

# ROCKINGHAM, VERMONT ANNUAL REPORT

JULY 1, 2019 - JUNE 30, 2020



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## Notice:

**Rockingham Town & Town School District**

**Informational Meeting: Thursday, Feb 18, 2021**

**Bellows Falls Opera House—7:00 p.m.**

**Business Meeting: Monday, March 1, 2021**

**Bellows Falls Opera House - 7:00 p.m.**

**Balloting: Tuesday, March 2, 2020**

**Masonic Temple - 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

The Town of Rockingham 2020-2021 Annual Report is dedicated to Stephen L. James. “Speedy” Steve was born and raised on the family farm in Walpole, NH. He and his late wife, Carol B. James, settled in Bellows Falls and started a family together in 1965. Steve and Carol raised their three children on Atkinson Street in town. It has been a great location for him to spend the past fifty years, since Steve has always enjoyed extending warm, heartfelt hospitality, and has often opened his house up to everyone in the neighborhood. More often than not, he would make sure to buy enough groceries to feed not only his family of five, but anyone that stepped through the door. Walking into the James’ house, you can expect to be greeted by Steve, offering (and sometimes pushing!) food and drink. During the winter months you can always count on a large batch of kettle-cooked popcorn; everyone knows him for his famous kettles of “the best popcorn around.” Show up early in the morning, and you might get lucky and be served “Speedy’s unique homemade pancakes.” They are like no other!



Throughout his tenure as a Rockingham notable (if amateur) host and popcorn-maker, Steve has also been well known for being called upon for help by the elderly folks who knew and trusted him. Among the most important help he provided was taking folks to the hospital during medical emergencies, and he brought more than a couple of people up to the hospital in town when it was open. In addition to helping out in a pinch, Steve also spent fourteen years serving his community on the Bellows Falls Fire Department. During this service he was involved in calls to many fires, but in particular he arrived early to a fire at the Starr Hotel on December 29th, 1981, and, in an act of heroism, saved two women from the third floor of the building. Unfortunately, Steve’s career as a firefighter ended when he suffered a major heart attack while on call in February of 1982.

Many people know Steve because he and his late wife owned and operated James Plumbing for more than forty years. (His son Tony has continued the family business and owns and operates James Plumbing & Heating Oil now.) The current offices which are located on Paper Mill Road were an eyesore to our community. Thanks to Steve, Tony and their crew's hard work, and dedication revitalizing the old mill building and make it the outstanding building it is today. Throughout the years, Steve often ran the business out of his home on Atkinson Street. True to form, whenever Steve was home and customers showed up, he wouldn’t let them leave without encouraging them to “grab a banana,” or “take an apple.” He always had his counters full of goodies for anyone who might stop by. Steve especially loved having people bring their children in with them when they came to the office. The kids would never leave empty handed! He would always make sure they grabbed some fruit, a popsicle, a baggie full of his famous popcorn, a juice box or a little bit of everything.

Steve’s contributions have truly been a treat for everyone in the Rockingham community for decades and decades and we are delighted to dedicate this report to him.

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**TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM**  
**March 2020 – March 2021**

	<u>DATE ELECTED</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>
<u>Moderator:</u>		
L. Raymond Massucco	March 2020	March 2021
<u>Town Clerk:</u>		
Kathleen Neathawk	March 2019	March 2022
<u>Selectboard:</u>		
Gaetano Putignano, <i>Chair</i>	March 2018	March 2021
Peter Golec, <i>Vice Chair</i>	March 2019	March 2022
Stefan Golec	March 2020	March 2021
Susan Hammond	March 2020	March 2023
Ben Masure	March 2020	March 2021
<u>Town Treasurer/Tax Collector:</u>		
Kathleen Neathawk	March 2019	March 2022
<u>Listers:</u>		
Paul Noble	March 2020	March 2023
Paul Obuchowski	March 2018	March 2021
Camilla Roberts	March 2019	March 2022
<u>Trustees of Public Funds:</u>		
Patricia Fowler	March 2020	March 2023
<u>Town Agent:</u>		
L. Raymond Massucco	March 2020	March 2021
<u>Town Grand Juror:</u>		
<u>Rockingham School Moderator:</u>		
<u>Rockingham School Directors:</u>		
Pricilla Lambert	March 2019	March 2022
George Smith	March 2019	March 2021
Megan Applegate	March 2020	March 2021
Jason Benson	March 2020	March 2022
Jason Terry	March 2020	March 2022

Town Officers – continued

	<u>DATE ELECTED</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>
<u>BFUHS #27 School Directors:</u>		
Colin James	March 2018	March 2021
Brenda Farkas	March 2020	March 2023
Deborah Wright	March 2020	March 2023

Trustees of Public Library:

John Bohannon	March 2018	March 2021
Kathleen Hacker	March 2019	March 2022
Dale Kondracki	March 2019	March 2022
Martha Rowley	March 2018	March 2021
Mary Shepard	March 2020	March 2023
Ellen Taetzsch	March 2019	March 2022
Don Tretler	March 2018	March 2021
Brady Weinstock	March 2020	March 2023

Trustees of the Campbell Fund:

Custodian of the Campbell Fund:

Justices of the Peace/BCA:

Carol Buchdahl	
Richard Cowan	L. Raymond Massucco
Pat Fowler	Chelsey Obuchowski
Leslie Goldman	Paul Obuchowski
Stefan Golec	Dorothy Read
Dennis Harty	Gloria Vancor
Colin James	Cass Wright
Sally MacPhee	Deborah Wright

Justices of the Peace are elected biennially in November in the even year. However, term begins the following February of the odd year. The above justices were elected November 3, 2020, their term will begin February 1, 2021, and their term expires January 31, 2023.

## APPOINTED OFFICIALS

### Municipal Manager

Scott Pickup

### Planning Commission

Deborah Wright, *Chair*  
Kate Roome, RN  
Miles Mickle, *Vice Chair*  
Tylar Stanley

Guy Payne  
Nathan Rounds  
Scott Phillips

### Planning/Zoning Administrator

Charles Wise, Jr.

August 30, 2018

August 30, 2021

### Development Review Board

Patrick Moyna, <i>Chair</i>	2018 – 2021
Kathleen Martin <i>Vice Chair</i>	2020 – 2023
Archie Gleason	2018 - 2021
Thaddeus Guild	2020 - 2023
Travis Kemp	2020 - 2021
Remy Walker (Alternate)	2018 - 2021

### Rockingham Conservation Commission

	<u>Appointed</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Mike Ghia, <i>Chair</i>	March 2018	March 2022
Peter Bergstrom	March 2020	March 2024
Laurel Green	March 2020	March 2024
Tom Hernon	March 2018	March 2022
Devon Smith	March 2019	March 2023

### Town Health Officer

Charles Wise, Jr.

### Inspector of Lumber, Shingles & Wood

Raymond Perry

### Deputy Health Officer

Shaun McGinnis

### Tree Warden

Cass Wright

### Town Service Officer

Christine Bullard

### Town Code Enforcement Officers

Charles Wise Jr.  
Shaun McGinnis

### Town Fire Chief

Kevin Kingsbury

### Windham Regional Commission

Susan Hammond  
Bonnie North

### Town Forest Fire Warden

Larry White

### Collector of Delinquent Taxes

Scott Pickup

### Constables

1<sup>st</sup> Constable – Vacant  
2<sup>nd</sup> Constable – Vacant

### Poundkeeper

Windham County Humane Society

**WARNING**

**TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM INFORMATIONAL MEETING**

**FEBRUARY 18, 2021**

**TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM  
ANNUAL TOWN AND TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**MEETING MARCH 1 & MARCH 2, 2021**

The legal voters of the Town of Rockingham and Town of Rockingham School District are hereby notified and warned there will be an informational meeting at the Town Hall Auditorium (Bellows Falls Opera House, 7 Square) in said Town on Thursday February 18, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Voters may also meet via Zoom at (929) 205-6099 Meeting ID 696 830 477

The legal voters of the Town of Rockingham and Town of Rockingham School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Town Hall Auditorium (Bellows Falls Opera House, 7 Square) in said Town on Monday, March 1, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. to act upon all matters which shall be voted upon by Australian Ballot at the Masonic Temple (61 Westminster Street) in said Town at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 2, 2021. Voters may also meet via Zoom at (929) 205-6099 Meeting ID 696 830 477

ARTICLE 1: To elect Town Officers and Town School District Officers as required by law.

ARTICLE 2: To receive and act upon the reports of the Town Officers for the past year.

ARTICLE 3: Shall the voters of the Town of Rockingham authorize the Selectboard and Treasurer to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of tax collection, or payment of money due the Town from the State of Vermont for highway or other purposes or payment to the Town from Federal funds.

ARTICLE 4: Shall the voters of the Town of Rockingham authorize the Selectboard to seek out and/or accept funds available from non-property tax revenue sources and to spend those funds in appropriate ways after required public input.

ARTICLE 5: Shall the voters of the Town of Rockingham raise and appropriate the sum of Six Million, Twenty-One Thousand, Eighty-Nine Dollars (\$6,021,089) to pay the indebtedness of the Town, repair and maintain highways, and pay all other general and regular expenses of the Town beginning July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 with Five Million, One Hundred Twenty-Two Thousand, Nine Hundred Forty-Four Dollars (\$5,122,944) to be raised by taxes?

ARTICLE 6: Shall the voters of the Town of Rockingham raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Twenty-Eight Thousand, Two Hundred Eighty-Six (\$428,286) in operating expenses for the support of the Rockingham Free Public Library, Three



Hundred Seventy-Nine Thousand, Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$379,250) to be raised by taxes?

ARTICLE 7: Shall the voters of the Town of Rockingham raise and appropriate the sum of Ninety-Two Thousand One Hundred and Three Dollars (\$92,103) to be allocated to the following social service agencies as indicated?

Bellows Falls Community Bike Project	\$2,500
Bellows Falls Senior Center	\$ 21,384
Greater Falls Connections	\$4,000
Greater Falls Justice Center	\$3,000
Green Mountain RSVP & Volunteer Center	\$ 500
Health Care & Rehabilitation Services, Inc.	\$ 2,700
Meeting Waters YMCA	\$ 5,000
Our Place	\$ 5,000
Parks Place	\$ 4,000
Senior Solutions	\$1,500
Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA)	\$ 4,770
Southeast Vermont Transit, Inc. (The Current)	\$ 3,825
Springfield Supported Housing Program	\$ 2,500
Vermont Adult Learning	\$1,350
Visiting Nurse Alliance of VT & NH	\$ 26,024
Women's Freedom Center	\$ 1,750
Youth Services	\$2,300

ARTICLE 8: Shall the voters of the Town of Rockingham vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Two Thousand Dollars (\$22,000) to fund the Meeting House Capital Reserve Fund, with Twenty-Two Thousand Dollars (\$22,000) to be raised by taxes?

ARTICLE 9: Shall the voters of the Town of Rockingham vote to transfer One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) from the surplus Highway Unassigned Fund Balance to Highway operating budget for purposes of paving?

ARTICLE 10: Shall the voters of the Town of Rockingham vote exempt the following properties from all real estate property taxes for the property located at the listed addresses for a five-year period commencing with the grand list of April 1, 2021?

#020800116 -- Bartonville Grange #481- 130 Upper Bartonville Rd.  
#100020201 – Saxton River Village Land and Trout Ponds-201 Pleasant Valley Road  
#110460125 – Bellows Falls Village Corporation Watershed Land- 125 Darby Hill Road

#115000706 -- Bellows Falls Village Corporation Water Tower site near  
Industrial Park- 706 Rockingham Road  
#140020075 -- Saxton River Village Recreation Area - 75 Pleasant Valley Road  
#151210700 -- Saxton River Village Horan Forest – 698 Saxton River Road  
#233160003 – Bellows Falls Area Senior Center – 3 Hyde Street

ARTICLE 11: Shall the voters of the Town of Rockingham adopt the budget of the Rockingham Free Public Library by Australian ballot, commencing with the 2022 Town of Rockingham Annual Meeting?

ARTICLE 12: Shall the voters of the Town of Rockingham adopt the budget of the Town of Rockingham by Australian ballot, commencing with the 2022 Town of Rockingham Annual Meeting?

ARTICLE 13: To transact any other business deemed proper when not involving the expenditures of Town funds or any other business acted upon in the preceding article?

Adopted and approved at a regular meeting of the Selectboard of the Town of Rockingham duly called, noticed, and held on January 19, 2021.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Kathleen Neathawk, Town Clerk

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Gaetano Putignano, Chair

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Peter Golec, Vice-Chair

RECEIVED FOR RECORDS  
ROCKINGHAM TOWN CLERK'S  
OFFICE January \_\_\_\_, 2021  
at \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Stefan Golec

Recorded in Book \_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Susan Hammond

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kathleen Neathawk, Town Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_  
Benjamin Masure

**WARNING**  
**ANNUAL ROCKINGHAM TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING**  
**March 1st and March 2<sup>nd</sup>**

The legal voters of the Rockingham Town District are hereby notified and warned to meet in the Theater at The Town Hall with Zoom available in said Town on Monday, March 1, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. and to adjourn to vote by Australian Ballot on or before Tuesday, March 2, 2021 to act on the following Articles 1 through 5.

Rockingham polls will be open on March 2, 2021 at The Masonic Temple from 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Article 1: To hear the reports of the Rockingham Town School District Officers for the last year and to take action thereon.

Article 2: To see if the Rockingham Town School District will apply the sum of (\$40,652.00) from the fiscal year 2020 fund balance to create a reserve fund to be used for capital improvements at the Rockingham Schools and authorize the Board to expend said funds.

Article 3: Shall the voters of the Rockingham Town School District approve the school board to expend ten million, seven hundred twenty-five thousand, four hundred fifty-one dollars and sixty-four cents (\$10,725,451.64) which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of eighteen thousand, nine hundred fifty-one dollars and five cents (\$18,951.05) per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 3.42% less than spending for the current year.

Article 4: To see if the Rockingham Town School District will vote to pay its District Officers compensation in the amounts of: Chair - \$700.00; Board Members - \$600.00, and Treasurer - \$400.00.

Article 5: To transact any other business to be brought before the Town District meeting.



George Smith, Chair



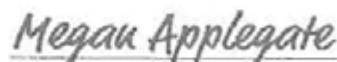
Priscilla Lambert



Jason Terry



Jason Benson



Megan Applegate

## WARNING

### RIVER VALLEY TECHNICAL CENTER SCHOOL DISTRICT 2021 INFORMATIONAL MEETING, AUSTRALIAN BALLOT & ANNUAL MEETING

(Member districts: Bellows Falls Union High School District #27, Ludlow Independent School (formerly Ludlow Mount Holly Unified Union School District#39), Green Mountain Unified School District #35, and Springfield School District)

#### **INFORMATIONAL MEETING, FEBRUARY 25, 2021, 7:00 P.M.**

The legal voters of the River Valley Technical Center School District are hereby warned that a Public Informational Meeting will be held concerning the Australian Ballot Article on Thursday, February 25, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom meeting: <https://vtvlc.zoom.us/j/86704323158> or dial in at (646) 876-9923, meeting ID: 867 0432 3158.

#### **VOTING BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT MARCH 2, 2021**

The legal voters of each member district are further warned to vote on the following Article by Australian Ballot at their respective polling places:

#### **ARTICLE 1**

*Shall the voters of the River Valley Technical Center School District approve the sum of two million, eight hundred eighty-five thousand, five hundred thirty-five dollars (\$2,885,535) to defray current expenses for the ensuing fiscal year and to pay outstanding orders and obligations?*

#### **FLOOR VOTE OF ANNUAL MEETING, MAY 5, 2021, 6:00 P.M.**

The legal voters of the River Valley Technical Center School District are further warned to meet in the Howard Dean Education Center, Springfield, Vermont, on Wednesday, May 5, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., to transact at that time business not involving voting by Australian Ballot or voting required by law to be by ballot.

The business to be transacted to include:

ARTICLE 1: To see what compensation the School District will pay to the officers of the River Valley Technical Center School District.

ARTICLE 2: To hear and act on the reports of the School District officers.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the School District will authorize the Board of Directors to receive and expend funds received through grants, donations, or other outside sources during the ensuing year, so long as such funds do not change the technical-education tuition assessment derived from the operating budget approved by the School District voters.

ARTICLE 4: To authorize the Board of Directors to borrow funds through a bridge loan to cover expenses while waiting for state funding to arrive.

ARTICLE 5: To transact any other business that may legally be brought before this School District Annual Meeting.

*For more information about the proposed 2021-2022 budget, please contact the office of the RVTC Superintendent/Director at (802) 885-8301. Copies of the RVTC Annual Report are available at town clerk offices and high schools of the member districts, on our website at [rvtc.org](http://rvtc.org), or upon request by contacting the RVTC office.*

Robert Flint, Chair  
Lyza Gardner  
Jeanice Garfield  
Paul Orzechowski  
Lois Perlah

David Clark, Vice Chair  
Andrew Pennell, Secretary/Board Clerk  
James Rumrill  
Sarah Vogel  
Jeff Mobus, Clerk, River Valley Technical Center School District

**RIVER VALLEY TECHNICAL CENTER SCHOOL DISTRICT  
INFORMATIONAL MEETING THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2021  
ANNUAL MEETING, WEDNESDAY, MAY 5, 2021**

**And  
VOTING BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT MARCH 2, 2021**

Dated at Springfield, Vermont, in the County of Windsor, on this 21<sup>st</sup> day of January 2021.

River Valley Technical Center Board of Directors

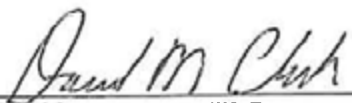
  
Robert Flint, At-Large Member  
Board Chair


  
Lois Perlah, Green Mt. USD Representative

  
Paul Orzechowski, Ludlow Mount Holly UUSD


  
Jeanine Garfield, Springfield SD Representative

  
Sarah Vogel, At-large Member, Fall Mtn. RSD

  
David Clark, BFUHS Representative  
Vice Chair

  
Andrew Pennell, At-Large Member  
Secretary/Clerk

  
James Rumrill, At-Large Member

  
Lyza Gardner, At-Large Member

  
Jeff Magnus, Clerk, RVTC School District

Voting Locations and Hours

Bellows Falls Union High School District #27

Athens	Athens Town Hall	10:00 a.m. -7:00 p.m.
Grafton	Grafton Brick Meeting House	9:00 a.m. -7:00 p.m.
Rockingham	Masonic Temple	8:00 a.m. -7:00 p.m.
Westminster	Westminster Town Hall	10:00 a.m. -7:00 p.m.

Two Rivers Supervisory Union

Ludlow	Ludlow Town Hall	10:00 a.m. -7:00 p.m.
Mount Holly	Mt. Holly Town Office	10:00 am. -7:00 p.m.
Andover	Andover Town Hall	8:00 a.m. -7:00 p.m.
Chester	Chester Town Hall	9:00 a.m. -7:00 p.m.
Cavendish	Proctorsville Volunteer Fire Station	10:00 a.m. -7:00 p.m.

Springfield School District

Springfield	Riverside Middle School	8:00 a.m. -7:00 p.m.
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**WARNING**  
**ANNUAL MEETING – UNION HIGH SCHOOL NO. 27**  
**ATHENS – GRAFTON – ROCKINGHAM – WESTMINSTER**

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The legal voters of Union High School District No. 27 (BFUHS), consisting of the School Districts of Athens, Grafton, Rockingham and Westminster, Vermont are hereby warned to vote by Australian Ballot on or before Tuesday, March 2, 2021 to act on the following Articles 1 through 5.

The polls will be open on March 2, 2021 at the places during the times stated below:

Athens	Athens Town Office	10 A.M. – 7 P.M.
Grafton	Brick Meeting House (1 Main St)	9 A.M. – 7 P.M.
Rockingham	Masonic Temple	8 A.M. – 7 P.M.
Westminster	Westminster Town Hall (new location)	10 A.M. – 7 P.M.

**ARTICLE 1:** To elect by ballot a Moderator for a one-year term beginning July 1, 2021.

**ARTICLE 2:** To elect by ballot a District Clerk for a one-year term beginning July 1, 2021.

**ARTICLE 3:** To elect by ballot a District Treasurer for a one-year term beginning July 1, 2021.

**ARTICLE 4:** Shall the voters of the Union High School District No. 27 approve the school board to expend \$7,502,808.12 (seven million, five hundred two thousand, eight hundred eight dollars and twelve cents) which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that the proposed budget, if approved, will result in the education spending of \$19,496.51 (nineteen thousand, four hundred, ninety-six dollars and fifty-one cents) per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 4.4 % higher than spending for the current year.

**ARTICLE 5:** Shall the Union High School District No. 27 vote to pay its District Officers compensation in the following amounts: Board Chair \$550.00, Board Members \$450.00 each, District Treasurer \$600.00 and District Clerk \$125.00?

**FURTHER NOTICE – INFORMATION MEETING**

The legal voters and residents of the Bellows Falls Union High School District No. 27 are further warned that a public informational hearing will be held via **Zoom** platform, February 24, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. for the purpose of explaining the Articles.

The legal voters of the Bellows Falls Union High School District No. 27 are further notified that voter qualifications, registration and absentee voting relative to the Articles shall be provided in Chapters 43, 51, and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

Dated at Westminster in the County of Windham and State of Vermont on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2021.

Molly Banik Molly Banik  
Chairperson of the Board  
BFUHS District No. 27

Alison Bigwood \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of the District  
BFUHS District No. 27

### **UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 27**

#### **DISTRICT OFFICERS**

Moderator	Donald Capponcelli
Clerk	Alison Bigwood
Treasurer	Kathleen Neathawk

#### **SCHOOL DIRECTORS – TOWN/TERM**

Molly Banik, Chair	Westminster, 2022
Jack Bryar,	Grafton, 2022
David Clark	Westminster, 2021
Brenda Farkas	Rockingham, 2023
Stephen Fine	Athens, 2022
Margo Ghia	Rockingham, 2022
Colin James	Rockingham, 2021
Priscilla Lambert	Rockingham, 2022
Deborah Wright	Rockingham, 2023
Vacant Position	Westminster, 2023



# NOTICE TO VOTERS For Local Elections

## BEFORE ELECTION DAY:

CHECKLIST POSTED at Clerks Office by January 31, 2021 If your name is not on the checklist, then you must register to vote. SAMPLE BALLOTS will be posted by February 20, 2021.

**HOW TO REGISTER TO VOTE:** There is no deadline to register to vote. You will be able to register to vote on the day of the election. You can register prior by visiting the town clerk's office or going online to [olvr.sec.state.vt.us](http://olvr.sec.state.vt.us).

**REQUEST EARLY or ABSENTEE BALLOTS:** You or a family member can request early or absentee ballots at any time during the year of the election in person, in writing, by telephone, email, or online at [mvp.sec.state.vt.us](http://mvp.sec.state.vt.us). The latest you can request ballots for the Annual Town and School Meeting Election is the close of the Town Clerk's office on Monday March 1 2021. (Any other person authorized by you who is not a family member must apply in writing or in person for a ballot for you.)

