

NEWBURY VERMONT



Annual Report

for the year ending December 31, 2023

Town Meeting: March 5, 2024

10:00 a.m.

Meeting and Voting at the Village Hall, 214 Pulaski Street

10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

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2023 Town Officers

Moderator (elected)	expires 2024	Brian Emerson
Town Clerk (elected)	expires 2024	Mary Collins
Treasurer (elected)	expires 2025	Mary Collins
Selectboard (elected)	expires 2026 expires 2024 expires 2025	Jeff McKelvey Alma Roystan Joe Parsons
Listers (elected)	expires 2024 expires 2026 expires 2024*	Amanda Beaulieu Janis Moore Dustin Putnam
Town Constable (elected)	expires 2024	Glen Godfrey
Delinquent Tax Collector (appointed)		Mary Collins
Auditors (elected)	expires 2026 expires 2024* expires 2025	Jean Welch Hilda Huntoon Gail Bromley
Budget Committee (appointed)		Janet Cole Marvin Harrison Denis Hopta
Animal Control Officer (appointed)		Glen Godfrey
Cemetery Committee (appointed)		Greg Allen Glen Godfrey
Conservation Commission (appointed)		Michael Thomas Cal Lynes Carol Stoll
Development Review Board (appointed)		Amanda Beaulieu Robert Beaulieu Emily Hausman Roberta Jewett Ruth Kennedy Charles Schulze Larry Scott

*appointed

Fire Chiefs (appointed)
Newbury Village
Wells River Village
West Newbury

John Renfrew
Jeff Morin
Wally Fischer

Fire Warden (appointed)

Jeff Morin

Highway Foreman (appointed)

Robert Beaulieu

Justices of the Peace
(county officers elected by the town
at November General Elections
for a two-year term)

Amanda Beaulieu
Mary Burnham
Ian Clark
Patsy Spear Cole
Virginia Fuller
Catherine Kidder
Art Morris
Sarah Putnam
Wayne Richardson
Jean Welch

Planning Commission (appointed)

Larry Scott, Chair
Frank Tegethoff
Susan Culp

Recreation Board (appointed)

Danielle Drown
Amy Hayward
Cheryl Hanley
Rachel Harrness
Erin Pellegrino
Lisa Williams

Solid Waste Commission (appointed)

Gavin A. Reid, Chair
Jim Collins
Mary Collins
John Narowski
Charlie Mabey

Zoning Administrator (appointed)

Dennis Marquise

Warning

Annual Town Meeting

March 5, 2024

To the Voters of Newbury, Greeting:

To the inhabitants of the Town of Newbury, legal voters of the Town are hereby warned and notified to meet in Newbury Village Hall, in said Newbury Village, Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. to act on the following articles, viz:

- Article 1: To elect a Moderator for the year ensuing.
- Article 2: To elect all other Town Officers:
- Auditor, 3 years; Constable, 2 years; Lister, 3 years; Lister, 1 year; Selectperson, 3 years; Town Clerk, 3 years; Voting to be by Australian Ballot. Polls Open: **10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**
- Article 3: To hear and dispose of reports of Town Officers and hear and dispose of accounts.
- Article 4: Shall the Town authorize the Treasurer to collect real and personal municipal property taxes to be payable to the Treasurer on or before August 10, 2024, with delinquent taxes subject to penalty of 8% and interest charges of one percent per month?
- Article 5: Shall the Town authorize the Treasurer to collect real and personal education property taxes to be payable to the Treasurer in four installments due October 10, 2024, December 10, 2024, February 10, 2025 and May 10, 2025, with interest on late installments at the rate of 1% per month and penalty on delinquents amounts at 8%.
- Article 6: Shall the Town raise taxes in the amount of \$711,000 to defray the general expenses of the Town?
- Article 7: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to sell 20 acres m/l of land owned by the Town of Newbury, tax map 15-00-53 located on Old Stagecoach Road.
- Article 8: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to sell 24 acres m/l of land owned by the Town of Newbury, tax map 16-02-28 located on Halls Lake Road aka Old Ski Tow property.

- Article 9: Shall the voters of the Town of Newbury vote to exempt the Vermont Congregational Home, Inc. (dba Frances Atkinson Residence for the Retired) a 501C3 non-profit level-3 residential care facility located at 4717 Rt 5 S, Newbury, VT from property taxes to the Town for the next ten (10) years, beginning with 2024 taxes. Provision for such exemption is included in Vermont State statute 32 V.S.A. 3840.
- Article 10: Shall the Town raise taxes in the amount of \$884,000 for highway purposes?
- Article 11: To transact any other business necessary to come before said meeting.

Olivia Royce
[Signature]
[Signature]
Selectboard

Newbury, Vermont, January 24, 2024

I hereby certify that the foregoing
was recorded before posting.

Attest, Mary P. Collins
Town Clerk

Sullivan, Powers & Co., P.C.

Certified Public Accountants

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January 29, 2024

Selectboard
Town of Newbury
P.O. Box 126
Newbury, Vermont 05051

We have reviewed the financial statements of the Town of Newbury, Vermont as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023.

The financial statements and our report thereon will be available for public inspection at the Town Offices.

Sullivan, Powers & Co.

TOWN OF NEWBURY, VERMONT
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2023

	General Fund	Highway Fund	Equipment Reserve Fund	Building Maintenance Fund	ARPA Fund	Non-Major Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<u>ASSETS</u>							
Cash	\$ 1,035,908	\$ 0	\$ 752,652	\$ 435,010	\$ 349,336	\$ 2,310	\$ 2,575,216
Investments	0	0	0	0	0	254,992	254,992
Receivables (Net of Allowance for Uncollectibles)	95,687	120	0	1,270	0	13,575	110,652
Prepaid Expenses	14,495	0	0	0	0	818	15,313
Due from Other Funds	0	567,480	1	0	0	144,807	712,288
Total Assets	\$ 1,146,090	\$ 567,600	\$ 752,653	\$ 436,280	\$ 349,336	\$ 416,502	\$ 3,668,461
<u>LIABILITIES</u>							
Accounts Payable	\$ 9,385	\$ 28,080	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 297	\$ 4,521	\$ 42,283
Accrued Payroll and Benefits Payable	7,000	12,460	0	0	0	2,619	22,079
Due to Other Funds	702,593	0	0	0	0	9,695	712,288
Unearned Revenue	0	106,712	0	0	342,338	0	449,050
Due to Others	101	0	0	0	0	0	101
Due to Taxpayers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Due to School District	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Liabilities	719,079	147,252	0	0	342,635	16,835	1,225,801
<u>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</u>							
Prepaid Property Taxes	587	0	0	0	0	0	587
Unavailable Grants	0	0	0	0	0	12,331	12,331
Unavailable Property Taxes, Penalties and Interest	75,000	0	0	0	0	0	75,000
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	75,587	0	0	0	0	12,331	87,918
<u>FUND BALANCES</u>							
Nonspendable	14,495	0	0	0	0	6,554	21,049
Restricted	0	0	0	0	0	213,852	213,852
Committed	0	420,348	752,653	0	0	0	1,173,001
Assigned	188,717	0	0	436,280	6,701	179,261	810,959
Unassigned	148,212	0	0	0	0	(12,331)	135,881
Total Fund Balances	351,424	420,348	752,653	436,280	6,701	387,336	2,354,742
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances	\$ 1,146,090	\$ 567,600	\$ 752,653	\$ 436,280	\$ 349,336	\$ 416,502	\$ 3,668,461

TOWN OF NEWBURY, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	General Fund	Highway Fund	Equipment Reserve Fund	Building Maintenance Fund	ARPA Fund	Non-Major Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues:							
Property Taxes	\$ 648,217	\$ 829,000	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,477,217
Penalties and Interest on Delinquent Taxes	27,439	0	0	0	0	0	27,439
Intergovernmental	84,614	314,324	0	0	58,065	107,760	564,763
Charges for Services	34,803	0	0	24,344	0	70,296	129,443
Permits, Licenses and Fees	19,227	460	0	0	0	5,784	25,471
Investment Income	7,751	0	9,839	5,324	5,319	2,174	30,407
Donations	0	0	0	0	0	54,858	54,858
Other	1,101	1,651	100,000	0	0	0	102,752
Total Revenues	823,152	1,145,435	109,839	29,668	63,384	240,872	2,412,350
Expenditures:							
General Government	417,975	0	0	0	48,864	15,131	481,970
Public Safety	261,290	0	0	0	0	0	261,290
Highways and Streets	36	872,647	0	0	0	0	872,683
Culture and Recreation	56,207	0	0	0	0	206,596	262,803
Cemetery	15,196	0	0	0	0	3,838	19,034
Solid Waste and Recycling	24,634	0	0	0	0	0	24,634
Capital Outlay:							
Public Safety	0	0	0	0	9,200	0	9,200
Highways and Streets	0	347,197	0	0	0	0	347,197
Total Expenditures	775,338	1,219,844	0	0	58,064	225,565	2,278,811
Excess/(Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	47,814	(74,409)	109,839	29,668	5,320	15,307	133,539
Other Financing Sources/(Uses):							
Insurance Proceeds	0	2,779	0	0	0	0	2,779
Transfers In	9,000	205,000	195,000	20,000	0	1,694	430,694
Transfers Out	(86,694)	(130,000)	(205,000)	(9,000)	0	0	(430,694)
Total Other Financing Sources/(Uses)	(77,694)	77,779	(10,000)	11,000	0	1,694	2,779
Net Change in Fund Balances	(29,880)	3,370	99,839	40,668	5,320	17,001	136,318
Fund Balances - January 1, 2023	381,304	416,978	652,814	395,612	1,381	370,335	2,218,424
Fund Balances - December 31, 2023	\$ 351,424	\$ 420,348	\$ 752,653	\$ 436,280	\$ 6,701	\$ 387,336	\$ 2,354,742

DELINQUENT TAX REPORT

as of December 31, 2023

TOWN & HIGHWAY

Delinquent taxes presented by warrant on 08/15/23 - \$123,134

Collected in 2023 - \$109,585 taxes, \$5,684 interest

Year(s) Billed	No. of Accounts		Amount	
	<u>12/31/22</u>	<u>12/31/23</u>	<u>12/31/22</u>	<u>12/31/23</u>
2016-2020	14	6	\$ 5,639	\$ 4,218
2021	32	11	11,851	3,917
2022	107	50	41,163	17,855
2023		108		46,662
Delinquent Town and Highway Taxes			\$ 59,103	\$72,652

SCHOOL

Delinquent taxes presented by warrant on 5/16/23 - \$155,748

Collected in 2023- \$ 150,576 taxes, \$13,368 interest

Year(s) Billed	No. of Accounts		Amount	
	<u>12/31/22</u>	<u>12/31/23</u>	<u>12/31/22</u>	<u>12/31/23</u>
2018-2020	24	5	\$ 12,238	\$ 5,670
2021	70	22	55,943	16,340
2022		70		51,343
Total Delinquent School Taxes			\$ 68,181	\$ 73,353

The increase in outstanding balances is due in part to being unable to schedule a tax sale during the last two years. We are currently working with an attorney and hope to hold a sale in the spring.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Collins, Delinquent Tax Collector

STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED
DECEMBER 31, 2023

Grand List – 06/20/2023

Town	\$2,376,850
Highway	2,082,430

Billed: Town tax	2,376,850 @ .275	\$ 653,634
Highway tax	2,082,430 @ .38	791,323
Wells River highway	294,420 @ .1266	37,274
Billing Adjustments		<u>3,488</u>
Total Taxes Receivable		\$1,485,719

Current Taxes Collected	1,323,690
State Payments	38,895
Warrant to Delinquent Tax Collector	\$ 123,134

AUDITOR'S REPORT

We have examined a cross section of the Town of Newbury's account for 2023 and to the best of our knowledge, the statements and accounts are correct.

Hilda Huntoon
Jean Welch
Auditors, Town of Newbury

Statement of Indebtedness

The town has no debt as of 12/31/23.

BUDGET REPORTS

TOWN ACCOUNT	2023 BUDGET	2023 ACTUAL	VARIANCE	2024 BUDGET
REVENUES				
Property Taxes	646,350.00	648,216.67	1,866.67	711,000.00
State of Vt - Hold Harmless Payment	69,000.00	68,399.00	(601.00)	67,000.00
PILOT		13,514.83		8,000.00
Licenses	4,000.00	5,880.00	1,880.00	5,000.00
Investment Income	350.00	7,222.36	6,872.36	5,000.00
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	6,000.00	6,524.10	524.10	5,500.00
Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	15,000.00	20,914.91	5,914.91	15,000.00
Zoning Fees & Fines	7,800.00	8,929.70	1,129.70	7,600.00
Current Use Refund	-	2,700.00	2,700.00	-
Tire Recycle Fees	100.00	151.00	51.00	100.00
Recording, Copies, Misc	25,000.00	20,389.42	(4,610.58)	20,000.00
School Tax Account - Collection Costs	17,500.00	17,500.00	-	17,500.00
Reimb - bookkeeping services	1,200.00	1,200.00	-	1,200.00
State of Vermont - Fines	750.00	-	(750.00)	-
Land lease, user fees	100.00	150.00	50.00	100.00
Insurance Claim/ Refund		104.00	104.00	-
Insurance Billings	-	350.00	350.00	-
TOTAL REVENUES	793,150.00	822,145.99	15,481.16	863,000.00
General Government				
Personnel				
Salaries	160,000.00	125,559.38	34,440.62	160,000.00
Penalties - Del Collector	4,500.00	4,500.00	-	4,500.00
Social Security	12,700.00	10,903.70	1,796.30	14,000.00
Childcare Payroll Tax				500.00
Insurance Benefits/Unemployment	30,000.00	6,427.11	23,572.89	16,800.00
Retirement	7,000.00	4,641.23	2,358.77	8,000.00
Reimbursed Expenses	400.00	395.55	4.45	700.00
Education	700.00	158.00	542.00	700.00
Total Personnel Expense	215,300.00	152,584.97	62,715.03	205,200.00
Office				
Building Maintenance	4,000.00	3,686.99	313.01	5,000.00
Cleaning	3,100.00	2,826.00	274.00	3,000.00
Equipment	2,000.00	1,119.00	881.00	2,500.00
Equipment Repairs/Contract	350.00	350.00	-	350.00
Listers Office & Salaries	51,000.00	50,232.19	767.81	66,000.00
Postage	5,200.00	5,917.08	(717.08)	5,200.00
Printing & Advertising	4,500.00	4,650.65	(150.65)	4,700.00
Software Contract/Consultant	14,000.00	12,265.38	1,734.62	15,000.00
Supplies	4,500.00	3,949.04	550.96	4,500.00
Telephone/Internet Service	2,500.00	2,635.94	(135.94)	3,000.00
Utilities	8,000.00	5,969.50	2,030.50	8,000.00
Total Office Expense	99,150.00	93,601.77	5,548.23	117,250.00
Professional Services				
Audit	10,000.00	10,000.00	-	11,000.00
Insurance	65,000.00	66,634.92	(1,634.92)	68,000.00
Legal	12,000.00	1,622.50	10,377.50	8,000.00
Taxes, Licenses, Dues	64,000.00	65,679.93	(1,679.93)	65,000.00
Total Professional Services	151,000.00	143,937.35	7,062.65	152,000.00

General Govt continued	2023 BUDGET	2023 ACTUAL	VARIANCE	2024 BUDGET
Other				
Building Repairs and Renovations	20,000.00	9,767.90	10,232.10	12,000.00
Interest	100.00	-	100.00	100.00
Justices/Election	2,500.00	1,585.00	915.00	4,500.00
Pound	2,800.00	1,760.05	1,039.95	2,200.00
Dog Listing	400.00	250.56	149.44	400.00
Zoning/Planning Commission	8,000.00	13,847.44	(5,847.44)	4,000.00
Conservation Commission	800.00	830.50	(30.50)	850.00
Solid Waste - Recycling	29,000.00	24,633.83	4,366.17	30,000.00
Miscellaneous	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	1,000.00
Total Other Expense	64,600.00	52,675.28	11,924.72	55,050.00
Total General Government	530,050.00	442,799.37	87,250.63	529,500.00
Emergency Services				
Fire Department				
Payroll	31,000.00	22,468.00	8,532.00	35,000.00
FICA	3,200.00	2,522.06	677.94	3,500.00
Consumables	1,600.00	220.39	1,379.61	1,500.00
Education & Training	2,300.00	3,065.00	(765.00)	4,000.00
Dues	1,250.00	1,073.00	177.00	1,250.00
Insurance	1,100.00	1,053.00	47.00	1,100.00
Electricity	2,850.00	3,168.62	(318.62)	3,000.00
Heat	6,000.00	4,271.51	1,728.49	6,000.00
Telephone	3,500.00	3,400.32	99.68	3,200.00
Answering Service	4,000.00	3,499.50	500.50	3,800.00
Rent	100.00	100.00	-	100.00
Water	600.00	567.00	33.00	600.00
Repairs	14,000.00	11,516.22	2,483.78	14,000.00
Fuel	3,000.00	2,602.84	397.16	3,000.00
Propane	250.00	367.03	(117.03)	250.00
Supplies	1,300.00	297.97	1,002.03	800.00
Equipment	29,000.00	18,559.66	10,440.34	20,000.00
Forestry Equipment	500.00	433.55	66.45	500.00
Building Maintenance	2,000.00	6,358.96	(4,358.96)	7,000.00
Dry Hydrant	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	2,000.00
Transfer to Equipment Reserve	55,000.00	55,000.00	-	55,000.00
Total Fire Department	163,550.00	140,544.63	23,005.37	165,600.00
Other				
Emergency Management	950.00	300.00	650.00	950.00
EMS	23,500.00	20,313.92	3,186.08	27,000.00
Emergency Services Administrator	7,500.00	7,500.00	-	7,500.00
Emergency Medical Co-ordinator	3,000.00	3,000.00	-	3,000.00
Police Protection	15,500.00	900.43	14,599.57	13,500.00
Total Other	50,450.00	32,014.35	18,435.65	51,950.00
Total Emergency Services	214,000.00	172,558.98	41,441.02	217,550.00

