112,225.00</b>
<b>399 TOTAL HIGHWAY</b>	<b>\$555,300.00</b>	<b>\$760,062.44</b>	<b>\$482,750.00</b>	<b>\$207,497.69</b>	<b>\$510,875.00</b>

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	Budget FY2021	Actual FY2021	Budget FY 2022	Actual 12/31/2021	Budget FY 2023
<b>400 SHORT TERM BORROWING</b>					
405 2019 Truck Loan	\$22,000.00	\$17,050.97	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
406 2019 Truck Loan Interest	\$1,000.00	\$100.19	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
407 Robinson Hall Restoration	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$35,000.00	\$35,217.18	\$35,000.00
408 Tyson Road Pavement	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$85,000.00	\$44,192.60	\$85,000.00
409 TOTAL BORROWING	\$23,000.00	\$17,151.16	\$120,000.00	\$79,409.78	\$120,000.00
<b>410 CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>					
416 TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
420 TOTAL TOWN EXPENSE	\$1,002,551.00	\$1,267,270.37	\$985,675.00	\$514,808.04	\$1,026,105.00
430 TOTAL INCOME	\$360,705.00	\$1,538,696.43	\$323,215.00	\$1,220,633.11	\$337,455.00
<b>440 TO BE RAISED BY TAXES</b>	<b>\$641,846.00</b>		<b>\$662,460.00</b>		<b>\$688,650.00</b>
<b>450 SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>					
451 Visiting Nurses	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00
452 Windsor County Partners	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
453 Pentangle	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
454 Spectrum Teen Center	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
455 Volunteers in Action	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
460 Health Care & Rehab	\$707.00	\$707.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
462 Woodstock Area Job Bank	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
466 Welcome to Reading Signs	\$0.00	\$14,800.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
467 Ottawaquechee Health Foundation	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
468 Aging-in-Place		\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<b>\$8,257.00</b>	<b>\$22,257.00</b>	<b>\$7,750.00</b>	<b>\$5,200.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>470 TIONS</b>					
<b>480 Grand Total Raised by Taxes</b>	<b>\$650,103.00</b>		<b>\$670,210.00</b>		<b>\$688,650.00</b>
490 Balance Forward		\$249,169.06			
<b>American Recovery Funds -</b>					
500 ARPA					
501 Income				\$95,207.94	
502 Expenditures					
<b>SCHOOL TAXES</b>					
<b>Paid to School</b>		\$1,566,680.00		\$1,517,351.07	
<b>Paid to State</b>		\$172,090.68		\$103,055.00	
<b>TOTAL SCHOOL TAXES</b>		\$1,738,770.68		\$1,620,406.07	

End Town Budget

Please see pages 47—57 for information regarding the special appropriations requested for FY'23

## Asset & Liability Report

<b>Real Estate</b>	Values as of June 2021	
Amsden Property	\$ 82,500.00	
Cemetery, Amsden	\$ 6,600.00	
Cemetery, Baileys Mills	\$ 2,100.00	
Cemetery, South Reading	\$ 1,000.00	
Cemetery, Spear	\$ 2,400.00	
Cemetery, Swain	\$ 1,000.00	
Cemetery, Weld	\$ 3,200.00	
Indian Stone Site 2 Acres	\$ 13,800.00	
Reading Christian Church Building	\$ 219,800.00	
Reading Library	\$ 472,800.00	
Stone School House	\$ 304,100.00	
Town Ball Field	\$ 71,000.00	
Town Garage	\$ 441,800.00	
Town Green	\$ 17,100.00	
Town Hall	\$ 989,296.00	
<b>Sub-Total Real Estate</b>		<b>\$ 2,628,496.00</b>
<b>Fire &amp; Rescue Department</b>		
Fire & Rescue Building - 2006	\$ 566,100.00	
Fire Fighter Equipment	\$ 120,000.00	
Truck - Forestry Utility - 1982	\$ 6,500.00	
Truck - Pumper- International - 1992	\$ 40,000.00	
Truck - Pumper - Pierce - 2007	\$ 263,118.00	
Forestry Trailer - 2010	\$ 4,500.00	
Truck-F550 Rescue Vehicle - 2016	\$ 147,902.00	
<b>Sub-Total Fire &amp; Rescue</b>		<b>\$ 1,148,120.00</b>
<b>Road Maintenance Equipment</b>		
Grader - Deere - 1986	\$ 24,000.00	
Loader - Kawasaki - 2010	\$ 91,950.00	
Sanders	\$ 2,600.00	
Snowplows	\$ 5,000.00	
Truck - International - 2014	\$ 69,500.00	
Truck - Ford 1/2 Ton 550 - 2015	\$ 41,700.00	
Truck - Western Star - 2019	\$ 155,560.00	
Welder, Torch, Saws, & Misc. Tools	\$ 10,000.00	
York Rake	\$ 1,000.00	
<b>Sub-Total Equipment</b>		<b>\$ 401,310.00</b>
<b>Administrative Equipment</b>		
Listers Office	\$ 3,000.00	
Town Kitchen & Main Room	\$ 5,600.00	
Town Office	\$ 5,900.00	
<b>Sub-Total Admin Equipment</b>		<b>\$ 14,500.00</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>\$ 4,192,426.00</b>

**Cemetery Commission**  
**Town Owned Cemeteries Financial Report**  
**7/1/2020 - 6/30/2021**

<b>Balance as of 7/1/20</b>			
Checking Account		\$13,678.90	
<b>Total</b>		<u>                    </u>	<b>\$13,678.90</b>
<b>Receipts</b>			
Town of Reading - Budget Request		\$11,100.00	
Grant		\$0.00	
Interest Earned		\$55.54	
Plot Sales		\$0.00	
<b>Total Receipts</b>			<b>\$11,155.54</b>
<b>Disbursements</b>			
Cemetery Maintenance Mowing Only			\$8,200.00
Miscellaneous Maintenance			
Amsden Fence		\$2,100.00	
Baileys Mills Fence		<u>\$1,340.00</u>	
	Total Miscellaneous		\$3,440.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>			<b>\$11,640.00</b>
<b>Balance as of 6/30/2021</b>			<b>\$13,194.44</b>
Funds restricted due to donor requirements:			
Bailey's Mills stone work only -- \$5,000			

Town Cemeteries

Amsden - Old portion and new (lots available for sale)  
Bailey's Mills  
Buck Cemetery  
Shedd Cemetery  
South Reading Cemetery (lots available for sale)  
Spear Cemetery  
Swain Cemetery  
Weld (Sawyer) Cemetery

Delinquent Tax Report as of January 4, 2022  
 Amounts Due Include Interest and Penalties

2020 - Delinquent Taxes	
Parcel #	Name
2262	Curtis-Murphy Emily
3047	Walsh, Kirby
<b>Total for 2020</b>	
	<b>3,346.30</b>

2021 - Delinquent Taxes	
Parcel #	Name
1044	Burke, Jeanette
1047	Biathrow, Mark
1151	Hodgkinson Family
1192	Reading Heights LLC
2021	Ford, David W Jr
2038	Strum, Kenneth
2042	LeBarron, Francis M
2097	MacEachern, Joseph
2216	Murray, Todd
2218	Koelling, Dvora
2262	Curtis-Murphy, Emily
3003	Wodetzki, Jamie
3047	Walsh, Kirby
<b>Total for 2021</b>	
	<b>19,168.17</b>

<b>Grand Total All Delinquent Tax</b>	<b>\$22,514.47</b>
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**Reading Green Spaces Committee  
Financial Report  
July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021**

Calista Brennan, Treasurer			
7/1/2020	Starting Balance		\$1,662.86
Income			
	Interest Earned	\$ 2.28	
	Total Income		\$2.28
Expense			
	Flowers/Planting Tree	\$1,135.40	
	Topsoil	\$ 100.00	
	Puddledock Sign Purchase	<u>\$355.00</u>	
	Total Expenses		<u>\$1,590.40</u>
6/30/2021	Balance in Checking		\$ 74.74

**Reading Recreation Commission  
Financial Report  
7/1/2020 - 6/30-21**

7/1/2020	Starting Balance		\$3,571.35
Income	Interest Income Earned	\$21.84	
	Donation VT Overland	\$1,540.00	
	Wreath Sales	\$308.00	
	Ducky Derby Sales	\$1,945.00	
	Town Funds Allocated	<u>\$1,200.00</u>	
	Total Income		\$5,014.84
Expense	Movie Night Expense	\$57.44	
	Safari Expense	\$55.96	
	Holiday Tree & Decorations	\$196.14	
	Concert Donation to Food Shelf	\$310.00	
	Ducky Derby Expenses	<u>\$184.02</u>	
	Total Expenses		\$803.56
6/30/2021	Balance In Account		\$7,782.63
	Calista Brennan, Treasurer		

## Reading Public Library FY2021 Financial Report

Bill Bakker

Town funds allocated to Library	<b>\$32,300.00</b>
<b>Library Expenses</b>	
Salary	18,742.39
Materials	1,964.21
Programs	951.9
Technology	4,233.02
Supplies	855.27
Maintenance	159.28
Postage	92
Electricity	807.97
Phone	920.23
Heat	1,751.55
Septic	323.59
Elevator Inspection	150
Groundskeeping	596
Dues & Journals	280.24
Cleaning	405
Workers' Compensation Ins.	141
Fees, Interest, Refund	<u>-76.31</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$32,297.34</b>
<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$2.66</b>

Library Checkbook Balance	As of July 1, 2020	<b>\$24,282.04</b>
<b>Income</b>		
Donations-Annual Appeal	1,696.00	
Interest (CD and checkbook)	<u>107.37</u>	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>1,803.37</b>	
<b>Expenses</b>		
Materials	422.14	
Postage	524.00	
Supplies	124.79	
Electricity	127.81	
Phone	85.61	
Groundskeeping	28.00	
Credit Card Payment	<u>299.03</u>	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>1,611.38</b>	
<b>Balance as of June 30, 2021</b>		<b>\$24,474.03</b>

Other Accounts

Interest bearing CD (Gift of Marjorie Swain)	<b>\$5,000.00</b>
Petty Cash	<b>\$41.45</b>
Davis Trust Accts (as of 12/31/19)	<b>\$4,826.19</b>

## Reading Listers Annual Meeting Report

### Overview:

The Reading Listers are into their second year of the pandemic working environment “Go to Meeting” and “Zoom” are most popular meeting and workshop platforms, but there is an occasional “Hybrid” meeting scheduled

Despite all the inconveniences caused by the pandemic, the Reading real estate market has been very active with many parcels selling far above their assessed values

During the 2020 assessment year (April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021) the listers processed 26 Building & Land Transfers, 12 Land transfers, and 21 Misc. Deed changes

The Listers are 9 months into the 2021 Assessment Year (April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022) and have processed 17 Building and Land Transfers, 6 Land transfers, and 14 Misc. Deed changes

Building permits have also been very active for Lister inspections, consisting of garages, sheds, barns, decks, porches, additions, camps, and several new dwellings - Thanks to the parcel owners’ cooperation with permit inspections

### Year of Change 2022:

The Vt. Tax Dept has been working with a new vendor to create a new Lister Tax Information software platform that will begin to be implemented January 2022 with 2023 completion date

This new tax platform will result in major changes to the Microsolve Cost Assessing Software and these changes will also begin January 2022. The Listers are already working through the “learning curve” with the new Apex 7 sketching version software

The Listers will also begin in 2022 to analyze the impact of Grand List Equity from the past two years of escalating parcel selling prices, with the latest cost tables, site improvements, and land schedule. A future Town Wide Reappraisal may be necessary to maintain Grand List Equity

Listers will provide updates as we move through year - long analysis

Reading Listers

John Fike

Penny Allyn

Neil Muirhead

<b>Listers Explanation of 2021 Grand List</b>				
<b>Fair Market and Listed Value of Real Estate and Personal Property</b>				
Category	#Units	Municipal	Homestead	Non-Residential
Residential I	147	\$25,070,700	\$16,812,300	\$8,258,400
Residential II	212	\$99,296,100	\$39,023,900	\$60,272,200
Mobile Homes L	8	\$673,800	\$174,700	\$499,100
Vacation Homes I	17	\$703,900	\$54,000	\$649,900
Vacation Homes II	20	\$2,955,200	\$184,000	\$2,771,200
Commercial	6	\$959,700	\$0	\$959,700
Utilities-E	1	\$2,252,100	\$0	\$2,252,100
Farm	4	\$8,527,400	\$1,295,400	\$7,232,000
Woodland	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Miscellaneous	95	\$13,261,000	\$18,800	\$13,242,200
<b>Total</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>\$153,699,900</b>	<b>\$57,563,100</b>	<b>\$96,136,800</b>
<b>Personal Property</b>				
Cable	1	\$177,271		\$177,271
Machinery & Equipment	11	\$923,025		
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>\$1,100,296</b>		<b>\$177,271</b>
<b>Total Municipal Grand List</b>	<b>522</b>	<b>\$154,800,196</b>	<b>\$57,563,100</b>	<b>\$96,314,071</b>
<b>Education Grand List</b>				
Homestead Education		\$53,671,645	X 1%	\$536,716
Non-Residential Education		\$74,756,394	X 1%	\$747,564
<b>Total Educational Grand List</b>				<b>\$1,284,280</b>

<b>Listers Explanation of 2020 Grand List</b>				
<b>Fair Market and Listed Value of Real Estate and Personal Property</b>				
Category	#Units	Municipal	Homestead	Non-Residential
Residential I	148	\$24,722,500	\$17,643,100	\$7,079,400
Residential II	209	\$98,040,300	\$40,337,900	\$57,702,400
Mobile Homes L	8	\$701,300	\$250,800	\$450,500
Vacation Homes I	17	\$702,600	\$54,000	\$648,600
Vacation Homes II	20	\$2,918,800	\$184,000	\$2,734,800
Commercial	6	\$957,700	\$75,800	\$881,900
Utilities-E	1	\$2,331,900	\$0	\$2,331,900
Farm	4	\$8,512,100	\$1,292,700	\$7,219,400
Woodland	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Miscellaneous	99	\$13,546,100	\$18,800	\$13,527,300
<b>Total</b>	<b>512</b>	<b>\$152,433,300</b>	<b>\$59,857,100</b>	<b>\$92,576,200</b>
<b>Personal Property</b>				
Cable	1	\$180,590		\$180,590
Machinery & Equipment	12	\$914,705		
<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>\$1,095,295</b>		<b>\$180,590</b>
<b>Total Municipal Grand List</b>	<b>525</b>	<b>\$153,528,595</b>	<b>\$59,857,100</b>	<b>\$92,756,790</b>
<b>Education Grand List</b>				
Homestead Education		\$55,112,745	X 1%	\$551,127
Non-Residential Education		\$71,849,713	X 1%	\$718,497
<b>Total Educational Grand List</b>				<b>\$1,269,625</b>

