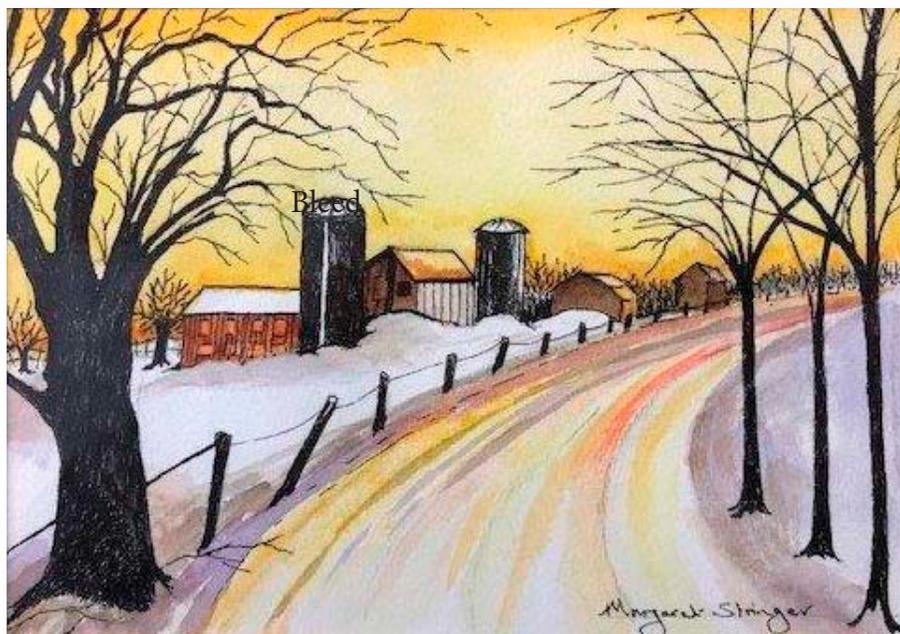


Town of Poultney, Vermont Annual Report



Fiscal Year Ending
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June 30, 2020

IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

FIRE	911
RESCUE SQUAD (MEDICAL)	911
RUTLAND COUNTY SHERRIFF'S DEPARTMENT	775-8002
STATE POLICE (emergency number)	911
(non-emergency number)	773-9101
TOWN CONSTABLE	558-2518
TOWN CLERK	287-5761
TOWN LISTER	287-5111
TOWN MANAGER	287-9751
LIBRARY	287-5556
SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER (Young at Heart Club)	287-9200
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	287-5212
HIGH SCHOOL	287-5861
QUARRY VALLEY UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT	775-4342
GREATER RUTLAND COUNTY SUPERVISORY UNION	775-4342
VILLAGE OFFICE	287-4003
VILLAGE WATER & SEWER	287-9727
POULTNEY POST OFFICE	287-9033

Poultney Transfer Station Hours

Tuesday	8:00am - 5:00 pm
Thursday	8:00am - 5:00 pm
Saturday	8:00am - 5:00 pm

(winter hours: Dec, Jan, Feb, close at 4:00 pm)

Town Clerk's Office Hours

Monday - Friday
8:30 am - 4:00 pm
(Closed 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm)

Town Manager's Office Hours

Monday - Friday
8:00 am - 4:00 pm
After 4:00 pm by appointment only

ITEMS OF INTEREST

1. Selectboard meets the second and fourth Monday of each month at 6:30pm at the Poultney Town Hall Meeting Room, or by warned Special Meetings.
2. Planning Commission meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:00pm at the Poultney Town Hall Meeting Room, or by warned Special Meetings.
3. Quarry Valley Unified Union School Board meets the 3rd Monday of each month. Visit grcsu.org for details of time and location.
4. Greater Rutland County Supervisory Union Board meets the 4th Wednesday of each month. Visit grcsu.org for details of time and location.

DATES TO REMEMBER

February 23, 2021 – Quarry Valley Unified Union School District Informational Meeting by Zoom beginning at 7:00pm, See Warning at grcsu.org or Poultney.vt.gov or in this report for details

March 01, 2021 – Absentee Ballots may be requested until 4:00pm.

March 01, 2021 – Pre-Town Informational Meeting at Poultney Fire Department Building at 55 Fire House Lane at 7pm, See Warning in this report for details or at Poultney.vt.gov

March 02, 2021 – Annual Town and Highway Meeting and Quarry Valley Unified Union School District voting by Australian Ballot at the Poultney Fire Department Building, 55 Fire House Lane, from 10:00am to 7:00pm

March 13 & 20, 2021–Rabies Clinic at Poultney Veterinary Hospital from 10am to 1pm—See notice in this report for details-Town Clerks Office will be open at the same date/time for Dog Registrations

April 1, 2021 – Base date for setting assessed value and determining ownership of real and personal property

April 1, 2021 – Dogs must be licensed by this date. Females and Males - \$15.00; Neutered and Spayed - \$11.00. 50% penalty after this date

April 1, 2021 – Transfer Station Permits must be renewed by this date

May 31, 2021 – Property taxes due in full

July 1, 2021 – Fiscal year begins for 2021/2022

HOLIDAYS

Jan 01 New Year's Day

Jan 18 Martin Luther King Day

Feb 15 Presidents' Day

May 31 Memorial Day

July 04 Independence Day

Sept 06 Labor Day

Oct 11 Columbus Day

Nov 11 Veterans' Day

Nov 25 Thanksgiving

Dec 25 Christmas

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

Term Expires January 31, 2023

Barbara Bunce Betit	802-558-3490
Valerie Broughton	802-236-2790
Carol Bunce	802-287-5857
Alan-Glen Burnell	802-558-8723
Joseph DeBonis, Jr.	802-287-5282
Leanna DeBonis	802-287-5282
Ida-Mae Johnson	802-287-9744
Maureen Kahill-Brown	802-287-9617
Susan Kasuba	802-287-9835
Linda Knowlton	802-287-2577
Andrew Ohl	802-855-1033
Mark Teetor	802-287-5836

POULTNEY DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE CHAIR

Ann DeBonis

802-287-9702

POULTNEY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE CHAIR

Terry Williams

802-287-4576

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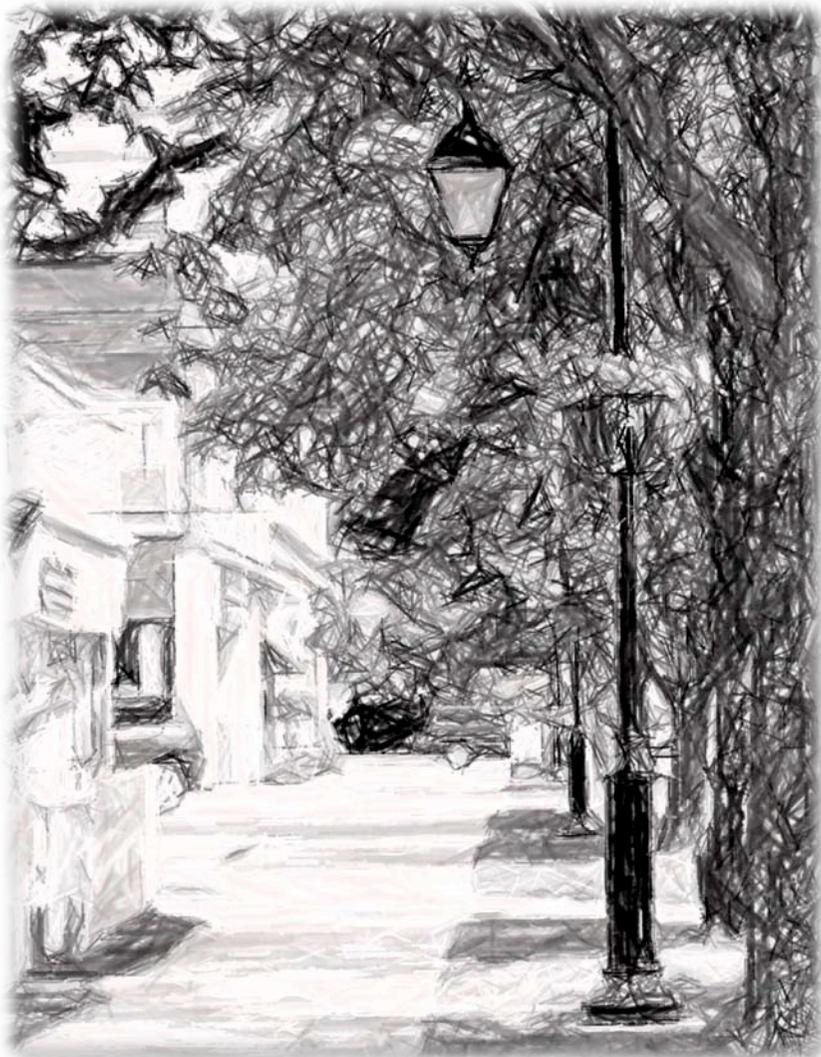
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**Warning
Poultney Town Meeting 2021
In-Person AND Virtual**

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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81145766032?pwd=QWNMRmVuaZrc3c4MkFHb2RHUFpFZz09>

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Or to join via phone, dial by your location:

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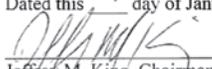
The citizens of the Town of Poultney, in the County of Rutland and the State of Vermont, who are legally qualified to vote in the Town Meeting, are hereby warned to meet at the Poultney Fire Department, 55 Fire House Lane, in the Town of Poultney on Mondav, March 1, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. to transact at that time, business not involving voting by Australian Ballot.

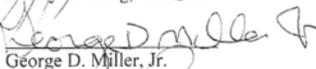
The meeting will be recessed at the conclusion of the transaction of such business until 10:00 a.m. on the following day at the Poultney Fire Department located at 55 Fire House Lane, this being Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at which time business, involving voting by Australian Ballot and voting required by law to be by ballot, will be transacted.

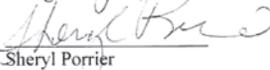
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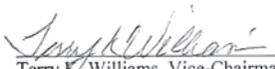
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2. Shall the Town accept the Independent Auditor's Report?
3. Shall the Town adopt the General Fund Budget of \$1,367,224, less estimated receipts of \$104,250, less surplus, if any, and authorize the Selectboard to set a tax rate sufficient to raise the specific amounts voted for the Fiscal Year 2021/2022?
4. Shall the Town Highway District adopt a Highway Fund Budget of \$864,746, less surplus, if any, and authorize the Selectboard to set a tax rate sufficient to raise the specific amounts voted for the Fiscal Year 2021/2022?

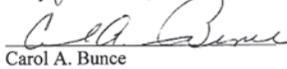
Dated this 29th day of January, 2021.


Jeffrey M. King, Chairman

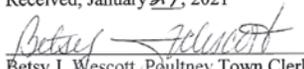

George D. Miller, Jr.


Sheryl Porrier


Terry K. Williams, Vice-Chairman


Carol A. Bunce

Received, January 29th, 2021


Betsy J. Wescott, Poultney Town Clerk

**Town of Poultney
Informational Meeting
March 2, 2020**

The informational meeting of the Town of Poultney was called to order at 7:00 pm. Present were Selectboard Chairperson Jeffrey King, Selectboard members Terry Williams, Carol Bunce, George Miller, Kim Rupe, Town Manager Paul Donaldson, and Town Clerk/Treasurer Betsy Wescott.

Neal C. Vreeland, acting as Moderator, asked the Selectboard to lead the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Representative Patricia McCoy went first. She went over her role at the State House with an explanation of how each roll works. She is currently the Minority Leader, on the transportation committee, and governs climate change.

In the State of Vermont, the House works off the parameters of the Governor's budget. She went over different bills that came out onto the floor. She said that she would be at the polls tomorrow. People could stop to ask her questions, let her know of any issues, or could email her.

Moderator Vreeland read the articles on the Warning.

Article 1 To elect the following Town Officers and fill any vacant office: (a) One (1) Town Moderator for a term of one year; (b) One (1) Grand Juror for a term of one year; (c) One (1) Selectboard member for a term of three years; (d) One (1) Selectboard member for an unexpired one year of a three year term; (e) two (2) Selectboard members for a term of one year; (f) One (1) Town Agent for a term of one year; (g) One (1) Town Clerk for a term of three years; (h) One (1) Town Treasurer for a term of three years; (i) Lister for a term of three years; (j) One (1) Lister for an unexpired two years of a three year term; (k) One (1) Lister for an unexpired one year of a three year term; (l) One (1) Library Trustee for a term of five years;(m) One (1) Quarry Valley Unified Union School District Director for a term of three years; (n) One (1) Quarry Valley Unified Union School District Director for an unexpired one year of a three year term; and (o) One (1) Quarry Valley Unified Union School District Director for an unexpired two years of a three year term.

Article 2 Shall the Town accept the Independent Auditor's Report?

Town Manager Paul Donaldson stated this is our second year working with a new auditor. The new auditor does things differently than the previous auditor that was here for 25 years. With the Town working with someone for 25 years, they have a system that they are accustom to. With the new auditor's office, I think we have gotten to the point of being comfortable with the new processes for this auditor. It has been a good relationship. We have streamlined a lot of the way it was done before. I think it makes it easier for people to understand what they are looking at. No Questions or Comments

Article 3 Shall the Town adopt the General Fund Budget of \$1,294,279, less estimated receipts of \$104,250, less surplus if any, and authorize the Selectboard to set a tax rate sufficient to raise the specific amounts voted for the Fiscal Year 2020/2021?

Town Manager Paul Donaldson stated this proposed budget is up slightly over \$60,000 or 4.91% for the general government budget. The Board has been pretty diligent about keeping the Budget around 2 to 3% increases. I think last year it was slightly under 2%. This year we had quite a few items go up significantly, all at once it seems. We had some contract services go up 202%, that was the software that we use for all of our bookkeeping. The Rutland County Sheriff's Department proposed budget went up 14%. Our health insurance went up about 14% for our employees. The Poultney Rescue Squad came to this Board and requested a 100% increase in their allocation. Katrina Davenport from the Poultney Rescue Squad stated she can explain why the request for the increase. We asked the Town of Poultney to increase the funding for a number of reasons. What we were asking was based on a \$5.29 per capita. Across the State, everyone is running anywhere from \$2.50 to \$60.00 per capita. By asking for \$10.00 per capita, we are running parallel with most EMS agencies in the State of Vermont right now. There are so many EMS agencies closing in the State of Vermont we can't survive based on what we are getting from insurance companies. We have our Town funding and our subscription program, which we can't plan on the subscriptions. The medical supplies, medications, and yearly insurance have all gone up. We have had to resort to paying people because there is such a huge gap in volunteers. No one is volunteering anymore. Our roster says there are 8 volunteers but have 2 volunteers that are active. As being active, it could be 5 hours a month to 20 hours a month. So we have to rely on paying people to make sure we have some coverage in Poultney and our surrounding area. Paul Donaldson went back to the budget

items. The other item that the Board has been looking at really closely is the Transfer Station Fees. The cost to dispose of our Municipal solid waste and the cost to recycle all of our zero sort are all going up. We are really looking at the transfer station and trying to make that run more efficient. Starting July 1, 2020, composting is a mandate by the State of Vermont. The reason why I mention it is the more we compost the less we put in our garbage. We pay by the pound for our Municipal solid waste. The more you can take out of that stream it will be cheaper for us. Betsy will have pamphlets from Rutland County Solid Waste District at the polling place tomorrow regarding the composting if curious or wants to know how to do it better there is some good information in that. Chief Aaron Kerber stated that page 52 is the Fire Department budget line for line. This year our budget will be up by \$5000 which is the appropriate from the Town. This amount is what we ask for each year from the Town and is part of the general fund. We would use this money to give the guys who volunteer a little bit of kick back for being there week and being there when their pagers go off. Like Katrina said, we are trying to stem the tide of not having the volunteers. We want to be able to do more with that money to give them more incentive to make it. When we volunteer, it is not volunteering to do it for the money. We volunteer because we want to be there. This is the only increase this year. I have a report for you guys as we were very successful in applying for a Grant. It was the FEMA EFG Grant which was in the amount of \$136,333. The community only needs to match 5% of that, \$7200. This is for the Fire Department to get new air packs for the guys to fight fires with. It is a big deal for us and the Town. There were no comments or questions.

Article 4 Shall the Town Highway District adopt a Highway Fund Budget of \$786,854, less surplus if any, and authorize the Selectboard to set a tax rate sufficient to raise the specific amounts voted for the Fiscal Year 2020/2021?

Town Manager Paul Donaldson stated this year's proposed budget is up \$46,000, which represents 6.27%. As I stated before, the Board has always been very diligent about trying to keep the taxes as low as possible. This year it seems a lot of people that have comments about how the money is being spent revolve around the highways. So this year, the Board felt like they should try to do more with what we budget and the only way to do that is to increase some of those numbers. You can only buy so much winter sand at the same price every year as the cost of the sand and delivery go up and the fuel surcharges go up. So this year, we have slightly increased the winter sand budget and the salt budget. We increased the culvert budget but probably not as much as we have to. This past year we were particularly hit hard with failing culverts that have aged. The other significant increase is the bridge replacement fund that historically the Board has been budgeting \$5,500 per year for bridge replacement. The Finel Hollow bridge replacement this year really depleted our bridge replacement fund. We spent between the Town contribution and we were responsible for all the detour signs. Our payout on that bridge was about \$70,000. We have proposed to increase the replacement fund to \$20,000 from \$5,500. Again, is \$20,000 enough? Probably not, when we are scheduled to replace the East Poultney Gorge Bridge in 2023-2024 and our contribution on that bridge is projected to be \$134,000 on a \$2.6 million bridge project. It would have been nice to put \$45,000 in that fund but there is always give and take. We felt at this point to bump it up to \$20,000 really shows that we need to put money back into that account because we are going to have a bill here in 3 years that we are going to have to pay for. The other increases include employee benefits and increased the overtime budget a little bit. Those are the highlights of the highway budget. Last year when we sent the tax rate to, we did it a little differently. Traditionally, the State Aid that we get for highway which is about \$110,000 that would be earmarked to buy down the budget. The Board actually said let's try to actually put that money into the highways instead of buying down a little bit of a favorable tax rate. We hope this year the weather cooperates and don't run into another FEMA incident like we did on April 15, 2019 that we can actually start to build up some of our roads that need more gravel. There were no comments or questions.

Article 5 Shall the voters of the Town of Poultney be provided notice of the availability of the annual town report by postcard at least 30 days before the annual meeting in lieu of mailing or otherwise distributing the reports to voters of the town pursuant to 24 V.S.A. Section 1682?

Town Manager Paul Donaldson stated it is our intension to save some money doing this. Now that I am thinking about it, I am really stabbing myself by putting that in there because I'm the one that gets the Town Report all together and ready for the printer. Now I need to have it ready 30 days before Town Meeting instead of 10 days before. This article is basically asking the public with the proliferation of computers and email can we just mail you a card stating here is a URL link to say here you can go online and look at the Town Report. We print and bind these and over the last couple of years we have gotten better about ordering just the appropriate amount so that we are not disposing of old town reports that we have ordered to many. We would still have the option of getting a hard copy of the report. But, it would eliminate us having to mail a bunch of these. This year we mail a little under 700 of them. The cost was decreased by the postage and bulk postage

permit but still cost us about \$600 to mail the 700 out. Again, you can request a hard copy be mailed to you. Neal Vreeland stated you would really need to look at the estimate of what you are going to need to order next year so you don't come up short. Paul stated he thought we would order the same amount the first year. Then we would measure how many people would actually like us to mail it, can we order only half of what we ordered last year because as you can imagine if you order to few and go back to printer it's going to cost more money to put it back into production. Diane Bargiel asked to have more than one location for the hard copies so that maybe the Library could have it too. Paul stated that is a good requested only that sometimes we guard them. When these guys came in, I asked them to put them back at the end as one was already mailed. But that is a great idea to have some available at the Library or Post Office. It is something we can consider.

Other Business:

Paul Donaldson stated the Town and Village of Poultney with the assistance of the Rutland Regional Planning Commission are in the process of updating our multi-jurisdictional hazard litigation plan. People might say what is that? It is basically identifying where the Town and Village are vulnerable for weather events and identify what resources we might need to address some of these things in the future. (ie: should we try to find some funding to put a generator in this building because this building is our emergency shelter). Some of the Selectboard members, Planning Commission members, Highway Foreman Ron Kelley, Superintendent of Public Works Aaron Kerber and me are all part of that team. Terry Williams is the Local Emergency Manager for the Town.

Moderator concluded by asking if anyone had any other items. We have all worked on this Plan together. I have put a link to it up on our website. There is a 14 day comment period. On there, I have indicated who you should send your comments to at the Rutland Regional Planning Commission. Please look at that when you have a moment and offer your comments.

Moderator Neal Vreeland asked if there were any other general comments or questions on what we have gone over tonight or on the business of the Town before we recess. If not, I would like to thank our Selectboard, Town Manager, and Town Clerk for all their hard work this past year. I would like to thank everyone for showing up tonight to hear the Town Informational Meeting. We will stand in recess until the polls open tomorrow morning at 10:00 am at the Fire Department for voting on these various articles and the polls will stay open until 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Betsy J. Wescott, Town Clerk

**RESULTS OF TOWN MEETING
MARCH 3, 2020**

Moderator	-----
Grand Juror	-----
Selectman – Three Year Term	Jeffrey M. King
Selectman – Unexpired One Year of a Three Year Term	George D. Miller, Jr
Selectman – One Year Term	Carol A. Bunce
Selectman – One Year Term	-----
Town Agent – One Year Term	-----
Town Clerk – Three Year Term	Betsy J. Wescott
Town Treasurer – Three Year Term	Betsy J. Wescott
Lister – Three Year Term	Mary Jo Teetor
Lister – Unexpired Two Year of a Three Year Term	Bonnie Gray
Lister – Unexpired One Year of a Three Year Term	-----
Library Trustee – 5 Year Term	Nancy Luzer
Quarry Valley Unified Union School Director – Three Year Term	Nathan Slentz
Quarry Valley Unified Union School Director – Unexpired One Year of a Three Year Term	Seth A. Howard
Quarry Valley Unified Union School Director – Unexpired Two Year of a Three Year Term	Kristen T. Whitman
Question 2 – Independent Auditor’s Report	Yes 678 No 57 Passed
Question 3 – General Fund Budget	Yes 564 No 178 Passed
Question 4 – Highway Budget	Yes 402 No 94 Passed
Question 5 – Notice of Availability of the Annual Town Report by Postcard at least 30 days before Annual Meeting in lieu Of mailing or otherwise distributing the reports to voters	Yes 589 No 162 Passed
Quarry Valley Unified Union School District Voting	
Article #7 – Quarry Valley Unified Union School Budget	Yes 1164 No 650 Passed

**Town of Poultney
Special Meeting
July 8, 2019**

The special meeting of the Town of Poultney was called to order at 6:30 pm. Present were Selectboard Chairperson Jeffrey King, Selectboard members Tom Coloutti, Carol Bunce, George Miller, and Terry Williams, Town Manager Paul Donaldson, and Town Clerk/Treasurer Betsy Wescott.

The Selectboard lead the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Selectboard Chair Jeffrey King brought meeting to order by stating this was an informational meeting. We have 2 Articles that we will read, will have Jaime Lee, Planning Commission Chair, explain the zoning rules and implications that could have against it if either Article passed. After that, I will have the people that wrote and/or brought each Article to the Town, starting with Article 1 then Article 2 stand up and explain their Article. We are going to be very civil tonight or you will be asked to leave. The discussion about this now is at a point where the discussion is over basically we vote tomorrow. If you have any complaining about the Articles tonight, it is too late. If you have a question you wish to ask either person that wrote the Articles, the Planning Commission Chair, or us. You can ask us. We will limit the time to 2 minutes as there is a lot of people present.

Town Manager Paul Donaldson read the Warning, Poultney Special Meeting dated June 3, 2019.

1. **Shall the Poultney Unified Bylaws be amended to revise Article III: The Table of Uses for The Village Industrial Zone to require, in addition to Site Plan Approval (“S”), Conditional Use approval (“C”), for all listed uses presently requiring Site Plan Approval; and amend Article IV: Uses Permitted Subject to Conditions, §415, Retail Store, to revise subparagraph D to read: “Entrances and exits to the parking lot shall be on non-residential streets,” and to add a new subparagraph G, as follows: “G: Retail use in the Village Industrial Zone shall not exceed 5,000 square feet; hours of operation and exterior illumination shall be limited to 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.”?**
2. **Shall the Poultney Unified Bylaws be amended to insert “Mixed Commercial/Light Industrial” use into Article III (“Table of Uses”) and to designate Mixed Commercial/Light Industrial uses as permitted uses (“P”) within the Village Industrial Zoning District?**

Chair King stated he didn't sign warning as was not at the Selectboard meeting when signed.

Jaime Lee, Planning Commission Chair, spoke regarding the Articles. The reason here tonight, if you don't know, is that there was an application submitted to the Development Review Board, DRB, for consideration of a retail use among other things of the property in question, Poultney Properties, LLC. The DRB looked at the zoning for that. It is a site plan review process. We looked at it very carefully at a many reasons we denied it. One of the reasons that stood out to me was fellow Commissioner Ernie DeMatties brought up was no traffic study, no idea what the impact would be on our sidewalks and really wanted to make sure the public safety came first. So we denied it along with a couple of other reasons. This was appealed to the State Environmental Court where it is today. There are still deciding this matter. Then, the Town of Poultney received these petitions. The Selectboard duty is to give it to the Planning Commission for review. The Planning Commission is charged with looking at the Town Plan to update our zoning. We struggled over that for a little bit and didn't really take long to determine that specifically for Article 2 which requests turning it from a non-existing use to a permitted use. This was simple that in conformance with our Town Plan, especially in the Village Industrial District. It is an Industrial/Commercial type and our Town Plan very specifically requires some over site of those types of applications. Be it for environmental considerations noise, glare, odor, that kind of thing, doesn't mean it is not allowed. It means they all have to come to the table to be discussed, that neighbors get warned about it and in the papers. We have a discussion about all the issues. So immediately that failed our Town Plan. The Plan is very clear about this, any industrial uses especially adjacent to residential uses, really need some over site. This would strip all of that away. It would turn it into a key admitted use which means if the zoning administrator looks at it but it also means no site plan review. Site plan review includes the maximum safety of the traffic and circulation of the street and sidewalk, that was our previous concern about the sidewalk, emergency circulation, parking, loading, effected noise, glare, odor on adjacent properties, and snow removal and accuracy of screening between properties especially between industrial and residential, wanting to put trees and fencing something there to protect the neighbor's property owners and property value. So that was a pretty clear cut reason why that one failed our review against the Town Plan. The other one which you will hear more about soon just wasn't supported by our Town Plan. It was a little bit too tight to restrictive to our Town Plan.

There was nothing in our Town Plans says you have to limit the size or the number of hours of operation. We felt that wasn't justified and we weren't in the right to make that decision. And something I considered last night in thinking about this the Planning Commission would not have the authority to make these to the Bylaws because they are not in the Town Plan. The way to do this is to address the Town Plan first to look at the Village Industrial District, say do we want this to be industrial any longer and if not we all come to the table, forecast the impacts, and figure it out from there. This cuts right through that process and basically makes the last 30 years of planning in this Town out the window, for short term gains. So even the Planning Commission wouldn't have the authority make this call on our own and would need to revisit the Town Plan and get some research into it and really figure out the impact which by the way I noticed a letter to the Lakes Region Free Press this is not the only parcel affected by this. There is actually 9 other parcels in the Village that are considered Village Industrial, including R & B Coating, Long Trail Electrical Contractors, Poultney Fire Department, Green Mountain Power, so there are currently industrial uses in this area and all these parcels would be affected by this permitted streamlined process, equally they would be affected by a more restricted by Article 1. Our retail uses are allowed in Town but in no place in town are they allowed to peek. In all cases the Village Commercial, Village Industrial, and one other its always site plan review or conditional use approval which means the neighbors get a notice and come to the table, we talk about the traffic and other impacts. So allowing this permitted use in the industrial zone doesn't make since when in the Village Commercial zone it is not even a permitted use. This should require some over site. For all the fore mentioned reasons, we decided to not recommend either of these changes be made. So we forward it to the Selectboard and the reviews in a couple of meetings to really talk it over. They decided that they agreed with the Planning Commission and also denied this change to our Bylaws. Now here we are with the 2 petitions that were filed at the Town Office to basically preamp the decision of the DRB, Planning Commission, and the Selectboard all in one go. They are counting on you to do that.

Chair King stated that now Article 1 will be explained why the article has been petitioned.

Neal Vreeland spoke regarding Article 1. We have always had good corporate neighbors in our back yard, employed a lot of people, and community oriented. I wish we could say the same thing for Mr. Knappmiller. He is not community oriented corporate neighbor. He went for a zoning permit for a Dollar General Store in an industrial zone. The DRB held 3 meetings over several weeks and issues a decision of 18 pages long explaining why the Dollar General had no place in this property and was denied a permit. So Mr. Knappmiller wants to rezone his property, he wants to remove all zoning review over the property and put any kind of commercial property he wants. Not have any hearings before the DRB, have no input from the Town, have no input from the neighbors, anything goes, and as Jaime Lee explained the Planning Commission said no. so then it went to the Selectboard. The Selectboard said no. They both heard his proposals in hearings now he is asking us as citizens to overrule the DRB, Planning Commission and Selectboard. I think it is time for us to say no. It's a very bad idea. I am urging you to vote tomorrow to vote Yes on Article 1 to preserve zoning on this property and to tighten up the zoning so that the neighbors and the Town have some input on it and can be reasonably used by not a freewheeling, put anything in there that he wants. I am also asking you to vote No to Article 2, tell Mr. Knappmiller he cannot over ride and wipe out all our zoning on his property. I appreciate your vote on those issues tomorrow. Yes on 1 and No on 2. When you go home tonight, talk to your neighbors and friends who aren't here tonight and tell them what I told you. Thank you.

Chair King stated that now Article 2 will be explained why the article has been petitioned.

David Carpenter, Attorney with Facey, Goss, and McPhee in Rutland and represent Poultney Properties and Mr. Knappmiller spoke regarding Article 2.