## WAYS TO VOTE YOUR EARLY BALLOT:

- You may vote in the town clerk's office before the deadline.
- Voter may take his or her ballot(s) out of the clerk's office and return in same manner as if the ballots were received by mail.
- Have ballot mailed to you, and mail or deliver it back to the clerk's office before Election Day or to the polling place before 7:00 p.m. on Election Day.
- If you are sick or disabled before Election Day, ask the town clerk to have two justices of the peace bring a ballot to you at your home. (Ballots can be delivered on any of the eight days preceding the day of the election or on the day of election.)

## ON ELECTION DAY:

If your name was dropped from the checklist in error, or has not been added even though you submitted a timely application for addition to the checklist, you can fill out a new registration form.

! If the clerk or Board of Civil Authority does not add your name, you can appeal the decision to a superior court judge, who will settle the matter on Election Day. Call the Secretary of State's Office at 1-800-439-VOTE (439-8683) for more information.

If you are a first time voter who submitted your application to the checklist individually by mail and did not submit the required document, you must provide a current and valid photo identification, or a bank statement, utility bill, or government document that contains your name/current address.

If you have physical disabilities, are visually impaired or can't read, you may have assistance from any person of your choice. If any voters you know have disabilities let them know they can have assistance from any person of their choice.

If you know voters who cannot get from the car into the polling place let them know that ballot(s) may be brought to their car by two election officials.

**If you have any questions or need assistance while voting, ask your town clerk or any election official for help.**

## NO PERSON SHALL:

- ! Vote more than once per election, either in the same town or in different towns.
- ! Mislead the board of civil authority about your own or another person's true residency or other eligibility to vote.
- ! Hinder or impede a voter going into or from the polling place.
- ! Socialize in a manner that could disturb other voters in the polling place.
- ! Offer bribe, threaten or exercise undue influence to dictate or control the vote of another person.

**FOR HELP OR INFORMATION: Call the Secretary of State's Office at 1-800-439-VOTE (439-8683). (Accessible by TDD)**

If you believe that any of your voting rights have been violated, you may file an Administrative Complaint with the Secretary of State's Office, 128 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05633.

If you believe you have witnessed efforts to commit any kind of fraud or corruption in the voting process, you may report this to your local United States Attorney's Office.

If you have witnessed actual or attempted acts of discrimination or intimidation in the voting process, you may report this to the Civil Rights Division of the United States Department of Justice at (800) 253-3931.

## **INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTERS using Vote Tabulator Ballots**

### **CHECK-IN AND RECEIVE BALLOTS:**

- Go to the entrance checklist table.
- Give name and, if asked, street address to the election official in a loud voice.
- Wait until your name is repeated and checked off by the official.
- An election official will give you a ballot.
- Enter within the guardrail and go to a vacant voting booth.

**MARK YOUR BALLOT:** For each office listed on the ballot, you will see instructions to "Vote for not more than one, or Vote for not more than two, etc."

- To vote for a candidate, fill in the oval to the right of the name of the candidate you want to vote for.
- WRITE-IN candidate(s). To vote for someone whose name is not printed on the ballot, use the blank "write-in" lines on the ballot and either write-in the name or paste on sticker, then fill in the oval.

### **CHECK OUT:**

- Go to the exit checklist table and state your name in an audible voice.
- Wait until your name is repeated and checked off by the official.

**CAST YOUR VOTE** by depositing your voted ballot into the vote tabulating machine.

**LEAVE** the voting area immediately by passing outside the guardrail.

Kathleen K Neathawk, Town Clerk

**TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
MARCH 2, 2020**

Present: L Raymond Massucco, Moderator; Kathleen Neathawk, Town Clerk; Wendy Harrison, Municipal Manager; SelectBoard members, Susan Hammond, Stefan Golec, Benjamin Masure and Gaetano Putignano. Selectboard Chair Peter Golec was absent.

Press: Fact8, Susan Smallheer, Brattleboro Reformer

Moderator L. Raymond Massucco called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m. and asked the members of the audience to take a seat and to turn off their cell phones, and any other devices that could be disruptive to the meeting. He proceeded to establish the guidelines as to how the meeting would be run. He then read the dedication of this year's Town Report to Richard and Barbara Stickney. The Stickney's have given so much time to the community for many years and we wanted to show our appreciation.

The Moderator then read the following Warning:

The legal voters of the Town of Rockingham and Town of Rockingham School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Town Hall Auditorium (Bellows Falls Opera House) in said Town on Monday, March 2, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. to act upon all matters which may be voted upon by acclamation and not otherwise to be voted upon by Australian Ballot, and then to adjourn to the Masonic Temple (61 Westminster Street) in said Town at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 3, 2020, to vote by Australian Ballot on Article 1.

- Article 1: To elect Town officers and Town School District Officers as required by law.  
To be voted on by Australian ballot.
- Article 2: Motion made by S Golec to receive and act upon the reports of the Town Officers for the past year.  
Motion seconded by Putignano. Motion passed.
- Article 3: Motion made by Hammond to authorize the Selectboard and Treasurer to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of tax collection, or payment of money due to the Town from the State of Vermont for highway or other purposes or payment to the Town from Federal funds. Motion was seconded by S Golec. There bring no discussion, the vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.
- Article 4: Motion made by Masure to authorize the Selectboard to seek out and/or accept funds available from non-property tax revenue sources and to spend those funds in appropriate ways after required public input. Motion was seconded by Putignano. No discussion, motion passed.
- Article 5: Motion made by Putignano to see if the voters of the Town of Rockingham shall raise and appropriate the sum of Six Million, Two Hundred and Eight Thousand, Six Hundred and Thirty-Nine Dollars (\$6,208,639) to pay the indebtedness of the Town, repair and maintain highways, and pay all other general and regular expenses of the Town beginning July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, with Five Million and Thirty Five Thousand Three Hundred and Six Dollars (\$5,003,444), to be raised by taxes. Motion was seconded by S Golec. Ann Dibernardo made a motion to amend the budget and to add \$119,500 and re-instate the Director of Public Works position. Motion was seconded by Leslie Goldman. Dibernardo spoke briefly stating that we need the DPW position. Amy Howlett and David Lambert both spoke on behalf of keeping the DPW position. Howlett said with the DPW's engineering expertise we are lucky because we don't have to hire one for certain projects. She also asked to vote by paper ballot and six other voters went along with her. Lambert asked for an explanation as to why the board cut this position was it just to save money. Putignano stated that the Board was trying to level fund the budget

and this was a position that the Town could do without if all other employees were doing their jobs to the best of their abilities. Leslie Goldman asked The Town Manager to explain where Rockingham stands in comparison to other similar towns around us. Harrison stated that we are very similar and the position of DPW is not required to have an engineering degree, we are just fortunate ours does. Hugh Haggerty made an amendment to the amendment to reduce the \$119,500 by 17,000 because there was already a line item for engineering services. Harrison stated that that line item was to provide surveying of Right-of Way on Town streets. These services cannot be covered by our town engineer. Massucco called for the vote on the amendment to the amendment and the vote failed. Deborah Wright offered insight as to where this amount (\$119,500) could come from in our existing budget, money put aside for Tax Sales that never happened and lowering our SeVEDS donation. Dibernardo then made a motion to amend the budget to add \$30,000 back in the make the Development Director position full time with the understanding the Board may use the money at its discretion. A paper ballot was again asked for and approved. The vote was taken and failed with 48 Yes and 66 No. The Moderator then restated the new budget to be \$6,328,139 with \$5,122,944 to be raised by taxes. A paper ballot vote was taken and the amendment passed with 79 Yes and 49 No. We then took a vote on the amended motion and it passed.

Article 6: Motion made by S Golec to see if the voters of the Town of Rockingham shall raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Forty-One Thousand Seven Hundred Eleven Dollars (\$441,711.) in operating expenses for the support of the Rockingham Free Public Library, Three Hundred Seventy-Nine Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$379,250) to be raised by taxes. Motion was seconded by Masure. No discussion, motion passed.

Article 7: Motion made by Hammond to see if the voters of the Town of Rockingham shall raise, appropriate and expend the sum of Eighty Five Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy-Eight Dollars (\$85,978) to be allocated to the following social service agencies as indicated. Motion was seconded by Putignano. No discussion, motion passed.

Bellows Falls Senior Center	\$ 21384
Greater Falls Connections	\$ 4000
Green Mountain RSVP & Volunteer Center	\$ 1450
Health Care & Rehabilitation Services Inc.	\$ 2700
Meeting Waters YMCA	\$ 5000
Our Place	\$ 5000
Parks Place	\$ 4000
Senior Solutions	\$ 1500
Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA)	\$ 4770
Southeast Vermont Transit (The Current)	\$ 3825
Springfield Supported Housing Program	\$ 2500
Vermont Adult Learning	\$ 1350
Visiting Nurse Alliance of VT & NH	\$ 26024
Women's Freedom Center	\$ 1750
Youth Services	\$ 2300

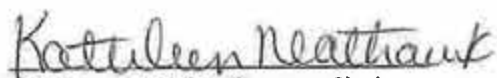
Article 8: Motion made by Masure to see if the voters of the Town of Rockingham shall raise, appropriate and expend the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) for the support of the Restorative Community Justice to provide services to the residents of the Town. Motion was seconded by Hammond. There being no discussion, motion passed.

- Article 9: Motion made by Putignano to see if the voters of the Town of Rockingham shall raise, appropriate and expend the sum of Five Thousand (\$5,000) for the support of the Community Bike Project to provide services to the residents of the Town. Motion was seconded by S Golec. No discussion, motion passed.
- Article 10: Motion made by S Golec to see if the voters of the Town or Rockingham appropriate a transfer of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) from surplus Highway Fund balance to the Highway Fund for Improvements to Hyde Hill. Motion was seconded by Hammond. There being no discussion, the motion passed.
- Article 11: Motion made by Hammond to see if the voters of the Town of Rockingham shall vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Two Thousand Dollars (\$22,000) to fund Meeting House Improvements, with Twenty Two Thousand Dollars (\$22,000) to be raised by taxes. Motion was seconded by S Golec. After a brief discussion, Wade Masure made a motion to amend the motion to add \$3,000 for plowing the Meeting House be keep the road open in the winter in case of fire. There was no second. Massucco asked for a vote to see if this amendment was germane to this Article and voters noted that it was not. The motion passed unanimously.
- Article 12: Motion made by Masure to see if the voters of the Town of Rockingham approve use of Forty-Two Thousand Dollars (\$42,000) from the Meeting House Reserve for Meeting House repairs. Motion was seconded by Putignano. No discussion, motion passed.
- Article 13: Motion made by Putignano to see if the voters of the Town of Rockingham shall vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$12,500) for the environmental surveys and/or appraisals to evaluate Town Future purchase and renovation of the Train Station. Motion seconded by Hammond. After discussion A paper ballot was requested and approved and the Motion was passed 76 Yes and 27 No.
- Article 14: Motion made by S Golec to see if the voters of the Town of Rockingham shall vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$12,500) to fund Fire Equipment for the Rockingham Fire Department, with Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Dollars to be raised by taxes. Motion seconded by Hammond. No discussion, motion passed.
- Article 15: To transact any other business deemed proper when not involving the expenditures of Town funds or any other business acted upon in the preceding articles. Motion was made by David Lambert to use the \$119,500 added to the budget to retain the Director of Public Works. Motion was seconded by Lorraine Bennett. Motion passed with the intent of the voters being to keep this position.

Massucco entertained a motion to adjourn which was made by S Golec and seconded by Deb Wright. Motion passed and meeting was adjourned at 10:40p.m.

I attest these to be the true minutes of the Annual Rockingham Town Business Meeting of March 2, 2020.

Approved:   
L Raymond Massucco, Moderator

  
Kathleen Neathawk, Town Clerk

Registered Voters on Checklist: 3423

Voters Checked off Entrance Checklist: 147

**SUMMARY OF TALLY SHEETS  
ROCKINGHAM TOWN & TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MARCH 3, 2020**

	<b><u>VOTES</u></b>
<b>MODERATOR – 1 YR. TERM</b> L RAYMOND MASSUCCO	<b>1163</b>
<b>SELECT BOARD – 3 YR. TERM</b> STEFAN A GOLEC SUSAN HAMMOND BEN MASURE	<b>232</b> <b>546</b> <b>437</b>
<b>SELECT BOARD – 1 YR. TERM</b> STEFAN A GOLEC BEN MASURE MICHELE OHAYON	<b>513</b> <b>689</b> <b>481</b>
<b>LISTER-3 YR. TERM</b> PAUL NOBLE	<b>1106</b>
<b>TOWN AGENT-1 YR. TERM</b> L. RAYMOND MASSUCCO	<b>1115</b>
<b>TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC FUNDS-3 YR. TERM</b> WRITE-INS	<b>19</b>
<b>TRUSTEE CAMPBELL FUND-3 YR. TERM</b> WRITE-INS	<b>7</b>
<b>TRUSTEE PUBLIC LIBRARY – 3 YR TERM</b> MARY SHEPARD BRADY WEINSTOCK DUANE WHITEHEAD	<b>954</b> <b>677</b> <b>662</b>
<b>SCHOOL MODERATOR-1 YR. TERM</b> L RAYMOND MASSUCCO	<b>1079</b>
<b>ROCKINGHAM SCHOOL DIR.-2 YR. TERM</b> JASON BENSON      WRITE-IN JASON TERRY        WRITE-IN	<b>117</b> <b>75</b>
<b>BFUHS #27 SCHOOL DIR.-3 YR. TERM</b> BRENDA FARKAS DEBORAH WRIGHT	<b>681</b> <b>630</b>
<b>ARTICLE3- ROCKINGHAM SCHOOL DIST. BUDGET</b> <b>\$10,888,771.78</b>	<b>Yes – 738</b> <b>No – 429</b>
<b>ARTICLE6- BFUHS #27 BUDGET</b> <b>\$7,287,628.06</b>	<b>Yes – 791</b> <b>No - 376</b>
<b>ARTICLE 1-RIVER VALLEY TECH. CENTER</b> <b>\$2,984,585.00</b>	<b>Yes – 882</b> <b>No - 270</b>



January 25, 2021

Selectboard  
Town of Rockingham  
PO Box 370  
Bellows Falls, Vermont 05101

We were engaged by the Town of Rockingham and have audited the financial statements of the Town of Rockingham as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020. A complete copy of the draft audited financial statements, including our opinion thereon, will be available for inspection at the Town Office.

Thank you very much for your understanding and cooperation throughout the entire audit process.

*RHR Smith & Company*

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**TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM  
GENERAL FUND - REVENUES**

<b>Account</b>	<b>FY19 Budget</b>	<b>FY20 Budget</b>	<b>FY21 Budget</b>	<b>FY22 Budget</b>
Current Taxes Received	2,216,238	2,250,712	2,286,912	2,286,912
Tax Sale Rev	-	18,000	18,000	18,000
Railroad Land Taxes	1,900	1,900	1,900	1,900
<b>TAXES</b>	<b>2,218,138</b>	<b>2,270,612</b>	<b>2,306,812</b>	<b>2,306,812</b>
 ABATEMENTS				
Tax Abatements	(5,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(5,000)
Penalty & Interest Abated	(5,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)
<b>ABATEMENTS</b>	<b>(10,000)</b>	<b>(2,000)</b>	<b>(2,000)</b>	<b>(6,000)</b>
 PENALTIES & INTEREST				
Interest Current Taxes	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
Interest Delinquent Taxes	18,000	18,000	20,000	20,000
Penalty 8%	29,000	32,000	30,000	30,000
Bank Interest Earned	3,000	4,000	5,000	5,000
<b>PENALTIES &amp; INTEREST</b>	<b>80,000</b>	<b>84,000</b>	<b>85,000</b>	<b>85,000</b>
 GRANTS, RENTS, REIMBURSE				
EPA 10 Church St Asbestos	-	-	-	-
Elevator Modernization G	-	-	-	-
<b>GRANTS, RENTS, REIMBURSE</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
 TOWN/VILLAGE/SCHOOL FUNDS				
Treasurer School Salary	625	625	625	625
School Share Town Expense	14,000	14,000	14,000	14,000
School Share Town Mtg.	1,000	1,500	1,500	1,500
Waypoint Center Rentals	1,200	1,000	1,000	-
<b>TOWN/VILLAGE/SCHOOL FUNDS</b>	<b>16,825</b>	<b>17,125</b>	<b>17,125</b>	<b>16,125</b>
 STATE FUNDS				
23.03 CLG Grants	6,000	7,500	7,500	7,500
Land Use (State)	120,000	134,500	150,000	150,000
State PILOT Program	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
State Civil Fines	1,000	2,500	2,500	2,500
Planning Grant	500	500	-	-
<b>STATE FUNDS</b>	<b>137,500</b>	<b>155,000</b>	<b>170,000</b>	<b>170,000</b>



**TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM  
GENERAL FUND - REVENUES**

<b>Account</b>	<b>FY19 Budget</b>	<b>FY20 Budget</b>	<b>FY21 Budget</b>	<b>FY22 Budget</b>
<b>TOWN HALL RENTS</b>				
South Storefront	7,850	7,850	7,850	7,850
North Storefront	7,400	7,400	6,000	7,850
<b>TOWN HALL RENTS</b>	<b>15,250</b>	<b>15,250</b>	<b>13,850</b>	<b>15,700</b>
<b>CHARGES FOR SERVICES FEES</b>				
Town Clerk Fees	36,500	36,500	45,000	40,000
Vault Usage	400	400	400	300
Photo-copying Fees Clerk	100	100	-	-
Rockingham Meeting House	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Fire Department Charges	-	-	-	-
CLG Book Sales	-	400	-	-
<b>CHARGES FOR SERVICES/FEES</b>	<b>40,000</b>	<b>40,400</b>	<b>48,400</b>	<b>43,300</b>
<b>SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING</b>				
Westminster Tax Rebate	1,600	1,600	-	-
Tires	1,600	1,600	1,600	2,000
Soda Cans	6,000	6,000	4,500	3,000
White Goods	3,000	3,000	4,000	5,000
 Brown Goods/C&D	 35,000	 43,000	 56,600	 60,000
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-
Scrap Metals	2,000	4,500	4,500	5,000
Electronics	1,000	3,000	3,000	4,000
Garbage Disposal Fees (ba	58,000	58,000	78,800	80,000
Transfer Station Permits	-	17,000	15,000	15,000
<b>SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING</b>	<b>108,200</b>	<b>137,700</b>	<b>168,000</b>	<b>174,000</b>
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>				
Fire Dept PACIF Grant	-	-	-	-
Local Fines	100	100	-	-
<b>PUBLIC SAFTEY</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

**TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM  
GENERAL FUND - REVENUES**

<b>Account</b>	<b>FY19 Budget</b>	<b>FY20 Budget</b>	<b>FY21 Budget</b>	<b>FY22 Budget</b>
<b>RECREATION</b>				
Recreation Center Rental	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
Daily Pool Admission	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200
Season Swim Pass	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Swim Lessons	700	700	700	700
Saxton's River Day Camp	8,000	12,000	12,000	12,000
Bellows Falls Day Camp	-	500	500	500
Non-Capital Donations	-	250	250	250
Ski Tow Daily Pass	100	100	100	100
Ski Tow Season Pass	40	100	100	100
Youth Basketball	1,700	1,700	1,700	1,700
Youth Softball	800	800	800	800
Field Hockey	1,200	2,000	2,000	2,000
Adult Basketball	-	80	80	80
Adult Volleyball	500	600	600	600
<b>RECREATION</b>	<b>20,740</b>	<b>26,530</b>	<b>26,530</b>	<b>26,530</b>
<b>LISTERS</b>				
Listers Income	800	500	50	50
Equalization Payment (VT)	-	2,000	2,000	2,000
<b>LISTERS</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>2,500</b>	<b>2,050</b>	<b>2,050</b>
<b>LICENSES/PERMITS</b>				
Entertainment Licenses	1,600	2,000	2,000	1,000
Alcoholic Beverages	2,100	2,850	2,850	2,000
Dog Licenses	1,000	900	900	900
Animal Control Fees	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
Zoning Fees	7,500	7,500	5,000	2,500
Permit Report & Fees	100	100	100	100
Parking Permits	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
<b>LICENSES/PERMITS</b>	<b>15,800</b>	<b>16,850</b>	<b>14,350</b>	<b>10,000</b>

**TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM  
GENERAL FUND - REVENUES**

<b>Account</b>	<b>FY19 Budget</b>	<b>FY20 Budget</b>	<b>FY21 Budget</b>	<b>FY22 Budget</b>
<b>OTHER INCOME</b>				
Sale of Town Owned Prop.	-	-	-	-
SEVT Payment	9,500	10,000	10,000	10,000
Village payment Tax Refun	15,240	-	-	-
Miscellaneous Income	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
<b>OTHER INCOME</b>	<b>26,740</b>	<b>12,000</b>	<b>12,000</b>	<b>12,000</b>
<b>CINEMA INCOME</b>				
Box Office	165,000	190,000	190,000	-
Concessions	95,000	135,000	135,000	-
Contribution	500	500	500	-
Gift Certificates	3,000	3,500	3,500	-
Bank Earned Interest	-	-	-	-
Advertisements	7,500	7,500	7,500	-
Classic Films Series	7,500	7,250	7,250	-
Ticket Premium Charge	-	-	-	-
Concession Rebates	-	700	700	-
<b>CINEMA INCOME</b>	<b>278,500</b>	<b>344,450</b>	<b>344,450</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>THEATER INCOME</b>				
Theater Rental	5,000	15,000	15,000	-
Town Rep Reimbursement	-	3,500	3,500	-
Donations & Contributions	500	500	500	-
Restoration Fee	1,000	1,000	1,000	-
<b>THEATER INCOME</b>	<b>6,500</b>	<b>20,000</b>	<b>20,000</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>TRANSFERS</b>				
Transfers				
Use of Unassign Fund Bal	100,000	50,000	-	150,000
Transfer from Meeting House Reserve			42,000	-
Transfer from Unsafe Building Reserve			40,000	-
Transfer from Capital Imp	-	-	-	-
<b>TRANSFERS</b>	<b>100,000</b>	<b>50,000</b>	<b>82,000</b>	<b>150,000</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>3,055,093</b>	<b>3,190,517</b>	<b>3,308,567</b>	<b>3,005,517</b>

**TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM  
GENERAL FUND - EXPENDITURES**

<b>Account</b>	<b>FY19 Budget</b>	<b>FY20 Budget</b>	<b>FY21 Budget</b>	<b>FY22 Budget</b>
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>				
<b>SELECTBOARD</b>				
Selectboard Wages	6,300	6,300	6,300	6,300
Selectboard Expenses	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
<b>SELECTBOARD</b>	<b>8,300</b>	<b>8,300</b>	<b>8,300</b>	<b>8,300</b>
<b>TOWN MANAGER</b>				
Manager's Salary	45,000	43,500	44,370	45,390
E A to Manager	29,000	26,000	23,450	12,000
Managers Advertising	1,000	500	500	500
Managers Telephone	300	375	375	375
Manager's Development	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200
Auto Expense	900	900	900	900
Manager's Miscellaneous	1,000	500	500	500
<b>TOWN MANAGER</b>	<b>78,400</b>	<b>72,975</b>	<b>71,295</b>	<b>60,865</b>
<b>FEES &amp; REIMBURSEMENTS</b>				
Memorial Day Celebration	2,100	2,100	2,100	2,100
Old Home Days Fireworks	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500
Green Up Vermont	300	300	300	300
<b>FEES &amp; REIMBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>6,900</b>	<b>6,900</b>	<b>6,900</b>	<b>6,900</b>
<b>ELECTIONS</b>				
Ballot Clerks	2,000	2,000	4,000	2,000
Election Expenses	3,200	3,200	4,200	3,200
<b>ELECTIONS</b>	<b>5,200</b>	<b>5,200</b>	<b>8,200</b>	<b>5,200</b>
<b>FINANCE OFFICE</b>				
Treasurer's Salary	1,260	1,260	1,260	1,260
Finance Staff	56,300	57,700	58,854	60,000
Finance Director	34,340	38,250	39,015	40,000
Other Office Help	-	400	400	400
Interest & Penalties	-	-	-	-
Office Staff Training	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000

**TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM  
GENERAL FUND - EXPENDITURES**

<b>Account</b>	<b>FY19 Budget</b>	<b>FY20 Budget</b>	<b>FY21 Budget</b>	<b>FY22 Budget</b>
Other Professional Servic	-	-	-	-
Office Expense	-	-	-	-
Reconciling Items	-	1,000	-	-
<b>FINANCE OFFICE</b>	<b>92,900</b>	<b>99,610</b>	<b>100,529</b>	<b>102,660</b>
<b>AUDITING</b>				
Town Report	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Auditor/Single Audit Town	22,000	22,000	22,000	22,000
<b>AUDITING</b>	<b>24,000</b>	<b>24,000</b>	<b>24,000</b>	<b>24,000</b>
<b>LISTERS</b>				
Listers Wages	38,250	43,250	43,000	43,000
Administrative Assistant	22,900	23,000	23,460	-
Mapping Maintenance	3,500	3,500	3,000	3,000
Software & Support	5,500	5,500	6,000	6,000
Training/Supplies/Dues	1,200	1,000	1,200	1,200
Listers Auto Expense	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200
Tax Appeal Expense	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
<b>LISTERS</b>	<b>73,550</b>	<b>78,450</b>	<b>78,860</b>	<b>55,400</b>
<b>TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE</b>				
Town Clerk's Salary	41,270	42,302	43,148	44,000
Office Assistant	37,850	38,796	39,572	19,000
Supplies Clerk	1,000	1,500	2,000	1,500
Meetings & Dues	1,000	1,200	2,000	2,000
Land Records System	11,500	6,000	11,500	11,500
<b>TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE</b>	<b>92,620</b>	<b>89,798</b>	<b>98,220</b>	<b>78,000</b>
<b>OFFICE OPERATIONS TOWN HA</b>				
Town Hall Materials/Suppl	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Server Hardware/Software	-	-	10,600	10,600
IT Security	-	-	4,700	4,700
Software	2,500	2,500	-	-
Town Hall Phone/Internet	6,000	8,000	3,500	3,500

**TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM  
GENERAL FUND - EXPENDITURES**

<b>Account</b>	<b>FY19 Budget</b>	<b>FY20 Budget</b>	<b>FY21 Budget</b>	<b>FY22 Budget</b>
Postage	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500
Software Support	700	2,100	-	-
Website Support	500	2,000	-	-
Training/Consulting	500	500	-	-
IT Outside Support	12,000	31,245	27,058	28,000
Computer Hardware/Service	2,500	4,000	-	-
Office Equipment/Service	5,000	5,000	4,000	4,000
Finance Off. Copy/Post le	6,000	6,500	6,500	6,500
<b>OFFICE OPERATIONS</b>	<b>53,200</b>	<b>79,345</b>	<b>73,858</b>	<b>74,800</b>
PLANNING & ZONING				
Administrator's Salary	58,500	59,650	60,843	62,500
Wages - Board Stipend	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000
Administrative Assistant	22,900	23,360	23,827	5,000
Administrator's Expense	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500
Advertising	600	600	600	600
Windham Regional Planning	11,900	11,900	12,138	12,380
Legal	4,000	3,000	4,250	4,250
Zoning-Recording Fees	900	900	1,800	1,800
Planning Studies	3,500	3,500	3,500	10,000
<b>PLANNING &amp; ZONING</b>	<b>113,800</b>	<b>114,410</b>	<b>118,458</b>	<b>108,030</b>
BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY				
Board of Civil Authority	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
<b>BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>1,000</b>
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES				
Tax Sale Expense	50,000	50,000	-	-
Town Attorney	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Property Appeals Legal	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Other Professional Srvcs	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Union Negotiations Legal	1,000	7,500	7,500	7,500
B.F. Community TV	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800
<b>PROFESSIONAL SERVICES</b>	<b>69,800</b>	<b>76,300</b>	<b>26,300</b>	<b>26,300</b>

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GENERAL FUND - EXPENDITURES**

<b>Account</b>	<b>FY19 Budget</b>	<b>FY20 Budget</b>	<b>FY21 Budget</b>	<b>FY22 Budget</b>
<b>TOWN HALL</b>				
Wages-Maintenance	-	22,800	23,256	15,000
Custodial Supplies	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Custodial Services	15,500	20,000	20,000	20,000
Rubbish Removal	3,300	3,500	3,500	3,500
Repairs & Maintenance	45,000	45,000	45,000	90,620
 Mold Remediation	-	-	-	-
Electricity	18,000	18,000	18,000	20,000
Fuel	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
Water & Sewer	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
<b>TOWN OWNED PROPERTY</b>				
Maintenance Waypoint	15,000	15,000	15,000	20,000
Park & Ride Electricity	500	500	500	500
Loss on Sale of Property	-	-	-	-
Tax Sale Acquired Propert	20,000	20,000	-	-
Town Acquired Prop-38 Gre	-	-	-	-
<b>TOWN HALL</b>	<b>146,300</b>	<b>173,800</b>	<b>154,256</b>	<b>198,620</b>
 <b>ROCKINGHAM MEETING HOUSE</b>				
Meeting House Wages	9,000	9,000	9,500	9,500
Wages-Maintenance/Repairs	-	5,000	3,000	-
Mtg Hse Materials/Supplie	500	500	1,000	1,000
Meeting House Maintenance	2,000	2,000	2,250	2,250
Meeting House Maintenance/Repairs	5,000	10,000	10,000	15,000
<b>ROCKINGHAM MEETING HOUSE</b>	<b>16,500</b>	<b>26,500</b>	<b>25,750</b>	<b>27,750</b>
 <b>SANITATION</b>				
SWWCSWMD Representative	650	650	650	650
<b>SANITATION</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>650</b>
 <b>RECYCLING EXPENSES</b>				
Wages-Recycling	27,300	28,000	41,000	60,000
Recycling Materials & Sup	2,000	2,500	2,500	2,500
Repairs & Maintenance	5,000	7,000	5,000	5,000
Brush Chipping	4,000	5,000	5,000	5,000

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GENERAL FUND - EXPENDITURES**

<b>Account</b>	<b>FY19 Budget</b>	<b>FY20 Budget</b>	<b>FY21 Budget</b>	<b>FY22 Budget</b>
Equipment	37,500	0.00	6,000	6,000
Taxes-Westminster	1,600	1,650	3,000	3,000
Recycling Phone/Internet	500	500	700	700
CFC Removal Expense	1,800	1,800	2,000	2,000
Constr & Demo Disposal	50,000	55,000	60,000	60,000
Tires	3,000	3,000	4,000	4,000
Recycling Electricity	1,500	2,500	1,000	1,000
Fuel	200	400	400	400
Public Education	100	500	500	500
Container Swap/Trucking	15,900	16,500	16,500	16,500
Single Stream Recycling	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
Electronics Recycling	-	500	500	500
Food Compost	1,400	1,400	1,800	2,500
<b>RECYCLING EXPENSE</b>	<b>176,800</b>	<b>151,250</b>	<b>174,900</b>	<b>194,600</b>
 TRANSFER STATION EXPENSE				
Mun. Solid Waste Disposal	42,000	42,000	45,000	45,000
<b>TRANSFER STATION EXPENSE</b>	<b>42,000</b>	<b>42,000</b>	<b>45,000</b>	<b>45,000</b>
 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT				
Director of Development	32,100	32,100	32,742	54,000
CLG Administration	11,000	11,200	11,500	11,500
Advertising & Promotion	2,000	5,000	3,000	5,000
Development Telephone	700	700	700	700
CLG Projects	5,000	2,475	5,500	5,500
Director's Expenses	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
BFDDA	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500
SeVEDS	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
Chamber of Commerce	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
<b>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</b>	<b>76,300</b>	<b>76,975</b>	<b>78,942</b>	<b>102,200</b>



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GENERAL FUND - EXPENDITURES**

<b>Account</b>	<b>FY19 Budget</b>	<b>FY20 Budget</b>	<b>FY21 Budget</b>	<b>FY22 Budget</b>
<b>EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</b>				
FICA	47,100	47,500	48,450	50,000
Health Insurance	66,000	62,500	62,500	80,000
Dental Insurance	2,900	2,600	2,652	2,652
Employee's Pension	40,000	30,000	30,600	30,600
ICMA-RC Contribution	6,640	-	-	-
Life/Disability Insurance	3,000	3,100	3,162	3,200
Insurance Incentive	11,400	16,200	16,200	-
Unemployment Insurance	3,250	3,250	3,315	3,400
VMERS	16,700	19,500	19,890	20,000
Misc Insurance/Benefits	100	100	102	-
Accrued Payroll Adjustmen	-	-	-	-
Flex Fitness	-	-	-	-
<b>EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</b>	<b>197,090</b>	<b>184,750</b>	<b>186,871</b>	<b>189,852</b>
<b>TAXES</b>				
Overassessment Repayment	-	-	-	-
County Tax	34,000	34,000	34,000	40,000
Town Forest Taxes	350	350	350	350
<b>TAXES</b>	<b>34,350</b>	<b>34,350</b>	<b>34,350</b>	<b>40,350</b>
<b>CONTRACTED SERVICES</b>				
Wages-Animal Control Offi	-	1,200	1,200	1,200
Veterinary Services	800	500	500	500
Damage/Miscellaneous	500	300	300	300
WCHS/Animal Control	5,000	1,500	1,500	1,500
<b>CONTRACTED SERVICES</b>	<b>6,300</b>	<b>3,500</b>	<b>3,500</b>	<b>3,500</b>
<b>SERVICE AGENCIES</b>				
Meeting Waters YMCA	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Greater Falls Justice Center	-	-	-	3,000
BF Senior Center	21,384	21,384	21,384	21,384
Green Mountain RSVP	1,450	500	500	500
Youth Services	2,300	2,300	2,300	2,300
Women's Freedom Center	1,750	1,750	1,750	1,750
Visiting Nurses Assoc	26,024	26,024	26,024	26,024

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<b>Account</b>	<b>FY19 Budget</b>	<b>FY20 Budget</b>	<b>FY21 Budget</b>	<b>FY22 Budget</b>
HCRS	2,700	2,700	2,700	2,700
Our Place Drop-In Center	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Parks Place Com Ctr	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
VT Adult Learning	1,350	1,350	1,350	1,350
Southeast Vermont Transit	3,825	3,825	3,825	3,825
SEVCA	4,770	4,770	4,770	4,770
Springfield Supported Hou	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
Bellows Falls Community B	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
Greater Falls Connection	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
110-10-3900-90.38 Senior Solutions	-	-	1,500	1,500
<b>SERVICE AGENCIES</b>	<b>88,553</b>	<b>87,603</b>	<b>89,103</b>	<b>92,103</b>
INSURANCE				
Worker's Compensation	11,200	11,200	14,100	24,000
General Liability	7,500	7,500	7,500	12,500
Buildings and Contents	50,300	50,300	45,000	25,000
Public Officials Liabilty	30,300	30,300	26,000	21,000
Insurance Deductible	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
<b>INSURANCE</b>	<b>100,300</b>	<b>100,300</b>	<b>93,600</b>	<b>83,500</b>
DUES				
VLCT Dues	7,200	7,200	7,358	7,850
<b>DUES</b>	<b>7,200</b>	<b>7,200</b>	<b>7,358</b>	<b>7,850</b>
PUBLIC SAFETY				
AMBULANCE/CIVIL DEFENSE				
Ambulance	72,000	72,000	72,000	72,000
Speed Signs Electric	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Emergency Preparedness	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
<b>AMBULANCE/CIVIL DEFENSE</b>	<b>75,000</b>	<b>75,000</b>	<b>75,000</b>	<b>75,000</b>

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GENERAL FUND - EXPENDITURES**

<b>Account</b>	<b>FY19 Budget</b>	<b>FY20 Budget</b>	<b>FY21 Budget</b>	<b>FY22 Budget</b>
<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT</b>				
Rock Fire Vol Acc/Sick In	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
Materials & Supplies	1,000	1,000	1,600	1,600
Equipment	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500
Rockingham Fire Telephone	400	400	1,300	1,300
Mutual Aid Tone Contract	19,000	19,000	19,100	19,100
Seminars & Training	500	500	500	500
Gas, Oil ,Maintenance	4,000	4,000	4,500	4,500
Hepititas B Shots	100	100	100	100
<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>35,000</b>	<b>35,000</b>	<b>37,100</b>	<b>37,100</b>
<b>PUBLIC SAFTEY</b>	<b>110,000</b>	<b>110,000</b>	<b>112,100</b>	<b>112,100</b>
<b>UNSAFE BUILDINGS</b>				
Unsafe Building Expense	-	-	40,000	40,000
66 Atkinson Street	-	-	-	-
Hetty Green Motel	-	-	-	-
<b>UNSAFE BUILDINGS</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>40,000</b>	<b>40,000</b>
<b>Health, Education &amp; Welfa</b>				
Deputy Health Officer Sti	250	6,120	6,242	6,400
HEW - Materials & Supplie	350	350	350	350
Health Order Expenses	1,500	1,500	1,650	3,000
Health Recording Fees	100	100	200	200
Administrator's Expense	600	600	900	900
Training	-	250	250	-
<b>HEALTH, EDUCATION &amp; WELFARE</b>	<b>2,800</b>	<b>8,920</b>	<b>9,592</b>	<b>10,850</b>
<b>SERVICE OFFICER</b>				
Service Officer Expense	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
<b>SERVICE OFFICER</b>	<b>1,500</b>	<b>1,500</b>	<b>1,500</b>	<b>1,500</b>
<b>RECREATION</b>				
Recreation Director	29,850	30,600	31,212	32,000
Wages - Playground	40,000	40,000	40,800	42,000
Wages - Pools	27,300	27,300	27,846	29,000
Wages-Recreation Center	11,500	11,500	11,730	12,500
Ski Tow Wages	600	600	612	1,000

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GENERAL FUND - EXPENSES**

<b>Account</b>	<b>FY19 Budget</b>	<b>FY20 Budget</b>	<b>FY21 Budget</b>	<b>FY22 Budget</b>
Wages - Maint	5,000	5,000	5,100	5,400
Cultural Arts Supplies	2,000	2,500	2,500	2,500
Recreation Office Supplie	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
Playground Supplies/Equip	17,500	10,000	10,000	10,000
Pool Maintenance/Supplies	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000
Ski Tow Maint/Supplies	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Training & Certification	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Rec Phone/Internet/Cell	2,800	1,800	1,800	1,800
Cultural Entertainment	3,000	2,500	2,500	2,500
Rubbish Removal	3,300	3,600	3,600	3,000
Bldgs & Grounds Maint	6,000	9,000	9,000	9,000
Mileage	100	100	100	100
Propane	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
Recreation Dept. Electric	6,500	5,500	5,500	5,500
SRRA Lease	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
<b>RECREATION</b>	<b>169,450</b>	<b>164,000</b>	<b>166,300</b>	<b>170,300</b>
 PARKS EXPENSE				
Wages-Tree Warden	100	1,200	100	1,200
FICA	10	10	10	10
Materials & Supplies	150	150	150	150
Rubish Removal	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
Lawn Maint Contracting	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
Parking Lot Lease	1	1	1	1
Tree Maint	2,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Tree Program	500	500	500	500
<b>PARKS EXPENSE</b>	<b>8,261</b>	<b>12,361</b>	<b>11,261</b>	<b>12,460</b>
 CAPITAL PROJECTS				
EPA 10 Church St Asbestos	-	-	-	-
Computer Hardware	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
VTrans Grant BR0260 Bette	-	-	-	-
Meeting House Ceiling Plaster	-	-	42,000	-
Town Hall Elevator Improv	-	-	-	-
<b>CAPTIAL PROJECTS</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>47,000</b>	<b>5,000</b>

**TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM  
GENERAL FUND - EXPENSES**

<b>Account</b>	<b>FY19 Budget</b>	<b>FY20 Budget</b>	<b>FY21 Budget</b>	<b>FY22 Budget</b>
<b>RESERVES</b>				
Fire Equipment Reserves	-	-	-	-
Meeting House Fund	20,000	-	-	-
Town Hall Fund	50,000	-	-	-
Gravel Pit Redevelopment	-	-	-	-
<b>RESERVES</b>	<b>70,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>				
Sewer Line Ext Principal	17,360	18,043	18,752	95,570
Sewer Line Ext Interest	2,170	1,467	744	188
Library Bond Prin	147,750	147,750	147,750	147,750
Library Bond Int	72,000	68,590	64,840	60,743
Town Hall Renov Interest	46,650	40,695	40,000	20,086
Town Hall Renov Principal	140,000	140,000	140,000	140,000
Fire Trucks Principa	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
Fire Truck Interest	7,400	5,550	3,700	1,850
Rec Ctr/Town Hall Princip	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
Rec Ctr/Town Hall Interes	3,700	2,775	900	925
Church PL Demo - Princ	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
Church PL Demo - Int.	-	-	-	-
Rescue Vehicle Principal	-	-	5,000	10,000
Rescue Vehicle Interest	-	-	2,426	2,303
Fire Truck Principal	-	-	24,750	75,000
Fire Truck Interest	-	-	9,702	9,212
<b>DEBT SERVICES</b>	<b>612,030</b>	<b>599,870</b>	<b>633,564</b>	<b>738,627</b>
<b>LIBRARY</b>				
Library Operating Costs	357,300	379,250	379,250	379,250
<b>LIBRARY</b>	<b>357,300</b>	<b>379,250</b>	<b>379,250</b>	<b>379,250</b>
<b>CINEMA EXPENSE</b>				
Cinema Staff	113,900	96,000	96,000	-
FICA	6,700	8,000	8,000	-
Health Insurance	8,100	8,100	8,100	-
Dental Insurance	450	450	450	-

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GENERAL FUND - EXPENSES**

<b>Account</b>	<b>FY19 Budget</b>	<b>FY20 Budget</b>	<b>FY21 Budget</b>	<b>FY22 Budget</b>
Workmen's Compensation	3,700	3,700	3,700	-
Life Insurance	350	350	350	-
Unemployment Insurance	800	850	850	-
VMERS	2,300	2,400	2,400	-
Accrued Payroll Adjustment	-	-	-	-
Cinema Material/Supplies	4,000	4,500	5,000	-
Advertising	6,000	6,000	6,500	-
Film Carrier	2,500	2,500	2,500	-
Film Rental	85,000	85,000	95,000	-
Classic Film Series	9,000	9,000	9,000	-
Opera House Cell Phone	-	400	400	-
Concession	42,000	42,000	55,000	-
Rubbish Removal	1,000	1,000	1,000	-
Custodial Services	10,500	10,500	10,500	-
Movie Booker	4,500	4,500	4,500	-
Repairs & Main. Equip	7,000	7,000	15,000	-
Repairs & Maint. Facility	3,000	3,000	3,000	-
Electricity	10,000	10,000	10,000	-
Fuel	10,000	10,000	10,000	-
Interest Expense	33,500	33,400	33,400	-
Website Support	-	-	350	-
<b>CINEMA EXPENSE</b>	<b>364,300</b>	<b>348,650</b>	<b>381,000</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>THEATER EXPENSE</b>				
Theater Events	9,000	9,000	9,000	-
Theater Supplies	100	100	100	-
Theater Equipment	500	500	5,000	-
Advertising	-	-	1,000	-
Talent Expense	700	1,200	1,200	-
Theater Maintenance	5,000	5,000	500	-
<b>THEATER EXPENSE</b>	<b>15,300</b>	<b>15,800</b>	<b>16,800</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>3,227,954</b>	<b>3,190,517</b>	<b>3,308,567</b>	<b>3,005,517</b>
<b>NET GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>(172,861)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

**TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM  
CEMETERY & PARKS REVENUE & EXPENSES**

<b>Account</b>	<b>FY19 Budget</b>	<b>FY20 Budget</b>	<b>FY21 Budget</b>	<b>FY22 Budget</b>
<b>Cemetery</b>				
<b>CHARGES FOR SERVICES</b>				
Transfer from Fiduciary	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Oak Hill	200	200	200	200
Rockingham	500	500	500	500
Saxtons River	200	200	200	200
Cambridgeport	100	100	100	100
Markers/Posts	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
Vault Fees	500	500	500	500
Opening Graves	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500
Property Taxes	62,621	54,360	54,360	54,360
<b>CHARGES FOR SERVICES</b>	<b>74,121</b>	<b>65,860</b>	<b>65,860</b>	<b>65,860</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>74,121</b>	<b>65,860</b>	<b>65,860</b>	<b>65,860</b>
<b>CEMETERY OPERATIONS</b>				
Wages-Sexton	6,820	6,820	6,820	6,820
Cemetery FICA	525	525	525	525
Accrued Payroll Adjustmen	-	-	-	-
Materials & Supplies	500	500	500	500
Corner Markers	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Outside Service/Equipment	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000
Building Maintenance	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Repairs & Maintenance	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
Miscellaneous/Surveying	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
<b>CEMETERY OPERATIONS</b>	<b>23,845</b>	<b>23,845</b>	<b>23,845</b>	<b>23,845</b>
<b>CONTRACT WORK</b>				
Cambridgeport Cemetery	2,275	2,275	2,275	2,275
Oak Hill Cemetery	14,800	14,800	14,800	14,800
Restland Cemetery	3,920	3,920	3,920	3,920
T/Rock Meeting Hse Cemete	6,570	6,570	6,570	6,570
Saxtons River Cemetery	9,450	9,450	9,450	9,450
Wright Farm Cemetery	-	-	-	-
Capital Improvements	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
<b>CONTRACT WORK</b>	<b>42,015</b>	<b>42,015</b>	<b>42,015</b>	<b>42,015</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>65,860</b>	<b>65,860</b>	<b>65,860</b>	<b>65,860</b>
<b>NET CEMETERY FUND</b>	<b>8,261</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

**TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM  
HIGHWAY FUND - REVENUES**

<b>Account</b>	<b>FY19 Budget</b>	<b>FY20 Budget</b>	<b>FY21 Budget</b>	<b>FY22 Budget</b>
<b>HIGHWAY</b>				
STATE AID & TAX INCOME				
Class 1 Road	16,700	16,700	16,700	16,700
Class II Road	63,700	63,600	63,600	63,600
Class III Road	93,100	93,100	93,100	93,100
Lane Mileage	1,240	1,240	1,240	1,240
VTrans Structures Grant	175,000	49,216	-	-
VT WRC Grants in Aid Pilo	-	-	25,000	25,000
Property Taxes	2,654,840	2,728,484	2,629,172	2,748,672
Highway Access Permit Fee	100	200	200	200
Miscellaneous Hiway Fees	100	200	200	200
Town Highway Miscellaneous	10,000	5,000	5,000	1,000
Transfer - General Fund	-	-	-	-
GRANT REVENUE				
Class II Paving Grant	-	-	-	-
WRC-Grants In Aid	-	-	-	-
<b>HIGHWAY REVENUE</b>	<b>3,014,780</b>	<b>2,957,740</b>	<b>2,834,212</b>	<b>2,949,712</b>
<b>TOTAL HIGHWAY REVENUE</b>	<b>3,014,780</b>	<b>2,957,740</b>	<b>2,834,212</b>	<b>2,949,712</b>



**TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM  
HIGHWAY FUND - EXPENDITURES**

<b>Account</b>	<b>FY19 Budget</b>	<b>FY20 Budget</b>	<b>FY21 Budget</b>	<b>FY22 Budget</b>
<b>HIGHWAY PERSONNEL</b>				
Salary-Highway Supervisor	70,510	71,920	73,358	64,000
Public Works Director	80,000	81,600	-	-
Mechanic's Wages	51,000	52,020	53,060	54,500
Wages-Road Crew	496,200	454,000	463,080	462,547
Overtime Pay	-	64,000	37,740	38,000
Differential Pay	-	10,000	37,740	38,000
<b>HIGHWAY PERSONNEL</b>	<b>697,710</b>	<b>733,540</b>	<b>664,979</b>	<b>657,047</b>
<b>EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</b>				
FICA	54,400	57,500	52,150	53,000
Health Insurance	175,700	200,000	177,732	190,000
Dental Insurance	5,620	6,000	6,120	6,500
Employee Retirement	-	45,000	45,900	45,900
Life/Disability Insurance	5,000	5,000	5,100	5,100
Insurance Incentive	13,400	8,500	8,500	-
Unemployment Insurance	2,800	3,000	3,060	4,000
VMERS	38,700	40,000	35,800	37,000
Uniforms/Boots	16,000	17,000	16,000	16,000
<b>EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</b>	<b>311,620</b>	<b>382,000</b>	<b>350,362</b>	<b>357,500</b>
<b>HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION</b>				
Material/Supplies	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Computer Hardware/Softwar	1,000	4,800	4,800	4,800
H-Way Access Permit Fees	300	300	300	300
State Operating Fees	300	300	300	300
Excavation Permit Expense	-	-	-	10,000
Advertising	500	600	600	600
Cell Phone Exp - Hwy Admi	2,000	1,500	1,500	1,500
Training	2,000	3,000	2,000	2,000
Safety Equipment	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
Engineering Services	5,000	17,000	17,000	75,000
Public Works Auto Expense	1,200	1,500	-	-
Misc'l Admin Expense	1,200	600	600	600

**TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM  
HIGHWAY FUND - EXPENDITURES**

<b>Account</b>	<b>FY19 Budget</b>	<b>FY20 Budget</b>	<b>FY21 Budget</b>	<b>FY22 Budget</b>
<b>HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>18,500</b>	<b>34,600</b>	<b>32,100</b>	<b>100,100</b>
ROAD MAINTAINENCE				
Road Material/Supplies	60,000	70,000	70,000	70,000
Cold Patch	3,500	3,000	3,000	3,000
Salt/Chloride	150,000	135,000	140,000	140,000
Winter Sand	75,000	70,000	75,000	75,000
Pavement Maintenance	300,000	350,000	350,000	350,000
Grant Funded Paving	-	-	-	-
Outside Services Roads	70,000	70,000	80,000	80,000
<b>ROAD MAINTAINENCE</b>	<b>658,500</b>	<b>698,000</b>	<b>718,000</b>	<b>718,000</b>
BRIDGES				
Materials/Supplies	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
Outside Services Bridges	1,000	18,000	15,000	15,000
New Arch Bridge/Church St	-	-	-	-
Depot St Bridge	-	1,000	1,000	51,000
<b>BRIDGES</b>	<b>2,500</b>	<b>20,500</b>	<b>17,500</b>	<b>67,500</b>
STREET SIGNS/LIGHTING				
Street Lights-Maintenance	5,000	5,000	5,000	10,000
Street Lights-Usage	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000
Street Signs	8,000	4,000	6,000	6,000
<b>STREET SIGNS/LIGHTING</b>	<b>73,000</b>	<b>69,000</b>	<b>71,000</b>	<b>76,000</b>
SIDEWALKS				
Materials/Supplies	60,000	9,000	1,000	1,000
Crosswalks/Striping	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
SR Sidewalk Paving	12,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
Contract Services/Cherry	225,000	-	-	-
Contract Services/Sidewal	-	6,000	30,000	30,000
<b>SIDEWALKS</b>	<b>302,000</b>	<b>35,000</b>	<b>51,000</b>	<b>51,000</b>
INSURANCE				
Worker's Compensation	46,000	70,000	65,000	80,000
General Liability	8,800	10,000	9,000	6,600
Building and Contents	27,000	27,000	25,000	20,000
Vehicle Insurance	26,250	28,000	25,000	18,000
Insurance Deductible	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
<b>INSURANCE</b>	<b>111,050</b>	<b>138,000</b>	<b>127,000</b>	<b>127,600</b>

**TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM  
HIGHWAY FUND - EXPENDITURES**

<b>Account</b>	<b>FY19 Budget</b>	<b>FY20 Budget</b>	<b>FY21 Budget</b>	<b>FY22 Budget</b>
EQUIPMENT EXPENSES				
Vehicle Parts & Supplies	100,000	110,000	115,000	115,000
2002 Dodge 3/4 Ton	-	-	-	-
2003 GMC 3/4 HD	-	-	-	-
2004 Chevy 1 Ton	-	-	-	-
2011 Ford F350	-	-	-	-
21.13 2013 GMC 1-Ton	-	-	-	-
2016 GMC Lift Body	-	-	-	-
2016 GMC Pickup	-	-	-	-
2016 GMC Lift Body Rt103	-	-	-	-
2001 3/4 Dodge From WW	-	-	-	-
2004 International 2 Ton	-	-	-	-
2006 GMC 4500	-	-	-	-
2017 4X6 6Wheel Dump	-	-	-	-
2017 Chev Silverado Utili	-	-	-	-
2019 Freightliner M2106	-	-	-	-
76 Internat'l Fire Tanker	-	-	-	-
2000 International 6 Whlr	-	-	-	-
2008 Freightliner 6 Whlr	-	-	-	-
2014 Freightliner 6 Whlr	-	-	-	-
2015 Freightliner 6 Whlr	-	-	-	-
1996 International 6 Whlr	-	-	-	-
2001 International 10 Whl	-	-	-	-
2011 Freightliner 10 Whlr	-	-	-	-
2013 WesternStar 10 Whlr	-	-	-	-
2014 WesternStar 10 Whlr	-	-	-	-
2018 WST 4700SF	-	-	-	-
2019 Western Star	-	-	-	-
2000 John Deere Loader	-	-	-	-
2002 Case 621D Loader	-	-	-	-
2006 CAT 928 Loader	-	-	-	-
2015 Deere 544K Loader	-	-	-	-
2005 CAT 140H Grader	-	-	-	-
2007 CAM Trailer	-	-	-	-
2015 Deere 672G Grader	-	-	-	-
2007 CAT Backhoe	-	-	-	-
1994 CAT 311 Excavator	-	-	-	-

**TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM  
HIGHWAY FUND - EXPENDITURES**

<b>Account</b>	<b>FY19 Budget</b>	<b>FY20 Budget</b>	<b>FY21 Budget</b>	<b>FY22 Budget</b>
2005 Tenco Sweeper	-	-	-	-
2006 Elgin Sweeper	-	-	-	-
2001 Trackless Sidewalk P	-	-	-	-
2003 Case 120 rdside mowe	-	-	-	-
05 SNO-GO Blower	-	-	-	-
Snowrator	-	-	-	-
2011 Trackless Sidewalk P	-	-	-	-
1996 21 Ton Trailer	-	-	-	-
1997 Morbark Chipper	-	-	-	-
Hot Mix Patch Box Trailer	-	-	-	-
Radios	-	-	-	-
Equipment Misc Expense	-	-	-	-
Inventory Adjustment	-	-	-	-
<b>EQUIPMENT EXPENSE</b>	<b>100,000</b>	<b>110,000</b>	<b>115,000</b>	<b>115,000</b>
<b>EQUIPMENT OPERATIONS</b>				
Misc. Equipment Purchases	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000
Other Small Tools/Repairs	6,000	8,000	8,000	8,000
Diesel Fuel	70,000	70,000	75,000	75,000
Grease & Oil	5,000	6,000	6,000	6,000
Gasoline	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Tire Chains	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
<b>EQUIPMENT OPERATIONS</b>	<b>97,000</b>	<b>100,000</b>	<b>105,000</b>	<b>105,000</b>
<b>TOWN/VILLAGE GARAGES</b>				
Equipment Material/Suppli	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Hwy Garage Phone/Internet	2,000	2,500	2,500	2,500
Hwy Rubbish Removal	3,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Building/Maint/Repairs	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
Electricity	16,000	16,000	12,000	12,000
Heating Fuel Town Garage	7,500	9,600	9,600	9,600
Heating Fuel Blake St.	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000
<b>TOWN/VILLAGE GARAGES</b>	<b>52,500</b>	<b>54,100</b>	<b>50,100</b>	<b>50,100</b>
<b>TRANSFERS</b>				
Transfer to Equip Fund	275,000	275,000	275,000	275,000
FEMA Fund 116 FY15	-	-	-	-
Transfer to Highway Impro	50,000	-	-	-
<b>TRANSFERS</b>	<b>325,000</b>	<b>275,000</b>	<b>275,000</b>	<b>275,000</b>

**TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM  
EQUIPMENT FUND - REVENUES**

<b>Account</b>	<b>FY19 Budget</b>	<b>FY20 Budget</b>	<b>FY21 Budget</b>	<b>FY22 Budget</b>
<b>PROJECT EXPENDITURES</b>				
Burt/Blake/Park Street Pr	-	-	-	-
Lwr Bartonsville	-	-	-	-
Asphalt & Gravel Crushing	65,000	50,000	25,784	26,000
Gravel Pit Closure	10,000	-	-	-
Pre-Cast Box Projects	-	5,000	-	-
Grants In Aid Road Projec	-	-	-	-
VTrans BR0260 Grant-Bette	-	22,000	-	-
Burt/Blake Project	-	-	-	-
<b>PROJECT EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>75,000</b>	<b>77,000</b>	<b>25,784</b>	<b>26,000</b>
<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>				
Brockways Mills Principal	220,000	220,000	220,000	220,000
Brockways Mills Interest	20,400	11,000	11,387	3,865
<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>	<b>240,400</b>	<b>231,000</b>	<b>231,387</b>	<b>223,865</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>3,064,780</b>	<b>2,957,740</b>	<b>2,834,212</b>	<b>2,949,712</b>
<b>NET HIGHWAY</b>	<b>(50,000)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>INCOME</b>				
Transfer Highway Fund	275,000	275,000	275,000	275,000
Insurance Claims	-	-	-	-
VTrans Mitigation Grant	260,000	-	-	-
<b>INCOME</b>	<b>535,000</b>	<b>275,000</b>	<b>275,000</b>	<b>275,000</b>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</b>				
Equipment Note Proceeds	165,000	210,000	155,000	15,000
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</b>	<b>165,000</b>	<b>210,000</b>	<b>155,000</b>	<b>15,000</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>700,000</b>	<b>485,000</b>	<b>430,000</b>	<b>290,000</b>

**TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM**  
**EQUIPMENT FUND - EXPENSES**

<b>Account</b>	<b>FY19 Budget</b>	<b>FY20 Budget</b>	<b>FY21 Budget</b>	<b>FY22 Budget</b>
<b>EQUIPMENT FUND</b>				
<b>CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>				
Equipment Purchases	490,000	270,000	220,000	85,365
<b>CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>	<b>490,000</b>	<b>270,000</b>	<b>220,000</b>	<b>85,365</b>
<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>				
1988 Loader Principal-VNB	-	-	-	-
2012 10 Wheeler Principal	-	-	-	-
2012 10 Wheeler Interest	-	-	-	-
2013 6 Wheeler Principal	-	-	-	-
2013 6 Wheeler Interest	-	-	-	-
PUB 2015 Note 6 & 10 Whlr	50,000	-	-	-
PUB 2015 note Interest	980	-	-	-
2015 Grader/Loader Prin	100,000	50,000	-	-
2015 Grader/Loader Int	2,250	750	-	-
2016 Pickups Principal	35,000	-	-	-
3 Pickups Interest	550	-	-	-
2017 Freightliner 6 Wheel	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
2017 Freightliner 6 Wheel	2,700	1,800	900	900
2018 & 19 6 & 10 Whlr Pri	15,000	61,326	61,326	61,326
2018 & 19 6 & 10 Whlr Int	3,000	4,691	3,128	3,128
2019 Western Star - Masco	-	44,600	44,600	44,600
2019 Western Star-Mascoma	-	4,017	2,680	2,680
2019 Sidewalk Tractor-Pri	-	-	-	-
2019 Sidewalk Tractor-Int	-	-	-	-
2019 Backhoe	-	-	37,500	37,500
2019 Backhoe-Interest	-	-	4,501	4,501
2018 10 wheeler-principal	-	-	-	-
2018 10 wheeler-Interest	-	-	-	-
<b>DEBT SERVICES</b>	<b>259,480</b>	<b>217,184</b>	<b>204,635</b>	<b>204,635</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>749,480</b>	<b>487,184</b>	<b>424,635</b>	<b>290,000</b>
<b>NET EQUIPMENT FUND</b>	<b>(49,480)</b>	<b>(2,184)</b>	<b>5,365</b>	<b>-</b>

**TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM**  
**LIBRARY-REVENUES EXPENDITURES**

<b>Account</b>	<b>Budget FY - 20</b>	<b>Unaudited FY - 20</b>	<b>Budget FY - 21</b>	<b>Budget FY - 22</b>
<b><u>TRANSFERS</u></b>				
Transfers In General Fund	379,250	379,250	379,250	379,250
	<b>379,250</b>	<b>379,250</b>	<b>379,250</b>	<b>379,250</b>
<b><u>INVEST, TRUST, INTEREST</u></b>				
TD Bank Interest	1	1	1	1
Barker Trust	13,000	17,874	13,500	13,500
Tidd Trust	6,100	5,860	6,100	6,100
People's Securities Interest	1	0	1	1
SecureFore 5 Annuity	3,145	634	0	0
River Valley MMKT	83	167	115	159
SecureFore 5 Annuity (2)	2,032	3,749	2,084	2,135
RVCU CD Interest	0	2,826	1,230	0
New Annuity FY 21	0	0	2,160	3,020
	<b>24,362</b>	<b>31,110</b>	<b>25,191</b>	<b>24,916</b>
<b><u>GRANTS</u></b>				
Misc. Grants	200	0	200	200
Interlibrary Loan	400	390	400	520
Vt Council on Arts Grant	0	0	0	0
	<b>600</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>720</b>
<b><u>DONATIONS</u></b>				
Misc. Donations	2,000	2,147	2,200	3,000
Misc. Designated Donations	500	1,031	500	500
Historical	100	0	100	100
Memorial	100	345	100	100
Matching Funds-Grants	0	2,753	0	0
	<b>2,700</b>	<b>6,276</b>	<b>2,900</b>	<b>3,700</b>
<b><u>FUNDRAISING</u></b>				
Misc. Fundraising	1,000	0	500	500
Book Sale	4,000	630	4,000	3,500
Direct Appeal	7,000	5,637	8,000	8,000
	<b>12,000</b>	<b>6,266</b>	<b>12,500</b>	<b>12,000</b>
<b><u>FINES, FEES</u></b>				
Fines	1,900	1,068	1,800	1,400
Non-Resident	2,200	1,190	2,000	1,800
Printing	4,100	2,909	4,000	3,800
Lost/Replaced	350	183	350	300

**TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM  
LIBRARY-REVENUES EXPENDITURES**

	<b>Budget FY - 20</b>	<b>Unaudited FY - 20</b>	<b>Budget FY - 21</b>	<b>Budget FY - 22</b>
Supplies	220	101	220	200
	<b>8,770</b>	<b>5,450</b>	<b>8,370</b>	<b>7,500</b>
<b><u>MISCELLEANOUS</u></b>				
Misc. Income	300	312	300	200
	<b>300</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>200</b>
<b><u>TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE</u></b>	<b>427,982</b>	<b>429,054</b>	<b>429,111</b>	<b>428,286</b>
<b><u>REVENUE FROM RESERVES</u></b>				
Reserve-Memorial	0	250	0	0
Reserve-Building Repair	0	800	0	0
	<b>0</b>	<b>1,050</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b><u>TOTAL FUND REVENUE</u></b>	<b>427,982</b>	<b>430,104</b>	<b>429,111</b>	<b>428,286</b>
<b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>				
<b><u>SALARIES &amp; BENEFITS</u></b>				
<b><u>SALARIES</u></b>				
Salaries-Director	60,317	60,341	61,523	62,139
Salaries-Full Time	84,064	80,842	85,746	88,425
Salaries-Part Time	85,264	87,006	89,141	79,788
	<b>229,645</b>	<b>228,189</b>	<b>236,410</b>	<b>230,352</b>
<b><u>BENEFITS</u></b>				
FICA	20,437	20,084	21,226	20,429
Health Insurance	100	0	100	100
Dental Insurance	1,360	1,187	1,360	1,360
Pension/VMERS	14,700	10,912	16,900	16,900
Workers Compensation	700	1,768	850	2,750
Life/Disability Ins.	1,200	1,044	1,200	1,200
Insurance Incentive	37,500	35,554	41,050	36,700
Unemployment Insurance	1,600	1,048	1,600	1,200
	<b>77,597</b>	<b>71,598</b>	<b>84,286</b>	<b>80,639</b>
Accrued Payroll Adjustment	0	0	0	0
	<b>307,242</b>	<b>299,787</b>	<b>320,696</b>	<b>310,991</b>
<b><u>OTHER EMPLOYEE EXPENSE</u></b>				
Dues and Workshops	700	329	700	500
Travel	300	29	300	300
	<b>1,000</b>	<b>358</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>800</b>



**TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM**  
**LIBRARY-REVENUES EXPENDITURES**

	<b>Budget FY - 20</b>	<b>Unaudited FY - 20</b>	<b>Budget FY - 21</b>	<b>Budget FY - 22</b>
<b><u>LIBRARY MATERIALS</u></b>				
Adult Fiction Books	5,000	3,793	5,000	4,700
Adult Non-Fiction Books	4,800	3,836	4,500	4,000
Youth Books	4,200	3,106	4,200	3,900
Adult Audio Books	1,400	1,181	1,400	1,300
Youth Audio Books	600	151	600	600
Electronic Resources	3,800	5,817	4,500	5,700
Adult Visual/Music	1,800	1,501	1,900	1,900
Youth Visual/Music	600	332	650	650
Periodicals	3,000	3,174	3,400	2,500
	<b>25,200</b>	<b>22,890</b>	<b>26,150</b>	<b>25,250</b>

**PROGRAMMING**

Adult Library Programs	200	149	200	200
Youth Library Programs	700	713	700	700
	<b>900</b>	<b>861</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>900</b>

**SUPPLIES**

Office Supplies	3,400	2,641	3,100	3,100
Printing Supplies	3,000	1,686	2,400	2,200
Custodial Supplies	1,100	1,412	1,100	1,300
Archival	100	0	100	100
Postage	2,500	2,171	2,500	2,600
	<b>10,100</b>	<b>7,910</b>	<b>9,200</b>	<b>9,300</b>

**FIXTURES & EQUIPMENT**

Fixtures	200	59	200	250
Tech Equipment	4,000	3,479	3,500	2,800
Tech Software	100	20	100	50
Telephone Equipment	60	0	60	90
Tools	25	180	25	65
	<b>4,385</b>	<b>3,738</b>	<b>3,885</b>	<b>3,255</b>

**SERVICES**

Auditor	1,300	0	1,300	1,300
Legal	250	0	250	250
Computer/Technology	750	1,173	1,260	2,110
Automated Library System	1,600	1,484	1,580	1,550
Custodial	12,750	12,210	13,250	12,250
Town Fee-Maintenance	2,000	0	2,000	0

**TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM**  
**LIBRARY-REVENUES EXPENDITURES**

	<b>Budget FY - 20</b>	<b>Unaudited FY - 20</b>	<b>Budget FY - 21</b>	<b>Budget FY - 22</b>
Security	300	300	300	300
Repairs & Maintenance	11,800	6,359	11,800	11,600
	<b>30,750</b>	<b>21,526</b>	<b>31,740</b>	<b>29,360</b>
<b><u>UTILITIES</u></b>				
Electricity/Heat	21,800	25,972	23,000	25,800
Telephone/Online	2,550	2,044	2,460	2,280
Water & Sewer	600	571	650	650
	<b>24,950</b>	<b>28,588</b>	<b>26,110</b>	<b>28,730</b>
<b><u>INSURANCE</u></b>				
Property & Liability Insurance	22,100	17,507	20,230	17,900
	<b>22,100</b>	<b>17,507</b>	<b>20,230</b>	<b>17,900</b>
<b><u>MISCELLEANOUS</u></b>				
Misc. Expense	110	64	100	100
	<b>110</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
<b><u>GRANT EXPENSE</u></b>				
Misc. Grant Expense	200	0	200	200
VT. Arts Council Grant	0	2,753	0	0
	<b>200</b>	<b>2,753</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>200</b>
<b><u>DONATIONS EXPENSE</u></b>				
Misc. Designated Don.Exp.	500	1,031	500	500
Historical Donations Exp.	100	0	100	100
Memorial Donations Exp.	100	345	100	100
Matching Funds-VAC Grant	0	2,753	0	0
	<b>700</b>	<b>4,129</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>700</b>
<b><u>FUNDRAISING EXPENSE</u></b>				
Misc. Fundraising Exp.	345	433	800	800
	<b>345</b>	<b>433</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>800</b>
<b><u>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE</u></b>	<b>427,982</b>	<b>410,544</b>	<b>441,711</b>	<b>428,286</b>
<b><u>RESERVE FUND EXPENSE</u></b>				
Reserve-Memorial Fund	0	250	0	0
Reserve-Building Repair	0	800	0	0
	<b>0</b>	<b>1,050</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b><u>TOTAL LIBRARY EXPENSES</u></b>	<b>427,982</b>	<b>411,594</b>	<b>441,711</b>	<b>428,286</b>
<b>NET INCOME LESS EXPENSE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>18,510</b>	<b>-12,600</b>	<b>0</b>

**TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM  
DEVELOPMENT FUND**

<b>Account</b>	<b>Balance</b>
 <b><u>ASSETS</u></b>	
 <b><u>GRANTS RECEIVABLE</u></b>	
Grants Receivable	0
 <b><u>TOTAL GRANTS RECEIVABLE</u></b>	 0
 <b><u>RECEIVABLES</u></b>	
BF Housing Partnership	19,250.22
Eric Clark RLF	1,676.06
Adams Trucking & Excavati	971.26
C&K Foods RLF	29,079.03
Leslie's The Tavern RLF	1.52
G.R.A.S. RLF	16,778.53
Windham Dev Group RLF	22,724.59
Barrett Saltzman RLF	3,968.94
Cider Magazine RLF	0.24
Valley Cafe LLC RLF	3,547.19
GFCBC RLF	7,163.50
Flat Iron Exchange	9,252.60
Chroma RLF	56,171.37
7 PV RLF	43,631.98
Loan Exner Block	419,000.00
Howard Block Res. VCDP	51,322.00
Howard Block Com'l VCDP	423,678.00
Town Loan Howard Block	100,000.00
BF Housing Partnership	150,000.00
Loan Smallest City	38,500.00
Armstrong Loan	11,250.00
BFACD Loan	90,000.00
BFADC-Robertson Paper	50,000.00
 <b><u>TOTAL RECEIVABLES</u></b>	 <b>1,547,967.03</b>

**TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM  
DEVELOPMENT FUND**

<b>Account</b>	<b>Balance</b>
<b><u>DUE FROM OTHER FUNDS</u></b>	
Due From/To Other Funds	416,991.67
<b>TOTAL DUE FROM OTHER FUNDS</b>	<b>492,744.27</b>
<b><u>RESERVES</u></b>	
Allowance BF Housing	150,000.00
Allowance Smallest City	38,500.00
Allowance Howard Block	575,000.00
Allowance for Armstrong L	11,250.00
Allowance for Exner Block	419,000.00
<b>TOTAL RESERVES</b>	<b>1,193,750.00</b>
<b><u>TOTAL ASSETS</u></b>	<b>846,961.30</b>
<b><u>LIABILITIES</u></b>	
Accounts Payable	0.00
Deferred Revenue	325,879.69
Unspent Grant RMO Waypoin	3,744.52
Unspent Grant CT River Pt	847
	330,471.21
<b><u>TOTAL LIABILITIES</u></b>	<b>330,471.21</b>
<b><u>FUND BALANCE</u></b>	<b>423,626.90</b>

**DELINQUENT TAX REPORT AS OF JANUARY 31, 2021**

<b>Parcel ID</b>	<b>Owner</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Balance as of 1/31/2021</b>
160970014	5 Henry Street LLC	Business Office	4,261.36
233160014	Ainsworth, Clarence	Buildings and lot	4,544.82
110510236	Amidon, Floyd	Land and buildings	10,887.88
060020980	Bacon, Jennifer	House and lot	1,677.39
233280010	Barber, Albert	House and lot	5,959.07
170970012-2	Barnett, Leo	House and lot	3,698.44
060020961	Batchelder, Roy	Buildings and land	7,385.12
2638660033	Bileau, Jennfier L	House and lot	5,281.46
085050600	Cherico Vincent	Buildings and land	1,427.48
234380023	Chiu, Phil R	House and lot	3,765.29
234010040	Dal Advisors, LLC	House and lot	8,491.22
060041489	Davis, Wayne	Mobile home and land	2,652.93
261210037	Dawson, Ashley	House and lot	6,436.71
110050306	Dickerson, Dale J	Buildings and land	1,164.69
100020458	Dixon, Ezra R	Buildings and land	6,205.11
233560010	Elsesser, James	Land and Two Dwellings	6,076.74
233560008	Elsessor, James & Sharon	House and lot	5,198.67
235010090	Father's Ink Corp	Business	2,843.97
223500008	Fisher, Timothy	Building and land	1,236.57
070750969	Francoeur Jay T	House and lot	3,276.62
234010068	Glennon III Christopher	YMCA Building	2,760.44
880000193	Green Mountain Specialties	Personal property/equipment	6,781.87
070060299	Griffin, Christian	Land	4,851.32
263860038	Hass, Richard L	House and lot	1,508.98
160410015	Halberg, Deborah L	House and lot	1,342.76
045050734	Harper, Rodney	House and lot	2,646.78
234380021	Haskell, Casey	Buildings and lot	2,347.65
234400026	Horne, Eric	House and lot	14,398.16
060820035	Hunt, Edna	Buildings and land	9,107.64
233360012	Hurd, Margery	House and lot	1,109.45
234460025	Island Holdings LLC	Buildings and land	1,300.02
263840004	Kawaky John	House and lot	1,204.10

**DELINQUENT TAX REPORT AS OF JANUARY 31, 2021**

<b>Parcel ID</b>	<b>Owner</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Balance as of 1/31/2021</b>
101210995	Kennett, Joyce	House and Lot	7,595.02
070070084	King, Brian E	House and lot	3,013.86
264060035	Kirkpatrick, Scott	House and lot	4,315.66
234500050	Lafoe Apartments	Apartments	1,022.98
233340015	Lafoe, Floyd	House and lot	1,060.84
235020055-1	Lawrence, Alexander	Block	9,403.59
261210036	Leveillee, Justin	House and lot	3,106.45
265030110	Madden, Christopher	Land and buildings	2,003.15
264060037	McAllister, Sherry	House and lot	14,169.21
274160030	McAllister, Stephen	Buildings and lot	18,659.94
234300006	Mozaffari, Jahangi	Bildings and lot	3,245.05
223500052	Mueller, Brian	Buildings and land	14,952.78
140530199	Nau, Ralph	Buildings and land	10,375.82
264040025	Noe, John	House and lot	18,171.47
234010053	Orantes, Miguel	House and lot	1,418.05
151210400	Otto Properties LLC	Land	8,513.10
125050127-016	Parent, Scott	Mobile home	1,038.93
234010075	Parrott, Steve	House and lot	1,675.52
234010111	Perry, Bobby Joe E	Buildings and land	3,977.10
234010057	Quinn, Leah	Buildings and land	12,188.06
223400028	Reis, Paul	Buildings and land	3,347.17
223400024	Reis, Paul Francis	Bildings and lot	3,269.39
115000593	Sairam LLC	Land and buildings	5,145.16
070220070	Serenity Street LL	Land	2,841.91
070220070	Shaw, John E III	Mobile home and land	5,083.79
025002099	Shibley, John	House and lot	2,523.38
080280009	Shibley, John	House and lot	5,797.39
120750009	Shibley, John	House and lot	4,125.66
101210990	Simonds, Bruce	House and land	1,880.08
170170010	Simonds, Bruce	Buildings and land	19,119.47
160010026-3	Stamm, Peter Mchenr	House and lot	1,225.43
065001767	Torres, Williams	House and lot	3,284.40
213140009	Tretler, Donald	House and lot	4,102.75
264000001	Van Schoick, Lindsay	Buildings and lot	7,312.53
125050127-031	Vanacore, Christopher	Mobile Home	1,261.28
880000042	Verned	Buildings and lot	8,035.70
234400046	Wilmington Savings	House and lot	2,750.04
235010092	Wurst Place In Bellows Falls	Land	7,486.72
234280018	Young SR Harry P	House and lot	4,407.01
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			374,736.55

*Delinquent tax amounts reflected above are as of 1/31/2021.*

*This report does not reflect payments made after that date.*

*This report does not reflect accounts with balances less than \$1000.00*

*Some overdue taxpayers have reached agreements with the Town.*

*Some overdue accounts are in bankruptcy and cannot be collected at the present time.*

*Some delinquent accounts have been forwarded to the Town Agent for tax sale.*

### **Report of the Selectboard**

In perhaps one of the most memorable years, we have ever seen — a year where we had three different acting managers and a global pandemic that will shape the future as we know it — many families and businesses may never be the same. I would like to personally thank the municipal staff for their continued dedication and hard work to get through the day-to-day operations with a key focus on conserving spending, getting tasks done with reduced staff, and being very aware of the economic impact this year will have on our taxpayers.

The Selectboard and staff have gone to great lengths this year to keep the budget level funded. The Board took measures to ensure that if the pandemic is ongoing, staff will reduce spending and continue to keep those who are economically affected by the pandemic in mind when making any financial decisions that could impact residents going forward. However, the Selectboard and staff will ensure we continue to provide the same level of service.

It has been my pleasure serving on this Board for four years for the betterment of this community. I feel we have made great progress in this time and hope it continues to move in this direction. The Selectboard and staff worked very well together this year and I can only hope moving forward that Board members understand their role, help to establish a budget and policy, and trust in the staff to carry out their duties.

### **Municipal Manager's Report**

One of the continuing challenges in local government is the turnover of staff as the Town reacts to changing fiscal stresses, a pandemic which has significantly changed the way we do business, and the routine loss of personnel to retirements and other changes.

The past year has seen the following staff leave the employment of the Town, and recognizing their collective efforts to public service:

Everett Hammond	DPW
Gary Derosia	Recycling Director
Joan Harlow	Lister/Zoning Assistant
Barbara Joy	Town Clerk Assistant
Sue Reign	CLG
Rick Angers	Opera House Director
Bruce Bennett	Maintenance Supervisor

### **Proposed Budget**

Stability and resourcefulness are the best description of the budget for next fiscal year, which is built on a foundation that is fiscally conservative as the Town and the State deal with uncertainty as the pandemic is approaching a full year. While the immediate impacts of COVID on jobs and revenue have not yet resulted in significant negative impacts on the Town revenue, the staff has been keenly aware that historic federal stimulus spending and enhanced short-term social services support will eventually diminish, and with this and other considerations the proposed budget is a level funded budget. The budget will continue existing programs and services, invests in future infrastructure with capital funds reserved for local match requirements for bridge replacements, and continues to invest in the preservation of historic community properties by dedicating funds to restoration efforts at the Rockingham Meeting House and the Town Hall/Opera House.

The budget also continues to invest in technology to develop additional on-line platforms for residents to access local government, strengthen wireless capability for visitors and staff, and upgrade software to protect our servers and data from cybercrime.



## **COVID RESPONSE and IMPACTS**

The Town staff has worked closely with our State Emergency Operations Center to follow the guidelines for operating during a pandemic which has disrupted our businesses, schools, and daily lives.

A dedicated team of management staff has kept the Town operating with the commonsense limits to exposure for our residents and our employees. The State of Vermont has been a great partner in providing timely guidance and financial support to help relieve some of the impact of PPE (personal protective equipment) expenses and building modifications that have taken place over the past year.

As the vaccine distribution reaches more segments of the population, we are all looking forward to a return to a “new normal”.

Sincerely,

Scott Pickup, Municipal Manager

## **CEMETERY REPORT**

The Town of Rockingham owns and maintains five cemeteries within the Town. These include Oak Hill Cemetery, Restland Cemetery, Saxtons River Cemetery, Rockingham Meeting House Cemetery and Cambridgeport Cemetery.

Oak Hill Cemetery, located on the Bellows Falls/Westminster town line, is the largest cemetery based on the number of lots. All mapped lots are sold at this time, but roadways are still being filled in.

Restland Cemetery, located at the corner of Oak Hill Terrace and West Street in Bellows Falls, currently has no lots available for sale and is considered inactive.

Saxtons River Cemetery, located in the Village of Saxtons River, currently has mapped lots available, which are being sold at a relatively steady rate.

Cambridgeport Cemetery has some mapped lots available and has a considerable amount of room for expansion.

Rockingham Meeting House Cemetery is located behind the Rockingham Meeting House located just off Route 103 in Rockingham. All lots in the original lot are sold at this time. However, a new section was opened several years ago and it is anticipated that lots will be available for several years. Also available is a large lot adjacent to the Meeting House Cemetery which can be developed if necessary.

It is anticipated that cemetery space in the Town of Rockingham will be sufficient for the next 200 years or so. All cemeteries are monitored closely, and repairs are ongoing as time and funds allow.

If you have questions related to the town-owned cemeteries, please call the Cemetery Sexton at Fenton & Hennessey Funeral Home, 55 Westminster Street, Bellows Falls, VT at 463-4111.

J. Malcolm Potter, Cemetery Sexton



## **Economic Development Office**

The Town of Rockingham recognizes that the health of the local economy is a fundamental element to the overall quality of life. Businesses provide jobs, a strong tax base to support high quality services, and bring prosperity to the community. Businesses contribute significantly to the vibrancy of the community, sponsor community events and support local community organizations.

The primary goals of the Rockingham Development Office are to:

- Seek out and assist new businesses that will provide well-paying jobs for town residents in the future
- Work with existing businesses to help them to thrive and expand here
- Identify and implement redevelopment opportunities, increasing commercial-industrial contribution to the town grand list, lessening the tax burden on residential property owners
- Work closely with Town and Village Economic Development groups and participate in the Southeastern Vermont Economic Development Strategies board and 5-Year Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee to ensure the town's needs are represented in local, regional, state and federal growth plans and initiatives
- Obtain and manage development grants on behalf of our local partners, and do whatever we can to improve the economic climate and prospects of the community

The ability to assess environmental and market conditions for vacant or underused commercial properties and then using that information to redevelop has a direct effect on growing the grand list. Taxes paid by commercial-industrial properties fell from 12% to 10 % of all taxes paid from 2004 to 2017. After adjusting for inflation, the value of taxable commercial and industrial property declined both in real value and as a percentage of total taxable value between 2004 and 2017 by about \$7.5 million (going from 12% to 10% of taxable value). The number of taxable commercial and industrial properties on the grand list fell during that period from 188 to 171. Just under ½ that amount came back last year with a couple of projects.

The opportunity for a Brownfields Area Wide Plan to guide redevelopment of 5 to 7 commercial-industrial properties, completing during the next 5 to 10 years, with the potential to bring back the lost commercial and industrial property value. A project specific CEDS will help finance the public infrastructure improvements.

BFADC continues work on the 21 Island St. Ex-Robertson Paper Co. site, scored a vital project in the 2020 CEDS, moving forward with plans for a 20,000 sq. ft. manufacturing facility with shared incubator/maker space.

2020 Economic Development COVID Impacts to Business – federal Payroll Protection Plan (PPP) loan program to save jobs – activity through 06/30/20:

In Bellows Falls -

- 69 small businesses employing 91 people received PPP Loans totaling \$2,368,237
- 5 businesses employing 238 people received PPP totaling between \$2 million and \$4,700,000

In Rockingham –

- 2 businesses employing 4 people received PPP totaling \$16,887

In Saxtons River –

- 8 businesses employing 29 people received PPP totaling \$288,532
- 1 business employing 96 people received PPP totaling between \$1 million and \$2 million

The State of Vermont utilized COVID Relief funds to provide grants to many businesses as well.

Community Development successes in the Town of Rockingham:

- “Let’s Take Action Rockingham!” Community Visit facilitated by VT Council on Rural Development beginning with a Steering Committee in November, Community Dinner in December and ending with voting for 3 Task Forces in February, to focus on 1) Sustainable Rockingham 2) Youth Task Force and 3) Bellows Falls Building Redevelopment
- Rockingham Help and Helpers formed in response to the COVID Pandemic within days of Governor Scott’s Stay at home order, engaging donors providing food, hygiene supplies, diapers, pet food and 40 to 50 regularly participating volunteers, delivering and making phone calls to people who could not leave their homes, collaborating with and filling gaps and emergency needs beyond the robust existing social service organizations

The Development Office works with businesses to develop applications to the Town Revolving Loan Fund (RLF), a source of capital to assist start-up or expansion of businesses and attracting new business to Town. If recommended by the five-member Revolving Loan Fund Committee and approved by the Selectboard, a low interest loan is made to the business. This program is not a substitute for the activities of existing financial institutions but provides additional capital or working capital to create or retain jobs. The loans facilitate and encourage new and additional private investment in the Town and assist with purchase, construction, rehabilitation or renovation of commercial/industrial facilities or equipment. Activity during the 2019-20 fiscal year for the RLF from 7/1/19 – 6/30/20:

- Number of new loans opened	2
- Number of loans closed	3
- Number of active revolving loans	10
- Realized interest from repayment	\$ 7,975.04
- Amount loaned	\$ 42,369.75
- Amount of outstanding loans	\$ 325,879.69
- Fund balance available for future loans	\$ 453,490.09

Types of businesses that were participants in the program include a trucking and excavation company, a landscape company, a restaurant, a coffee shop, a specialty foods producer, 2 multi-program facility-based organizations, a high-tech manufacturer, a jewelry producer, and a radio broadcasting company.

The Development Office works with new and expanding businesses on requests to the Town for stabilization of taxes for property and equipment used for the business. If recommended by the five-member Tax Stabilization Committee and approved by the Selectboard, business owners may receive a reduction in the municipal portion of local property and equipment taxes for a period up to five years, to help stimulate start-up and expansion activity.

The Development Office works closely with the regional development corporation for Windham County “Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation” (BDCC), and local development corporations the “Bellows Falls Area Development Corporation” (BFADC) and “Sustainable Valley Group” (SVG), that focus on industrial and commercial development. The Rockingham Development Director serves as Executive Director of the BFADC. The Regional Development Corporations for Windham and Bennington Counties are responsible for the 5-year comprehensive economic development plans (CEDS) for our region. Every economic development funding program application requires that a project meets one or more of the objectives in the CEDS, and some even require that the project is listed in the CEDS.

The 2019 to 2024 CEDS focuses on finding resources to help current residents stay, expanding workforce development efforts, marketing the region and recruiting workforce to move here. Contact Gary Fox at the Development Office for more information on the goals and objectives of the new CEDS and/or about submitting projects.

The Development Office participates on the Bellows Falls Downtown Development Alliance (BFDDA) board and works closely with the Great Falls Regional Chamber of Commerce (GFRCC), the Rockingham Arts and Museum Project (RAMP), and the Historical Societies and Associations where possible and appropriate. BFDDA carries out downtown revitalization activities in Bellows Falls’ “designated downtown district” in collaboration with the Vermont Downtown Program. The designation permits property owners in the district to benefit from specific state tax credits, and grants when available.

The Development Office oversees the Certified Local Government (CLG) program, advised by the five-member Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) for the Town of Rockingham, responsible for historic preservation marketing, education, and development. Walter Wallace is the Coordinator for the HPC, please see the HPC report.

The Development Office is located on the 3rd floor of the Town Hall.

Questions or assistance from the Development Office: [development@rockbf.org](mailto:development@rockbf.org), 376-5425 or 463-3964 ext.1110

Submitted by: Gary Fox, Development Director



## **Rockingham Historic Preservation Commission**

Despite the challenges posed by the Covid pandemic, over this past year the Historic Preservation Commission has moved forward with its mission to advise and support the select board and town officials on matters related to historic preservation, promoting historic preservation in the community, and conserving historic districts and landmarks.

As plans move forward to replace the Depot Street Bridge, the Commission has been working closely with VTrans to preserve the integrity of the Canal Street historic landscape by ensuring the new bridge provide the same architectural contours of the existing bridge as originally built. Because the bridge and its surroundings are part of the Bellows Falls Downtown Historic District and listed on the National Register of Historic Places maintained by the National Park Service, measures must be taken to mitigate the loss of the original bridge. A Depot Street History Collaborative has been established, bringing the Bellows Falls Historical Society, the Commission, and VTrans to the table to move this process forward. The group will provide the National Register with a historic narrative of the businesses and people who lived and worked in the Canal Street neighborhood including the railroad and business facilities on the Island. Once the old bridge is demolished and replaced with a new one VTrans will install a wayfinding kiosk with QR code near the current site of the Bridge at the heart of the Canal Street and Depot Street communities that will provide digital public access to the historic narrative and other documentation, and with input on the kiosk design, materials, and location from the Commission and Historical Society. This effort is a project cost paid for by Federal Highway Administration and requires no town funds.

As we approach the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the building and dedication of our town hall the Commission is advising on the conservation of the clock tower and clock. Its design influenced by the 13<sup>th</sup> century town hall tower in Florence, Italy, ours is in need of a cleaning and restoration of the clock faces, lighting, and clock works. The clock and its bell were gifts presented to the town by Charles Vilas to replace the old ones lost in the disastrous fire of May 10, 1925. The new bell first pealed on July 23, 1927. In the early 1980's Our Town led an effort to restore the clock. The current initiative will ensure the clock and bell that stands at the center of the Bellows Falls Village Square continues to mark the times of day for future generations. The commission continued its tradition of sponsoring the annual Rockingham Old House Awards, designed to recognize individual owners of historic homes and commercial and industrial properties who have worked hard to maintain and restore their piece of the town's rich architectural history. This year's winners were: 116 Westminster Street, Bellows Falls, owned by Rebecca and Matthew Allen; 24 South Street, Bellows Falls, owned by Susan F. Allen & Jill A. King; 95-99 Rockingham Street, Bellows Falls, owned by Robert McBride; 52 Griswold Street, Bellows Falls, owned by Charles and Tina Niedbala; 90 Westminster Street, Bellows Falls, owned by Raymond and Virginia Massucco. Plaques and certificates were presented to this year's winners. Due to Covid restrictions the traditional public awards ceremony was postponed. Covid also had an impact on other Commission-sponsored activities.

The historic preservation workshop and speaker series originally scheduled for winter and spring 2020 was cancelled. The series will be revived in the winter and spring 2021 using Zoom. We will again partner with the Rockingham Free Public Library to sponsor the series. Programs include a look at the basics of historic preservation, wallpaper conservation and restoration, the history of the Canal Street neighborhood, and the architecture of the Rockingham Meeting House.

After careful study, debate, and with much sorrow the Commission recommended to the town that the Rockingham Meeting House not open to the public during the May – October 2020 season due to the Covid pandemic. This allowed for more intensive conservation work on the building than originally anticipated. This included phase 1 plaster restoration, installation of a surface French drain to address drainage problems affecting the main building, major cornice repair, and exterior painting of the Meeting House exterior. A cyclical maintenance plan was created and put into play by the Commission in an effort to conserve rather than defer maintenance that results in costly restoration.

While the Rockingham Meeting House is unique for its status as a National Historic Landmark, it is one of many historically significant buildings in town. Rockingham residents should be proud of the number of historic districts and individual homes that have been named to the National Register of Historic Places, and the commission works continually to expand those districts and add new properties to the list. A Survey Overview Project is currently underway to audit existing historic districts and sites. Based on field surveys GIS layers are under development for historic districts and sites on the town website. This will allow homeowners and businesses to readily identify the historic resource status of their property.

From time to time the Commission reprints classic books related to Rockingham history that are out of print. This year the Commission reprints *Bellows Falls and Vicinity Illustrated*. Compiled by Bellows Falls printer P.H. Gobie and edited by long-time town clerk and town historian Lyman S. Hayes, this book was originally published in 1908 by The P.H. Grobie Press, once located right off the square. A balance of pictures and the written word, the book's subtitle says it all: *Designed to Portray and Perpetuate the Attractions and Historical Facts of Bellows Falls and the Surrounding Villages of Saxtons River, Rockingham, and Westminster, Vermont, and Walpole and Charlestown, New Hampshire*. Look for it soon.

Members of the Historic Preservation Commission are: John Leppman, chairman; and Myles Mickle, Annette Spaulding, Elijah Zimmer, and Marguerite Janiszyn. Development Director Gary Fox and Commission coordinator Walter Wallace serve as ex-officio members. Our jobs are made much easier by the help we receive from the Bellows Falls Historical Society, the Rockingham Free Public Library, the Rockingham Meeting House Association, and the Saxtons River Historical Society, as well as our colleagues at Town Hall. However, our greatest asset is you: town residents who take great pride in our community's past and feel it is worth preserving for future generations.