<b>Robinson Hall Maintenance Account</b>		
<b>Beginning Balance:</b>	<b>7/1/2020</b>	<b>\$63,737.87</b>
<b>Receipts:</b>		
Post Office Rent	\$5,847.00	
Hall rentals	\$ 0.00	
Interest Earned	\$246.65	
Expenses paid by Town	<u>\$15,247.36</u>	
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>\$21,341.01</b>
<b>Disbursements:</b>		
Electricity	\$2,065.31	
Propane & Oil	\$3,855.49	
Maintenance/Cleaning	\$9,101.34	
Mats Rental	\$ 62.61	
Miscellaneous	\$947.80	
Security/Fire Protection	\$420.00	
Supplies Cleaning	<u>\$218.02</u>	
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>\$16,670.57</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>6/30/2021</b>	<b>\$68,408.31</b>
Restricted Funds For Restoration Project	* \$2,797.79	
* Final payments on restoration work made after 7/1/2021		
Calista Brennan		

<b>Robinson Hall Trust</b>			
<b>Annual Report</b>			
<b>Interest Earnings &amp; Fund Balance</b>			
Year End	YE 2019	YE 2020	YE 2021
Ending Date	12/31/2019	12/31/2020	12/31/2021
Beginning Trust Principal Balance	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Beginning Savings Account Bal.	\$3,495.06	\$3,570.03	\$3,625.92
<b>Total Beginning Balance</b>	<b>\$8,495.06</b>	<b>\$8,570.03</b>	<b>\$8,625.92</b>
Interest Earned	\$74.97	\$55.89	\$4.55
Payment to Town	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Trustees Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Transferred from Trust to Savings	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Retained by Trust	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Ending Savings Balance	\$3,570.03	\$3,625.92	\$3,630.47
Reserved to avoid monthly service fees	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
<b>Available to the Town</b>	<b>\$3,320.03</b>	<b>\$3,375.92</b>	<b>\$3,380.47</b>
Ending Trust Principal Balance	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Ending Savings Balance	\$3,570.03	\$3,625.92	\$3,630.47
Total Fund Balance	\$8,570.03	\$8,625.92	\$8,630.47
<i>Robert K. Allen., Trustee</i>			

**Special Town Funds**

Fiscal Year 2020 - 2021

**CLAUDE W. BARTLEY MEMORIAL FUND**

Balance 07/01/20	\$327.85
Interest	<u>\$1.23</u>
Balance 06/30/21	\$329.08

**SUSAN E. ALLEN FUND**

Balance 07/01/20	\$4,685.66
Interest	\$17.41
Deposits	<u>\$0.00</u>
Balance 06/30/21	\$4,703.07

**SUSAN E. BARTLET FUND**

Balance 07/01/20	\$641.90
Interest	<u>\$2.39</u>
Balance 06/30/21	\$644.29

**LOUIS DIVEN FLAG FUND**

Balance 07/01/20	\$1,314.04
Interest	\$4.96
Flags purchased	\$0.00
Donations	<u>\$0.00</u>
Balance 06/30/21	\$1,319.00

Calista Brennan, Treasurer

**Trustee of Public Funds  
Fiscal Year 2020 - 2021**

**Indian Stones Permanent Fund (CD)**

Balance as of 7/1/20	\$12,635.65
Interest Income	\$80.86
Maintenance of Stone	<u>\$0.00</u>
Balance as of 6/30/21	\$12,716.51
Restricted Funds	\$5,000.00

**Town Cemetery Perpetual Care Trust (CD)**

Balance as of 7/1/20	\$25,586.54
Interest Income	\$163.74
Plot Sales	<u>\$0.00</u>
Balance as of 6/30/21	\$25,750.28
Restricted Funds	\$23,478.03

**Historical Society CD # 1**

Balance 7/1/20	\$20,732.72
Interest Income	\$62.29
Transfer to RHS	<u>\$0.00</u>
Balance as of 6/30/21	\$20,795.91

**Lumber Trust (CD)**

Balance as of 7/1/20	\$28,695.65
Interest Income	<u>\$86.21</u>
Balance as of 6/30/21	\$28,781.86
Restricted Funds	\$23,035.00

**S. Reading Cemetery Loveland Trust (CD)**

Balance as of 7/1/20	\$22,166.33
Interest Income	<u>\$141.85</u>
Balance as of 6/30/21	\$22,308.18
Restricted Funds	\$20,000.00

**Historical Society CD # 2**

Balance 7/1/20	\$23,469.32
Interest Income	\$98.58
Transfer to RHS	<u>(\$2,500.00)</u>
Balance as of 6/30/21	\$21,067.90

Respectfully submitted Trustees

*Liesbeth Kozlowski*

*Curt Allen*

*Kenneth Norcross*

**Taxes Voted Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

<b>ARTICLE 6</b>	Selectboard's Budget	\$	641,846.00
<b>ARTICLE 7</b>	HCRS, Health Care & Rehabilitation	\$	707.00
<b>ARTICLE 8</b>	Woodstock Job Bank	\$	300.00
<b>ARTICLE 9</b>	Spectrum Teen Center	\$	750.00
<b>ARTICLE 10</b>	Visiting Nurse & Hospice of VT & NH	\$	4,000.00
<b>ARTICLE 11</b>	Volunteers in Action	\$	200.00
<b>ARTICLE 12</b>	Windsor County Mentors	\$	500.00
***	Pentangle	\$	800.00
***	Ottauquechee Health Foundation	\$	1,000.00
	Homestead Education Tax Credit	\$	232,368.67
	School tax retained by Municipality	\$	1,484.65
	School Local Share Tax High School & Elementary	\$	1,566,680.00
	School State Wide Tax	\$	172,090.68
<b>TOTAL TAXES VOTED</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>2,622,727.00</b>

**\*\*\* These two organizations were added at Town Meeting by the voters**

**Statement of Taxes Raised  
Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

<b>GRAND LIST:</b>	Municipal Grand List	\$	1,278,473.63
	Homestead Grand List	\$	550,827.45
	Non-Residential Grand List	\$	718,497.13
	Municipal Tax Rate		0.5084
	Homestead Education Tax Rate		1.5705
	Non-Resident Educational Tax Rate		1.5543
<b>GRAND LIST</b>	Municipal	1,278,473.63 X .5084 =	\$ 649,976.00
<b>(Rate per \$100)</b>	Homestead	550,822.45 X 1.5705 =	\$ 865,066.66
	Non-Res.	718,497.13 X 1.5443 =	\$ 1,109,575.12
<b>Total Grand List</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>2,624,617.78</b>
	<b>TAXES VOTED:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,622,727.00</b>
	<b>TAXES ASSESSED:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,624,617.78</b>
	Amount taxes assessed versus taxes voted	\$	1,890.78

## Town Clerk Report of Fees Collected

### Dog Licenses Issued 01/01/2021 - 12/31/2021

Type	Quantity	Funds Collected
Spayed	78	\$ 717.00
Neutered	66	\$ 615.00
Males	15	\$ 203.00
Females	13	\$ 165.00
		\$ 1,700.00
Total	172	\$ 1,700.00
Late Fees		\$ 54.00
Less State Fees Paid		\$ (852.00)

Retained Fees	\$ 902.00
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### Fees Collected Fiscal Year 2020 - 2021

Copy & Fax	\$ 1,726.00
Dog Registrations	\$ 909.00
Fish & Wildlife	\$ 102.50
Green Mountain Passport	\$ -
Informer Advertisements	\$ 1,275.00
Liquor License	\$ 255.00
Marriage License	\$ 10.00
Motor Vehicle Registrations	\$ 6.00
Recording & Vault Time	\$ 13,214.50
Transfer Station Stickers	\$ 445.00

Total Fees Collected	\$ 17,943.00
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*Calista Brennan, Town Clerk*

Town Clerk Report  
Land Records Recorded Fiscal 2021

Administrator's Deed	1
Assignments	4
Boundary Line Adjustment	2
Certificate of Authority	1
Certificate of Non-Redemption	1
Certificate of Trust	10
Confirmation Order	1
Consent of Members	1
Current Use	5
Death Certificate	6
Discharge	66
Divorce Decree	1
Enhanced Life Estate	1
Easement	2
Indenture	1
Judgement Decree	3
License to Sell Real Estate	3
Lien	4
Loan Modification	1
Mortgage Deed	45
Power of Attorney	29
Quit Claim Deeds	14
Resolution	3
Right of 1st Refusal Release	5
Secretary Certificate	1
Subordination Agreement	1
Tax Sale Report	1
Tax Warrant	1
Trustee's Deed	2
Warranty Deed	50
Wastewater Permit	10
Zoning	31
Total Recordings	307

## Town Clerk's Report

The last couple of years have been difficult to serve the public when you haven't been able to be with the public. Having researchers schedule a specific day and time has worked well to not have multiple people in the office at one time. Wednesdays have been kept open as that is the busiest day for foot traffic; people needing dump coupons etc. People have also made use of the locked drop box in the hallway as a way to make payments or receive material they have paid for. Permit forms are available on the website so that homeowners can print them out, complete them and drop them off in the lock-box.

With the NEMRC financial system we have; we have been able to put land recordings into the computer for over ten years. In 2020, NEMRC added a module that allows for the land records to be visible on the website. Since then, every land recording is automatically uploaded in the NEMRC system and available to researchers via the website. Charline Hagar has been working with us in the office on the project of getting the old land records uploaded into NEMRC making them available also. She is working the records backwards so that the most recent are available. Title searches being done have to go back forty years for real estate transactions.

Having these records online has really helped with the increase in the real estate market. We have researchers in Burlington and out of state researchers who have made good use of this system. The researcher will go online to find the land records they need copies of. The researcher can then choose to purchase the records through NEMRC or request them directly from the town office. If a researcher uses NEMRC for the copies, NEMRC pays the Town for the copies made. This is a time saver for the researcher which saves their clients money also. This makes the records accessible when the office is closed.

There has been a lot of positive feedback on being able to access these records without coming to the office. The site is very user friendly and easy to access. Our web site has been a big help to new land owners and residents.

The State of Vermont has hired a new vendor to work with [Division of Property Valuation and Review \(PVR\)](#). They are partnering with Vermont Center for Geographic Information (VCGI) to carry out a Statewide Parcel Mapping Program. Visit VCGI to [learn more about the program](#). PVR supports computer software programs used locally for grand list valuation and property tax administration. They provide Municipal Officials with training, online tools, and a wide variety of information to help ensure property is assessed fairly and equitably. This will include some GIS mapping; which, when this happens, we will be able to add a link to our website so that the maps can be accessed. GIS, a geographic information system, is a system that creates, manages, analyzes, and maps all types of data. GIS connects data to a map integrating location data (where things are) with all types of descriptive information (what things are like there). Currently our maps come from Avitar and are only available on our desktop files.

The office is open to the public during normal office hours. Monday – Wednesday 8AM to 4PM and Thursdays 7:30AM to 3PM. The phone number is 802-484-7250 and the email address is [readingvermont@comcast.net](mailto:readingvermont@comcast.net)  
Web site is [www.readingvt.govoffice.com](http://www.readingvt.govoffice.com)

Sincerely,

Calista Brennan, Town Clerk

# Town Organizations Reports

## ARPA Advisory Committee Report

Congress passed the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) in March 2021 to facilitate the country's recovery from the economic and health effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. ARPA established the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CSLFRF) which provides significant amounts of money to state, county and municipal governments. The broad goals of the CSLFRF are to help overcome the COVID-19 pandemic, address the negative economic consequences of the pandemic, and provide resources to help lay a foundation for a strong economic and social recovery from the pandemic, including confronting inequities made worse by the pandemic.

In Vermont, because there is no significant county structure, the county portion of the money has been redirected to the towns. Between the two allocations, Reading will receive a total of \$190,416. Half was received in 2021 and the rest will come in 2022. There are very specific rules created by the Department of the Treasury about how the funds can be spent, all directly related to addressing the consequences of COVID-19. Towns have to fully spend and report on the funds by December 31, 2026, but all funds must be committed before December 31, 2024.

**The Select Board solicited volunteers for an Advisory Committee “to recommend the best project or projects that will benefit the majority of the taxpayers”. Those selected to serve are Marie Caduto, Rich Grogan, Sara Kobylenski (secretary), Bill Neukomm, Jon Springer (chair), and Gary Vittum (alternate).** The Advisory Committee met five times between October 27 and December 29, 2021, and resumed biweekly meetings in January 2022. While the Minutes document the work of the group, members of the community are encouraged to attend meetings in person or via zoom in order to participate in the discussion. Various documents giving guidance about utilization of the money are included with the Minutes from a number of the meetings.

The Advisory Committee familiarized itself with the rules set out for the money, as well as the standard rules for utilizing federal funds, and developed some general information to guide ideas from the public. It then began outreach to the community for ideas for projects. The proposals will be reviewed through the lens of the eligible uses for the money, and then those that meet that threshold will be presented back to the community for prioritizing. Finally proposals meeting the requirements and of interest to the public will be presented as recommendations to the Select Board. The Committee will end when the recommendations have been made, and the Select Board is satisfied that it has enough information to meet its needs.

One exception occurred on November 10, 2021, when the Advisory Committee made the following recommendation of its own to the Select Board. *“Research has confirmed that IT infrastructure in Robinson Hall is an allowable expenditure of ARPA funds. We therefore recommend that the Select Board immediately utilize funds not to exceed \$40,416 to implement IT infrastructure at Robinson Hall to facilitate adequate public access to meetings and to enable town office information functions and processes to be upgraded and secure.”*

All are encouraged to read Advisory Committee meeting minutes and to participate in the process of making proposals on how to use this one time money for the benefit of the community.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Advisory Committee,

Sara Kobylenski

## Felchville Cemetery Report

The Felchville Cemetery is Reading's 'other' cemetery. The Cemetery Association was incorporated November 3, 1858 dedicated to "those who were dying in the growing village of Felchville."

There are three trustees in charge of upkeep of the cemetery and sale of burial plots. Official business is carried out at the Annual Meeting of the Association held on the last Tuesday in April each year. Anyone who owns a burial plot or has relatives buried at the Felchville Cemetery is eligible to participate as a member of the Association.

There are still a number of cremation plots available for Reading residents. For more information, contact one of the three trustees.

Audrey Halpert, Trustee, Chairperson	484-7376
Howard Sanderson, Jr, Trustee/acting treasurer	484-5548
Nathan Willard, Trustee	484-0094
Jane Cleveland, Secretary	484-9630

## Forest Fire Warden's Report

There were **89** burn permits issued this year. Due to your cooperation we experienced no out of control burns.