Town Account continued	2023 BUDGET	2023 ACTUAL	VARIANCE	2024 BUDGET
Bridges & Rails				
Bridges & Rails	5,000.00	36.16	4,963.84	7,000.00
Bridge Grants	30,000.00		30,000.00	3,000.00
Total Bridges & Rails	35,000.00	36.16	34,963.84	10,000.00
Public Safety & Health				
Capstone	500.00	500.00	-	500.00
Central VT Adult Basic Ed	1,000.00	1,000.00	-	1,000.00
Central VT Council on Aging	1,000.00	1,000.00	-	1,000.00
Clara Martin Center	3,000.00	3,000.00	-	3,000.00
Green Mt Economic Development	500.00	500.00	-	500.00
Green Up Vermont	1,000.00	1,396.20	(396.20)	1,500.00
Orange County Restorative Justice Ctr	350.00	350.00	-	350.00
Orange County Parent Child Center	500.00	500.00	-	0.00
Safeline	700.00	700.00	-	700.00
Tri-Valley Transportation	4,500.00	4,500.00	-	4,500.00
Vermont Congragational Home	2,500.00	2,500.00	-	2,500.00
Visiting Nurse Alliance & Hospice	8,500.00	8,500.00	-	8,500.00
VT Rural Fire Protection	100.00	100.00	-	100.00
VT Center for Independent Living	460.00	460.00	-	460.00
Wells River Action Program	400.00	400.00	-	400.00
Health Officer	3,000.00	3,000.00	-	3,000.00
Ambulance Service Contract	103,185.00	103,185.00	-	122,424.00
Total Public Safety & Health	131,195.00	131,591.20	(396.20)	150,434.00
Culture & Recreation				
Recreation Department	13,000.00	11,655.66	1,344.34	13,000.00
Beach Maintenance	5,500.00	4,553.36	946.64	5,500.00
4th of July Parade	650.00	650.00	-	650.00
Baldwin Memorial Library	16,000.00	16,000.00	-	17,250.00
Halls Lake Association - Milfoil Control	6,000.00	6,000.00	-	6,000.00
Lower Cohase	550.00	550.00	-	550.00
Mentoring Project of Upper Valley	1,500.00	1,500.00	-	1,500.00
Newbury Historical Society	3,000.00	3,000.00	-	3,000.00
Newbury Women's Club - Flower Boxes	250.00	250.00	-	250.00
Orange East Senior Center	6,000.00	6,000.00	-	6,000.00
Tenney Memorial Library	16,000.00	16,000.00	-	16,000.00
Total Culture & Recreation	68,450.00	66,159.02	2,290.98	69,700.00
Miscellaneous				
Cemetery Maintenance	20,000.00	15,196.40	4,803.60	20,000.00
Memorial Day	900.00	900.00	-	900.00
Veteran's Park	1,000.00	983.33	16.67	1,000.00
Total Miscellaneous	21,900.00	17,079.73	4,820.27	21,900.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,000,595.00	830,224.46	170,370.54	999,084.00

Town Account continued	2023 BUDGET	2023 ACTUAL	VARIANCE	2024 BUDGET
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,000,595.00	830,224.46		999,084.00
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenses	(207,445.00)	(8,078.47)	-	(136,084.00)
Transfer to Bridge Reserve Fund	(30,000.00)	(30,000.00)	-	(25,000.00)
Transfer from Bridge Reserve Fund	30,000.00	0.00	30,000.00	3,000.00
Transfer from Building Maint Fund	20,000.00	9,000.00	11,000.00	10,000.00
Transfer to Grant Fund		(1,694.28)	1,694.28	
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures and Transfers Out	(187,445.00)	(30,772.75)	(156,672.25)	(148,084.00)
Fund Equity - January 1	341,338.12	341,338.12		310,565.37
Fund Equity - December 31	153,893.12	310,565.37		162,481.37

HIGHWAY ACCOUNT

	2023 BUDGET	2023 ACTUAL	VARIANCE	2024 BUDGET
Property Taxes	829,000.00	829,000.00	-	884,000.00
State of Vermont - Hold Harmless Pymnt	90,000.00	90,518.47	518.47	90,000.00
State of Vermont - Grant	198,000.00	201,365.18	3,365.18	200,000.00
Grant-In-Aid	-	22,441.09	22,441.09	-
Insurance Claim	-	2,778.67	2,778.67	-
Misc	-	1,651.20	1,651.20	-
Weight Permit & Access Fees	400.00	460.00	60.00	400.00
TOTAL REVENUES	1,117,400.00	1,148,214.61	30,814.61	1,174,400.00

Personnel

Salaries	320,500.00	296,225.85	24,274.15	335,000.00
Social Security	24,500.00	24,394.96	105.04	27,000.00
Childcare Payroll Tax				737.00
Insurance Benefits	106,000.00	76,302.96	29,697.04	106,000.00
Retirement	21,000.00	20,831.74	168.26	23,000.00
Clothing Allowance & Misc Benefits	4,000.00	3,060.00	940.00	4,000.00
Unemployment	500.00	-	500.00	500.00
Total Personnel	476,500.00	420,815.51	55,684.49	496,237.00

Highway Account continued	2023 BUDGET	2023 ACTUAL	VARIANCE	2024 BUDGET
Gas & Oil	110,000.00	94,881.87	15,118.13	110,000.00
Equipment Maintenance & Repairs	55,000.00	44,686.76	10,313.24	55,000.00
Insurance Reimbursed Repairs	-	-	-	-
Stormwater, Environmental Compliance	1,990.00	1,765.00	225.00	1,350.00
Hired Equipment	42,000.00	17,949.52	24,050.48	20,000.00
Sand	55,000.00	54,534.50	465.50	55,000.00
Gravel	144,000.00	144,202.56	(202.56)	144,000.00
Salt	70,500.00	36,558.31	33,941.69	70,500.00
Chloride	19,500.00	5,000.00	14,500.00	19,500.00
Cold Patch	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	1,000.00
Resurfacing/Reconstruction	168,000.00	140,773.35	27,226.65	168,000.00
Grants-in-Aid	-	17,084.33	(17,084.33)	-
Culverts & Other Infrastructure	16,000.00	14,251.19	1,748.81	16,000.00
Signs	4,000.00	2,455.76	1,544.24	4,000.00
Supplies	2,000.00	1,377.45	622.55	2,000.00
Tools	1,500.00	1,201.53	298.47	1,500.00
Telephone/Communications	1,500.00	1,344.52	155.48	1,500.00
Contracted/ Professional Services	1,500.00	1,341.41	158.59	1,500.00
Utilities	14,000.00	10,052.36	3,947.64	14,000.00
Garage Building Repairs & Maint	10,000.00	3,144.25	6,855.75	30,000.00
Equipment	1,000.00	1,424.00	(424.00)	1,000.00
Tractor Warranty				4,000.00
Excavator Rental/Purchase			-	25,000.00
Pavement Maintenance	10,000.00	-	10,000.00	10,000.00
Miscellaneous	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	1,000.00
Total Other Operating Expenses	729,490.00	594,028.67	135,461.33	755,850.00
Non - Recurring Equipment Expense	220,000.00	205,000.00	15,000.00	210,000.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,425,990.00	1,219,844.18	206,145.82	1,462,087.00
Excess (Deficiency) of Rev over Expenses	(308,590.00)	(71,629.57)	236,960.43	(287,687.00)
Transfers To Capital Equip	(110,000.00)	(110,000.00)	-	(115,000.00)
Transfer To Building Fund	(20,000.00)	(20,000.00)		(25,000.00)
Transfers From Capital Fund	220,000.00	205,000.00	(15,000.00)	210,000.00
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures and Transfers	(218,590.00)	3,370.43	251,960.43	(217,687.00)
Fund Equity January 1	416,978.32	416,978.32		420,348.75
Fund Equity December 31	198,388.32	420,348.75		202,661.75

BUDGET NOTES

Revenues

Taxes

The town uses the modified accrual basis of accounting that requires revenue received within sixty days of the end of the year to be accounted for in the prior year. An estimate of anticipated tax collection through February 2023 is included in this line.

Expenditures

General Fund

Listers Office

The budget amount allows for hours for a third lister.

Building Repairs and Renovations

Several repairs are still needed at the West Newbury Fire Station. A transfer from the building fund will offset a portion of these expenditures.

Zoning

Legal fees due to an appeal of a permit application decision resulted in over expenditures in this account.

Bridge Grant

Although we were awarded a grant for engineering costs for replacement of a large culvert on Roger Hill Road, work has not yet been scheduled.

Cemetery Maintenance

Transfer of the Wells River Cemetery property to the town has been completed. The West Newbury Cemetery lot was surveyed and appropriations made to the 6 cemetery associations.

Ambulance

The board was informed of another substantial increase in the per capita rate by the Woodsville Rescue Ambulance board. The cost of this service has almost doubled since 2022.

Highway Fund

Equipment Purchases

The 2017 dump truck will be replaced. The decision will be made in the spring regarding rental or purchase of an excavator.

Equipment Reserve Funds

The balances of the reserve account funds as of December 31 were: highway equipment - \$251,848 and fire equipment - \$234,240.

Other Designated Funds Balances

Preservation of Records	64,073
Bandstand Fund	1,559
Building Fund	375,547
Highway Building Fund	60,733
Bridge Fund	266,563
Reappraisal Fund	175,196
History Publishing	40,633
Cemetery	7,063
Cemetery Operating	44,654
Bayley Fund	2,310
Cemetery Endowments	5,898
Forest Management	2,453
Conservation	1,006
Conservation Committee Fundraising	4,023
Listers' Education	2,506
Recreation Fundraising	226
After School Program	68,790
Tucker Mountain Management	20,136
School Tax Collection Account	207,586

06/30/23 cash balance

We've tried to highlight the accounts that might generate questions in this report. Please do not hesitate to contact the treasurer's office if you have any other questions related to the budget and revenue and expenses of the town.

ARPA activity

Receipts

Total Grant received	\$422,482
Interest	<u>6,998</u>

Total \$429,480

Expenditures

Digitizing land record	\$13,988
Highway salaries	20,834
Speed radar signs	9,200
Village of Newbury	10,000
Cross Vermont Trail	10,000
Engineering and other professional	<u>16,122</u>
services - proposed fire station	

Total Expended as of 12/31 80,144

Balance as of 12/31 \$349,336

Committed to highway salaries thru 12/2026 15,500

Reserved for building needs 333,836

Report of the Town Budget Advisory Committee

Throughout the past year, the volunteer Town Budget Advisory Committee met several times with the Selectboard to hear and review proposals from town departments and committees. The 2024 budget presented in the Town Report is the result of discussion, debate and collaboration with the Selectboard and Town Treasurer.

	<u>Basis</u>	<u>2023 Rate</u>	<u>2024 Rate</u>
Selectboard Member Stipend	Annual	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00
Selectboard Chair Stipend	Annual	\$20,000.00	\$5,000.00
Selectboard Meetings	Per Meeting	\$50.00	\$50.00
Town Clerk	Hourly	\$25.00	\$25.00
Town Treasurer	Hourly	\$29.00	\$31.00
Tax Collector	Monthly Stipend	\$375.00	\$375.00
Listers	Hourly	\$22.10	\$22.98
Constable	Hourly	\$23.48	\$24.42

The upcoming year will likely result in progress towards to significant building upgrades with a new Village fire station and a new town highway garage in different stages of development. While the Building Reserve Fund and ARPA funds commitment from the Selectboard show about \$700k in available funds, it is likely that once we have a better sense of the costs of these buildings, detailed information will be provided in advance of a special town meeting seeking approval and voting on some borrowing to pay for them. The hope is to offset such borrowing with savings in apparatus/equipment going forward.

This budget season has resulted in real challenges due to inflationary pressures, resulting in increases in both the town/general fund and the highway budgets. We have had the good fortune of level funded tax rates for the past several years but unfortunately, that cannot continue. The biggest single budget line-item increase comes from a 19% increase (\$19k) in the Woodsville Ambulance contract.

Employee salaries and retention remain a focus, as well, as a highly competitive labor market and the cost of living have caused employers throughout the region to reassess the value of talented employees. In addition to an opening on the highway maintenance team and needs for firefighters and EMS folks, numerous town boards and commissions are seeking volunteers

to fill out their rosters. Please consider serving our town in whichever of these entities might best fit your interest and skills by contacting the town clerk, selectboard or point-person as noted in the report.

We also recommend the following additions to the various Town Department Reserve Accounts:

Fire Department Reserve Account	\$ 55,000
Bridge Reserve Account	\$ 25,000
Highway Equipment Reserve Account	\$115,000
Highway Building Maintenance Reserve Acct	\$ 25,000

We hope to see you to discuss the reports, budget and any other issues at the March 5th town meeting, the first since 2020. There will be all-day ballot voting for officers.

Respectively submitted by the Newbury Town Budget Advisory Committee,

Dennis Hopta, Janet Cole, Marvin Harrison

After-School Program

It seems that every year the After-School Program welcomes new faces and deals with challenges. Looking back on the last 12 months, we have hired three new employees and welcomed approximately 15 new students into our programs. We serve around 50 students (Kindergarten through sixth grade) between the Newbury and BMU locations. Recent legislation passed at the Vermont State level (Act 76 – Child Care) will give many families in our area the opportunity for subsidy help to cover the cost of their children attending one of our programs. In addition, we have applied for and will receive the “Readiness Grant” funding to help cover the costs of expanding the two current programs and possibly adding more locations.

We continue to provide a safe, nurturing, and engaging environment for all children attending the programs, which is our primary mission. Over the past year, we focused on exposing the children to a variety of experiences. We have also spent much time and effort to help the children become better equipped to deal with current and future challenges. We have done so through activities that help them practice mindfulness, public speaking, problem solving, and team work. We give a special “shout out” to Mia Beck and Jada Longmore for their efforts in developing a mindfulness curriculum.

Direct community involvement has always been a primary staple in the ASP. We would like to thank the following individuals and local companies for their time and dedication to our children. We appreciate you – the program would not be with same without you!

Woodworking club- Jeff McKelvey, Doug Merrill, Craig Hervey, Cooper Leland, Rick Damon, Don Weisburger, Jeff Page, Tom Kidder, Oakes Bros., Kendall Roofing Co., Bernie Marvin/*Bridge Weekly, Journal Opinion*, and Mike Gendron Lumber

“What I Want to Be...”- Marko the Magician/Hypnotist, Dan Berna (Nature Photographer), Patrick Ross (Musician), Matt Nusbaum (DJ Services), Angela Wendell (Colatina Exit), Sarah Pushee (Red Clover Bikes), Bernie Marvin (*Bridge Weekly* reporter)

Riverbend Career and Technical Center- Brian Emerson, Kevin Lawrence, Laura Shrewsbury and the Riverbend staff

Apple Cider Making on the Newbury Common- Art Morris

Halloween Hayride- Craig and Lisa Hervey

We would also like to thank four individuals who gave us tremendous support along with their staffs: Loretta Cruz (NES Principal), Scott Blood (BMU Principal), Labette Page (NES), and Amber Tatro (BMU). You welcome us into your schools on a daily basis during the school year and are very helpful in ensuring the continuance of our five-week summer program.

Finally, we would like to recognize the wonderful and caring individuals on our staff who are happy to share their talents, empathy, and dependability each and every day! The children and parents are very fortunate to have such a supportive and professional group: Theresa Rouelle, Lindsey Bolger, Megan Hebb, Denise Ayers, Billie Lamarre, Jen Allen, Sophie Martineau, Mia Beck, Jada Longmore, Abigail Emerson, Amy Sherman, and Wendy Buhner. We look forward to watching our programs continue to grow and flourish into 2024!

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Jewett- Program Administrator

NEWBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION (NCC)
www.newburyconservation.org **Visit Us on Facebook**

MISSION STATEMENT: To increase public awareness of natural resources in Newbury through educational campaigns and gathering resource data in order to provide residents with the information they need to make informed decisions.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED: We need new members. Our to-do-list is long and we need your help.

REPORT FOR 2023: NCC Monthly meeting are at 7p.m. 2nd Tuesday of the month at Baldwin Library In Wells River. We are working to improve our Zoom Access. All Newbury residents are invited to attend, share, and learn.

NCC SUPPORTS AND SPONSORS THE FOLLOWING EVENTS FOR 2024:

- Birding With Bill on the Wells River Nature Trail: Mid-May date to be set. (24th Year)
- Paddle the Border: Spring May 19, Fall October 6 (21st Year)
- Trails Day Work Day on the Wells River Nature Trails: June 1 (27th Year)
- So Long Summer Hello Fall Wells River Village Festival: August 31 (13^h Year)
- Fall Foliage Bicycle Ride on the Cross Vermont Trail: September 28th (27^h Year)

NCC GOALS FOR 2024:

This year NCC will start working on a Natural Resources Inventory for the town. Over the years we have been gathering bits & pieces of information working towards this goal. We expect that this process could take up to two years + and we hope to enlist many Newbury volunteers to help.

- NCC will continue working on a Natural Resources Inventory for the town of Newbury. This would include: understanding the value and relationship between continuous forest habitat, open land, wetlands [including ponds, rivers/streams] and developing a town policy that balances conservation, public recreation and educational opportunity.
- NCC will continue to work with other committees in Newbury: The Planning Commission, Tucker Mt. Town Forest Management Committee, and the Recreation Committee.
- NCC will continue our public outreach and find new ways to host educational workshops to increase our involvement with the residents of Newbury in local conservation efforts. We will continue to improve our social media presence to promote events, share pictures and stories of adventures in Newbury.
- NCC congratulates the Hall Lake Association for being selected to participate in the State of Vermont's Lake Water Action Program. NCC is looking forward to working with and supporting the Hall Lake Association with these projects.
- NCC will continue to work with the Cross Vermont Trail Association to bring the trail off Rte. 302 and in to Wells River Village as well as working on trail maintenance and other programs to improve the trail. www.crossvermont.org
- NCC has started to work with the State of Vermont and the Cross Vermont Trail Association on improving bicycling and pedestrian access and safety in the Village of Wells River and throughout Newbury.

Contact Michael Thomas 802-757-3960 or mikethom1@charter.net
Submitted by: Carol Stoll, Cal Lynes, Michael Thomas

Emergency Management Director Fire Department Head of Services

In June of 2023 I met with the Red Cross and re-established our emergency shelters in town. BMU and Newbury Elementary are 2 locations we would use in the event of a major incident involving the relocation of people of the town. BMU has full services even in the event of a power outage, and we would be able to set up sleeping arrangements and have meals also.

The EMD has been updating our Local Emergency Management Plan as the year goes on. There are always telephone numbers and other important information that changes all the time. This plan is always a work in progress. Along with Alma Roystan's assistance, we try to keep this information as up to date as we can.

The Fire Station Study Committee has been working on several ways to help keep costs down on updating or replacing trucks and/or buildings. Several ideas have been discussed, and work is ongoing to update the Newbury Village station. The committee is doing a lot of research on this.

In 2024 it looks like we can maintain an even operating budget with no increase. I met with the budget committee on January 6, 2024 to discuss our budget for the 3 stations.

We need some new members at West Newbury station. If you or if you know of someone who may be interested, please have them contact any of the 3 fire chiefs for an application. Being a firefighter or EMT is a very rewarding way to give back to your community.

Thank you to every Emergency Services responder in our Town; with your dedication and knowledge the people of Newbury are much safer. Your time away from home, your families, and work show just how much you care for our Town and the people who live here.

Wells River and West Newbury stations have answering machines on their phones, but we are not in the station every day. If you have called one of the station phones and left a message, please remember that you may not get a call back in a timely fashion. Sometimes the answering machine is overlooked for days or even weeks. Call the town office if you don't get a call back right away, and they will contact the local chief with your message.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeffrey Morin
Emergency Management Director
Fire Department Head of Services

Newbury EMS

Newbury Emergency Medical Service (Newbury EMS) responded to a record 324 emergency calls during the year 2023. As we enter our 15th year of operation, the squad currently consists of 7 members, which includes 1 Paramedic, 1 AEMT, and 5 EMT's. All are certified by the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians. We continue to provide pre-hospital emergency care to our community on a 24 hr. basis 7 days a week.

It should be noted that all emergency medical personnel are required to have both a National Registry and Vermont EMS license. At least 40 hours of continuing education hours are required every 2 years, along with refresher training and protocol updates, in order to maintain said licenses and to keep their skills sharp. Please join me in thanking these folks and their families for their huge commitment as part of this squad.