Mr. Knappmiller is urging you to vote Yes on Article 2. We all know that Mr. Knappmiller is not popular with some people in this room. We all know that Dollar General is not popular with some people in this room. What Mr. Knappmiller has proposed, is to rezone the Village Industrial to allow two uses to be permitted as of right. There are other uses in the Town that are permitted as of right in various districts. A theater for example is permitted as of right in the Village Commercial district, which means that if wanted to have an operation it would have to submit a permit to Mr. Donaldson. Mr. Donaldson would review it and make a decision. Theaters also have impacts, noise, traffic, and lighting impacts. So this is not completely out of keeping with the existing Town zone. Secondly, in the Planning Commission zone report on the proposed amendment that Mr. Knappmiller proposed, the Planning Commission stated that based on the language that the petition proposed a commercial light industrial use designation in the Village Industrial District, these are the Planning Commission words not mine, is likely compatible with the future language and densities of the Poultney Town Plan. So that is what the report states. This is not completely of keeping with the coordination with the Poultney Town Plan. It is not out of keeping with the existing Town Zoning words. I am not telling you anything you don't know and that is economic development. Whether you agree that Poultney wants economic

development to show up at the College or show up at another building where you have here at this particular location is a set of buildings which can be used for mixed use development in a very important part of the town. The Williams Machine Shop isn't there anymore, VEMAS isn't there anymore, these buildings have sat vacant and Mr. Knappmiller wanted to develop them. The chances of an industrial use arriving in Poultney. I think will can all agree are pretty small, anymore that they would be arriving in the small town of Orwell where I live. What Mr. Knappmiller is proposing, is merely to allow Mr. Donaldson or whoever the lucky Town Zoning Administrator is at the time to review these permit applications and to make a decision on them based on their judgment, based on the zoning bylaws, they can ask for additional information, they have to insure the used in the Town operate within the general guide lines which have to do with noise, odor, other types of things. The Town has enforcement authority that it can use for any use in the town. So the concerns about turning this into the wild west on that corner. I think are somewhat being overblown. I understand that sounds kind of scary and that any facility can come in there and put whatever they want into that location. The long and the short of it you have read both petitions. One thing I would point out is that this is just not Mr. Knappmiller petition there is another petition so we are all here tonight looking at two separate petitions. So to suggest that Mr. Knappmiller is trying to circumvent the Town Zoning but the other petition isn't, is simple disingenuous. We have two separate views on what that Village Industrial District should be used for that are competing for the understanding and the support of the Town. This is a Democratic process. This is a purest form of democracy that we have in the country. Is for local people to petition and have the local folks vote on it. I understand that it takes some of the authority away from the Planning Commissions and the DRBs and Selectboards and the institutes of all supposed to say you make the decisions but sometimes it is appropriate where folks like you to propose things and have them voted on. So I wouldn't look down your noses at this process as it is an important process you guys should want to take part in it and I appreciate the fact that everybody showing up here tonight. If there were industrial uses as there were in those buildings as there were before, putting an industrial use in those locations as opposed to a commercial or retail use. I have a hard time believing there is going to be less of an impact on the community. Whether or not it is a Dollar General or some other commercial use, you shouldn't be thinking about this as just a Dollar General it could be a different type of retail. The only last point I want to make is one of the reason that this petition was proposed in the first place is because of the difficulty that the applicant ran into at the DRB. One of the things the DRB said is that you cannot have a mixed use on that property even though there are 3 or 4 separate buildings. The Environmental Court disagreed with that. They said no that was too restrictive that is not what your Zoning Bylaws said, that you can have mixed use. So we started out with the DRB saying no if you want to have a retail use in one building you got to have retail use in all buildings, if you want to have commercial use in one building you got to have commercial use in all the buildings. It's that over restrictive behavior that started this ball rolling in the first place.

Chair Jeff King stated again that this is not a complaint or opinion night as that time has passed. It is time to vote. If anyone has a question about either petition, you will need to stand up and state your name loud and clear and state your question. You will have 2 minutes.

Ernie DeMatties stated this is not about Dollar General or Yes and No. It is about changing the law. My question would be what happens to the court case if either question passes. Is it thrown out? Paul Donaldson answered: I would expect the answer would depend on whether one or both these petitions succeed by a vote. I'm speculating but my suspicion is if article 2 passes that they would withdraw the appeal. I can't really answer that and I can't ask Mr. Carpenter to say either.

CB Hall asked why Mr. Knappmiller isn't here. Mr. Carpenter answered: Mr. Knappmiller is not here as he has hired professionals to do the work trying to get these permits and zoning petitions approved. Everyone has representatives who do the work for them and that is why I am here to resolve a legal matter.

Melanie Lincoln Potter asked has any attorney in the room or in the State ever heard of a zoning issue being settled by Australian ballot while the matter is still in court. If not so, I am thinking we are setting case law. I have another question for the Selectboard. I would like to know why Mr. Knappmiller has been allowed to use the bright lights, to be assaultive and combative and to put up illegal signage on the property without permission from the Selectboard. Thirdly, I would like to know if Mr. Knappmiller who has been in attendance of only one meeting. Is he under contract with a franchising for a Dollar General currently? Paul Donaldson stated the first question, there is a State statute that is quoted in the warning, 24 V.S.A. § 4442(d) that specifically allows the process to get to where we are now. I suspect there isn't a case law right now as there isn't anything in statute that precludes someone doing one or two or even three tracks of approaching an issue. Paul Donaldson answered the second question; the signage issue is my judgment as a zoning administrator. The By-Laws allow for a certain size sign. My response was by the time I write a letter or do the research or engage in an attorney to do the research. Then wait for a response, get a response or no response, go to environmental court and now

we are way beyond the election so I felt my use as the Town Manager/Zoning Administrator was better forced on something else. Mr. Carpenter stated, he would rather not answer the third question.

Ben Thirkield asked what happens if 33% of the voters vote yes on #1 and 33% vote yes on #2 and 33% vote no on both of them. Am I correct in assuming that a no vote on each of those it would leave the status the way it is? Paul Donaldson stated if neither question passes then the zoning stays the same. If #1 passes and #2 does not pass, then you have a situation where you've increased the over site on the Village Industrial Parcels. If #2 passes and #1 does not pass, then you have changed the zoning to allow a permitted use which is less over site on the Village Industrial Parcels. If both of them pass, we are not really sure what happens.

Wilda White asked, what is the Village Industrial zoning district? What are the streets that are in that District? Jaime Lee answered, mostly Ideal Way, list parcel for sure (VEMAS Building), the old Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union building, Green Mountain Power, and Fire House Lane properties. Wilda asked, so if #2 passes the zoning for all of those parcels, is changed to allow administrative decision. It's really a ministerial decision, correct? Paul Donaldson said correct. Wilda stated there is a big difference between discretionary or ministerial. Ministerial really means a run ship. Someone asked if the administrator said no. Administrator really doesn't have a lot of no room. If it meets the requirement that is whatever it says and so it is a ministerial thing. He really doesn't have the discretion to say no. Jeff King stated correct. Wilda stated it really affects a lot of parcels. Wilda also wanted to know in my experience when Towns change zoning there usually has to be an environmental impact. Is that not the case? Paul Donaldson stated as Jaime Lee stated when the planning commission sets out to review the Town Plan and the Unified By-Laws they go through a process. But the way the State statute, which is a venue of why we are here today, speaks. It doesn't speak to any environmental impact. Jaime Lee stated traditionally you would have to write a report that would be reported to all the surrounding Towns too. Wilda asked wasn't this, the zoning when he bought it. Paul Donald stated I can't speak to what he was or was not aware of but the zoning when he bought it is the same as it is today.

There were multiple additional questions by voters regarding clarification on the Village Industrial Area.

Chair Jeff King recessed until 10:00 am tomorrow where voting by Australian Ballot will take place at the Poultney Fire Department building.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Betsy J. Wescott, Town Clerk

**RESULTS OF SPECIAL MEETING
JULY 9, 2019**

Question 1 – Shall the Poultney Unified Bylaws be amended to revise Article III: The Table of Uses for the Village Industrial Zone to require, in addition to Site Plan Approval (“S”), Conditional Use approval (“C”), for all listed uses presently Requiring Site Plan Approval: and amend Article IV: Uses Permitted Subject to Conditions, §415, Retail Store, to revise Subparagraph D to read: “Entrances and exits to the parking lot Shall be on non-residential streets,” and to add a new subparagraph G, as follows: “G”: Retail use in the Village Industrial Zone shall Not exceed 5,000 square feet; hours of operation and exterior Illumination shall be limited to 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.”? Yes 414 No 414 Fails

Question 2 – Shall the Poultney Unified Bylaws be amended to insert “Mixed Commercial/Light Industrial” use into Article III (“Table of Uses”) And to designate Mixed Commercial/Light Industrial uses as permitted uses (“P”) within the Village Industrial Zoning District? Yes 302 No 549 Defeated

ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS

OFFICE	NAME	TERM (YEARS)	TERM EXPIRES TOWN MEETING DAY
GRAND JUROR	Vacant	1	2021
LIBRARY TRUSTEES	Jean S. Davis	5	2022
	D. Bruce Williams	5	2023
	Ennis Duling	5	2024
	Nancy Luzer	5	2025
	Jean T. Roberts	5	2021
LISTERS	Mary Jo Teetor	3	2023
	Vacant	3	2021
	Bonnie Gray	3	2022
SELECTBOARD	Jeffrey King	3	2023
	Terry Williams	3	2022
	George D. Miller, Jr.	3	2021
	Carol A. Bunce	1	2021
	Vacant	1	2021
TOWN AGENT	Vacant	1	2021
TOWN CLERK	Betsy J. Wescott	3	2023
TOWN MODERATOR	Vacant	1	2021
TOWN TREASURER	Betsy J. Wescott	3	2023
UNION SCHOOL DIRECTORS	Nathan Slentz	3	2023
	Seth Howard	3	2021
	Kristen Ann Ross	3	2021
	Kristen Whitman	3	2022

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS

OFFICE	NAME	TERM EXPIRES TOWN MEETING DAY
CONSTABLE	Dale Kerber	2021
DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD (2 Year Appointment)	Mark Teetor, Chair	2022
	Jaime Lee	2022
	Benjamin Thirkield	2022
	Kary Hoffman	2022
DOG WARDEN	Paul Donaldson	2021
FENCE VIEWER	Vacant	2021
FIRE WARDEN	Nathan Bourn	6/2024
FOURTH OF JULY DIRECTOR	Jonas Rosenthal	2021
LUMBER INSPECTOR	Vacant	2021
PLANNING COMMISSIONERS	Jaime Lee, Chair	2021
	Mark Teetor	2021
	Neal C. Vreeland	2021
	Douglas Langdon	2021
	Kary Hoffman	2021
RECREATION DIRECTORS	Sheryl Porrier/Jonas Rosenthal	2021
RCSWD REPRESENTATIVE	Town Manager	2021
RUTLAND REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSIONER	Terry Williams	2021
RUTLAND REGION TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL	Terry Williams	2021
TAX COLLECTOR	Town Manager	2021
TOWN ENERGY COORDINATOR	Town Manager	2021
TOWN SERVICES OFFICER	Town Manager	2021
TREE WARDEN	Stephens Handfield	2021
TOWN HEALTH OFFICER	Paul Donaldson	06/2021
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR	Town Manager	2021

TOWN EMPLOYEES

POSITION	NAME
ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK	Carol Bunce
BOOKKEEPER/SECRETARY	Neisja Crawford
MANAGER	Paul A. Donaldson
ROAD FOREMAN	Ronald Kelley
ROAD CREW	Richard Ferguson, Jr Matthew Sears Raymond Petty, III
TRANSFER STATION CREW	Richard McLaughlin Ronald McLaughlin Thomas McLaughlin



Batchelder Associates, PC

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Selectmen
Town of Poultney
Poultney, Vermont

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Town of Poultney, Vermont ("Town"), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

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

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

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

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town, for the year ended June 30, 2020, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for and the respective budgetary comparison for the General Fund for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis information on pages 3-8 and 36-38, respectively, the Schedule of Proportionate Share of the Net Position Liability on Schedule 1 and the Schedule of Contributions on Schedule 2 and Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance – Budget and Actual on Schedule 3 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who consider it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements. The combining and individual non-major fund financial statements are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The combining fund financial statements, the individual non-major fund financial statements and budgetary comparison schedule for the General Fund are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. These schedules are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on them.

Other Reporting Required by "Governmental Auditing Standards"

In accordance with "Government Auditing Standards", we have also issued our report dated December 18, 2020 on our consideration of the Town of Poultney, Vermont's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of the testing and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with "Government Auditing Standards" in considering the Town of Poultney, Vermont's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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Barre, Vermont
December 18, 2020

TOWN OF POULTNEY, VERMONT
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2020

EXHIBIT C

	General Funds	Highway Fund	Safety Vehicle Fund	Library Renovation Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS						
Cash and equivalents	\$ 793,930	\$ -	\$ 233,630	\$ -	\$ 260,022	\$ 1,287,582
Receivables (net of allowance)						
Property taxes, interest and penalty receivable	366,267	-	-	-	-	366,267
Grant receivable	22,639	-	-	-	4,400	27,039
Village receivables	10,854	-	-	-	-	10,854
Prepaid Expenses	12,450	-	-	-	-	12,450
Due from other funds	-	209,079	-	276,062	150,645	635,786
Total Assets	<u>\$ 1,206,140</u>	<u>\$ 209,079</u>	<u>\$ 233,630</u>	<u>\$ 276,062</u>	<u>\$ 415,067</u>	<u>\$ 2,339,978</u>
LIABILITIES						
Accounts payable	\$ 67,981	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 67,981
Accrued expenses	10,825	-	-	-	-	10,825
Due to other funds	622,979	-	-	-	12,807	635,786
Total Liabilities	<u>701,785</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,807</u>	<u>714,592</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES						
Unavailable receivables	16,169	-	-	-	4,400	20,569
Unavailable property taxes	304,631	-	-	-	-	304,631
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>320,800</u>	<u>-</u>	<u># -</u>	<u>-</u>	<u># 4,400</u>	<u>325,200</u>
FUND BALANCES						
Restricted	-	-	-	-	155,532	155,532
Committed	-	209,079	233,630	276,062	-	718,771
Assigned	-	-	-	-	242,328	242,328
Unassigned	183,555	-	-	-	-	183,555
Total Fund Balances	<u>183,555</u>	<u>209,079</u>	<u>233,630</u>	<u>276,062</u>	<u>397,860</u>	<u>1,300,186</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 1,206,140</u>	<u>\$ 209,079</u>	<u>\$ 233,630</u>	<u>\$ 276,062</u>	<u>\$ 415,067</u>	

Amounts reported for Government Activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:

Capital assets used in Governmental Activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds	3,139,252
Other assets are not available to pay for current period expenditures, and, therefore, are not reported in the funds	325,200
Long-term and accrued liabilities, including notes payable, net pension liability and accrued vacation are not due or payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds	(653,751)
Deferred outflows and inflows of resources relating to the Town's participation in VMERS are applicable to future periods and, therefore, are not reported in the funds	56,646
Net position of Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 4,167,533</u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

TOWN OF POULTNEY, VERMONT
 STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES
 IN FUND BALANCES
 GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
 JUNE 30, 2020

EXHIBIT D

	General Funds	Highway Fund	Safety Vehicle Fund	Library Renovation Fund	Other Funds	Total Funds
REVENUES						
Taxes	\$ 1,006,577	\$ 740,433	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,747,010
Tax penalties and interest	146,707	-	-	-	-	146,707
Fees, licenses and permits	112,226	230	-	-	13,054	125,510
Intergovernmental revenues	78,501	121,713	-	2,090	53,647	255,951
Charges for current services	18,663	-	-	-	-	18,663
Interest	106	-	13	-	23	142
Other revenues	81,824	5,154	5,853	162,029	30,720	285,580
Total Revenues	<u>1,444,604</u>	<u>867,530</u>	<u>5,866</u>	<u>164,119</u>	<u>97,444</u>	<u>2,579,563</u>
EXPENDITURES						
General government	510,872	-	-	-	14,284	525,156
Public safety	195,395	-	-	-	-	195,395
Public works	253,669	589,456	-	-	21,275	864,400
Health and social services	81,890	-	-	154,614	-	236,504
Conservation and development	10,680	-	-	-	-	10,680
Cultural & Recreation	182,449	-	-	-	25,922	208,371
Debt service expenditures						
Principal and lease payments	27,675	-	-	-	39,957	67,632
Interest	14,293	-	-	-	701	14,994
Capital expenditures						
General government	15,000	-	-	-	-	15,000
Public works	-	109,906	-	-	91,624	201,530
Public safety	-	-	13,667	-	-	13,667
Total Expenditures	<u>1,291,923</u>	<u>699,362</u>	<u>13,667</u>	<u>154,614</u>	<u>193,763</u>	<u>2,353,329</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>152,681</u>	<u>168,168</u>	<u>(7,801)</u>	<u>9,505</u>	<u>(96,319)</u>	<u>226,234</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)						
Loan proceeds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers in	99,250	-	103,500	-	99,700	302,450
Transfers out	<u>(221,950)</u>	<u>(80,500)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(302,450)</u>
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>(122,700)</u>	<u>(80,500)</u>	<u>103,500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>99,700</u>	<u>-</u>
Net change in fund balances	<u>29,981</u>	<u>87,668</u>	<u>95,699</u>	<u>9,505</u>	<u>3,381</u>	<u>226,234</u>
Fund balances, June 30, 2019	<u>153,574</u>	<u>121,411</u>	<u>137,931</u>	<u>266,557</u>	<u>394,479</u>	<u>1,073,952</u>
Fund balances, July 1, 2020	<u>\$ 183,555</u>	<u>\$ 209,079</u>	<u>\$ 233,630</u>	<u>\$ 276,062</u>	<u>\$ 397,860</u>	<u>\$ 1,300,186</u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

TOWN OF POULTNEY, VERMONT
 RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS STATEMENT OF
 REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE OF
 GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
 JUNE 30, 2020

EXHIBIT E

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities (Exhibit B) are different because:

Net change in fund balance - total government funds (Exhibit D).	<u>\$ 226,234</u>
Government funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays exceeded depreciation in the current period.	40,381
Accrued compensation and expenses is not reflected in the government funds.	
Government funds report note proceeds and repayment as revenue and expenditures, respectively. The statement of activities does not reflect these as current inflows and outflows, but shows on the statement of net position.	67,632
Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds.	49,279
Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in government funds.	<u>(47,460)</u>
Change in net assets of governmental activities (Exhibit B).	<u><u>\$ 336,066</u></u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

TOWN OF POULTNEY, VERMONT
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Town of Poultney, Vermont ("Town") is organized as a Town under the applicable laws and regulations of the State of Vermont. It is governed by a Select Board elected by registered voters of the Town to provide public health and safety, highways and street, public improvements, water, sanitation, planning and zoning, recreation, and general administration. Except where noted, the accounting policies conform to generally accepted accounting principles, as applicable to governmental units.

The accounting policies adopted by the Town conform to generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applicable to governmental entities. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing accounting and financial reporting principles. The following is a summary of the more significant accounting policies employed in the preparation of these financial statements.

The Financial Reporting Entity

The Select Board is elected by the public and it has the authority to make decisions, appoint administrators and managers, and significantly influence operations. It also has the primary accountability for fiscal matters. Therefore, the Town is a financial reporting entity as defined by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") in its Statement No. 14. There are no component units included within the reporting entity. A component unit is another operation in the Town that has a separately elected Board such as a town school district, cemetery, or library.

This report includes all of the funds of the Town. The reporting entity consists of the primary government; organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable; and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that their exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. Component units are legally separate organizations for which the elected officials of the primary government are financially accountable. The primary government is financially accountable if it appoints a voting majority of the organizations governing body and it is able to impose its will on that organization or there is a potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to or burdens on the primary government. The primary government may be financially accountable if an organization is fiscally dependent on the primary government. There are no agencies or entities that should be combined with the financial statements of the Town.

Basis of Presentation

The accounts of the Town are organized and operated on the basis of fund accounting. A fund is an independent fiscal and accounting entity with a separate set of self-balancing accounts which comprise its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues, and expenditures or expenses, as appropriate. Government resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds based upon the purposes for which they are spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled.

The basic financial statements of the Town include both government-wide statements and fund financial statements. The focus of the government-wide statements is on reporting the operating results and financial position of the Town as a whole and present a longer-term view of the Town's finances. The focus of the fund financial statements is on reporting on the operating results and financial position of the most significant funds of the Town and present a shorter-term view of how operations were financed and what remains available for future spending.

Basic Financial Statements - Government-Wide Statements

The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the Town. These statements include the financial activities of the overall government. Eliminations have been made to minimize the double counting of activities between funds; however, interfund services provided and used are not eliminated. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other non-exchange transactions.

The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function of the Town's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a program or function and, therefore, are clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include (a) charges paid by the recipients of goods or services offered by the programs and (b) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues, including all taxes, are presented as general revenues.

TOWN OF POULTNEY, VERMONT
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Basic Financial Statements - Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements provide information about the Town's funds. Separate statements for each fund category - governmental, are presented. The emphasis of fund financial statements is on major governmental funds, each displayed in a separate column. All remaining governmental funds are aggregated and reported as non-major funds.

The Town reports on the following major governmental funds:

General Fund - This is the general operating fund of the Town. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government, except those not accounted for in another fund.

Highway Fund - This is the highways operating fund of the Town. It accounts for all financial resources for the town highways and roads.

Safety Vehicle Fund - This is the vehicle fund for the town's safety vehicles. It accounts for all financial resources for the town's police and fire vehicles.

Library Fund - This is the library fund for the town's library. It accounts for all financial resources for the library.

Special Revenue Funds - These funds are special revenue funds used to track all revenue and expenditures related to project expenditures and associated grants. Expenditures consist of various projects for recreation, record preservation, grants and reappraisal.

Capital Projects Funds - These funds are capital project funds used to track all revenue and expenditures related to capital expenditures and associated grants. Expenditures consist of various projects to restore, improve and create Town improvements.

Fiduciary Funds - are used to account for assets held by the Town as an agent for individuals, private organizations, and other governments. Agency funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve the measurement of results of operations.

Measurement Focus

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. Government-wide fund financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus. This means that all assets and liabilities associated with the operation of these funds (whether current or noncurrent) are included on the balance sheet (or statement of net position). Fund equity (i.e., net total assets) is segregated into investment in capital assets, net of related debt; restricted net position; and unrestricted net position. Operating statements present increases (i.e., revenues) and decreases (i.e., expenses) in net total assets.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus. This means that only current assets and current liabilities are generally reported on their balance sheets. Their reported fund balances (net current assets) are considered a measure of available spendable resources. Operating statements of these funds' present increases (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) in net current assets. Accordingly, they are said to present a summary of sources and uses of available spendable resources during a period.

Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting refers to the point at which revenues or expenditures/expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. It relates to the timing of the measurements made regardless of the measurement focus applied.

TOWN OF POULTNEY, VERMONT
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NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Accrual Basis of Accounting

The government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements are reported using the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time the liabilities are incurred, regardless of when the related cash flow takes place. Non-exchange transactions, in which the Town gives (or receives) value without directly receiving (or giving) equal value in exchange, include property taxes, grants, entitlements, and donations. On the accrual basis, revenue from property taxes is recognized in the fiscal year for which the taxes are levied. Revenue from grants, entitlements, and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied.

Modified Accrual Basis of Accounting

Governmental funds are reported using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recognized when measurable and available. "Measurable" means the amount of the transaction can be determined, and "available" means the amount is collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. The Town considers all revenues reported in governmental funds to be available if the revenues are collected within sixty days after year-end. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for principal and interest on general long-term debt, certain compensated absences and other long-term liabilities which are recognized when the obligations are expected to be liquidated or are funded with expendable available financial resources.

General capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Proceeds of general long-term debt and acquisitions under capital leases are reported as other financing sources.

Under the terms of grant agreements, the Town funds certain programs by a combination of specific cost-reimbursement grants and general revenues. Thus, when program expenses are incurred, there are both restricted and unrestricted net position available to finance the program. It is the Town's policy to first apply cost-reimbursement grant resources to such programs, followed by general revenues. Expenditure driven grants are recognized as revenue when the qualifying expenditures have been incurred and other grant requirements have been met.

Cash and cash equivalents

The Town's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits, and short-term investments with original maturities of six (6) months or less from the date of acquisition.

Budget Accounting

The Town is required by state law to adopt a budget for the General and Highway Funds. The budget is presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting which is consistent with generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"). The operating budget is prepared by the Select Board and approved by the Select Board at a properly warned meeting for presentation to the voters. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures by line item and the means of financing them. The budget is approved by Town voters at a properly warned annual Town meeting. The voters vote on the total expense amount, but voters have discretion to change individual line items within the budget, thereby changing the total voted expense amount.

Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include land, buildings, furniture and equipment, are reported in the applicable governmental activities' column in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the Town as assets with an initial, individual cost of \$5,000 or more and estimated useful life in excess of one year. Such assets are reported at actual cost or estimated historical cost based on appraisals or deflated current replacement cost if purchased or constructed. Contributed assets are recorded at their estimated fair value at the time received. Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as constructed. The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend the assets' lives are not capitalized.

Capital assets reported in the government-wide fund financial statements are depreciated in order that the cost of these assets will be charged to expenses over their estimated service lives, using the straight-line method of calculating depreciation. Capitalization

TOWN OF POULTNEY, VERMONT
 NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
 YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Capital Assets (continued)

thresholds (the dollar values above which asset acquisitions are added to the capital asset accounts) and estimated useful lives of capital assets are as follows:

	Capitalization Threshold	Estimated Service Life
Land Improvements	\$ 10,000	10-50 years
Building and Building Improvements	\$ 20,000	10-75 years
Vehicles and Equipment	\$ 5,000	3-25 years
Infrastructure	\$ 20,000	20-75 years

Capital assets are not reported in the governmental fund type financial statements. Capital outlays in these funds are recorded as expenditures in the year they are paid.

Accrued Compensated Balances

Government-Wide Financial Statements – All vested or accumulated vacation leave is reported as a liability and an expense on the government-wide financial statements. Sick days are not accrued since they are not paid when the employee terminates employment.

Fund Financial Statements – Amounts of vested or accumulated vacation leave that are not expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources are not reported as a liability in the fund financial statements and no expenditure is reported for these amounts until paid. Unused sick days may be accumulated to use in the following year, but sick days are not accrued since they are not paid when the employee terminates employment.

Net Position

Net position represents the difference between assets, deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources and liabilities in the statement of net position. Net resources invested in capital assets are reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowing used for the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets. Net position is reported as restricted when there are legal limitations imposed by its use by Town legislation or external restrictions by creditors, grantors, laws or regulations of other governments.

Fund Balances

The Town classifies its fund balances depicting the relative strength of the constraints that might control how specific amounts can be spent:

Nonspendable fund balance includes amounts that are not in a spendable form (inventory, for example) or are required to be maintained intact (the principal of an endowment fund, for example).

Restricted fund balance includes amounts that can be spent only for the specific purposes stipulated by external resource providers (for example, grant providers), constitutionally, or through enabling legislation (that is, legislation that creates a new revenue source and restricts its use such as impact fees).

Committed fund balance includes amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes determined by a formal action of the government's highest level of decision-making authority, the Town voters, in this case. Commitments may be changed or lifted only by the government taking the same formal action that imposed the constraint originally.

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NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Fund Balances (continued)

Assigned fund balance comprises amounts intended to be used by the government for specific purposes. Intent can be expressed by the Town Selectboard or by an official or body to which the Selectboard delegates the authority.

Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the General Fund and includes all amounts not contained in the other classifications. Unassigned amounts are technically available for any purpose. If another governmental fund has a fund balance deficit, then it will be reported as a negative amount in the unassigned classification in that fund. Positive unassigned amounts will be reported only in the General Fund.

Nonspendable and Restricted funds are so-designated by external funds sources, such as in the case of the nonspendable Cemetery Trust Fund corpus, and also by the definitions of "nonspendable" contained in GASB Statement No. 54. Fund balances that are committed and assigned are so-designated by action of the voters or the Selectboard, respectively. Special revenue funds are by definition, created only to report a revenue source that is restricted or committed. In circumstances when an expenditure is made for a purpose for which amounts are available in multiple fund balance classifications, the Town's policy is to consider the most constrained fund balances to be expended first.

Investments

State statute does not restrict the types of investments the Town can make. All investments require the authorization of the Board of Selectmen. The Town has no investments.

In accordance with GASB 31, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Certain Investments," investments with readily determinable fair values are reported at their fair values on the balance sheet. Unrealized gains and losses are included in revenue.

Interfund Balances

Transactions between funds that are representative of lending/borrowing arrangements that are outstanding at the end of the fiscal year are referred to as "advances to/from other funds". All other outstanding balances between funds are reported as "due to/from other funds". Any residual balances outstanding between the governmental activities and business-type activities are reported in the government-wide financial statements as "internal balances".

Transactions between funds that are representative of lending/borrowing arrangements that are outstanding at the end of the fiscal year are referred to as either "interfund receivables/payables" (for the current portion of the interfund loans) or "advances to/from other funds" (for the non-current portion of interfund loans). All other outstanding balances between funds are reported as "due to/from other funds."

Pension Plans

For purposes of measuring the proportionate share of the net pension liability and the related deferred outflow/inflows of resources and pension expenses, information about the fiduciary net position of the Vermont Municipal Employee's Retirement System (VMERS) plan and additions to/deductions from the VMERS' fiduciary net position has been determined on the same basis as they are reported by VMERS. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

Deferred Outflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, "deferred outflows of resources", represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditures) until then. The Town has one type which arises under the accrual basis of accounting that qualifies for reporting in this category. The governmental activities, the business-type activities and the proprietary funds report deferred outflows of resources from one

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NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Deferred Outflows of Resources (continued)

source; deferred outflows related to the Town's participation in the Vermont Municipal Employees Retirement System. These amounts are deferred and recognized as an outflow of resources in the future periods to which the outflows are related.

Deferred Inflows of Resources

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, "deferred inflows of resources", represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The Town has three types of items which arise under the modified accrual basis of accounting and two types which arise under the accrual basis of accounting that qualify for reporting in this category. The statement of net position reports deferred inflows of resources from two sources; prepaid property taxes and deferred inflows related to the Town's participation in the Vermont Employees Retirement System. The governmental funds balance sheet reports deferred inflows of resources from three sources; prepaid property taxes, unavailable property taxes, penalties and interest and unavailable receivables. The business-type activities and proprietary funds report deferred inflows of resources from one source; deferred inflows related to the Town's participation in the Vermont Employees Retirement System. These amounts are deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the future periods to which the inflows are related, or when the amounts become available.

Estimates

The presentation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. The most significant estimates used by the Town are the estimated useful lives used to calculate depreciation of property, plant and equipment.