By state law, if you wish to burn natural wood or debris outdoors, you must obtain a burn permit from the Town Forest Fire Warden. **It is mandatory that a permit be received each time you burn on the day you plan to burn.** They are obtained from the Town Fire Warden. Permits can only be issued for burning brush or scrap, untreated lumber. Remember, burn barrels are illegal!

Thank you for your cooperation so we may continue to prevent forest fires.

Respectfully submitted,

*Nathan Willard*

Forest Fire Warden  
484-0094

*Gregory Smith*

Assistant Forest Fire Warden  
802-384-2101





**GREEN UP VERMONT**

[www.greenupvermont.org](http://www.greenupvermont.org)

**Green Up Day  
May 7, 2022**



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

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

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

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

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

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

**"Marie" Mary Anderson has been our Green Up Day Volunteer coordinator since 1999—23 years.**

**Thank you for getting us out on the roads to Green Up Reading.**

## Memorial Day Committee's 2021 Report for the Town of Reading

To the Town of Reading:

The Memorial Day Committee ensures that Reading's fallen veterans and those who died while in defense of our freedom are honored during the last Monday in May, known as Memorial Day.

### Brief History of Memorial Day

*Three years after the Civil War ended, on May 5, 1868, the head of an organization of former Union soldiers and sailors, the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR), established 'Decoration Day' as a time for the nation to decorate the graves of the war dead with flowers. Major General John Logan declared it should be May 30. The first large observance was held that year at Arlington National Cemetery.*

*It was not until after World War I, that the day was expanded to honor those who have died in all American Wars.*

### Quote from John F. Kennedy

*"Let the word go forth from this time and place, to friend and foe alike, that the torch has been passed to a new generation of Americans, born in this century, tempered by war, disciplined by a hard and bitter peace, proud of our ancient heritage, and unwilling to witness or permit the slow undoing of those human rights to which this nation has always been committed, and to which we committed today at home and around the world." Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that **we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe to assure the survival and the success of liberty.** Let us never negotiate out of fear, but let us never fear to negotiate - **And so my fellow Americans, as not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country.**" (January 20, 1961).*

The tradition at Arlington, is called "flags in" placing flags one foot away and centered in front of the graves. These exact sized flags are placed in the selected cemeteries listed below in Reading. These are purchased annually by the Town and placed at:

- ◆ Swain Cemetery on Brown School House Road;
- ◆ Sawyer Cemetery on Weld Cemetery Road;
- ◆ South Reading Cemetery on Malagash Road;
- ◆ Amsden Cemetery on Hurricane Hill Road;
- ◆ Spears Cemetery on Spears Cemetery Road;
- ◆ Bailey's Mill Cemetery on Bailey's Mills Road;
- ◆ Buck Cemetery off Route 106.

Additional flags are placed at the Town Hall Veteran's Monument, Bartley Field Monument and those markers near the grave stones that were either veterans or been part of a service auxiliary. In addition, flags recognize Scouts for the Revolutionary effort and a slave who participated in the Civil War.

Respectfully Submitted,

**MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE**

*Patrick McLean*



## Cemetery Commissioners' entry for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Town Report

This was the first full year for everyone living with the COVID pandemic (an obvious thing to state now, but in 50 years it may be appreciated by our dear reader). Physical distancing, working from home, mandatory masking, banning of large indoor groups, and limited interstate travel were all implemented to reduce the spread of the virus. Autumn of 2020 vaccines (Pfizer, Moderna, Johnson & Johnson) were approved by the FDA and were initially made available to first responder and medical providers due to limited supply. This was followed by an age/risk ordered vaccine roll-out that allowed most everyone who wanted a vaccine to obtain one by early summer 2021. As the pandemic stretched on it became obvious that we would all need to get used to striking a balance between health, safety, and still getting things done. To that end, Cemetery Commissioners decided to implement a "working meeting" model this year. This meant holding our public meetings outdoors in the cemeteries themselves – a different cemetery each month. In addition to being able to still conduct our standard meeting business, this new format also allowed us to regularly walk the cemeteries, check on their status, complete light repair work (fencing, stone walls, tree clean-up), and in general, to just enjoy our wards during all seasons of the year.

Around the world this was a year of adaptation – a nice way of saying it was a year of change. And although it is true that change brings stress, change also creates an opportunity to look at things from new angles and in some cases results in making improvements. I hope these times brought you a few of these 'Eureka' moments!

Here are a few modest Cemetery accomplishments for this year:

- A new split rail fence (rails and posts) was installed around the flagpole at New Amsden Cemetery. The work was completed by Springfield fence and compliments the gardens that were installed there last fall.
- Materials were purchased and Commissioners provided the labor during a "working meeting" to repair split rail fence at Bailey Mills cemetery.
- Decision was made by the Commissioners to adopt into the regular New Amsden mowing schedule the brushy causeway along the south side of the cemetery. The area is the new home of the 'Welcome to Reading' sign along Route 44. Bob Allen did the original work to remove the small trees and de-stump the area. The split rail through this area is slowly being removed so that it is easier to maintain using riding mowers.

Feedback is always welcome. Please let us know how we are doing and if you have any good ideas to help beautify, preserve, or draw favorable attention to our town cemeteries. Pollinator gardens? Mowing with sheep? Green burials? All ideas are welcome.

Want more information or to become involved in Reading's cemeteries? Here are some ideas:

Start with a visit to one of the towns historic cemeteries. Directions to Reading's cemeteries can be found on the town website under 'Government' à 'Cemeteries of Reading'. Much of the information recorded on the grave stones themselves can be found on the Find a Grave website ([www.findagrave.com](http://www.findagrave.com)).

The Cemetery Commissioners' Annual Report can be found on the town website and includes a detailed list of annual accomplishments, budget, and upcoming projects for the next three years.

Adopt-a-Cemetery – from mowing, trimming, stone cleaning, stone repair, photography, transcriptions, record keeping, and donations – there are needs suited to all skill levels, ages, and abilities.

Come to one of our annual, hands-on head stone repair workshops!

Stop by a Cemetery Commissioners' meeting. We meet the fourth Wednesday of each month at 6 pm in the town hall building. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend. Meeting agendas are posted one week in advance of all meetings. Meeting minutes are posted on the town website.

Talk with a Cemetery Commissioner – our names and phone numbers can be found on the town website.

Respectfully submitted by the Town of Reading Cemetery Commissioners,

Adam Kozlowski (Chair) 2024

Susan Goodhouse 2022

Tim Bishop 2023

## Reading Energy Board 2021 Report

It was a year of transition and growth for the Reading Energy Board, and we are exiting 2021 with a lot of momentum and looking forward to a full year of activity in 2022! We welcomed several new members to the team— Bill Neukomm, Brian Cali, and Paul Doherty. Kevin Kaija continued in his role as coordinator of the team, and we benefited from the ongoing collaboration with Mount Ascutney Regional Commission staff members Otis Munroe and Alex Taft. In addition to onboarding the new folks and helping provide feedback to the revised Energy Plan as part of the revised Town Plan, the main focus of the team in the second half of the year was wrapping up the Town Water Survey work (a report will be issued in late 2021/early 2022) and-- by far the highlight of the second half of 2021-- bringing to life the Reading Weatherization Demonstration program. The goal of this program is to decrease home heating costs and increase home comfort for Reading residents. In addition to a weatherization information campaign and outreach via postings on Front Porch Forum and the Informer, we hosted two live demonstration events—one each in November and December--in the homes of Reading residents. The events



were well received, informative for the DIY-ers in the crowd, and the assembled team did quite a bit of airsealing and insulation work. Windows, attic and basement doors, crawlspaces, water heaters, ductwork, box sills...if it was leaky and/or needed insulation, the team was on it in a flash! We also had a good time, were well fed by the hosts (from coffee and cinnamon rolls to chili and cornbread), and came away eager to host more such events in 2022! We have a number of ideas percolating on how to bring energy savings, information, and new approaches to energy resilience to the town, and look forward to engaging in a dialog with interested residents about all of this and more. If you have ideas to share, want to learn more, or want to get involved, please reach out via email ([readingenergyboard@gmail.com](mailto:readingenergyboard@gmail.com)). And come check out a meeting! We meet on the third Thursday of each month at 7 PM at the Reading Town hall (and on Zoom).

Kevin Kaija

Bill Neukomm

Brian Cali



## Reading Fire and Rescue Department Annual Report for 2021

Another year has gone by and we want to thank you for all your continued support. Without this support, Reading Vol. Fire & Rescue would not be possible, again THANK YOU.

As of this writing for the year 2021 Reading Fire & Rescue responded to 58 calls. Here is a breakdown of the calls: EMS (29) , Aid given outside of town (12) , Calls in town (13) , Calls canceled (4).

At the present time Reading Fire & Rescue has 22 members. Currently the department has 5 certified firefighter 1, 4 certified firefighter 2, 4 EMR's, 4 EMT's and 3 AEMT's.

Major purchases for this past year: Two sets of structural firefighting gear, new helmets, new attack hose and nozzles.

Once again this year has been a very trying time for emergency services as well as the entire community due to the COVID 19 pandemic. Due to the pandemic, Reading Fire & Rescue now responds to all calls with members wearing respiratory protection masks to reduce the chances spreading the COVID 19 virus. We would respectfully request that if we should respond to a call for you or your family that you would please wear a mask. I would also like to thank all Reading Fire and Rescue personal for their professionalism and willingness to follow all department and state Covid protocols.

### Officers of the Department:

- |  |                                   |
|--|-----------------------------------|
| ◆ Chief: Gary Vittum                   | Deputy Chief: Curt Allen          |
| ◆ Asst. Chief: Don Scullin             | Captain: Eric Joyal               |
| ◆ Lieutenant: Greg Smith               | EMS Director: Don Scullin         |
| ◆ Secretary: Deb Scullin               | Treasurer: Ashley Maxham          |
| ◆ EMS Training Officer: Molly Brockman | EMS Equipment Officer: Eric Joyal |
| ◆ Moderator: Gary Vittum               |                                   |

Please remember that **SMOKE DETECTORS and CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS do save lives** so please install these two important detectors in your home.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gary Vittum

Chief – Reading Fire and Rescue

## Reading Fire Department Auxiliary

Hello Reading Residents,

Things have been quiet for the auxiliary in 2021. Due to the continuation of the Covid-19 situation we continued to suspend in person meetings, to keep everyone safe. We will continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation and make changes accordingly. We are fully stocked and ready to safely support the department if they need us.

We hope everyone continues to stay safe and healthy. The auxiliary hopes to resume some of its projects in 2022. The gardens around the fire station need more work and hopefully we will be able to host another fire safety day in the fall of 2022.

Kate Allen- President

Mary Vittum- Vice President

Esther Allen – Secretary/Treasurer



## Reading Green Spaces 2021 Annual Report

Despite COVID challenges and some wet and dreary weather during the spring and summer, Puddledock Park served as a welcoming space for the residents and visitors alike.

Groups held outdoor meetings, people ate lunch at the picnic tables and benches, used the Wifi, stopped to make a phone call, text, or just enjoy the park space. Several wonderful events at the park were planned by our Reading Recreation Commission but were thwarted by rainy weather. Our committee set its sights on greening up the lawn, maintaining the current flower beds, adding some additional perennial plantings and putting out seasonal annuals for various holidays. We have continued to clear out the back bank and add non-invasive plants. By early next summer we will craft small stone seating for the library side of the park. We also are working on an interactive board for park announcements, artwork, and messaging.

We had a resignation from our committee in March which was filled by Sue Mulder and she has proven to be a great asset. Thank you Sue!

Thank you to all who utilize our park and to our committee for creativity, muscle, and commitment.

See you all at the park!

Respectfully submitted,

Annie Rubright, Chair

Heather Evans

Jean Goldsborough

Lisa Kaija

Sue Mulder



## *READING HISTORICAL SOCIETY*

With the Covid pandemic still hitting our county hard we started the year again with the word “no”. So, we did not have an annual meeting. Our officers continued their tasks. 2021 was a year of making history as people stepped up and got the vaccine and then the booster to protect all of us from further spread of Covid-19. Gail Emmerson gathered stories from our residents regarding their year with the Pandemic; how they felt, what they did during seclusion, how they worked; how our children managed home schooling and how we procured items for home. The world did indeed change.

We slowly began saying “yes we can” again. We opened the museum during the summer evenings to allow people to come in and visit. Friends gathered during the spring and summer under the leadership of Diane Bennett to upcycle old furniture. Parts and pieces became beautiful new items that we could sell at our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Craft Fair in November. Because we had so many items, we held a sale in September as a precursor to the November sale. We did very well at both of these sales; raising over \$5,000 which helped to make up for the lack of fund raising in 2020. One of the items created was a metal sculpture by Sue Allen and Jim Bennett titled “Blooms After Covid”. This metal art now sits proudly in the flower bed at the museum. Kathryn Reeves won the hand made lamp that we raffled off at the November sale. Charline Hagar set up “Square” as a way to use credit cards for sales which helped people shop.

In the summer we worked on the downstairs area of the museum. Cleaning, sorting and painting the walls a nice gray; which makes the workspace more enjoyable. In October, recently retired Bill Neukomm, took on the project of fixing our beautiful 20 over 20 painted glass windows downstairs. Jim Bennett and Bob Allen worked on the windows and sills; getting new storm windows put on to help this winter. We will be fixing up the siding that has deteriorated due to the weather, in the spring of 2022. Painting of the outside of the building needs to be on our list of projects; an expensive project.

In November, the transfer of the Stone Chimney property to the Ells family was completed. Nathaniel Ells and Jonathan Ells are very excited to have this back in the family and will continue to be good stewards of the Stone Chimney.

We had three members pass away this year; Jim Hasson, Ronald Griffith and Sam Grice. Each brought their unique talents to the historical society over the years. Sam worked extensively with us to clean, sort and display many of the tools. Jim was one of our long-time curators. Jim’s knowledge of our local history was amazing and he always added his dry sense of humor to his stories. Jim always made notes in our guest book when he opened the historical house. Here are two of his notes:

June 7, 1990    “Opened her wide at one oh nine,  
 Looked around inside, put out the sign  
 Run up the colors, Red, White & Blue  
 Sat down to read, ten past two.  
 Three PM came and went:  
 My eyeballs tired, my back got bent.  
 Three historical souls came through the door  
 I closed it up tight at quarter to four.” J.J. Hasson

July 24, 1991    [posted on the door]

“I’m hoeing potatoes in back of the Reading Greenhouses – if you’d like to visit the Historical Society Museum, please come over, I’ll appreciate having an excuse to quit”.    Jim Hasson, Curator

Thank you to everyone that helps us continue our work in “Preserving Reading’s History”.