Finally, in an emergency situation, when you have called for an ambulance, it is most likely that Newbury EMS personnel will be the first on scene. These providers will check the patient for any immediate life threats and provide appropriate interventions according to their scope of practice. They will also begin to obtain what is known as a SAMPLE history. SAMPLE is a mnemonic for the following information:

- S: Signs and Symptoms** (the chief complaint that caused you to call for help)
- A: Any known Allergies**
- M: Medications** (If possible, have a list of the patient's meds available.)
- P: Pertinent Past Medical History**
- L: Last Oral Intake** (In case surgery is needed, we need to know when, not what, the patient last ate.)
- E: Events** leading up to the illness or injury

Community members can greatly help us if they can have as much of this information ready for us when we arrive. Known allergies, medications, and past medical history are items that can be kept on hand prior to an emergency, especially for elderly patients or for those of any age with chronic medical conditions. Also, please help us find you by having a sign that clearly shows your 911 address and that is visible when approaching your home from any direction.

Thank you from all of us for your continued support.

2023 Run Summary

Total Number of Calls	324	Calls East of I-91	190
Number of Medical Calls	206	Calls I-91 & West	134
Number of Trauma Calls	112	Motor Vehicle Accidents	34
Fire/Standby Related Calls	6	Mutual Aid	6
Average Number of Responders per call: 2.5			

Fire Warden

The number of permits issued for **BRUSH, GRASS, LEAVES AND CLEAN WOOD** in 2023 was about average of previous years at 180. Remember, if you burn without a permit or burn illegal items, the town can issue a bill for reimbursement, containment, and extinguishment of the fire. There could also be a fine and/or community service. Please do not burn anything other than what is legal and remember:

WE MAY ONLY ISSUE PERMITS FOR BRUSH, GRASS, LEAVES AND CLEAN WOOD.

With adequate snow cover on the ground (2-4" min), you may burn without a permit, but we would appreciate a call letting us know that you are going to burn, and remember **YOU MAY ONLY BURN BRUSH, GRASS, LEAVES AND CLEAN WOOD.** If you have anything else to burn (such as old buildings, collapsed or partially burned buildings etc.) you must contact the VT Dept. of Air Pollution Control 1-802-272-4088. They will advise you of the procedure to follow. We are receiving more and more reports of burning without a permit and burning illegal items. When you obtain a burn permit, it does not mean you can burn anything you want. Follow the law and burn what is legal.

TRASH BURN BARRELS ARE NOT PERMITTED IN THE STATE OF VERMONT!

CAMPFIRES ARE LEGAL AND REQUIRE NO PERMIT.

Thank you to all of you who continue to call for permits even when there is snow on the ground.

Fire Warden
Jeffrey Morin

During the FIRE season, the times for burning are as follows.

Monday through Friday after 5PM out by 9AM the following day.

Weekend Permits MAY be issued for BRUSH, GRASS, LEAVES OR CLEAN WOOD ONLY during any hours if weather permits, and the fire is out by 9AM Monday. Fires must always be monitored, DO NOT LEAVE YOUR FIRE UNATTENDED! (Remember your permit is a privilege not a right and it can be revoked at any time by any of the following people whether they issued it or not. Also, you the permit holder are bound by State of Vermont Forestry Regulations regarding fire laws.) Please try to call a day ahead for your permit.

To obtain a fire permit please call one of the following a day in advance if possible.

Jeffrey Morin 757-2706

Steve Sharf 429-2292

If you get no answer from whom you normally get a permit, call the next person listed. We may not be home during the day so please be patient and wait for one of us to call back. **No call back = no permit!**

ONLY THE NUMBERS LISTED CAN ISSUE
PERMITS DO NOT CALL THE FIRE DEPT
EMERGENCY NUMBER FOR PERMITS

Newbury Village Firefighters

With deep gratitude and heavy hearts, Newbury Village firefighters would like to pay tribute to Dick Swenson's 65 years of service to the Town of Newbury. Dick joined the department in 1958. To put this in perspective, at that time almost none of the current members had yet been born. His practical know-how, situational awareness, and cheerful disposition served the town and his fellow firefighters continuously since that time. In a time of declining volunteerism, Dick's service remains an example of selfless generosity. Dick, it has been an honor to serve with you.

In 2023, Newbury Village's firefighters responded 40 times to 6 structure fires, 11 motor vehicle accidents, 7 smoke/CO alarm calls, 4 illegal burns, 5 trees on wires, 1 brush fire, and a variety of other calls. 20% of our calls were assistance to neighboring towns. All of Newbury's structure fires are assisted by fire departments from neighboring towns. This mutual aid network protects our homes 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

During 2023 our firefighters put in many hours of volunteer time in training, equipment maintenance, and community service including the Newbury Elementary School opening parade, helping host the Halloween trunk or treat on the Common, and parking cars at the North Haverhill Fair.

We would like to thank the Newbury Village community for their continued donations. These contributions are used to upgrade equipment, purchase water and snacks for the fireground, and defray miscellaneous expenses. Your donations are greatly appreciated!

Village resident Lynne Rider continues to spoil us with delicious home-baked goodies on our meeting and drill nights. We suspect this may be why our meetings are so well-attended. Thank you, Lynne!

Although we may think it will never happen in our home, fire danger is always present. Be vigilant! Change the batteries in your smoke and CO detectors every 6 months. Take care of those devices so they can take care of you while you sleep. Keep a fire extinguisher in your home. Fires double in size every 30 seconds. If it's small, put it out. Post your home street number so that it's clearly visible in both directions from the street. Even if we never respond to your address, posting street numbers helps us find others.

Please note that in case of a power outage, the Newbury Village Fire Station has backup power with heat. Although the station does not have a kitchen or shower and there is not much space, it has a bathroom and can serve as a warming station. Please contact any firefighter if you find yourself in a cold house without power.

Respectfully submitted,
Chief John Renfrew

Wells River Fire Station

As of December 31, 2023, the members of the Wells River Station have responded to 61 calls totaling over 630 hours for the year. We responded to structure fires, trees and wires down, CO alarms, mutual aid calls, alarm activations, EMS assists, and auto accidents. Electric vehicles are becoming more abundant and are on our roads daily. These vehicles, if on fire, pose a much greater risk to the environment and the firefighters from the issues with the battery. Remember all battery powered equipment may have this type of battery and could fail without notice. It is almost impossible to extinguish the battery if on fire. We can apply large amounts of water to try and cool the battery in hopes it may limit the thermal runaway. (See a video on lithium battery fires on youtube.com.)

Currently we have 14 members on our roster. We meet on the 1st Monday at 7 pm and have training on the 3rd Monday at 6 pm. If you or if know of someone who would like to give back to their community have them contact any of the fire department members to obtain an application. Being a firefighter is a very rewarding way to give back to your community.

As noted at the bottom of this report we need you to mark your property with your 911 road number. Sometimes it is very difficult for us to find your location without the number visible on the roadway. If you have a fire alarm system that dials out in the event of a fire emergency, please make sure it is going to a reputable alarm company.

Smoke / CO Alarms are certainly a must today as the materials we have in our homes and the materials our homes are built from burn so much more quickly and with deadly smoke. Today **3 to 5 minutes** to escape a house fire is the average; 30 years ago it was as high as 15 minutes. The reason for this decrease is due to changes in furniture manufacturing and home design trends. The types of furniture and other contents in today's homes include more plastics and petroleum-based products, which burn faster than traditional materials.

Thank you to all the community members for your continued support of the fire department.

Our yearly Super Raffle is scheduled for February 10, 2024. To all our ticket holders there will be more details coming to you soon.

Respectfully Submitted,
Chief Jeffrey Morin
802-757-2706

- *REMEMBER TO CHECK YOUR SMOKE AND CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS MONTHLY AND CHANGE THE BATTERIES TWICE A YEAR.**
- *ALSO CHECK THE EXPIRATION DATE ON THE BACK OF THE SMOKE OR CARBON MONOXIDE UNIT. IF IT IS 7 – 10 YEARS OLD, REPLACE THE ALARM.**
- *YOUR 911 NUMBER NEEDS TO BE VISIBLE AT THE ROAD FOR RESPONDING EMS, FIRE OR POLICE.**

West Newbury Fire Station

West Newbury Fire Station responded to 16 calls in 2023: 1 brush fire, 3 motor vehicle accidents, 1 grease fire, 4 structure fires, 2 cover assignments, 1 carbon monoxide alarm, and 4 fire alarm activations. Four of these calls were for mutual aid to other towns.

Membership is down, and we are looking for volunteers who can give time back to the community and participate in active firefighting duties. We meet on the first and third Wednesday of the month at the West Newbury Station on Snake Road. Newbury Village station is on automatic response to all West Newbury calls because of the low membership at the West Newbury Station.

Repairs and improvements have been made to the station, including a new roof in the back section of the building. Some more improvements are planned for 2024. Unfortunately, our pumper truck is showing its age, and some important decisions will have to be made about its future. It is currently working and in service.

The West Newbury Station would like to acknowledge and thank Ben Ilsley for his many years of service to the fire department.

A couple of reminders to homeowners: Please make it easy for us to find you, especially at night. Have good legible numbers on your house and mailbox at the road. Smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are great insurance against extensive property damage and loss of life. Consider installing these throughout your home. Check and test them at least twice a year. Lastly, never re-enter a burning building for any reason.

Respectfully submitted,
Wally Fischer, Interim Chief
wallyf@myfairpoint.net

Fire Department Steering Committee (FDSC)

The Fire Department Steering Committee (FDSC) met several times in 2023 to consider options for upgrading facilities in Newbury Village while, at the same time, considering the status of the buildings and staffing of the other two departments in Wells River village and West Newbury.

We thank John Renfrew for the many hours of work he has put into talking with fellow firefighters, engineers, site contractors and state officials to wade through regulations and best-practices and coming up with a design and basic plans for a new station in the village that would serve the fire department, Emergency Services and would also provide a public meeting space for polling, etc. With the FDSC reviewing and making some minor tweaks to those plans, the Selectboard determined that in order to properly prepare for an RFP (bid process), an architect needed to be involved so they, primarily Jeff McKelvey, worked through that process, resulting in an RFP being publicized in early November. Thanks, Jeff, for the countless hours you've put into this.

However, only one contractor showed interest and ultimately did not submit a bid, as it appears the commercial building market is stressed with all the flood-related damage driving the unfavorable demand/supply ratio. Consequently, the Selectboard and FDSC hope to have another RFP/bid process rolled out in the Spring with hopes for a 2025 building project.

Recently it came to light that a viable alternative site might be available and could provide for more flexibility with the station layout and traffic flow while still keeping the current station building and grounds for recycling and other municipal purposes. As this goes to press, committee members are looking more closely at those possibilities for this site which is still in the Village, just one mile south on Rt. 5 (across from the turn onto Moore Hill Rd.)

After finding out the likely cost of such a project through the bid process, an informational packet will be prepared and public meetings held, with the voters/taxpayers needing to support the project in order for it to move forward. So, stay tuned and we will keep folks posted through the upcoming months. In the meantime, if you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the Selectboard or FDSC Committee members (Jeff Morin, Jeff McKelvey, Dan Martin, Doug Merrill, John Renfrew, Bob Taylor, Mary Collins, Marvin Harrison).

Highway Department

This past summer we completed the year 5 "Grant in Aid" project which took place on a section of the North Road. It consisted of culvert replacement and ditch stabilization to better comply with our storm water permitting. This year we also received a Structures Grant for engineering for the replacement of a 7-foot culvert on Rogers Hill Road. Weather challenges were also an issue, with an extremely wet summer followed by both a Christmas and New Years mud season.

We do have several issues that need to be addressed for the future. Some we have no control over, some with the proper planning, we do.

Increasing costs of the materials that are purchased annually are a concern. Gravel, sand and salt as well as culvert pipe have all seen significant increases over the last couple of years. The cost of paving has changed dramatically and the cost of replacing equipment is rising faster than our reserve fund allows.

The department has several building needs. This summer we will try to find someone to do needed repairs on the salt shed which is starting to list. Also planned is an addition of two bays on the pole building to provide cover for a grader and the new tractor and mower. The condition of the main garage is something that needs to be addressed soon. The garage is basically a pole building close to forty years old. The floor is sinking in places, the roof needs attention, it does not heat efficiently and is undersized for the department's needs. Construction of a new building on site should be planned for the near future.

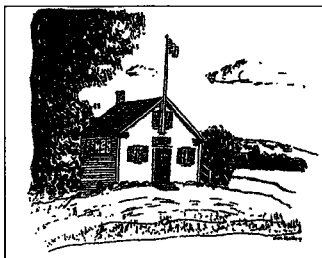
This past summer our long-term excavator person, George Emerson of Green Valley Excavation retired. George has served the Town for over 20 years, taking care of our digging needs, often putting aside customer jobs to help the Town in an emergency. Thank you for your service, George! Unfortunately, his retirement means we now need to either purchase or rent an excavator and trailer to meet the Town's needs.

Staffing issues have been a challenge as we have been short-handed multiple times for a significant portion of the year. We are currently a person short and thank our current crew members; Scot Emerson, Josh Grant, Mike Sackett, Lucas Welch and substitute Mike (winter Mike!) Hastings for doing an outstanding job picking up the slack!

Respectively submitted,

Bob Beaulieu

Highway Department



NEWBURY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Post Office Box 33 – Newbury, Vermont 05051
Museum at the old West Newbury School House
155 Tyler Farm Road – West Newbury, Vermont
newburyhistorical@gmail.com

In 2023, the Newbury Historical Society worked to realize our mission of engaging everyone in Newbury in exploring our town's rich cultural heritage through programs and events.

Awards

Newbury Elementary School's 6th grader Wyatt Wood won the annual McClintock Award for his love of history. NHS board members Aroline Putnam and Lenice Cicchini presented him with a visual encyclopedia of WW II at his graduation.

Programs

- * We celebrated sugar-making at Dustin & Valerie Putnam's sugarhouse. A wonderful turnout of visitors enjoyed seeing a traditional sugaring operation that included the sampling of warm syrup and raised doughnuts.
- * The night before the annual Jeremiah Ingalls' shape note "singing" at the Newbury Center Town House, NHS sponsored a "Singing School." Dr. Tom Malone, a senior lecturer at UMass Lowell, examined the life and work of Newbury's famous late 18th century composer and choirmaster Jeremiah Ingalls.
- * NHS and the Ryegate Historical Society co-sponsored a presentation by historian George Morrison about Lt. Col. Robert Rogers of Rogers' Rangers titled Robert Rogers, Hero or Scoundrel? Rogers, a major celebrity in his day, carried out military operations in our area during the French and Indian War era.
- * We co-sponsored a screening of the movie, "The Farm Boy," produced and directed by Vermont dairy farmer and filmmaker, George Woodard. The event raised \$1,698 for the VT Flood Response & Recovery Fund.

Other Activities

- * NHS greeted visitors to the Newbury Woman's Club Spring Flea Market.
- * We marched in the West Newbury Summer Festival Parade.
- * At the So Long Summer Hello Fall festival, we worked with Newbury resident Eleanor Placey to display Newbury High School yearbooks. Graduates of Newbury High School got to see themselves, family members, and friends staring back at them from the pages of the yearbooks.
- * We closed the Schoolhouse while we worked on climate control with the goal of ensuring responsible preservation of our collection.

Appreciations

- * First, we appreciate the voters of Newbury for supporting the NHS. You awarded us \$3000 last year, and we hope you will support us in this amount again this year as we face major capital expenses at the museum. Thank you!
- * We thank Richard Roderick for serving on our board for years as the vice-president of Buildings & Grounds, making many improvements to the Schoolhouse. We also thank Diann Cottrill for her contributions as our secretary.
- * We are fortunate to have a number of new, energetic, and committed board members: Valerie Putnam, Larissa Burak, Peggy Hewes, Larry Scott, Jeff Page, and Erin Fuller. And thanks to wonderful continuing board members Aroline Putnam, Carol Stoll, Ann Tardiff, and John Marsh.

--Cynthia Maltbie & Emmy Hausman, NHS Co-Chairs

Board of Listers

Dustin Putnam was appointed to the Listers Office in October.

We have a contract with a firm to do a town-wide reappraisal starting in July 2025 - June 2027.

The current CLA is 78.98 & COD is 25.44 for Newbury and CLA 79.84 & COD 24.19 for Wells River.

The Board of Listers would like to remind everyone in town that we are available to answer questions by e-mail or telephone about how your property values are determined and provide you with any other information concerning your property valuation.

We appreciate property owners contacting us for re-assessments, permit completions and demolition of buildings. Inspections are done in a timely manner and are helpful for our data collection.

Please remember that when you take down a structure to let us know, so we can remove it from your file, as well as when you add a structure to your property. Listers are required, by April 1st, to measure and assess all structures.

The Newbury website is: www.newburyvt.org and has a page dedicated to the Lister's office, as well as our CAI/GIS mapping and property cards. **If you notice any error in the online mapping, please let us know.** Also, the Grand List can be found on the website.

Please be sure to file your Homestead Declaration by federal & state Tax Day to avoid any penalties. This must be done every year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda Beaulieu
Janis Moore
Dustin Putnam

Hours: Monday-Friday 7:30am to 12:30pm 802-866-5026 listers@newburyvt.org

Newbury Recreation Department (NRD)

This was a year of changes, as our committee saw several shifts in membership throughout the last twelve months. Each of those individuals brought individual expertise and perspective that served our committee and community well. We thank each one of them for their service: Tim Ross, Hannah Leland, and Josh Grant. NRD now welcomes Amy Hayward and Rachel Harness to the board.

We wrapped up our '22/'23 basketball season with 51 players registered and a special congratulations to the boys' 3/4 grade team for a championship win at the Rivendell Rip Up Tournament.

Valentine's Day blushes were plentiful at the semi-formal Valentine's Day dance for all ages held in the Newbury Elementary School Gym on February 18th. We had approximately 50 attendees for this semi-formal with photobooth, and we're told that local children are already anticipating this year's dance.

Spring sun shone down on the Common for this year's Easter Egg Hunt where over 100 local children and their parents/guardians gathered in search of 1000 hidden eggs (20 prize eggs). Egg stuffing started a month in advance!

Opening day for the baseball/softball season was April 29th, and 51 players registered to play for Newbury. We were able to compose T-ball, Machine Pitch, Minors Baseball and Softball and Majors Softball teams. Four Majors Baseball players were sent to neighboring town teams to play.

Common Clean-Up happened on April 15th with 12-15 volunteers coming to help pull weeds on the baseball/softball fields, rake, clean the ice rink liner and store it away, and all around prepare for Summer.

As a new annual plan moving forward, we started the practice of meeting with the Newbury Woman's Club to review expectations and needs for the softball field use and to formulate a better community partnership. The Woman's Club partnered with us for our Capture the Flag community game on August 13th, providing baked goods and refreshments to 45-50 participants.

The annual semi-formal dance for 5/6 graders in Newbury and Wells River was held June 3rd. Student votes chose the winning theme: "A Day at the Beach".

Soccer sign ups started in August, when we held a soccer gear swap in conjunction with registration. This year 51 players registered to play, and we ended the season with some parents-versus-kids games which were fun and entertaining!

In keeping with our goal of holding more pick-up games, similar to Capture the Flag, NRD scheduled kickball on the Common in September. The turnout for this was fantastic! Once again, the skills of parents versus kids were tested, and the lazy, hot Sunday afternoon was passed with laughs and friendly banter.

As the leaves changed color and the temperatures cooled, we shifted our focus to the annual Halloween Howl and Pumpkin Hunt-always anticipated and well attended and this year was no exception. On October 21st, we hid 5 real pumpkins filled with “fright night” movie night prizes for the townspeople to hunt for, with clues posted on Facebook and available at the Newbury Village Store. In the afternoon we held a traditional festival for all- filled with spooky costumes and Autumn activities. This year, apple peeling, donut eating on a string, mummifying your partner with a roll of toilet paper, and finding ‘worms in a pie’ were among the contests 150 people took part in. We were lucky to be able to borrow the Bradford Masonic Lodge’s cotton candy machine and made maple cotton candy to sell. A special thank-you to the Bradford Masons and Joe Sampson for making this a reality for us!

