

**164th ANNUAL
NEWFANE, VERMONT
TOWN REPORT
2022**



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Financial Reports - July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022

DEDICATION



This year's Town Report is dedicated to Shelba Jean Hescock.

Shelba is a lifelong resident of South Newfane with deep roots in the community that she has served, loved and where she has raised her family.

For over 34 years she was a valued and active member of the Williamsville, South Newfane Volunteer Fire Department. She help to organize events, including a fund drive letter, the Roast Beef dinner served before opening day of deer season, or the chicken BBQ that were always heavily attended by neighboring family's.

Shelba worked for over 16 years as the Treasurer and Delinquent Tax Collector in Newfane. Consider by many as a friendly and caring person, and if time permitted you were always able to catching up on news regarding family, friends and neighbors.

Shelba was an active member of the South Newfane Church before the doors closed. Shelba also enjoyed the outdoors, hunting and fishing or camping at Somerset, these experiences were considered some treasured and happy memories. A very active individual Shelba has been know for the wonderful meals prepared or baking goods that she would deliver to neighbors, and bring to family gatherings.

In her quite time Shelba still loves to knit and crochet.

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Wannetta Powling Administrative Assistant 2.3. 2023

WARNING FOR THE 2023 NEWFANE TOWN MEETING
WILLIAMSVILLE HALL IN WILLIAMSVILLE, VERMONT
MARCH 7, 2023

The legal voters of the Town of Newfane, Vermont, are hereby notified and warned that pursuant to Title 17 V.S.A. Section 2655, they are to meet at the Williamsville Hall in Williamsville, Vermont, on Tuesday, March 7, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. to act upon the articles below.

ARTICLE 1: Shall the voters of the Town of Newfane elect the following Newfane Town Officers as required by law for the ensuing year?

Constable	1-year term
Collector of Delinquent Taxes	1-year term
Lister	2- year term (until 2024)
Lister	3-year term (until 2025)
Moderator – Town	1-year term
Selectboard Member	3-year term
Selectboard Member	1-year terms (Two Positions)
Town Clerk	1-year term
Town Treasurer	1-year term
WRMUED School Board Member	3-year term (One Position)

ARTICLE 2:
Shall the voters of the Town of Newfane pay taxes for the ensuing year on a quarterly basis, due on the 15th of August, October, January, and April; with a late charge for interest being at the rate of .50% per month for the current fiscal year and .75% per month for each month thereafter until paid?

ARTICLE 3:
Shall the voters of the Town of Newfane authorize the Treasurer to collect current taxes pursuant to 32 VSA §4791?

ARTICLE 4:
Shall the voters of the Town of Newfane authorize the Selectboard to sell or otherwise convey property acquired through tax sale proceedings?

ARTICLES 5-33: Special Appropriations, See Town Report for Details - Total \$ 43,513.00

ARTICLE 5:
Shall the voters of the Town of Newfane appropriate the sum of \$250.00 to the Aids Project of Southern Vermont?

ARTICLE 6:
Shall the voters of the Town of Newfane appropriate the sum of \$4,000.00 to Grace Cottage Hospital?

ARTICLE 7:
Shall the voters of the Town of Newfane appropriate the sum of \$1,250.00 to Senior Solutions?

ARTICLE 8:
Shall the voters of the Town of Newfane appropriate the sum of \$750.00 to Southeastern VT Transit DBA: The Moover?

ARTICLE 9:

Shall the voters of the Town of Newfane appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to The Gathering Place?

ARTICLE 10:

Shall the voters of the Town of Newfane appropriate the sum of \$250.00 to the Historical Society of Windham County?

ARTICLE 11

Shall the voters of the Town of Newfane appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to Groundwork's Collaborative?

ARTICLE 12:

Shall the voters of the Town of Newfane appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 to the South Newfane Community Association?

ARTICLE 13:

Shall the voters of the Town of Newfane appropriate the sum of \$300.00 to Brattleboro Area Hospice?

ARTICLE 14:

Shall the voters of the Town of Newfane appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to the Leland & Gray Education Foundation?

ARTICLE 15:

Shall the voters of the Town of Newfane appropriate the sum of \$1,850.00 to Health Care & Rehabilitation Services?