The work of the Commission is underwritten with funding from the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation and the National Park Service.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter Wallace  
Coordinator, Historic Preservation Commission

## **Town Health Officer's Report**

### **Town health officers working in a pandemic.**

For much of 2020 we operated under an Incident Command Structure and were housed in the Bellows Falls Police/Fire Department. Police, Fire, and Health Officers worked closely with the Vermont Department of Health to help implement the Governor's ever changing Executive Orders (an average of 1 addendum issued each month).

Town Health Officers coordinated with Department heads to implement new staffing models so municipal services were minimally interrupted. Each time an employee had a potential exposure or tested positive, we worked with the affected staff member and afterwards reviewed protocols for process improvements. Each case resulted in protocol upgrades that were then transmitted to all other departments.

A big challenge is that every department is different. The police apprehended individuals who made fraudulent COVID claims which had to be researched. Closing and opening town hall had to balance essential services with health and safety. Highway, water, and sewer had to compartmentalize operations so 1 exposure would not infect an entire department. Last, recreation and the theater had to completely alter programs to keep people safe. These were never easy tasks. For example, if you can picture the town hall foyer before a movie, how we normally operate is precisely the opposite of what the CDC was recommending. The theater is just a visible example of how a municipality operates. At all levels, municipal operations required novel approaches to stem viral spread.

Outside of municipal operations we worked with residents and business owners to address the Governor's executive order recommendations. We provided technical assistance for pandemic compliant operations such as helping establish new building occupancy rates. We used the pandemic zoning changes to permit restaurants and retail establishments to operate outside. In all cases, we wanted to educate and encourage compliance while minimizing negative impacts to our community's social and economic vitality.

### **Health officers enforce rental housing health codes.**

All rental apartments must comply with Vermont's Rental Housing Health Codes. The most common rental housing deficiencies are lead paint exposure, trash accumulation, pest infestations, and insufficient apartment heating. Most difficult, we continue to identify children who have ingested unsafe levels of lead paint.

#### **Who is a Health officer?**

Health officers are town employees granted legal authority by the State of Vermont to investigate and address public health hazards in their community. Town Planner Charles Wise serves as the Town's Health officer, Bellows Falls Fire Chief Shaun McGinnis serves as the Deputy Health officer.

#### **What is a public health hazard?**

Health hazards are conditions with the potential to harm a person's health. Public health hazards must impact the health of a plurality of people. Sometimes a health hazard is extremely bothersome but confined to one individual or one property. That health hazard may be extremely frustrating for 1 or 2 people, but it fails to meet a public threshold. In those instances, the Health officer cannot get involved. A Health officer is protected by the State of Vermont only if they act within their legal authority. A Health officer who exceeds that authority, however well-intentioned, exposes the town (not the state) to legal liability.



In 2020, we started work on a Bellows Falls Rental Housing Inspection ordinance. The ordinance would coordinate public health and fire safety into a regular inspection program. On July 2018, Vermont towns were mandated to do more rental housing inspections. Over the last 18 months we have learned that there needs to be a more intelligent strategy for conducting these inspections. Showing up to address a rental housing complaint with families in crisis, active litigation pending, and irreconcilable differences between landlords and tenants renders inspections an almost impossible task. The better option is to proactively inspect rental units when we can have a reasonable expectation of cooperation.

**Investigate, cooperate, but try never to regulate.**

Town Health Officers have been unusually successful in working cooperatively with landowners and addressing violations before the Town issues a formal violation. The goal is always to work cooperatively and address the violation before official action is considered. In almost all cases, the problem is solved quickly and relieves all parties from costly legal action. The Town only has one case where after 18 months we failed to accomplish voluntary compliance and proceeded to a formal health order. Anytime we pursue a legal remedy, the process is time consuming and expensive. It remains unfortunate and counterproductive when limited resources are directed towards a legal remedy. In every case we have spent more money in legal fees than the actual costs to clean up the property or address a building violation.

**Lead safety is the law.**

The Vermont Department of Health frequently requests the Health officer review rental properties for lead paint safety violations because lead paint is such a dangerous hazard, especially to young children. All rental housing must follow essential maintenance practices for protection against human exposure to lead paint. Every landlord must submit an annual compliance statement to the Department of Health stating they have complied with the regulations. Falsification of compliance statements has resulted in significant fines for local landlords, and as Health officers it is the most common violation we discover. The better option is to report deficiencies and develop a schedule to address them; landlords will discover the Department of Health very willing to work with them.

**Partnerships matter.**

The majority of public health complaints are in Bellows Falls. Public health issues are rarely singular issues, but symptoms of a larger problem in an individual or family's life. We have learned that any success with these complex issues is wholly dependent upon working partnerships at the local and state levels.

At the local level, all our work is coordinated with BF Police Chief David Bemis who provides investigative and protective services. We have a singular goal of eliminating substandard housing which more often than not provides habitat for illegal drug activity. At the state level, we have benefited by working with Bruce Martin, Steve Dumont, and Frank Small at the Vermont Department of Public Safety, Division of Fire Safety. We have also depended upon partnerships at the Vermont Department of Health and working with Christopher Kinnick, Meg McCarthy, and Marielle Strong. In some instances, the State can enforce building code compliance that is difficult for the town to address on its own.

Submitted by: Shaun McGinnis and Charles Wise Rockingham Health Officers

## **Highway Department**

The Town of Rockingham would like to thank the citizens for their support of the pavement management program and the equipment fund. As some of you may know my name is Andrew Howarth I took over the Highway Department superintendent position 6 months ago, I have been working for the Town of Rockingham highway department for 19 years. The town of Rockingham Highway Department and the village of Bellows Falls Utility Departments have the following responsibilities:

Town of Rockingham Highway Responsibilities:

- Road maintenance (Highway Department)
- Winter Maintenance of Roads and sidewalks (Highway Department)
- Catch basins and Culverts (Highway Department)
- Trees and brush removal (highway Department)
- Equipment (Highway Department equipment fund)
- Sidewalks and street lights (Highway Department)

The Village of Bellows Falls Water and Wastewater Departments Responsibilities:

- Wastewater treatment plant (wastewater Dept)
- Sewer Manholes (Wastewater Dept)
- Water Treatment plant (Water Dept)
- Water mains, Fire Hydrants and gate valves (Water Dept)

Highway problems can be reported to the following numbers during business hours:

Bellows Falls Garage (for problems within the village of BF) 802-463-3059

Rockingham Garage (for problems outside the village of BF) 802-463-5106

After hour emergencies-contact the Bellows Falls Police Dept 802-463-1234

**Construction Projects completed in FY2019-20 Budget:**

- Burt, Blake, Park street road sidewalk and retaining wall improvements
- Griswold drive area paved; chip sealed
- Brockways mills road paved, chip sealed
- Gravel crushing 5,000 yards
- Sidewalks Pleasant, Main street Saxtons River paved
- Hyde Hill drainage 4ft Culvert replaced
- Pine hill water Main replacement (trenched patched)
- Culvert 3ft Squashed replacement Oak street Saxtons River (Highway Dept)
- Drainage on Griswold drive 12 catch basin structures 600ft pipe (Highway Dept)
- Crosswalk, line painting (Highway Dept)
- Ditching Pleasant Valley, Corey hill Road (highway Dept)
- Grading roads/Roadside mowing (Highway Dept)
- Legion Lot (Manager's Lot) project

We would like to thank Don Hasham and his work improving the Town and Village garages. The break room and bathrooms at the VT 103 garage have never looked better! Don often volunteered his time and in addition to some intense cleaning he was also responsible for organizing flooring and window contractors and painting the walls. Thanks Don!

The Highway Department overhauled its two garages in a major clean up and organizing effort. Over several months we sold surplus equipment (11k in new revenue!), recycled metal and other parts, cleaned, cleaned, and cleaned. The result, today the garages are cleaner and more organized than they have been in decades!

I would like to thank all the Highway employees for the hard work and dedication through-out the year on projects, spring and fall cleanup, winter snow removal and mud season, thank you to their families for the early morning phone calls and the long hours away from their homes. I would like to thank Mike Furgat for over 30 years of service and dedication to the Town of Rockingham.

Andy Howarth, Highway superintendent



## **Rockingham Board of Listers**

### **Grand List**

The 2020-2021 Rockingham Grand List is based on taxable parcels of 2171 that have a municipal total taxable value of \$469,958,003. This total taxable value includes 74 taxable business personal property parcels with a value of \$14,113,142. While the actual Grand List is at 1% of full value for tax calculation purposes, the values for this report are at 100%.

The 2020-2021 Grand List taxable value is over 3 million dollars higher than the previous year. This increase was due mostly to increases in new construction of houses and commercial buildings and business personal property.

### **Equalization Study:**

The Vermont Department of Taxes conducts a study to compare the Town Grand List values with the real estate sales of the previous three years. The resulting statistics establish a Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) and Co-efficient of Dispersion (COD).

Rockingham - CLA 97.88% COD 13.53% effective 1/1/2020.

Rockingham - CLA 95.55% COD 16.53% effective 1/1/2021.

The CLA is applied in the Education Tax Rate to assure equity among towns across the state. If the CLA drops below 80% then a Town Wide Reappraisal is mandated. While the ideal CLA is 100%, it is reasonable to see some minor variation around the 100% mark because markets are dynamic, and the evaluation and reporting of the grand list is a snapshot at a specific time.

The COD is a measure of fairness within the town. Assessment standards generally hold that CODs of 15% or less are good. When a town COD rises above 20%, a town wide reappraisal is mandated by state law.

### **Homestead Filing and Property Tax Adjustment for State Payment**

The Homestead declaration is required to be filed with the state annually. (Form HS-122) The normal due date is April 15. **It is important to file on time as a penalty is assessed for late filing.** Optionally, resident taxpayers may also file for a Property Tax Adjustment based on income, usually at the same time as filing state income tax and HS-122. Approximately 60% of Rockingham resident homeowners qualify for an adjustment. Forms (HS-122 and HI-144) and information can be found in the Vermont Income Tax booklet or online at Vermont Department of Taxes website. Forms can be ordered by email at [formsrequest@state.vt.us](mailto:formsrequest@state.vt.us) or call 802-828-2515.

### **Business Personal Property Reporting**

For business personal property Rockingham only taxes equipment used in producing income. Such property is taxable for municipal tax only, not the state education tax. In 2008 Rockingham voted to exempt the first \$5,000 of taxable business personal property value, but business owners must still file an inventory report with the Listers by April 20. A copy of this form is available from the Listers office.

## **Grievances**

Annually, if the Listers change your assessed value for any reason, formal Change of Appraisal Notices are sent out to all affected property owners by June 1st. All property owners have the right to grieve the value of their property by sending their concerns in writing to the Board of Listers by Grievance Day date provided on that Notice and posted public notices. If you have any questions or concerns about your property value, please feel free to contact the Listers Office informally at any time. However, once the grand list abstract is lodged by June 1, the formal grievance period begins.

## **Online information**

To access, go to the Town website [www.rockbf.org](http://www.rockbf.org), click on municipal government/Listers for the map link, instructions to access parcel information and more. Of course the same information is also available at the Listers Office. We are always happy to see you!

**Rockingham Board of Listers:** The Listers office is on the third floor of the Town Hall. The Listers are in the office to conduct general business on Monday through Thursday from 9:00 am to 12:00-noon. Phone-(802) 463-1229 and Email- [listers@rockbf.org](mailto:listers@rockbf.org). Camilla Roberts-VPA III (Chair)-17 years as a Rockingham Lister, direct line is (802) 466-2044, Paul Noble-VMPPA-13 years as a Rockingham Lister, direct line is (802) 466-2054 and Paul Obuchowski-3 year as a Rockingham Lister and 36 plus years as a member of Rockingham Board of Civil Authority, direct line is (802) 466-2046.



## **Planning & Zoning Department Report**

The Planning & Zoning Department is comprised of a professional planner and fourteen citizen planners who serve on the Planning Commission and the Development Review Board. We are also supported by the Windham Regional Commission, the Rockingham Selectboard, and participating landowners/residents. These partnerships are essential as we approve land development and maintain the Town's plans and land use regulations.

2020 was an exceptional year for a multitude of reasons. The first 3 months was a period of normalcy. Then the months of March to May brought a level of pandemic-imposed quiet never observed by Vermont's community planners. That quiet ended abruptly at the start of summer as people from across the country purchased homes sight unseen and were determined to relocate to Vermont immediately. This is a demographic shift that we are just beginning to comprehend. My guess is this is either comparable to or will eclipse the immigration waves of the 1960s. That period of immigration resulted in significant cultural changes and permanently altered the body

politic. Regardless of the big picture trends, in the short term it is not easy convincing recent arrivals that the town (we are not a city!) does not require a building permit to refinish a bathroom.

#### Development Review.

Residents and businesses have been able to contact our office and receive feedback before submitting an official application. We strongly encourage all applicants to contact us early so we can develop a zoning application together. This is especially true of development proposals that have complicated engineering, planning, and permitting requirements and can benefit from early input.

The great majority of applications can be handled administratively which means the applicant works with planning staff who issue the permit. We made every effort to issue permit approvals promptly. Staff approved a total of 36 permits. No permits were denied.

Some applications are sophisticated enough that they can only be approved by the Development Review Board. This process involves a public meeting, hearing testimony, and a written decision. In 4 meetings, the Development Review Board approved 5 subdivision applications and 2 development applications. This is a fraction of the work that the Development Review Board does in a year.

#### One stop development review and approval.

The Planning & Zoning Department continues to review and coordinate the approval of highway access permits, excavation/work within the public right-of-way permits, and water/sewer connection permits. This is an essential service to ensure departmental coordination and the timely approval of work.

#### Enforcement.

Zoning enforcement is a rewarding job. We sometimes see violations firsthand, but more often depend upon input from neighbors and active community members. We only issue a zoning violation after all other avenues to achieve voluntary compliance have been fully exhausted. Our goal when addressing a violation is to promote positive, respectful and voluntary steps that achieve a timely and sustained compliance. If zoning violations exist, especially those that are negatively impacting neighbors, we strongly encourage you to contact us early. We process zoning violation complaints promptly and when necessary with full confidentiality.

#### Flood Hazard Planning.

All development located in flood prone areas is tightly regulated by the state and federal government. The Town chooses to comply with these standards so all land owners are able to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program. Even development that does not require a town zoning permit (e.g., small fence), it might need a permit if it is located in a flood prone area. If you want to build anything, anywhere near a river or stream, please call us and we will help you navigate the process.

#### 2020 Zoning Bylaw update.

In 2020 the zoning bylaws were amended to allow the use of outdoors for commercial and civic groups. In many instances, businesses were simply unable to operate profitably without the use of sidewalks and other outdoor spaces. We issued several outdoor permits for businesses. In a few instances, we used municipal properties to support food vendors who were the most disrupted by the Governor's pandemic executive orders.

Please come by!

The Planning & Zoning office has moved to the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor conference room. We still have an open-door policy and want to help all those interested in developing their property. We are available to give advice, help develop applications, and to provide everyone an efficient path to obtaining their permits. Please stop by, we want to work with you!

Copies of the Town Plan, Zoning Bylaw, Flood Hazard Area Bylaw, and the Subdivision Regulations are available at [www.rockbf.org](http://www.rockbf.org). Application forms for various permits are also available on the website or by contacting us directly at [planning@rockbf.org](mailto:planning@rockbf.org).

Submitted by:  
Charles Wise

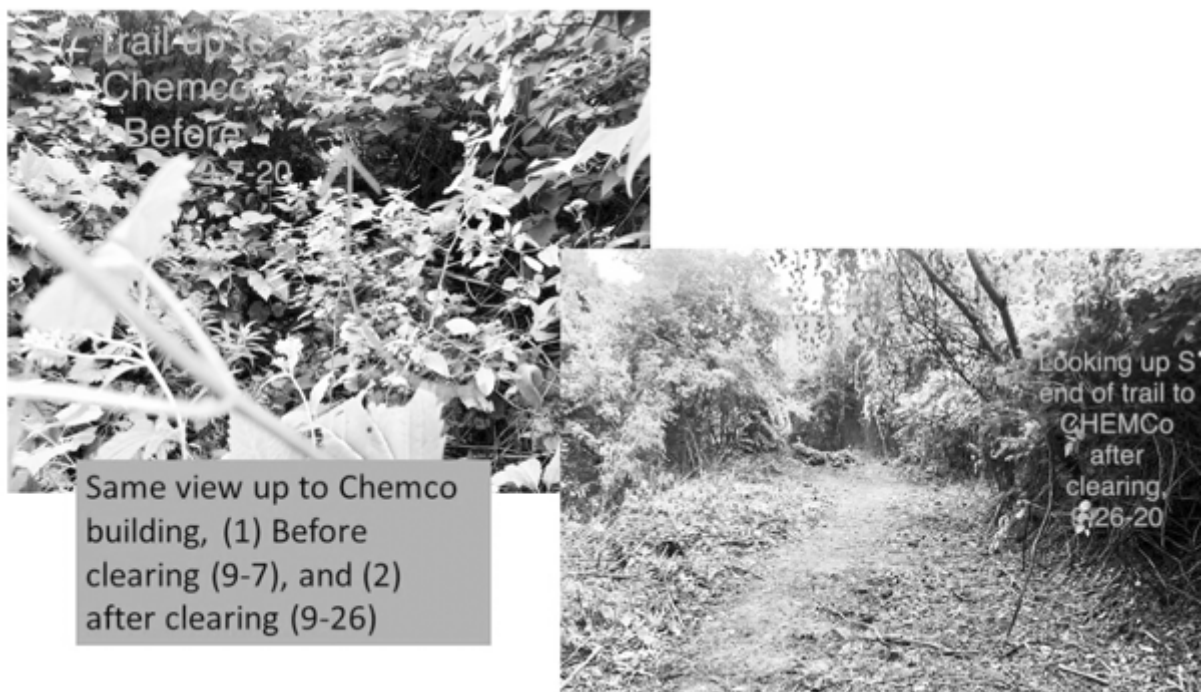


### **Rockingham Conservation Commission (RCC) & Rockingham Energy Committee (REC)**

#### **Rockingham Conservation Commission Activities:**

- We continued to work with the Windham Regional Commission and representatives from adjacent towns on the **Saxtons River Watershed Collaborative** which is working on various conservation and **flood resilience projects** in the Saxtons River Watershed. We also advised our state watershed manager Marie Caduto on the draft Basin 11 management plan.
- Member Laurel Green, who leads Sustainable Rockingham, is working with the Rich Earth Institute to set up a **Urine Recycling Depot in Rockingham in 2021**.
- Members Laurel Green and Peter Bergstrom are working with Sustainable Rockingham and the Rockingham Library to present three online sessions in January and February 2021 to **discuss emergency preparedness and community resilience** as we approach the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Tropical Storm Irene, including how to better prepare for the next flash floods.

- Bergstrom advised Rick Cowan from Cambridgeport on how to accomplish **formal naming of Guild Brook in honor of his neighbor Mac Guild**. Bergstrom also proposed the historical name **Cold Springs for the small pond in the Bellows Falls Riverfront Park**. Both names were approved at the state and federal level and will appear on maps.
- Bergstrom prepared and presented **two natural resource webinars** through the Nature Museum, as a substitute for leading field trips during the pandemic. The first, in June, was about **common roadside trees in Saxtons River**, and the second, in September, was on **place names and how they promote stewardship**.
- We continued to work with the **Saxtons River Valley Trail Initiative (SRVTI)** together with the Windmill Hill Pinnacle Association, Bellows Falls Historical Society, and several other local partners; RCC member Peter Bergstrom currently leads that informal group, previously led by Vanessa Stern. Their main projects in 2020 were:
  - SRVTI developed the **“Pump Track” mountain biking project** for a VOREC grant, with help from Kate Roome – Dept of Health, Joe Frigo WCOTA, Frank Wadelton of "Frank the Welder" and WCoTA, Bonnie Anderson from BF Bike Project, and Ryan Stoodley from Rockingham Rec Dept. We submitted the grant in January and were awarded \$18,000 in summer 2020, to build in 2021.
  - Continuing the **mechanical knotweed control** along the planned trail that we started in 2019. Some of this work in 2020 was funded by a grant from the Claremont Savings Bank, involving a group of local high school students led by expert Mike Bald. A group of student volunteers from the Compass School, led by faculty member Rob Guerrina, used power tools to remove large stands of knotweed along the southern end of the trail along the river, which was almost completely blocked before they started cutting. (See Fig. 1) Knotweed control along the trail will continue in 2021.





*Figure 1 Before and after trail photos where volunteers cut knotweed along the Saxtons River Valley Trail, just north of The Chemco Building*

- Continuing to plan for up to 3 **trailside kiosks in the Riverfront Park** to describe the park's history and the trail.
- Working towards getting a design for **building a level trail from the wastewater plant south to the Chemco Building**.

#### **Rockingham Energy Committee Activities:**

- We joined a coordinated **Button Up event in fall 2020** run by Efficiency Vermont across several towns. We assisted by sharing information and announcements of online meetings through local media. Guy Payne is continuing the effort by preparing and sharing regular weatherization updates, starting with one on underground roofs.
- We joined a **Mobile Home Energy Reduction Project** led by Vital Communities in the Upper Valley in VT, along with three other Vermont towns. We got a mailing list of about 160 mobile homes in Rockingham from Camilla Roberts, which VC will use to send four different mailings giving information about available grant and loan programs for weatherization in 2021, with a phone number and email address to contact an REC member.
- REC member Guy Payne is on the Planning Commission, and he is spearheading an effort to **revise the Energy Chapter of the Town Plan**.

The Rockingham Conservation Commission (RCC) and the Rockingham Energy Committee (REC) are both looking for volunteers to assist in our efforts. Please contact Mike Ghia (869-1214 or [rockinghamconservation@gmail.com](mailto:rockinghamconservation@gmail.com)) or Peter Bergstrom (869-1020 or [pwbergstrom@gmail.com](mailto:pwbergstrom@gmail.com)) for more information about either group.

Submitted for the 2021 Town Report for the 2020 calendar year  
by Mike Ghia, Conservation Commission Chair, & Peter Bergstrom, Energy Committee Chair



#### **Rockingham Free Public Library**

While the Library faced the unprecedented challenges of 2020, the staff quickly adapted and continued to provide information and library services through the year. The health and safety of our employees and community comes first—and after ensuring we had strong safety protocols in place—our dedicated, creative staff found new ways to connect with residents and with each other. We look forward to returning to whatever will be normal post-COVID. Until then, we will continue to adapt to provide services to the community.

The arrival of COVID-19 led to the building being closed to the public on March 18, 2020. The Library staff responded by...

- Extending the period of all library loans and waiving fines.
- Answering your questions via phone and e-mail.
- Utilizing our website and social media updates to reach the community directly, and to advertise the Wi-Fi available outside the building.
- Helping residents learn how to use the Library's catalogue of online digital resources from home, including eBooks, audiobooks, magazines and the new Learning Express database.
- Creating the Library's Online Resources for the Children and Families website page which lists free, online resources for families, including digital library subscriptions to Open eBooks and Red Apple Reading, and access to Noggin for educational video programming.
- Assisting the mutual aid group, Rockingham Help & Helpers, to guide residents to community resources during the pandemic, and providing outreach through phone calls and email.