As snowflakes began to fly in November, Bradford Parks and Recreation members came to aid us in assembling and setting up our town ice rink; a special thank-you to them! On December 16th, we held our annual holiday ornament hunt for 20 hidden ornaments, and on December 17th, participants came to claim their prizes and see Santa arrive on a Newbury Village Fire Truck. Hot cocoa, freshly popped popcorn, wagon rides, a fire pit, and Christmas music rounded out the event. Many volunteers made this special Sunday possible. We thank you all! A special thank-you goes out to Fire Chief John Renfrew and his team of fire fighters for all of their involvement and support with this event and many others for managing the flooding of our ice rink.

We appreciate you, our loyal and skilled coaches, the game officials who step up to officiate games, the community members who help with events or cleaning the ice rink, and the Village Store for handing out our clues. Without you all, we wouldn’t be able to provide what we do to our community. Thank you, truly.

“Unity is strength. . . when there is teamwork and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved. - Mattie Stepanek”

Respectfully submitted,
Danielle Drown, Vice Chair/Acting Chair
Erin Pellegrino, Treasurer
Cheryl Hanley
Lisa Williams
Amy Hayward
Rachel Harness

Selectboard

Every year brings its accomplishments as well as its concerns. 2023 has been no exception. While a vast majority of voters supported the Development Review Board (DRB) decision not to approve the State's/Vermont Permanency Initiative's request for a permit to house juveniles at a facility on Stevens Place Road, the State of Vermont continued to refuse the Town's request to abandon the project. Selectboard member Joe Parsons took the lead for the board and contacted Governor Scott's office, State officials, and other legislators. Despite efforts of the DRB, the Selectboard, and the Town's attorney, the case went before the VT Supreme Court. On December 21, the court issued its decision denying the Town's appeal. The Selectboard then authorized the Town's attorney to file a request for re-argument, which has since been denied.

Selectboard member Jeff McKelvey worked closely with Newbury Village Fire Chief John Renfrew and the Fire Department Steering Committee to research and develop a plan to build a bigger fire station in Newbury Village. In order to accommodate used equipment, as opposed to always needing to order custom-built equipment to fit in the building, more station space is needed. Jeff worked diligently to acquire adequate plans. Despite his efforts, not one bid was received for the project.

As the committee regroups on the question of a fire station, the Town is also faced with concerns about the Highway Garage. The current building simply lacks adequate space for all the highway equipment. Equipment that cost the Town hundreds of thousands of dollars is sitting outside. The pole barn helps, but it is not sufficient.

An increase in the workload and demands on the Selectboard prompted them to advertise for an Administrative Assistant. Chuck Schulze was appointed as the new assistant, as well as the Town's new Ordinance Enforcement Officer. This has proved to be very helpful.

Some of the Town's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds had been set aside for the new fire station. The question is now whether that project will move ahead in a timely manner, or whether the funds should be redirected. ARPA monies must be committed in 2024 and spent in 2026. Allocations will be shown in the Town Report.

Like most small towns, Newbury struggles to fill various committees and boards. We are always eager to have volunteers step forward and offer a few hours of their time. We are very grateful for those who serve. Small towns would not survive without them. It has also been a struggle to retain a full highway crew. It's challenging work, and Newbury has many miles of roads to maintain, but our residents are appreciative.

As always, the Selectboard is interested in hearing from our residents. We want to hear your questions and concerns – and of course suggestions for viable solutions!

Your Selectboard, Alma Roystan, Joe Parsons, Jeff McKelvey

Solid Waste Committee

The Solid Waste Committee is looking for new members who support recycling and who will bring new ideas and energy to the group. If you are interested, contact either Mary Collins 802-866-5521 or John Narowski 802-439-5241.

Newbury is a member of the **Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District (NEKWMD)**. This report references appropriate times and places to dispose of solid waste. Please call the town office (866-5521), a member of the Solid Waste Committee, or NEKWMD (802-626-3532 or toll free 800-734-4602) with any questions. You are encouraged to visit the waste district website <http://nekwmd.org/backyard.html>. This site includes charts, lists, videos, links to suppliers, and more.

Recycling

The primary goal of the Solid Waste Committee is to **increase** recycling and **decrease** taxpayer expense. In 2023, Newbury residents who separated their plastics from glass and metal have redirected 3.76 tons of #1 through #5 plastics to NEKWMD for recycling. This practice helped keep more plastics out of the landfill and saved the taxpayers more than \$2,500. Further sorting of metal from glass, as was standard practice years ago, could save Newbury taxpayers additional money. We estimate the usership of our recycling facility to be approximately 40% and encourage all residents to recycle.

Items, such as lead-acid batteries, tires, mattresses, and appliances should be returned to retailers when and where replacements are purchased. Rechargeable batteries, as well as alkaline and "button" batteries, can all be taken to the Newbury recycling center.

The recycling center is located behind the fire station in Newbury Village and is open on Saturday mornings from 8 AM to 12 PM. In 2023, the coordinator was Stephen Cole. In 2023, we recycled approximately 67.74 tons (69.15 in 2022) of material at the Newbury Village facility.

Quantities Recycled in Tons					
	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>		<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Mixed Containers	28.56	27.98	Plastic Bags	0.00	0.00
Mixed Paper	14.53	13.43	Alkaline Batteries	0.02	0.16
Cardboard/Boxboard	20.89	20.14	Hardcover Books	0.78	2.27
Plastic Containers	04.37	3.76			

Consistent with the town's obligation to provide recycling services, the town covers the cost of recycling by a line item in the town budget. **The use of the Newbury facility is restricted to owners and renters of Newbury properties.** No fees or stickers are required.

Owners and renters of Newbury properties can also recycle at the facility in Ryegate. However, **starting on October 1st, 2023 a \$25 annual fee will be charged to Newbury residents.** Contact Ryegate Town Clerk Liz Page for information on obtaining a sticker.

Household Hazardous Waste

In addition to other household hazardous wastes, products containing mercury have been banned from all landfills in Vermont. **This means that full size tube and compact bulb fluorescent lamps, non-digital**

thermostats, thermometers, switches, relay devices, batteries, or like products containing mercury cannot be placed in your trash. Vermont law provides that every person who discards solid waste within the state shall separate **labeled** mercury-added consumer products from the waste. The mercury-added products should be set aside and taken for proper disposal to a household hazardous collection day. Assistance in disposing mercury-containing products can also be obtained from NEKWMD. The 2024 schedule for household hazardous waste (HHW) collections is attached along with a list of acceptable HHW materials.

Composting

By Vermont law, food scraps cannot go into the trash. There are three simple solutions: feed them to livestock (usually chickens or pigs), build a backyard composter, or take them to a drop-off location (like our recycling center or a hauler pick up). Composting is important, because it reduces greenhouse gas emissions, restores soil, and reduces material deposited into landfills.

Electronic Waste

Most electronic items are banned from landfills, but computers, computer monitors and peripherals, cathode-ray tubes (CRT's), printers, and televisions can be recycled free of charge under Vermont's electronic recycling program. The designated sites for this program are the Ryegate Recycling Center at 269 School St, E. Ryegate (802-584-3880), and the Bradford Recycling Center at 314 Fairground Rd (802-775-7722). While not specifically listed by the state's electronic recycling program, most any electronic device can be recycled for free through NEKWMD.

Scrap Metal, White Goods, and Tires

Owners and renters of Newbury properties can recycle scrap metal and white goods (used appliances) at the Ryegate recycling center or the NEKWMD facility in Lyndonville. Neither facility charges extra for appliances containing Freon. The yard operated by Stockley Trucking, Inc. in Lisbon, New Hampshire (603-838-2860) will pay by weight for metals. Tires in small quantities can be recycled through the Town of Newbury. The fee for disposal of passenger vehicle and small truck tires (diameters of 17 inches or less) is \$3.00 for tires off the rim and \$5.00 on the rim. The charge for larger tires is \$7.00 without rim or \$14.00 with rim. **Vouchers or prepaid receipts for disposal of tires must be obtained at the town clerk's office before the tires can be accepted at the town garage on Scotch Hollow Road.**

Trash Disposal

Household and commercial trash disposal continues to be handled by individual contracts with various waste haulers. Newbury has a fast-trash operator who sets up at the recycling center and accepts waste on a fee-per-bag basis. Waste is also collected on Route 302, east of Wallace Hill Road. The committee encourages proper disposal of the waste you produce as well as the continuation or initiation of recycling and composting in your homes and businesses. **The use of burn barrels as a means of disposing of waste is illegal.** In addition to being unlawful, such activities are often offensive to one's neighbors, harmful to air and water quality, and a threat to human health, especially that of infants and the elderly.

2023 Solid Waste Committee

Jim & Mary Collins

Gavin Reid, Chairman
603 643-2195

John Narowski
802-439-5241
NEKWMD Representative

Charlie Mabey

NEWBURY Recycling and Waste Disposal Guide
56 Cross St. Newbury Village. Saturdays, 8am-12pm.

↓ SORT THESE ITEMS IN RECYCLING SHEDS ↓
<p><u>CORRUGATED CARDBOARD, BOXBOARD, & BROWN KRAFT BAGS</u> All Cardboard and Boxboard food packaging. Remove excess tape. Staples are OK. <i>NO wax-coated cardboard, wet/soiled cardboard, coffee cups, ice cream, juice or milk cartons, or Styrofoam.</i> *BOXES MUST BE FLATTENED AND DRY*</p>
<p><u>MIXED PAPER</u> Newspapers, catalogs, telephone books, glossy inserts, paperback books, colored & white paper, wrapping paper, envelopes and junk mail. Shredded paper may be bagged. Any color/type of paper. <i>NO brown Kraft bags, boxboard, coffee cups, ice cream cartons, or metallic wrapping paper.</i></p>
<p><u>PLASTIC BOTTLES & CONTAINERS #1 – #4 & #5 Food Containers</u> <u>REMOVE CAPS / MAX. SIZE- 2 Gallons / NO BLACK PLASTIC / *MUST BE RINSED*</u> Includes food, health and beauty product, and cleaner containers. #5 included <i>if it's a food container.</i> <i>NO plastic bags or films, black plastic, screw-top caps, motor oil bottles, pesticide bottles, vinyl siding, toys, CD cases, VHS tapes, Styrofoam, coat hangers, syringes, or medical devices.</i></p>
<p><u>BATTERIES</u> All types including primary and rechargeable. Please bag similar types together and damaged batteries separately.</p>
<p><u>HARD COVERED BOOKS</u> All hard covered books. Paperback books can be recycled with mixed paper.</p>

↓ MIXED RECYCLABLES – A.B.L.E. WASTE SERVICES ↓
<p><u>TIN CANS</u> Labels OK. Flattening not required. *MUST BE RINSED*</p>
<p><u>ALUMINUM CANS, FOIL AND FOOD TRAYS</u> Labels OK. Flattening not required. <i>NO snack bags, candy wrappers, coffee bags.</i> *MUST BE RINSED*</p>
<p><u>PLASTIC CONTAINERS #1 & #2 ONLY</u> <u>NO BLACK PLASTIC / *MUST BE RINSED*</u> Includes ALL #1 and #2 food containers, health/beauty product, and cleaner containers. <i>NO plastic bags or films, black plastic, motor oil bottles, pesticide bottles, vinyl siding, toys, CD cases, VHS tapes, Styrofoam, syringes, or medical devices.</i></p>
<p><u>GLASS BOTTLES & JARS</u> Glass food and beverage containers. Rinse, Remove Lids (recycle with tin) *NO porcelain, Pyrex, windows, crystal, light bulbs, lids.</p>
<p><u>HOUSEHOLD TRASH</u> Accepted for a fee per bag by TDL Waste Services. Please call for current pricing – 802-429-2005</p>
<p><u>FOOD SCRAPS</u> All food scraps accepted by TDL Waste Services. Food waste only, PLU stickers, biodegradable bags.</p>

ADDITIONAL LOCAL RECYCLING RESOURCES FOR NEWBURY RESIDENTS:

**All Newbury Residents have access to all recycling programs at the
Lyndonville Recycling Center, 224 Church St. Lyndonville. (802) 626-3532
Wednesdays, 8am-4pm and Saturdays, 8am-3pm**

SCRAP METAL

All scrap metal including appliances (microwaves, toasters, stoves, grilles, etc.) accepted free of charge.

FREON-CONTAINING APPLIANCES

All Freon-containing appliances (refrigerators, freezers, A/C units. Dehumidifiers) accepted free of charge.

TIRE DISPOSAL

Fees apply, call for latest prices.

AUTOMOTIVE / WET-CELL BATTERIES

Car, motorcycle, etc.

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

All computers, monitors, printers, computer peripherals and TVs - regardless of brand, age, or condition - are accepted for FREE recycling. Other electronic devices accepted at these locations may involve a fee.

Groton/Ryegate Transfer Station and Recycling Center - 269 School St. E Ryegate VT 802-584-3880
Bradford Transfer Station and Recycling Center - 143 Fairground Rd. Bradford VT 802-775-7722
Lyndonville Recycling Center – 224 Church St. Lyndonville VT 802-626-3532

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Available by appointment at the Lyndonville Recycling Center, May through the end of September & special Saturday events throughout the District. Call for details.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS – CONTACT THE NORTHEAST KINGDOM WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT AT (802) 626-3532 or (800) 734-4602. www.nekwmd.org, outreach@nekwmd.org

Updated 1/2023

2024 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Schedule

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
SATURDAY, MAY 11	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Ryegate Transfer Station
SATURDAY, MAY 18	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Peacham Transfer Station
SATURDAY, JUNE 1	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Derby Recycling Center
SATURDAY, JUNE 8	8:00 a.m. – 12:00p.m.	Brunswick Town Office
SATURDAY, JUNE 22	8:00 a.m. – 12:00p.m.	Newport Center Town Garage
WEDNESDAY, JULY 10	3:00 p.m. – 7:00p.m.	Barnet Transfer Station
SATURDAY, AUGUST 3	8:00 a.m. – 11:00a.m.	Greensboro Recycling Center
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14	1:00 p.m. – 5:00p.m.	Lunenburg Transfer Station
SATURDAY, SEPT. 28	8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Lyndon Recycling Center

The NEKWMD reserves the right to terminate any collection early in the event that we are at storage capacity. Please limit HHW disposal at listed events to 25 gallons. If you have more than 25 gallons, please call our office to schedule an appointment at our Lyndonville facility, May 2 – Oct. 3, 2024.

Not going to be able to make any of these dates? NOT A PROBLEM! The NEKWMD will be accepting these materials by appointment at our Lyndonville facility from May 2, 2024 to October 3, 2024. Due to regulatory handling requirements, hazardous wastes will not be accepted without an appointment. Scheduling ahead ensures that a qualified individual will be on-site ready to accept your hazardous waste.

****HHW Collections are free and open to residents of all DISTRICT TOWNS****

What are *Household Hazardous Products*? They are consumer products that contain ingredients that may be:

Toxic- poisonous if eaten, breathed, or absorbed through the skin

Corrosive- can burn or destroy living tissue if spilled on skin

Reactive- creates fumes, heat, or explosion hazards if mixed with certain materials such as water

Explosive- can explode with exposure to heat or pressure

Flammable/Ignitable- can easily be set on fire

To determine if a product in your home is hazardous, check the label for the following words:

Danger indicates that the substance is extremely flammable, corrosive, or toxic.

Poison means that the substance is highly toxic.

Caution/Warning is put on all other hazardous substances that are a somewhat lesser hazard, but are still dangerous if the directions are not followed closely.

Conditionally Exempt Generator businesses can also use the Lyndonville collections for the actual cost of the disposal of their materials. Please call ahead for pricing and an appointment.

CONTACT THE NEKWMD IF YOU HAVE ITEM'S YOU CANNOT IDENTIFY
802-626-3532 or 800-734-4602 or www.nekwmd.org

The NEKWMD hazardous waste collection program is made possible in part by a grant from the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources. This year's grant totaled \$74074.31

Acceptable HHW Materials

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

- AEROSOLS
- AIR FRESHENERS
- AMMONIA
- ARTS AND CRAFTS SUPPLIES
- BLEACH
- CLEANERS (INCLUDES: DRAIN, OVEN, FLOOR, WINDOW, TOILET, RUG, ETC.)
- DISINFECTANTS
- METAL & FURNITURE POLISH
- MOTHBALLS
- MERCURY THERMOMETERS
- NAIL POLISH & REMOVER
- NI-CD, LITHIUM, MI-MH, AND BUTTON CELL BATTERIES
- SPOT & STAIN REMOVERS
- ALKALINE BATTERIES *

GARDEN SUPPLIES

- CREOSOTE
- DIOXINS
- FERTILIZERS
- FLEA KILLERS
- FUNGICIDES
- HERBICIDES
- INSECT SPRAYS
- MURIATIC ACID
- NO-PEST STRIPS
- PESTICIDES
- RODENT KILLERS

GARAGE

- ANTIFREEZE
- BRAKE FLUID *
- CORROSIVES

- CAR WAXES AND CLEANERS

GARAGE (CONTINUED)

- ENGINE DEGREASERS
- FLUORESCENT LIGHT BULBS *
- GASOLINE/DRY GAS
- KEROSENE
- LEAD-ACID CAR BATTERIES *
- LIGHTER FLUID
- OIL-BASED PAINT
- LATEX-BASED PAINT
- PAINT THINNER
- PROPANE CYLINDERS
- SEALANTS
- STAINS/STRIPPERS
- SWIMMING POOL CHEMICALS
- TRANSMISSION FLUID *
- WOOD PRESERVATIVES
- USED MOTOR OIL AND FILTERS *

* ALSO ACCEPTED AT OIL AND BATTERY STATIONS YEAR ROUND

PLEASE DO NOT BRING:

- ASBESTOS
- EXPLOSIVES, INCLUDING GUN POWDER, AMMUNITION
- FLARES
- INFECTIOUS WASTE
- PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION
- RADIOACTIVE WASTE, INCLUDING SMOKE DETECTORS
- UNKNOWN GAS CYLINDERS
- EMPTY CONTAINERS

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Tucker Mountain Town Forest Management Committee Report

Tucker Mountain Town Forest's Five Year Anniversary!

Five years ago last December, the Newbury Selectboard signed papers for the purchase of the 636 acre Tucker Mountain Town Forest. Working through the Vermont Land Trust, the heirs of Philip and Ginny Leach transferred ownership of the land to the town.

In the past five years, the forest has responded heartily to our committee's approach of letting all things green grow and mature, giving the forest a much-needed rest. It is a thriving forest with healthy trees and undergrowth, lovely streams and wetlands, vernal pools, and meadows; it is a popular recreation area for Newbury residents and our neighbors.

We have seen substantial public support. Increased numbers of people are visiting the town forest, our volunteer and donor base is strong, and users are taking good care of this treasured haven: packing out trash and keeping vehicles on the roads and off the meadow. The support of the selectboard has been an important key to our progress.