ARTICLE 16:

Shall the voters of the Town of Newfane appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 to the Incorporated Village of Newfane, Union Hall?

ARTICLE 17:

Shall the voters of the Town of Newfane appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to Moore Free Library?

ARTICLE 18:

Shall the voters of the Town of Newfane appropriate the sum of \$5,178.00 to SeVEDS?

ARTICLE 19:

Shall the voters of the Town of Newfane appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to Restorative Community Practice of S.V.?

ARTICLE 20:

Shall the voters of the Town of Newfane appropriate the sum of \$1,600.00 to SEVCA?

ARTICLE 21:

Shall the voters of the Town of Newfane appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to The Timson Hill Preschool?

ARTICLE 22

Shall the voters of the Town of Newfane appropriate the sum of \$2,675.00 to Valley Cares?

ARTICLE 23:

Shall the voters of the Town of Newfane appropriate the sum of \$100.00 to Vermont Green Up?

ARTICLE 24:

Shall the voters of the Town of Newfane appropriate the sum of \$4,500.00 to Visiting Nurses Alliance & Hospice for VT /NH?

ARTICLE 25:

Shall the voters of the Town of Newfane appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to the Williamsville School Preservation Society?

ARTICLE 26:

Shall the voters of the Town of Newfane appropriate the sum of \$900.00 to Windham County Humane Society?

ARTICLE 27:

Shall the voters of the Town of Newfane appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to the Women's Freedom Center?

ARTICLE 28

Shall the voters of the Town of Newfane appropriate the sum of \$1,660.00 to Youth Services?

ARTICLE 29:

Shall the voters of the Town of Newfane appropriate the sum of \$250.00 to WinDart?

ARTICLE 30:

Shall the voters of the Town of Newfane appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 to Windham County Safe Place?

ARTICLE 31:

Shall the voters of the Town of Newfane appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 to Newfane Anew / NewBrook News?

ARTICLE 32:

Shall the voters of the Town of Newfane appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to Southern Vermont Therapeutic Riding Center?

ARTICLE 33:

Shall the voters of the Town of Newfane appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to NewBrook Parent Teachers Organization?

End of Special Appropriations

ARTICLE 34:

Shall the voters of the Town of Newfane authorize General Fund expenditures for Town and Highway Operating Expenses of \$ 1,605,485.80, of which \$1,298,869.80 shall be raised by taxes and \$ 306,616.00 by non-tax revenues?

ARTICLE 35:

Shall the voters of the Town of Newfane authorize Capital Fund expenditures of \$ 482,678.84 of which \$ 481,678.84 shall be raised by taxes and \$ 1,000.00 by non-tax revenue

ARTICLE 36:

Shall the voters of the Town of Newfane raise by taxation the amount of \$25,466.16 for the annual Excavator lease payment for FY 2024?

ARTICLE 37

Shall the voters of the Town of Newfane approve the transfer of surplus funds in the amount of \$150,000 to the Capital Reserve Fund for FY 2024?

ARTICLE 38

Shall the voters of the Town of Newfane establish a reserve fund to be called the Budget Stabilization to be used for covering unanticipated revenue shortfalls and to pay non-recurring and unanticipated general and highway fund expenses in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2804?

ARTICLE 39

Shall the voters of the Town of Newfane approve the transfer of \$ 150,000.00 from the general surplus fund to fund the Budget Stabilization Reserve Fund for FY 2024?

ARTICLE 40:

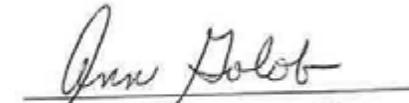
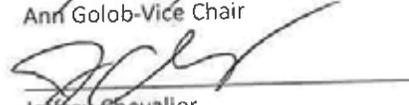
Shall the voters of the Town of Newfane approve to exempt from property taxation real estate owned by the South Newfane Community Association located at 380 Dover Road, South Newfane, for a period not exceeding five years, pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 3840? (Formerly the South Newfane Baptist Church)

ARTICLE 41:

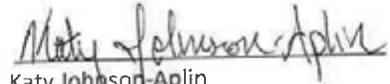
To transact any other business that may legally come before the Town.