NOTE 2. EXPLANATION OF DIFFERENCES BETWEEN GOVERNMENTAL FUND STATEMENTS AND GOVERNMENT-WIDE STATEMENTS

Governmental Fund financial statements are presented using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting, while government-wide financial statements are presented using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. These differences in the measurement focus and basis of accounting lead to differences between the governmental fund financial statements and the government-wide financial statements, as follows:

Long-term revenue differences arise because governmental funds report revenues only when they are considered "available", whereas government-wide statements report revenues when they are earned. *Long-term expense* differences arise because governmental funds report operating expenses (including interest) using the modified accrual basis of accounting, whereas government-wide statements report expenses using the accrual basis of accounting.

Capital-related differences arise because governmental funds report capital outlays as current period expenditures, whereas government-wide statements report depreciation expense as an expense. Further, governmental funds report the proceeds for the sale of capital assets as revenue, whereas government-wide statements report the gain or loss from the sale of capital assets as revenue or expense.

Long-term debt transaction differences arise because governmental funds report bond proceeds as other financing sources and principal payments as expenditures, whereas government-wide statements report those transactions as increases and decreases in liabilities.

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YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

NOTE 2. EXPLANATION OF DIFFERENCES BETWEEN GOVERNMENTAL FUND STATEMENTS AND GOVERNMENT-WIDE STATEMENTS (continued)

A detailed explanation of the differences between governmental funds balance sheet and government-wide statement of net position is as follows:

	Total Governmental Funds	Long-term Revenues/ Expenses	Capital- Related Items	Long-term Debt Transactions	Elimination of Due To/From	Statement of Net Position Total
ASSETS						
Cash	\$ 1,287,582	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,287,582
Receivable (net of allowance for uncollectible accounts):						
Accounts receivable	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grant receivable	27,039	-	-	-	-	27,039
Taxes receivable	366,267	-	-	-	-	366,267
Village receivables	10,854	-	-	-	-	10,854
Prepaid Expenses	12,450	-	-	-	-	12,450
Due to/from	635,786	-	-	-	(635,786)	-
Capital assets	-	-	3,139,252	-	-	3,139,252
Total Assets	2,339,978	-	3,139,252	-	(635,786)	4,843,444
Deferred outflows	-	72,348	-	-	-	72,348
LIABILITIES						
Accounts payable	67,981	-	-	-	-	67,981
Accrued expenses	10,825	-	-	-	-	10,825
Due to/from	635,786	-	-	-	(635,786)	-
Deferred taxes	304,631	(304,631)	-	-	-	-
Deferred grant revenue	20,569	(20,569)	-	-	-	-
Non-current obligations	-	208,981	-	444,124	-	653,105
Other liabilities	-	646	-	-	-	646
Total Liabilities	1,039,792	(115,573)	-	444,124	(635,786)	732,557
Deferred inflows	-	15,702	-	-	-	15,702
NET ASSETS						
Invested in capital assets	-	-	3,139,252	(444,124)	-	2,695,128
Unassigned	183,555	172,219	-	-	-	355,774
Committed	718,771	-	-	-	-	718,771
Assigned	242,328	-	-	-	-	242,328
Restricted	155,532	-	-	-	-	155,532
Total Net Assets	\$ 1,300,186	\$ 172,219	\$ 3,139,252	\$ (444,124)	\$ -	\$ 4,167,533

TOWN OF POULTNEY, VERMONT
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

NOTE 2. EXPLANATION OF DIFFERENCES BETWEEN GOVERNMENTAL FUND STATEMENTS AND GOVERNMENT-WIDE STATEMENTS (continued)

A detailed explanation of the differences between governmental funds statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances and government-wide statement of activities is as follows:

	Total Governmental Funds	Long-term Revenues/ Expenses	Capital- Related Items	Long-term Debt Transactions	Statement of Net Assets Total
REVENUES					
Taxes	\$ 1,747,010	\$ 28,710	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,775,720
Tax penalties and interest	146,707	-	-	-	146,707
Fees and licenses	125,510	-	-	-	125,510
Intergovernmental	255,951	20,569	-	-	276,520
Charges for current services	18,663	-	-	-	18,663
Interest	142	-	-	-	142
Other revenues	285,580	-	-	-	285,580
Total Revenues	2,579,563	49,279	-	-	2,628,842
EXPENDITURES					
Current expenditures					
General government	525,156	47,460	-	-	572,616
Public safety	195,395	-	59,404	-	254,799
Public works	864,400	-	85,414	-	949,814
Health and social services	236,504	-	44,998	-	281,502
Conservation and development	10,680	-	-	-	10,680
Cultural and recreation	208,371	-	-	-	208,371
Debt service expenditures					
Principal	67,632	-	-	(67,632)	-
Interest	14,994	-	-	-	14,994
Capital expenditures					
General government	15,000	-	(15,000)	-	-
Public works	201,530	-	(201,530)	-	-
Public safety	13,667	-	(13,667)	-	-
Total Expenditures	2,353,329	47,460	(40,381)	(67,632)	2,292,776
Excess (Deficiency) of revenues over (Under) expenditures	226,234	1,819	40,381	67,632	336,066
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)					
Loan proceeds	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers in	302,450	-	-	-	302,450
Transfers out	(302,450)	-	-	-	(302,450)
Total Other Financing Sources (uses)	-	-	-	-	-
Net change in fund balances	\$ 226,234	\$ 1,819	\$ 40,381	\$ 67,632	\$ 336,066

TOWN OF POULTNEY, VERMONT
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YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

NOTE 3. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

At June 30, 2020, the carrying amount of the Town's deposits with financial institutions was \$1,287,582. Of the funds on deposit, \$250,000 was covered by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), and was collateralized. The Town has a collateralization agreement with the Citizens Bank and The Bank of New York, Mellon, of which the remainder is to collateralize its deposits, which exceed FDIC insurance limits.

The cash deposits held at financial institutions and cash on hand can be categorized according to four levels of risk:

Category 1 - Deposits which are insured or collateralized with securities held by the Town or by its agent in the Town's name (repurchase agreements).

Category 2 - Deposits which are collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent in the Town's name.

Category 3 - Private commercial insurance protection or letters of credit for funds in excess of FDIC limits.

Category 4 - Deposits which are not collateralized or insured (includes cash on hand).

Balances held in each area are as follows:

	Book Balance	Bank Balance
FDIC insured	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000
Category 1	1,037,582	1,115,321
Category 2	-	-
Category 3	-	-
Category 4	-	-
Total Deposits	\$ 1,287,582	\$ 1,365,321

The difference between the book balance and bank balance is due to reconciling items such as deposits in transit and outstanding checks. Due to higher cash flows at certain times during the year, the amount of uninsured, and not collateralized cash could have been much higher than at year end.

Balances in excess of FDIC insurance limits are collateralized by Citizens Bank using a pool of securities, separate from the Bank's other assets. At June 30, 2020, the security used are BNY Mellon Back Securities, collateralized at 102%.

None of the Town's cash deposits at year end is subject to credit risk, concentration of credit risk, interest rate risk, or foreign currency risk. The Town does not have policies regarding custodial credit risk, credit risk, concentration of credit risk, interest risk, or foreign currency risk.

GASB Statement No. 40 requires the Town's investments be categorized indicating the level of risk assumed by the Town at year end. Category 1 includes investments that are insured, registered or securities that are held by the Town or its agent in the Town's name. Category 2 includes uninsured and unregistered investments, which are held by a trust department or agent in the Town's name. At June 30, 2020, all the Town's investments were in Category 1.

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NOTE 4. RECEIVABLES

Accounts receivable are shown net of an allowance for uncollectible accounts for the estimated losses that will be incurred in the collection of the receivables. The estimated losses are based on the judgment of management and a review of the current status of existing receivables. Receivables as of June 30, 2020 are as follows:

	Net Receivables
General Fund:	
Taxes receivable	366,267
Grant receivable	27,039
Village receivable	10,854
Total General Fund	404,160
Total Receivables	\$ 404,160

Grants receivable represent amounts due from the State of Vermont for grants reimbursements. Based on experience and because the receivables are in accordance with formal agreements, the Town has not established an allowance for uncollectible receivables.

NOTE 5. INTERFUND BALANCES AND TRANSFERS

Interfund Balances

Interfund balances at June 30, 2020 have been repaid and are zero.

	Receivables	Payables
General Fund	\$ -	\$ 622,979
Highway Fund	209,079	-
Safety Vehicle Fund	-	-
Library Renovation Fund	276,062	-
Special Revenue Fund	150,645	-
Capital Project Fund	-	12,807
Fiduciary Funds	-	-
Total	\$ 635,786	\$ 635,786

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NOTE 5. INTERFUND BALANCES AND TRANSFERS (continued)

Operating Interfund Transfers

The Town occasionally transfers funds to cover expenditures made in one fund for which the revenues are in another fund. Interfund transfers during the year ending June 30, 2020 are detailed below.

	<u>Transfers In</u>	<u>Transfers Out</u>
Governmental funds:		
General fund	\$ 99,250	\$ 221,950
Highway fund	-	80,500
Safety vehicle fund	103,500	-
Special revenue funds	15,000	-
Capital project funds	84,700	-
	<u>\$ 302,450</u>	<u>\$ 302,450</u>

NOTE 6. CAPITAL ASSET ACTIVITY

Capital asset activity of the Town for the year ended June 30, 2020, is as follows:

	<u>Beginning Balances</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>Ending Balances</u>
Non-Depreciable Assets:				
Land	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 15,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 15,000</u>
Depreciable Assets:				
Building & improvements	2,157,211	-	-	2,157,211
Equipment & vehicles	2,064,544	40,991	-	2,105,535
Infrastructure	836,494	174,206	-	1,010,700
Total Capital Assets	<u>\$ 5,058,249</u>	<u>\$ 230,197</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 5,288,446</u>
	<u>Balances</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>Balances</u>
Accumulated Depreciation:				
Building & improvements	\$ 616,472	\$ 51,688	\$ -	\$ 668,160
Equipment & vehicles	1,186,361	109,665	-	1,296,026
Infrastructure	156,545	28,463	-	185,008
Total Accumulated Depreciation	<u>1,959,378</u>	<u>189,816</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,149,194</u>
Net Assets	<u>\$ 3,098,871</u>	<u>\$ 40,381</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 3,139,252</u>

Depreciation expense was charged to governmental functions as follows:

Public safety	\$ 59,404
Public works	85,414
Health and social services	44,998
Total 2020 Governmental Depreciation Expense	<u>\$ 189,816</u>

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NOTE 7. DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES

Deferred outflows of resources in the Governmental Activities consists of \$72,348 of required employer pension contributions made subsequent to the measurement date, as further described in Note 13.

NOTE 8. DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES

Deferred inflows of resources in the Governmental Activities consists of \$15,702 resulting from the difference between the projected and actual investment earnings related to the Town's participation in the Vermont Municipal Employee's Retirement System (VMERS), as further described in Note 13. Deferred inflows for governmental fund are unavailable property taxes of \$304,631.

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NOTE 9. LONG-TERM DEBT

Long-term debt consisted of the following:

Long-term Debt	Beginning Balance	Additions	Deletions	Ending Balance
Caterpillar Hydraulic Excavator, CAT Financial, Interest at 5.35001% with Annual Principal and Interest Payments of \$18,219, Matures April, 2023	\$ 64,081		\$ 17,957	\$ 46,124
Building Addition Note Payable to the United States Department of Agriculture Interest at 4.125% . Annual Principal Payments of \$2,275 Matures March 2028 (Sr. Ctr Loan)	20,475	-	2,275	18,200
Highway Equipment Note Payable to the State of Vermont Interest at 2.0% . Annual Principal Payments of \$22,000 Matures December 2019	22,000	-	22,000	-
Library Improvement Note Payable to the United State Department of the Treasury Interest at 3.375% . Original loan amount \$248,000, 20 years Annual Principal Payments of \$12,400 Matures March 2037	223,200	-	12,400	210,800
Fire Truck Note Payable to the U.S. Department of Agriculture Interest at 3.25% Original loan amount \$195,000, 15 years Annual Principal Payments of \$13,000 Matures March 2033	182,000	-	13,000	169,000
Total Notes Payable	\$ 511,756	\$ -	\$ 67,632	\$ 444,124

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NOTE 9. LONG-TERM DEBT (continued)

Principle maturities on long term debt are as follows:

For the Year Ending June 30,	Principal	Interest	Total
2020	\$ 67,700	\$ 14,993	\$ 82,693
2021	45,771	13,039	58,810
2022	36,267	11,482	47,749
2023	18,096	9,880	27,976
2024	18,096	8,231	26,327
thereafter	<u>258,194</u>	<u>45,808</u>	<u>304,002</u>
	<u>\$ 444,124</u>	<u>\$ 103,433</u>	<u>\$ 547,557</u>

Long-term liabilities include notes payable. Long-term liabilities also include other obligations such as compensated absences and post-employment benefits. Long-term liabilities are reported in the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements. Governmental fund financial statements do not include any long-term liabilities as those funds use the current financial resources measurement focus and only include current assets and liabilities on their balance sheets.

NOTE 10. COMMITTED AND ASSIGNED FUND BALANCES

At June 30, 2020, the Town had assigned fund balances for the following purposes:

	General Fund	Highway Fund	Safety Vehicle Fund	Library Renovation Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Capital Project Fund	Total
Unassigned	\$ 183,555	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 183,555
Committed	-	209,079	233,630	276,062	155,532	-	874,303
Assigned	-	-	-	-	-	242,328	242,328
Restricted	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>\$ 183,555</u>	<u>\$ 209,079</u>	<u>\$ 233,630</u>	<u>\$ 276,062</u>	<u>\$ 155,532</u>	<u>\$ 242,328</u>	<u>\$ 1,300,186</u>

NOTE 11. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The Town participates in a number of federally assisted and state granted programs that are subject to audits by the grantors or their representatives. The audits of these programs for or including the year ended June 30, 2020 have not yet been review by the grantor agencies. Accordingly, compliance with applicable grant requirements will be established at some future date. The amount, if any, of expenditures which may be disallowed by the granting agencies cannot be determined at this time, although the Town expects such amounts, if any, to be immaterial.

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NOTE 12. PROPERTY TAXES

The Town is responsible for assessing and collecting its own property taxes, as well as taxes for the State for school purposes. Property taxes are assessed based on property valuations as of April 1 annually. Taxes were levied during May and were due and payable during September and December 2019, March and May 2020.

During the tax year ended June 30, 2020, taxes were billed in four installments. Taxes paid before the due date are allowed a 2% discount. Payments received after due date are subject to an 8% penalty and 1% interest per month for the first three months and 1.5% per month thereafter. Because unpaid taxes become an enforceable lien on the property, and such properties are subject to tax sale by the delinquent tax collector, the Town has not established an allowance for uncollectible taxes receivable.

As of June 30, 2020, delinquent taxes receivable was \$382,436 inclusive of interest and penalties, with no allowance for uncollectible taxes.

The tax rates for FY2020 are as follows:

	Homestead		Non-Residential
General and Local Tax	\$ 0.3633	\$	0.3633
Highway and Local Tax	0.2751		0.2751
Educational Tax	1.4474		1.5611
Total	\$ 2.0858	\$	2.1995

NOTE 13. PENSION PLAN

Defined Benefit Plan

Plan Description

The Vermont Municipal Employees' Retirement System (VMERS) is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan that is administered by the State Treasurer and its Board of Trustees. It is designed for municipal and school district employees that work on a regular basis and also includes employees of museums and libraries if at least half of that institution's operating expenses are met by municipal funds. An employee of any employer that becomes affiliated with the system may join at that time or at any time thereafter. Any employee hired subsequent to the effective participation date of their employer who meets the minimum hourly requirements is required to join the system. During the year ended June 30, 2020, the retirement system consisted of 423 participating employers.

The plan was established effective July 1, 1975, and is governed by Title 24, V.S.A. Chapter 125.

The general administration and responsibility for formulating administrative policy and procedures of the retirement system for its members and their beneficiaries is vested in the Board of Trustees consisting of five members. They are the State Treasurer, two employee representatives elected by the membership of the system, and two employer representatives one elected by the governing bodies of participating employers of the system, and one selected by the Governor from a list of four nominees. The list of four nominees is jointly submitted by the Vermont League of Cities and Towns and the Vermont School Boards Association.

All assets are held in a single trust and are available to pay retirement benefits to all members. Benefits available to each group are based on average final compensation (AFC) and years of creditable service.

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Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources

As of June 30, 2019, the measurement date selected by the State of Vermont, VMERS was funded at 80.35% and had a plan fiduciary net position of \$709,465,831 and a total pension liability of \$882,957,638 resulting in a net pension liability of \$173,491,807. As of June 30, 2019, the Town's proportionate share of this was 0.0704% resulting in a liability of \$122,059. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2019, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The Town's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the Town's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating entities, actuarially determined. As of June 30, 2019, the Town's proportion of 0.0704% was a decrease of 0.003% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2018.

NOTE 13. PENSION PLAN (continued)

For the year ended June 30, 2020, the Town recognized pension expense of \$21,446.

As of June 30, 2020, the Town reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflow of	Deferred Inflow of
Difference between expected and actual experience	\$ 27,076	\$ 1,806
Changes in assumptions	6,977	-
Difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	14,234	-
Changes in proportional share of contributions	-	-
Difference between the employer contributions and proportionate share of total contributions	-	13,896
Town's required employer contributions made subsequent to the measurement date	24,061	-
	\$ 72,348	\$ 15,702

The deferred outflows of resources resulting from the Town's required employer contributions made subsequent to the measurement date in the amount of \$24,061 will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2020. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year Ending June 30	\$	
2020	\$	14,272
2021		5,600
2022		7,057
2023		5,655
Total	\$	32,584

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NOTE 13. PENSION PLAN (continued)

Summary of System Provisions

Membership – Full time employees of participating municipalities. The Town elected coverage under Groups A and C.

Creditable Service – Service as a member plus purchased service.

Average Final Compensation (AFC): Group B and C – Average annual compensation during highest 3 consecutive years.

Service Retirement Allowance:

Eligibility: Group B – The earlier of age 62 with five (5) years of service or age 55 with thirty (30) years of service.
Group C – Age 55 with five (5) years of service.

Amount: Group B – 1.7% of AFC service as Group B member plus percentage earned as Group A member AFC.
Group C – 2.5% of AFC service as a Group C member plus percentage earned as a Group A or B member AFC.

Maximum benefit is 60% of AFC for Group B and 50% of AFC for Groups. The above amounts include the portion of the allowance provided by member contributions.

Early Retirement Allowance:

Eligibility: Age 55 with five (5) years of service for Group B.

Amount: Normal allowance based on service and AFC at early retirement, reduced by 6% for each year commencement precedes normal retirement age for Group B members.

Vested Retirement Allowance:

Eligibility: Five (5) years of service.

Amount: Allowance beginning at normal retirement age based on AFC and service at termination. The AFC is to be adjusted annually by one-half of the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index, subject to the limits on "Post-Retirement Adjustments".

Disability Retirement Allowance:

Eligibility: Five (5) years of service and disability as determined by Retirement Board.

Amount: Immediate allowance based on AFC and service to date of disability.

Death Benefit:

Eligibility: Death after five (5) years of service.

Amount: For Groups B and C, reduced early retirement allowance under 100% survivor option commencing immediately or, if greater, survivor(s) benefit under disability annuity computed as of date of death.

Optional Benefit and Death after Retirement: For Groups B and C, lifetime allowance or actuarially equivalent 50% or 100% joint and survivor allowance with refund of contribution guarantee.

Refund of Contribution: Upon termination, if the member so elects or if no other benefit is payable, the member's accumulated

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contributions are refunded.

NOTE 13. PENSION PLAN (continued)

Post-Retirement Adjustments: Allowance in payment for at least one year increased on each January 1 by one-half of the percentage increase in Consumer Price Index, but not more than 3% for Groups B and C.

Member Contributions: Group B – 4.875%
Group C – 10.00%

Employer Contributions: Group B – 5.5%
Group C – 7.25%

Retirement Stipend: \$25 per month payable at the option of the Board of Retirees.

Significant Actuarial Assumptions and Methods

Interest Rate – 7.50% per annum.

Salary increases - 5% per year.

Mortality:

Deaths - 98% of RP-2014 blended a 60% Blue collar and 40% White Collar, 40% Healthy Employees with generational projection using Scale SSA-2017.

Healthy Post-retirement: 98% of RP-2014 blended a 60% Blue collar and 40% White Collar, 40% Healthy Employees with generational projection using Scale SSA-2017.

Disabled Post-retirement: RP-2014 Disabled Mortality Table with generational projection using Scale SSA-2017.

Spouse's Age: Females three years younger than males.

Cost-of-Living Adjustments to Benefits of Terminated Vested and Retired Participants - Assumed to occur on January 1, following one year of retirement at the rate of 1.3% per annum for Group B and C members (beginning at Normal Retirement eligibility age for members who elect reduced early retirement, at age 62 for members of Group B, who received a disability retirement benefit, and at age 55 for members of Group C who receive a disability retirement benefit). The January 1, 2020 COLA is assumed to be 0.75% for all groups.

Actuarial Cost Method – Entry Age Actuarial Cost Method. Entry Age is the age at date of employment or, if date is unknown, current age minus years of service. Normal Cost and Actuarial Accrued Liability are calculated on an individual basis and are allocated by salary, with Normal Cost determined using the plan of benefits applicable to each participant.

Actuarial Value of Assets – A smoothing method is used, under which the value of assets for actuarial purposes equals market value less a five-year phase-in of the differences between actual and assumed investment return. The value of assets for actuarial purposes may not differ from market value of assets by more than 20%.

Inflation- 2.50%

Long-term Expected Rate of Return:

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce long-term

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NOTE 13. PENSION PLAN (continued)

Significant Actuarial Assumptions and Methods (continued)

expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the pension plan's target asset allocation as of June 30, 2019, is summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Global Equity	29.00%	6.90%
US Equity - L Cap	4.00%	5.94%
US Equity - S/M Cap	3.00%	6.72%
Non-US Equity - L Cap	5.00%	6.81%
Non-US Equity - S Cap	2.00%	7.31%
Emerging Markets Debt	4.00%	4.26%
Core Bond	14.00%	1.79%
Non-Core Bond	6.00%	3.22%
Short Quality Credit	5.00%	1.81%
Private Credit	5.00%	6.00%
US TIPS	3.00%	1.45%
Core Real Estate	5.00%	4.26%
Non-Core Real Estate	3.00%	5.76%
Private Equity	10.00%	10.81%
Infrastructure/Farmland	2.00%	4.89%
	100.00%	

Discount Rate - The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.50%. In accordance with paragraph 29 of GASB 68, professional judgement was applied to determine the System's projected fiduciary net position exceeds projected benefit payments for current active and inactive members for all years. The analysis was based on the expectation that employees will continue to contribute at the rates set by the Board, which exceed the actuarially determined contribution, which is comprised on an employer normal cost payment and a payment to reduce the unfunded liability to zero by June 30, 2038. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

The following presents the net pension liability, calculated using the discount rate of 7.50%, as well as what the pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percent lower (6.50%) or one percent higher (8.50%) than the current rate:

1% Decrease (6.50%)	Discount Rate (7.50%)	1% Increase (8.50%)
\$342,697	\$208,981	\$98,289

Additional Information

Additional information regarding the State of Vermont Municipal Employees' Retirement System, including the details of the Fiduciary Net Position, is available upon request from the State of Vermont.

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NOTE 14. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Town is exposed to various risks of loss related to limited torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injured to employees; and natural disasters for which the Town carries commercial insurance. There have been no significant reductions in coverage from the prior year. Management believes such coverage is sufficient to preclude any significant uninsured losses to the Town.

1. The Property and Casualty Inter-Municipal Fund, Inc. (PACIF) for multi-line insurance;
2. The Vermont League of Cities and Towns Health Trust (VLCTHT) for health, life and disability coverage; and
3. The Vermont League of Cities and Towns Unemployment Trust, Inc. (VLCTUT) for unemployment compensation.

NOTE 14. RISK MANAGEMENT (continued)

PACIF, VLCTHT, and VLCTUT are nonprofit corporations formed to provide insurance and risk management programs for Vermont cities and towns and is owned by the participating members. The Trusts are not licensed insurance carriers and members are not protected by the Vermont Insurance Guarantee Association. To provide insurance coverage, PACIF has established a self-funded insurance trust. It provides extensive coverage for losses to member municipalities for property damage, auto accidents, injured employees, public official liability and employment practices liability, members gain additional benefits from PACIF's unique public safety and risk management programs as well as dedicated in-house claims adjusters. If total contributions assessed to and made by all members result in an actual or projected financial deficit and PACIF is unable to meet its required obligations, the Program will be terminated with each member assessed their proportionate share of the deficit.

To provide insurance coverage, VLCTHT has established a self-funded fully insured program in conjunction with Blue Cross and Blue Shield (BCBS). A portion of member contributions is used to purchase reinsurance and to fund a reserve required by the reinsurance. Benefits available include dental insurance, flexible spending accounts, life insurance, disability insurance, and long-term care insurance. Contributions in excess of claims requirements, reserve fund requirements, reinsurance and administrative costs are returned to participants. The pooling agreement does not permit the pool to make additional assessments to its members.

In addition, the Town is a member of Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT). The VLCT has set up three insurance Trusts: To provide unemployment coverage, VLCTUT has established a separate trust of funds from member contributions to pay administrative costs, unemployment claims, and provides excess reinsurance protection. Contributions are based on payroll expense and the previous two-year unemployment compensation experience. In the event that total contributions assessed to and made by all members result in an actual or projected financial deficit and VLCTUT is unable to meet its required obligations, the Program will be terminated with each member assessed their proportionate share of the deficit.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of asset and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those amounts.

NOTE 15. LINE OF CREDIT

The Town of Poultney currently has no line of credit outstanding.

NOTE 16. LONG-TERM CONTRACTS AND COMMITMENTS

The Town participates in various state and federal grant programs, which are governed by various rules and regulations of the grantor agencies. Costs charged to the respective grant programs are subject to audit and adjustment by the grantor agencies; therefore, to the extent that the Town has not complied with the rules and regulations governing the grants, refunds of any money recovered may be required and the collectability of any related receivable at June 30, 2020 may be impaired. In the opinion of the Town, there are no significant contingent liabilities related to compliance with the rules and regulations governing

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the respective grants; therefore, no provision has been recorded in the accompanying combined financial statements for such contingencies.

NOTE 17. LEASE AGREEMENTS

Operating Leases

On June 29, 2016, the Town of Poultney, Vermont entered into a lease agreement with Canon Financial Services Inc. for the lease of a digital copier. The total amount due is \$5,724 to be paid in monthly installments of \$159 over 3 years. Minimum lease payments for the next three consecutive years is \$1,908 per year.

NOTE 18. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

There are two related party transactions to note: 1.) Ron Kelley the Highway Foreman owns a tractor the town rents for road repairs at \$45 per hour, 2.) Ron McLaughlin is a paid subcontractor, used for lawn maintenance for the town and an employee at the Transfer Station.

NOTE 19. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Events of the Town have been evaluated from July 1, 2020 through the date of these financial statements for subsequent events which would impact the financial standing. There are no events that would significantly impact the presentation of these financial statements.