Respectfully submitted,

Esther Allen, President    Jim Bennett, Vice-President    Elizabeth Kozlowski, Treasurer    Charline Hagar, Secretary

## Reading Planning Commission Zoning Board of Adjustment 2021

Reading's Planning Commission (PC) meets at 7:00 p.m. on the first Monday of each month in the Town Hall Dining Room. Occasionally, when our meeting falls on a holiday, we meet at an alternate time and alert the public through our meeting minutes, a notice on the town's website, and a notice in the Town Hall. We also use the Front Porch Forum to keep the public informed of our schedule and activities. The business of each meeting is outlined in an Agenda that we post no later than the Wednesday before that meeting. We also deliver a copy to the Town Clerk for posting in the Town Hall and on the website. Please read the minutes to follow the work of the Commission and attend a meeting if you have any questions or concerns. If you prefer to contact us online, our email address is [readingvt.plancomm@gmail.com](mailto:readingvt.plancomm@gmail.com).

The ZBA and the PC have the same membership but address different issues in town. The ZBA meets as needed to hear requests for conditional use permits or variances and to rule on appeals of decisions made by the town's Zoning Administrator (ZA). We warn ZBA hearings at least fifteen days in advance in accordance with Vermont's Open Meeting Law. The PC writes the Town Plan and the Zoning Ordinance (ZO). They also conduct Site Plan Reviews and Subdivision Reviews.

The PC and the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) met over Zoom for the first half of 2021. When Governor Scott lifted the emergency COVID order in late spring, the boards instituted hybrid meetings. We continued to meet over Zoom but Vermont's Open Meeting Law required we also offer a physical meeting space. At least one board member participated from the Town Hall Dining Room in case anyone else preferred to attend there.. We hope to continue the hybrid meeting approach but need to develop a way to more easily run meetings from the Town Hall and host them over Zoom. The Zoom meetings are recorded and archived on the web. The PC/ZBA minutes contain a link to the recordings and can be reviewed on the town's website.

The ZBA held a public hearing in July to hear an appeal of a decision made by the ZA that a particular project in town did not require a zoning permit. The hearing was held at the Town Hall and over Zoom. There was a lot of public interest in the project and the appeal and the hearing was well attended. After deliberations, the ZBA upheld the appeal and ruled the project was not allowed by the ZO. The applicant then appealed the ZBA's decision to Vermont's Environmental Court, where it was being reviewed at the end of 2021.

The PC held two subdivision reviews in the spring. They also revised their Rules of Procedure and Ethics Manual that they first adopted in 2005. The Manual is on the town's website for the public to review. It lays out the procedure for running meetings and public hearings, dealing with conflicts of interest, and more. The Commission spent the rest of the year, including many special meetings, completing the Town Plan rewrite. The PC thanks the Mt. Ascutney Regional Commission (MARC) and Jason Rasmussen, who also hosted our meetings over Zoom, for helping us get it done. The PC held a public hearing on the Town Plan on November 15, 2021. Since there was no public concern over the Plan the PC voted to send it on to the Select Board (SB) for its public hearing and approval. The Select Board has 120 days to complete that process.

Ken Cox resigned from the PC and ZBA at the start of summer because he and his wife plan to start spending summers and early fall in New Mexico. The PC/ZBA will miss his presence on both boards and thank him for his 25+ years of service to the town. His contributions of time, effort, and professional expertise have been invaluable for improving the ZO, the Town Plan, and chairing ZBA hearings. Since he has agreed to serve as an alternate PC/ZBA member we may see him again at a future hearing.

Jean Goldsborough, who served as our recording secretary for about a year and a half, was appointed to fill Ken's vacant seat. Following Ken's resignation, the ZBA voted for Kurt to be the chair and Jean to be the vice chair. The other appointment made during the year was for Richard Windish to be the second, alternate PC/ZBA member.

PC chair –	Stephen Strait	PC vice chair –	Kathy Callan-Rondeau
ZBA chair –	Ken Cox (until July 1 <sup>st</sup> )	ZBA vice chair—	Kurt Voight (until July 1 <sup>st</sup> )
ZBA chair –	Kurt Voight (after July 1 <sup>st</sup> )	ZBA vice chair—	Jean Goldsborough (after July 1 <sup>st</sup> )

## Reading Public Library Annual Report FY 2021

**Trustees:** Vanessa Maxham, Chair; Bill Bakker, Treasurer; Janet Malcolm, Secretary; Libbet Downs; Heather Evans. **Hours:** Sat. 10 - 2, Tues. 12 - 7 (closed 3:30 - 4), Thur. 10 - 5 (closed 1:30 - 2). **Phone:** 484-5588. **Mail:** Box 7. **E-mail:** [reading.public.library@comcast.net](mailto:reading.public.library@comcast.net). **Web:** [readinglibrary.org](http://readinglibrary.org). The board meets the last Tues. of each month at 6 p.m.

We want to remind folks that you can search our book catalog from home via our website. You can also see what books you have out and when they're due, and can renew them if you wish. You can check your reading history, get tips on other books you might like, create reading lists of books to read, make suggestions for books you'd like us to consider buying, and receive email notifications about overdue books and about books waiting for pick-up. And you have direct access to hundreds of thousands of books belonging to other VT libraries in the Catamount consortium. If we don't have the book you want but another library does, you can request the book with a few keystrokes and it will be mailed to us for pickup.

The library subscribes to the Vermont Online Library. This allows patrons access to dozens of databases comprising information on health, business, science, genealogy, and the arts. Universal Class, an online continuing education service, is also available to patrons, who can take up to five non-credit courses at a time. The library provides e-books and digital audio books through Listen Up VT. Passes for Billings Farm, the Precision Museum, the VT History Museum, VINS, and ECHO Lake Aquarium can be checked out, as well as passes for VT state parks and historical sites. The library building is available as a meeting space for local groups. The access point runs continuously, so folks can bring their devices to the library yard and get a speedy fiber-optic network connection whether we're open or not.

Other services and programs the past year included curbside and home delivery of books, a pop-up computer station, e-reader lending, a paperback swap, an outdoor movie and a Christmas program (both co-sponsored with the REC), a poetry stroll, a Zoom story-telling series for children, a seed-lending library and herb garden, as well as pumpkin-carving with RES kids and a candy give-away with pumpkin display on Halloween. We secured a two thousand dollar grant, which will enable us to expand our children's book collection. We provided water and a separate internet connection to Puddledock Park. And we continue to stock and maintain a Little Free Library (built, donated, and installed by Karl Hanson) in the library's front yard.

Cordially,

Tony Pikramenos, Librarian

**Hours:** Saturdays 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Tuesdays 12 p.m. - 7 p.m. (closed 3:30 - 4)

Thursdays 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. (closed 1:30 - 2)

**Phone:** 484-5588.      **Mail:** P.O. Box 7

**E-mail:** [reading.public.library@comcast.net](mailto:reading.public.library@comcast.net).

**Web:** [www.readinglibrary.org](http://www.readinglibrary.org).

## Reading Recreation Commission Report 2021

After a socially-distanced 2020 with fewer events than usual, the Reading Recreation Commission had high hopes for organizing numerous recreational opportunities during 2021. As most of the event dates approached, however, COVID case counts were high and the Reading Recreation Commission chose to prioritize the health of our community over gathering. It was disappointing, but we continue to look toward the future and are committed to bringing people safely together again when possible.

The RRC did manage to squeeze in an outdoor movie (“Fantastic Mr. Fox”) at Puddledock Park in late August, a scarecrow contest and well-attended Halloween “Trunk-or-Treat” event in October and a festive holiday Tree Lighting in early December. We are especially grateful to Librarian, Tony Pikramenos, of the Reading Public Library, who is a consistently willing and generous partner in most of our events. Tony does a great deal of organizing behind the scenes. He makes the library bathroom available for movies and holiday programs. Tony pops the popcorn for refreshments. He delights in painting and carving pumpkins with all of the students at Reading Elementary School each year. Tony reads “The Night Before Christmas”, prepares candles and songbooks for our holiday tree lighting program and generally motivates us all. He is definitely a community treasure!

Several new members joined the ranks of the Reading Recreation Commission during the Spring of 2021. Welcome Kristen Hurd, Dominic Lord and Shiri Macri. Their infusion of fresh energy and new ideas makes our meetings entertaining and invigorating. Our departing Chair, Stephen D’Agostino, and Treasurer, Lisa Morrison, contributed significantly to our success during their tenures as members of the RRC—thank you both!

The RRC meets monthly (third Thursdays at 6 pm) via Zoom and occasionally in-person outdoors. The links and agendas are available on the Town website and in Front Porch Forum several days prior to the meeting dates. Please join us to offer feedback and ideas, to collaborate and, hopefully, to celebrate good public health in 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerry Marletta—2022    Lisa Morrison—2022    Shiri Macri—2022

Kelsey Coyle—2023    Kristen Hurd—2023

Lisa Kaija—2024    Dominic Lord—2024

## *Zoning Administrator's Report*

During the calendar year of 2021 there were 19 various permits issued.

### **Zoning Permits Issued Were:**

- 1 Greenhouse/Chicken House
- 5 Sheds (1 Pottery Shed, 4 Storage Sheds)
- 3 Decks
- 1 Sap Pump House
- 1 Chicken Run Addition
- 1 New House
- 1 Sugar House with attached Living Area
- 1 Camp with Storage Area
- 1 Sculpture
- 1 14' X 70' Mobile Home
- 1 Sign
- 2 Subdivisions of Land

This is less than one half of the permits issued in 2020 during the height of the pandemic. Requests for permits have really slowed down in 2021. Many of these were small do-it-yourself projects. In 2021 the Town started listing permits on the Town Web Site. If you cannot find one you are looking for, please call me or the Town Clerk and we can help you out. There will be those that are in the 16-day waiting period and subject to public input, and those that are beyond the 16-day period and approved for construction. All permits will be archived after one year which is the time the permit is good for. If extensions are approved beyond that time frame by the ZA they will be listed as well.

Zoning violations continue with many various excuses when discovered. Additionally, when these violations are discovered and brought to the landowner's attention, all have responded quickly, paid the fine, and submitted a request for a permit. So far, luckily for the landowner, all were within the provision of the Zoning Ordinance and approved once all fees and fines were paid. With that said, it is the landowner that is responsible for being sure all permits are in place for a project, large or small, before construction starts. Determining if a permit is required is very easy, just call the Zoning Administrator and describe the project. Some contractors are telling people "a permit is not needed for this project". Double check, permits are required for every "ground cover" project.

The Planning Commission has completed the update of the Town Plan and turned it over to the Selectboard for their Public Hearing which will be scheduled for some time later in the winter/early spring.

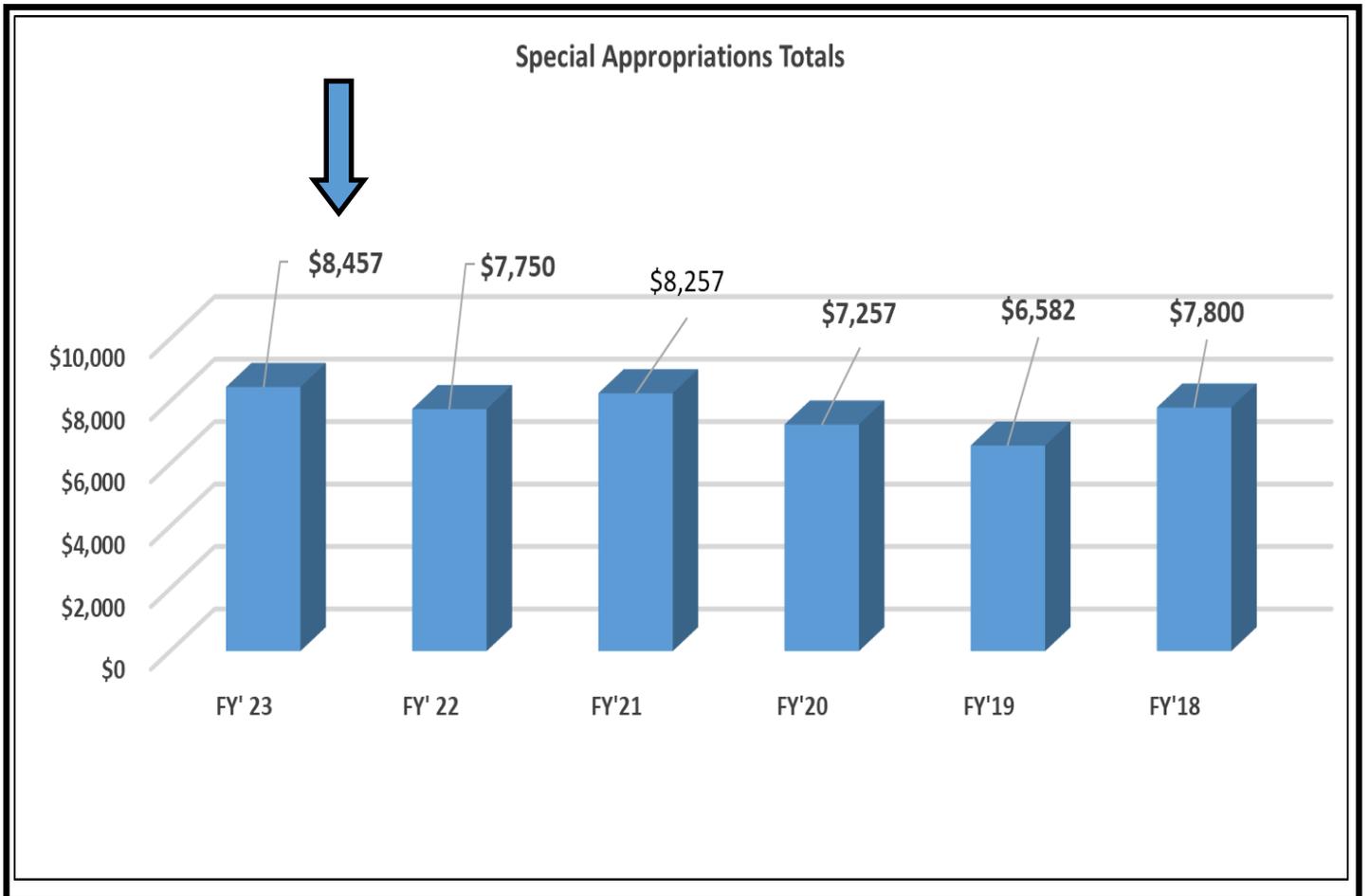
The next project will be to review the Zoning Ordinance for changes needed to be sure it continues to complement the Town Plan.

Copies of all Town ordinance's and regulations are available at the Town Office and the website.