Tuesday, January 17rd, 2023, the Newfane Selectboard:


Angela Sariborn Chair


Ann Golob-Vice Chair

Jeffrey Chevallier

Michael Fitzpatrick


Katy Johnson-Aplin

Town Budget & Reports



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**TOWN OF NEWFANE
GRAND LIST - 2023 FORM 411**

REAL ESTATE	# PARCELS	MUNICIPAL	EDUCATION HOMESTEAD	EDUCATION NON-RESIDENTIAL	TOTAL EDUCATION
Residential I	547	104,548,400	61,636,495	42,911,905	104,548,400
Residential II	316	102,260,600	56,073,454	46,187,146	102,260,600
Mobile Homes - U	118	859,000	-	859,000	859,000
Mobile Homes - L	16	1,276,200	323,700	952,500	1,276,200
Seasonal - I	61	4,038,500	420,300	3,618,200	4,038,500
Seasonal - II	50	8,139,100	342,100	7,797,000	8,139,100
Commercial	24	10,154,300	-	10,154,300	10,154,300
Commercial Apartments	1	466,700	-	466,700	466,700
Industrial Plants	0	-	-	-	-
Utilities - E	2	25,736,700	-	25,736,700	25,736,700
Utilities - O	0	-	-	-	-
Farm	0	-	-	-	-
Other	0	-	-	-	-
Woodland	19	1,010,200	-	1,010,200	1,010,200
Miscellaneous	127	9,855,800	-	9,855,800	9,855,800
TOTALS	1,281	268,345,500	118,796,049	149,549,451	268,345,500
Cable	1	106,372		106,372	106,372
TOTAL LISTED VALUE		268,451,872	118,796,049	149,655,823	268,451,872
EXEMPTIONS					
Veterans	9	360,000	80,000	10,000	90,000
Contracts	5	1,131,172		612,200	612,200
Current Use	95	15,866,500	3,161,700	12,704,800	15,866,500
Total Exemptions		17,357,672	3,241,700	13,327,000	16,568,700
TOTAL MUNICIPAL GRAND LIST		2,510,942.00			
TOTAL EDUCATION GRAND LIST			1,155,543.49	1,363,288.23	2,518,831.72
(1% of total listed value of real estate)					
Number of Non-Taxable Parcels	44				

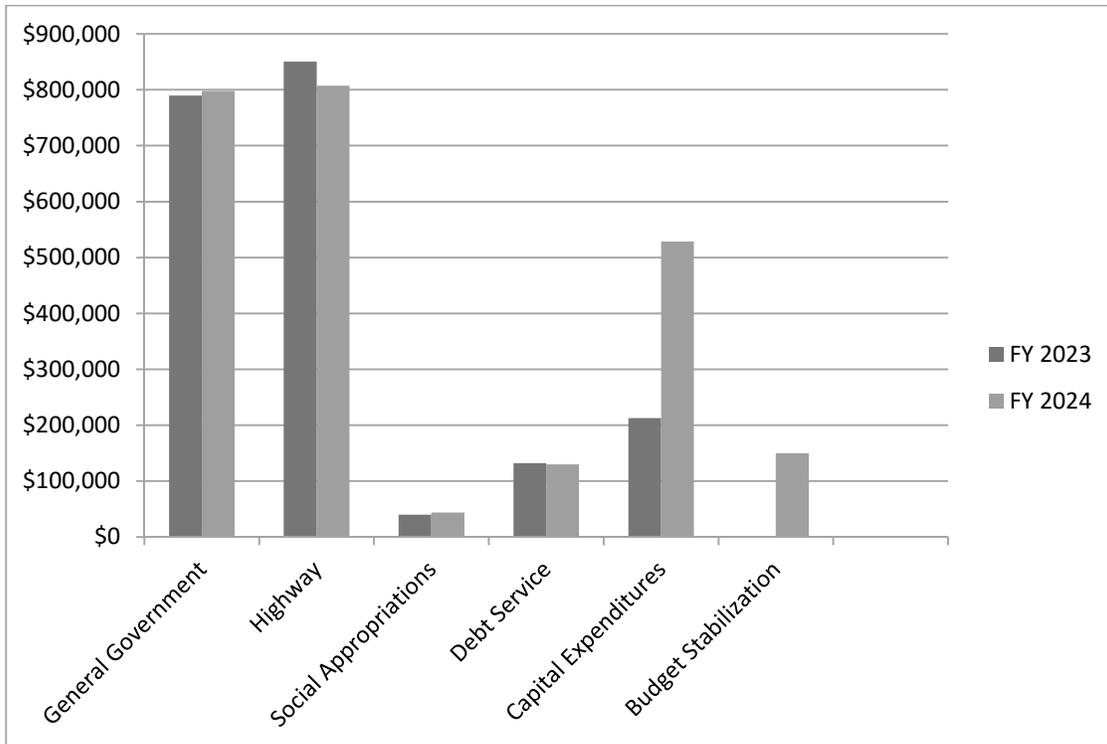
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BUDGET SUMMARY
7/1/2023 – 6/30/2024
Estimated 2023 Tax Rate**