Over these five years, the management committee and Friends of Tucker Mountain have

- Developed 7 hiking trails including a major multi-use trail through the summit meadows
- Built 3 cedar kiosks
- Walked and flagged our boundary
- Created 3 parking areas: east side, west side and summit
- Built a short all-persons accessible trail on the summit
- Managed the erosion problems in the summit meadows
- Assisted in the development of the Friends of Tucker Mountain, a 501(c)(3) for fund raising and supporting volunteers and education.
- Installed 10 interpretive signs
- Kept the high meadows open, clear of brush and saplings
- Reconstructed the fire ring area on the Tucker summit
- Established an annual Tucker Mountain Day in the summer and a Snow Day in winter
- Established an annual 5K run in conjunction with the West Newbury Summer Festival
- Built a beautiful woven arch bridge on the new Wetlands Trail
- Created a StoryWalk® trail
- Recruited and assisted families who monitor our vernal pools
- Established a website at tuckertownforest.org
- Worked with our foresters to update our Forest Management Plan
- Offered opportunities and supervision for NES and Oxbow community service days
- Established a Community Resource Policy and a Memorial Gifting Policy
- Updated our Tucker Mountain Town Forest management plan

This Year's Highlights

The High Meadows Trail

After five years of planning, the management committee saw through the completion of a new multi-purpose trail through the summit meadows of Tucker Mountain. The High Meadows Trail is a well-constructed gravel road shared by hikers, off road vehicles, bikers, skiers, and horseback riders. Using ditches, erosion stone, culverts and a carefully planned grade, our hope is that the trail will withstand the water flows that have created such an erosion problem over the past 25 years while providing better access to folks who may not otherwise be able to access the summit and its wonderful views.

The project includes a reconstructed fire ring and a short wheelchair accessible trail to the true summit with signs identifying the surrounding mountains. A family has volunteered to build a picnic table to add to the summit features with lumber donated by Mike Gendron.

Grants from the Recreational Trails Program and the Jack and Dorothy Byrne Foundation along with generous individual, family and business donations paid for the project and, with funds raised by Friends of Tucker Mountain, we are establishing a maintenance fund.

The StoryWalk® Trail

This year, Friends of Tucker Mountain created a half-mile StoryWalk® trail just north of the east parking lot. Kids in the Newbury After School Woodworking Club built 20 signs and placed them along the trail, each displaying the pages of a children's book. This trail encourages children and families to get out and hike, learn about nature, and enjoy the forest. The stories are rotated every few months to maintain interest. The signs and books were funded with a grant from the Vermont Community Foundation and by a gift left to the NES library by former principal John Sanborn's family. Newbury Elementary, Tenney, and Balwin libraries assisted with the project.

This year 40 volunteers gave over 800 hours to trail planning, building and maintenance, managing invasive honeysuckle, clearing brush, monitoring vernal pools, maintaining the website and the many other tasks involved in managing the town forest.

Thank you all who use and support Tucker Mountain Town Forest. All are invited to visit, enjoy the forest, the trails, and the view. It is a town forest for all. Our website with maps and information is at www.tuckertownforest.org.

Tucker Mountain Town Forest Management Committee

Tom Kidder, Chair

Peter Gullekson

John Nininger, Vice-Chair

Kirk Morrison

Kathy Damon, Secretary-Treasurer

Sarah Storer

Susan Culp

Zoning and Planning

Development Review Board

The Development Review Board (DRB) hears applications for subdivisions, conditional uses, variances, waivers, and appeals of the Administrative Officer's decisions. The DRB is a citizens' panel appointed by the Selectboard. It generally meets once a month depending on permit activity.

In 2023, the DRB conducted only 6 hearings. Most of the hearings were conditional use permits. All applications were approved, and most had conditions attached to them.

The hearing process can take up to two months to conclude (or longer depending on the complexity and public input) because of advance public notice requirements and the appeal process i.e., a 30-day waiting period following a hearing. The Administrative Officer is clerk to the DRB and is the person to contact for guidance through the process.

DRB members are Amanda Beaulieu, Bob Beaulieu, Emmy Hausman, Bobbie Jewett, Chuck Schulze, Ruth Kennedy, and Larry Scott.

Planning Commission

In late 2023, the Planning Commission concluded an interim town plan to keep it in compliance with state requirements. Soon thereafter the Planning Commission completed a draft of the final Town Plan to present to the public for its comment. The Plan, in part, addresses goals to encourage more housing and commercial development in the villages, enhance wildlife corridors, and discourage sprawl along state highways. Based on the mandates and recommendations of the Town Plan, the Planning Commission will start rewriting Newbury's zoning ordinance in the latter half of 2024 to meet the mandates and recommendations contained in the Plan.

As of this writing, Planning Commission members are Larry Scott (chair), Frank Tegethoff and Susan Culp. Valerie Gilson Gowac resigned from the Planning Commission in late 2023 but was a participant in the rewrite of the interim town plan and its more recent version.

Administrative Officer

Dennis Marquise is Newbury's Administrative Officer. The phone number to reach him is 866-5026 and his e-mail is zoning@newburyvt.org. Office hours are Mondays from 7AM to 11 AM or by appointment. He can also be reached at home during off-hours.

There were 56 zoning permits issued in 2023, which is approximately a 25 percent decrease over the prior year but historically consistent with years prior to last year. The permits were mostly for accessory structures, but there were ten new homes in that number as well. Of the permits issued, there were several after-the-fact (late filed) permits in 2023 where the parties neglected to obtain a permit in advance of their project. In each case, offenders were fined according to town rules.

To avoid costly fines, the Administrative Officer reminds everyone to review the ordinance before undertaking *any* work on your property, assume that you need a permit and/or contact him to discuss your project. With a few exceptions, most projects, including site work, require a permit. The ordinance can be found at: <https://www.newburyvt.org> and follow the link to the Newbury's zoning/subdivision regulations. If you have any questions, call, or preferably send an e-mail. That advance contact may save you money and frustration later.



Baldwin Memorial Library

33 Main Street, PO Box 337, Wells River, VT 05081

802-757-2693 librarian@baldwinlibraryvt.org

Monday 10-5, Wednesday 12-6, Friday 12-7

Board of Trustees: Karen Kreis, Chip Conquest, Chris Buhner, Kim Goody, Sandy Parker & Alicia King

2023 was a year of transition for Baldwin Memorial Library. It was my first year as librarian, and I used it as a year of learning, growing and making changes. I gathered information and feedback from the community to help me make informed decisions on materials, programs and resources to offer. Thanks to help from some amazing volunteers and guidance from retired librarian, Peggy Hewes, I would call this year a success.

Inside the library saw many changes. The computers were moved to offer two seated workstations and a standing station. The adult book collection was evaluated, damaged or noncirculating items were removed, and shelves were reworked for easier browsing. Space was created to feature our collection of “things” to lend including puzzles, health care devices, cake pans, garden tools and more. The children’s area was refreshed with the community’s favorite comfy couch. A display case was added for new and seasonal books, and a new shelf was added for our board books. The back room has been upgraded with kitchenette (donated by LC Design Concepts), new chairs and a workspace that has been used for everything from snacks and games to Zoom meetings and job interviews!

Community continues to be the focus of everything Baldwin Memorial Library does. We were able to participate in 12 different community events! One of our biggest events was the VT Reads program that former librarian, Peggy Hewes, dedicated her time to even after retirement. This event brought together over 50 people to discuss *The Most Costly Journey*. We continued to participate in well-established events including the WRAP Community Picnic and Ice Cream Social where Michael Caduto led us in Native American Games, and the So Long Summer, Hello Fall Festival with our bi-annual book sale. We partnered with the Pulaski Lodge to reboot The Polar Express Party that hasn’t been able to happen since before Covid. Nearly 30 people came to enjoy the story along with hot cocoa, cookies, popcorn and a visit from Santa. We also participated in some new events like the Newbury Recreation Department’s Trunk or Treat where we handed out free books and reading accessories to more than 50 kids.

This year we were able to add to the community resources that we offer. In addition to the mini food pantry that is set up inside the library, we have partnered with North East Kingdom Community Action (NEKCA) to offer a monthly pop-up food shelf and resource center providing information on housing security, heating assistance, family services, and community justice. We are also working with the Vermont Department of Labor and HireAbility Vermont to offer information on local jobs and help with finding, applying for and maintaining employment. During the back-to-school season we set up a free clothing and gear exchange, and we have continued with our winter gear exchange. More than 25 free jackets have already been distributed in November and December.

If you don’t have a library card, contact us to sign up for one! When you do you will gain free access to all of our books and DVD’s as well as our tools, kits and museum passes AND nearly 50,000 free e-books and audio books on the LIBBY APP. Make sure that you follow our new Facebook page and updated website: www.baldwinlibraryvt.wixsite.com for all our news and events.

I am looking forward to 2024! It is sure to be a great year for us. We are celebrating 175 years of service! I hope to continue networking with other area organizations to bring more programming and resources to our community.

Library Visits: 4200

Book Loans: 2620

Computer Use: 886

No stats available for materials accessed on LIBBY APP

New Members: 79

DVD Loans: 802

Interlibrary Loans Sent: 56

Curbside Services: 18

Audiobook CDs: 104

Interlibrary Loans Received: 323

Respectfully submitted, Melissa Beaulieu, Librarian

Baldwin Memorial Library Budget 2024

EXPENSES	2023 Budget	2023 Actual	2024 Budget
Librarian	\$ 25,660.00	\$ 25,660.04	\$ 23,660.00
Custodian	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 930.00	\$ 1,000.00
Substitute	\$ 300.00	\$ 213.75	\$ 300.00
Social Security	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,590.88	\$ 1,500.00
Medicare	\$ 360.00	\$ 372.08	\$ 365.00
Federal Withholding		\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
Books for Adults	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 2,071.54	\$ 3,500.00
Books for Kids	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 1,145.83	\$ 1,700.00
Subscriptions (print)	\$ 350.00	\$ 112.53	\$ 300.00
Subscriptions (elec)	\$ 700.00		\$ 700.00
Computer Maint/equip	\$ 400.00	\$ 655.07	\$ 400.00
Supplies	\$ 600.00	\$ 1,228.02	\$ 1,000.00
Equipment	\$ 300.00		\$ 300.00
Programs	\$ 400.00	\$ 114.93	\$ 500.00
Advertising	\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00
Insurance	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 2,185.00	\$ 2,200.00
Heating fuel	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 2,224.92	\$ 3,500.00
Electricity	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,195.56	\$ 1,200.00
Telephone	\$ 850.00	\$ 721.71	\$ 850.00
Internet	\$ 950.00	\$ 989.69	\$ 950.00
Water/Sewer	\$ 460.00	\$ 521.04	\$ 525.00
Postage	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,970.21	\$ 1,500.00
Repair/Maint.	\$ 300.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Travel/Professional	\$ 100.00		\$ 200.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 200.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 200.00
Building/Grounds		\$ 2,917.92	\$ 1,000.00
Legal & Professional	\$ 500.00	\$ 830.00	\$ 450.00
Building Reserve			\$ 1,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 49,280.00	\$ 49,380.72	\$ 50,550.00
INCOME			
Ryegate Town	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Wells River Village	\$ 20,600.00	\$ 20,600.00	\$ 21,850.00
Newbury Town	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 17,250.00
Donations	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 8,032.00	\$ 7,500.00
Fundraising Events	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,204.21	\$ 1,500.00
Interest/Dividends	\$ 550.00	\$ 578.54	\$ 550.00
Building Reserve Fund	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	
Grants	\$ 1,230.00		\$ 1,500.00
Winnie Belle Learned Grant		\$ 500.00	
Museum Passes		\$ 500.00	
Program Grant		\$ 300.00	
Miscellaneous	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00
TOTAL	\$ 49,280.00	\$ 48,914.75	\$ 50,550.00

Capstone Community Action

Since 1965, Capstone Community Action has served low-income residents of Lamoille, Orange, and Washington Counties and nine communities in Windsor, Addison, and Rutland Counties. We help people build better lives for themselves, their families and their communities. This year, Capstone Community Action served 11,492 people in 6,334 Vermont households through Head Start and Early Head Start, business development, financial education, food and nutrition resources, housing counseling, tax preparation, teen parent education, emergency heating assistance, home weatherization, workforce training, transportation and more.

Programs and services accessed by 53 Newbury & Wells River households representing 124 individuals this past year included:

- 4 individuals in 2 households accessed nutritious meals and/or meal equivalents at the food shelf.
- 18 households with 49 family members were able to keep heating their homes with help from our Crisis & Supplemental fuel programs as well as other utility costs.
- 12 individuals in 8 households worked with housing counselors to find and retain affordable, safe, secure housing.
- 1 homeless individual with 2 homeless family members worked with housing counselors to find and retain affordable, safe, secure housing.
- 2 children were in Head Start and Early Head Start programs that supported 10 additional family members.
- 6 households received emergency furnace repairs and 3 household furnaces were replaced at no charge, making them warmer and more energy efficient for residents.
- 10 households were weatherized at no charge, making them warmer and more energy efficient for 16 residents, including 11 seniors and 6 residents with disabilities.
- 3 residents had their taxes prepared at no charge by Capstone's IRS certified volunteers ensuring them all the refunds and credits they were due.

Capstone thanks the residents of Newbury & Wells River for their generous support this year!

**Capstone Community Action
20 Gable Place, Barre, VT 05641
802-479-1053
Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm**

Central Vermont Adult Basic Education (CVABE)

Central Vermont Adult Basic Education, Inc., a community-based nonprofit organization, has served the adult education and literacy needs of Newbury residents for fifty-eight years.

CVABE serves as central Vermont's resource for free, individualized academic tutoring for individuals (ages 16 - 90+) in:

- Basic skills programs: reading, writing, math, computer and financial literacy
- English Language Learning and preparation for U.S. citizenship
- High school diploma and GED credential programs
- Academic skill readiness for work, career training and/or college

Newbury is served by our learning center in Bradford. The site has welcoming learning rooms with computers, laptops and internet access to support instruction. CVABE staff and volunteers also teach students at the library or other local sites as needed.

Last year 5 Newbury residents enrolled with CVABE. Teachers instruct students one-to-one and/or in small groups. Each student has a personalized education plan to address his/her learning goals. These goals might include: getting or improving a job, earning a high school credential, helping one's children with homework, budgeting and paying bills, reading important information, obtaining a driving license, preparing for college, gaining citizenship, and more.

Children of parents with low literacy skills have a 72% chance of being at the lowest reading levels themselves, and 70% of adult welfare recipients have low literacy levels. Your support helps to change the lives of Newbury residents for generations to come.

CVABE provided free instruction to 447 people last year in the overall service area of Washington, Orange and Lamoille Counties. It currently costs CVABE \$3,726 per student to provide a full year of instruction. Nearly all students are low income. Over 70 community volunteers work with CVABE's professional staff to meet the large need for these services while keeping overhead low.

We deeply appreciate Newbury's voter-approved past support. This year, your level support is again critical to CVABE's free, local education services. Only a portion of CVABE's budget is comprised of state and federal support. Funding is needed each year from the private sector and from the towns and cities we serve, to ensure we can help the neighbors who need education for a better life.

For more information regarding CVABE's services or to consider volunteering, contact:

Bradford Learning Center
24 Barton Street, Suite 1, Bradford, VT 05033
802-222-3282
www.cvabe.org



Supporting Central Vermonters to Age with Dignity and Choice

CVCOA Helpline: 1-802-477-1364

Central Vermont Council on Aging (CVCOA)

Central Vermont Council on Aging (CVCOA) is dedicated to the mission of supporting older Vermonters to age with dignity and choice. CVCOA services are available to those age 60 and up, caregivers, and families. For more than 40 years, CVCOA has assisted older Vermonters to remain independent for as long as possible. CVCOA serves 54 towns throughout the Central Vermont region.

CVCOA makes a difference in the lives of older Vermonters by connecting them to the network of benefit programs and services that they need to thrive, free of charge. CVCOA utilizes town funding to provide individualized support to Newbury residents through case management, information and assistance, options counseling, resource and benefit enrollment (nutrition, transportation, mental health counseling, legal services, etc), long-term care planning, health insurance counseling, family caregiver support, connection to wellness and social activities, and more.

In 2023, CVCOA supported 50 residents of Newbury. CVCOA Case Manager Marianne Barnett was designated to serve older adults in Newbury.

CVCOA served 4,040 unduplicated clients from 07/01/2022 through 06/30/2023. CVCOA mobilized 497 volunteers through our AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP and general volunteer programs. These volunteers served over 40,000 hours, providing direct service, delivering meals on wheels, supporting nutrition sites, leading wellness classes, offering companionship and creative encouragement, and more.

All of us at CVCOA extend our gratitude to the residents of Newbury for their ongoing commitment to the health, well-being, independence, and dignity of older Vermonters in the Newbury community.



Child and Family Services
Ayers Brook, Randolph, VT 05060
(802) 728-4466

Farmhouse
P O Box 278, Bradford, VT 05033
(802) 222-4477

Safe Haven
4 Highland Ave., Randolph, VT 05060
(802) 728-5233

Community Support Services
24 South Main St., Randolph, VT 05060
(802) 728-6000

East Valley Academy
579 VT Rte. 14 So., East Randolph, VT 05041
(802) 728-3896

Regional Alternative Program
Norwich Avenue, Wilder, VT 05088
(802) 295-8628

Adult and Children Outpatient Services
1483 Lower Plain Rd., Bradford, VT 05033
(802) 222-4477

Wilder
PO Box 816, Wilder VT 05088
(802) 295-1311

Clara Martin Center is your local community mental health agency, providing behavioral health and substance use services to the greater Orange County and the greater Upper Valley area for the last 57 years. Clara Martin Center's broad range of programs serve children, families, couples, and individuals. Services are confidential and include counseling, psychiatric services, consultations, short term crisis intervention, school and home-based services, education for families related to emotional and behavioral challenges, community resource assistance, alternatives to hospital care, respite care, housing, vocational services, substance use treatment, a walk-in clinic and 24-hour emergency services. We strive to meet the care needs of the communities we serve, and provide services that meet the needs of the individuals that have entrusted their care to us.

- Outpatient Counseling
- Psychiatric Services
- Short-term crisis intervention
- School and Home-based services
- Education for families
- Community resource assistance
- Hospital Diversion
- Walk-in Clinic
- Vocational Services
- Alcohol and other drug treatment
- Respite Care
- 24-hour emergency system

FY23 TOTAL SERVED AT CMC		TOTAL SERVED Newbury	
Children & Family Services	463	Children & Family Services	16
School Services	102	School Services	
JOBS	71	JOBS	
Adult Services	677	Adult Services	22
CSP Services	160	CSP Services	8
Supportive & Transitional Housing	15	Supportive & Transitional Housing	
Substance Abuse Services	284	Substance Abuse Services	6
Corrections Services	94	Corrections Services	
Emergency Contacts/Walk-in Clinic	293	Emergency Contacts/Walk-in Clinic	10
Access	662	Access	17
CCBHC Services	1,081	CCBHC Services	11
Total Served - unduplicated	2,191	Total seen:	60
CVSAS	258	CVSAS	1

Cohase Chamber of Commerce

Serving Haverhill, Orford, & Piermont, NH and Bradford, Fairlee, & Newbury, VT

We value the yearly contributions from Newbury and each of the six towns in our region. While we receive most of our funding directly from local businesses, your commitment is very important to our work uniting communities on both sides of the river. As always, we welcome your input on how we can support the town and its goals throughout the year.

In 2023, the Cohase Chamber of Commerce proudly recognized Bliss Village Store as the “Business of the Year” and celebrated Tom and Catherine Kidder for their outstanding contributions as “Citizens of the Year”. Our collaboration with Riverbend Career & Technical Center for the bi-annual Expo marked a significant milestone in our ongoing efforts to support and promote local enterprises.