Submitted by Robert Allen  
 Zoning Administrator  
 (802) 296-1124  
[rkallen@myfairpoint.net](mailto:rkallen@myfairpoint.net)

# Special Appropriations Reports

Social Service Agencies Only	Article	Amount Requested					
		FY' 23	FY' 22	FY'21	FY'20	FY'19	FY'18
Aging In Place Reading-West Windsor	5	\$1,000	\$500	0			
HCRS - Health Care & Rehabilitation	6	\$707	\$0	\$707	\$707	\$707	\$0
Ottauquechee Health Foundation	7	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0		
Spectrum Teen Center	8	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$0	\$750
Visiting Nurse & Hospice of VT-NH	9	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000
Volunteers In Action	10	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$175
Windsor County Mentors	11	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
Wise	12	\$300	\$0				
<b>Total Requested</b>		<b>\$8,457</b>	<b>\$7,750</b>	<b>\$8,257</b>	<b>\$7,257</b>	<b>\$6,582</b>	<b>\$7,800</b>
Increase/Decrease over previous budget year		\$707	(\$507)	\$1,000	\$675	(\$1,218)	(\$550)



**Article 5** Shall the voters appropriate \$1000 (One Thousand Dollars) to Aging in Place Reading-West Windsor for localized elder care?

**Board of Directors**

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The mission of Reading-West Windsor Aging in Place emphasizes promoting awareness of local services, connecting volunteers with their aging neighbors, and strengthening inter-generational bonds within the community.

In addition to publishing three editions of a very helpful “Resources for Older Adults” booklet, we can boast of having a well-used telephone Senior Helpline. We have talked our neighbors through some questions such as how to get rides to appointments, how to get lists of caregivers, where to find needed adaptive equipment, and more.

Our close relationships with such area non-profits as Senior Solutions, Volunteers in Action, Green Mountain RSVP, Mt. Ascutney Hospital, and Woodstock’s Thompson Senior Center have given us an idea of what seniors need and seek. We know the importance of local volunteers and work with these non-profits to recruit and utilize volunteers. We have a growing list of our own neighbors, willing to make telephone check-ins, help with light repairs and light building projects, garden, etc.

We are most excited about the work of our “Aging Adult Wellness Nurse,” Rita Rice, who has been on the job for 30 hours per month since this past April. Rita has an extensive background in many fields of nursing and has a passion for wellness nursing. Her goal is to promote a healthy lifestyle for our seniors through healthy nutrition, exercise, and home safety. At this date, nineteen seniors have signed on for her services (at no cost to them) with more seniors in the wings. Her clients tend to be facing significant end of life challenges. Rita works closely with the identified senior, related agencies and doctors, community members, and family, as needed, to promote health and general well-being.

In addition to our gratitude for donations from individuals, our many thanks also go to the Couch Family Foundation, the Byrne Foundation, the Ottawaquechee Health Foundation, Mascoma Bank, and the Upper Valley Community Nurse Project for providing start-up grants, as well as to the voters of Reading and West Windsor for approving modest town appropriations. These funds have been vital to our success. We are excited to plan educational talks, workshops, exercise classes, and more in the future. Please contact one of our board members if you would like to get involved.

**Article 6** Shall the voters appropriate \$707 (Seven Hundred Seven Dollars) to HCRS—Health Care & Rehabilitation Services for providing mental health services?

**Health Care & Rehabilitation Services  
Annual Report for FY 21 for Town of Reading**

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

**During FY21, HCRS provided 990 hours of services to 16 residents of the Town of Reading.** The services provided included all of HCRS' programs resulting in a wide array of supports for the residents of Reading.

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

- **Springfield Regional Office (Agency Headquarters)** 390 River Street Springfield, VT 05156 (802) 886-4500 To access services (for potential new clients): (855) 220-9429 Fax: (802) 886-4580
- **Brattleboro Regional Office** 51 Fairview Street Brattleboro, VT 05301 (802) 254-6028 To access services (for potential new clients): (855) 220-9428 Fax: (802) 254-7501
- **Hartford Regional Office** P.O. Box 709, 49 School Street Hartford, VT 05047 (802) 295-3031 To access services (for potential new clients): (855) 220-9430 Fax: (802) 295-0820  
Emergency Services - (800) 622-4235

**Article 7** Shall the voters appropriate \$1,000 (One Thousand Dollars) to Ottauquechee Health Foundation for health and wellness services?



### **Who We Are:**

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

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

OHF's backbone programs, Good Neighbor and Homecare Grants, continue to be utilized extensively by those in need, especially during the COVID-19 health crisis. These programs have shifted to accommodate the increased and diverse needs of the communities OHF serves. Year to date, the foundation has received 211 grant inquiries totaling over \$299,000 in funding request from residents of its nine core towns. The foundation expects to exceed its current granting budget for 2021, and we fully expect to continue to provide pandemic relief into 2022.

### **About OHF's Good Neighbor Grant (GNG) program**

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

**In 2021, OHF provided 7 grants to Reading residents totaling over \$9,000. This equates to approximately 5% of our overall granting budget. Town support from Reading in the amount of \$1000 is invaluable to us and allows us to better serve the Reading Community. Thank you!**

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

### **Our Funding Sources:**

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

### **How to Contact OHF:**

Ottauquechee Health Foundation (OHF)

802-457-4188 | [www.ohfvt.org](http://www.ohfvt.org)

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

**Article 8** Shall the voters appropriate \$750 (Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars) to Spectrum Teen Center for connecting teens to the community?

The Spectrum Teen Center  
70 Amsden Way  
Woodstock, Vermont 05091

Town of Reading

The Spectrum Teen Center would like to once again thank the town of Reading for their generous support that we received last year. We are very grateful for the continued support we have received from you over the years.

The Spectrum Teen Center has been serving teens for 26 years in grades 7-12. Our program serves teens from the six sending towns that make up the Windsor Central Supervisory Union. We are under the umbrella of the WCSU.

In 2020, we provided over 15 FREE events for teens even though we were in the middle of a pandemic! We hosted outdoor pizza nights, art events at Artistree and some local hikes. Unfortunately, we were not able to hold our two largest fundraisers, which are the John Langhans Road Race and the gate donations at the July 4th Fireworks celebration. This has greatly impacted our revenue for our program.

Thank you again for your support!

The Spectrum Teen Center Director

Heather Vonada



**Article 9** Shall the voters appropriate \$4,000 (Four Thousand Dollars) to Visiting Nurse & Hospice of VT & NH for in-home healthcare services?

**VISITING NURSE AND HOSPICE FOR VT AND NH**

***Home Health, Hospice and Skilled Pediatric Services in Reading, VT***

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

VNH services reduce costs associated with town programs for emergency response and elder care. With quality care provided at home, there is less need for costly hospital and emergency room trips. And with VNH support, residents can age in place rather than relocating to a state or local nursing home.

**Between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021 VNH made 688 homecare visits to 20 Reading residents. This included approximately \$17,625 in unreimbursed care to Reading residents.**

**Home Health Care:** 173 home visits to 15 residents with short-term medical or physical needs.

**Long-Term Care:** 91 home visits to 2 residents with chronic medical problems who need extended care in the home to avoid admission to a nursing home.

**Hospice Services:** 406 home visits to 2 residents who were in the final stages of their lives.

**Skilled Pediatric Care:** 18 home visits to 1 residents for well-baby, preventative and palliative medical care.

VNH serves many of Reading's most vulnerable citizens – the frail elderly and disabled, at-risk families, people with terminal illnesses, children with chronic medical needs, and the uninsured and underinsured. We are dedicated to delivering outstanding home health and hospice services that enrich the lives of the people we serve.

Over the past year this has included many telehealth visits for which we did not receive reimbursement. It is with your help that we are able to provide services like this to those in need. Reading's annual appropriation to VNH helps to ensure that all have access to quality care when and where it is needed most. On behalf of the people we serve, we thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,



*Hilary Davis, Vice President, Strategy Management*

888-300-8853

**Article 10** Shall the voters appropriate \$200 (Two Hundred Dollars) to Volunteers in Action for assistance to those with special needs?

### VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION

As Volunteers in Action (ViA) approaches 25 years of neighbor helping neighbor services this coming January, we often reflect upon the generous contributions we have received and the significant partnerships we have established. The Town of Reading has been a strong partner as we continue to help promote the health and well-being of individuals that make up our seven-town, bi-state service area here in the Mount Ascutney region. We are proud to share some of our accomplishments from the past year to include, but not limited to:

Helping to organize and coordinate a **65-person neighbor helping neighbor COVID response team** that responded to emergency requests, e.g., pet care for the hospitalized, grocery pick-up for those quarantining, and much more;

Our Meals on Wheels volunteers delivered **over 350 meals per week (5 each week delivered in the Town of Reading)** covering over an estimated 18,000 total miles collectively. (Throughout the entire pandemic, our courageous and generous volunteers have continued to bag and deliver Meals on Wheels with no interruption in service.);

Between when ViA reopened volunteer transportation in May 2021 until the end of September 2021, we provided 134 safe, free, and friendly volunteer rides (**8 of which were for Reading residents**) to medical appointments, shopping, and more covering over 1,750 miles;

Our Creative Crafting Circle of volunteers average over 20 hours per month (since restarting in June 2021) knitting hearts and garments for comfort for those hospitalized and their families at Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center; and

Partnering with the Vermont Foodbank to support our neighbors facing food insecurity by helping to distribute fresh produce to **over 330 households per month** through the VeggieVanGo program and additional bi-weekly meal deliveries through Vermont Everyone Eats!

Volunteers in Action provides services that allow for many individuals who are older and/or disabled, especially those lacking familial support close by, the opportunity to stay in their homes and maintain independence as they age. Whether through delivering nutritious food in collaboration with the Meals on Wheels program and local foodbanks, providing medical appointment transportation at no-cost, or offering a hand around the home with errands or friendly visiting, Volunteers in Action empowers people to help each other while maintaining dignity and bolstering a sense of community and belonging. Some of our volunteers have since transitioned to receiving services rather than providing them, and we are honored to help them as they once helped others.

Respectfully, Amanda Jordan Smith (she/her)  
Volunteers in Action Coordinator  
via@mahhc.org | (802) 674-5971

**Article 11** Shall the voters appropriate \$500 (Five Hundred Dollars)  
to Windsor County Mentors for youth mentorships?



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### **Town Narrative - Reading**

Since 1974, Windsor County Mentors has been creating and nurturing intensive community- and school-based mentoring partnerships, free of charge, to any Windsor County child between 5 and 18 who could benefit from a long-term, trusting relationship with an adult in their community.

Mentoring offers vulnerable youth opportunities to share experiences with reliable adults to widen their vision of themselves, helping them to become confident, contributing members of their community and increasing their social and mental wellbeing.

Strong social science research has shown that youth with mentors have:

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

In FY 2021, WCM served and supported school- and community-based mentorships with children from throughout Windsor County including Reading. Collectively, our mentors volunteered thousands of hours to their communities.

Our surveys demonstrate the positive effects of mentoring:

Mentors (96%) would recommend mentoring to a family member, friend, or colleague.

Mentee parents (100%) said their child is hopeful about his/her future.

Mentees (82%) reported having a mentor has made a difference in his/her life.

Finally, a recent study by the Washington State Institute for Public Policy found that the chance that benefits will outweigh the costs of mentoring services is as high as 94%! Looked at another way, for every dollar spent on mentoring, communities received as much as \$29.32 in benefit to children.

Think about that. Almost 30 dollars in benefit to children returned to the community for every dollar spent!

WCM employs regional outreach coordinators around Windsor County, assuring that we are able to grant each town the attention it deserves.

Financial support from Windsor County towns helps ensure the well-being of children and their families.

For more information on our mentorships, find us on Facebook, visit our website [www.wcmentors.org](http://www.wcmentors.org), or contact us at [ProgramsWC@outlook.com](mailto:ProgramsWC@outlook.com) 802-674-5101. WCM thanks the voters of Reading for their support for the children of Windsor County.

Matthew Garcia , Executive Director

**Article 12** Shall the voters appropriate \$300 (Three Hundred Dollars) to WISE for programs that provide crisis advocacy?

## 2021 WISE Overview



### Mission Statement:

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

For 50 years WISE has been the only organization dedicated to providing crisis advocacy and support for victims of gender-based violence within 23 communities in Windsor and Orange Counties, VT and Grafton County, NH. WISE offers a confidential and free 24-hour crisis line, peer support groups and workshops, emergency shelter, safety planning and accompaniment to hospitals, police stations, court houses and other social service agencies.

In FY21 (7/1/20-6/30/21), WISE provided advocacy and other critical support services to a total of 1362 people, 67% accessed WISE services for the first time. 75% were victims of domestic violence, 21% were victims of sexual violence, 5% were victims of stalking. Many survivors experienced multiple victimizations. Among the advocacy responses sought from WISE, safety planning, legal advocacy, and crisis counseling were the most common.

The Crisis Services and Advocacy Program supports people through the 24-hour crisis line, emergency shelter, transitional apartments, general housing assistance, legal advocacy and aid, safety planning, support groups, and in person support at police stations, courts, hospitals, at the WISE Program Center and in its co-locations throughout the Upper Valley. We train medical, legal and law enforcement professionals on how to effectively respond to the complex needs of victims. This past year, WISE increased accessibility of its 24-hour crisis line by adding web chat and text messaging support for survivors. All of our services are free and confidential, and underlying all support is the commitment to survivor-centered advocacy; acknowledging that survivors can make the best decisions for themselves when given information, resources and support. Research shows that the provision of advocacy greatly reduces the likelihood of re-victimization for people who have experienced domestic and sexual violence.

WISE advocates are available every hour, every day at 866-348-WISE, or chat online at [wiseuv.org](http://wiseuv.org).

Program Center · 38 Bank Street · Lebanon, NH 03766  
 every hour, every day · 866-348-WISE  
 tel: 603-448-5922 · fax: 603-448-2799 · [www.wiseuv.org](http://www.wiseuv.org)

**Article 13** Shall the voters authorize the Selectboard to borrow up to \$320,000 (Three Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars) for the purchase of a new pumper/tanker fire truck?

**READING FIRE DEPARTMENT PROPOSED BUDGET REQUEST FOR PUMPER/TANKER**

This request is to replace the 30-year-old International pumper/tanker.

<b><u>Quoted price — 11/5/21</u></b>	\$342,720
<i>Possible Chassis price increase - 7/1/22</i>	\$ 5,000
<i>Possible price increase — E-One -7/1/22</i>	<u>\$ 19,000</u>
<i>Possible Truck price - 7/1/22</i>	\$366,000

**Fire Department Allocated Monies**

Checking Account	\$ 7,000
CD	<u>\$ 43,000</u>
Total Fire Department Allocated Monies	\$ 50,000

**Town Requested Money**

<i>Possible truck price 7/1/22</i>	\$366,000
Fire Department Money applied	<u>\$ 46,000</u>
Requested Monies from Town (NTE)	<b>\$320,000</b>
(NTE: Not To Exceed)	

Fire department money left to cover any overage of Town Requested Money, to be added to Town money \$4,000

Notes:

The \$10,000 from the Fire Department (above) will be applied to the cost no matter what, it is withheld from Town Requested money to cover if prices go up beyond projection. If the cost is less than the "possible" truck price, the money (\$4,000) reduces the Town's share by that amount. Example: Truck Price = \$353,000 minus FD money of \$50,000 = \$303,000 (Town share)

No money is required until truck is delivered and accepted (approx. 18 months after contract is signed).