Proposed Expenditures	Anticipated Revenue & Surplus	To Be Raised
\$2,307,143.80	\$457,616.00	\$1,849,527.80

Current Tax Rate:
\$.67

Estimated Tax Rate:
To Be Raised: \$1,849,528 = **\$0.73**
Grand List: \$2,536,051

*As in prior years, at the time we publish the Annual Report and vote on the budget, the Grand List for the year 7/1/2023 - 6/30/2024 has not been determined in accordance with Vermont State Law. Therefore, in computing the estimated tax rate for purposes of consideration of the proposed budget, we have used the current Grand List figures plus 1%. It should be pointed out that it is normal for the Assessed Valuation to increase each year. It should also be noted that based on the above Assessed Value, the tax rate is increased or decreased approximately \$0.01 per \$1,000 for every \$24,500 of expense.



TOWN OF NEWFANE
FY 2022 - FY 2024 REVENUE

	Budget FY 2022	Actual FY 2022	Budget FY 2023	Proposed Budget FY 2024
GENERAL FUND REVENUE				
Property Taxes	\$ 1,235,818.00	\$ 1,213,065.24	\$ 1,299,799.00	\$ 1,298,869.80
Interest On Curr Year Tax	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 7,099.98	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Int On Delinquent Taxes	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 3,077.77	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00
Interest On Tax Sales	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Penalty On Delinquent Tax	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 13,449.57	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
School Tax Admin Fee	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,751.71	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,500.00
Current Use Revenue	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 105,103.00	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 98,000.00
PILOT Program	\$ 280.00	\$ 357.00	\$ 280.00	\$ 280.00
Grants Revenue	\$ -	\$ 184,861.91	\$ -	\$ -
Grants-in-Aid Revenue		\$ 26,660.00	\$ -	\$ -
Green Valley Solar-Browns Road	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Selectboard Revenue	\$ 300.00	\$ 430.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Copier Revenue	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 2,571.05	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
Liquor License Revenue	\$ 400.00	\$ 555.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Town Clerk Revenue	\$ 19,000.00	\$ 24,732.99	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,022.07	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
FEMA Reimbursement	\$ -	\$ 113,285.27	\$ -	\$ -
Tax Bill Copy Revenue	\$ 100.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 35.00
Zoning Permit Revenue	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 4,129.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,000.00
State Share Per Parcel	\$ 1,342.00	\$ 1,309.00	\$ 1,342.00	\$ 1,300.00
Interest Gen Fund Acct	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 1,281.79	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,000.00
Interest Village Trees	\$ 25.00	\$ 1.21	\$ 25.00	\$ 1.00
Workers Comp Payroll Audit	\$ -	\$ 1,379.00	\$ -	\$ -
Impound Fee Revenue	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Judicial Fines Revenue	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 1,197.12	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
State Highway Aid Rev	\$ 140,000.00	\$ 146,918.47	\$ 140,000.00	\$ 140,000.00
Highway Supplement		\$ 16,260.56	\$ -	\$ -
WMV Hall Rental Revenue	\$ 600.00	\$ 210.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
WMV Hall Grant Revenue	\$ -	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ -
Salt Shed Grant Revenue	\$ -	\$ 1,060.72	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUE	\$ 1,543,465.00	\$ 1,884,054.43	\$ 1,599,996.00	\$ 1,605,485.80
SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS				
Property Taxes	\$ 37,683.00	\$ 37,683.00	\$ 39,753.00	\$ 43,513.00
TOTAL SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$ 37,683.00	\$ 37,683.00	\$ 39,753.00	\$ 43,513.00
CAPITAL FUND REVENUE				
Property Taxes	\$ 271,280.00	\$ 271,280.00	343,979.00	\$ 507,145.00
Transfer from Surplus - Article #37	\$ -	\$ -	-	\$ 150,000.00
Interest Capital Fund	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,137.68	1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
TOTAL CAPITAL FUND REVENUE	\$ 274,280.00	\$ 272,417.68	\$ 344,979.00	\$ 658,145.00
TOTAL GENERAL, SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS & CAPITAL FUND REVENUE	\$ 1,855,428.00	\$ 2,194,155.11	\$ 1,984,728.00	\$ 2,307,143.80