*Reading together in the Youth Department*

- Providing tech help online, teaching patrons how to sign in to library accounts, advising on what books to borrow next, filling holds and InterLibrary Loan requests, scheduling appointments for curbside service, and providing faxing, printing and copying services.
- Maintaining the role of the Library as a place where everyone can obtain content for learning and enjoyment, as well as for trusted information and valuable resources.

**Children and Teen Services** – Through the year, children and teens enjoyed the Youth Department's collections of books and media and participated in many educational programs.

• The 2019 Summer Reading Program, *A Universe of Stories*, included Modern Times Theater, Stuffed Animal Sleepover, reading and STEAM activities, Tie Dye and Ice Cream Social, CLiF Summer Readers event, *Make Space for Pollinators* with The Butterfly Guy, and the Southern Vermont Natural History Museum's program *Alien Earth*.

• Fall & Winter Youth series of programs included many activities such as story times,



reading clubs, Library tours for Middle School students, Gingerbread Jamboree, family photograph sessions with Kristy Lisai Photography sponsored by the Friends of the Rockingham Library, and Sandglass Theater's *Punschi* which attracted an audience of all ages. In the Spring when the pandemic hit, we created an Outdoor Scavenger Bear Hunt, to encourage safe social distancing and walking outside, and Town residents responded by displaying 75 bears in windows and doors. We provided virtual story times for daycares, and the Youth Gaming Group continued to meet online through Zoom.

*Sandglass Theater's Punschi*

**Adult Services** – Along with an excellent collection of books and media, innovative adult programs were offered, often featuring local presenters.

- Climate Change with John Cushman, Vermont Folk Music with David Dean, Writers' Workshop and travel program with Elayne Clift, Genealogy research sessions led by Wayne Blanchard, Tai-Chi classes led by John Bohannon and Leslie Lassetter, and The Counterculture's Impact on Vermont and Vermont's Influence on the Counterculture Generation, sponsored by the Historic Preservation Commission and led by author Yvonne Daley.
- Other programs included Brattleboro Hospice Advanced Care Directives, Workers Center's affordable state-wide healthcare, the digitization of the glass plate negatives, DNA testing to identify your ancestry, History of Women's rights, Poetry Open Mic and book discussions.
- Films presented were a documentary *One (VT) Town at a Time*, and *The Public*, which was followed by a discussion about homelessness, led by Louise Luring. The Friends of the Library sponsored a concert with Across the Zoo-Niverse, along with a medley from Sam Maskell's show of the musical adaptation of *Beauty and the Beast*.
- The Meeting and Program Rooms were used for meetings by the Rockingham Meeting House Association, and for programs such as the WNESU's Early Childhood Class, Senior Solutions' Introduction to Medicare, and the VT Council of Rural Development's Let's Take Action: Rockingham Residents discuss goals to improve the town.
- When the library building closed due to COVID 19, in-person programs were suspended, and the staff began exploring how to provide more online services. Usage increased for online reference and tech help, ebooks, downloadable audio books, Gale databases, and the Ancestry database which was made available for cardholders to use at home. Programs that moved online through Zoom included Poetry Open Mic, book discussion and the Windham County Genealogy Interest Group which was co-sponsored with Brooks Memorial Library.

**Reference & Historical Services** – Along with reference and research assistance, we answered a wide variety of history and technology questions such as how to use cell phones or pcs to do remote meetings through Zoom and Teams, how to use excel, to research the Ancestry database, and to file for unemployment. We arranged for the Library's digital collections to be accessed on the Digital Public Library of America's website and the Green Mountain Digital Archive, set up the *Rightfully Hers* 19th Amendment display, and provided the history of the Rockingham Public Library to Vermont Librarian, Jessamyn West, who set up a Wikipedia page listing the four Carnegie Libraries in Vermont.

**Community Engagement** – The Library worked with local and State individuals, organizations and schools, to set up programs and for other purposes. Staff visited a Rotary meeting to talk about Library services, joined the Intellectual Freedom Committee of VLA, led a hands-on

session for librarians on how to teach computer science with Google CS curriculum, and assisted the Rockingham Help & Helpers, the mutual aid group which grew out of the Sustainability Task Force and the Let's Take Action forums.

**Grants & Donations** – The Library received many grants and donations which paid for programs and added to the Library collections and services.

- The Vermont Arts Council Cultural Facilities grant funded the purchase and installation of exhibit railings in the Youth Rooms, Main Floor hallway, Fiction Room, and the top floor Meeting Room. The grant was made possible by matching funds from the Friends of the Rockingham Library.
- The Public Library Association Grant funded acquisition and service for five mobile hotspots, to loan out to patrons for Wi-Fi who need online access in a remote location.
- The Children's Literacy Foundation (CLiF) funded books and programs which were shared with the schools, and grants from the Dept. of Libraries paid for the Summer Reading Program, Inter-Library Loan courier service, and e-rate fiber connectivity.

*Meeting Room*

- The Friends of the Library paid for a Pocke Talker Sound Amplifier and an Assistive Listening System with 6 Receivers for visitors who have trouble hearing at programs. They donated funds for museum passes and programs, gave \$1,000 general donation, and paid for two folding tables, protective equipment, and yard signs with the National Library Week logo motto, *Find the Library at Your Place*, to advertise our online services.
- Many residents donated to the Library's major fundraiser, the Annual Appeal, and donated funds, time and materials to support the Friends of the Library's successful fundraising efforts, including the Membership Drive, Guilford Welcome Center food table, Holiday raffles and Silent Auction.



*Virginia Clark Painting Hanging in*

## **FISCAL YEAR 2020 STATISTICS**

HOURS Open July-March 17 | 1,680  
Online March 19-April | 240  
Curbside & Online May-June | 359  
Library Visits | 35,204  
Library Curbside Visits | 289  
Library Card Holders | 5,872  
Info Transactions | 24,000

## **EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES**

Number of Child & Teen Activities | 132  
Attendance at Youth Activities | 4,924  
Number of Adult Activities | 123  
Attendance at Adult Programs | 1,040  
  
Total Number of Programs | 255  
Total Attendance | 5,964

## COLLECTION NUMBERS

Number of Books | 37,288  
Audiobooks | 1,413      Videos | 3,285  
Magazine / Newspaper Subscriptions | 57  
Print & Media Checked Out | 29,617  
E-Books & Audios Checked Out | 11,154  
Items Borrowed from Libraries | 722

## TECHNOLOGY

Public Computers | 12  
Computer Sessions | 5,960  
Wi-Fi Sessions | 6,025  
Website Visits | 57,783  
Database & Ancestry Searches | 6,976

We are very appreciative of taxpayers' support, and of the many individuals, businesses and organizations that volunteer and make donations to help provide dynamic library services for the community.

Céline Houlné  
Library Director



## **Rockingham Recreation Department**

What a year we all have been going through! So many uncertainty's and unknowns, but we as a community are pushing through with great determination to revitalize our community to stay open and safe for all to continue to try and live as normal as possible! Here at the Recreation Department, we take great pride to do as much as we can for the public in the safest way possible! Please stop by the recreation center to get any information or check the web site [www.rockbf.org](http://www.rockbf.org) under Recreation Depart Tab, or call 463-9732

Summer at the Rec was a big success! With State and Federal limitations on what programs were allowed, we provided a very safe place for our community to bring their families to swim or play outside. This abled the community to get back on their feet after being isolated for over 3 months! Another big hit this summer was the family drive in movie nights, our new 20-foot outdoor screen packed the parking lot full of cars and people sitting in lawn chairs eating movie popcorn with their families free of charge.



The Rec's annual Carnival was cancelled this summer due to COVID-19, but we are hopeful that the summer will be back to full swing and remember we host the carnival the Friday of Old Home Days Weekend.

Fall Sport went very well, we were able to hold our field hockey program this fall. We usually provide field hockey for children in grades K-6, but this year we added 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade. We had close to 75 girls that took part of this program. Big Thanks goes out to Bethany Coursen and Her Team for providing a safe activity for our girls in the community to take part in. Also, would like to thank Murphy Hicks for coaching the 7-8 team!



The ski tow opened with a bang this winter with an almost 3-foot snow fall but was delayed to fine tune the ski tow machinery, but we did get a couple of days in before repairs and snow was gone. We are hopeful that this winter will be a successful one if mother nature blesses us with some skiable snow. Big thanks to the town crew, Gaetano Putignano and Jason Northup for lending a hand when needed and being there to help others! The Rec Center also has a 50 by 80-foot rink ice rink that is free to use on the basketball court next to the rec center. The light are on until 10pm daily so feel free to stop up and skate whenever weather permits. We also host family state nights where families can skate and come into the rec and get free cocoa to warm up. Please check the towns website or our Facebook page for updates.



Winter Recreation sports were not allowed by the state, but we kept the Rec Center open for the families to enjoy as much outside time as possible. Sledding, skating, skiing, hiking, and snow shoeing are possible at the Rock Rec and many community members took advantage of the early snow and great weather.

The Recreations annual Easter Egg hunt and Softball program were cancelled due to COVID-19 but are Hopeful to host it this year's Egg hunt on April 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Rec Center and to be able to host softball teams for girls in grades 3-6. Please check the website and our Facebook page for times and program updates.

Lastly please visit our website or Facebook us at Rockingham Recreation for updates or upcoming events or programs going on at the Rec Center [www.rockbf.org](http://www.rockbf.org) and remember that the Rec is open year-round, feel free to stop up and check it out! We are open Monday – Friday 3:00-5:30pm and closed on Weekends for our offseason hours. During school vacations we are open 12pm-5pm and Our Summer Hours are 10am to 8pm Monday-Friday and weekends 12-5pm. For anyone that seeks more information please call the rec center and ask for me. 802-463-9732 we also book birthday parties during the week and weekends, please call the Rec for more information.

Anyone interested in volunteering for any programs or helping coach any sports please contact Ryan at the Rec Center.

Thanks

Summited by: Ryan Stoodley, Parks and Recreations Director



## **Emergency Management**

During FY2020, the Town of Rockingham was fortunate to not experience any emergency situations which would have required the use of our Emergency Management plan. The town has applied for a federal grant to help cover the cost of rewriting the town's Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. As Emergency Management Director, I monitor all situations which could have an impact on our community and remain in active communications with other department heads and outside agency directors to better serve our community should an incident occur which would require the activation of our Emergency Operation Center and applicable management plan. This past year the Local Emergency Management Plan was updated to meet the current state and federal requirements.

I would like to thank the citizens of the Town of Rockingham for their continued support and look forward to another year.

Shaun McGinnis  
Emergency Management Director



## **Town Clerk's Report**

These are challenging times for government. With the Pandemic among us, we have had some difficult times keeping up with the election changes. It hasn't been easy especially with no assistant for half the year. I now have a part time assistant who came from the Westminster Town Clerks Office and I am so grateful. Alison Bigwood joined the clerk's office on November 30, 2020 and has been a blessing. The day-to-day business of the office remains the same with the sale of transfer station coupons, dog licenses, marriage licenses, cemetery lots, recorded copies, auto registration renewals and copies of vital records. We are in the process of digitizing our land records back to 1980 with the help of a grant from the State of Vermont. Soon more land records will be on computer and one will be able to search without hauling the old, heavy books down from their shelves. We also recently contracted with our land records consultant to digitize our survey maps and soon one will be able to search by landowner, map title, location and surveyor on computer. We are paying for these upgrades through our "Restoration and Computer Funds" and not with taxpayer dollars. The extra \$4.00 per page for recording gets restricted for these purposes.



As always, we appreciate and are thankful for the support of our taxpayers, our Select Board, our BCA and all those we work with in town hall. We will continue to do the best job possible in serving our community.

### **ANNUAL RABIES CLINIC AND DOG LICENSING**

The Rockingham Veterinary Clinic, Dr. Vincent DiBernardo, will conduct our annual rabies clinic which will be held Saturday, **March 20, 2021** from 10:00 a.m. to noon at the **Bellows Falls Fire Station at 170 Rockingham Street**. The rabies fee will be the same as last year, **\$10.00**. All dogs and wolf-hybrids over 3 months of age shall be vaccinated against rabies. Within 9 to 12 months of the initial vaccination, the animal must receive a booster vaccination. All subsequent vaccinations shall be valid for 3 years (Section 1 20 V.S.A. § 3581(e) (A)).

The clerks will also be at the clinic to license dogs. All dogs and wolf-hybrids must be licensed by April 1<sup>st</sup>, annually, and a current rabies vaccination certificate is needed before a dog license can be issued. **After April 1<sup>st</sup>, there is a late fee.**

#### **DOG REGISTRATION FEE ON OR BEFORE APRIL 1**

Neutered/Spayed      \$14.00  
Not Neutered/Spayed \$18.00

#### **WITH LATE FEE AFTER APRIL 1**

Neutered/Spayed      \$16.00  
Not Neutered/Spayed \$22.00

If you no longer have your dog, or are moving out of town, please call the clerk's office (463-4336) to let us know so we can delete your dog's record from our computer system,

Otherwise, you will get a reminder notice or delinquent notice. We have no way of knowing if you have moved if your pet has died or has been given away to someone else if you don't notify us.

### **REVENUE**

#### **LIQUOR LICENSES**

25 = \$2,145.00

#### **DOG LICENSES**

264 Dogs Licensed= \$598.00

#### **AUTO RENEWALS**

41 Renewals @ \$ 3.00= @123.00

#### **VITALS FILED**

Births	16
Deaths	42
Marriages	20

**To our taxpayers, thanks for your support.**

Kathleen Neathawk, Town Clerk  
Alison Bigwood, Asst. Clerk

## **Rockingham Volunteer Fire Department**

### 2020 Fire and Rescue calls

The Rockingham Fire and Rescue responded to 221 calls in 2020 resulting in:

195 manhours:

- Rescue calls 138 82 Hrs.
- Structure Fires 4 18 Hrs.
- Motor vehicle accident 22 34 Hrs.
- Fire Alarms 12 7 Hrs.
- Smoke Investigation 10 6 Hrs.
- Illegal Burn 7 5 Hrs.
- Mutual Aid 17 29 Hrs.
- Tree and wires 9 11 Hrs.
- Brush 3 3Hrs.

In 2020 The Department received a USDA matching funds Grant for the purchase of 9 sets of turn out gear, Scott Bottles, a Blitz Nozzle, 4" hose 2 ½" hose 1 ¾ hose and a slide in combination forestry and off-road rescue for our Polaris UTV.

We would like to thank the community for their continued support of the Rockingham Volunteer Fire Department

Kevin Kingsbury, Fire Chief



## **Bellows Falls Opera House**

Since 1926, the Bellows Falls Opera House has been the beacon of entertainment for Rockingham and the surrounding region. Although 2020 was a deeply disrupted year, a dedicated team of staff and volunteers has been working hard to make sure that the Opera House will be ready once the pandemic has passed.

From 1926-1986 the space was leased to entertainment operators who showed films and booked live entertainment. When the last operator went out of business in 1986, operations were assumed by the Town. An extensive renovation in 2004-2006 restored the Opera House to its former capacity and once again allowed for live theatrical events as well as first-run feature films. In recent years programming has focused on family-friendly first run features with occasional live events, including highly successful collaborations with Main Street Arts and other promoters.

During the Covid pandemic regular programming has, by necessity, been suspended. Instead, innovative, Covid-safe concepts, such as Curbside Triple Ups (soda, popcorn, and candy for \$5) and family movie nights have been instituted, and behind the scenes operations have continued to ensure the projectors and delicate equipment are well cared for.

As studios turn to alternatives to traditional theatrical release, small-town, single-screen cinemas are facing increasing challenges. Talks are underway for post-Covid operations under a dedicated community non-profit. The team now in place stands ready to look to the future and continue the great tradition of the Bellows Falls Opera House - Rockingham's home for entertainment!

Tim Heidbrink (Facilities Manager, cinema) Jenn Tolaro-Heidbrink (General Manager), Charlie Hunter (Rockingham Entertainment Development, LTD)

**SUMMARY OF FREDERICK K.CHAMPAGNE TRUST**

I, (We) the trustees of public funds for the Town of Rockingham, trustee of the above-named trust estate account to the court as provided in this summary and the schedules attached hereto for the period 07/01/2019 to 06/30/2020.

Total from Inventory or pervious accounting	\$3,018.48
Other Receipts	\$186.01
Net gain (or loss) on sales or other disposition	0.00
Distributions	0.00
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Balance:	\$3,204.49

The foregoing is a just and true account balance.

Subscribed and sworn to this 6th day of July, 2020

Before Me, \_\_\_\_\_

(Trustee)

## **BF Community Bike Project**

The BF Community Bike Project would like to thank the residents of Rockingham for your continued support. We are now in our 8<sup>th</sup> year and are proud to be serving this community. Our mission is to provide community access to bike repair skills and reclaimed bicycles, encouraging safe riding as a means of affordable transportation, self-sufficiency, and overall wellness.

2020 was both challenging and rewarding. Due to COVID-19, we closed for over a month in the Spring, cancelled our big Silent Auction fundraiser and were not able to run our After School bike repair and safe riding classes for youth. However, we later managed to reopen safely with curbside service and had our busiest summer ever. The pandemic nudged a lot of people to get back on bikes for safe and healthy exercise and transportation. With the help of over a dozen volunteers working outdoors, we repaired and/or refurbished nearly 300 bikes for the community and provided countless parts for people to repair their own bikes. 28 bike sponsorships were fulfilled to provide bikes or repairs for those unable to pay. As always, no one is ever turned away for lack of funds. Many adults rely on our bikes and services to get to work and around town, and while our services are available to all, the majority we serve are low-income families and individuals.

We continue to partner with the Town and local trails groups to expand healthy recreational opportunities and infrastructure and look forward restarting the youth programs and continuing to serve the community in the coming year.

The Bike Project is seeking level funding of \$5000 for 2021. We hope you will support our work once again!

If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please email [info@bfbike.org](mailto:info@bfbike.org) Visit us at [www.bfbike.org](http://www.bfbike.org)

Submitted by Bonnie Anderson, Founding Director



## **Bellows Falls Area Senior Center**

Right now, we are doing everything possible to sustain daily operations and provide services to our community. While there is a lot of uncertainty, we know that we need to adapt fast to our changing reality. 2020 started out strong. We were averaging 41 Meals-on-Wheels and 33

congregate meals daily, translating into 5,500+ meals for the first quarter of the year. Volunteers in that time donated over 1450 hours across a number of activities and programs. Due to the global pandemic, the center shut its doors to the public on March 17, 2020. Although we were unable to offer social activities during that time, the demand for Meals on Wheels more than doubled. By the end of March, we were averaging 85 meals a day while also providing meals for other towns who found themselves in need of a food service provider.

Improvements to the center this year include a new exterior front entry roof, with additional roofing work to be done to the side entrance. The kitchen door and frame were completely replaced, and an entire upgraded phone system was installed.

We were fortunate to acquire a complete circuit gym with over a dozen pieces of low impact equipment for our members to use at no charge. The center partially reopened on October 5<sup>th</sup>, allowing us to resume as many group activities as social distancing will allow in our space.

Six Bone Builders courses per week taught by GMRSVP volunteers, two Tai Chi for Fall Prevention classes, Knit and Stitch and Chair Caning. We are also in the process of starting a Walk with Ease course in conjunction with the Arthritis Foundation. Prior to the shutdown we held various nutritional and Medicare presentations, special day trips, birthday celebrations and well attended holiday luncheons. Major fundraising efforts included the Holiday Bazaar and the Annual Appeal Letter. Unfortunately, we were unable to hold our yearly Jamboree and will have to cancel our Holiday Bazaar for this year. It will be a financially challenging year for the center.

The Bellows Falls Area Senior Center would like to request level funding in the amount of \$21,384.00 from the Town of Rockingham.

Because of your generosity and ongoing support, the center is able to continue its mission of serving our senior community.

With appreciation,

Teagen Kosut  
Executive Director



## **Green Mountain RSVP (GMRSVP)**

Green Mountain RSVP (GMRSVP), a program of The Corporation for National and Community Service- Senior Corps, is for people age 55 and older who want to volunteer in their community. We help local non-profit organizations by recruiting and matching volunteers to meet community needs.

Your town's funds help us to continue to support and develop programs for seniors who wish to volunteer. Your funding enables us to support Rockingham area volunteers with recognition and additional liability insurance, and education. Our staff and administrative costs are covered by federal funds from the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) – Senior Corps.

GMRSVP staff provides outreach and education about volunteering, Dial-a-Ride and Elderly/Disabled transportation services and provides information about senior programs, fraud/scams, AARP Tax Aide and the Senior Meal Trail to residents through the library, town clerk and Bellows Falls Area Senior center. Our volunteer-led Bone Builders exercise program has grown to three classes offered twice weekly now at the senior center. Four volunteer leaders receive ongoing training and support and we provide all the weights free of charge so there is no cost to participants. All three classes resumed after the senior center re-opened in October 2020. GMRSVP has two volunteer drivers for Meals on Wheels. Hugh Haggerty recently completed his 30<sup>th</sup> year of volunteering and Janet Dube just finished her 15<sup>th</sup> year with GMRSVP.

During the current and unprecedented times, GMRSVP has not seen any increases in our funding through any of the stimulus packages provided by the federal or state entities. Our program did not meet the criteria or apply for any of the other funding opportunities, such as the PPP grants. 30% of our volunteers continue to serve during COVID-19 and we are working hard to pivot our programming to continue to serve the community, focusing on addressing social isolation and food insecurity. We look forward to all our volunteers returning to service once deemed safe to.

Please contact Volunteer Coordinator, Steve Ovenden in our Windham County office at (802) 254-7515 or Program Director, Cathy Aliberti in the Bennington Office at (802) 772-7875. Thank-you for your continued support.



## **Health Care & Rehabilitation Services**

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

During FY20, HCRS provided 32,086 hours of services to 309 residents of the Town of Rockingham. The services provided included all of HCRS' programs resulting in a wide array of supports for the residents of Rockingham.

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



## **Meeting Waters YMCA**

As has been done so many times throughout our 125-year history, Meeting Waters YMCA has shifted our efforts to respond to the current critical needs of the communities we serve. This year we were able to adapt to the threats posed by COVID-19 to continue to serve the youth and parents of Bellows Falls, from the very beginning of the pandemic through the writing of this report and beyond. When schools first closed in mid-March, so too did our Y-ASPIRE program. But our support for our Y-ASPIRE families did not stop there. For the first month, we kept Y-ASPIRE staff employed. We sent typical Y-ASPIRE activity packets to children's homes. Our staff checked in with families by phone and email. In our role as national models for HEPA (Healthy Eating and Physical Activity policies and practices), we posted videos to our Facebook page demonstrating ways to keep physically active during the "lockdown" and encouraged children and families to post their own. In short, we continued to ensure that our Y-ASPIRE children were engaged with our staff in activities they appreciate and enjoy in our program.

After spending hundreds of hours on calls with health and education officials in both Vermont and New Hampshire--as well as the CDC, YMCA of the USA, the American Camping Association and our risk management company, The Redwoods Group--we redesigned our summer day camp program to provide a program that met the current health and safety guidelines, while maintaining the integrity of the summer camp experience. We opened for our



56th consecutive summer on June 29th, as promised. Instead of our traditional eight weeks of camp, we added an additional two weeks, ending just prior to the re-opening of schools. Despite a last-minute change to our bus contract, we were able to secure bussing and, with the help of the “re-start funds” from the State of Vermont, provide bussing from Bellows Falls for children from Rockingham and the surrounding towns.