Throughout the year, we hosted a variety of successful events, including Business After Hours, the Back to School Bash in conjunction with Bradford Teen Hub and Running Water Recreation, an insightful Economic Summit, a delightful Garden Tour, and an informative marketing workshop with Space on Main. These events not only provided networking opportunities but also fostered a sense of community and shared purpose among our members.

We continue to encourage everyone to visit our website for more detailed information about the Cohase Chamber of Commerce’s initiatives and activities. As an added incentive for growth and community involvement, we offer new businesses a complimentary one-year membership. This gesture reflects our commitment to nurturing the local business ecosystem and ensuring that our community thrives together.

As we look to 2024, we are also preparing to launch new networking events to bring businesses and the community together in new ways. These events were informed by selectboard requests last year, and we look forward to working with you as we launch these and other projects to support the community.

Please reach out with any questions or suggestions you may have for us. The Town of Newbury is a valued partner in our work supporting the economic development of the region.

Respectfully submitted,

Airon Shaw, Executive Director

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chamber@cohase.org

www.cohase.org

Office Hours: Tuesday & Thursday 10 am – 3 pm, Wednesday 9 am - 1:30 pm

Riverbend Local River Subcommittee
of the Connecticut River Joint Commissions
www.crjc.org

New Hampshire: Lancaster, Dalton, Littleton, Monroe, Bath, Haverhill
Vermont: Guildhall, Lunenburg, Concord, Waterford, Barnet, Ryegate, Newbury

The Riverbend Subcommittee of the Connecticut River Joint Commissions (CRJC) meets quarterly and consists of up to two volunteers nominated by riverfront municipalities, with allowance for alternates. Throughout 2023, the Subcommittee has maintained a hybrid meeting format where a quorum of participating municipalities is required to be present in person.

Current members of Vermont are Bill Graves and John Fairchild from Barnet, Deborah Noble from Concord, Scott Labun from Newbury, Sally Wilson from Ryegate, William Piper from Waterford, and openings in Guildhall and Lunenburg. Current members of New Hampshire are Rick Walling from Bath, Gal Potashnick from Dalton, Pauline Corzilius and Howard Hatch from Haverhill, Rob Christie from Lancaster, Sean Doll from Littleton, and Justin Bradshaw and Steve Sherman from Monroe. Those with one representative have an opening for a second volunteer. During 2023, Rick Walling served as chair. Meetings and events are open to the public.

Riverbend is one of the five subcommittees which have been a part of the CRJC since 1989. The subcommittees provide a local voice to help steward the resources on or affecting the Connecticut River, particularly on topics related to the maintenance of good water quality, wildlife habitat, and appropriate development. Specific responsibilities include providing feedback on proposed permits and plans to NH Department of Environmental Services, VT Agency of Natural Resources, and municipalities. In addition, CRJC is responsible for maintaining a bi-state watershed plan.

During 2023, Riverbend engaged on several issues. Permits that were reviewed include a water certification for the Newbury Hydroelectric project, a wetlands permit for Eversource, Alteration of Terrain for a transmission line, stormwater runoff during construction in Ryegate, herbicide use, and a Lancaster floodplain restoration. Riverbend is also following the Twin States Clean Energy Link project.

Riverbend supported outreach efforts in service of the Connecticut River, including the Making Room Series: planning for those who are here and those on their way, as well as the Connecticut River Watershed Partnership meeting in coordination with Friends of Conte. Further, Riverbend supported water quality monitoring efforts along the Connecticut River.

In 2024, Riverbend will continue their activities in management, outreach, and learning for the Connecticut River. Riverbend welcomes local participation in permit reviews, educational events, watershed planning, and water quality monitoring. Contact: info@crjc.org



East Central Vermont Telecommunications District

www.ecfiber.net

ECFiber and the Town of Newbury

Newbury is a member of the East Central Vermont Telecommunications District, the state's first communications union district (CUD), whose mission is to provide world-class fiber-optic based internet service to all on-grid homes and businesses in its member towns. The District consists of 31 member towns and owns the business which operates under the trade name ECFiber. The business added over 800 new customers despite critical labor shortages, and now serves over 8,500 customer locations via 1,700 miles of network, which, when fully built out, will bring fiber-to-the-premises (FTTP) to about 32,000 premises over more than 2,000 miles network.

In June, ECFiber celebrated the completion of its original 23 town network when it activated its operation center in White River Junction. In August, the District was awarded a \$13 million construction grant that will support the first three or four stages of its \$30 million, nine stage, network completion plan. In November, its Series 2023A municipal revenue bond received a "BB" rating from Standard & Poor's Global Credit arm, a historic moment in US financial history: the first time a municipal revenue bond not backed by taxes, and not for a regulated utility or exclusive service territory, received a rating. This was extended to the six earlier bonds as well.

ECFiber's network completion plan is under way, with Stage I nearing completion.

Newbury is Stage II of the plan and is currently scheduled for summer 2024 rollout. Major storms and crew availability could affect the overall timeline, but this summer is the current expectation. Some addresses in the South Ryegate area will be served by NEK Broadband, due to the way the utility poles are laid out, and will be completed according to their schedule.

The District contracts with Great Works Internet (GWI) of Vermont to operate the business. The biggest challenges we face now are not funding, but rather finding enough folks to construct the networks – people who know how to operate bucket trucks, splice fiber while 40 feet above the ground, and who are willing to work outside in difficult weather. ECFiber is actively participating in state and regional workforce development efforts. If you are or know of someone who may be interested in these well-paid jobs, please let us know!

We invite you to visit our website to learn more about ECFiber, and encourage you to subscribe. You won't be charged anything until we start service.

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YOUR COMMUNITY-OWNED CONNECTION TO THE WORLD



A great place to call home!

Frances Atkinson Residence for the Retired

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Newbury, Vermont 05051
(802) 866-5582 phone
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director.atkinson@gmail.com

The Atkinson Residence is a non-profit, licensed Residential Care Home, offering around-the-clock supervision, health monitoring, personal care, medication management, meals and snacks, laundry and housekeeping services, social and recreational opportunities, along with transportation and utilities to ensure that each resident's needs are met, and life becomes easier and enjoyable again.

Our facility is just like home. It is a 1700's farmhouse that meets all the licensing requirements for licensed residential care, while also maintaining the essence of country-style living.

The past year has continued to prove that resiliency and perseverance are key components to ongoing success for our home. As is the case with many area businesses, we feel the burden of staffing shortages and inflation; however, we feel extremely fortunate to have a group of loyal employees, supportive Board of Directors, and many Newbury citizens helping us to create a safe environment for the residents at Frances Atkinson Residence.

This past year, with your financial support, we were able to update two bedrooms floors, replace the floor in the shower room, and completely renovate a resident's bathroom on the ground floor. In the coming year we need to replace our 1960 elevator as soon as we can. We have been trying to raise funds for a two-stop LULA (limited use/limited access lift). The estimated cost of this project is \$150,000. As of today, we have raised \$25,000 toward this project.

With your continued support, we will be able to provide a safe environment for those residents who may have limited family, friends, community, or financial resources to meet the challenges of aging. The citizens of the Village of Newbury are essential to making a dramatic difference to the quality of life for the folks who reside at the Frances Atkinson Residence.

Respectfully Submitted,

Peg DeGoosh

Executive Director

The Vermont Congregational Home, Inc., dba Frances Atkinson Residence for the Retired,
is a 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable organization, FEIN 03-0214082.

Green Mountain Economic Development Corporation (GMEDC)

Green Mountain Economic Development Corporation is one of twelve statewide Regional Development Corporations (RDCs). We serve a 30-town region in Orange and northern Windsor Counties. Our primary function is to develop economic vitality and prosperity consistent with the goals of the communities we serve.

In FY2023, dues from member towns contributed \$19,273 of our annual operating budget of \$220,183. Town dues are assessed at \$0.50/resident, as determined by population data from the VT Department of Health and the US Census Bureau. Further operating revenue comes from business memberships and federal, state, and other funding sources.

Your support helps provide client-specific economic development services free of charge and available to municipalities, new entrepreneurs, established and expanding businesses. Services include business development guidance, relocation support, and project development. For requests that are beyond our level of expertise, GMEDC has a ready referral network to meet client needs. Additionally, the RDCs work collectively throughout the legislative session to promote the needs and interests of the business community across the state. GMEDC and our local partners have assisted 100+ businesses and municipalities seeking additional information on economic development activities, local business projects, funding opportunities, legislative action and more.

FY2023 activities included:

- Supporting numerous funding applications for capital investment, brownfield assessment and redevelopment, project planning and pre-development, totaling over \$5 million in funding to our service area.
- Securing state funding to implement a third round of the successful small business technical assistance program, providing small grants and administrative support to match specific business needs with service providers.
- Leveraging a \$1.5 million Economic Development Administration partnership for the Randolph Innovation Hub to hire staff and rebrand as Cultivator: Where Community Collaborates, gathering community input to map the way forward.
- Continued support of the \$300,000 Federal Reserve Bank of Boston Working Communities Challenge White River Valley Consortium project, working to improve housing opportunities in 14 towns in the White River Valley.
- Ongoing partnership with Orange County Parent and Child Center to develop a new \$6 million childcare facility offering 88 new seats in the Randolph region.
- Closeout of \$500,000+ Environmental Protection Agency-funded brownfield clean-up of former Valley Motors site in Bethel.

We thank the Town of Newbury for your continued support and partnership. For further information, call us at 802-295-3710 or visit our website at www.gmedc.com
Erika C. Hoffman-Kiess, Executive Director

Green Up

We were fortunate to have a warm and sunny day for Green Up Day on May 6, 2023. During April and the first week of May, more than 200 Newbury residents, including the Newbury Elementary School Student Council, Riverbend Students, and Wells River Savings Bank employees, took to the roadsides of our town to clean up the trash. We collected 2.98 tons of trash! Some of the larger items collected were 2 recliners, mattresses, sleep-sofas, a dresser, and a futon. We also collected 45 tires. Pete's Rubbish supplied two 15-yard dumpsters and kindly waived the \$150 delivery fee. The cost to dispose of the trash was \$1,246.20.

Unfortunately, there are several places in Newbury that are becoming regular dumping spots of large quantities of trash. We were able to clean up these areas thanks to several groups of volunteers.

Vermont's Green Up goal is to cover every mile of road in each town. From the reports I received, I believe we came within 5 miles of that goal! It would be wonderful if we could cover every road in Newbury! Please contact me if you are interested in taking a 1 mile route to help with this goal!

WHO AND WHERE

Bailey Pond Rd: Lori & Jamie Constantine ♦ Work crew* **Bailey's Eddy:** Robert & Amanda Longmoore **Baldwin Rd:** Robert & Amanda Longmoore **Bible Hill Rd:** Chip Conquest, Fay Homan ♦ Laramie Bobar **Bolkum Rd:** Boltonville Rd: Bruce & Annie Wheeler **Bowen Rd:** Royce Thompson ♦ Richard Waterhouse ♦ Gwen LaCount ♦ Susan, James, Michelle Redmond **Brock Hill Rd:** Marv Harrison **Brookside Ln:** Marv Harrison **Cesari Rd:** Gene & Judy Cesari **Center St:** WRSB* **Chalmers Hill Rd:** Dan Lemay **Chapel St:** Shelly, Sam, Raina Calley ♦ Edie Lornitzo **Cheney 4 Corner Rd:** Jen Dodge **Cole Rd:** Jeff Page ♦ Mandi Kosakowski **Cookman Rd:** NES Student Council **Corey Hill Rd:** Forest Block **Creamery St:** WRSB* **Cross St:** Shelly, Sam, Raina Calley Edie Lornitzo **Crusher Hill Rd:** Erin, Max, Rhis, Brody & Hazel Pellegrino **Darling Rd:** James, Susan, Michelle Redmond **Deerfield Ln:** Marv Harrison **Depot Rd:** Joyce Bishop & Jann Keith **Dickey Rd:** Cathy & Jeff Blake ♦ Susan Lornitzo **Doe Hill Rd/ Doe Ln:** Elm St: Jean & Ron Welch **Fish Pond Rd:** Susan Monica ♦ Jette Mandl Abramson ♦ Jerry Estill ♦ Barbara & Marc Krulewitz ♦ Joanne & Tony O'Mera **Fisk Rd:** Randy Wales **Flanders Brook Rd:** Erin & Troy Perry **French Rd:** Tom & Catherine Kidder **Fuller Rd:** Kip & Dawn Gendron ♦ Simeon Cook ♦ Robert Chapla **Fulton Rd:** Colleen & Dean Mulvihill ♦ Erin & Troy Perry ♦ Patty Pratt **Gahn Rd:** Richard Waterhouse **Golf Links Rd:** Laramie Bobar **Grapes Rd:** Michael Heffernan, Barbara Briggs **Grove St:** WRSB* **Halls Lake Rd:** Walt Cottrell ♦ Scott Wheeler ♦ Jim Densmore ♦ Angie and Nathan Blake **Industrial Park Rd:** Wendy & Noah Buhner **Jefferson Hill Rd:** Marjorie Martin ♦ Rick & Emmy Hausman ♦ Lucas, Kristina, Lizzie & Amy Vaughan ♦ Tom & Phyllis Fisher ♦ Theresa Thibault **Ledger Rd:** Robert & Amanda Longmoore **Leighton Hill Rd:** Missy & Tim Lund ♦ David Tansey, Jane Booth ♦ Jamie Rogers-Mills ♦ Nancy Wiggin ♦ Stephen Sharf ♦ Lisa Gurney ♦ Sarah, Jackson, Gabriel, Matt Nusbaum **Lower Meadow Rd:** Cooper, Hannah, Harper Leland **Mace Rd:** Peter Gullekson **Main St North/ Newbury Village:** Judith Lerner ♦ Shelly, Sam, Raina Calley Edie Lornitzo ♦ Dave Tardiff ♦ Derry Gleason **Main St North/ Wells River:** WRSB* ♦ Ronald & Jean Welch ♦ Frank Tegethoff ♦ WRAP* ♦ James Merrian **Main St South/ Newbury:** Joan Morris ♦ Jane Labun ♦ Shawn & Melanie Gonyaw **Maple Hill Rd:** Kathy Gale **Maple St:** WRSB **McClure Farm Rd:** Wade Trask, Elaine Dunbar **Moore Hill Rd:** Craig & Lisa Hervey ♦ George & Julie Guay ♦ Susan, Jeff & Eliza Goodell ♦ Brenda Perry ♦ Shayne & Lillian Pratte **Newbury Center Rd:** Caroline Nininger ♦ Erin, Max, Rhis, Brody & Hazel Pellegrino **Newbury Crossing Rd:** Melanie & Kevin Lawrence ♦ Joan & Greg Klebes ♦ Danielle Drown, Alaura Foster **North Rd:** Skip & Carol Metayer ♦ Caroline Nininger ♦ Bruce Mays & Cynthia Maltbie ♦ Doug Speck & Claire Bolon ♦ Sandra & Tom Elliot **O'Gorman Rd:** Diane & David LaPlante ♦ Meredith & Isaac Willett **Old County Rd:** John & Harrison Renfrew **Old Schoolhouse Rd:** Kathy Damon ♦ Paul Jewett **Old**

Stagecoach Rd: Leslie Arnett & Catherine Ceriani **Old West Newbury Rd:** April & Tommy Girard **Oxbow Rd:** Joyce Bishop & Jann Keith **Page Hill Rd:** Erin & Troy Perry **Peach Brook Rd:** Kevin Grant, Sr, Paula, Sierra, Destiny, Nason Grant, Archer Ladeau ♦ **Andrew Haggan ♦ Dan Lemay Perini Rd:** Karl & Karen Neubauer ♦ Sue Gaelic & Dan Berna **Pine St:** Shelly, Sam, Raina Calley ♦ **Edie Lornitzo ♦ Joan & Art Morris Pulaski Rd:** Shelly, Sam, Raina Calley ♦ **Edie Lornitzo ♦ Joan & Art Morris Pulaski Mtn:** Joan & Art Morris **Putnam Rd:** Marv Harrison **Railroad St:** Ronald & Jean Welch ♦ **Don Waterman, Colin Bouffard ♦ Lucas & Lilla Winchester Ricker Rd:** Jennifer, Walter & Jaxon Fischer **Rogers Hill Rd:** Cooper, Hannah, Harper Leland ♦ **Amy & Paul Perry Romance Ln:** NES Student Council ♦ **Tom Burnhan ♦ Shawn & Melanie Gonyaw Round Barn Rd:** Robert & Amanda Longmoore **Route 5 North:** State Highway Crew in Bradford **Route 5 South:** Peggy Hewes ♦ **Mike & Tammy Santamore ♦ State Highway Crew Route 302/Mill Hollow Rd:** **_Route 302:** State Highway Crew Wells River **Schaeffer Hill Rd:** Ronald & Jean Welch ♦ **Don Waterman ♦ Marie White Scotch Hollow Rd:** John & Harrison Renfrew ♦ **Tom Burnham ♦ Beate & Zach Kane ♦ Charlie Mabey ♦ Allison & John Andrews ♦ Dale & Gail Bromley ♦ Sherry & Alfred Sidney, Cathy Thompson, Morgan & Madison Driscoll ♦ Frank & Jeanne Tilghman ♦ Doris & Heather McClintock ♦ Dennis & Sue Hopta ♦ Sue Monica ♦ Maisa, Tessa, Willow, Sage, Jennifer, Simeon Cook ♦ Sarah, Jackson, Gabriel, Matt Nusbaum ♦ Lucas, Kristina, Lizzie & Amy Vaughan ♦ Peter Gullekson ♦ Kathy Gale ♦ Aza Chirkova ♦ Lois Tweedy Scott Rd:** Peggy Hewes **Snake Rd:** Tom Williams, Michelle Kupiec ♦ **Dan, Danielle, Matthew, Samuel Corti ♦ Brynn & Jan Cole ♦ Reed Bodkin Swamp Rd:** Randy Wales ♦ **Rick & Emmy Hausman ♦ Chip Dolan ♦ Justin Martin, Lucy Domina ♦ Wendy Block, Nancy Martin, Maureen Flynn, Martha Ward, Joann Cummings ♦ Tom & Phyllis Fisher ♦ Maryellen Davis ♦ Maisa, Tessa, Willow, Sage, Jennifer, Simeon Cook Swift Rd:** Sid & Barbara Young ♦ **George & Mary Emerson ♦ Joann Cummings Tenney Pond Rd:** Jamie Rogers- Mills **Terry Hill Rd:** Randy Wales **Toll House Rd:** Peggy Hewes **Topsham Rd:** Sid & Barbara Young ♦ **George & Mary Emerson ♦ Joann Cummings Tucker Mt Rd:** Hannah Narowski ♦ **Renee Weeks ♦ Joe Parsons ♦ Jessica Loeffler & Parrish Eiskamp Tullar Rd:** Frank Tegethoff, Jean & Ron Welch **Tyler Farm Rd:** Tom & Catherine Kidder ♦ **Meredith, Isaac Willett ♦ Riverbend Students from the Diversified Ag, Cosmetology, Health Services, and Criminal Justice classes Upper Rogers Rd:** Mary & Bruce Wood ♦ **Amy & Paul Perry Urquhart Rd:** Joe Parsons **Vaughan Rd:** Lucas, Kristina, Lizzie & Amy Vaughan **Wallace Hill Rd:** Wade, Liz & Josh Baillargeon ♦ **Alma Roystan ♦ Jennifer, Walter & Jaxon Fischer ♦ Susan Kennedy ♦ Priscilla Connolly Water St: *WRSB Welch Rd: _Wheeler Rd:** Kathy Gale **Whitcher Rd:** Maryellen Davis **Whitelaw Rd:** Wade Trask, Elaine Dunbar **Wrights Mt Rd:** Patti & Steve Clark

* WRSB: Cassie Moulton, Emily Russo, Molly Clough, Judy Lavelly, Barb Ziter, Allison Ingerson, Kris Youngman, Irene Emerson, Dylan Farr, Dani Hunt, John Perry, Charlotte Hovan

*WRAP: Reverend James Merriam, Richard Roderick, Kelsey Root-Winchester, Sandy Boyce

*Work crew: Kathy & Rick Damon, Steve & Kathy Gale, Cary Vaughan, Terri Tibbatts, John Layton, Emmy & Rick Hausman, Peter Gullekson, Jeff McKelvey, Hannah Narowski

THANK YOU to all of you who picked up trash, and those of you who helped at the dumpsters, and those who did extra clean up for Green Up day! It was a success because of you! If you participated, but are not listed, please be sure to send in your report so that I can include you in future reports.