Any money paid before truck is delivered will earn 3.00% interest. This may be subtracted from final price or taken as a check payment.

Reading Fire Department

Gary Vittum, Chief

# Miscellaneous Agency Reports



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[www.ecfiber.net](http://www.ecfiber.net)

## **ECFiber update for Reading**

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

In Reading, ECFiber has completed construction of its network. As of November, 2021, there were 116 customers along 49 miles of network.

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

John Malcolm - Primary delegate to the ECFiber Governing Board  
Gerry Marletta - Alternate delegate  
Reading@ECFiber.net



## MARC

### Mount Ascutney Regional Commission

In 2021, the Southern Windsor County Regional Planning Commission changed its name to Mount Ascutney Regional Commission (MARC). The MARC is an organization that serves the ten towns in the southern Windsor County Region, including Reading. The activities and programs of the MARC are governed by a Board of Commissioners that are appointed by each member town. The primary function of the MARC is to assist member towns with their planning and other community related activities, and to promote cooperation and coordination among towns.

During FY21, the dues from member towns contributed about 2% of the MARC's annual budget of \$1,561,762. The town dues assessment of \$833 was determined on a \$1.25 per person based upon 2010 Census data. The remaining revenues were derived from federal, state, and other funding sources.

The MARC offers member towns a broad range of services, including assistance with planning, zoning, transportation, water quality, emergency management, data, mapping, and other planning activities. In FY21, the MARC provided the following services to the Town of Reading: assisted the Planning Commission to prepare Town Plan updates; assisted with preparing a Local Emergency Operations Plan; assisted with emergency management planning; assistance with obtaining funds for drainage improvements on North Puckerbrush Road; and provided information and technical assistance related to the American Rescue Plan Act and COVID-19 issues.

We would like to thank town appointed representatives Kathy Rondeau, Gordy Eastman and Robert Allen who have served on the MARC Board and Committees this past year.

Thank you for your continued support of local and regional planning. For more information about the MARC, call us at (802) 674-9201, visit our website at [www.marcvt.org](http://www.marcvt.org), or look us up on Facebook.

Jason Rasmussen, AICP  
Executive Director

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	Ascutney, VT	Email: <a href="mailto:ctitus@swcrpc.org">ctitus@swcrpc.org</a>

## Southern Windsor/Windham Counties Solid Waste Management District

Andover • Athens • Baltimore • Cavendish • Chester • Grafton • Ludlow • Plymouth  
Reading • Rockingham • Springfield • Weathersfield • West Windsor • Windsor

[www.vtsolidwastedistrict.org](http://www.vtsolidwastedistrict.org)



The District was chartered in 1981 and currently serves fourteen Vermont towns. Each member municipality appoints a representative and an alternate to serve on the Board of Supervisors. Reading's representative is Jim Peplau. The alternate position is vacant.



All food scraps were banned from the landfill as of July 1, 2020. To help residents divert their food scraps from the trash, the District has offered backyard composting workshops for several years but had to cancel them in spring 2020 because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Instead, Ham Gillett made a video about the subject, which can be seen at <http://okemovalley.tv/virtual-composting-workshop>. The Weathersfield Transfer Station accepts food scraps (including meat and bones) for free.



Five hundred and seventy-five people brought household hazardous waste (HHW) to the District's two collections in 2021, which cost over \$65,000. The District has been working on permitting and constructing a permanent HHW facility in Springfield which will tentatively open in May 2022. The unheated site will be located at the Alva Waste transfer station and will be open for 5 or 6 months annually, 8-10 hours a week. HHW drop-off will be by appointment for the first year.



Bring unwanted paint year-round to Aubuchon Hardware in Windsor during regular business hours and dispose of it for free (cans must be labeled, not leaky, not rusty – bring other cans to the permanent HHW facility).

AA, AAA, C, D, 9v, hearing aid, coin cell, tool, and rechargeable batteries are accepted at the Weathersfield Transfer Station for free. Batteries are “special recycling” and do NOT go in with other recycling.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Kennedy  
District Manager

Mary T. O'Brien  
Recycling Coordinator

Ham Gillett  
Outreach Coordinator

## The Reading-West Windsor Food Shelf

The Reading-West Windsor Food Shelf has been supplying, since 2000, food free of charge, to local families in need. The Food Shelf is located in the Old Stone Schoolhouse in South Reading (3456 Tyson Road). It is open on Mondays (2-4pm) and Thursdays (4-6pm), except on major holidays and school snow days.

We serve residents of Reading, West Windsor, and also surrounding towns without a food shelf of their own. The food shelf offers canned, frozen, and packaged foods, dairy products, fresh produce when available, and frozen meats. Toiletry items, household products, and pet food are also offered when available.

The Reading-West Windsor Food Shelf strives to ensure that all members of the community have adequate amounts of nutritious food and that it is provided to them in a manner that preserves their dignity. Additionally, the Food Shelf assists families in applying for 3SquaresVT, the state food stamp program, as well as other local funds that emerge to help people in crisis.

The Reading-West Windsor Food Shelf keeps expenses low due to its all-volunteer workforce and the low cost space and utilities provided by the Town of Reading. Food expenses are kept to a minimum (consistent with providing an excellent selection and quantity of nutritious food) by:

1. Maximizing the amount of free and low cost food that is obtained from the Vermont Food Bank.
2. Receiving produce from individuals who plant extra rows in their gardens for RWWFS; We have also regularly acquired produce through Food Bank pick-up sites, and generous produce donations from Woodstock Farmers Market and Willing Hands.
3. Accepting donated eggs and locally grown meat from community farmers;
4. Arranging with local stores to purchase their goods at cost or near cost;
5. Maintaining relationships with a local church and synagogue that donate food and personal hygiene products;
6. Accepting donations as appropriate from area residents (e.g. canned food that has not expired).

By providing food to those in need, the Food Shelf provides a safety net and a helping hand to our most at-risk neighbors. Our mailing address is Reading – West Windsor Food Shelf, Inc., PO Box 384, Brownsville, VT 05037.

Questions: Call Sara at 802-484-5097, Diane at 802-299-7851, or Tish at 603-731-1450.



## Vermont League of Cities and Towns

**About the League.** The Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, owned by its member municipalities, with a mission to serve and strengthen Vermont local government. It is directed by a 13-member Board of Directors elected by the membership and comprising municipal officials from across the state. The most recent audited financial statements are posted on our website, [vlct.org/about/audit-reports](http://vlct.org/about/audit-reports).

**Member Benefits.** All 246 Vermont cities and towns are members of VLCT, as are 139 other municipal entities that include villages, solid waste districts, regional planning commissions, and fire districts. Members have exclusive access to a wide range of specialized benefits, expertise, and services, including:

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

At the heart of all these activities is VLCT's commitment to serving as a good steward of member assets, and we are proud of the progress we continue to make in that effort. Members are welcome to contact VLCT anytime to ask questions, and to access resources that can help them carry out the important work of local government. For a comprehensive list of member benefits and services, please visit [vlct.org/membersguide](http://vlct.org/membersguide). To learn more about the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, visit the VLCT website at [vlct.org](http://vlct.org).



## Vermont Sheriffs' Association

### Windsor County Sheriff's Department

Chances are you don't give much thought to the County Sheriff. You may see an article in the paper, a name on the ballot, or a patrol car along the side of the road. What is it that makes your County Sheriff unique among Vermont law enforcement professionals? The Sheriff is an elected law enforcement official.

A Sheriff is more than an individual; he has a department behind him made up of Sheriff's Deputies and support personnel. It's an organization of men and women dedicated to protecting and serving the people of your county. Deputies are sworn law enforcement personnel. They're appointed by the Sheriff to help uphold the laws and preserve peace. In addition, they are certified by the State of Vermont and meet all of the training requirements put forth by the Criminal Justice Training Council.

As a citizen, you can depend on your Sheriff's Department to help make a community that's safe and trouble free. But to be truly effective, a Sheriff's Department depends on your cooperation and involvement. Crime and accidents result in the great costs of lives, money, and pain. The Sheriff's Department is working hard to protect you from these dangers. Sheriff's Departments around the State are actively involved in Neighborhood Watch, D.A.R.E., Elderly Assistance and a host of other crime prevention projects.

In Reading, the Sheriff's Department is hired on an annual basis to patrol the roads and highways throughout Reading based on patrol hours. Below you will see, by month, the number of hours patrolled by a sheriff and the number of tickets issued by location.

**Tickets Issued by the Windsor County Sheriff's Dept.**

Month	Patrol Hours	Tyson Road (25 MPH Zone)	Tyson Road (35 MPH Zone)	Tyson Road (40 MPH Zone)	Rte 106 (35 MPH Zone)	Rte 106 (40 MPH Zone)	Rte 106 (50 MPH Zone)	Other Violations	Total
Jan-21	48	1	0	0	1	22	0	3	<b>27</b>
Feb-21	48	0	0	0	0	10	1	0	<b>11</b>
Mar-21	60	0	2	0	0	15	2	1	<b>20</b>
Apr-21	52	0	0	0	0	5	1	0	<b>6</b>
May-21	60	1	4	0	0	5	1	1	<b>12</b>
Jun-21	48	1	4	1	0	3	0	3	<b>12</b>
Jul-21	48	0	0	1	0	6	1	0	<b>8</b>
Aug-21	60	0	3	0	0	10	1	0	<b>14</b>
Sep-21	52	3	1	0	2	5	0	2	<b>13</b>
Oct-21	44	0	0	0	2	8	2	1	<b>13</b>
Nov-21	56	0	0	2	1	9	3	8	<b>23</b>
Dec-21	53	1	0	0	0	7	0	1	<b>9</b>
							<b>Total</b>	<b>Tickets</b>	<b>168</b>

Reading Town Meeting Informational Meeting  
February 22, 2021

Robert Allen, Chair of the Selectboard called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM. Robert explained how the meeting will be run and what is expected from all participants. This meeting will follow the warning as printed in the Town report on pages 8 and 9. There were approximately 61 total participants with 13 being non-residents.

**Article 1:** To elect the following Town Officers for the ensuing year: Town Moderator, Selectperson, Listers, Auditors, Trustee of Public Funds, Library Trustee, Cemetery Commissioner, each candidate will have 2 minutes to speak.

Town Moderator for a one-year term: Robert J Hartnett, Jr is running for this office. Bob introduces himself. He and his wife Mary have lived here for about 5 years. He has a military back ground, when he retired they wanted a place to call home. He has been a Justice of the Peace for 2 terms and is an EMT with the Reading Fire Department.

Selectboard for a three-year term: Gordy Eastman is running for re-election. He stated that he has been elected 5 times to three year terms. He brings a vast knowledge of roads, bridges and transportation in general. He is the representative for the Town to MARC (Mount Ascutney Regional Commission). Stephen D'Agostino is running against Gordy for the three-year term. Stephen spoke to how he could help the Selectboard be more involved with the committees in Town.

Lister for a three-year term: Penny Allyn is running for re-election, she has been a lister for 14 years.

Lister for a one-year term: Neil Muirhead was appointed to the vacant position and is now running for the office. Neil has no formal experience and has been learning on the job.

Auditor for a three-year term: This position is vacant with no one coming forward to run.

Auditor for a one-year term: Marion Pickielnok was appointed to the vacant position and is now running for the office. Marion has financial experience. She was not able to attend the meeting due to a prior commitment.

Trustee of Public Funds for a three-year term: Kenneth Norcross is running for this position. Ken has been living in Reading since 1981 and has held various offices including, Selectboard, Planning Commission, Auditor and Town Agent.

Library Trustee for a five-year term: Elizabeth (Libbet) Downs is running for re-election. She has been involved with the Library for several years and would like to continue.

Cemetery Commissioner for a three-year term: Adam Kozlowski is running for re-election. Adam has been on the commission for 6 years with most of that as chairperson.

**Article 2:** Shall the voters set the date and time, by which the Town property taxes must be paid and received by the Town Treasurer, to be Thursday, November 4, 2021 by 5:00 P.M.? (No Post Marks) – there was no discussion on this article.

**Article 3:** Shall the voters elect the Town Treasurer as Collector of Delinquent Taxes for the ensuing year? – there was no discussion on this article.

**Article 4:** Shall the voters of the Town of Reading vote to appropriate the amount of \$662,460 (Six Hundred Sixty-Two Thousand Four Hundred Sixty Dollars) to be raised by taxes for the Select board's Budget beginning July 1, 2021? – Karen Barr asked about the dates – it was explained that the fiscal year ran from July 1 to June 30 so that this budget being voted on starts in 2021 and ends

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in 2022. A question was asked about office equipment going up, it is actually going down \$4000 – this year was high as we had to replace the server and got a laptop. A question was asked about Computer Support, this is the IT company that we use. They maintain and back up the server. There was a question asked why legal fees increased from \$500 to \$5,000. This is to be prepared for a legal issue that may arise from a potential zoning permit issue.

Robert Allen said that Articles 5 thru 11 were Special Appropriation requests and the reports from these agencies could be found on pages 48-57 of the Town Report.

**Article 5:** Shall the voters appropriate \$500 (Five Hundred Dollars) to Aging in Place Reading-West Windsor for localized elder care? Sara Norcross spoke about this organization. They are a 5013C non-profit and are hiring a part-time nurse to work with clients in the area.

**Article 6:** Shall the voter appropriate \$1,000 (One Thousand Dollars) to Ottauquechee Health Foundation for health and wellness? Beth Robinson the grants coordinator for the foundation said that they appreciate the funding they get from Reading. They have given \$12,000 in grants to Reading residents.

**Article 7:** Shall the voter appropriate \$800 (eight Hundred Dollars) to Pentangle Arts for affordable arts programming? Lisa Kaija spoke about the good programs they do.

**Article 8:** Shall the voter appropriate \$750 (Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars) to Spectrum Teen Center for connecting teens to the community? Lisa Kaija spoke about this program and how troubled teens benefit from it.

**Article 9:** Shall the voters appropriate \$4,000 (Four Thousand Dollars) to Visiting Nurse & Hospice of VT & NH for in-home healthcare service? No one spoke about this article.

**Article 10:** Shall the voters appropriate \$200 (Two Hundred Dollars) to Volunteers in Action for assistance to those with special needs. No one spoke about this article.