TOWN OF NEWFANE				
FY 2022 - FY 2024 EXPENSES				
TOWN & HIGHWAY				Proposed
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	Budget FY 2022	Actual FY 2022	Budget FY 2023	Budget FY 2024
ADMINISTRATION				
<u>TOWN OFFICERS' EXPENSE</u>				
Selectboard	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Road Commissioner Wages	\$ 350.00	\$ -	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00
Bd. of Civil Authority Wages	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Selectboard Mileage	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ 50.00
Selectboard Advertising	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,266.10	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,500.00
Selectboard Accounting/Reconciliation	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
Legal Exp. - Selectboard	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,486.51	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
	\$ 8,050.00	\$ 6,352.61	\$ 8,050.00	\$ 8,100.00
<u>ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT</u>				
Administrative Assistant	\$ 36,731.60	\$ 37,242.88	\$ 37,647.60	\$ 38,304.00
Admin Leave Time Taken	\$ 4,972.40	\$ 4,621.53	\$ 5,096.40	\$ 5,376.00
Professional Development		\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
	\$ 41,704.00	\$ 41,864.41	\$ 43,244.00	\$ 44,180.00
<u>TOWN CLERK</u>				
Town Clerk	\$ 36,146.84	\$ 38,680.68	\$ 37,978.96	\$ 41,915.52
TC Leave Time Taken	\$ 4,893.16	\$ 2,525.44	\$ 5,141.04	\$ 5,882.88
Asst. Town Clerk	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,331.18	\$ 5,200.00	\$ 6,750.00
Professional Development	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Town Clerk Records Exp.	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,562.84	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,500.00
	\$ 50,040.00	\$ 48,100.14	\$ 52,620.00	\$ 59,348.40
<u>TOWN TREASURER</u>				
Town Treasurer	\$ 36,146.84	\$ 37,043.06	\$ 37,978.96	\$ 41,915.52
Treas. Leave Time Taken	\$ 4,893.16	\$ 4,182.76	\$ 5,141.04	\$ 5,882.88
Assistant Town Treasurer	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00
Professional Development		\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 500.00
	\$ 42,040.00	\$ 41,225.82	\$ 45,370.00	\$ 49,048.40
<u>DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR</u>				
Delinquent Tax Collector*	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 13,656.51	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
*OFFSET BY 8% PENALTY COLLECTED	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 13,656.51	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
<u>DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD (DRB)</u>				
DRB Wages	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
DRB Mileage	\$ 25.00	\$ -	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
DRB Expenses	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
DRB Advertising	\$ 400.00	\$ 1,459.70	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
DRB Legal	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,749.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
	\$ 2,075.00	\$ 3,208.70	\$ 2,075.00	\$ 2,075.00