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SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
JUNE 30, 2020

SCHEDULE 3

	Original and Final Budgeted Amounts	Actual Amounts	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUES			
Taxes	\$ 1,209,485	1,006,577	\$ (202,908)
Taxes penalties and interest	-	146,707	146,707
Fees and licenses	-	112,226	112,226
Intergovernmental revenues	-	78,501	78,501
Charges for current services	-	18,663	18,663
Interest	-	106	106
Other revenues	-	81,824	81,824
	1,209,485	1,444,604	235,119
EXPENDITURES			
General government	477,292	510,872	(33,580)
Public safety	102,816	195,395	(92,579)
Public works	178,877	253,669	(74,792)
Health and social services	82,086	81,890	196
Conservation and development	10,150	10,680	(530)
Cultural and recreation	215,071	182,449	32,622
Debt service expenditures:			
Principal and lease payments	-	27,675	(27,675)
Interest	-	14,293	(14,293)
Capital expenditures:			
General government	-	15,000	(15,000)
Library	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	1,066,292	1,291,923	(225,631)
Excess(deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	143,193	152,681	9,488
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Note proceeds	-	-	-
Transfers in	-	99,250	99,250
Transfer out	(221,950)	(221,950)	-
	(221,950)	(122,700)	99,250
Net change in fund balances	\$ (78,757)	29,981	\$ 108,738

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

TOWN OF POULTNEY, VERMONT
 SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND
 CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - HIGHWAY FUND
 JUNE 30, 2020

SCHEDULE 4

	Original and Final Budgeted Amounts	Actual Amounts	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUES			
Taxes	\$ 740,433	\$ 740,433	\$ -
Intergovernmental revenues	-	121,713	121,713
Other revenues	-	5,384	5,384
	740,433	867,530	127,097
EXPENDITURES			
Public works			
Roads	276,200	311,930	(35,730)
Equipment	128,000	58,581	69,419
Garage	26,210	33,103	(6,893)
Road crew	310,023	295,748	14,275
	740,433	699,362	41,071
Excess(deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	-	168,168	168,168
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers in	-	-	-
Transfer out	-	(80,500)	(80,500)
	-	(80,500)	(80,500)
Net change in fund balances	\$ -	\$ 87,668	\$ 87,668

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

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BALANCE SHEET
OTHER FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2020

SCHEDULE 5

	Special Revenue Fund	Capital Project Fund	Total
ASSETS			
Cash	\$ 4,887	\$ 255,135	\$ 260,022
Accounts receivable	4,400	-	4,400
Due from other funds	150,645	-	150,645
	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 159,932</u>	<u>\$ 255,135</u>	<u>\$ 415,067</u>
LIABILITIES			
Accounts Payable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Deferred grant revenue	4,400	-	4,400
Due to other funds	-	12,807	12,807
	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
Total Liabilities	<u>4,400</u>	<u>12,807</u>	<u>17,207</u>
FUND BALANCES			
Restricted	155,532	-	155,532
Assigned	-	242,328	242,328
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Total Fund Balances	<u>155,532</u>	<u>242,328</u>	<u>397,860</u>
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 159,932</u>	<u>\$ 255,135</u>	<u>\$ 415,067</u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES
OTHER FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2020

SCHEDULE 6

	Special Revenue Fund	Capital Project Fund	Total
REVENUES:			
Intergovernmental	\$ 53,648	\$ -	\$ 53,648
Fees and licenses	13,054	-	13,054
Investment income	1	22	23
Other	1,525	29,195	30,720
Total Revenues	68,228	29,217	97,445
EXPENDITURES			
General government	-	14,284	14,284
Public works	17,525	3,750	21,275
Health and social services	-	-	-
Cultural and recreation	25,922	-	25,922
Debt service expenditures			
Principal	-	39,957	39,957
Interest	-	701	701
Capital expenditures			
Public works	12,375	79,250	91,625
Total Expenditures	55,822	137,942	193,764
Excess/(Deficiency) of revenues			
Over expenditures	12,406	(108,725)	(96,319)
Other financing sources:			
Loan proceeds	-	-	-
Transfers in	15,000	84,700	99,700
Total Other Financing Sources	15,000	84,700	99,700
Net change in fund balances	27,406	(24,025)	3,381
Fund balances - June 30, 2019	128,126	266,353	394,479
Fund balances - July 1, 2020	\$ 155,532	\$ 242,328	397,860

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TOWN OF POULTNEY, VERMONT
BALANCE SHEET
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2020

SCHEDULE 7

	Recreation Fund	Record Preservation Fund	Grant Fund	Reappraisal Fund	Total
ASSETS					
Cash	\$ 4,887	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,887
Grant receivable			4,400		4,400
Due from other funds	9,919	13,968	31,268	95,490	150,645
Total Assets	\$ 14,806	\$ 13,968	\$ 35,668	\$ 95,490	\$ 159,932
LIABILITIES					
Accounts Payable	-	-	-	-	-
Deferred grant revenue	-	-	4,400	-	4,400
Total Liabilities	-	-	4,400	-	4,400
FUND BALANCES					
Restricted	14,806	13,968	31,268	95,490	155,532
Total Fund Balances	14,806	13,968	31,268	95,490	155,532
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances	\$ 14,806	\$ 13,968	\$ 35,668	\$ 95,490	\$ 159,932

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TOWN OF POULTNEY, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2020

SCHEDULE 8

	Recreation Fund	Record Preservation Fund	Grant Fund	Reappraisal Fund	Total
REVENUES:					
Intergovernmental	\$ 1,377	\$ -	\$ 37,583	\$ 14,688	\$ 53,648
Fees and licenses	3,922	9,132	-	-	13,054
Interest	1	-	-	-	1
Other	1,525	-	-	-	1,525
	<u>6,825</u>	<u>9,132</u>	<u>37,583</u>	<u>14,688</u>	<u>68,228</u>
Total Revenues					
EXPENDITURES:					
Public Works	-	-	17,525	-	17,525
Cultural and recreation	25,922	-	-	-	25,922
Capital expenditures					
Public works	-	-	12,375	-	12,375
Total Expenditures	<u>25,922</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>29,900</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>55,822</u>
Excess/(Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	<u>(19,097)</u>	<u>9,132</u>	<u>7,683</u>	<u>14,688</u>	<u>12,406</u>
Other Financing Sources:					
Transfers in	15,000	-	-	-	15,000
Total Other Financing Sources	<u>15,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,000</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	<u>(4,097)</u>	<u>9,132</u>	<u>7,683</u>	<u>14,688</u>	<u>27,406</u>
Fund Balances - June 30, 2019	18,903	4,836	23,585	80,802	128,126
Fund Balances - July 1, 2020	<u>\$ 14,806</u>	<u>\$ 13,968</u>	<u>\$ 31,268</u>	<u>\$ 95,490</u>	<u>\$ 155,532</u>

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TOWN OF POULTNEY, VERMONT
BALANCE SHEET
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2020

SCHEDULE 9

	Bridge Fund	Building Fund	Highway Equipment Fund	Total
ASSETS				
Cash	\$ 17,511	\$ 57,390	\$ 180,234	\$ 255,135
Accounts receivable	-	-	-	-
Due from other funds	-	-	-	-
Total Assets	<u>\$ 17,511</u>	<u>\$ 57,390</u>	<u>\$ 180,234</u>	<u>\$ 255,135</u>
LIABILITIES				
Accounts payable	-	-	-	-
Due to other funds	4	1,053	11,750	12,807
Total Liabilities	<u>4</u>	<u>1,053</u>	<u>11,750</u>	<u>12,807</u>
FUND BALANCES				
Assigned	17,507	56,337	168,484	242,328
Total Fund Balances	<u>17,507</u>	<u>56,337</u>	<u>168,484</u>	<u>242,328</u>
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 17,511</u>	<u>\$ 57,390</u>	<u>\$ 180,234</u>	<u>\$ 255,135</u>

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TOWN OF POULTNEY, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND
JUNE 30, 2020

SCHEDULE 10

	Bridge Fund	Building Fund	Highway Equipment Fund	Total
REVENUES:				
Intergovernmental revenues	\$ -	# \$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Investment income	5	5	12	22
Other	-	10,974	18,221	29,195
	5	10,979	18,233	29,217
EXPENDITURES:				
General government	-	14,284	-	14,284
Public works	-	-	3,750	3,750
Debt service expenditures				
Principal	-	-	39,957	39,957
Interest	-	-	701	701
Capital expenditures				
Public works	64,300	-	14,950	79,250
Total Expenditures	64,300	14,284	59,358	137,942
Excess/(Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	(64,295)	(3,305)	(41,125)	(108,725)
Other Financing Sources:				
Loan proceeds	-	-	-	-
Transfers in	5,500	4,200	75,000	84,700
Total Other Financing Sources	5,500	4,200	75,000	84,700
Net Change in Fund Balances	(58,795)	895	33,875	(24,025)
Fund Balances - June 30, 2019	76,302	55,442	134,609	266,353
Fund Balances - July 1, 2020	\$ 17,507	\$ 56,337	\$ 168,484	\$ 242,328

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TOWN OF POULTNEY, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2020

EXHIBIT A

	Governmental Activities	Total
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,287,582	\$ 1,287,582
Receivables (net of allowance for uncollectible accounts)		
Taxes receivable	404,160	404,160
Accounts receivable	12,450	12,450
Capital assets (net of accumulated depreciation)		-
Building and building improvements	1,504,051	1,504,051
Vehicles and equipment	809,509	809,509
Infrastructure	825,692	825,692
	<u>4,843,444</u>	<u>4,843,444</u>
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Deferred outflows of resources related to the Town's participation in VMERS	72,348	72,348
	<u>72,348</u>	<u>72,348</u>
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>72,348</u>	<u>72,348</u>
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	67,981	67,981
Accrued expenses	11,471	11,471
Due within one year	67,700	67,700
Non-current obligations		
Pension liability	208,981	208,981
Due in more than one year	376,424	376,424
	<u>732,557</u>	<u>732,557</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>732,557</u>	<u>732,557</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Deferred inflows of resources related to the Town's participation in VMERS	15,702	15,702
	<u>15,702</u>	<u>15,702</u>
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>15,702</u>	<u>15,702</u>
NET POSITION		
Net investment in capital assets	2,695,128	2,695,128
Restricted	155,532	155,532
Committed	718,771	718,771
Assigned	242,328	242,328
Unrestricted	355,774	355,774
	<u>4,167,533</u>	<u>4,167,533</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 4,167,533</u>	<u>\$ 4,167,533</u>

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Tax Rate
Fiscal Year 2019 - 2020
(July 01, 2019 - June 30, 2020)

	<u>Homestead</u>	<u>Non-Homestead</u>
General Fund	0.3633	0.3633
Highway Fund	0.2751	0.2751
School District (total)	1.4474	1.5611
Town Tax Rate	2.0858	2.1995
Village Tax Rate	1.8107	1.9244

Taxes to be Raised

General Fund	\$ 1,209,485
Highway Fund	\$ 740,433
School District	\$ 5,013,228

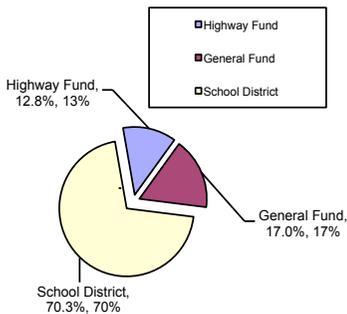
Total Taxes to be Raised \$ 6,963,146

Grand List

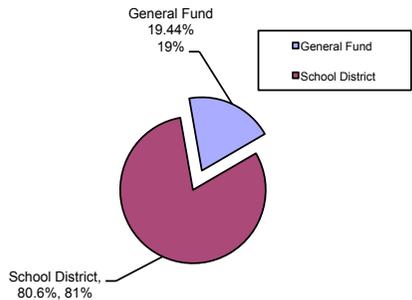
Village	\$ 62,347,900
Town Highway	\$ 268,040,887
Total Municipal Grand List	\$ 330,387,787
Homestead Education Grand List	\$ 127,063,703
Non-Residential Education Grand List	\$ 203,325,084

Property Taxes
Where it Goes...

Town Properties



Village Properties



**Town of Poultney
Employee Wage Report
Fiscal Year 2019 - 2020**

Name	Wage	Position
Bunce, Carol	\$ 33,816.92	Assistant Town Clerk/Elections
Cook, Rebecca	\$ 40,892.80	Librarian/Clerk
Crawford, Neisja	\$ 34,772.41	Bookkeeper/Secretary/Library
Donaldson, Paul A.	\$ 58,100.69	Town Manager
Ferguson, Richard, III	\$ 109.60	Temp Transfer Station
Ferguson, Richard	\$ 43,575.73	Highway & Transfer Station
Frappier, Erin	\$ 6,936.08	Library Assistant
Gray, Bonnie	\$ 2,015.00	Lister
Kasuba, Susan	\$ 1,482.61	Office Assistance
Kelley, Ronald	\$ 53,823.20	Road Foreman
Kerber, Dale	\$ 24,960.20	Constable/Public Safety Grants
Lenihan, Jean	\$ 492.00	Office Assistance
Letendre, Denise	\$ 12,862.08	Library
Mayhew, Bradley	\$ 487.50	Highway Crew
McLaughlin, Richard	\$ 20,963.52	Transfer Station
McLaughlin, Ronald	\$ 18,202.82	Part-Time Transfer Station
McLaughlin, Thomas	\$ 5,839.18	Part-Time Transfer Station
Paquette, Racheal	\$ 24,102.90	Library Assistant
Pelkey, Sarah	\$ 7,168.75	Economic Development Coordinator
Petty, Raymond C., III	\$ 31,618.50	Highway Crew
Phillips, Joseph P., Jr.	\$ 624.00	Recreation Field Maintenance
Porrier, Sheryl	\$ 2,712.50	Recreation Director
Sears, Matthew	\$ 40,694.69	Highway Crew
Tector, Mary Jo	\$ 9,980.00	Lister
Wescott, Betsy	\$ 41,499.90	Town Clerk/Treasurer
White, Walter	\$ 506.16	Part-Time Transfer Station
Williams, Thomas D.	\$ 1,863.20	Part-Time Transfer Station

GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUDGET

ACCOUNT	2019-20 Budget	2019-20 Expended	2020-21 Budget	2021-22 Proposed
SELECTMEN				
Salaries	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
Record Supplies	0	0	0	0
Mtngs, Travel & Training		115		
TOTALS	1,500	1,615	1,500	1,500
TOWN MANAGER				
Salary (70%)	39,443	37,768	39,443	39,443
Communications (70%)	294	294	294	294
Auto Allowance (70%)	980	980	980	980
Dues, Subs & Mtngs.	392	420	392	392
TOTALS	41,109	39,462	41,109	41,109
ELECTIONS				
Salaries	1,200	1,435	2,200	2,200
Supplies/Ballots	1,000	2,332	1,200	1,200
Ballot Machine	1,500	408	2,500	2,500
TOTALS	3,700	4,176	5,900	5,900
BOOKKEEPING				
Salary (70%)	24,033	23,511	24,754	25,497
Part-Time (70%)	1,800	2,177	1,800	1,800
Supplies	500	1,222	500	500
Training	500	0	800	800
TOTALS	26,833	26,909	27,854	28,597
LEGAL SERVICES				
	17,000	8,210	12,000	12,000
Economic Development			1	26,000
TAX LISTING				
Salaries	20,000	11,995	15,000	22,000
Training	350	140	350	350
Contract Services	1,500	1,706	1,500	2,100
Reappraisal / BCA Services	650	0	650	650
Equipment	300	580	300	300
Supplies	500	174	500	500
Mtngs. & Travel	500	21	500	300
Communications	500	499	500	500
Advertising	0	250	0	0
TOTALS	24,300	15,365	19,300	26,700
TAX COLLECTING				
Tax Billing/Advertising	100	83	100	100
Printing	800	800	800	800
TOTALS	900	883	900	900
AUDITING				
Salaries	9,500	9,070	9,500	9,500
Town Report	5,500	3,508	4,500	3,800
TOTALS	15,000	12,578	14,000	13,300
CLERK/TREASURER				
Salary	41,500	41,500	41,500	43,000

GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUDGET

ACCOUNT	2019-20 Budget	2019-20 Expended	2020-21 Budget	2021-22 Proposed
Assistant	33,813	33,817	33,813	33,813
Supplies	2,500	6,154	2,500	2,500
Telephone	1,100	1,438	1,100	1,300
Records Preservation	2,500	805	2,500	2,500
Mtngs., Travel, Training	2,000	1,903	2,000	2,000
Records Computerization	4,020	4,020	4,020	4,260
Subscriptions & Dues	100	65	100	100
TOTALS	87,533	89,702	87,533	89,473
PLANNING & ZONING				
Zoning Admin.	0	0	0	0
Office Supplies	200	103	200	200
Advertising	650	0	650	650
Printing	400	325	400	400
Mapping	1,200	3,300	1,200	1,200
Rut. Reg. Com/Service	500	0	500	500
Rut. Reg. Com/Dues	975	975	975	975
TOTALS	3,925	4,703	3,925	3,925
TOWN OFFICE				
Supplies	3,500	2,063	3,500	3,500
Photocopy Supplies	500	0	500	500
Copier Service	2,500	2,022	2,500	2,500
Computer Supplies	875	600	875	875
Telephone	1,775	2,397	1,775	1,775
Advertising	1,600	6,459	1,600	1,600
Postage	6,100	4,715	6,100	6,100
Subs & Meetings	450	1,844	450	450
VLCT/Dues	5,200	5,138	5,350	5,350
NEMRC / Services	650	353	800	800
NEMRC / Contract	1,600	2,218	5,000	5,000
Equip. Maintenance	500	60	500	500
Equip. Purchases	700	0	700	700
Town Website	700	840	700	700
TOTALS	26,650	28,709	30,350	30,350
TOWN HALL				
Custodial Service	1,800	1,080	1,800	1,600
Cleaning Supplies	0	182	0	0
Cleaning Equipment	0	0	0	0
Repairs & Maint.	4,000	5,774	4,000	4,000
Util/Electricity	3,200	3,683	3,500	3,500
Water & Sewer	520	441	520	520
Utility/Fuel	3,000	1,575	3,000	2,500
TOTALS	12,520	12,736	12,820	12,120
PUBLIC SAFETY				
Contract Services / Police	68,495	66,771	78,084	78,000
Highway Safety Grant	3,823	5,363	0	0
Public Safety Grant	17,523	15,818	0	0
Constable Salary	7,000	3,780	7,000	7,000
Constable Travel	500	1,599	500	500
Constable Supplies	500	110	500	500
Constable Communications	1,500	1,141	1,500	1,500
Cruiser Sinking Fund	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500

GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUDGET

ACCOUNT	2019-20 Budget	2019-20 Expended	2020-21 Budget	2021-22 Proposed
Cruiser Maintenance	2,250	1,705	2,250	2,250
Constable Training	500	0	500	500
Fire Department	99,250	99,250	104,250	107,900
Fire Truck Payment	0	18,915	0	0
Fire Equip Fund	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
TOTALS	304,841	317,951	298,084	301,650
HEALTH & WELFARE				
Visiting Nurse	6,428	6,428	6,728	6,728
Mental Health	3,654	3,654	3,654	3,654
Nutrition	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
ARC - Rutland Area	1,300	1,300	1,300	1,300
Young At Heart	26,500	26,500	26,500	26,500
RSVP	405	405	405	405
New Story fka Battered Women-F	500	500	500	500
Center Indep. Living	420	420	420	420
Vt Assc Blind & Vis	525	525	525	525
Public Health	300	104	300	300
Dog Warden Salary	0	0	0	0
Dog Warden Supplies	0	0	0	0
Dog Warden Storage	100	0	100	100
Dog Warden Travel	0	0	0	0
Humane Society	625	625	625	625
Rut Co Parent/Child	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
Ben Rut Op Co (BROC)	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Neighbor Works	500	500	500	500
Rut Area Hospice	300	300	300	0
Rut Adult Basic Ed	1,300	1,300	1,300	1,300
Red Cross	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Green Up Vermont	200	1,537	4,200	0
Regional Ambulance	1,716	1,716	1,716	1,716
TOTALS	49,773	50,814	54,073	49,573
SOLID WASTE				
Refuse/Non-Recycle	86,000	87,922	89,000	92,000
Recyclables	18,000	37,101	20,000	22,500
Util/Electricity	1,725	2,189	1,725	1,725
Station Operator	17,860	20,964	17,860	20,500
Assistant Operator	16,320	17,974	16,320	18,273
Additional Staff				18,720
Temp Assistant Operator	8,772	9,498	8,800	6,800
Equipment Rental	3,900	3,972	3,900	3,900
Telephone	400	360	400	400
Compost	4,200	4,157	4,200	4,200
Construction Demolition	0	23,616	5,000	2,500
Repairs & Maint.	3,500	9,759	3,500	3,500
TOTALS	160,677	217,513	170,705	195,018
SOLID WASTE DISTRICT	18,000	18,000	18,000	18,000
CEMETERY MAINTENANCE	8,800	7,930	8,800	8,800
CULTURE & REC				
Little League	2,500	0	2,500	2,500
Poultney Band	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500

GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUDGET

ACCOUNT	2019-20 Budget	2019-20 Expended	2020-21 Budget	2021-22 Proposed
July 4th Activities	6,500	0	6,500	6,500
Recreation	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
Memorial Day	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Lake St. Catherine	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
TOTALS	42,500	33,500	42,500	42,500
LIBRARY				
Subsidy	159,401	159,401	164,669	167,937
Library Loan Payment	20,770	19,933	20,770	20,000
Maintenance & Repairs	1,800	1,180	1,800	1,500
Utility/Fuel Oil	5,000	2,889	4,500	3,500
Water & Sewer	600	479	600	600
TOTALS	187,571	183,882	192,339	193,537
CONSERV. & DEVELOP				
Forest Fires	400	0	400	400
Poul - Mettowee Con Dst	750	750	750	750
Tree Warden	200	200	200	200
TOTALS	1,350	950	1,350	1,350
EMPLOYEES BENEFITS				
Retirement	24,000	11,923	25,000	25,000
Workmen's Comp.	10,150	10,144	9,600	9,600
Unemploy Insurance	500	190	500	500
Social Security	18,500	17,884	18,500	18,500
Health & Life Ins.	71,200	54,765	83,500	96,350
Uniforms	1,300	2,243	1,300	1,300
TOTALS	125,650	97,149	138,400	151,250
OTHERS				
Prop-Liab Insurance	15,000	15,035	16,300	16,300
Pol Insurance Bond	6,200	6,284	6,710	7,752
School Rent	0	0	0	0
County Tax	27,500	25,777	27,500	27,500
Sr Citizen Bldg Loan	3,307	3,120	3,307	3,100
Public Transportation	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
Bldg.-Equip. Fund	4,200	4,200	4,200	4,200
Rescue Squad	18,165	18,165	34,320	34,320
Poultney Historical Society	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500
Downtown Revitalization	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Miscellaneous	4,000	18,715	4,000	4,000
TOTALS	94,872	107,795	112,837	113,672
GRAND TOTALS	\$ 1,255,004	\$ 1,280,533	\$ 1,294,279	\$ 1,367,224

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT BUDGET

	FY 19-20 Budget	FY 19-20 Expended	FY 20-21 Budget	FY 21-22 Proposed
HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION				
Foreman	47,000	47,000	48,400	52,562
Laborer	35,093	38,168	38,625	43,472
Laborer	34,460	34,432	35,500	37,440
Laborer	32,770	27,721	33,760	37,440
Overtime	10,000	20,551	15,000	21,000
Part-Time	1,500	0	1,500	18,720
Town Manager (30%)	16,904	17,430	16,904	16,904
Communications (30%)	126	0	126	126
Auto Allowance (30%)	420	0	420	420
Dues, . Subs & Mtngs. (30%)	150	0	150	150
Bookkeeper (30%)	10,300	10,062	10,609	10,927
Asst. Bookkeeper (30%)	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	188,723	195,364	200,994	239,161
SUMMER CONSTRUCTION				
Operating Supp/Chloride	15,000	16,987	15,000	15,000
Patching	1,500	979	1,500	1,500
Culverts	4,200	13,982	5,500	5,500
Resurface/Gravel	38,000	47,913	38,000	38,000
Repaving	99,000	97,968	99,000	99,000
Guardrails	1,500	0	1,500	1,500
Reconstruction	20,500	19,235	20,500	20,500
Roadside Mowing	5,000	5,175	5,000	5,000
TOTALS	184,700	202,240	186,000	186,000
TRAFFIC CONTROL/SIGNS				
	500	1,205	1,000	1,000
TOTALS	500	1,205	1,000	1,000
WINTER MINTENANCE				
Winter Sand	33,000	42,300	35,000	35,000
Salt	38,000	44,068	41,000	41,000
Snow Removal Equipment	1,500	4,036	2,000	2,000
TOTALS	72,500	90,404	78,000	78,000
CONS & BRIDGE REPAIR				
	5,500	5,500	20,000	40,000
TOTALS	5,500	5,500	20,000	40,000
STREET LIGHTING				
	13,000	12,582	13,000	13,000
TOTALS	13,000	12,582	13,000	13,000
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS				
Retirement	12,500	9,786	12,500	13,500

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT BUDGET

	FY 19-20 Budget	FY 19-20 Expended	FY 20-21 Budget	FY 21-22 Proposed
Workers Compensation	15,000	14,051	12,500	13,000
Unemployment Ins	700	190	700	700
Social Security	15,500	14,848	15,500	18,250
Health & Life Ins	73,000	55,883	86,000	100,600
Uniform Service	4,600	5,625	4,600	5,200
TOTALS	121,300	100,383	131,800	151,250
PLANT OPERATIONS				
Fuel Oil	0	0	0	0
Supplies / Equipment	900	4,237	900	900
Operating Supplies	0	617	0	0
Repair & Maint Supplies	2,250	1,119	2,250	2,250
Building Improvements	1,000	0	1,000	1,000
Maintenance and Repair	0	4,506	0	0
Environmental Compliance	0	3,200	0	0
Small Tools & Equip	200	1,332	200	200
Advertising	400	0	400	400
Communications	1,700	2,014	1,700	1,700
Electricity	2,200	2,543	2,200	2,200
Water & Sewer	600	1,388	600	600
TOTALS	9,250	20,957	9,250	9,250
VEHICLES & EQUIPMENT				
Operating Supplies	500	166	500	500
Gas & Oil	31,000	18,343	31,000	28,000
Repair & Maint Supplies	10,000	11,692	10,000	10,000
Equip Replace Fund	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000
Repair & Maintenance	7,500	39,108	7,500	7,500
Equipment Purchase	500	0	500	500
Tires	3,500	6,522	3,500	3,500
TOTALS	128,000	150,831	128,000	125,000
OTHER				
Insurance Prop & Casualty	9,210	10,014	11,060	13,385
Sidewalks	0	0	0	0
Trees	2,500	0	2,500	2,500
MRGP Permit	2,000		2,000	3,100
Miscellaneous	3,250	2,132	3,250	3,100
TOTALS	16,960	12,146	18,810	22,085
GRAND TOTAL	740,433	791,612	786,854	864,746

Tax Rate
Fiscal Year 2020 - 2021
(July 01, 2020 - June 30, 2021)

	<u>Homestead</u>	<u>Non-Homestead</u>
General Fund	0.3611	0.3611
Highway Fund	0.2899	0.2899
School District (total)	1.5072	1.6587
Town Tax Rate	2.1582	2.3097
Village Tax Rate	1.8683	2.0198

Taxes to be Raised

General Fund	\$ 1,223,585
Highway Fund	\$ 786,854
School District	\$ 5,299,663

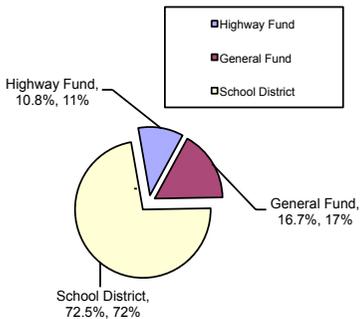
Total Taxes to be Raised \$ 7,310,102

Grand List

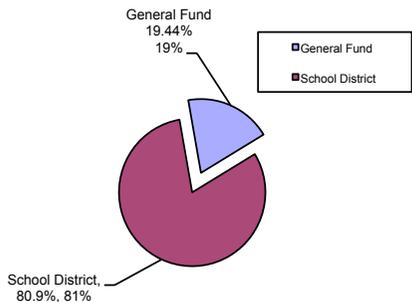
Village	\$ 64,073,079
Town Highway	\$ 271,352,233
Total Municipal Grand List	\$ 335,429,312
Homestead Education Grand List	\$ 127,232,503
Non-Residential Education Grand List	\$ 203,537,984

***Property Taxes
Where it Goes...***

Town Properties



Village Properties



**Estimated
Amount to be Raised by Taxes
July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022**

General Government	\$ 1,262,974
Highway Fund	\$ 804,746
School District – Local	Available June 30
Est. State Education Taxes	Available June 30
Estimated Total Taxes	<u>\$ 2,067,720</u>

**Projected General Fund Receipts
July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021**

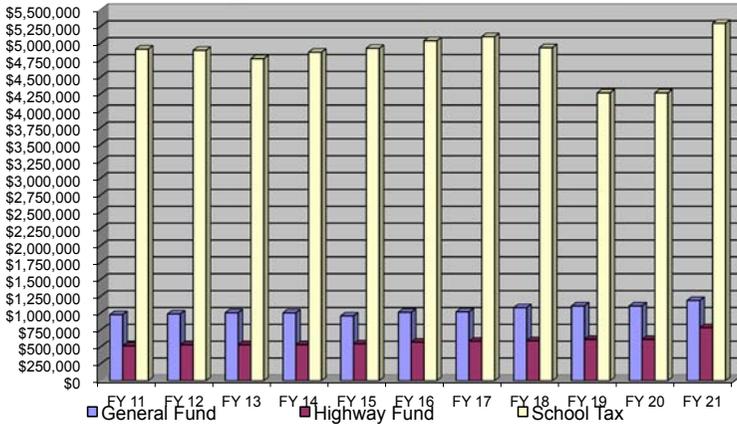
Taxes	\$1,262,974
Town Clerk Fees	24,000
Penalties	15,000
Delinquent Interest	19,500
Permits	6,500
Liquor Licenses	1,000
Dog Licenses	1,000
Miscellaneous	750
State Lands	17,000
Current Use	8,000
Fines	4,500
Interest	1,000
Recyclables	1,000
Trash Bags	5,000
Projected Total	<u>\$1,367,224</u>

**Projected Highway Receipts
July 01, 2020 - June 30, 2021**

Taxes	\$ 804,746
Projected Total	<u>\$ 804,746</u>

Property Tax Trends for FY 2011 - 2021

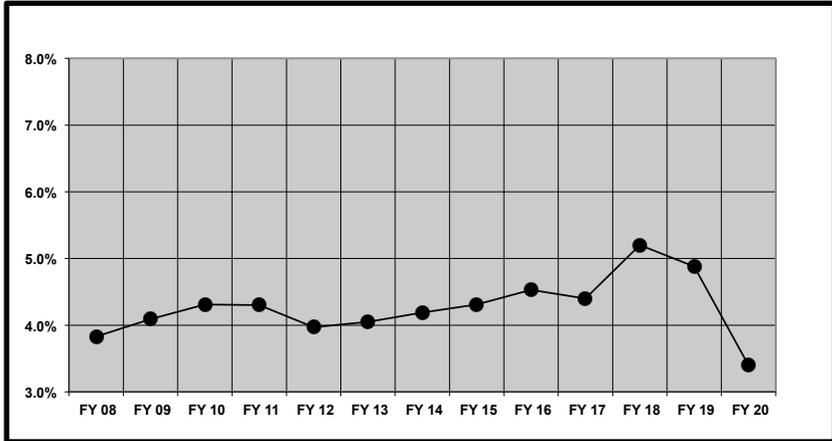
Amounts Raised By Taxes



Dollar Amounts Raised by Taxes

Year	General Fund	Highway Fund	School District
FY 11	\$979,967	\$517,159	\$4,917,061
FY 12	\$990,833	\$534,352	\$4,899,014
FY 13	\$1,008,444	\$534,324	\$4,773,881
FY 14	\$1,006,355	\$543,216	\$4,870,492
FY 15	\$961,290	\$546,742	\$4,928,779
FY 16	\$1,015,591	\$573,248	\$5,040,278
FY 17	\$1,022,039	\$585,760	\$5,100,452
FY 18	\$1,084,471	\$593,266	\$4,938,297
FY 19	\$1,109,455	\$614,752	\$4,938,297
FY 20	\$1,133,408	\$634,183	\$4,268,068
FY 21	\$1,190,029	\$786,954	\$5,299,663

**Percentage of Taxes Going Delinquent
Ending May 31, 2020**



**Table of Taxes Going Delinquent
Ending May 31st of the stated FY**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount of Delinquents</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
FY 03	\$ 222,137.54	4.86%
FY 04	\$ 258,412.85	5.65%
FY 05	\$ 272,469.40	5.55%
FY 06	\$ 248,797.95	5.06%
FY 07	\$ 263,185.20	4.90%
FY 08	\$ 219,133.80	3.83%
FY 09	\$ 263,545.59	4.09%
FY 10	\$ 276,542.12	4.31%
FY 11	\$ 275,539.64	4.30%
FY 12	\$ 255,294.52	3.97%
FY 13	\$ 256,018.75	4.05%
FY 14	\$ 268,640.87	4.19%
FY 15	\$ 277,516.71	4.31%
FY 16	\$ 300,289.23	4.53%
FY 17	\$ 295,364.75	4.40%
FY 18	\$ 344,587.30	5.20%
FY 19	\$ 322,593.83	4.88%
FY 20	\$ 248,749.31	3.40%

Delinquent Property Taxes
Ending May 31, 2020
Fiscal Year 2020

1999-2007	8,509.67
2007-2008	1,043.44
2008-2009	1,055.86
2009-2010	1,031.84
2010-2011	966.36
2011-2012	1,718.16
2012-2013	1,553.96
2013-2014	1,446.64
2014-2015	1,867.28
2015-2016	1,799.00
2016-2017	1,633.16
2017-2018	33,405.32
2018-2019	105,225.15

Taxes were due on May 31, 2020. Taxes became delinquent if not paid in full by that date.
On June 1, 2020 the following amounts were delinquent.