**Article 11:** Shall the voter appropriate \$500 (Five Hundred Dollars) to Windsor County Mentors for your mentorship? Sara Norcross spoke about this program and the good it does for some kids in need. She was a mentor for about 6 years.

**Article 12:** Shall the Town of Reading vote to add two (2) additional members to the Selectboard for terms of two (2) years each? Bill Bakker spoke in favor of adding 2 members, he thinks it will add diversity, be able to spread the work around, be able to transfer some of the knowledge and add more community engagement.

Discussions followed on the following topics.

There were questions asked about what the Selectboard receives for pay – they do not get expenses unless it is something that is needed and can't wait to be ordered by the Town Clerk. They receive no benefits at all and receive a small yearly stipend – the chair gets \$1500 and each of the other 2 get \$1000.

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Ann Rubright asked the 2 candidates running for Selectboard what they thought the 2 most important issues were – Stephen said that the pandemic has created challenges but getting and keeping the 4<sup>th</sup> graders back at this school is vital to the town and to make everyone feel welcome. Please note that this forum was not a debate between the candidates.

Erin Grogan asked what the Town is doing about broadband installation. John Malcolm (one of the Reading's ECFibers representatives) said that is it coming, they have been a bit over whelmed with all the activity. It is happening; just don't have a definite date. He said that there is a service (Starlink) that uses satellites that is available in the area as an alternative. Gary Vittum asked if the ECFiber hub at the Fire Station was operational now. John said that it is on-line and fully functional.

There was talk about the Designated Village Center and how it could bring people together.

Shiri Macri asked the current Selectboard how they feel about increasing to 5 members. Jim Peplau said that potentially adding 2 members would not get any more work done and could cause delays. He also said that there are some really good proposals out there that have not been brought to the board. Gordy said the board has tried to be fiscally responsible and that adding members could increase costs. Robert said that the voters would decide this issue and the board would work with anyone if this passes. He is concerned about the negativity from the committees about not being supported by the Selectboard. The current board has worked with all the committees. The school came to the board for a letter of support that was needed ASAP and it was done.

Lisa Silvester said that Gordy's road experience is good for the town but wondered how he keeps up with other news. Gordy said they all get lots of emails form VLCT and Bob passes along what he gets from different places.

Marie Caduto asked about Town water and sewer. Robert said that Becky Basch had started a study on this before she moved from Town. Kevin Kaija had taken over as chair of the Energy Committee and the Selectboard gets reports from him. Kevin spoke about the Energy Committee and what they are doing. They will be getting a survey out to all residents about water usage and asked that everyone participate. It will be available electronically and paper copies.

Town Representative, Charlie Kimbell said that he and Senator Allison Clarkson will be holding a meeting on-line and will post the link. This will let people know about what's happening in Montpelier. They are still dealing with the COVID recovery. He thanks all the volunteers for their work. A question was asked about the Dept of Health's plan on getting the vaccine out. Charlie wasn't up to date on how they were doing that. There is a lot of information on their web site.

There was some discussion on qualifications of the candidates. Penny Allyn stated that it takes about 2 years to learn the lister position, there are classes to attend and hands on training.

The Selectboard thanked Gerry Marletta for running the zoom part of the meeting.

Adjourned at 7:55PM

Submitted by:

Calista Brennan, Town Clerk

## School Reports

Financial details for the Windsor Central Supervisory Union, and the Windsor Central Unified Union School District budgets will be posted on the WCSU website at [www.wcsu.net](http://www.wcsu.net) as documents become available.

## BUDGET INFORMATIONAL HEARING

The legal voters of Windsor Central Unified Union School District are warned and notified that an **Informational Hearing** will be held at the Windsor Central Supervisory Union and online via Zoom on **Thursday, February 24, 2022**, commencing at **6:30 P.M.**, for the purpose of explaining the 2022-2023 proposed budget.

Meeting information and the Zoom link can be found on the WCSU website at [www.wcsu.net](http://www.wcsu.net) under the School Board budget information tab.

## AUDITOR'S STATEMENT

### Windsor Central Supervisory Union Windsor Central Unified Union School District

The financial records are being audited by RHR Smith & Company for the year ending  
June 30, 2021.

Copies of the completed audit, when available, may be requested by calling the Director of Finance and Operations at 802-457-1213, extension 1089.

**WARNING FOR  
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE  
WINDSOR CENTRAL UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT**

The legal voters of Windsor Central Unified Union School District, comprising the voters of the Towns of Barnard, Bridgewater, Killington, Plymouth, Pomfret, Reading, and Woodstock, are hereby warned and notified that an **Informational Hearing** will be held via audio/video conferencing pursuant to Act 172, on **Thursday, February 24, 2022**, commencing at 6:30 P.M., for the purpose of explaining the 2022-2023 proposed budget.

Pursuant to Act 172 of 2022, the legal voters of the Windsor Central Unified Union School District are hereby warned and notified to meet at their respective polling places hereinafter named for the above-referenced towns on **Tuesday, March 1, 2022**, during the polling hours noted below, for the purpose of transacting during that time voting by Australian ballot.

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

Barnard Town Hall	10 am – 7 pm	Plymouth Municipal Building	10 am – 7 pm
Bridgewater Town Clerk’s Office	8 am – 7 pm	Pomfret Town Offices	8 am – 7 pm
Killington Town Hall	7 am – 7 pm	Reading Town Hall	7 am – 7 pm
Woodstock Town Hall	7 am – 7 pm		

**MARCH 1, 2022 – AUSTRALIAN BALLOT QUESTIONS**

**Article 1:** The legal voters of the specified towns designated within this itemized Article shall elect the following:

- Barnard: one school director to assume office upon election and serve a term of three years or until their successor is elected and qualified
- Bridgewater: one school director to assume office upon election and serve a term of three years or until their successor is elected and qualified
- Plymouth: one school director to assume office upon election and serve a term of three years or until their successor is elected and qualified
- Reading: one school director to assume office upon election and serve a term of three years or until their successor is elected and qualified
- Woodstock: one school director to assume office upon election and serve the remaining year of a three-year term or until their successor is elected and qualified
- Woodstock: one school director to assume office upon election and serve the remaining two years of a three-year term or until their successor is elected and qualified
- Woodstock: two school directors to assume office upon election and serve a term of three years or until their successor is elected and qualified

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**Article 2:** Shall the voters of the Windsor Central Unified Union School District approve the school board to expend **Twenty-Four Million Three Hundred Fourteen Thousand Three Hundred Eighteen Dollars (\$24,314,318)**, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$19,567 per equalized pupil. This projected spending is \$1,558,680 or 6.85% higher than spending for the current year.

**Article 3:** To elect an uncompensated Moderator who shall assume office upon election and shall serve for a term of one year or until their successor is elected and qualified.

**Article 4:** To elect an uncompensated Clerk who shall enter upon their duties on July 1 following their election and shall serve a term of one year or until their successor is elected and qualified.

**Article 5:** To elect a Treasurer, to be compensated six thousand five hundred dollars (\$6,500), who shall enter upon their duties on July 1 following their election and shall serve a term of one year or until their successor is elected and qualified.

**Article 6:** Shall the voters of the Windsor Central Unified Union School District authorize the board of directors under 16 V.S.A. §562(9) to borrow money by issuance of bonds or notes not in excess of anticipated revenue for the school year?

Dated the 13<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2022.

Bryce Sammel  
Signature, WCUUSD Chair

**Reading Elementary School**  
**Report by Principal John Hansen**

**Reading Elementary School operated as a PreK to Grade 4 school this year with approximately 43 students. We welcomed several new staff members including a new PreK teacher, PreK assistant teacher, Special Education teacher, music teacher, administrative assistant, custodian and principal. The long term effects of the COVID pandemic showed up in lower academic performance for some students, but growth is excellent this current school year.**

**We had hoped that this 2021-22 school year would bring a return to normalcy, but we were sadly mistaken. Masks, COVID testing, quarantines, and new variants of the virus kept schools and parents guessing about what was going to happen next. Students were in school five days a week, and cohorts were able to mingle, but field trips and parent volunteering is still limited. We hope that Spring will see a further loosening of pandemic protocols, including being able to welcome the community back into the school building. Thank you to all for your continued support.**



Carrot harvest

## Reading Elementary School Student Pictures



Clockwise from top left:

1. Apple Harvest
2. PreK - 2 Dancing
3. Weed harvest
4. Pumpkin harvest
5. Monarch butterfly release
6. Exploring the back field
7. Swinging in winter

## Woodstock Union High School and Middle School

### Report from Principal Garon Smail

In many ways, the pandemic shaped the 2020-21 school year; from hybrid schedules to games without spectators and a host of virtual events, our students and staff truly experienced a year like no other. But despite these and other challenges, our school community defined the year through its resiliency. In 2019, the Windsor Central Supervisory Union adopted a Portrait of a Graduate as an integral part of the five-year strategic plan. The Portrait of a Graduate defines the skills, knowledge, and personal habits critical to students' future success; it comprises five attributes: ***Academic Excellence, Critical Problem Solving, Self-Direction, Skillful Communication, and Stewardship***. Our students progressed in all of these areas, including these highlights: multiple students earned awards and recognitions for outstanding and excellent work in art, STEM, and writing, the Yoh Players adapted performances to outdoor and virtual settings, Middle School students participated in virtual exchanges with peers in Istanbul and student leaders formed the Social Action Club to "... spark change through education and action." Our students' ability to perform well under the stresses and uncertainties of the pandemic is a testament to the broader community support of our schools and youth. Thank you for always being there for our kids.

## The Prosper Valley School

### Report by Principal Aaron Cinquemani

The 2021-2022 school year kicked off with great energy and anticipation as The Prosper Valley School reopened its doors to 89 5th and 6th grade students after being closed due to mold nearly three years prior.

New programming in an established school facility was motivated by the conception of a fresh identity and foundational principles.

*The Prosper Valley School inspires joy and self-fulfillment by challenging the mind and encouraging the heart.*

*We believe in:*

↪ *learning that is immersed in our community and environment, locally and globally*

↪ *problem solving dispositions that encourage strength, effort, and growth*

↪ *striving for a just community that includes and celebrates diversity through fostering social awareness and advocacy*

Though the COVID-19 pandemic continues to evolve and impact daily operations at TPVS, teachers, parents and students continue to work together to ensure a healthy and fulfilling teaching and learning experience. One of the goals of TPVS is to provide as much opportunity for student agency as possible. Students are encouraged to participate in student council and be stewards of both the facility and grounds. All of the trails behind TPVS (Mount Tom) have been re-established by students, and the green house and sugarhouse have been cleaned out and prepared for spring operations by students. Star gazing and astrophotography through the TPVS observatory Horizon's also resumed this school year.

It is with great respect and appreciation that we all recognize the retirement of Mr. Rob Hanson at the end of this school year. Mr. Hanson has dedicated over 40 years of educational service to the children and families of this community. His energy, passions and place-based approach to education has created onramps to learning for hundreds of children, allowing them to learn about the uniqueness and power of the environment that surrounds them and the uniqueness and power that each one of them holds.

Windsor Central Supervisory Union  
Superintendent's Report

Dear Windsor Central Supervisory Union Community Members,

Once a year I have the opportunity to share with you the current state of our District. Rather than focusing on the pervasive impact of the pandemic, I would like to highlight the bold and compassionate work of your school team. Teachers and administrators have worked tirelessly to offer school as close to “normal” as possible while still challenging and engaging students.

Barnard Academy weathered the pandemic year spending lots of time outdoors, including several guest artist presentations and a week-long drumming residency on the tennis courts in February. Reading Elementary School not only served the needs of its resident student population, it also was the home base for the Virtual Elementary School operated by the District for children who opted to do their learning at home. When the Prosper Valley School reopened in September, their teachers worked hard to implement and sharpen their student agency and self-regulation core, guided by Developmental Designs. This past summer, a team of Woodstock Elementary faculty came together to define the concepts of vision and mission and draft new statements based on the input from their school community. The updated vision for Woodstock Elementary School is that the community cultivates compassionate, empowered learners; and the mission is to provide a strong foundation and foster perseverance and belonging.

As a District, we improved our technology infrastructure through wiring projects, hardware upgrades, and new software, while supporting the current needs of teachers, students, and staff members. Professional learning for educators has featured local, state, and national providers and has included our own teachers, The All Learners Network, Katie Novak, and hundreds of hours of graduate credits. Special education providers rewrote all IEPs to reflect in person learning, developed specialized programming at the middle and high schools for students with autism/intensive needs, and created both an Education Support Team and a Special Education handbook and resources. The Building and Grounds team moved forward with various building renovation projects with Johnson Controls. These projects will address a number of needed energy-related capital improvement projects that will be mostly self-funded through energy cost savings. WCSU has an incredible school nutrition team that overcame many challenges throughout the pandemic including mastering classroom service, increasing meal production by 50% and continuing to be creative through major supply chain shortages.

As your WCSU Superintendent, I am extremely grateful for the support of our families and communities, and proud of the dedication of our school teams to offer an outstanding educational experience.