This fall MWYMCA shifted once again when we learned we would be unable to provide our Y-ASPIRE afterschool program in the school. Within just a couple weeks we established an off-site Y-ASPIRE “Hub” in a temporary location at the Greater Rockingham Area Services campus. Through this program we provide afterschool care on days school is in person and full day (8AM-5:30PM) care, enrichment, remote learning support, and physical activity on Wednesday when all children are remote.

Your \$5,000 investment was part of a total of more than \$49,000 in financial assistance to Rockingham parents for participation in MWYMCA’s youth development programs. By supporting parents’/guardians’ ability to work, we are helping them meet their basic needs of food, shelter and clothing which contributes to decreasing the need for them to depend on other community and state agencies to do that for them. We are helping parents contribute to—and participate in—the local economy while at the same time building fundamental skills in their child(ren)—academic enrichment, healthy lifestyle habits, self-discovery, and critical social skills needed in today’s business world and civil society. We are helping both parents/guardians and youth reach their full potential—to learn, grow and thrive.



### **Our Place Drop-In Center**

Our Place is a daytime drop-in-center that provides help with food and other essential needs in a non-judgmental, safe, and respectful atmosphere. Most people who need our assistance with food and other needs have a very low income that is not sufficient to meet their basic needs. For some families, the help they need is temporary, while others may need help every month. A majority of the households we serve pay a significant amount of their income (over 40%) for housing and utilities. The majority of the people we serve are living on a fixed income from Social Security retirement or Social Security disability insurance and have an average annual income under \$16,000. Many of the families with children have at least one working parent; often the wages they earn from work do not cover all their expenses. A family’s food budget is the only place to cut back while they meet all their other financial obligations such as rent, mortgage or auto payments. There are people who visit the food pantry on a regular basis and some who only need supplemental food when there is an unexpected expense such as a car repair, medical bills, or a loss of wages due to an illness or reduction in hours at their job.

Our employees and volunteers work year-round to collect, sort, safely store and distribute enough nutritious food to ensure that no person in our area suffers from food insecurity. Last year we distributed about 175,000 pounds of food to the community. During the past year, our community meals, food pantry and senior home grocery delivery programs provided assistance to 450 different households who reside in the town of Rockingham, including Bellows Falls, Saxtons River, and Cambridgeport. There are about 1260 people living in these households including 750 adults and 460 children and 50 seniors.

Like many non-profit social agencies during the current pandemic, we have had to alter our operations dramatically. At the end of March, we had to change our operations from welcoming people into our dining room and food pantry to a new to go meal and food box operation. It has been a challenging transition, but our dedicated employees are preparing and packaging complete nutritious meals for an average of 50 people each day. We are maintaining an inventory of nutritious food to put together boxes full of groceries for people to take home and are currently serving about 130 different families in the food pantry program as well as delivering food to the homes of 40 elderly households.

In our food pantry we provide a selection of free groceries including fresh produce, milk, orange juice, frozen meat, canned tuna, vegetables, fruit, juice, soups, pasta and cereal. Our employees help coordinate a direct food distribution from the Vermont Foodbank that occurs on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month at the Waypoint Center where we help distribute about 6000 pounds of food to an average of 200 families who need help.

Our goals for next year include reaching more people who reside in our service area, delivering more food to seniors and increasing the amount of nutritious fresh foods that we distribute monthly.

We are grateful for the financial support that the residents of the Town of Rockingham provide to Our Place each year. The five thousand dollars that you provide helps us pay for a portion of our rent and utilities. We thank the many members of our community for all the ways that you support our work and are grateful for your donations of food and money.

Sincerely,

The Board of Directors and employees of Our Place Drop-In Center.



## **Parks Place Community Resource Center**

### **A Quarter-Century of Service to the Greater Falls**

For 25 years, Parks Place Community Resource Center has been recognized as the hub of health and human services in the Greater Falls Area and we continue to work closely with other agencies to identify gaps in services and strengthen connections. Our program also houses the Time for a Change Diaper Bank, a free resource that provides diapers and wipes to community members in need, as well as Game Changers, an afterschool program in partnership with Central Elementary School in Bellows Falls, Vermont.

In 2020, in the face of the COVID 19 pandemic, the number of people we served grew along with our ways of reaching our community. Parks Place was accessed nearly 5,500 times by community members seeking services in 15 different categories, including education, employment/training, children/youth and substance abuse recovery. Providers from 50 agencies passed through our doors to help neighbors reach their goals and improve their lives.

This year, Parks Place collaborated with Rockingham Help and Helpers mutual aid society and became the main pickup point for twice-weekly food distribution through the everyone Eats program, a collaborative effort that helped get food to people in need while supporting local farmers and restaurants in these unprecedented times.

As the times change, so do we. Our goal is to be responsive to our community's needs as they change and through collaborations with other organizations and agencies, we will continue to be able to help our neighbors make the connections they need.

For more information, visit [www.parksplacevermont.com](http://www.parksplacevermont.com)



### **Senior Solutions**

#### **(Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont Inc.)**

Senior Solutions -- Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont, Inc. -- has served the residents of Rockingham and Southeastern Vermont since 1973. We have offices in Springfield (main office), White River Junction and Brattleboro. Our mission is to promote the well-being and

dignity of older adults. Our vision is that every person will age in the place of their choice, with the support they need and the opportunity for meaningful relationships and active engagement in their community.

Our mission and vision have guided us through the COVID crisis. All our programs except group wellness activities and group dining have remained operational subject to reasonable precautions. When recommendations were made that older adults limit their contact with others, we immediately began to recruit volunteers and have been amazed at the outpouring of support. We rapidly built a new cohort of volunteers helping people with groceries, food distributions and other needs. We have been closely collaborating with local community and Mutual Aid groups to help assure needs are being met in local communities.

Most of our services are available to all older adults regardless of income, though we target our resources to those with the greatest social and economic needs. Supporting caregivers is an important part of our work. We help them assess needs and options, connect with resources and local programs, and provide short-term relief (respite) for those who are caring for loved ones.

The population of older adults is increasing, as are many costs associated with providing services. Unfortunately, our state and federal funding has not kept up. We continually seek funding from new sources to enable us to do more for people. Clients are given the opportunity to make a voluntary contribution to help support the services they receive. Financial support from the towns we serve is critical.

We work to develop programs to meet evolving interests and needs. This past year our Friendly Visitor and Vet to Vet volunteer visitor programs grew significantly. We offered the Home Meds program that screens older adults for medication problems such as drug interactions or harmful side effects and our popular aquatics program for arthritis. We train volunteer instructors in Tai Chi for falls prevention and counselors in our PEARLS home-based program for people with mild depression. We provide financial support for training of volunteers interested in teaching classes in their community or starting new evidence-based wellness programs. Wellness programs are available to anyone 60 and over in Rockingham or in our region.

This is a summary of services provided to Rockingham residents in the last year (07-01-19 through 06-30-20).

**Information and Assistance:** 314 Calls and Office Visits. Our Helpline (1-802-885-2669 or 866-673-8376 toll-free) offers information, referrals and assistance to seniors, their families and caregivers to problem-solve, plan, locate resources and obtain assistance with benefits and completing applications. Callers were assisted with applying for benefits, health insurance problems, housing needs, fuel assistance and many other services. Extensive resources are also on our web site at [www.seniorsolutionsVT.org](http://www.seniorsolutionsVT.org).

**Medicare Assistance:** 66 Rockingham residents (113 calls) received assistance with Medicare issues through our State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP). Our SHIP program provides Medicare education and counseling, “boot camps” for new Medicare enrollees and assistance in enrolling in Part D or choosing a drug plan.

**In-Home Social Services:** We provided 92 elder residents with in-home case management or other home-based assistance for 809.5 hours to enable them to remain living safely in their homes. Often minimal services can prevent nursing home placement. A case manager works with an elder in their home to create and monitor a plan of care, centered on the elder's personal values and preferences. Many people would not be able to remain in their homes but for the services of Senior Solutions. Senior Solutions also investigates reports of self-neglect and provides assistance to those facing challenges using a community collaboration approach.

**Nutrition services and programs:** 68 Rockingham seniors received 8,646 home-delivered meals through the Bellows Falls Area Senior Center. We also supported community meals available to Rockingham residents through Bellows Area Fall Senior Center and other meal sites in our region. Senior Solutions administers federal and state funds that are provided to local agencies to help operate senior meals programs, and provides food safety and quality monitoring and oversight. Unfortunately, these funds do not cover the full cost of providing meals, so local agencies must seek additional funding. Senior Solutions does not use Town funds to support the senior meals program or benefit from any funds given by the Town to support local Meals on Wheels. Senior Solutions provides the services of a registered dietician to older adults and meal sites. Assistance is also provided with applications for the 3SquaresVT (food stamp) program.

**Caregiver Respite:** Through grants we provide respite assistance for caregivers of those diagnosed with dementia or other chronic diseases.

**Transportation:** Senior Solutions provides financial support and collaborates with local and regional transit providers to support transportation services for seniors that may include a van, a taxi, or a volunteer driver. Special arrangements can be made for non-Medicaid seniors who require medical transportation.

**Volunteer Visitors:** Senior Solutions recruits, screens, trains and supports volunteers of all ages who visit with isolated older adults and veterans and assist with shopping and chores. 15 Rockingham residents received services from a volunteer.

**Special Assistance:** Senior Solutions provides flexible funds that can help people with one-time needs when no other program is available.

**Other Services:** Senior Solutions supports a variety of other services including health, wellness and fall prevention programs, legal assistance (through Vermont Legal Aid), assistance for adults with disabilities, and home-based mental health services.

Our agency is enormously grateful for the support of the people of Rockingham.

Submitted by Carol Stamatakis, Executive Director.

## **Southeastern Vermont Community Action**

Southeastern Vermont Community Action is an anti-poverty, community-based, nonprofit organization serving Windham and Windsor counties since 1965. Our mission is to *empower and partner with individuals and communities to alleviate the hardships of poverty; provide opportunities to thrive; and eliminate root causes of poverty*. SEVCA has a variety of programs and services to meet this end. They include: Head Start, Weatherization, Emergency Home Repair, Family Services (crisis intervention, fuel & utility, housing, and food assistance), Homelessness Prevention, Micro-Business Development, Vermont Matched Savings (asset building & financial literacy), Ready-for-Work (workforce development), Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, VT Health Connect Navigation, Thrift Stores, and a Community Solar Program.

In the community of Rockingham, we have provided the following services during FY2020:

**Weatherization:** 16 homes (23 people) were weatherized at a cost of \$263,229

**Emergency Heating System Replacements:** 11 homes (24 people) received heating system repairs or replacements at a cost of \$27,752

**Emergency Home Repair:** 1 household (1 person) received services to address health and safety risks, repair structural problems, and reduce energy waste, valued at \$6,724

**VT Matched Savings:** 2 participants (6 in households) earned \$2,650 and received, and received financial literacy education services valued at \$3,013

**Ready-for-Work:** 4 participants (12 in households) received job readiness education and support, valued at \$3,256

**Tax Preparation:** 85 households (90 people) received tax credits, refunds and services totaling \$165,465

**Family Services:** 149 households (341 people) received 678 services valued at \$8,405 (including crisis intervention/resolution, financial counseling, nutrition education, forms assistance, referral to and assistance with accessing needed services)

**Fuel/Utility Assistance:** 106 households (263 people) received 332 assists valued at \$126,425

**Solar Energy Assistance:** 7 households (10 people) received energy credits on their electric bill totaling \$2,261

**Housing Assistance:** 35 households (66 people) received 47 assists valued at \$47,976

**Thrift Store Vouchers:** 26 households (53 people) received goods & services valued at \$2,426

Community support, through town funding, helps to build a strong partnership. The combination of federal, state, private, and town funds allow us to not only maintain, but to increase and improve service. We thank the residents of Rockingham for their support.

Stephen Geller, Executive Director

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### **The MOOver**

Thank you again for Rockingham's \$3825 donation last year. As a private non-profit 501c3 transportation company since 2003, The MOOver Rockingham relies heavily and more than ever on local contributions. These funds allow us to draw down federal funds to provide operating support and the required match for our replacement vehicles. Rockingham has contributed to us for many years, and we thank you again for your support.

The MOOver Rockingham's mission is to provide a safe, reliable and efficient transportation system that supports economic opportunity and quality of life for 30 Windham and southern Windsor County towns. We operate bus routes and senior and disabled transportation services via our fleet of 23 buses and a network of volunteer drivers. We receive state and federal grants, contributions from towns and resorts, fares, and contributions from our human service partners.

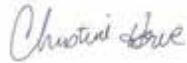
The MOOver Rockingham's total operating expenses last year were \$2,625,578. We provided 137,859 bus, van, taxi, and volunteer rides. Our buses and vans traveled 571,129 miles over 28,299 hours.

Rockingham's contribution supports continuing public transit in your town and throughout the region. Service levels vary by town and from year by year. A town's transportation needs can be minimal some years and large the next. We need your help to remain a healthy company to be able to respond to needs of the elderly, disabled, or in an emergency or crisis when the need arises.

We are requesting a \$3825 contribution from Rockingham this year. We hope you will support our funding request.

We are always seeking input to improve our services. Please contact me to let us know how The MOOver Rockingham may improve service in your community.

Thank you!



Christine Howe  
General Manager



### **SSHP Annual Report**

The Springfield Supported Housing Program (SSHP) is a private, non-profit agency that helps families and individuals who are experiencing homelessness or potentially homeless locate and secure permanent, affordable housing, and then provides program participants with up to two years of at home case management to address any issues that led to the housing crisis and to pursue positive life goals. Case managers provide help with budgeting, landlord-tenant mediation, assistance pursuing employment, education, childcare, substance abuse treatment and other services that lead to healthy, productive living.

SSHP covers the Springfield Agency of Human Services district and places participants in housing from Windsor to Saxtons River. SSHP has five, two-bedroom apartments, a three-bedroom apartment, and eight one-bedroom units that provide transitional housing to families and individuals experiencing homelessness. One of those two-bedroom units is located in Bellows Falls. Stays are typically limited to 90 days and approximately 90% of participants have successfully transitioned into permanent housing. For the fiscal year July 2019 to June 2020 SSHP has worked to house 22 individuals and 16 children who were experiencing homelessness or threatened with homelessness in Bellows Falls. These families and individuals receive ongoing support services for up to two years.

SSHP administers a Housing Opportunity Program (HOP) that provides financial assistance for 1<sup>st</sup> month's rent, security deposit, back rent or back utilities owed to prevent housing insecurity.

A dedicated case manager assists people who are literally homeless to move into either transitional or permanent housing and then provides ongoing support. These people may be



staying at a hotel paid for by General Assistance (State Aid) or they may be living in their car or a tent. Others may be living out in the elements such as under a bridge or in hallways. This case manager has initial contact with households experiencing homelessness and will work with the household to connect with services and supports.

The number of participants served was impacted greatly by the pandemic. In March of 2020 most congregate warming shelters throughout the state closed along with both shelters serving our district as they could no longer safely house individuals with social distancing per the pandemic response guidelines. As a result of these shelters closing the state of Vermont housed homeless individuals in motels and hotels throughout the state. In our district we saw almost 100 households being housed and needing case management support. As a result, we hired additional staff to focus on this response and to work with this population.

SSHP is also the lead agency for Coordinated Entry for the Springfield AHS district, which is a process by which each person experiencing a housing crisis is met with and directed to the best resource. As a result of this process, we meet many households in our area experiencing a housing crisis.

Lee Trapeni

Executive Director



### **Vermont Adult Learning**

Vermont Adult Learning is a statewide, private non-profit corporation with a public mission to provide basic education and literacy skills for Vermonters. Vermont Adult Learning instructors and Educational Advisors work with adult learners to identify and achieve educational and career goals.

Vermont Adult Learning Mission Statement:

To provide adults 16 years and older with necessary skills to successfully transition to employment and post-secondary education.

Vermont Adult Learning Vision:

All Vermonters are literate and have skills to successfully participate in family, community, and workplace. At VAL, individuals transform their lives through the

integration of education, life, and workplace skills. VAL is a recognized essential partner in an integrated fabric of services educational system assuring that every Vermonter has access to opportunities for advancement.

VAL provides Vermonters 16 and older with personalized education plans that identify their learning styles, career goals and work readiness skills in an adult learning environment. VAL students learn math and literacy skills in class, online and with one-on-one support when needed. There are two ways students can achieve a high school diploma - High School Completion Program and GED. In HSCP, a competency-based study program is developed by the HSCP plan manager with the student. Upon satisfactory completion and approval by the local VT High School Administrator, the student receives a high school diploma. VAL administers the nationally recognized General Equivalency Diploma (GED) exam twice monthly to individuals 16 and older.

The VAL Basic Skills program works with adult learners to improve their math, reading and writing skills to the designated levels required to enter the HSCP and to be successful with the GED exams. In addition, the Basic Skills program helps individuals who want to improve their literacy skills for the workplace or prepare for the post-secondary Accuplacer Exam. VAL has a very active English Language Learning program, and we work closely with local businesses that have non-English speaking employees. VAL employs one full-time Employment Specialist who works in the Brattleboro Reach Up (RU) Program. The VAL Employment Specialist works with RU clients to help them develop workplace skills, job-seeking skills and prepare for the workforce. VAL offers the Work Keys Certification Assessment. Work Keys is a job skills assessment that measures "real world" skills that are a critical part of successful and rewarding employment.

Sincerely,

Cathryn A Hayes, M.Ed  
Vermont Adult Learning Regional Director



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

### **Home Health, Hospice and Skilled Pediatric Services in Rockingham, VT**

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

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

Between July 1, 2019 and June 30, 2020 VNH made 4,158 homecare visits to 177 Rockingham residents. This included approximately \$116,289 in unreimbursed care to Rockingham residents.

- **Home Health Care:** 2,221 home visits to 125 residents with short-term medical or physical needs.
- **Long-Term Care:** 1,393 home visits to 38 residents with chronic medical problems who need extended care in the home to avoid admission to a nursing home.
- **Hospice Services:** 513 home visits to 10 residents who were in the final stages of their lives.
- **Skilled Pediatric Care:** 31 home visits to 4 residents for well-baby, preventative and palliative medical care.

Additionally, residents made visits to VNH wellness clinics at local senior and community centers throughout the year, receiving low- and no-cost services including blood pressure screenings, foot care, cholesterol testing, and flu shots. Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 pandemic we were forced to suspend these services in March. Since then, we have been rethinking our community wellness programs to find a way to continue to offer them following the pandemic.

Rockingham's annual appropriation to VNH helps to ensure that all have access to quality care when and where it is needed most. On behalf of the people we serve, we thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,



*Hilary Davis, Director External Relations and Service Excellence*

888-300-8853

## Women's Freedom Center's

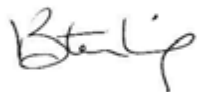
The mission of the Women's Freedom Center is to work to end physical, sexual, and emotional violence against the women and children of Windham County. The Freedom Center works to fulfill its mission by educating the community regarding the root causes of violence against women, challenging the systems that help keep it in place and by providing support and services, including shelter and safe housing, to women and their children who have experienced domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence. Since our beginnings in 1977, we have provided support to the survivors of these crimes, as well as consultation and educational activities to a wide range of community groups to help create a community in which violence is not tolerated.

Emergency support such as shelter, safety planning, financial assistance, and information and referral is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Ongoing individual and group support for women and children; legal, medical, housing, and social services advocacy; and cooperative work with other agencies are provided during the week. Due to the rural nature of Windham County and the isolation inherent in many abusive relationships, we are committed to meeting with women wherever we may do so safely. Sometimes this means assisting her to get to us and other times it means us going to her, somewhere safe in her community.

During the fiscal year July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020, the Women's Freedom Center responded to over 1,900 crisis telephone calls, sheltered 125 people, and provided thousands of hours of individual and group support, advocacy, emergency financial and housing assistance, access to legal representation, transportation and childcare to **1,163 people** (711 women, 34 men, and 418 children) who had been abused. These figures include 48 survivors and 9 children from Rockingham. In addition, we provided 24 community outreach activities including school presentations and workshops to over 650 people throughout Windham and southern Windsor County.

The Women's Freedom Center is a private, non-profit organization relying heavily on community support to provide our free and confidential services. We thank you for your Town's contribution to the Freedom Center and hope you will look at it as an investment in creating a future free from violence, something we all deserve.

Regards,



Vickie Sterling  
Executive Director  
Women's Freedom Center

## **EMERGENCY AND NON-EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

### Ambulance (Golden Cross)

Business.....463-3726  
Emergency.....**9-1-1**

### Fire – Bellows Falls

Non-emergency.....463-4343  
Emergency.....**9-1-1**

### Fire – Rockingham

Non-emergency.....1-603-352-1291  
Emergency.....**9-1-1**

### Fuel Assistance

During working hours.....1-802-722-4575  
Crisis assistance after hours or on week-ends.....1-866-331-7741  
Furnace repair - after hours, weekends, holidays.....1-877-295-7998

### Health Center at Bellows Falls.....463-9000

Hours: Mon-Fri 8:00 am - 5:30 pm/Sat & Sun 9:00 am - 2:30 pm

### Highway Department (problems Monday-Friday, 7:00 am - 3:30 pm)

Within Bellows Falls Village.....463-3059  
Outside Bellows Falls Village.....463-5106  
After hours emergencies.....**9-1-1**

### Poison Control Information:

Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center.....1-603-650-5000  
Vermont Poison Control Center, Portland, Maine.....1-800-222-1222

### Police – Bellows Falls

Non-Emergency.....463-1234  
Emergency.....**9-1-1**

### Police – State.....722-4600

### Windham County Sheriff.....1-802-365-4942

## **TOWN GOVERNMENT**

Civil Defense.....	463-3964
Development Office.....	376-5425
Health Officer.....	376-5241
Highway Department.....	289-3759
Listers' Office.....	463-3964
Manager.....	463-3964
Recreation.....	463-9732
Rockingham Volunteer Fire Department.....	463-4382
Service Officer.....	802-591-3396
Tax Information.....	463-3964
Town Clerk/Treasurer.....	463-4336
Zoning Administrator.....	463-1229

## **STATE GOVERNMENT**

1-800-322-5616

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Jeanette White.....	<a href="mailto:jwhite@leg.state.vt.us">jwhite@leg.state.vt.us</a>

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Patrick Leahy.....	1-202-224-4242
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Bernard Sanders.....	1-202-224-5141
	<a href="http://sanders.senate.gov/comments/">sanders.senate.gov/comments/</a>

### **United States House of Representatives**

Peter Welch.....	1-202-225-4115
	<a href="http://welch.house.gov/">http://welch.house.gov/</a>

## **OTHER**

Chamber of Commerce.....	463-4280
Parks Place Community Resource Center.....	463-9927
Rockingham Free Public Library.....	463-4270
Rockingham/Westminster Recycling Center.....	463-9219
Schools:	
Central Elementary.....	463-4346
Middle.....	463-4366
Saxtons River Elementary.....	869-2637
Union High School.....	463-3944
Superintendent's Office.....	463-9958
Senior Center.....	463-3907
SEVCA.....	722-4575