2019-2020	<u>248,749.31</u>
Grand Total	410,005.15

Our 2019/2020 fiscal year ended on 06/30/2020. Total delinquent taxes on that date were \$366,266.84.
One asterisk (*) represents those who paid all of their delinquent taxes as of January 15, 2021.

Two asterisks (**) represents those who paid a portion of their delinquent taxes as of January 15, 2021.
Delinquent tax under \$100 not listed below. It is important to note that some properties have sold and ownership has transferred. These were the property owners of record when our Grand List was filed as required on 04/01/2020.

<u>Listed Owner</u>	<u>2015/2016</u>	<u>2016/2017</u>	<u>2017/2018</u>	<u>2018/2019</u>	<u>2019/2020</u>
** 163 Main St. Properties				2,831.30	3534.44
* Ainsworth Akiko					3,756.84
Ainsworth-Hurley Linda			3,667.65	3,077.60	
Antosh Peter					1,766.88
* AT&T Mobility LLC					535.95
** Aubin Polydore Joseph & Sharon					2,215.08
Baptie Kathryn			1,163.11	2,681.52	2,464.48
* Benson Tasia Trustee Of					1,552.52
Boudreau Shawn					4,267.44
* Brayton Trust					1,766.83
* Bushey Paul					658.20
C/O Anthony Ross			557.64		
C/O David Pope			1,656.92		
** C/O Guardala Salire Inc				2,430.08	2,177.28
C/O Osborn William					1,066.86
** C/O Paquette Barbara			713.59	1,418.08	1,294.60
C/O Stacey Jeremy					1,645.23
** C/O Wright Rodney					3,869.68
Cannata Deborah				3,151.48	2,876.96
Cannata Trust				404.52	369.20
Carris William					1,135.42
** Coccia Anthony			306.91	2,617.60	2,457.64
Cooper Donald E			1,392.55	873.92	892.96
** Cram Steven & Linda				102.61	552.99
* Crandall Holley Et Al					1,567.56
Czarnecki Michael				325.26	659.28
D & D Rental LLC			1,991.31	3,518.68	3,152.68
D & D Rental LLC			65.16	3,993.96	3,578.48
Daniels Frederick				2,878.12	2,627.60
Delpezzo Andrew					3,135.88
* Durrum Theron					645.16
* Fenton Amber					260.29
Fordham Walter & Grace					2,227.24
* Fuoco Marc					1,764.52
<u>Listed Owner</u>	<u>2015/2016</u>	<u>2016/2017</u>	<u>2017/2018</u>	<u>2018/2019</u>	<u>2019/2020</u>
* Gardner Nicholas					2,805.52
** Gardner Matthew			347.55	486.55	815.00
Genier Bruno J Estate				1,880.36	1,730.92

* Georgi Angela					1,484.02
Gillett Brayton					954.20
** Godzik Thomas Jr	649.99	597.68			1,385.76
* Goforth Timothy					768.53
** Grandview Industries			5,800.96		6,262.12
Grant Janice					2,359.76
Greene Anthony			1,996.64		1,834.72
** Greene Marguerite	1,343.38	672.96			2,217.64
Harrison Royal					828.78
** Hathaway Lindsey	138.04	120.72			110.24
* Hayes Francis					121.67
* Hayes Francis R & Janet M					267.89
* Hayes Rayeann					862.10
Hier William	234.04	204.76			187.00
* Hilltop Slate					3,217.36
* Hilltop Slate Company					282.88
* Hilltop Slate Inc					1,282.60
* Hitchcock Roger					142.61
* Howe Christopher					193.60
* Howe Christopher				154.79	4,442.48
Humphrey Louise	1,103.00	1,000.84	882.11	772.20	704.84
Hunter Pamela				228.97	1,472.96
Illinski Noah			1,500.14	1,312.96	1,198.68
** Jay Lila					2,959.88
* Jennings Lester					702.20
* Jones Idris					1,864.76
* Jones William					514.63
Jurnak, Ronald				6,200.28	2,143.56
Jurnak, Ronald T				4,410.88	3,951.84
* Kelley Betsy				1,885.12	
* Kerber Dale & Timothy					6,204.60
Kerber Timothy				1,012.31	3,039.96
* Kinney Sandra A Life Estate				13.85	1,856.28
Knight Gordon					2,108.07
* L.M.P.G., LLC					3,549.12
* Lally-Kendall Christine					407.56
Listed Owner	2015/2016	2016/2017	2017/2018	2018/2019	2019/2020
Lignos, John & Nancy					1,496.00
** Locke Samuel			5,111.04	4,349.44	3,910.68
Losso Kevin & Patrick					4,221.14
Lovejoy Mariah					2,114.40
Mcintyre, Malcolm					1,623.24
** Mead Jr Martin					1,280.24
* Merritt Charles					605.55
Millennium Slate			1,155.94	4,327.72	3,951.00
* Morash Thomas					705.84
Morgan Melissa			491.11	695.96	635.32
* Morse, Ronald					2,968.27
Murray Richard					610.75
** O'Connell Judy			1,388.17	3,125.20	2,852.96
* Oubina Richard					6,161.44
* Pfenning Patricia				1,281.60	2,339.88
Pitts Robert					1,940.24
** Povey Gregory					2,346.51
* Prouty Michael				3,734.28	3,345.64
Punderson Frank				835.20	762.40
* R&C Realty LLC					1,943.48
Roberts Wray			276.08	241.48	220.56
* Robson James Jr					1,356.95
Saseen Gail				3,441.38	3,517.04
* Schneider Mark					3,389.40
* Scott Jeffrey					785.54
* Seamans Gladys A Life Estate					1,431.42
Seamans James					2,078.60
* Seamans James					3,274.88

* Seamans Shelia			1,037.92
* Simons Paul & Ann			804.93
* Skovira John & Laura		30.34	873.83
* Strateman Howard	103.73	3,838.32	4,408.92
* Strateman Jr Howard		103.52	95.88
Thorton Wayne Sr	1,297.43	64.20	99.00
Tourville Gary		19.60	1,496.00
Walsh John		1,612.44	1,472.04
Walsh John D			1,131.60
* Weinberg Philip & Phyllis		2,880.67	5,312.76
Whitman (Breznick) Joan	3,123.78	2,744.28	
Whyte Thomas J & Snavelly Molly			6,125.48
** Williams Alan D			3,879.08
* Williams Donald Life Estate			647.43

Total Delinquent Taxes as of 01/15/2021 253,908.71

**Town of Poultney
Important Tax Information**

1. **Billing of Taxes:** Taxes are levied on both real and personal property as it exists in the owner of record on the Grand List dated April 1st prior to the fiscal year start date. The tax rate is calculated in July based on the Budgets as approved by the voters in the previous March and the Grand List total value. By law the tax bills are mailed to the April 1st owner of record at the address on file with the Lister’s Office. All tax bills are mailed on or about the first week of August. Failure to receive a tax bill does not relieve the taxpayer of responsibility to pay the taxes when they become due nor does it exempt them from the loss of discount or the addition of penalties and interest as required by law. The Lister’s Office and the Tax Office must be notified of any address change in writing. Mortgage companies must request each year, in writing, prior to the mailing of the tax bills, any tax bills that they may be escrowing funds on behalf of their mortgagees.

2. **Tax Due Date:** The Town of Poultney offers the option to pay real estate and personal property taxes in quarterly installments. Property owners choosing to take advantage of this option may take a 2% discount if paid prior to or on the quarterly due date. With the due dates being: September 15th, December 15th, March 15th and May 15th. **The final due date to pay taxes is May 31st.** Taxes not paid by the final due date will be charged an 8% penalty, interest of 1% for the first 3 months and 1 ½% per month thereafter. If the discount date or final due date falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, taxes may be paid on the following normal business day. Taxes being mailed must be postmarked prior to the actual due date. Payments made by check must have a current date (no post dated checks will be accepted), made payable to the Town of Poultney and be for the exact payment amount. Any overpayment amounts will be applied to the next quarter or if overpayment occurs at the end of the fiscal year, a refund will be made via check. No Cash Back on Any Payments! Receipts will be mailed if stamp is supplied along with request.

3. **Transfer of Property:** If any and all of a taxed property is sold, it is the Seller’s responsibility to forward the tax bill to the new owner, and it is the new owner’s responsibility to take note as to when the tax installments are due and payable.

4. **Questions:** Any questions regarding billed amounts, amounts due, payments made, policies regarding collection or due dates should be directed to the Town Manager’s Office, 9 Main Street, Poultney, Vermont 05764. Or you may call 1-802-287-9751.

Selectboard and Town Manager's Report

Budget

General Government:

The proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2022 (July 01, 2021 - June 30, 2022) is \$1,367,224. This represents an increase in the amount of \$72,944.33 (up 5.64%) from the current Fiscal Year 2021 budget approved by voters in March 2020. Some of those items reflecting adjustments include, among other adjustments, the funding of a part-time Economic Development Office (which was funded partially last year by a USDA Rural Business Development Grant), the addition of another attendant at the Transfer Station, employee health insurance, salaries, a sickness and accident insurance policy for the fire department volunteers, and solid waste disposal costs.

Highway District:

The proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2022 (July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022) is \$804,746. This represents an increase in the amount of \$77,892 (up 9.9%) above the current Fiscal Year 2021 Budget. The proposed budget reflects a significant increase in our Bridge Replacement Fund, the addition of a part-time laborer/driver on the road crew, wages increases, and property and health insurance costs.

2020

Road Improvements:

- The Town Highway Department applied 2,940 yards of crushed gravel to our gravel roads;
- The crew used 13,115 gallons of mag. chloride to stabilize roads and for dust control;
- The crew installed 340 feet of new cross-drains and culverts;
- The crew used 528.3 tons of winter salt on the roads;
- We re-established ditches and stone lined the same for approximately 3 miles in accordance with the requirements of our Municipal Roads General Permit.

General Road Maintenance:

- We continue to grade roads;
- We will continue to add gravel to all other roads in hope of getting proper base layer for better grading results;
- We clocked 95.5 hours of roadside mowing;
- We prepared for winter by putting up 3,800 yards of winter sand;

- We had 150 hours of roadside brush cutting with our excavator and brush cutting head;

Summary in Brief:

- The Town sponsored 3 Household Hazardous Waste Collection programs in conjunction with the Rutland County Solid Waste District. The Town Transfer Station is the site for the collection of this special waste. **Dates for the next 3 collection dates are: April 10, 2021 (11:00 - 1:00), May 22, 2021 (11:00 - 1:00), and June 12, 2021 (11:00 - 1:00);**
- The Planning Commission is currently updating the Town Plan, with assistance from the Rutland Regional Planning Commission, and plans to update the Unified Bylaws (“zoning”) after the Town Plan is completed.

Future Plans:

- Continue to follow COVID-19 guidelines, and best practices, in the daily operations of the Town Hall, Town Clerk’s Office, and other public buildings;
- Continue to apply for Agency of Transportation Class 2 Paving and Bridge and Culvert grants;
- We continue working closely with Slate Valley Trails in an effort to identify possible private parcels of land to connect their trail systems located in South and East Poultney to the downtown Village of Poultney;
- We are working closely with the owner of the Green Mountain College properties, in their plans for repurposing the Green Mountain College campus;
- Continue to update the Capital Improvement and Budget Plan;
- Continue to update the Enhanced 9-1-1 Emergency Directory and Maps;
- Continue to apply for State and Federal funding for various economic development and transportation projects;
- Continue to work with the State of Vermont with a goal of replacing the East Poultney Gorge Bridge in 2022;
- Continue working with the Slate Quarry Park Group for the development of the Slate Quarry Park on Main Street, which is currently scheduled to be built in the Spring of 2021.

The Poultney Selectboard and I would again like to thank all the special volunteers of our local Boards, Commissions, Fire Department, Rescue Squad and Community Service Organizations, who dedicate many hours to serving the public in so many ways.

s/ Jeff King
Chairperson, Poultney Selectboard

s/Paul A. Donaldson
Poultney Town Manager

Town Report Submission from Economic Development Office

2.3.21

In 2020, with funding from a USDA Rural Business Development Grant, the Town established an Economic Development Office (EDO) located at the Stonebridge Inn. The office is staffed by a part time Economic Development Coordinator, Sarah Pelkey of Cornwall, VT, and was supported in this inaugural year, by Cecelia Ward, President of JC Consulting Enterprises, Inc. of Tequesta, FL and part-time resident of Poultney.

The Economic Development team addressed a wide array of tasks as set forth in the job description developed by the town's Selectboard including interacting with and supporting the Poultney business community, maintaining a database of financial assistance opportunities and grant programs, grant writing, assessing zoning regulations, representing the town at local, state and regional meetings, coordinating with town boards and commissions, providing support for development of vacant or underutilized commercial properties, recommending infrastructure improvements, and serving as a town liaison for developments related to the former Green Mountain college campus. The Economic Development team also led efforts in assisting the community to implement Poultney Comes Together Task Force initiatives established in 2019.

The original work plan for the EDO evolved due to the COVID 19 pandemic and the team was required to move away from the public events that had formed the basis for their approach. Instead, the staff and consultant focused on developing new economic development programs, events and initiatives, and planning efforts for the town. Following is a summary of the efforts of the EDO in 2020-2021:

- Assisted a number of Main St. businesses with COVID recovery grants. This included identifying grant opportunities and requirements and connecting business owners with other organizations that could provide assistance (such as the Chamber and Economic Development of the Rutland Region (CEDRR) or the VT Small Business Association).
- Updated the Vermont Vacation website (overseen by the VT Department of Tourism) in multiple areas to include Poultney business information. The EDO notified business owners of various marketing opportunities available through the state, particularly the Stay and Play website listing and Buy Local campaigns geared toward VT's downtowns.
- The Town and EDO provided information and responded to requests for numerous interviews during the sale of Green Mountain College in August of 2020. The EDO continues to coordinate with and support campus revitalization efforts with its new owners.
- The EDO collaborated with its downtown organization, Poultney Downtown Revitalization Committee (PDRC), to prepare a first-ever umbrella advertisement in Seven Days 'Staytripper' series to promote the area's recreation offerings.

Town Report Submission from Economic Development Office

2.3.21

- The Town and EDO continue to collaborate with Slate Valley Trails to market and strengthen the trail network.
- Established a Facebook and Front Porch Forum presence for the town to communicate more readily with the community and to assist in promoting the region to a broader audience.
- Coordinated with the Vermont Farmer's Food Center, Poultney Rotary and the Young at Heart Senior Center to implement the state's Everyone Eats program locally.
- Assisted local steering committee with implementation of the Poultney's Vermont Outdoor Recreation Economic Collaborative (VOREC) grant which will produce a new area brochure, recreation website, signage and metrics reporting in 2021.
- Collaborated with Vermont Outdoor Business Association (VOBA) and VOREC to create a new VT Basecamp article and establish a local business supported treasure hunt.
- Collaborated with CEDRR and the Poultney Area Chamber of Commerce to implement a Buy Local and Poultney Bucks campaign at the holidays.
- Wrote multiple letters of support for the REclaimED Community Makerspace at their start-up in September 2020 and continue to support implementation of their AARP placemaking grant.
- Developed a joint application for a VT Arts Council project aimed at public arts in the community with Stone Valley Arts and REclaimED.
- Oversaw implementation of the EPA/RERC project being presented to the community in February 2021.
- Drafted a 5-year Strategic Plan to serve as the foundation and a 'playbook' for continuing economic development and revitalization initiatives.
- Prepared findings and recommendations relative to the Town's zoning intended to enhance the economic climate in the community.
- Began an inventory of underutilized and vacant downtown properties to seek opportunities for re-investment and rehabilitation through any available public, private, or joint funding sources.
- The EDO also met with, and continues to provide information and support relationships with potential new businesses, including an arts and cultural history museum, multiple café owners, yoga and wellness studios, a downtown bike shop, a winery, a spirits incubator space, a technology start-up business, a furniture showroom, and a food co-op.

The Poultney Economic Development Office is currently staffed (remotely, as needed) on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:00-4:00, and Fridays from 12:00-4:00 and follows all social distancing guidelines established by the state related to COVID 19 pandemic.

Poultney Town Health Officer's Report - 2020

Over the past year, calls were received pertaining to the following:

- 4 - dog bite incidents along with rabies questions;
- 2 - landlord / tenant issues pertaining to the State of Vermont's Rental Health Housing Code;
- 6 - illegal dumping sites that were cleaned up thanks to the Poultney Highway Crew;
- 1 – Septic complaint.

Respectfully submitted, Paul A. Donaldson, Poultney Health Officer

Dale Kerber
Constable, Poultney, Vermont
106 Kerber Lane, Poultney, Vt. 05764
(802)558-2518

01/17/2021

Subject: 2020 Activity Report for Town Constable.

To say that 2020 was a strange year would be a huge understatement. Every area of our lives were impacted by Covid. From the law enforcement side, speeds seemed to have picked up in part that people knew there was not a lot of enforcement on the roads during the first few months of the virus hitting our area. Overall there were fewer vehicles on the road during this time but the speeds of these vehicles increased. Along with the increased speeds came a spike in traffic fatalities. This meant enforcement needed to be out there.

For the year ending 12-31-20, over 450 traffic tickets were issued by the Constable, with over 300 for speeding, 26 for suspended drivers and the rest for various traffic offenses.

The Office of Constable continues to participate in the Vermont Governor's Highway Safety Program that is administered on a county wide level by the Rutland County Sheriff's Department. The total award of this grant increased the funds available to all the towns, including Poultney. These patrols are for targeting impaired driving, both alcohol and drug impaired driving, and aggressive driving. Poultney also participates in the joint law enforcement activities in the Rutland County area. These activities are usually the Sobriety Checkpoints or Motor Vehicle Occupancy seat belt checks.

Please remember to report suspicious activity while it is occurring. Law enforcement would rather chalk the call up to a "good intention" call than to investigate a crime after it occurs. As a reminder, to be ever vigilant by locking your vehicles and residences while you are away. Most of the thefts from motor vehicles happen due to an unlocked door.

Thank You, Dale Kerber, Poultney Town Constable

Zoning Administrator's
 Summary of Permits
 March 4, 1986 - March 31, 2020

Permit Type	86 - 2017/18	2019/20	2020/21	Total
Building	1093	21	16	1,130
Zoning	395	16	12	423
Subdivision	132	1	0	133
Total Permits	1,620	38	28	1,686

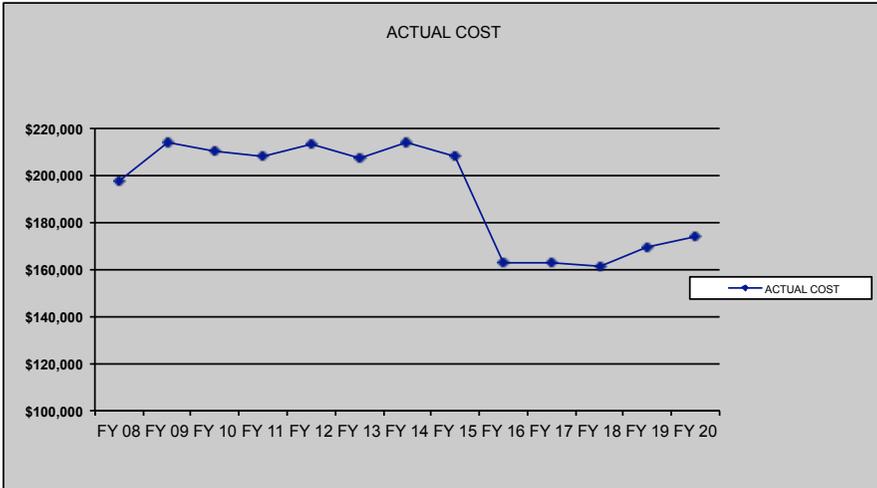
Building Permits are issued for additions to existing buildings or accessory structures.

Zoning Permits are issued primarily for new structures and change of land use.

You must obtain a permit before you change the use of land or buildings, build any new structure, make additions to existing buildings, or subdivide a parcel of land into 2 or more parcels. For more information, contact the Zoning Administrator at 287-9751.

S/Paul A. Donaldson
 Zoning Administrator

SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL COSTS FISCAL YEARS 2008 - 2020



Solid Waste Disposal Table

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>ACTUAL COST</u>	<u>ANNUAL INCREASE</u>
FY 08	\$197,929.78	-3.19%
FY 09	\$213,735.08	7.98%
FY 10	\$210,076.38	-1.74%
FY 11	\$208,070.28	-1.00%
FY 12	\$213,555.45	2.76%
FY 13	\$207,310.09	-3.00%
FY 14	\$213,690.52	3.08%
FY 15	\$207,890.07	-2.79%
FY 16	\$163,013.19	-21.60%
FY 17	\$162,911.08	-0.06%
FY 18	\$161,187.88	-1.06%
FY 19	\$169,358.77	5.07%
FY 20	\$173,962.76	2.80%

**Poultney Fire Department
Year Ending December 31, 2020**

The Poultney Fire Department answered 149 calls for service in 2020. Below is a breakdown of the calls by type:

Motor Vehicle Accidents - 24	Grass & Brush Fire - 8
Fire Alarm Activations - 27	Standby for Coverage - 1
EMS Assists - 8	Animal Rescue - 1
Structure Fires - 19	Wilderness Rescue - 1
Hazmat - 6	Utility Fire - 4
Priority One Echo - 11	Elevator Rescue - 2
Utility Call - 13	Unknown Type Fire - 2
CO Alarm - 9	Sprinkler Activation - 1
Smoke Conditions - 4	Chimney Fire - 1
Vehicle Fire - 1	Traffic Control - 1
Furnace Malfunction - 1	Lightning Strike - 1
Appliance Fire - 2	VSP Assist - 1

These calls resulted in firefighters volunteering 1,329.5 hours to provide the services necessary to answer these calls. The combined training hours that the department trained to be prepared to respond to these incidents was 1,429 hours. The training hours recorded are the hours that the department formally meets and trains. Training varied between in person training and virtual training based on COVID-19 restrictions.

This year has been an excellent testament to the dedication and level of professionalism that defines Poultney Fire Department. In early March the decision to cancel all in person trainings and meetings was made. This decision was made so that we could maintain a safe balance of being able to keep members healthy and ready to respond to emergencies. With this members began meeting and training virtually. The department would like to thank it's members for being accommodating to the many changes and new learning that was required. This is the true testament to how dedicated our members are to being ready and able to serve our community. Over the summer the department went back to in person small group training. We are grateful that Poultney Fire Department was able to acquire all necessary PPE to properly equip the department to be able to safely respond to calls early into the pandemic.

In an effort to improve our energy efficiency, we purchased 4 heat pumps to be installed at the firehouse. These will be installed in common areas to allow more efficient heating. Additionally, they will allow us to cool areas for trainings and meetings in the hot summer months. These were purchased with the help of rebates from Green Mountain Power and Efficiency Vermont resulting in minimal cost to the department.

This year Poultney Fire Department again received a grant from VLCT PACIF Loss Prevention program. This grant provided \$1,000 of reimbursement money toward turnout gear. In order to keep our firefighters in gear that meets current National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) guidelines, the department must purchase between three and four sets of gear annually.

Poultney Fire Department would like to thank William's Hardware for their donation of hand sanitizer to the department in July.

In September, we received a donation of 9,000 cans of water and 4 cases of hand sanitizer from Farrell Distributing and Anheuser-Busch. This donation allows us to stay hydrated during training and emergency calls. We were also able to share this donation with many surrounding departments.

While the department has a dedicated group of 23 senior members and 2 junior members, we hope to recruit more volunteers to ensure we continue to be able to provide adequate protection to the community. Those who are interested could serve in a variety of roles ranging from personnel who assist on the fire scene to those who fight the fire. Anyone who is interested to see what we do is welcome to stop by the firehouse any Tuesday night from 6:30 - 8:30 P.M.

In closing we would like to thank the Selectboard, Town Manager, and Village and Town personnel for their continued support of the Department. When you see members on the street, please thank them for their time and effort they put in for the benefit of our community.

Respectfully,
Aaron Kerber
Poultney Fire Chief

As a result of COVID-19, the department made the difficult decision to delay the election of officers until we can safely meet in person. As a result the officers from 2020 will remain in their positions until elections can take place.

***2020* Slate of Officers include:**

Aaron Kerber	Fire Chief
Bill Jones	1 st Assistant Chief
Nathan Bourn	2 nd Assistant Chief
Matt Jedlick	Captain
RC Dayton	1 st Lieutenant
Dave Johnson	2 nd Lieutenant



FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET

Description	FY 2019 Budget	FY 2020 Budget	FY 2021 Propose
APPROPRIATION	5000	10000	10000
DUES & CONFERENCES	750	750	750
WORKERS COMPENSATION	2400	1800	750
PROP INSURANCE	7400	8300	10750
SCHOOL & TRAINING	4500	4500	4500
SICKNESS & ACCIDENT INS.	0	0	2250
FIRE PREVENTION	300	800	800
COMMUNICATIONS	3500	3250	3250
HEATING / FUEL OIL	8000	8000	8000
WATER & SEWER	500	500	500
ELECTRIC	6000	6000	6000
CHEMICALS	250	250	250
GAS & OIL	3400	3400	3400
TELEPHONE ALERTING	4250	4000	4000
BLDG REPAIRS	3550	3050	3050
EQUIP REPAIRS	10000	10000	10000
REPAIR & MAIN SUPPLIES	2250	1500	1500
EQUIP REPLACEMENT	30000	30000	30000
CONTRACTED SERVICES	600	1450	1450
ANNUAL BANQUET	1900	1900	1900
Fire Fighter Health & Safety	4000	4000	4000
MISCELLANEOUS	500	300	300
OFFICE SUPPLIES	500	500	500
TOTAL	99250	104250	107900



INFORMATION FROM THE TOWN CLERK

OFFICE HOURS: Monday – Friday, 8:30 am – 12:30 pm and 1:30 pm – 4:00 pm
For information, please call 802-287-5761

DOG REGISTRATIONS: State Law requires that **ALL** dogs 6 months or older be registered by April 1st of every year. You will need to bring the current rabies certificate. Spayed or neutered cost is \$11.00 and all others are \$15.00. After April 1st, a late fee of 50% will be added.

RABIES CLINIC: March 13th and 20th, 2021 from 10:00am to 1:00pm at the Poultney Veterinary Hospital in Poultney. The vaccination fee will be \$10.00. A prior Rabies Certificate must be provided upon arrival to receive a 3 year Rabies vaccination. If no prior Rabies Certificate, the vaccination will only be for 1 year. With COVID-19, you will need to call or ring bell upon arrival, 802-287-9292. The Town Clerks Office at Town Hall will be open the same dates and times for Dog Registrations. You must bring the new Rabies Certificate with you to receive a license.

DMV: All DMV forms are available in the office for pick up. The office does renewal of registrations for cars, trucks, trailers, campers, snowmobiles, and motorboats. The cost is the registration amount in cash or check to DMV plus a \$3.00 fee for doing it here, in cash or check.

FISH & WILDLIFE: The office sells Hunting and Fishing licenses. I also have the current year books. The office also processes Legally Posted Land with the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department for a recording fee of \$5.00. This is good for 1 year from the date form is completed.

GREEN MOUNTAIN PASSPORTS: These are for Vermont residents 62 years or older, or a veteran of the armed forces. Cost is a one-time fee of \$2.00. Green Mountain Passport holders are eligible for state wide reduced prices on goods and services from hundreds of Vermont private businesses as well as free entrance into Vermont State Parks, Museums, and fully sponsored events.

LIQUOR LICENSES: Applications are available in our office or online. Licenses expire on May 1st every year. The tobacco license fee is waived with all first and second class liquor license application. All liquor licenses and catering permits go to the Selectboard for review before being submitted to DLC. Catering Permits should be submitted with a Certificate of Insurance.

NOTARY PUBLIC: Services are provided at no cost. We do not notarize Powers Of Attorney or Wills.

VERMONT STATE INCOME TAX: 2020 Tax Forms will be available February 2021. The 2021 filing season opens on February 12, 2021, when the IRS and the Vermont Department of Taxes will begin accepting tax returns. You can request forms when available by calling 855-297-5600 or online at www.tax.vermont.gov or by email at tax.formsrequest@vermont.gov.

VOTING: If you are a Poultney resident and wish to register to vote or a current voter and need to update your information, please contact the Poultney Town Clerk for an application or register online at **My Voter Page** at <http://mvp.sec.state.vt.us>. If you are moving to another town or state, please send a letter to my office. Absentee ballots are available at least two weeks before any election. A ballot can be requested from the Town Clerk's office or online at **My Voter Page**.

I want to thank everyone for their support. I enjoy serving my community.

Respectfully Submitted,

Betsy Wescott
Town Clerk

REPORT OF LICENSES SOLD BY TOWN CLERK DURING 2020

FIRST CLASS

American Legion Post #39
Lake St. Catherine Country Club
SGallagher Enterprises
Taco Experiment, LLC

SECOND CLASS

Brockton Corporation (Shaw’s Beer and Wine)
Cones Point General Store
East Poultney Grocery Store
Full Belly Deli & Beverage, LLC
Midway Oil Corp. (2 locations)
Stewart’s Ice Cream Co., Inc.

TOBACCO LICENSES

Brockton Corp. (Shaw’s Beer and Wine)
Cones Point General Store
East Poultney Grocery Store
Full Belly Deli & Beverage, LLC
Midway Oil Corp. (2 locations)
Stewart’s Ice Cream Co., Inc.

DOG LICENSES

There were 348 dog licenses issued during 2020. By State statute, dogs are required to be registered by April 1st each year. April 1st is the **LAST** day a dog license may be obtained without a penalty. The penalty is the regular fee plus 50%.

Before obtaining a license for a dog, a person must deliver to the Town Clerk a current Rabies Vaccination Certificate which meets one of the following requirements: 1) a dog of less than one year of age has been vaccinated; 2) a dog of one or more years but less than two years of age has been vaccinated within the preceding twelve months; or 3) a dog of two or more years has been vaccinated within the preceding thirty-sixth months.

Rabies Certificates for all dogs licensed in Poultney during 2020 are on file in the Town Clerk’s office. Please call to determine whether or not a new rabies vaccination will be required.

FEES FOR DOGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Spayed Female	\$11.00	Non-Spayed Female	\$15.00
Neutered Male	\$11.00	Non-Spayed Male	\$15.00

2021 licenses are now available at the Town Clerk’s office.