Sherry Sousa

Superintendent of Schools

## Windsor Central Supervisory Union

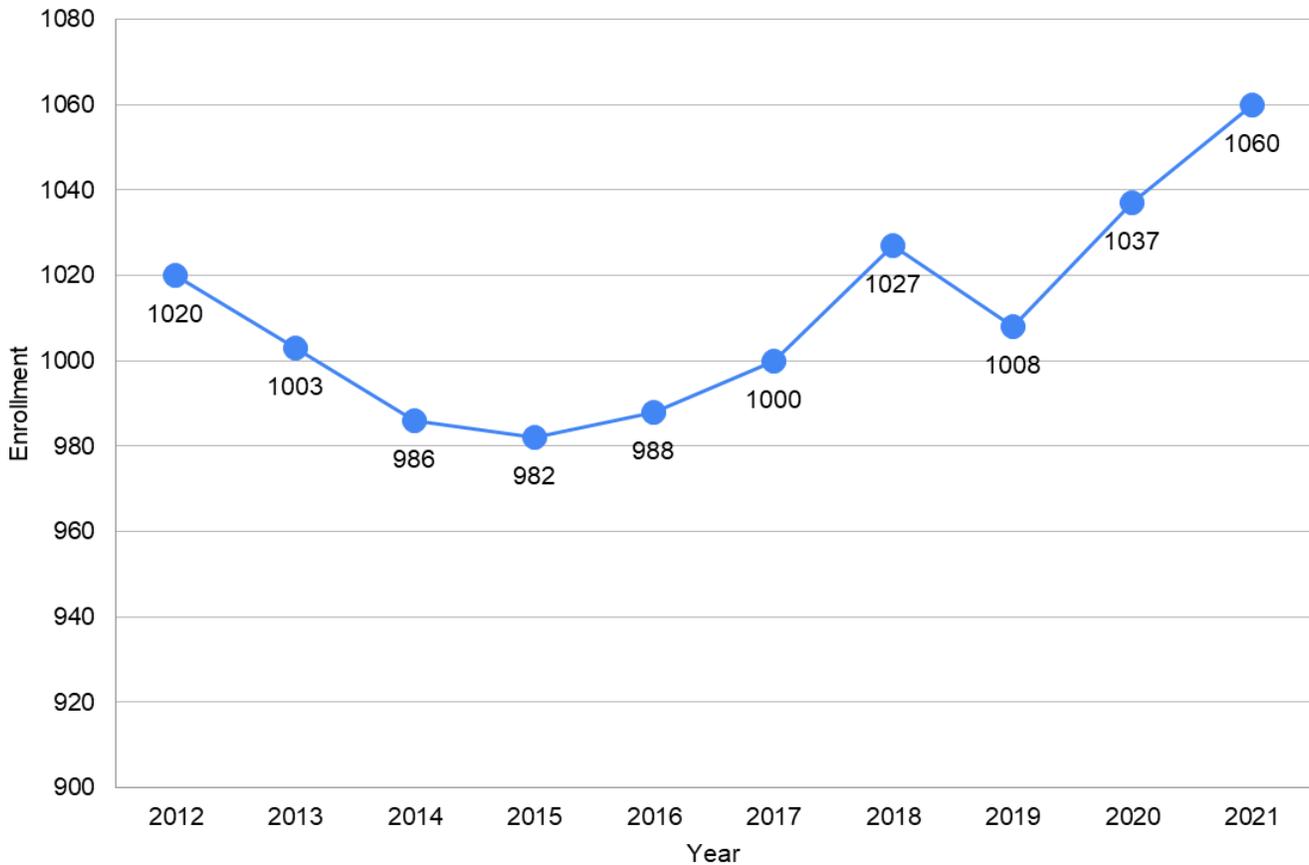
Opening Enrollment as of October 26, 2021

Elementary School Enrollment	On-Site PreK	K	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6	Total PreK-6
Barnard Academy	17	4	9	14	6	10	5	9	74
Killington Elementary School	23	17	10	22	12	11	11	17	123
Reading Elementary School	11	4	5	9	6	6			41
The Prosper Valley School							45	45	90
Woodstock Elementary School	49	32	46	45	33	37	2	0	244
<b>TOTAL ELEMENTARY</b>	100	57	70	90	57	64	63	71	572

### Secondary School Enrollment -WUHSMS

Grade 7	72	<b>MS TOTAL</b> <b>153</b>	<b>WCUUSD resident students = 951</b> <b>Tuition students from sending towns = 104</b> <b>Act 129 VT High School Choice = 3</b> <b>State Placed = 2</b>
Grade 8	81		
Grade 9	84	<b>HS TOTAL</b> <b>335</b>	
Grade 10	88		
Grade 11	67		
Grade 12	96		
<b>TOTAL SECONDARY</b>	488	<b>TOTAL WCSU ENROLLMENT 1060</b>	

**WCSU Enrollment: 10 Year Comparison (PreK to 12)**



Final FY22 Tax Rates Calculation							
	<u>Barnard</u>	<u>Bridgewater</u>	<u>Killington</u>	<u>Plymouth</u>	<u>Pomfret</u>	<u>Reading</u>	<u>Woodstock</u>
FY22 Est Equalized Tax Rate	\$1.6060	\$1.6060	\$1.6060	\$1.6060	\$1.6060	\$1.6060	\$1.6060
CLA	0.9326	0.9650	0.8924	0.9697	1.0750	1.0883	0.9039
Homestead Property Tax Rate	\$1.7221	\$1.6642	\$1.7996	\$1.6562	\$1.4940	\$1.4757	\$1.7767
FY21 Homestead Prop Tax Rate	\$1.6899	\$1.6858	\$1.6998	\$1.6693	\$1.5735	\$1.5705	\$1.7508
Increase (Decrease) from FY21	\$0.0322	(\$0.0216)	\$0.0998	(\$0.0131)	(\$0.0795)	(\$0.0948)	\$0.0259
Percentage Change from FY21	1.90%	-1.28%	5.87%	-0.79%	-5.06%	-6.04%	1.48%
Final FY23 Tax Rates Calculation							
	<u>Barnard</u>	<u>Bridgewater</u>	<u>Killington</u>	<u>Plymouth</u>	<u>Pomfret</u>	<u>Reading</u>	<u>Woodstock</u>
FY23 Est Equalized Tax Rate	\$1.5125	\$1.5125	\$1.5125	\$1.5125	\$1.5125	\$1.5125	\$1.5125
CLA	0.8892	0.8682	0.7570	0.8740	0.9733	0.9967	0.8117
Homestead Property Tax Rate	\$1.7010	\$1.7421	\$1.9980	\$1.7305	\$1.5540	\$1.5175	\$1.8634
FY22 Homestead Prop Tax Rate	\$1.7221	\$1.6642	\$1.7996	\$1.6562	\$1.4940	\$1.4757	\$1.7767
Increase (Decrease) from FY22	(\$0.0211)	\$0.0779	\$0.1984	\$0.0744	\$0.0600	\$0.0418	\$0.0866
Percentage Change from FY22	-1.23%	4.68%	11.02%	4.49%	4.02%	2.83%	4.88%

	FY22 WCUUSD Adopted Budget	FY22 WCSU Adopt- ed Budget	FY22 Adopted Budget	FY23 WCUUSD Pro- posed Budget	FY23 WCSU Proposed Budget	FY23 Proposed Budget	Change In- crease/ (Decrease)	% Change
1100 Regular Instruction Pro- gram	\$8,537,913.69	\$10,166.40	\$8,548,080.09	\$9,253,131.00	\$0.00	\$9,253,131.00	\$705,050.91	8.248%
1200 Special Education	\$0.00	\$3,016,116.00	\$3,016,116.00	\$0.00	\$3,117,653.00	\$3,117,653.00	\$101,537.00	3.366%
1300 Vocational Tuition Local	\$271,952.00	\$0.00	\$271,952.00	\$280,000.00	\$0.00	\$280,000.00	\$8,048.00	2.959%
1400 Co-Curricular Programs	\$445,925.00	\$46,339.67	\$492,264.67	\$455,322.00	\$125,845.00	\$581,167.00	\$88,902.33	18.060%
2100 Student Support Services	\$0.00	\$15,686.00	\$15,686.00	\$0.00	\$16,485.00	\$16,485.00	\$799.00	5.094%
2120 Guidance Services	\$769,607.00	\$0.00	\$769,607.00	\$831,069.00	\$0.00	\$831,069.00	\$61,462.00	7.986%
2130 School Nurse Services	\$350,540.00	\$0.00	\$350,540.00	\$388,169.00	\$0.00	\$388,169.00	\$37,629.00	10.735%
2140 Psychological Services	\$0.00	\$201,660.00	\$201,660.00	\$0.00	\$199,087.00	\$199,087.00	(\$2,573.00)	-1.276%
2150 Speech and Other Therapy Services	\$0.00	\$337,250.00	\$337,250.00	\$0.00	\$293,365.00	\$293,365.00	(\$43,885.00)	-13.013%
2160 Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy and Visions Services	\$0.00	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$0.00	\$33,455.00	\$33,455.00	\$26,455.00	377.929%
2190 Other Student Services	\$11,600.00	\$0.00	\$11,600.00	\$12,239.00	\$0.00	\$12,239.00	\$639.00	5.509%
2212 Curriculum Development	\$0.00	\$137,333.00	\$137,333.00	\$0.00	\$146,780.00	\$146,780.00	\$9,447.00	6.879%
2213 School Leadership	\$250.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,250.00	\$0.00	\$17,000.00	\$17,000.00	(\$3,250.00)	-16.049%
2215 Teaching & Learning	\$272,900.00	\$0.00	\$272,900.00	\$272,210.00	\$5,409.00	\$277,619.00	\$4,719.00	1.729%
2220 Library Services	\$296,031.00	\$0.00	\$296,031.00	\$312,332.00	\$0.00	\$392,188.00	\$96,157.00	32.482%
2230 Technology Services	\$469,540.78	\$126,981.00	\$596,521.78	\$496,080.00	\$132,494.00	\$628,574.00	\$32,052.22	5.373%
2310 School Board	\$9,000.00	\$16,750.00	\$25,750.00	\$9,306.00	\$16,250.00	\$25,556.00	(\$194.00)	-0.753%
2315 Legal Services	\$6,000.00	\$27,000.00	\$33,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$22,500.00	\$28,500.00	(\$4,500.00)	-13.636%
2317 Audit Services	\$0.00	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$0.00	\$43,500.00	\$43,500.00	\$3,500.00	8.750%
2320 Superintendent's Office	\$0.00	\$469,442.00	\$469,442.00	\$0.00	\$448,482.00	\$448,482.00	(\$20,960.00)	-4.465%
2410 School Administration	\$1,342,509.00	\$0.00	\$1,342,509.00	\$1,526,052.00	\$0.00	\$1,526,052.00	\$183,543.00	13.672%
2420 Director of Instructional Support Services	\$0.00	\$294,059.00	\$294,059.00	\$0.00	\$279,502.00	\$279,502.00	(\$14,557.00)	-4.950%
2510 Fiscal Services	\$95,000.00	\$0.00	\$95,000.00	\$95,000.00	\$0.00	\$95,000.00	\$0.00	0.000%
2520 Director of Finance and Operations	\$0.00	\$534,581.98	\$534,581.98	\$0.00	\$533,825.00	\$533,825.00	(\$756.98)	-0.142%
2540 Planning, Research, Devel- opment	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	\$7,900.00	\$0.00	\$7,900.00	\$3,900.00	97.500%
2600 Building and Grounds	\$2,371,212.60	\$39,550.00	\$2,410,762.60	\$2,511,115.00	\$36,200.00	\$2,547,315.00	\$136,552.40	5.664%
2700 Transportation	\$657,594.00	\$106,213.00	\$763,807.00	\$702,045.00	\$78,600.00	\$780,645.00	\$16,838.00	2.204%
3100 Food Services	\$790,937.00	\$0.00	\$790,937.00	\$833,697.00	\$0.00	\$833,697.00	\$42,760.00	5.406%
4700 Building Improvement	\$283,314.00	\$0.00	\$283,314.00	\$375,000.00	\$0.00	\$375,000.00	\$91,686.00	32.362%
5000 Debt Services	\$78,684.00	\$0.00	\$78,684.00	\$76,363.00	\$0.00	\$76,363.00	(\$2,321.00)	-2.950%
5500 Sub-Grants	\$0.00	\$245,000.00	\$245,000.00	\$0.00	\$245,000.00	\$245,000.00	\$0.00	0.000%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$17,064,510.07</b>	<b>\$5,691,128.05</b>	<b>\$22,755,638.12</b>	<b>\$18,443,030.00</b>	<b>\$5,791,432.00</b>	<b>\$24,314,318.00</b>	<b>\$1,558,679.88</b>	<b>6.850%</b>

**Windsor Central Unified Union School District**  
**Projected Revenues**  
**Fiscal Year 2023**

	FY21 Budgeted	FY21 Actual	FY22 Budgeted	FY23 Budgeted
<b>Local Revenue</b>				
Tuition From Other LEA's	\$1,935,414	\$1,913,755	\$1,880,606	\$2,047,500
Tuition by Parent/Patron - Pre-School	\$21,238	\$0	\$12,525	\$16,000
Interest Earned	\$37,400	\$16,468	\$36,000	\$18,500
Rental Income	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$45,000
Miscellaneous Local Revenues	\$0	\$4,074	\$0	\$6,500
Summer Soak Revenues	\$10,000	\$110,547	\$27,744	\$9,000
Prior Year Surplus Applied	\$0	\$289,942	\$211,624	\$350,000
Food Service Program	\$22,000	(\$1,564)	\$18,758	\$18,750
<b>Total Local Revenue</b>	<b>\$2,071,052</b>	<b>\$2,378,221</b>	<b>\$2,232,257</b>	<b>\$2,511,250</b>
<b>State and Local Revenue</b>				
Education Spending Grant	\$16,896,833	\$16,864,154	\$17,181,711	\$18,645,477
Small Schools Grant	\$149,627	\$49,876	\$149,627	\$0
State Transportation Reimb	\$440,000	\$445,958	\$442,798	\$222,798
Ed Fund Payment to Tech Center	\$133,988	\$182,310	\$151,202	\$147,557
Driver's Education Reimburse-	\$4,750	\$9,013	\$4,000	\$6,000
Vocational Ed Transportation	\$25,000	\$35,023	\$25,000	\$35,000
High School Completion Grant	\$0	\$8,315	\$0	\$0
State Food Service Program Revenues	\$6,500	\$6,648	\$8,046	\$9,200
Federal School Lunch Program	\$434,000	\$377,501	\$398,573	\$401,826
<b>Total State and Local Revenue</b>	<b>\$18,090,698</b>	<b>\$17,978,797</b>	<b>\$18,360,957</b>	<b>\$19,467,858</b>
<b>Special Education</b>				
Special Ed Excess Cost Revenue	\$250,000	\$106,420	\$235,748	\$218,500
Special Ed Block Grant	\$383,198	\$383,198	\$386,789	\$386,789
Special Ed Expenditures Reimbursement	\$1,210,000	\$1,172,328	\$1,459,071	\$1,459,071
Special Ed State Placed Revenue	\$0	\$6,610	\$0	\$0
Early Essential Education Grant	\$71,579	\$133,592	\$80,816	\$76,067
<b>Total Special Education</b>	<b>\$1,914,777</b>	<b>\$1,802,148</b>	<b>\$2,162,424</b>	<b>\$2,140,427</b>
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$22,076,527</b>	<b>\$22,159,166</b>	<b>\$22,755,638</b>	<b>\$24,119,535</b>

### Budget Worksheet Summary

		WCSU	WCUUSD	Total	Percent
100	Wages	\$3,144,879	\$9,714,269	\$12,959,148	53%
200	Benefits	\$1,549,388	\$4,074,054	\$5,698,442	23%
300	Purch Services	\$317,100	\$506,300	\$823,400	3%
400	Bldg Services	\$14,355	\$1,080,517	\$1,094,872	5%
500	Other Purchased Services	\$418,350	\$1,183,316	\$1,630,804	7%
600	Supplies	\$78,550	\$1,404,689	\$1,483,239	6%
700	Capital Purchases	\$8,450	\$154,095	\$162,545	1%
800	Debt	\$0	\$35,255	\$35,255	0%
900	Dues & Fees	\$260,250	\$166,363	\$426,613	2%
		\$5,791,322	\$18,318,858	\$24,314,318	

WCUUSD FY23 Budget by Object Code