GREEN UP DAY IS ALWAYS THE FIRST SATURDAY IN MAY.

This year, it is May 4, 2024.

To volunteer, please contact:

Hannah Narowski

h.ivinsnarowski@gmail.com or call 802-439-5241

Halls Lake Association

Halls Lake Association (HLA) requests \$6,000 from the Town of Newbury for the purpose of invasive weed control at Halls Lake for 2024. Each summer, HLA hires divers to harvest Eurasian watermilfoil that, if left unchecked, can form dense beds that seriously impair the recreational use of a lake, reduce the availability of fish spawning grounds, outcompete beneficial native plants, and otherwise alter a lake's natural environment.

Additionally, HLA is addressing the thick stands of non-native phragmites that are taking hold along the shoreline, displacing the native cattail, reducing biodiversity, and negatively impacting the wildlife habitat.

The past contributions from the Town of Newbury have been instrumental to our ability to address these issues, as donations from our membership are not sufficient, and state grants have been difficult to secure. We hope to count on your contribution for 2024 and beyond.

We greatly appreciate your consideration. The continued good health of Halls Lake is important not only to our membership, but to all in Newbury who enjoy recreating there.

Respectfully submitted,
Patrick McCarthy, President
Halls Lake Association
P.O. Box 22
Newbury, VT 05051

The Mentoring Project of the Upper Valley

The Mentoring Project of the Upper Valley (TMPUV) is a community-based mentoring program that matches young people with adult volunteers in Vermont towns in our area: Bradford, Fairlee, Corinth, Topsham, Groton, Wells River, Newbury, Vershire, Ryegate & Thetford. Mentors and mentees commit to spending five hours per month together during non-school hours for at least one year, and also keep in touch through telephone and online check-ins between in-person meetings. Through spending time together doing both favorite and new activities, mentors and mentees build a trusting relationship that can change the course of each person's life for the better!

During 2023, TMPUV experienced a bittersweet **change in leadership**. After more than a decade of leading our organization, Nancy Jones retired and left a long legacy of successful matches in her wake. Anne Hatch began as the new Program Director in February of this year and worked closely with Nancy and the board to ensure a smooth transition. Aside from her work with TMPUV, Anne is a middle school teacher who brings a great deal of experience in collaborative education and social service programs. This is an exciting year of growth for us!

Devoting time to **community outreach opportunities** allows us to connect with past and future mentors and mentees. Special events also allow TMPUV to serve even more youth with unique engaging activities. Here are some of the collaborative events we had a chance to be a part of this year:

- *River Bend Career & Technical Center (Photo booth & face painting at the Expo in March)
- *Jazzy's Childrens' Fund (Craft station at summer concert in Groton in August)
- *Bradford Public Library ("Wellness Warriors" program for youth in July-August)
- *Newbury Woman's Club (Face painting at the Spring Flea Market in May)
- *Blue Mountain Union School (Estimating challenge at the Family Open House in September)

While supporting life-changing one-on-one relationships is at the core of TMPUV, it also means a great deal to come together for **celebrations, learning, service, and camaraderie**. Here is just a sampling of events that we enjoyed as a group this year:

- *Annual Sliding Party (for mentors & mentees, Feb.)
- *Running Water Recreation Center "March Madness" (for mentors, mentees & families, Mar.)
- *Graduation/Welcome Summer Celebration at Boulder Beach (for mentors, mentees & families, June)
- *Fajita Bar & Game Night at The Hub (for mentors & mentees, July)
- *Back-To-School Ice Cream at Phoenix Scoops (for mentors, mentees & families, Sept.)
- *Annual TMPUV Recognition Celebration at Colatina Exit (for mentors, mentees & families, Dec.)

With the generous outpouring of support from our host communities, we know that 2024 will be another banner year of support for our youth as well as volunteer engagement. We believe in the power of human connection!

Peter Berger, Board Treasurer

Anne Hatch, Program Director

P.O. Box 237, Bradford, VT 05033 (802)866-0904 TMPUV@gmail.com www.mentoringprojectuv.org

Orange County Restorative Justice Center

The Orange County Restorative Justice Center strives to be a catalyst in Orange County for building and advocating for a just community by:

- Providing restorative programs to address legal issues, wrongdoing, conflict and the needs of harmed parties; and
- Connecting participants to services that improve the health, well-being and positive behavior of individuals and the community.

Our vision is that the everyday life in Orange County communities is safe, just and provides opportunities for all people to thrive.

Our organization continues to offer Community Justice, Diversion and Pretrial Services to all of Orange County. Programs include: Youth Substance Abuse Intervention, Driver's License Reinstatement support, Youth and Adult Diversion, Pre-trial Services for defendants with mental health or substance misuse issues, Restorative Re-entry for convicted offenders returning to our communities after incarceration, Circles of Support and Accountability for high-risk offenders re-entering our communities after incarceration, Transitional Housing, and Reparative Panels, as part of probation for offenders asked to repair harm caused by their crimes.

The Orange County Restorative Justice Center is requesting that the Town of Newbury appropriate the sum of \$350 for our organization in 2024, the same amount we requested last year.

We appreciate the support that we have received from Newbury over the years.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessie Schmidt, OCRJC Director
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www.OCRJVT.org

Orange East Senior Center

176 Waits River Road

Bradford VT 05033

(802) 222-4782

Serving: Bradford, Corinth, Fairlee, Newbury, Topsham and West Fairlee

Our primary focus is helping seniors. What did we accomplish in 2023?

We were open for in-person meals at noon on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays each week (except for certain holidays). We continue to offer Meals on Wheels and Takeouts on those days. These are state-approved nutritious meals.

We offer the following programs:

- *Well-being checks for Meals on Wheels customers
- *Foot care clinics
- *Classes in exercise and balance
- *Income tax preparation and help with Medicare Part D and Medicaid forms
- *Distribution of donated medical equipment
- *Provide our space to AA, ALANON and a Cribbage Club
- *Host Bingo on Mondays, doors open at 4PM. Food is available.
- *Rental space with parking

In 2023 we delivered 4,326 meals in Newbury.

Our volunteers gave 3,477 hours to our Center and drove 20,574 miles delivering meals to participating seniors in our six towns.

Town appropriations are primarily used to offset the cost of providing in-person or delivered meals. Our goal is to make sure no senior goes hungry.

Thank you for supporting the Orange East Senior Center!
Everyone is welcome for meals and events!

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria R. Chaffee, Director

Safeline

Safeline, Inc. is a 501(c) (3) non-profit charitable organization that provides free and confidential services for victims of domestic violence, sexual abuse and stalking in Orange County and northern Windsor County.

In 2023, Safeline provided 2,325 services for 262 victims of domestic violence, stalking, and sexual abuse. Of these, 156 services were provided for 20 victims who identified themselves as residents of Newbury and Wells River. It is likely that these statistics are understated, as victims often choose not to give any identifying information out of fear for their own safety. Services were provided for 16 females and 4 males. These services included 1 stalking, 9 domestic violence situations, 2 family violence, 4 child sexual abuse situations and 1 elder abuse. Services that were provided included: 21 crises intervention; 20 Relief from Abuse protection orders; 10 safety planning; 29 emotional support; 13 referrals along with other assistance services.

In addition to providing direct services, Safeline is a resource to the community at large and is committed to changing the culture of violence in our society. As part of this work, Safeline offers a full-range of prevention education activities for community organizations, faith communities, youth groups and other groups seeking information about domestic and sexual violence. This past year Safeline provided an information table at the West Newbury Summer Festival, at the Wells River So Long Summer Festival, and made a presentation to the Newbury Vet Clinic.

A trained advocate is always available to provide crisis support, safety planning, resources, information and referrals through Safeline's 24 hours a day/7days a week Hotline (1-800-639-7233). Survivors can also choose from a wide array of additional services including legal advocacy, day shelter services, job readiness skills development, and financial management education.

We thank the voters for your support as we work to end domestic violence and sexual abuse in Newbury.

P.O. Box 368, Chelsea, VT 05038
802-685-7900 (office)
800-639-7933 (24/7 hotline)
safelineinfo@safelinevt.org

Tenney Memorial Library

"There is no frigate like a book." -Emily Dickinson

Our Mission: We are dedicated to providing and supporting diverse, lifelong learning opportunities in an inclusive environment for people of all ages.

At Tenney we are fond of saying we are not just about books. We have lots of puzzles, magazines for adults and children (*Ranger Rick, Cricket*), audio books, DVDs for both adults and children and a good selection of resources to help you in researching your family's roots. We offer free WiFi and have six public computers, as well as printers for your use. Patrons use computers to apply for jobs, take online classes, manage finances and of course research topics, and for keeping in touch with far away friends and relatives. Almost 700 of you have downloaded books this year- for free.

Many of you have used our free or reduced cost PASSES to visit Vermont's state parks and historic sites. We have passes for the Fairbanks Museum/Planetarium, the Vermont Institute of Natural Science (VINS), ECHO/Leahy Science Center on Lake Champlain, the Vermont Museum of Birds, and the American Precision Museum.

Tenney has also, thanks to the Vermont Department of Health, supplied FREE Radon testing kits to our patrons. Organic seeds from High Mowing Organic seeds have been offered FREE of charge for the 4th year to our patrons.

We are happy to report that the Tenney Little Libraries, built by the After-School WoodWorking Program at Newbury Elementary School and placed in Wells River and Newbury Village, are well used. We continued to collaborate with NES by encouraging summer reading by coming to the school with free books and sponsoring programs. This year "The Vermont Butterfly Man" shared a program on supporting pollinators and also helped the students create stenciled t-shirts of pollinators which every child got to take home. Tenney again supplied free books on August 12th at the West Newbury Festival, as well as having a summer reading challenge for adults.

Tenney Library offers space for various community groups: both the Democratic and Republican caucuses meet at the library; the Newbury Historical Society often meets at the library, as well. Throughout the spring Nancy Kane, a retired teacher, taught an AP English class at the library for homeschooled students.

In April the Wells River Savings Bank held their 2nd free workshop on avoiding frauds and scams that seem to be everywhere. May brought 3 poets and an author to Tenney: Lenice Cicchini and our own Syd Lea, former poet laureate of Vermont and his friend, the poet laureate from Maine read their work. Elizabeth Emerson shared her book *Letters from Red Farm* about Helen Keller's relationship with the Chamberlain family of Vermont. Later in May we were delighted by the 4th annual Poetry Slam featuring students from Newbury Elementary. They are a tribute to the education they are receiving at school. On June 7th we were at NES with the pollinators program. In August, thanks to a grant from the Vermont Humanities Council, Mark Greenberg gave a program on "Woody Guthrie-Mountain Balladeer". He also led us in singing several songs we loved.

In October, we were able to host Vermont's well-known historian, Howard Coffin, using another grant from the Vermont Humanities Council and support from the Newbury Woman's Club. To mark the 100th

anniversary of the Woman's Club, Mr. Coffin presented "Vermont Women in the Civil War." It was said that the women of VT made it possible for the men to go to war and come home to the life they had left, including still functioning farms, because the women had kept them going all those years.

We continue to honor Frances Mallary through the memorial fund started by her friends. To date we have been able to buy over 170 books in her name. We thank everyone who has contributed to this fund.

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is another program which Tenney continues to support. The library pays the postage so that every child who lives in Newbury or Wells River can receive an appropriate book delivered to their home from the time they are born until they reach five years of age. In the past several years between 22 to 30 children a year have received books from the Imagination Library. Please pick up a registration form at the library if you have a child or grandchild who qualifies. You may also get a form from Carol Cottrell who applied for and has organized this program. We would be happy to add names to our list.

AARP has helped people prepare their tax returns for the IRS for many years at the library. In the past these trained volunteers have helped about 125 people per year. (You do not have to belong to AARP or the library to take advantage of this helpful service.) In early February appointments will be available.

Again this year Tenney obtained a "Vermont Reads" grant and has multiple copies of this year's book, *Last Night at the Telegraph Club*, set in the 1950s in San Francisco. This book is the winner of the National Book Award in its category. Stop by the library to claim your copy. It is a gift to you from the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Vermont Humanities Council.

We continue to improve and update our collection at Tenney. With your support we have purchased all of the Red Clover books for younger readers, Golden Dome nominees for older children and all of the NY Times 10 best books of 2023, as well as most of the books both fiction and non-fiction that appeared on various best seller lists. (We appreciate all of the recommendations from our patrons, too.)

In addition to participating in Uncommon Jam and our BIG Book Sale in September, we thank all of you who were able to contribute to our appeal letter. All of these funds go directly to maintaining the quality of this library as we serve the patrons of Newbury and surrounding towns. Thank you all. We also thank all of our volunteers: Steve Gale, Peg Hastings, Lois Tweedy, Mary Wood, Catherine Kidder, Elizabeth and Tom Burnham, and Susan Kennedy.

Trustees: Jennifer Fischer, Carol Cottrell, Kathy Gale, Tom Beers, Barbara Briggs, Carol Stoll, Wayne Richardson, Amy Perry, Patti Clark

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Burnham,
Library Director

Tenney Memorial Library
2023 Operating Results and 2024 Budget

	<u>2023 Actual</u>	<u>2023 Budget</u>	<u>2024 Budget</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Appropriations			
Town of Newbury	16,000.00	16,000.00	16,000.00
Town of Newbury=Matching Funds			5,790.00
Village of Newbury	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>
Total Appropriations	<u>18,000.00</u>	<u>18,000.00</u>	<u>23,790.00</u>
Dividends	18,532.87	15,100.00	15,500.00
Fundraising Income			
Appeal Letter	4,725.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
Fall Festival	1,256.92	1,000.00	1,200.00
Other Fundraising	1,012.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
Speakers/Events	0.00	180.00	0.00
Uncommon Jam	<u>390.00</u>	<u>400.00</u>	<u>400.00</u>
Total Fundraising Income	<u>7,383.92</u>	<u>11,080.00</u>	<u>11,100.00</u>
Gifts, Grants, and Bequests			
Bayley Fund	2,297.53	1,500.00	1,700.00
Grants	800.00	0.00	46,274.00
In-Kind Donations	278.14	500.00	500.00
Memorial donations and Bequests	0.00	500.00	500.00
Other Donations	<u>9,654.11</u>	<u>4,500.00</u>	<u>4,500.00</u>
Total Gifts, Grants, and Bequests	<u>13,029.78</u>	<u>7,000.00</u>	<u>53,474.00</u>
Interest	22.90	20.00	20.00
Miscellaneous Income	<u>130.00</u>	<u>495.00</u>	<u>495.00</u>
Total Income	<u>57,099.47</u>	<u>51,695.00</u>	<u>104,379.00</u>
Expense			
Bank Fees	55.00	55.00	55.00
Books	4,394.89	6,250.00	5,250.00
Education	0.00	125.00	125.00
Francis Mallary Mem. Collection	550.86	500.00	500.00
Fundraising Expenses	804.54	720.00	760.00
Maintenance			
Bidg Maintenance	1,363.94	3,080.00	55,144.00
Grounds Maintenance	<u>780.00</u>	<u>1,450.00</u>	<u>1,450.00</u>
Total Maintenance	<u>2,143.94</u>	<u>4,530.00</u>	<u>56,594.00</u>
Mileage	0.00	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous	239.88	200.00	200.00
Operations			
Advertising	0.00	50.00	50.00
Equipment maintenance & repair	742.87	1,629.00	2,295.00
Equipment, Software, etc.	375.00	500.00	500.00
Insurance	1,421.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Memberships, Dues	174.00	153.00	174.00
Postage	304.80	650.00	450.00
Supplies	<u>686.08</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>
Total Operations	<u>3,703.75</u>	<u>5,482.00</u>	<u>5,969.00</u>
Payroll Expenses	27,037.67	28,095.29	29,387.09
Programs	1,908.44	2,110.00	2,097.00
Utilities	<u>8,342.43</u>	<u>9,155.80</u>	<u>7,460.60</u>
Total Expense	<u>49,181.40</u>	<u>57,223.09</u>	<u>108,397.69</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>7,918.07</u>	<u>-5,528.09</u>	<u>-4,018.69</u>
Other Income			
Restr. Funds from Prev. Years	<u>545.95</u>	<u>1,660.00</u>	<u>1,525.00</u>
Total Other Income	<u>545.95</u>	<u>1,660.00</u>	<u>1,525.00</u>
Net Income	<u><u>8,464.02</u></u>	<u><u>-3,868.09</u></u>	<u><u>-2,493.69</u></u>



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info@trivalleytransit.org

Thank you for the Town of Newbury's generous support last year. During the past four years, your support helped us provide an annual average of **1,672 free Dial-A-Ride trips for Newbury residents** either by volunteer drivers or on wheelchair accessible vehicles. An additional **2,275 riders boarded public buses at Newbury bus stops**. TVT's Dial-A-Ride and Public Bus Systems provided a total of 180,335 rides for the year. All of TVT's transportation programs enable community members to maintain their independence, gain and keep employment, and access critical healthcare and quality-of-life services.

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



Bus System – Promotes economic development, energy conservation, mobility independence and quality of life. Newbury residents can access the River Route commuter bus to the Lebanon, Hanover, White River Jct. area to access employment opportunities, medical services, and shopping. Residents can also use the Bradford Area Circulator for more local destinations between Fairlee and Woodsville.

The state and local grants through which we provide these services require us to raise up to 20% "local match" dollars. TVT's requests from towns account for approximately 5% of the match requirement.

Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Commission (TRORC)

The Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Commission is your regional planning commission. We are governed by a Board of Representatives appointed by each of our 30 member towns. We work to make the area better today, and to articulate a vision for a thriving regional economy that enhances the Region's outstanding quality of life. The following are highlights from our work in 2023.

Technical Assistance on Planning Issues

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

Economy and Public Health

This year, TRORC supported the Region's talented artists, food producers, and other parts of the creative economy sector through training and networking events. We also were able to provide many small businesses with grant funds to weather Covid-19, as well as guidance to towns on using their federal recovery funds. TRORC also helps identify and clean contaminated parcels of land for reuse.

Emergency Management and Preparedness

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

Energy/Climate Change

TRORC assisted towns on Enhanced Energy Plans to save money for communities and further the State energy goal of meeting 90% of energy needs from renewable sources by 2050. TRORC has continued working to support member towns through assessing town buildings for energy conservation upgrades. We also work on state-level climate policy and local adaptation measures.