Please note there will be Rabies Clinics this year on March 13th and 20th, 2021 from 10:00am to 1:00pm at the Poultney Veterinary Hospital in Poultney. The vaccination fee will be \$10.00. A prior Rabies Certificate must be provided upon arrival to receive a 3 year Rabies vaccination. If no prior Rabies Certificate, the vaccination will only be for 1 year. With COVID-19, you will need to call or ring bell upon arrival, 802-287-9292. The Town Clerks Office at Town Hall will be open the same dates and times for Dog Registrations. You must bring the new Rabies Certificate with you to receive a license.

VITAL STATISTICS 2020

BIRTHS:	39
DEATHS:	27
MARRIAGES:	18

All records are available to view during regular business hours Monday – Friday 8:30am – 12:30pm and 1:30pm – 4:00pm.

The new Vital Records Law (Act 46) went into effect July 1, 2019. This means that individuals now need to complete an application and show valid identification when applying for a certified copy of a birth or death certificate. If an individual refuses to complete the application or cannot provide valid identification will be ineligible and referred to the Vital Records Office. Certified copies of birth and death certificates can now be ordered from any town, not just where the birth or death occurred or where the person resided.

Marriage, civil union, divorce or dissolution certified copies and processes are not affected by the new law.

**LIBRARIAN'S REPORT
POULTNEY PUBLIC LIBRARY
July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020**

New Books Added	991	Number of Library Visitors	18,484
Total Book Collection	13,868	40 Programs Offered with a Total Attendance of	919
Periodical Subscriptions	35	Adult Circulation	14,432
Audio Books	715	Juvenile Circulation	7,013
DVDs	3,464	Library Computer Usage	2,030

The 2019-20 fiscal year at Poultney Public Library started with our space themed Summer Reading Program, “A Universe of Stories”. This program was a great success, in part due to the addition of telescopes thanks to the Stewart’s Holiday Match program. We purchased a large telescope to use for library programs, as well as three small telescopes in backpacks that can be checked out of the library. We also had two fantastic programs with astrophysicist Dr. Sarah Jones of NASA’s Goddard Space Flight Center. We were fortunate to have Dr. Jones come talk at Poultney Public Library, as her prior library event was at the Library of Congress in Washington D.C.!

In autumn 2019 we moved our Story Time programs to the evening. This was a great success, our most popular theme was Glow in the Dark Story Time complete with black lights and glow sticks. We also partnered with the Audubon Society for bird programs and Dr. Scott MacLachlan for a bobcat talk. Due to the increased popularity in, and demand for, evening programs we applied for several grants to greatly expand our program offerings in 2020. Several were scheduled in the summer in honor of Poultney Public Library’s 125th Birthday on June 1, 2020.

Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 pandemic the library was closed to the public on March 17, 2020. While we had to cancel our programs as large public gatherings were no longer safe, we quickly redirected our energy and grant funding into making more services available to the people of Poultney even while the library building was closed. We offered outdoor pick up of library materials whenever the State of Vermont deemed it safe to do so. In place of traditional programming we had an outdoor meet and greet with costume characters, created take home craft and activity kits for children, and held virtual story times on Facebook. We also discarded our plan for the 2020 Summer Reading Program, and created a new program that would work whether or not the building was open during the summer.

To increase our offering of online services we added Hoopla, which allows people with Poultney Public Library cards to borrow ebooks, audiobooks, movies, music, and more online from the comfort of home. The Green Mountain Library Consortium responded to the pandemic and library closures by adding extra titles to Listen Up Vermont, which allows our card holders to borrow downloadable ebooks and audiobooks. In total, we loaned out 2,953 virtual items in the 2019-20 fiscal year!

On June 15, 2020 Poultney Public Library was finally able to re-open our doors to the public. While we had many new cleaning protocols in effect, a limited capacity of 10 visitors at a time, required face coverings, and reduced hours it was fantastic to see people in the library again! While we continue to adapt our hours and operating procedures to fit the latest safety guidelines from the state, we are committed to fulfilling our mission to collect, maintain, and make available to all members of the community resources that contribute to personal, educational and recreational enrichment.

Respectfully submitted, Rebecca L. Cook, Librarian

If you have questions about this report, or about the Library and its services, please contact us during our regular hours at 287-5556. **Please note that library hours and operating policies change frequently due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Please call or email to verify current operating hours.**

Monday & Friday	10:00AM-5:00PM
Tues, Wed, Thurs.	12:00PM-7:00PM
Saturday	10:00AM-1:00PM

Telephone:	287-5556
Email:	ppl5556@yahoo.com
Website:	poultneypubliclibrary.com

PLEASE NOTE: Library Board meetings, which are open to the public, are held on the third Tuesday of January, April, July, and October, and the first Tuesday of December, at 6:00PM in the Library.

**Poultney Public Library
Annual Treasurer's Report
July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020
General Account**

Beginning Balance 07/01/19 \$ 00.00

INCOME

Town Appropriation	\$159,401.00
Fines & Fees	115.45
Book Sales	2298.00
Copier	114.20

TOTAL INCOME	\$ 161,928.65
Total Available Funds	\$ 161,928.65

EXPENSES

Salaries	\$85,993.86
Maintenance	3,908.38
Books & Binding	18,464.02
Periodicals	1,355.09
Employee Benefits	27,316.15
Telecommunications	444.73
Electricity	3,255.10
Travel, Education, Dues	1,572.14
Programming	935.78
Annual Equipment Fees	3,062.54
Supplies & Equipment	2,823.73
Postage & Miscellaneous	2,949.53
Computer Replacement	1,872.48

TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 153,953.53
Balance on Hand 06/30/20	\$ 7,975.12

SPECIAL ACCOUNT

Balance on Hand 07/01/19 \$ 14,141.52

INCOME

Gifts	\$ 4,398.00
Raffles	429.00
Interest from accounts	8.30
Maslack Programming Funds	5,000.00
United Fund	200.00
Stewarts Holiday Match	550.00
Ornament & Bag Fundraiser	404.00
Fines, Fees, Misc.	1,101.95

TOTAL INCOME	\$ 12,091.25
Total Available Funds	\$ 26,232.77

DISBURSEMENTS

Program Fees and Supplies	\$ 4,043.01
Passes	110.00
Slate Floor Installation	100.00
Quilt Display Case	700.53
Hoopla Deposit	1,000.00
Cover One Book Repair System	1,314.50
Movie License	55.00
Bags	99.23
Fees	6.00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 7,428.27
Balance on Hand 06/30/20	\$ 18,804.50

PROPOSED POULTNEY PUBLIC LIBRARY
BUDGET JULY 1, 2021-JUNE 30, 2022

SALARIES:	Librarian	\$42120.00
	Assistant	25420.00
	Clerk	14008.00
	Asst. Clerk	8370.00
	Bookkeeping	1200.00
Building Maintenance		4000.00
Employee Benefits:		
	Social Security	7166.00
	Health Insurance	24000.00
	Retirement	4653.00
Library Materials		19000.00
Periodicals		1600.00
Telephone		1500.00
Electricity		4000.00
Travel, Dues, Education		1500.00
Supplies and Equipment		3500.00
Annual Equipment Maintenance Fees		3200.00
Computer Replacement		2000.00
Programming		1200.00
Postage and Miscellaneous		2500.00
	Total Budget	<u>\$170,937.00</u>
Less other income		
	(fines, copier fees, book sales)	<3000>
	PROPOSED TOWN APPROPRIATION	<u>\$167,937.00</u>

Poultney Recreation Commission

It was with heavy heart that we cancelled most of our Recreation programs this past summer. After much consideration with the State guidelines due to the COVID Virus we were unable to hold our sports camps, nature camps, craft programs and events. Our building and recreation fields were not available for us to use. However, we were able to venture into new outdoor recreation opportunities this past summer provided to the community by Caitrin Maloney and the Slate Valley Trails organization. Mountain bike riding and training should become a big hit this coming summer and fall.

For the first time in over 30 plus years we were not able to see all our little and not so little camp participants. We missed seeing how much you have grown, how many great books you have read, how your sports teams did, what wonderful events happened in your life over the year, but mostly missed seeing all those happy summer smiles each day! (and reminding you to take your bottle home with you!).

It has been a crazy year for all of us. Things have been so different with school, sports and family time, but remember we are all truly in this craziness together. Stay safe, stay healthy and stay strong! It is so important that we keep our brain and body active with your family!

If you need anything over this time like sports equipment or fun activities, don't hesitate to ask. We have soccer balls, basketballs, golf clubs, tennis rackets, cones etc. We would be more than happy to share. Please don't hesitate to contact us and we will do our best to get something to you.

Be safe, happy and healthy! Poultney Recreation will certainly miss you all! Hugs from all of the counselors, coaches and helpers.

s/ Sheryl Porrier (287-9447) and Jonas Rosenthal (342-7251).

Jr. Golf	559.00
Intro to Martial Arts	213.00
Tennis	269.00
Kinder Camp	990.73
Flavors of the Farm	537.00
History Camp	350.00
Miniature Golf	523.00
Dance Programs	150.00
Gymnastics Dance	630.50
Community Garden	75.67
Floor Hockey	840.00
Princess Camp	114.05
Nature Camp & Crafts	843.30
Swimming	175.00
Pony Rides - Pond Hill Ranch	42.00
Imagination Camp	124.05
Registration	400.00
Dues	275.00
Library Passes to State Park	00.00
Rec Brochures & Advertising	1,622.22
Rec Supplies / Misc.	213.51
Recreation Program Coordinator	2,920.51
Sub-Total	22,044.37
<u>Special Events</u>	
Holiday Event	294.63
Pumpkin Fest	154.00
Music Performance	550.00
No Strings Marionette	640.00
Grant Assistance VOREC	625.00
Sub-Total	2,263.63
Total Program Expenses	24,307.00
Grand Total Expenditures	\$25,647.08
Checkbook Balance	\$4,887.43

2020 Report Poultney Rescue Squad, Inc.



Poultney Rescue Squad, Inc. is a paid staff and volunteer agency that consists of 6 paid employees and 8 volunteers. Poultney Rescue responded to **353 calls in 2020**. The breakdown of calls is listed below:

Calls in Poultney	244
Calls in Middletown Springs	50
Calls in Tinmouth	2
Mutual Aid given to surrounding towns	57
Total calls taken in 2020	353

We at Poultney Rescue would like to thank the community for your ongoing support! Our mission is to provide emergency care and transport for the members of our community and without your help we could not fulfill this mission.

Poultney Rescue Squad has 2 fulltime and 4 part time emergency care providers. James Reed is going onto his 4th combined year as an EMT/fulltime employee. Katrina Davenport is going onto her 5th year at PRS as an AEMT/Administrator/fulltime employee. Chad Geno is in his 9th year at PRS as an AEMT/part time employee. Chad is also our Training Officer. JR Ovitt has been with PRS for 3 years now as an AEMT/part time employee. Josiah Simons is going on his 3rd year at PRS as a part time EMR. Amanda Harte is going on her 2nd year as an EMT/part time employee. We have 8 volunteers on our roster that offer their time to help our community when needed.

Poultney Rescue operates 2 ambulances that are fully equipped for Advance Life Support. Poultney Rescue has a full crew on 7 days a week from 8am-6pm. We are starting to have more coverage on weekday/weekend nights and hope to eventually have 24-hour coverage in the future. We encourage any members of the community that are interested in becoming part of the Poultney Rescue Squad to please call us at 802-287-5575. Volunteers are always needed.

Poultney Rescue consists of a Public Board of Directors that have completed their 2nd year with PRS. President: Walter Ducharme, Vice-President: Kathy Stephenson, Secretary/Treasurer: Deb Hoisington. We would like to thank them for all their time put into helping make PRS run smoothly.

We also would like to Thank the volunteers at the Poultney Rescue Squad Thrift Shop for raising funds to help support us. Your time and dedication are greatly appreciated! We would also like to thank Deb Hoisington for overseeing the Thrift Shop and volunteers.

Poultney Rescue offers First Aid and CPR courses. If you need a CPR or First Aid course, please email poultneyrescue70@gmail.com or call 287-5575 with your request.

We look forward to serving the community in 2021. Thank you again for your ongoing support. I would like to thank Poultney Rescue Squad paid & volunteer members for their time and dedication!

Respectfully submitted, Katrina Davenport, Administrator

Poultney Rescue Squad
Profit & Loss Statement January-December 2020

Income

Insurance	\$131,997.91
Town Funding (Poultney, Middletown & Tinmouth)	\$41,812.50
Subscriptions	\$17,820.00
Thrift Shop	\$16,887.43
Donations/IMO	\$7,086.40
Grants/PPP	\$54,288.09
Stimulus/Other	\$8,226.63
<u>Interest</u>	<u>\$178.35</u>
Total Income	\$278,297.31

Expenses

Ambulance Tax	\$4,514.54
Bank Fee	\$60.00
Building	\$6,227.80
Communications	\$7,750.00
Equipment Replacement	\$3,733.53
Facilities & Equipment	\$2,793.90
Operations	\$16,805.00
Legal & Prof. fees	\$4,500.00
Insurance	\$31,689.17
Membership	\$3,417.02
Payroll Expense	\$148,481.87
Utilities	\$7,084.51
Vehicle Maint/Fuel	\$4,765.47
Ambulance Loan	\$17,148.00
<u>Thrift Shop Operating Expenses</u>	<u>\$5,097.18</u>
Total Expenses	\$264,067.99
Net Income	\$14,229.32

RUTLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Sheriff David J. Fox

The Rutland County Sheriff's Department is honored to continue to provide law enforcement services to your town. We strive to give the highest quality service possible and assist all citizens and town officials with the issues that arise today.

Command Staff

LIEUTENANT
JAMES BENNICK.
PATROL COMMANDER

Corporal Dan Pennington was recently assigned to this patrol. Dan is able to connect with towns people, town administrators while continuing to perform his duties as a patrol officer.

LIEUTENANT
JOHNATHAN BIXBY

Activity in the Town of Poultney for the past year is as follows.

LIEUTENANT, GHSP
KEVIN GENO
FBINA SESSION 196

2019	2020	Activity
241	230	Total incidents

SERGEANT
ANDREW CROSS

242	154	Traffic stops
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SERGEANT
LEMA CARTER

139	109	Traffic tickets
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OFFICE MANAGER
PENELOPE F. GAROFANO

94	42	Traffic warnings
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DISPATCH SUPERVISOR
JENNIFER COFFIN

21	30	Citizen assists
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16	19	Suspicious
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12	14	Welfare checks
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7	9	Service APO
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4	10	Trespassing
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6	6	Arrests
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"THE RUTLAND
COUNTY SHERIFF'S
OFFICE
WILL CONDUCT
ITS WORK
WITH COMPETENCE,
PROFESSIONALISM
AND HONOR"

I want to thank the residents of Poultney for their continued support of the Rutland County Sheriff's Department during this exceedingly difficult year.

Respectfully Submitted

David J. Fox

Sheriff



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RUTLAND, VT
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802-775-8002
FAX 802-775-1794

POULTNEY METTOWEE NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION DISTRICT

PO BOX 209, POULTNEY, VT 05764; OFFICE: 802-287-6880; INFO@PMNRCD.ORG;

WWW.PMNRCD.ORG

The Poultney-Mettowee Natural Resource Conservation District (PMNRCD) is a non-profit organization with a mission to develop programs to facilitate the conservation of soil and clean water. PMNRCD has been providing environmental support, education, and outreach to the 14 towns in the district watersheds for over 70 years. In addition to a five-member board, four employees staff the District: District Manager, Hilary Solomon; Agricultural Outreach Specialist Jennifer Alexander and Native Plant Nursery Manager and Program Coordinator, Sadie Brown.

Stormwater Management The District is currently working with several towns on implementing 'green stormwater' projects. We worked this past season in Castleton, Poultney, and Wells to design and implement stormwater projects with grant funds, and are planning on continuing this work in other local towns. We have begun working on a Stormwater Master Plan for the Lower Poultney River Watershed to identify stormwater runoff issues and propose high priority stormwater mitigation projects for the area.

Through the South Lake Partnership, PMNRCD and Rutland Regional Planning Commission (RRPC), continue to assist with funding and implementation of flood resiliency projects in the Flower Brook Watershed shared by Danby, Tinmouth, and Pawlet. The District is working with local forestry groups and landowners in Danby and Pawlet on stormwater erosion and runoff issues, focused on high-quality woodland areas in the watershed. This past season the District implemented five projects mitigating forestry related erosion in the Flower Brook headwaters.

This past year, we worked with lakes in the watershed and installed many small shoreline plantings through our Lake Education and Action Program (LEAP). In addition to implementing buffer plantings and small stormwater treatment practices, we completed LakeWise Assessments along Lake Bomoseen and Lake St. Catherine, resulting in recommendations for homeowners for lake friendly living. We plan to continue both programs and expand work with shoreline homeowners in the coming year.

Agricultural Programs The District assists farmers applying manure and fertilizer to their fields complete farm-specific, nutrient management plans through a statewide partnership program. The District provides agronomic and water quality guidance to local farms, writes grants to implement water quality improvement projects on farms, and provides rental of a no-till seed planter and soil aerator, which help to improve soil health.

Champlain Valley Native Plant Restoration Nursery PMNRCD collaborates with Poultney's Champlain Valley Nursery and area residents to make improvements to water quality. In 2020, over 22 acres of restoration plantings were completed in the District to create habitat and to control erosion. The Nursery also serves as an educational center, providing field trip opportunities for elementary students and internships for Upward Bound students. Plants are available to local landowners through our tree sale or on-site. Visit our website for more information.

The Poultney-Mettowee watershed consists of all the lands that drain to the Poultney or Mettowee Rivers and their tributaries.

Poultney Historical Society

www.poultneyhistoricalsociety.org

2020 Annual Report

In 2020, with your membership support and that of the Town of Poultney, The Poultney Historical Society was able to provide the community with: 1) free programming and educational services based more virtually this year due to the pandemic, 2) access to archival & genealogical resources and our growing collection of the town's artifacts, and 3) thoughtful care & curating of its three East Poultney historic buildings and multiple exhibits housed in them. Together, these efforts continue to tell the unfolding story of our town's past and present.

The East Poultney Schoolhouse is now climate controlled year round which made it possible to begin accessioning the vast **Green Mountain College historical archives**. Included are local newspapers from the 1820s and later, thousands of historic Poultney photographs and postcards, yearbooks, and much more awaiting discovery. The Historical Society **welcomes participation from anyone in the community with interest to join us in cataloguing these archives.**

In 2020, always prioritizing the most critical work, we engaged local historic mason **Greg Colm** to repoint the exterior foundation of the East Poultney Schoolhouse (1896) during the summer. Greg carefully mixed the mortar to match the fieldstones while **Dan Foley** restored the ground level windows to their original shape and color. Greg will be working next to finish the interior Schoolhouse masonry repairs and then on the Melodeon Factory's second floor plaster restoration. We are now fortunate to add the talents of **Greg Colm** to our Board of Trustees.

Under the enthusiastic direction of **Andrea Mott**, the Historical Society initiated the **East Poultney Cemetery** restoration project. With a Hills and Hollows grant, we began the daunting task of cleaning and righting the 900+ gravestones starting on the oldest stones, some of which date back to the 1700s. Nearly 1100 feet of old, collapsing rail fencing was replaced with the help and donations of many Poultney residents. We especially thank **Dan Foley** who is co-chair, **Dan Williams**, **Rick Moyer**, **Mike & Sheryl Porrier**, **Gary Carignan**, **Nicki Gilmond**, **Trevor Hughes**, **Doug**

Hatch, Brad Cyrul Landscaping, Brayton & Foley Builders, Curtis Lumber, Williams Hardware, and the Poultney Town Crew.

The annual celebration of Poultney's rich history, the **86th East Poultney Day** scheduled for August 8th, became a virtual event honoring the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment that gave women the right to vote. Author Carrie Brown presented a fascinating lecture online, "**Rosie's Mom: Forgotten Women of the First World War.**" The annual meeting on September 20 featured an outdoor talk co-sponsored with **Slate Valley Trails**. UVM professor Luis Vivanco spoke on "**Wheelmen, the New Woman, and Good Roads: Bicycling in Vermont, 1880-1920.**" Both events were recorded and can be viewed online at poultneyhistoricalsociety.org.

Trustee **Ennis Duling** wrote and edited two six-page newsletters filled with articles of historical interest to Poultney, The Fall 2020 newsletter feature article looked at Poultney's response to the 1918 influenza epidemic, certainly a timely subject. The newsletters can be reprinted on demand with a phone call or online request, so please don't hesitate to inquire.

You can help support us by treating yourself to a DVD of the popular documentary video "**A Tour of Two Villages: Poultney Village**" or the beautiful "**Poultney Remembers**" **2021 wall calendar**. Both are available at the East Poultney General Store, Hermit Hill Books, the Original Vermont Store, and through the Store at poultneyhistoricalsociety.org.

The Poultney Historical Society depends upon memberships, contributions and the time and energy of our volunteers. Members receive regular news about the Society's work and historical events in Vermont, as well as the bi-annual newsletters. The Historical Society invites interested volunteers and organizations to help with a wide range of initiatives such as research, cataloguing and housing collections, planning programming and exhibits, and restoring the three historic buildings in our care. We are deeply grateful to the many people who have supported us again this year in so many ways. Please join us!

Sincerely,

Ina Smith Johnson, President



Poultney Rotary Club

The Covid- 19 pandemic guidelines issued by the State of Vermont have had a major impact on the community and the Poultney Rotary as a service organization. The club's major fundraiser, The Chili Cook-Off, had to be canceled. Despite the challenges, the membership has continued to meet and provide support and service within the community.

Meetings are currently held on Zoom, on the first and third Monday of each month, at 5pm. As a group we look forward to returning to our in-person group membership meetings when such activities are reinstated. Those meetings will be held at the same date/time as we currently meet, and be held in the Fellowship Hall of the Methodist Church, Main Street.

With the challenges of Covid-19, the Poultney Rotary has secured thousands of masks with a majority made available to seniors through the Young at Heart Senior Center. This was a part of a larger Rotary District project, *Million Mask Challenge* with, to date, two major shipments of masks going out to Rotary Clubs in New Hampshire and Vermont. The first delivery came in October, 2020 and the second in January, 2021.

Food insecurity continues to be an issue on which Poultney Rotary has taken action during the past years. A current statewide project that has been made available in Poultney is **Everyone Eats!** Poultney Rotary works with the administrators for the Rutland Hub to help secure meals for distribution each Wednesday, 5 pm, first come, first serve. This program not only helps residents with a good meal, but also supports local restaurants and farms.

With creative teamwork and planning by members, we continue to support the community with donations and with scholarships to our youth, both at graduation and unrestricted recreation programs. We look forward to providing our Chili Cook-Off or some version of that in the near future. The club will also be planning a golf tournament that we ask you to support as one of our fundraisers.

Club information continues to be available on our website, Facebook page, and on Instagram. Please consider joining us for a meeting, or please speak to any member of the club regarding membership.

Rotary Year July 1, to June 30

Poultney Rotary Club Officers
Mandy Mitnik, 2020 – 2021 President
Kim Rupe, 2021 - 2022 President

Patricia Hemenway, Treasurer



December 2020

LAKE ST CATHERINE REPORT TO THE TOWN OF POULTNEY

We are excited that our 5 year integrated management plan was updated and accepted this past spring. Continued work on our permits to manage non-native Eurasian Water Milfoil in Lake St Catherine partnering with Solitude Lake Management, T&S Dive Team, as well as partnering with the LSC state park management to include a new greeter site at the Lake St Catherine State Park and projects with the assistance of the Poultney Mettewee Conservation District which enabled 11 new state awards to homeowners that participated in the Lake Wise Program have all given us very positive feedback from state officials as a model for other lakes to take note of.

We came close to having to cancel most if not all of our activities due to COVID-19 as it threatened to take over our lives but, at the eleventh hour working with our partners at DEC the programs (particularly the greeter program) was able to get up and running with a few new preventative actions taken to protect the workers and the users so that the critical out let for residents to get out and enjoy the lake this year was possible.

This summer specifically the association contracted with Solitude Management to treat the Lily Pond at the north end of the lake and the channel from the fish and wildlife boat launch in Wells to the area where it opens up the main body. A total of 18.4 acres were treated with ProcellaCOR EC. The DASH team took on the rest of the targeted areas with suction harvesting and hand pulling. Our greeters were active weekends and holidays covering fishing derbies as well. They were able to expand their regular hours covering 8 fishing derbies and longer holiday hours. With the receipt of a grant from the Lake Champlain Basin Program we were able to expand the greeter program adding a site at Lake St. Catherine State Park, engage residents in Lake Wise helping to restore plant and protect shore lands, do more outreach in education on the importance of our shore to lake relationships.

This is all good news in that it appears that the presence of non-native EWM is down considerably. We are able to focus more specifically on problem areas and with continued vigilance we are hoping to focus in the future more on prevention and pollution control with the development of a serious watershed action plan.

The cost of the LSCA work this past summer was \$123,152. Funding sources were a \$15,000 allocation from the Town of Poultney, \$12,000.00 from the Town of Wells, \$31,696 from an AIS (aquatic invasive species) grant through DEC, \$42,561 from the Lake Champlain Basin Program, and the balance from dues and donations from LSCA Members (property owners from both Wells and Poultney).

We do not want to minimize or forget the hundreds of hours the dedicated volunteers that organize, supervise, and participate to make this program a success. We are grateful to them and all of the partners that contribute monetary, in kind support, and trust in us to do the best for the sake of this important resource.

Our planning process is in full swing for summer 2021. Please join our more than 1300 followers on www.facebook.com/lakestcatherineassociation or our [website lakestcatherine.org](http://www.lakestcatherine.org) for the latest information.

Respectfully Submitted on behalf of
Jim Candery, President LSCA
Jim.candery@lakestcatherine.org

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POULTNEY YOUNG at HEART SENIOR CENTER

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Young at Heart Senior Center has just celebrated their 45th Anniversary as of September, 2020. We are an active, thriving, growing and happy combination of people within our community and surrounding communities, who are 60 years and over. The center offers congregant dining when COVID – 19 has passed and we are allowed to have our lunches and events indoors again. Our meals are nutritious and our activities are educational, informed, healthy and social. We continue to keep up with the times in all aspects.

We work closely with the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging, RAVNA, and the Community of Vermont Elders (COVE), to provide access to information and services, including Meals on Wheels, Medicare and flu clinics. We offer AARP programs, as well as monthly foot clinics, and blood pressure clinics and tax preparations service. Bone Builders, a low-impact exercise program, meets twice weekly (post COVID). Additional programs will be coming, also.

As a senior meal site, seniors over 60 come from throughout the region to social and enjoy lunch. On average, we serve 11,100 meals annually, including Meals on Wheels and of course, the ability to pick up a lunch to go is always an option, even during these pandemic times. Young at Heart is open four days a week, Tuesday through Friday, and lunch is ready for pick up by 11:00. When dining room reopens, lunch will be available at noon, for in house dining. Suggested donations is \$3.50 for seniors 60 and older; under 60 the donation is \$5.00. Reservations are required. All will be welcomed. The Young at Heart Thrift Store will reopen when the center reopens, as well. Scheduled trips for fun and adventure will begin again, then, too.

We would like to thank all those people who help keep Young at Heart going. These include but are not limited to: our kitchen, dining room, garden, events, programming, thrift store volunteers and the Meals on Wheels drivers. A very special thank you goes to the Modern Woodmen of America, from Wells, VT, for their continuous support. We expect when things return to the possibility of gatherings, they will be there for us, as in the past, hosting fundraising dinners, basket raffles and other events. We also extend our thanks to everyone who has donated time, energy, products or funds for our fundraisers. Finally, a big THANK YOU to the VERMONT FOODBANK, HANNAFORD'S SUPERMARKET in RUTLAND and SHAW'S of Poultney for their continued support.

2020 – 2021 Board of Directors: Geraldine Woodruff Site Director - Michelle McCarron

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Poultney Food Shelf, Inc.

The Stonebridge
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COVID-19 hit our communities hard in 2020. Sheltering at home, school closures and remote learning, and business closures all resulted in reduced income and limited services for many of our neighbors. While making some changes to the method of physical distribution of food, the Poultney Food Shelf continues to serve our communities. In an effort to protect our volunteers and the other residents of the building, we do not allow clients inside. Masking and social-distancing are required for all services and interactions, and food (shelf-stable, refrigerated, and frozen) is pre-packed and distributed from the front steps of the Stonebridge.

We'd like to thank the Poultney, Middletown Springs, and Hampton communities for their continued support, as well as the following businesses and organizations: the Vermont Foodbank, the Vermont Community Foundation, Shaws, Stewart's Shops, the Poultney Snowmobile Club, the staff and students of Poultney Elementary School, Poultney High School, LiHigh School, Leap Frog School. Thank you to the members of the Poultney Area Chamber of Commerce, the Poultney Woman's Club, and the Poultney Rotary Club. Thank you also to the Poultney United Methodist Church, St. Raphael Church, the Welsh Presbyterian Church, and Green Mountain Power.

And THANK YOU to all the individuals and families who, through donations of food, supplies, and money, make it possible for the Poultney Food Shelf to continue serving those in need.

The Poultney Food Shelf is a non-profit organization dedicated to addressing hunger in our communities. We serve the towns of Poultney, Middletown Springs, and Hampton (NY). The Food Shelf is a network partner of the Vermont Foodbank, and we work closely with other agencies such as BROCC, the Young at Heart Senior Center, and other food pantries throughout the area. We are funded by donations from area businesses, organizations, and individuals.

POULTNEY DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE, INC.

The Poultney Downtown Revitalization Committee (PDRC) was established as a not-for-profit corporation in 2002 after Poultney was selected by the State of Vermont as one of its 23 “designated downtowns”, each of which is required to have a local group charged with overseeing activities pertaining to bolstering their downtown areas. As a result of receiving the State’s selection of Poultney’s downtown to be part of Vermont’s Designated Downtown Program, both the Town and Poultney’s business owners and operators within the downtown area are eligible for tax credits, financial assistance, and expert advice to help evaluate options and fund improvements that yield town-wide benefits.

Our mission has a special emphasis on Poultney’s downtown area because a vibrant commercial center is an essential aspect of a community that appeals to residents and visitors alike. At the same time, the scope of our activities extends beyond the downtown area to where we see opportunities consistent with our means to improve the residential and business prospects of all of Poultney’s citizens.

We are a volunteer organization that draws on community members to help identify priorities, initiate and execute activities related to them, and to coordinate our efforts with the Town’s goals and ambitions. Our works falls into four broad areas, with recent examples of where we played a beneficial role:

- **Contributing to the launch of new organizations and attractions:** Stone Valley Quarry Park, Slate Valley Bike Trails, and Stone Valley Arts Center
- **Securing State Funding for Town and Village Infrastructure Improvements:** sidewalks and crosswalks; water lines; and the Poultney Library expansions
- **Enhancing Downtown’s Appeal:** seasonal summer plantings; holiday decorations.
- **Promoting New and Existing Businesses:** supporting initiatives that help stimulate the vitality of the downtown area’s businesses, the Town’s recreational assets, and our civic accomplishments.

In 2020, our activities were sharply curtailed by the pandemic. Nonetheless, we were able to assist the Town’s Economic Development Coordinator’s efforts to promote Poultney’s local businesses. We also played a role in helping plan and organize the EPA-funded workshops, scheduled for early 2021, devoted to developing and expanding Poultney’s economic opportunities in outdoor recreation while accelerating efforts to revitalize Downtown. In 2021 we fully anticipate playing an active role in the follow-up to the outcomes from these planning workshops.

PDRC’s activities are underwritten both by the generosity of individuals who make tax-deductible donations to support the work we do, and by annual appropriations from the Town and the Village. We are grateful for this support and take seriously our obligation to spend our limited resources wisely to achieve the greatest benefit for our Town. We are committed to make a difference as we move forward in building a bright future for Poultney.

For more information, contact PDRC’s President Lara Bitler at 287-5277.



Slate Valley Trails for Poultney Report

Submitted, 2/3/21 by Silvia Cassano, SVT Program Manager

Slate Valley Trails (SVT) is a volunteer community group founded in 2015 as a chapter of the Vermont Mountain Biking Association (VMBA), which helps SVT through legislative advocacy, strengthening landowner relations, insurance, grant funding, membership support, and more. SVT's mission is to build, maintain and promote foot and bicycling trails in the Slate Valley region of southwestern Vermont.

Through partnering with private landowners, communities, municipalities, and the state, and with the support of volunteers, SVT identifies, develops, stewards and maintains free multipurpose trails in which community members and visitors can hike, bike, run, snowshoe and nordic ski. The organization relies upon volunteers to help with trail maintenance needs and trail-building opportunities throughout the spring, summer, and fall.

SVT is supported by memberships, donations, business sponsorships, and grants. SVT has a board of directors, an Events Committee, Trails Committee, and a Membership, Promotions, and Fundraising committee.

Slate Valley Trails is active in building community and works toward supporting the local economy by promoting the region as a place to visit for great hiking and biking. In return, organization has received positive support from local businesses through its Business Sponsorship Program, now in its third year.

Slate Valley Trails encourages active and healthy lifestyles and offers seasonal outings such as group gravel and mountain bike rides, hikes, runs, and more in which locals, neighbors and visitors gather to enjoy the outdoors. In 2020, SVT had to modify its offerings, and successfully hosted the socially distanced, Slate Valley Scramble, a trail running race and fundraiser in September, with approximately 65 participants from the region.

SVT added 10+ miles of mostly singletrack trails in 2020, bringing the total mileage of trails they steward to over 40 miles. The organization continues to seek trail connections to the Village of Poultney, and will continue to participate in discussions on the outdoor recreation economy and downtown revitalization.

In 2020, SVT was awarded a VSECU Naming Grant from the Vermont Mountain Bike Association. With help from Sustainable Trail Works, Project Leader, Tim Johnson, of Johnson and Son Bikeworks, and a crew of enthusiastic volunteers (socially distanced), SVT completed a mountain bike skills course and multi-use forest loop on at the Poultney

Elementary School. Johnson received a grant and will donate bicycles, and the hope is this project will help students learn bicycle riding skills through future physical education curriculum. In 2020, SVT also was awarded a VMBA Trail Grant, piloting a summer Trail Crew Internship program with the Poultney Recreation Committee.

Trailheads the organization stewards include:

Delaney Woods - located in Wells off East Delaney Cross Road, this town land is designated for recreation and owned by the Town of Wells. SVT received a federal Recreational Trails Program grant in 2020 which will help SVT complete the vision for this network in 2021, by adding 1 mile of professional and volunteer built singletrack, for a total of 5 miles of stacked loops.

Endless Brook Trailhead - located in Poultney off of Endless Brook Road, across from the Lewis Deane Preserve. This trailhead has limited parking. 15+ miles of mostly singletrack trail connect this trailhead to the Fairgrounds and Lake St. Catherine Country Club Trailheads.

Fairgrounds Trailhead - located at 131 Town Farm Road just east of the Village of East Poultney, this network has 17+ miles of hiking and biking trails. 12+ miles of that were added in 2018. In 2020, we anticipate growing that network.

Howe Hill- located off Thrall Road in East Poultney, these trails are foot traffic only, and feature 2.5 miles of hiking trails.

Lake St. Catherine Country Club Trailhead – a new trailhead at the entrance of the LSCCC. A landowner access agreement was established between SVT and the LSCCC in 2020. Goals in 2021 include to add a connector trail, and continue growing the partnership with the LSCCC. Trail users will be encouraged to park here and to utilize the parking and amenities at the Lake St. Catherine State Park in 2021 and beyond.

Castleton University Trails - approximately 2 miles of trails

Poultney River and Rail Trail - a 3.3-mile flat multi-use trail around the village of Poultney and along the Poultney River, traversing the west side of the former GMC parcel. The PRRT also utilizes a section of the D&H Rail Trail.

Slate Valley Trails communicates with the public and their membership via their website, e-news, press releases to local news outlets, the use of social media via Facebook, Instagram, and community forums such as Front Porch Forum.

SVT would love to have your help! To participate and play a role in advocating for outdoor recreational opportunities and maintain the growing trail network, visit slatevalleytrails.org or contact info@slatevalleytrails.org.



**“Medic One” PARAMEDIC INTERCEPT
ANNUAL REPORT
(FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2020)**

To The Honorable Citizens of the Town of Poultney:

We are pleased to present our annual report to the Citizens of the Town of Poultney. “**Medic One**”, or one of our advanced life support equipped ambulances, meets incoming patients that require advanced life support when needed and requested.

Training is very important to keep our Paramedics up to date in their skills. Training has been provided in Pre-Hospital Cardiac Life Support, Pediatric Advanced Life Support, Advanced personnel’s National Paramedic certifications.

We are proud of our accomplishments and look forward to serving you in the future. Regional Ambulance Service Inc. is a not for profit corporation. The funds communities contribute helps to keep this program available to incoming patients from outside of the Regional Ambulance Service area. Our “Medic One” is a vital part of our goal of “***Serving People 1st with Pride, Proficiency and Professionalism.***”

The Poultney Rescue Squad is a valuable and professional community resource. Our staff works closely, as a team, with your community ambulance and first response personnel. We thank you for your past support and hope we can continue to serve with your local emergency personnel.

Respectfully submitted;

James A. Finger,
Chief Executive Administrator



**2021 REQUEST FOR TOWN FUNDING & Yearly Report for FY20
TOWN OF: POULTNEY • AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$405.00**

Brief Description of RSVP & The Volunteer Center

RSVP and The Volunteer Center is a volunteer program for people of all ages who want to meet community needs through volunteer service. RSVP/VC considers volunteering to be a key solution in responding to Rutland County’s most pressing challenges. Needs are met in critical areas such as human services, elder care, health care, education, literacy, and the arts. RSVP/VC involves individuals in service that matches their personal interests and makes use of their varied life and professional experiences. RSVP/VC enables people to contribute to their communities while enjoying the personally satisfying and rewarding experience that community engagement offers.

RSVP also offers several free “Signature Programs” that benefit residents. These include RSVP Bone Builders, an osteoporosis prevention program which provides free strength and balance exercise classes offered twice per week at many locations in Rutland County; RSVP Rutland Reads a children’s literacy and mentoring program; RSVP Veterans Connections Program, a program designed to reduce social isolation in veterans; and RSVP Operation Dolls & More, which distributes over 15,000 new and restored items to children. Last year approximately 25,000 items were distributed through RSVP Operation Dolls & More to 47 partner agencies and an estimated 1,200 children. We also partner with AARP to provide free income tax return services to low income residents of Rutland County. Locally, RSVP/VC is the largest program of coordinated volunteer services serving the people of Rutland County with 711 volunteers. From July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020, RSVP/VC volunteers provided 124,606 hours of community service. The cost benefit to the communities of Rutland County in terms of cost of services provided equals \$3,389,276.

Services Provided to Poultney Residents

In FY’20, Poultney residents took advantage of RSVP programs such as free income tax return preparation, and our RSVP Bone Builders classes. Poultney RSVP volunteers donated their services to the following non-profit organizations: American Red Cross, Loretta Home, Guardian Ad Litem, Young at Heart Senior Center, RSVP Operation Dolls & More, and RSVP Bone Builders. Poultney RSVP volunteers donated 6,232 hours of service to the community.

The monies we are requesting this year will be used to help defray the financial impact of COVID-19 on our organization. Our volunteers are continuing to support the communities through the COVID-19 pandemic with new initiatives such as mask making for local agencies and schools and making wellness calls to isolated seniors. With your help, RSVP and The Volunteer Center will continue to respond to this needs of our local communities.

On behalf of RSVP & The Volunteer Center and our non-profit partners, we would like to thank the residents of Poultney for their continued support of RSVP. If you have any questions or would like to learn more about our programs, please feel free to call us at 775-8220.

Sincerely, Alix O’Meara, Director

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Our family caring for your family since 1946

Town of Poultney

TO THE OFFICERS AND CITIZENS OF POULTNEY:

In 2019, the VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region, formerly known as Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice provided Rutland County residents with exceptional home care, hospice and community health services. From infants with hi-tech needs to our most senior population facing end-of-life care, we continued to bring medically necessary healthcare wherever it is needed, location of residence, or complexity of health issues.

In the face of shrinking government and state reimbursements and rising healthcare costs, VNAHSR has continued to identify community needs and provide essential cost-effective health care services to some of Rutland County's most vulnerable individuals.

In 2019, VNAHSR's dedicated staff made more than 141,507 visits to 3,212 patients. In the town of Poultney, we provided 3,187 visits to 89 individuals.

In closing, we wish to thank you for your past support. With your vote of confidence, we will continue to meet our mission to enhance the quality of life of all we serve through comprehensive home and community health services.

Ronald J. Cioffi, CEO

*Dan DiBattista,
President of the Board
of Director*



Serving Citizens with Developmental Disabilities and their Families



ANNUAL REPORT
2019-2020

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Mission Statement: To advocate for the right of individuals with developmental disabilities and their families to be regarded as valued citizens with the same entitlements as non-disabled individuals, including the right to lifelong opportunities for personal growth and full participation in the community.

INNOVATIONS

- Adapting to COVID ARC has kept connected to its members and clients via electronic media, phone, and standard post.
- The Mary and Leonard F. Wing Sensory and Resource Center planned opening in December 2020. The center will sponsor daily Social and Life Skill Programming and Calming Time through sensory awareness.
- The Great Outdoor Initiative, monthly fitness and adventure was received with much enthusiasm. The program ceased in March 2020. Further programing will resume when deemed safe to do so.

PROGRAMS

- **Representative Payee Program:** ARC services over 50 clients as a representative payee. This program provides financial management services to individuals with developmental disabilities who receive social security but are unable to manage their own finances.
- **Self-Advocates (SABE-R) and AKtion Club:** ARC typically facilitates monthly meetings for both the Self Advocates Becoming Empowered- Rutland (SABE-R) and the AKtion Club, a member of Kiwanis. Unfortunately, the groups were unable to meet from April through June of this year. In July, the first outdoor, social distancing, mask wearing meeting was held. In August, the group met at Crystal Beach on Lake Bomoseen for a meeting and some relaxation. During Arc's "out of office" time Daily Trivia questions were posted on ARC's Facebook page, we even played Bingo via a conference call. In May members were mailed two designs and were encouraged to participate in ARC's Great Coloring Contest. In June members were mailed vegetable and herb seeds for the Summer Grow and Show Contest. In July ARC's Self Advocates joined the Green Mountain Self Advocates in a ZOOM meeting to celebrate 30 years of the American Disability Act (ADA). In both July and August "Fun & Learning" packets were mailed to members with challenges, containing education materials and a treat. We all hope the future will offer opportunities to continue our community awareness efforts with donations and fundraisers.
- **Social Events:** These events provide a safe and healthy environment for individuals with developmental disabilities that encourage building a circle of support, practicing social skills and physical exercise. Typically, activities include: five themed dances. We were able to hold the Valentines Dance, but the Easter and Spring Fling dances were cancelled. An outdoor, fall Barn Picnic and Activity Day is anticipated with great expectations. We hope to participate in the Rutland City Halloween Parade with our Kiwanis partners. Winter looks promising for snow sports with Vermont Adaptive. The 2019-2020 period may have been a little slower than in the past, but ARC served just under 800 attendees in the rolling twelve-month cycle.

STAFF

- Executive Director Ross Almo, is experienced in nonprofit- association management and has been with ARC for a year and a half. Denise Leach continues her role as Repetitive Payee. Office operations are supported by Voc Rehab, RSVP and A4TD as well as individual volunteers. ARC has a volunteer Board of Directors and community patrons.

ARC offers its sincere thanks for your continued support. As always, we do not receive State or Federal funding to accomplish our programming. We rely on the support of Rutland County and adjoining towns along with grants, and fundraisers. Our dedication to our mission statement continues as strongly now as it has for over sixty years. Typically, a thousand individuals in Rutland County take advantage of our services annually. Visit us at arcrutlandarea.org, or like us on Facebook. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ross W. Almo, Executive Director



Community Care Network Rutland Mental Health Services

In the year 2020, 28 towns in Rutland County supported the work of Rutland Mental Health Services through town giving. Our agency is committed to providing quality services regardless of an individual's ability to pay. The generous support of towns such as the Town of Poultney assures that quality services are available for their families, friends and neighbors. Services provided to town residents include:

- Individual Counseling for Children, Adults and Families
- Substance Abuse Treatment Services
- Emergency/Crisis Services
- Developmental Disability Services

During fiscal year 2020, Rutland Mental Health Services provided 4,828 hours of services to 106 Poultney residents. We value our partnership with the Town of Poultney in providing these much needed services and thank you for your continued support.

Dick Courcelle

Chief Executive Officer
Rutland Mental Health Services, Inc.



NewStory
CENTER

TURNING THE PAGE ON VIOLENCE

NewStory Center Annual Report 2020

For 41 years NewStory Center has been the single agency in Rutland County supporting survivors of domestic and sexual violence by working to end the cycle of violence through support, education, prevention, and collaboration.

During FY20, NewStory Center served 734 women, men, and children through direct services such as emergency shelter, medical advocacy, legal advocacy, case management, clinical services, and the 24/7 crisis hotline. Additionally, we provide training and technical assistance to our community partners, including local law enforcement, to ensure a more effective community response to domestic and sexual violence.

Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, NewStory Center services including emergency shelter, the 24/7 crisis line, supportive case management, medical and legal advocacy remained available although they looked a little different. Staff provided care packages that included food, personal care items, and household supplies for survivors who requested them.

The Board and Staff of NewStory Center thank the voters of Poultney for their support of our agency. Thanks to you, we are able to continue to provide comprehensive services for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault from your town.

REQUEST

NewStory Center is requesting the sum of \$500, to be voted on at the town meeting in March 2021, to support victims in Rutland County. We are very thankful for the help that the people of Poultney have given us in the past, and would be very grateful for your continued support of our mission. We provided services for at least **14 residents of Poultney** this past year. As our services are confidential, in some cases we might not be informed as to where our clients live.

NewStory Center, Inc.

P.O. Box 313, Rutland, VT 05702 • www.nscvt.org

Crisis: (802) 775-3232 • Office: (802) 775-6788 • Fax: (802) 747-0470



ANNUAL REPORT TO
The Town of Poultney

2020

The Rutland County Humane Society provides shelter and care to companion animals while finding loving families for those at risk or homeless.

We also serve our community by providing information and referral services to people dealing with animal issues.

The RCHS shelter is the largest program of the agency, taking in more than one thousand animals in 2020.

Our agency is funded through fees for service, town funding, donations and special events. No funding comes from the state or federal government or national organizations. We sincerely thank those who support our operations. We can only save lives with your help.

The Rutland County Humane Society took in 50 animals from Poultney in the past year.

Please call us at 483-9171 or visit our website at RCHSVT.org if you would like more information about the Rutland County Humane Society.

RABIES ALERT!



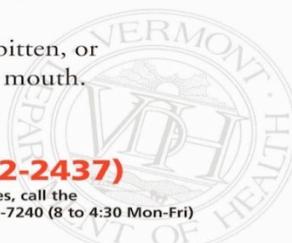
- Don't feed or touch wild animals, or animals you don't know— even baby animals.
- Get rabies shots for all your pets, even cats.
- Call your doctor right away if you are bitten, or get animal saliva in a cut, eyes, nose or mouth.



Vermont Rabies Hotline:

1-800-4-RABIES (1-800-472-2437)

If you have contact with an animal that may have rabies, call the Vermont Department of Health at 800-640-4374 or 863-7240 (8 to 4:30 Mon-Fri)



Poultney Rabies Clinic

FEE: \$10.00/pet

Saturday, March 13th & 20th, 2021 from 10:00am – 1:00pm

Poultney Veterinary Hospital – 330 East Main St., Poultney, VT

Call or ring bell upon arrival, tech will come to get animal

802-287-9292

1 year vaccination unless show proof of prior vaccination

Town Clerk's Office open same day/times to register dogs

You must bring the new Rabies Certificate with you for license

Dear Vermont Town Clerks,

The following is in hopes of getting this notice in your town report:

The VT Spay Neuter Incentive Program (VSNIIP), under VT Economic Services, helps income challenged care-providers of cats & dogs neutered for \$27.00. The balance is paid ONLY by a \$4.00 fee added to the licensing of dogs, and put into a designated account.

VSNIIP is now at "0" funding due to dogs not being registered at least by six months of age. Required by law, a rabies vaccination enables your dog to be licensed. While town offices may not be open to the public, dogs *can* be licensed. Call, provide the rabies certificate, include a check for that amount, and a SASE. **Rabies IS in Vermont and IS deadly.** Tractor Supply Stores are now holding monthly rabies clinics again! Call for their schedule.

Licensing a dog: 1) identifies your dog if lost, **2)** provides proof that your dog is protected from rabies in the event your dog is bitten by a rabid animal {but would still need immediate medical attention}, **3)** bites another animal/person, which could result in the quarantine of your dog or possibly euthanasia to test for rabies if your current vaccination isn't proven, **4)** helps support VSNIIP to address the over-population of cats and dogs in VT, and **5) §3590. List of dogs and wolf-hybrids not licensed states, in part ...** "the municipal clerk shall notify the owners or keepers of all dogs and wolf-hybrids named on the list that have not already been licensed or inoculated, and after May 30 shall furnish to the legislative body a list of dogs and wolf-hybrids not licensed or inoculated as required by law. **Owners shall also be notified that unlicensed or uninoculated dogs or wolf-hybrids may be destroyed.**" (No one want this, so vaccinate & register – for the protection of your animals and people!

For an application for VSNIIP, send a SASE to: VSNIIP, PO Box 104, Bridgewater, VT 05034. Indicate if this is for a cat/dog or both. 802-672-5302

VT Volunteer Services for Animals Humane Society has held a "DRIVE UP & POKE! RABIES CLINIC" for several years now. This type of clinic allows us to maintain a safe distance from people while vaccinating dogs and cats. All people stay in cars, masks are required. Pre-registration is encouraged. If you would like the paperwork we've developed to share with whomever usually does rabies clinics in your area, we'd be happy to share.

Thanks!

Sue Skaskiw, VVSA Director/ VSNIIP Administrator: 802-672-5302.

YOU MAY WANT TO SHARE THIS INFO RE THE RABIES CLINICS.

TRACTOR SUPPLY STORES: RABIES CLINICS FOR CATS & DOGS. CALL AHEAD TO BE SURE INFO IS CURRENT!

VERMONT

Bennington: 300 Depot St. 05201 802-440-9937 TIME: 5:00 – 7:30 12.3.20 / 1.28.21 / 2.25.21 / 3.25.21 / 4.22.21

Middlebury: 476 Foote St 05753 802-382-9292 TIME: 9:30 – 11:00 12.5.20 / 1.2.21 / 1.30.21 / 2.27.21 / 3.27.21

Montpelier: 352 River St 05602 802-223-2246 TIME: 4:00 – 5:30 12.6.20 / 1.3.21 / 1.31.21 / 2.28.21 / 3.28.21

Morrisville: 88 Center Rd 05661 802-888-2010 TIME: 1:00 -2:30 12.6.20 / 1.3.21 / 1.31.21 / 2.28.21 / 3.28.21

Newport: 124 Commerce Way 05855 802-334-2944 TIME: 9:30 – 11:00 12.6.20 / 1.3.21 / 1.31.20 / 2.28.21 / 3.28.21

No. Clarendon: 1177 US RTE 7 So. 05759 747-4759 TIME: 1:00 – 3:00 12.3.20 / 1.28.21 / 2.25.21 / 3.25.21 / 4.22.21

St. Albans: 2636 Highgate Rd 05478 802-524-0705 TIME: 4:00 – 5:30 12.5.20 / 1.2.21 / 1.30.21 / 2.27.21 / 3.27.21

Shelburne: 3708 Shelburne Rd 05482 802-985-4092 TIME: 1:00 – 2:30 12.6.20 / 1.2.21 / 1.30.21 / 2.27.21 / 3.27.21

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Claremont: 419 Main St 03743 603-543-3303 TIME: 10:00 – 11:30 11.22.20 / 12.20.20 / 1.17.21 / 2.14.21 / 3.14.21

Hinsdale: 670 Brattleboro Rd 03451 603-336-5274 TIME: 4:00 – 5:30 11.27.20 / 12.20.20 / 1.17.21 / 2.14.21 / 3.14.21

Lebanon: 360 Miracle Mile 03766 603-448-4411 TIME: 4:00 – 5:30 11.28.20 / 1.23.21 / 2.21.21 / 3.20.21 / 4.17.21

Littleton: 685 Meadow St 03561 603-444-2093 TIME: 11:00 – 1:00 ? 11.28.20 / 1.23.21 / 2.20.21 / 3.20.21 / 4.17.21

Walpole: 8 Red Barn Lane 03608 603-445-2615 TIME: 1:00 – 2:30 11.22.20 / 12.20.20 / 1.17.21 / 2.14.21 / 3.14.21

MASSACHUSETTS & NEW YORK

No. Adams, MA: 826 Curran Mem. Hwy 413-664-6950 TIME: 9:30 – 11:00 11.29.20 / 1.24.21 / 2.21.21 / 3.21.21 / 4.18.21

Plattsburg, NY: 29 Della Dr 12901 518-562-2913 TIME: 12:30 – 2:00 11.15.20 / 12.13.20 / 1.10.21 / 2.7.21 / 3.7.21



Rutland County Parent Child Center Inc.
61 Pleasant Street, Rutland, Vermont 05701-5009
Phone 802-775-9711 Fax 802-775-5473
mary.feldman@rcpcc.org

2020-2021 Annual Report

The Rutland County Parent Child Center (RCPCC) is a private, community based, non-profit organization dedicated to supporting and meeting the needs of children and families throughout Rutland County. RCPCC's mission is "to remove barriers that perpetuate poverty for children and families throughout Rutland County." RCPCC provides all services at no cost, with the exception of childcare, which is minimal for lower income families.

We provide early childhood education services at childcare centers in Brandon and Rutland City. Additionally, the RCPCC provides family centered services to families and children birth to five years, such as:

- Early Intervention programs for children birth to three years old with developmental delays
- A food security program currently servicing up to 250 households per week throughout the county
- A teen parent program that enables young parents to complete their high school education
- Support for young families on public assistance to become independent
- Parent education classes and referral services
- Literacy based afterschool programming and playgroups

Some of these programs serve families of all socio-economic levels but, as a priority, RCPCC seeks out those in need to bring these services into their homes and communities. The Rutland County Parent Child Center is requesting funds in the amount \$1500.00 from Poultney in order to continue the RCPCC's efforts to support families and young children in your community. RCPCC provided ongoing support to 14 Poultney families in 2020. Please contact me if you have any questions or need further information. Thank you for considering our request.

Sincerely,

Mary Feldman

Executive Director

Rutland County Solid Waste District | Annual Report - Calendar Year 2020

The Rutland County Solid Waste District offers a variety of solid waste, recycling, waste education, household hazardous waste, composting and administrative support programs for our seventeen member municipalities, residents and businesses. Some services are also available to non-District communities on a fee for service basis. In addition, the District operates a regional drop-off center and transfer station at 14 Gleason Road in Rutland City. District program, facility and rate and program information and obtaining your required annual permit on our web site, www.rcswd.com.

New this year, The District has had many new challenges amid COVID-19. Being deemed essential by Governor Scott we remained on the job in full force. Each of our employee raised for the occasion in implementing the guidelines from the CDC, VOSHA, and VBOH. The District also has developed many efficiencies. A new annual permit can be obtained from the convenience of your home or business via www.rcswd.com/permits. Debit and credit cards will all be accepted as an added means of payment accepted at our facilities. A small convenience fee will be charged.

The RCSWD is in the process of updating the Districts Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP) for the 2020-2025-time frame. The State requires that all communities have a current SWIP in place that meets the requirements of the State's Material Management Plan and delineates how solid and hazardous waste will be managed in the District towns for a five-year period. The community's involvement in drafting and developing this document was encouraged.

The District has worked and will continue to contact with local businesses informing them about recycling composting and hazardous waste and the programs that we offer. The District will also be working with local schools on many of these same issues over the next few years.

Watch for our updated website in 2021! You will find more detail, please see our 2020 Annual Report Book which covers detail and all our programs to include but not limited to:

Waste Disposal: During 2020, residents and businesses in our member municipalities disposed of approximately 36,000 tons of municipal solid waste which includes the construction and demolition activity along with a significant amount of bulky waste.

Recycling: The District owns a Material Recovery Facility (MRF), recycling center in Rutland City that is leased to Casella Waste Management for their operations. The MRF accepts Zero Sort recycling from transfer stations, commercial haulers and large generators for processing and sale for re-use. The facility currently receives approximately 35,000 tons of recyclables a year from a large geographical area. Since we began tracking material in 1995 the facility has processed over 460,000 tons of recyclables.

Household Hazardous Waste: Rutland County Solid Waste District operates an extensive Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) program for district residents and small business generators. The program operates year-round from the Gleason Road facility by appointment only. additional scheduled collections at twelve town transfer stations within seventeen member towns' through the spring, summer, and fall. The HHW program collects and safely disposes of dozens of hazardous, flammable and toxic materials. The RCSWD HHW also collects electronic waste and has collected over 1700 tons of material since collections began in 2004.

Other Programs: The District also offered waste management education, and reduction programs, construction, demolition waste, clean wood, and composting. The District is continuing with its "Merry Mulch" program in collecting and processing over 1,200 Christmas trees annually. The District also has been working local organizations including the Rutland Master Gardener's Club, 350 Rutland County, the Rutland Dismas House, Rutland Neighborhood Program, and Vermont Southwestern Council on Aging, Rutland Hospital and Women's Network & Shelter and the Rutland County Humane Society and our valued haulers.

Mark S. Shea, District Manager



To the Citizens of the Town of Poultney,

On behalf of BROC Community Action and the thousands of people with low income or living in poverty that we serve throughout Rutland and Bennington counties, we want to express our thanks and gratitude for supporting us over the years on Town Meeting Day. BROC Community Action assists families and individuals in crisis and help provide a sustainable path forward.

Over the past year, BROC Community Action was available to the residents of the Town of Poultney. Whether they need food at the BROC Community Food Shelf, senior commodities, housing counseling, homelessness assistances, weatherization, heating and utility assistance, forms assistance for benefits such as 3SqVT, budget and credit counseling and resources and referrals; we are here.

People come to us cold, hungry, homeless, jobless or facing major health conditions every day. Your town appropriation helps ease the struggle for nearly 10,000 people who seek assistance from us each year as we meet the basic needs of their families and provide a path forward whenever possible.

Respectfully, our appropriation request for the upcoming year remains \$1,000.00.

We truly value our collaboration with Poultney as we assist those most in need.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tom", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Thomas L. Donahue, CEO
tdonahue@broc.org

BROC.ORG

45 Union Street, Rutland, VT 05701 802-775-0878
332 Orchard Road, Bennington, VT 05201



RUTLAND REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

The Rutland Regional Planning Commission (RRPC) is a resource for towns, a platform for ideas and inspires a vision for our future. We balance local desires, best practices and regional planning for communities that are vibrant today and strong for years to come.

The RRPC and Town of Poultney continued working together in 2020 on many community development initiatives. Some highlights include:

- Worked with town officials to identify possible locations of public wi-fi hotspot locations to provide emergency internet access to the community.
- Coordinated working group to plan connections to Slate Valley Trails from Downtown.
- Assisted Planning Commission with update of the Town Plan.
- Worked with Road Foreman to update culvert inventory.
- Worked with town officials to adopt Rutland Region Public Works Mutual Aid Agreement.
- Worked with planning team to update the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- Assisted with completion of FY20 Grants in Aid projects and purchase of a leaf blower, and in securing FY21 Grants in Aid funding for stormwater best practices.

If you feel inspired to participate in local or regional planning, want to be paired with opportunities to grow your community, or just want to learn more, please visit or give us a call - we'd love to hear from you!

The Opera House | 67 Merchants Row | Rutland, Vermont

P.O. Box 965 | Rutland, Vermont 05701

RutlandRPC.org | (802) 775-0871

Cooperative planning in the region



NeighborWorks of Western Vermont

110 Marble Street, West Rutland, VT 05777
(802) 438-2303 | nwwvt.org | info@nwwvt.org

Betsy J. Wescott, Clerk & Treasurer
Town Selectboard Members
Town of Poultney
9 Main Street, Suite 2
Poultney, VT 05764

Re: 2021 Ballot Item - \$500.00

Dear Betsy Wescott & Selectboard Members,

On behalf of NeighborWorks of Western Vermont, I am writing to ask that we be placed on your ballot with a repeat request for \$500.00 for the 2020/2021 year. This has been quite a year for everyone, and we are glad to report that during this difficult time we were able to help many Vermonters through loans and grants. We have provided a look at the specific services we were able to provide to the residents of your town as well as state-wide. We have also included a short financial statement on a separate sheet for your use in any resident newsletters or publications. In the last fiscal year, our services in the area of Addison, Bennington, and Rutland counties comprised of:

- **152 Low-cost, Comprehensive HEAT Squad Energy Audits** were completed on homes
- **44 Home Energy Improvement Projects** were completed and homeowners received a rebate check from Efficiency Vermont
- **30 Energy Loans** were issued, a total of \$397,823.00 to help homeowners make energy improvements
- **66 Down Payment Assistance Loans**, a total of \$1,494,097.00 were made to help homebuyers make it over the 20% down payment barrier
- **13 Rehab Loans**, a total of \$159,798.00 were made to homeowners to make health and safety upgrades to their homes
- **168 families** attended **Homebuyer Education** and of those, **87** became **Home Owners**
- **154 households** participated in **Financial Coaching**

In Poultney alone, we were able to:

- **Provide 9 Low-cost, Comprehensive HEAT Squad Energy Audits**
- **Coach 5 households through Homebuyer Education**
- **Work with 5 households to provide Financial Coaching**
- **Help 3 families become Home Owners**

We look forward to your continued support of our organization and our work with the residents of Poultney.