Transportation

TRORC also worked with towns to get funding to implement road improvement projects. We also work to support our transit agencies, build park and ride lots, and help towns with traffic counts and speed studies.

Specifically in Newbury this past year, TRORC helped complete the Local Emergency Management Plan as well as the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. TRORC has also been working with the Town on an update to the Town Plan. TRORC assisted the town in a successful grant application for the VTrans Highway Safety Improvement Program to install chevrons and delineators on Bible Hill Road, as well as on an application for the town to receive radar speed feedback signs. We are committed to serving you, and welcome opportunities to assist you in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter G. Gregory, AICP, Executive Director

William B. Emmons III, Chairperson, Pomfret

128 King Farm Rd., Woodstock, VT 05091

802-457-3188

www.trorc.org

Vermont Center for Independent Living

For over 44 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'23 (10/2022-9/2023) 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 140 individuals to help increase their independent living skills, and 4 peers were served by the AgrAbility program. VCIL's Home Access Program (HAP) assisted 178 households with information on technical assistance and/or alternative funding for modifications; 115 of these received financial assistance to make their bathrooms and/or entrances accessible. Our Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF) provided 73 individuals with information on assistive technology; 41 of these individuals received funding to obtain adaptive equipment. 379 individuals had meals delivered through our Meals on Wheels (MOW) program for individuals with disabilities under the age of 60. Our Vermont Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program (VTEDP) served 17 people and provided 7 peers with adaptive telecommunications enabling low-income Deaf, Deaf-blind, Hard of Hearing and individuals with disabilities to communicate by telephone.

VCIL's central office is in downtown Montpelier (although we are working from home as our office (along with so many others) was devastated in the July flood. We have four branch offices in Bennington, Chittenden, Rutland and Windham Counties. Our PACs and services are available to people with disabilities throughout Vermont.

**During FY'23, 4 residents of Newbury received services from the following programs:
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**.

Vermont Department of Health

St. Johnsbury Local Health Office, 107 Eastern Ave, Suite 9, St. Johnsbury, VT
802-748-5151 AHS.VDHStJohnsbury@Vermont.gov

Twelve local health offices around the state are your community connection with the VT Department of Health. The St. Johnsbury Local Health Office serves towns in Caledonia, southern Essex, and a portion of Orange Counties. Some highlights of 2023 are below. For more information on our work and the areas we serve, visit:

HealthVermont.gov/local/st-johnsbury

Pregnant People, Infants and Children

Our Women, Infants & Children (WIC) team received 1 of only 13 national Premiere Level 2023 WIC Breastfeeding Awards of Excellence.

- In 2023, our WIC Program helped more than 775 pregnant people, infants and children under 5. We offer healthy food, breastfeeding support, nutrition education and community service connections.
- We worked with Salvation Farms to give families free local fresh seasonal produce.
- To make our services more accessible, our staff provided tele-WIC and expanded to 5 community clinic sites, including 2 daycares.

Collaborations and Collective Impact

Our team participates in many collaborative efforts in our community. Some 2023 highlights:

- NEK Prosper! – The Caledonia & Southern Essex County Accountable Health Community – Working to leverage relationships and collaborative action to build community health equity.
- NEK United – Bringing together public health and community leaders to work towards advancing health equity and well-being for all. Our work together will bring limited national funding to our region.
- Radon Test Kit Distribution – Our pilot program worked with town clerks, librarians, and health centers. It led to an increase in test kits distributed in Caledonia and Southern Essex Counties.

Prepared and Responsive

Our team is prepared to respond to changing community needs and emerging public health threats. In 2023 our staff:

- Investigated reports of infectious diseases and outbreaks.
- Vaccinated uninsured and underinsured people with COVID, flu, Mpox, and other immunizations.
- Distributed free home drinking water test kits after historic flooding affected many in our community.
- Joined the collaborative NEK long-term recovery planning efforts post flooding.
- Supported the Northeast Kingdom Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) – contact us to volunteer!

Visiting Nurse and Hospice for Vermont & New Hampshire (VNH)

We at the Visiting Nurse and Hospice for Vermont and New Hampshire would like to offer our heartfelt thanks for the opportunity to make a level-funded appropriations request of \$8,500.

As an integral part of the community healthcare system in Newbury, VNH serves to bridge an otherwise significant gap in the community's continuum of care. Last year, VNH provided 1,575 visits to 56 residents of all ages and all stages of life. VNH is also the foremost team of hospice and home health experts for over 140 communities in Vermont and New Hampshire. We deliver nursing, hospice, and rehabilitation services at home with proven effectiveness, integrity, and compassion. Just as local families have counted on us since 1907, you can count on us today.

Having our patients maintain their independence is key. Our nurses, therapists, and social workers provide assessments, medical care, and education to assist people in leading a more self-sufficient life. This includes patients who are frail, elderly, and disabled, people with terminal illness, those recovering from major surgery or illness, and children with chronic medical needs. They all benefit by receiving the care they need in the familiarity and comfort of home.

Town funding is what allows us to bring down the cost of services provided to those in need. With adequate town funding, we are able to provide an affordable option for home healthcare in the community. To continue meeting these needs, we urge the Town of Newbury to continue its financial support of Visiting Nurse and Hospice for Vermont and New Hampshire.

On behalf of the people we serve, we thank you for your support.

Respectfully submitted,
Anthony Knox, Community Relations Manager
88 Prospect Street, White River Jct., VT 05081
888-300-8853
www.vnhcare.org

<p style="text-align: center;">WRAP WELLS RIVER ACTION PROGRAM Post Office Box 538 Wells River, Vermont 05081</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">President – Kelsey Root-Winchester Vice President – Lyndia Melchin Secretary – Lauren Nelson Treasurer – Connie Philleo/ Lauren Nelson wrapwr@gmail.com</p>
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Greetings! In the year 2023, during the continued the pandemic, we have stayed true to our mission, which is “to enhance the quality of life in Wells River Village and its immediately surrounding villages and towns by promoting affordable and accessible housing, supporting and developing business and economic development, preserving the rural and historic character and ambiance of Wells River Village and establishing avenues of cooperation with other organizations and governmental agencies”. WRAP is now on facebook.com/WRAPVT

Housing – Renovations of the 29 Wells River Historic Housing apartments (formerly the WRAP Apartments) now owned by Evernorth (formerly Housing Vermont) that began in Spring 2021 are finished. Under a partnership agreement WRAP sends a liaison to the Evernorth Development Team meetings to keep up on the construction progress and to provide assistance or offer suggestions as appropriate. WRAP continues its role as a link between Evernorth, EP Property Management Corp, and the Wells River community. The Baldwin Block received a new roof, and the exterior was painted. Of the 29 units most have received new stoves and refrigerators. In the spring the final exterior work, landscaping, and last-minute interior work was completed on all 5 buildings.

Annual Meeting – The 2023 Annual meeting was held on February 19th in-person at the Wells River Congregational Church after two years of online meetings. The guest speaker was Rev. James Merriam, the new pastor at the Wells River Congregational Church. The Hatchbox catered the food.

WRAP Up Newsletter - Volume 18, Issues 1 and 2 of the *WRAP Up* were published in May and November of 2023. The newsletters were hand-delivered to the apartments and businesses in Wells River and were mailed to Wells River property owners through the generosity of Wells River Savings Bank. The *WRAP Up* provides on going information about WRAP’s programs as well as Wells River community and business news. It couldn’t be published without all the volunteer writers, photographers, and the production and distribution crew.

Flower Barrels and Holiday Lights - During the spring, summer and fall, colorful flowers graced the village. There are all new barrels along Main Street. Holiday trees and lights brightened the village during the winter season. All flowers, barrels and trees were purchased locally.

Rowe Community Garden - The twelfth season of the garden was successful. This year five gardeners tended seven plots at the Rowe Garden, and with generous donations of manure and fencing, the gardeners were able to supply three different food shelves – the Virginia Onorato Emergency Food Shelf at the Congregational Church, Little Rivers Health Care, and the Baldwin Memorial Library, with a variety of fresh veggies. Collections for “Share the Harvest” at the Baldwin Memorial Library filled the rolling cooler (donated by Newbury United) nearly every week from June to October. There will be FREE garden plots available again in April 2024. Contact Janis Moore at 802-376-6044.

Welcome Center – We had a total of 1,493 visitors sign in. Visitors were from as far away as 4 provinces of Canada (farthest British Columbia), England, Germany, Belgium, Netherlands, New Zealand, Israel, Argentina, Thailand, Cayman Islands, Spain, Sweden, France, Egypt, Australia, Brazil, Korea, and India. From the good old USA we had visitors from all states except Delaware, Hawaii,

Nebraska, North Dakota, and Oklahoma. Visitors also use the picnic area, bathroom, and phone/internet connections frequently. We are thankful for Wells River Chevrolet for allowing us to use internet. If you would like to be a volunteer greeter this year, email us at wrapwr@gmail.com.

Village Clean Up Day- On May 6, Vermont Green Up day, volunteers from Wells River and Ryegate cleaned up Main Street, Schaeffer Hill and the Welcome center. We swept, hosed, and trimmed up all along the downtown.

Community Picnic - About 50 people gathered for the tenth Annual Community Picnic and Ice Cream Social on June 24th to dedicate the new, recently installed playground equipment at the Berry Field. WRAP is thankful to all the volunteers who helped us get the playground equipment and all who donated money for the equipment. In addition to the dedication, Michael J. Caduto provided an interactive and engaging story, music and game program for attendees. The Baldwin Library gave away books, in a free drawing over 20 people won T-shirts, and there was food from Tuttle's Diner and Hatchbox. It was a fun day.

So Long Summer – Hello Fall Festival –The 11th annual festival was held September 2nd. There was an Antique Tractor Ride and Show sponsored by Wells River Chevrolet. The weather was wonderful and sunny. This was the biggest year yet with 69 vendors. Both sides of Main Street plus Railroad Street were lined with a wide variety of food, retail, and crafts vendors as well as the Library book sale and community and non-profits booths providing information. This was the 12th year for the Giant Zucchini Contest as the Contest was held during 2020. There were 12 entrants were vying to win this year; it didn't come close to the 28 in 2020.

302 Cares - The 302 Cares Coalition, a subcommittee of WRAP, is a group of individuals and organizations who work together for the common goal of reducing substance misuse among youth and adults. They have held a number of programs for the community, promoted Drug Take-back days, provided mail-back prescription drug containers, provided information during BMU Parent Orientation, participated in the So Long Summer Hello Fall festival, coordinated with Baldwin Library to provide educational materials, and took part in a family dinner night at BMU. Currently, several members of 302 Cares meet monthly with a prevention coalition at BMU and one in Haverhill with the purpose of sharing information and exploring ways to work together. We welcome new members and would like to hear from you if you would like to be included on our email distribution list. Meetings are typically held on the fourth Tuesday of the month from 2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m at BMU and via zoom. For further information, or to be placed on the email distribution list, contact coalition coordinator Kelsey Root-Winchester at 302cares@gmail.com or visit on facebook/302cares.

Project Committee - With the Wells River Trustees we ordered and installed the playground equipment at the Berry Memorial Field and then began to focus on improvements to Burnham Lane.

Appreciation – We thank Sandy Boyce for all of her years of service to WRAP, the Welcome Center and our whole community. And Thank You to the Baldwin Memorial Library, the Wells River Congregational Church and the Wells River Wellness Hall for providing space for WRAP to meet; to WYKR, *Bridge-Weekly/Sho-Case*, *Journal Opinion*, and *Trendy Times* for their on-going coverage of our events, and to local businesses for sponsoring all of the advertising publicity for the So Long Summer-Hello Fall Festival.

Submitted by
Kelsey Root-Winchester, President

Income	Budget 2022	Actual 2022	Budget 2023	Actual 2023	Budget 2024	Reconciliation WRAP	
Dues, Donations, Souvenirs	900	1105.00	950	759.00	950	Checking 12/31/22	11603.00
Welcome Center Donations	50	25.00	50	323.51	75	Deposits - 2023	9731.93
Town of Newbury	400	400.00	400	400.00	400		
Village of Wells River	200	200.00	200	200.00	200	Disbursements 2023	17556.86
So Long Summer - Donations	100	45.00	50	0.00	0	Balance 12/31/23	3778.07
Playground Equipment Project	0	1000.00	4000	2,880.00	0		
WRAP/HVT Agreement	2040	2000.00	2040	2,204.00	2204	24-Month CD 04/30/2023	23922.05
So Long Summer-Vendors	300	267.00	300	342.00	400	2023 Earnings	160.25
So Long Summer-Bake Sale	300	569.50	400	323.80	300	Balance 12/31/23	24082.30
So Long Summer Ad Donations	900	1250.70	1300	1,025.00	1000		
Community Picnic & WRAP Up	50	25.00	50	0.00	25	12-Month CD 4/26/2023	5000.00
Retained Earnings (in checking)	420	-1805.17	6170	3,778.07	3779	2023 Earnings	100.22
Retained Earnings (in checking)WC				356.27	356	Balance 12/31/2023	5100.22
Holiday Decorations/Flowers	100	57.00	50	0.00	50		
50/50 Raffle				287.00	0		
Welcome Center Bake Sale				237.50	250	Reconciliation Welcome Center	
Total Income	5760	5139.03	15960	13,116.15	9989	Checking 12/31/22	926.47
						Deposits 2023	523.51
						Total Available	1449.98
Expense	Budget 2022	Actual 2022	Budget 2023	Actual 2023	Budget 2024	Disbursements 2023	1093.71
Publicity/Annual Meeting	250	241.15	500	652.53	650	Balance 12/31/23	356.27
WRAP Up	350	502.20	500	423.50	650		
Welcome Center	300	339.98	1000	407.07	1500	Savings 12/31/22	100.04
Investment in CD	0	0.00	5000	0.00	0	Deposits 2023	0.03
Flowers/Trees/Lights/Barrels	1000	844.83	1000	3,250.00	1500	Withdrawals 2023	0.00
Cohase Chamber of Commerce	60	55.00	60	0.00	60	Balance 12/31/23	100.07
Rowe Community Garden	100	0.00	100	0.00	100		
So Long Summer -Hello Fall	1400	1534.91	1500	1,520.21	1500	12-Month CD 12/31/22	7951.75
Community Picnic	300	135.70	300	388.20	400	Earnings 2023	1,790.02
Community Ads & Donations	200	35.00	300	266.23	300	Balance 12/31/23	8,130.77
Unanticipated Expenses	300	178.44	200	139.22	200		
Office/Postage/Miscellaneous	150	86.41	200	0.00	150		
Consulting/Legal Fees/Insurance	1100	1067.85	1100	1,093.85	1100		
302 Cares	250	-108.99	200	0.00	200		
Playground Equipment Project	0	226.55	4000	4,000.00	0		
Holiday party				100.00	0		
Total Expenses	5760	5139.03	15960	12,240.81	8310		

582 Absentee
76 in-person

TOWN OF NEWBURY

Tuesday, March 7, 2023

658 Total

1506 Reg.
voters

OFFICIAL VERMONT ANNUAL MEETING BALLOT

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS: To vote for a person whose name is printed on the ballot, mark a cross (X) in the square at the right of that person's name. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the person's name on the blank line in the appropriate block and mark a cross (X) in the square to the right.

TOWN MEETING ARTICLES

Moderator, 1 Year Term

Vote for not more than one

WRITE IN Brian Emerson-19 ☐

Town Clerk, 1 year Term

Vote for not more than one

MARY COLLINS ☒

WRITE IN Elected ☐

Lister, 2 year Term

Vote for not more than one

WRITE IN 0 ☐

Auditor, 3 year Term

Vote for not more than one

JEAN WELCH ☒

WRITE IN Elected ☐

Selectboard, 3 year Term

Vote for not more than one

JEFF MCKELVEY ☒

WRITE IN Elected ☐

Lister, 3 year Term

Vote for not more than one

JANIS MOORE ☒

WRITE IN Elected ☐

Auditor, 2 year Term

Vote for not more than one

WRITE IN ☐

ARTICLE 2: Shall the Town authorize the Treasurer to collect real and personal municipal property taxes to be payable to the Treasurer on or before August 10, 2023, with delinquent taxes subject to penalty of 8% and interest charges of one percent per month?

YES 559 ☒

NO 77 ☐

ARTICLE 3: Shall the Town authorize the Treasurer to collect real and personal education property taxes to be payable to the Treasurer in four installments due October 10, 2023, December 10, 2023, February 10, 2024 and May 10, 2024 with interest on late installments at the rate of 1% per month and penalty on delinquents amounts at 8%.

YES 570 ☒


NO 64 ☐

ARTICLE 4: Shall the Town raise taxes in the amount of \$640,350 to defray the general expenses of the Town?

YES 446 ☒

NO 187 ☐

Two pages please

<p>ARTICLE 5: Shall the Town raise taxes in the amount of \$829,000 for highway purposes?</p>	<p>YES 410 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>NO 226 <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>ARTICLE 6: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$6000 to support the Orange East Senior Center?</p>	<p>YES 543 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>NO 96 <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>ARTICLE 7: Shall the voters authorize the transfer of \$100,000 from the town's account that used to collect school taxes to the highway equipment reserve fund to help offset the purchase of a new tractor and roadside mower attachment?</p>	<p>YES 422 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>NO 215 <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>ARTICLE 8: Shall the voters of Newbury direct the Newbury Selectboard to inform the Governor, the Commissioner of DCF, VPI's Board of Directors, and the Chairs of the following legislative committees: Senate Institutions, Senate Judiciary, Senate Health and Welfare, House Corrections and Institutions, House Judiciary, and House Human Services that:</p> <p>Whereas the voters of Newbury recognize the need for a facility in Vermont to house justice-involved youth;</p> <p>The voters do not support the juvenile detention facility proposed to be opened by Vermont Permanency Initiative, Inc. ("VPI") and the Vermont Department of Children and Families ("DCF") at 487 Stevens Place in Newbury because it is not appropriate to locate a high-security facility of this type:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * in a remote location isolated from any immediate community, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * at the end of an unmaintained Class 4 road, * in a Conservation district designed for low-density agricultural, forestry, and residential uses, * in a small town that has no police department and only limited law enforcement and emergency services coverage through the Orange County Sheriff, Vermont State Police (via St.Johnsbury, 23 miles away), and volunteer EMS and fire department. 	<p>YES 601 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>NO 56 <input type="checkbox"/></p>
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Newbury Town Clerk Hours

Monday thru Friday 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

We are open to the public.

Please visit our website **www.newburyvt.org** to answer many of your questions
and get the most recent information.

Please feel free to call the office with questions at 802-866-5521

Monthly Board Meetings

Selectboard meetings are held the second, third, and last Wednesday of
each month at 7:00 p.m.

Recycling

Newbury Village

Hours - Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 pm

Dog License Information

License Fees - Neutered or Spayed - \$9:00; Unaltered Male or Female - \$13.00
on or before 4/1/2024. You can mail to above address or drop off paperwork in
office mail slot 24/7, please make checks payable to: Town of Newbury.

Renewed license(s) and tag(s) will be mailed back to you.

**Current Rabies Certificate required to be kept on file and Proof of spaying
or neutering must be exhibited at first time of licensing. See Rabies Clinic
List included in this book.**

Highway Garage – 802-429-2401

Listers & Zoning Office – 802-866-5026

**2023 Newbury Vital Statistics
Registered in Newbury**

Births.....	06
Deaths.....	25
Marriages.....	17