Sincerely,
Svea Howard
Communications and Outreach Coordinator
showard@nwwvt.org
(802) 797-8606



Rutland West Neighborhood Housing d/b/a NeighborWorks of Western Vermont Licensed Lender #6200 NMLS #194008



Rutland Office: 802-786-5990
Bennington Office: 802-442-5436
Helpline: 1-800-642-5119

Report to the Citizens of Poultney

This report describes the services that the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging (SVCOA) provided to elders in Poultney in 2020:

Nutrition Support

The Council helped provide 6,533 meals that were delivered to the homes of 44 elders in your community. This service is often called “Meals on Wheels”. In addition, 106 Poultney elders came together at a luncheon site in your area to enjoy a nutritious meal and the company of others; 2,949 meals were provided.

Additionally, SVCOA provided 14.25 hours of one-on-one nutrition support, including nutrition assessments and resource connections and referrals, to 17 residents of Poultney.

Case Management Assistance:

SVCOA case management and outreach staff helped 36 elders in your community for a total of 262.75 hours. Case managers meet with an elder privately in the elder’s home or at another agreed upon location and assess the elder’s situation. They will work with the elder to identify needs and talk about possible services available to address those needs. If the elder desires, the case manager will link the client to appropriate services, coordinate and monitor services as necessary, and provide information and assistance to caregivers. Case managers also help elders connect with in-home assistance programs, including a program called Choices for Care. This program is especially helpful to frail elders facing long term care placement who still wish to remain at home.

Other Services and Support:

1) “Senior Helpline” assistance at 1-800-642-5119. Our Senior HelpLine staff provide telephone support to elders and others who need information on available programs and community resources; 2) Medicare and health benefit counseling information and assistance through our State Health Insurance Program; 3) Legal service assistance through the Vermont Senior Citizens Law Project; 4) Information about elder issues and opportunities via various agency articles and publications 5) Nutrition education and counseling services provided by SVCOA’s Registered Dietician; 6) Senior Companion support for frail, homebound elders; 7) Outreach services to elders dealing with mental health issues through our Elder Care Clinician. This service is provided in cooperation with Rutland County Mental Health; 8) Transportation assistance; 9) Caregiver support, information and respite to family members and others who are providing much needed help to elders in need of assistance; 10) Money Management programs that offer either a volunteer bill payer or representative payee services to elders and younger disabled individuals.



16 Evelyn Street, Suite 101 / Rutland, VT 05701 / Phone 775-0617

**Rutland County Vermont Adult Learning Annual Report
Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2020**

Vermont Adult Learning (VAL), is a non-profit, seven-county organization providing individuals 16 years of age and older confidential, education and literacy services with no cost to students. We provide basic instruction in reading, writing, math and technology. Vermont residents can access our services and earn a high school diploma from their town of residence, or a GED. We also offer citizenship classes for individuals wishing to become an American citizen as well as English instruction in ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages). We are an official GED and PSI testing site.

Our Flexible Pathways provide students with the opportunity to obtain a diploma with many options and resources including dual enrollment at local colleges, technical classes at Stafford Tech, on line classes, internships and other creative options.

Vermont Adult Learning is a partner in a multi-year federal grant along with VT Technical College and CCV called Strengthening Working Families Initiative or SWFI. The grant provides parents and guardians the training and skills they need for success in manufacturing at no cost to qualified candidates. If you like working with your hands this could be for you. There are many manufacturing jobs currently that need trained employees in Rutland County.

Vermont Adult Learning served 1150 students statewide in fiscal year 2020. 144 students were served in our Rutland Center where we provided approximately 9741.75 hours of education. We provided 556.25 hours of instructional service to 6 students from Poultney. All 6 students were between the ages of 16-21.

Classes are five days a week, Monday – Friday, with evening classes on Tuesday and Thursday from 4:30pm-6:30pm. VAL staff responded early in March to the COVID-19 crisis. We have successfully adapted our classes to an online platform. We have also taken the initiative and supplied our students with ChromeBooks so they may remain engaged in their educational goals.

We greatly appreciate the continued support of the voters of Poultney.

**Contact: Chrispin White Regional Director
Email: cwhite@vtadulthoodlearning.org**



Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired

Report of Services for Town of Poultney

The Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired's 2020 Fiscal Year was an exciting one. In September, we had a successful fundraising and awareness event, Dancing With the Stars of Burlington, and have sustained our outreach efforts throughout the state to ensure all Vermonters are aware of our services. The number of clients we serve has continued to increase annually. A new referral system was also developed in the fall, which is intended to increase the number of referrals we receive from eye care providers, thus connecting more clients with life-changing vision rehabilitation therapy.

As with many nonprofits, VABVI had to make several adjustments in light of COVID-19. We quickly adjusted from providing services in client homes and schools, to providing remote services via telephone and video conferencing. We are continuing to accept new clients and are currently providing remote services. We will be resuming in-person services as soon as it is safe to do so, and are continuously developing protocols to keep staff and clients safe when we are able to meet face-to-face.

It's clear to us at VABVI that our mission and services will continue to play a critical role in the lives of many Vermonters well into the future. In the face of the COVID-19 pandemic, we have adapted our services and are working nonstop to support anyone living in Vermont who is experiencing vision loss.

SMART Device Training Program (formerly known as the iOS Training Program): The program has served 239 clients across Vermont since it was established in 2018. Now, due to COVID-19, the SMART Device Training Program is more important than ever. Current social distancing protocols have led to our blind and visually impaired clients to become increasingly at risk for feelings of isolation and loneliness. In addition, with many healthcare providers now only seeing patients via "telehealth," it is critical that our clients know how to utilize technology. Our Vision Rehabilitation Therapists (VRTs) are providing remote services to program clients who are in need of assistance. Clients who received technology training prior to COVID-19 have reported that the skills learned in this program have been invaluable throughout the pandemic.

PALS (Peer Assisted Learning and Support) Groups: PALS Groups, held throughout Vermont, are monthly meetings where members share coping strategies and to discuss the practical, social and emotional challenges of vision loss. Now, due to social distancing requirements, PALS groups are operating remotely via Zoom and telephone.

HAPI (Helping Adolescents Prepare for Independence): The HAPI program enables Teachers of the Visually Impaired and Certified Vision Rehabilitation Therapists to work one-on-one with students to practice daily living skills. This program is currently being conducted remotely.

IRLE Summer Camp (Intensive Residential Life Experience): IRLE camp helps VABVI students develop social skills, meet fellow visually impaired peers, meet adult mentors, learn independent living skills, and improve self-advocacy skills. This year's IRLE Camp, which was going to take place throughout Southern New England with activities at the Mystic Aquarium and Roger Williams Zoo, has been postponed until 2021.

During Fiscal Year 2020, we served 1,804 clients from all counties in Vermont. This included 4 adults in Poultney and 138 adults and 17 students in Rutland County.

For more information about VABVI's services or to volunteer, please contact Shannon Turgeon at (802) 863-1358 ext. 217, or at sturgeon@vabvi.org. Visit our website at www.vabvi.org and feel free to "like" us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/vabvi802/>.

THE VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING
TOWN OF POULTNEY
SUMMARY REPORT

Request Amount: \$420.00

For the past 41 years, The Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL) has been teaching people with disabilities and the Deaf how to gain more control over their lives and how to access tools and services to live more independently. VCIL employees (85% of whom have a disability) conduct public education, outreach, individual advocacy and systems change advocacy to help promote the full inclusion of people with disabilities into community life.

In FY'20 (10/2019-9/2020) VCIL responded to thousands of requests from individuals, agencies and community groups for information, referral and assistance and program services for individuals living with a disability. VCIL Peer Advocate Counselors (PACs) provided one-on-one peer counseling to **236** individuals to help increase their independent living skills and **5** peers were served by the AgrAbility program. VCIL's Home Access Program (HAP) assisted **124** households with information on technical assistance and/or alternative funding for modifications; **89** of these received financial assistance to make their bathrooms and/or entrances accessible. Our Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF) provided **61** individuals with information on assistive technology; **36** of these individuals received funding to obtain adaptive equipment. **573** individuals had meals delivered through our Meals on Wheels (MOW) program for individuals with disabilities under the age of 60. We are also home to the Vermont Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program (VTEDP) which served **41** people and provided **30** peers with adaptive telecommunications enabling low-income Deaf, Deaf-blind, Hard of Hearing and individuals with disabilities to communicate by telephone. Due to the pandemic VCIL was able to start a new (temporary) program, Resilience and Independence in a State of Emergency (RISE) which served **12** people in its first few months. The RISE Program can help provide an array of items or services if the needs are directly related to the Covid 19 epidemic.

VCIL's central office is located in downtown Montpelier and we have five branch offices in Bennington, Chittenden, Lamoille, Rutland and Windham Counties. Our PACs and services are available to people with disabilities throughout Vermont. Our Montpelier office also houses the Vermont Interpreter Referral Service (VIRS) and provides statewide interpreter referral services for sign language, spoken English and CART services for assignments in medical, legal, mental health, employment, educational, civil and recreational settings.

During FY'20, **5** residents of **Poultney** received services from the following programs:

- Meals on Wheels (MOW)
(over **\$3,400.00** spent on meals for residents)
- Information Referral and Assistance (I,R&A)

To learn more about VCIL, please call VCIL's toll-free I-Line at:

1-800-639-1522, or, visit our web site at **www.vcil.org**.



Marble Valley Regional Transit District
"The Bus"

2020 Town of Poultney, Annual Report

Lee Bizon, Community Outreach

Marble Valley Regional Transit District (MVRTD), known as "The Bus" is in its forty fourth year of providing service to the residents of the greater Rutland area. The Bus is the largest, non-urban, public transportation system in the State of Vermont and provides transportation to the general public throughout Rutland County, as well as to social and human service agencies, the resort communities and area businesses. MVRTD provides an enhanced level of self-sufficiency for the elderly, disabled and transportation disadvantaged who rely on public transportation. System ridership was over 672,500 rides this past year. MVRTD provides 65 jobs year round, with upwards of 80 during the winter peak season.

MVRTD provided over 1,900 rides to Poultney on the Fair Haven Route, a commuter service with stops at Green Mountain College, Main Street and Stewarts Shop. Other highly successful commuter routes operated by MVRTD both within Rutland County and beyond provide connections to three adjoining counties thus serving the growing population committed to the environmental benefits of public transit use as well as the savings realized in the cost of fuel.

MVRTD has provided service under the Elderly and Disabled Program to Poultney for many years.

For more information about schedules and services please call 773-3244 x112 or visit MVRTD's web site at www.thebus.com.

MVRTD thanks the residents of Poultney for their continued support of public transit.

Live Green – Ride the Bus



GREEN UP VERMONT
www.greenupvermont.org

Green Up Vermont celebrated its 50th Anniversary of Green Up Day on May 30, 2020. Although 99% of all events were cancelled due to Covid-19, Green Up Day was successfully executed with social distancing by 14,000+ volunteers, cleaning up over 241 tons of litter, and 9,000 tires statewide. It is imperative for all of us to keep building awareness and stewardship for a clean Vermont environment. 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 engagement.

Support from municipalities is essential to our program. Funds help pay for administration, supplies (including 65,000 Green Up trash bags), promotional outreach, and educational resources including activity books, poster and writing contests, and a \$1,000 scholarship.

Early awareness initiatives for Green Up Day tripled the number of submissions to our annual poster art and writing contests and produced 184 applicants for our first scholarship. We were able to offer "Greener" bags made with 70% post-consumer waste; add a Green Scuba team to clean in Lake Champlain; and had over 100 editorial stories in the news as well as a national mention in the *Washington Post*.

Donations can be made to Green Up Vermont on Line 23 of the Vermont State Income Tax Form or anytime online at www.greenupvermont.org.

Visit our website and follow us on Facebook (@greenupvermont) and Instagram (greenupvermont).

Green Up Day, May 1, 2021

Thank you!

Vermont Department of Health Local Report

Rutland District, 2021

At the Vermont Department of Health our twelve Local Health District Offices around the state provide health services and promote wellness for all Vermonters. More info on your local health office can be found here: <https://www.healthvermont.gov/local>

COVID-19

2020 has been a challenging year for Vermonters. However, the Vermont Department of Health has been recognized as a national leader in managing the virus. This is what the Health Department has done in your community:

- COVID-19 Testing:
 - Since May 2020, the Health Department has provided no-cost Covid-19 testing. Through November 17, 2020, the Vermont Department of Health has held 509 testing clinics, testing 40,796 Vermonters. This important work helps to identify the spread of Covid-19 and is just one of the many ways your Health Department is promoting and protecting the health of Vermonters.
 - Statewide, 224,284 people have been tested as of November 30, 2020
- COVID-19 Cases:
 - As of November 25, 2020, Vermont had the fewest cases of COVID-19 and the lowest rate of cases per 100,000 population of all 50 states.
 - Statewide, as of November 30, 2020, there have been 4,172 cases of COVID-19
- Even more up-to-date information can be found on the Health Department's website: <https://www.healthvermont.gov/currentactivity>

Additional Programs

In addition to the COVID-19 response, the Health Department has programs such as influenza vaccinations and WIC.

- Flu Vaccinations: Protecting people from influenza is particularly important in 2020, as the flu may complicate recovery from COVID-19. (Data is as of November 17, 2020)
 - Approximately 213,000* Vermonters have been vaccinated against the flu this season *(Due to technology outages, flu vaccinations given are underreported by approximately 25%-33%.)
- WIC: The Women, Infants, and Children Nutrition Education and Food Supplementation Program remains in full effect, though much of the work that was done in person is now being done remotely through TeleWIC. (Data is as of October 20, 2020)
 - 11,308 infants, children, and pregnant, postpartum, and breastfeeding people were served by WIC in Vermont, either in traditional format or TeleWIC

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**9-1-1 Calls for Service
January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020
The 2020 Call Center Statistics are as follows:**

- Total 911 Calls Received – 209,990 (up 384 or .18 % from 209,606 in 2019)
- Total Cellular 911 Calls Received - 148,391 (approximately 71% of total, up from 69% in 2019)
- Total Abandoned 911 Calls Received – 26,231 (approximately 12% of total, up from 10.5% in 2019)
- Average Time to Answer – 00:05 (seconds- remained the same as 2019)
- Average Call Time – 02:02 (minutes; seconds – was 01:57 in 2019)
- Total Text-to-911 Received – 340 (down 72 or 21% from 412 in 2019)
- Total **POULTNEY** 9-1-1 Calls Received – 1008 (down 131 from 2019)

Disclaimer Due primarily to the use of cell phones, the town-by-town statistics do not provide an accurate count of the 911 calls made in any given town. To get an exact town-by-town count of 911 calls would require listening to the recordings of tens of thousands of calls to determine their exact location. This is because of the technology used to locate wireless callers. A wireless call is seen by the 911 system as either a Phase 1 call or a Phase 2 call. In a Phase 1 call, only the location of the cellular tower that received the call is transmitted to the 911 call-taker. In a Phase 2 call, the cellular system attempts to determine the exact location of the caller, but the accuracy varies.

Things Everyone Needs to Know to Be 9-1-1 Ready! Help us help you! In an emergency, seconds matter; being prepared can make a difference! Talking through scenarios with other family members can help you. **Be 9-1-1 Ready!**

Know when to use 9-1-1. Call or text 9-1-1 in an emergency: **to save a life, stop a crime, or to report a fire.** If you or someone else is hurt or very sick, call 9-1-1. If you're not sure if your situation is an emergency, err on the side of safety and call 9-1-1. The call-taker can assess the event and guide you. **Call when you can, text when you can't!**

Know your location. Emergency responders can't help you if they don't know where you are. Train yourself to pay attention to where you are. If you're traveling, be able to identify the road, your direction, mile markers, exits, etc. If you're visiting a friend's house, make a mental note of their address. Make sure everyone in your home knows your street address. Keep your address posted by your phone in case of an emergency.

Know your phone. We can call 9-1-1 from a variety of phones these days, which is great in an emergency. However, not all phones and devices provide the 9-1-1 call-taker with your location information. Landline phones will provide your location to the call-taker, but cell and VoIP phones may not. Contact your service provider for more information about the capabilities of your phone.

Remain calm. It may be hard to remain calm during an emergency, but when you do so, you make it easier for the call-taker to gather your information and get the right help on the way.

Don't hang up. If you have placed an emergency call to 9-1-1, stay on the line until the call-taker tells you it's ok to hang up the phone. They can dispatch help even when you are still on the line. In addition, they may require more information or be able to provide you with assistance, so don't hang up!

Don't hang up! If you've called 9-1-1 by accident, it's important to let the call-taker know. If you hang up suddenly, the call-taker may call you back or may even send someone to your home to check on your safety.

Old cell phones. Old cell phones may make entertaining toys for kids, but do you know that even deactivated phones with no service plan can still call 9-1-1? To avoid an unintentional call to 9-1-1, remove the battery before giving it to a child to play with. Better yet, recycle or donate your retired phone.



Vermont 2-1-1 is the number to dial to find out about hundreds of important community resources, like emergency food and shelter, disability services, counseling, senior services, health care, child care, drug and alcohol programs, legal assistance, transportation agencies, educational and volunteer opportunities, and much more.

About the Vermont 2-1-1 database:

The Vermont 2-1-1 database contains detailed descriptions of programs and services available to Vermonters that are provided by local community groups, social service and health-related agencies, government organizations, and others. We are constantly adding new resources to our database, but at last count it contains **1010** agencies that provide **10031** services across **2941** programs. Resource Specialists gather information by regularly attending community meetings throughout the state and contacting agencies directly to complete a formal update process at least annually.

Services fall under the following general categories:

Basic Needs	Consumer Services
Criminal Justice and Legal Services	Education
Environment/Public Health/Public Safety	Health Care
Income Support and Employment	Individual and Family Life
Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services	Organizational/Community Services

Types of agencies in the database include:

- Federal, state and local entities
- Non-Profit organizations
- Service organizations and civic groups that provide services to the public
- Out-of-state entities that offer services to Vermonters
- And more
- Community Action Agencies
- Churches

To reach an Information and Referral Specialist in the Contact Center:

From within Vermont: [1-866-652-4636](tel:1-866-652-4636)
From Out-of-State: [1-802-652-4636](tel:1-802-652-4636)



Vermont League of Cities and Towns

Serving and Strengthening Vermont Local Government

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

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. In 2020, 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 adapt town operations, 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 and state agencies**, 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 achieve tangible results on pressing issues such as responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, road and bridge repair, cybersecurity, housing and economic growth, renewable energy, emergency medical services, equity and inclusion, and ensuring 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.
- **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 each official and employee carry out the important work of local government. For a comprehensive list of member benefits and services, please visit vlct.org/membersguide to download the VLCT Member Guide.

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



American Red Cross
Northern New England Region

October 14, 2020

Town of Poultney
Attn: Board of Trustees
PO Box 121
Poultney, VT 5764

Dear Friends,

I hope you are well during these uncertain times. As you know, our mission at the American Red Cross is to prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors. Established in 1881, the American Red Cross serves under the core principles of humanity, impartiality, neutrality, independence, voluntary service, unity, and universality. These principles ground us and inspire us as we carry out our mission across the country, and right here at home.

Over the past year, the American Red Cross of Northern New England has succeeded in providing the following throughout the region:

- We assisted a local family in the face of disaster, on average, **once every 17 hours**, helping nearly **2,000 individuals**.
- We installed more than **4,500** smoke and carbon monoxide detectors in homes through our Home Fire Campaign.
- Trained **31,400** people in first aid, CPR, and water safety skills.
- We collected **135,000** units of blood. Hospitals throughout Northern New England depend on the American Red Cross for these collections.
- In our region, over **3,200** service members and veterans received supportive services through our Service to the Armed Forces department.

As we carry on through the pandemic, the American Red Cross remains committed to safely providing relief and support. We do this with the help of our incredible volunteers and donors, including you, our friends in Poultney. *This year, we respectfully request a municipal appropriation of \$1000.00.* These funds will be used right here in our region so that we can continue to serve your friends and neighbors during these unprecedented times.

For more information about the work we've been doing in your area, please refer to the attached Impact Sheet for Rutland County. If you have any questions, please call us at 1-800-464-6692 or supportnne@redcross.org.

While we know the world may feel uncertain at present, rest assured that the American Red Cross will always be there to help and support local communities.

Warmly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rachel Zellem".

Rachel Zellem
Development Specialist

American Red Cross of Northern New England
www.redcross.org/nne



Rutland County Service Delivery
July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020

Disaster Response

In the past year, the American Red Cross has responded to **24 disaster cases**, assisting **68 residents of Rutland County**. Most commonly, these incidents were home fires. Red Cross workers were on the scene to provide food, clothing, lodging, emotional support, and more to families during their hours of greatest need. Our teams also provide Mass Care to first responders. Things like food, water, and warm drinks strengthen the brave men and women of your local Fire and Police Departments as they answer the call to keep your residents safe.

Town/City	Disasters	Individuals
Brandon	6	19
Castleton	1	4
Killington	1	2
Leicester	1	7
Poultney	1	2
Proctor	1	3
Rutland	10	20
Wallingford	1	5
Wallingford	1	2
West Rutland	1	4

Home Fire Campaign

Last year, Red Cross staff and volunteers worked throughout **Rutland County** to educate residents on fire, safety and preparedness. We installed **18 free smoke alarms** in homes and helped families develop emergency evacuation plans.

Service to the Armed Forces

We proudly assisted **49 of Rutland County’s Service Members, veterans and their families** by providing emergency communications and other services, including counseling and financial assistance.

Blood Drives

During the last fiscal year, we collected **2,734 pints** of lifesaving blood in **Rutland County**.

Training Services

Last year, **948 Rutland residents** were taught a variety of important lifesaving skills such as First Aid, CPR, Babysitting Skills and Water Safety.

Volunteer Services

Rutland County is home to **20 American Red Cross Volunteers**. We have volunteers from all walks of life, who are trained and empowered to respond to disasters in the middle of the night, to teach safety courses, to help at our many blood drives, and so much more. The American Red Cross is proud that 90% of its staff is made up of volunteers; they are truly the heart and soul of our organization.



QUARRY VALLEY UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT WARNING

Annual School District Meeting

February 23 and March 2, 2021

The legal voters of the Quarry Valley Unified Union School District consisting of the towns of Poultney, Proctor, and West Rutland, are hereby warned to meet virtually at the following link:

- meet.google.com/vvm-nqqb-tkd
- Or via phone: (US) +1 631-591-6896 PIN: 120 255 138#

on February 23, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. for the annual school district meeting to transact the following business:

- Article 1. To hear the reports of the School Board and other District Officials
Article 2. To hear the Board of School Directors of the Quarry Valley Unified Union School District present its estimate of expense for the ensuing year.

The meeting shall then be recessed to Tuesday, March 2, 2021, for the purpose of voting the following articles at the usual polling places in the member districts by Australian ballot.

Quarry Valley Voting Locations

Town of Poultney	10:00 am - 7:00 pm	Poultney Fire House
Town of Proctor	10:00 am - 7:00 pm	Proctor Jr/Sr High School
Town of West Rutland	10:00 am - 7:00 pm	West Rutland Town Hall

- Article 3. To elect the following officers:
a. Moderator for a term of one (1) year.
b. Treasurer for a term of one (1) year.
c. Clerk for a term of one (1) year
- Article 4. School Budget: Shall the voters of the Quarry Valley Unified Union School District approve the School Board to expend \$18,420,200.65 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 \$16,530 per equalized pupil which is 1.07 % less than last year.
- Article 5. Shall the voters authorize a Quarry Valley athletic/extra-curricular reserve fund, pursuant of 24 V.S.A §2804, for the purpose of funding unanticipated or unbudgeted expenses for the District's athletic/extra-curricular programs, and appropriate up to 20 percent from the fiscal year 2021 year-end surplus to such reserve fund?

Article 6. Shall the voters authorize the Board of School Directors to transfer surplus funds to the District's Capital Improvements and Facility Repair and Maintenance Reserve Fund, up to 50 percent, existing at the end of the fiscal year 2021?

Said persons and voters are warned and notified that voter qualifications, registration, absentee voting, and voter procedures shall be in accordance with Chapters 43 and 51 of Title 17 Vermont Statutes Annotated.

Approved by the Quarry Valley Unified Union School District Board of Directors in a public meeting and dated at Rutland, Vermont this 18th day of January 2021.

QUARRY VALLEY UNIFIED UNION BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS:


Lisa Miser, Chair


James Mumford, Vice Chair


Seth Howard, Board Member


Nathan Slentz, Board Member


Kristen Ross, Clerk

Art Saceric, Board Member

Tom Callahan, Board Member


Sarah Gecha, Board Member


Kristen Whitman, Board Member

Gail Curtis, Board Member

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Betsy Wescott
Quarry Valley Unified Union District Clerk

REMINDER

The Quarry Valley Board of School Directors
Will Hold Its Annual Meeting as Follows:

DATE & TIME:

Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at 7: 00 PM

LOCATION:

Remote:

[Join with Google Meet](#)

meet.google.com/vvm-nqgb-tkd

[Join by phone](#)

(US) +1 631-591-6896 PIN: 120 255 138#

**The Board Will Present the Proposed School Budget
To the Public and Will Be Available to Answer Questions.**

Please Join Us in Support of Your Schools!

If you would like to review the annual report ahead of the meeting, please contact your local school, Town Office, or Library. Additionally, the annual report will be made available online at

www.grcsu.org.

In order to ensure a smooth annual meeting, we are encouraging community members to submit their questions in advance. These questions will be answered during the annual meeting. Your questions can be submitted to Wendy Bixby at wendy.bixby@grcsu.org.



STATE OF VERMONT
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
115 STATE STREET
MONTPELIER, VT
05633-5201

It is an honor and privilege to serve you as your State Representative to the Vermont State Legislature. As I enter my seventh year as your Representative, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support.

Due to the COVID pandemic, this past session and the current session presented challenges unlike we have ever seen. We vacated the Statehouse at 7:00pm on Friday, March 13, 2020. Within two weeks our Legislature began meeting via Zoom. Our committee time was limited as our IT capabilities simply could not handle 180 members on 26 different committees dialing into Zoom and making every meeting available to the public via YouTube. We staggered committee time, floor time and various other meeting times and thankfully, for the most part, it worked.

Unemployment insurance issues took center stage for many weeks as our State, and much of the nation, shut down.

We finally adjourned June 30 only to come back August 25 to begin a "Restated" Fiscal Year 21 Budget due to the massive amount of CRF (COVID Relief Funds), totaling 1.25 billion dollars, the federal government transferred to our state. This money came with a lot of

strings, most notably all of it had to be expended by December 31. We finally adjourned September 25 with a restated budget and COVID monies allocated.

Due to the Governor's emergency orders, the Legislature responded by issuing their own emergency resolutions. The Legislature continues to meet via Zoom through Town Meeting and within the next week, will address whether we should return this session or continue meeting via Zoom.

I have been appointed to serve on the House Transportation Committee and we are beginning to work on the T-Bill, as it is called.

We are a resilient and hardy state. There are examples too numerous to count, of neighbor helping neighbor, our community coming together to help those in need. The Everyone Eats Program has been running for several months and will continue to run at least through June, 2021. Free breakfasts and lunches are available to students in the elementary and high schools.

There is light at the end of the tunnel, as healthcare workers are vaccinated and the rollout of vaccines for those 75 and older has begun. We will continue vaccinations until all age groups are completed. We are **VERMONT STRONG** and will make it through this COVID pandemic more resilient and stronger than ever.

I encourage anyone with questions to please email me at pmccoy@leg.state.vt.us or call me (802) 287-9625.

Once again, I thank you for your continued support.

Representative Pattie McCoy
Rutland – 1
Poultney/Ira

9-1-1 Highway Directory

Road Name

Allen Avenue
Alumni Drive
Amerio Road
Amerio Road Ext.
Ames Hollow Road
Autumn Way
Beaman Street
Bentley Avenue
Bird Street
Birdseye Road
Blair Road
Blissville Road
Boyce Avenue
Brayton Road
Brennan Circle
Broughton Avenue
Candlestick Lane
Chelsea Lane
Church Street
Clark Hollow Road
Cold Spring Lane
College Street North
College Street South
Cones Point Road
Dayton Hill Road
DeBonis Quarry Road
Depot Street
East Main Street
East Road
Elrena Road
Endless Brook Road
Evergreen Road
Fairway Lane South
Farnam Road
Fenton Road
Ferncliff Camps Road
Ferncliff Road
Ferncliff Road Ext.
Fieldstone Drive
Finel Hollow Road
Furnace Street
Gorhamtown Road
Granville Street
Griffin Road
Grove Street
Hampshire Hollow Road
Hannon Road
High Road
Highland Grey Road
Hillside Road

Road Name

Hilltop Road
Ideal Way
Jay Drive
Jones Road
Kerber Lane
Kinni Kinnic Lane
Knapp Street
Lake Road
Lakeview Hill Road
Lennox Road
Lenwood Lane
Lewis Road
Lily Pond Lane
Main Street
Maple Street
Maslack Drive
McCarthy Quarry Road
Meadow Lane
Morse Hollow Road
Mountain View Lane
New Boston Rd
Norton Avenue
Old Lake Road
On The Green
Oxbow Bay Drive
Partridge Lane
Peninsula Drive
Pine Shadows Lane
Pond Hill Ranch Road
Potter Lane
Poultney Avenue
QSI Road
Rae Terrace
Ridgeview Lane North
Ridgeview Lane South
River Street
Roberts Avenue
Ruby Road
Saltis Road
Sandy Beach Drive
School Circle
South Street
Stonehenge Lane
Stonehenge Road
Stonehenge Terrace
Thrall Road
Town Farm Road
Town Hill Road
Tucker Road

Road Name

Upper Road
Vaughn Lane
VT Route 140
VT Route 30 North
VT Route 30 South
VT Route 31
Ward Road
Walker Road
Watkins Hill Road
Westlake Road
Wheeler Avenue
White Road
Wilson Avenue
Wilson Avenue Ext.
Windy Wood Acres Ext.
Windy Wood Acres Rd
York Street
York Street Ext.

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