	TOWN OF NEWFANE			
	FY 2022 - FY 2024 EXPENSES			
				Proposed
	Budget FY 2022	Actual FY 2022	Budget FY 2023	Budget FY 2024
911 ADMINISTRATOR				
E-911 Administrator	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
CONSERVATION COMMISSION				
Conservation Commission	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
LISTERS				
Listers Wages	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 18,640.60	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 14,500.00
Listers Data Entry Wages	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,500.00
Lister's Expense	\$ 6,310.00	\$ 11,129.25	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,400.00
Lister's Prof. Develop	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Assessors Contract		\$ -	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
	\$ 53,310.00	\$ 29,769.85	\$ 53,000.00	\$ 56,400.00
PLANNING COMMISSION EXPENSES				
Plan. Comm. Wages	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Plan. Comm. Mileage	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
Plan. Comm. Postage	\$ 100.00	\$ 520.45	\$ 100.00	\$ 200.00
Plan. Comm. Prof Develop	\$ 800.00	\$ 331.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 1,100.00
Plan. Comm. Expense	\$ 450.00	\$ 1,728.43	\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00
Plan. Comm. Mapping	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Plan. Comm. Advertising	\$ 200.00	\$ 240.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 300.00
Plan. Comm. Consultant	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Plan. Comm. Legal Service	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,819.88	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 3,000.00
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR EXPENSES				
Zoning Admin Wages	\$ 8,580.00	\$ 6,410.25	\$ 8,840.00	\$ 9,360.00
Zoning Admin. Mileage	\$ 500.00	\$ 8.40	\$ 500.00	\$ 250.00
Zoning Admin. Prof Dev	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
	\$ 9,330.00	\$ 6,418.65	\$ 9,590.00	\$ 9,860.00
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	\$ 219,199.00	\$ 193,416.57	\$ 226,599.00	\$ 242,161.80

	TOWN OF NEWFANE			
	FY 2022 - FY 2024 EXPENSES			
				Proposed
	Budget FY 2022	Actual FY 2022	Budget FY 2023	Budget FY 2024
TOWN OFFICE				
Town Office Cleaning Wage	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 550.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Town Office Cleaning Supp	\$ 300.00	\$ 399.99	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Town Office Postage	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 5,598.04	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Town Office Misc Supplies	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,379.89	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00
Town Office Mileage	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 163.74	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Town Office Phone/Fax	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 2,627.84	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 2,800.00
Town Office Electric	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 1,201.94	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 2,000.00
Town Office Heat	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 4,047.24	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Website Maintenance	\$ 300.00	\$ 280.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Town Office Ground Maint	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 2,000.75	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 2,700.00
Town Office Computer	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,016.10	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Copier Supplies & Service	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 2,116.77	\$ 1,900.00	\$ 2,200.00
Sm. Office Equipment Exp.	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Town Office Misc./Improve	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 781.69	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
	\$ 30,850.00	\$ 27,163.99	\$ 32,050.00	\$ 32,600.00
GENERAL				
Misc. Charges	\$ -	\$ 112.92	\$ -	\$ -
NEMRC Fees	\$ 5,800.00	\$ 6,378.99	\$ 6,400.00	\$ 6,500.00
VLCT Dues	\$ 3,218.00	\$ 3,218.00	\$ 3,218.00	\$ 3,266.00
VMCTA TC/Treasurer Dues	\$ 60.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00
Permits/Fees - MRGP	\$ 1,966.00	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 1,950.00	\$ 1,950.00
BCTV Contract	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,775.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,600.00
Professional Development	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 854.40	\$ -	\$ -
General Insurance (Prop & Casualty)	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 34,151.50	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
Insurance Ded - Claim	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Windham County Tax	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 21,183.00	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 23,000.00
Windham Regional Commissi	\$ 3,789.00	\$ 4,479.07	\$ 3,965.00	\$ 4,216.00
Abatements	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,000.00
	\$ 74,833.00	\$ 69,078.81	\$ 73,893.00	\$ 73,792.00
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS				
Social Security	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 27,688.91	\$ 31,500.00	\$ 40,000.00
Retirement Town Cost	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 22,389.65	\$ 27,750.00	\$ 35,000.00
Health Insurance Town Cos	\$ 135,000.00	\$ 124,545.26	\$ 135,000.00	\$ 135,000.00
Dental Town Cost	\$ 8,200.00	\$ 6,143.01	\$ 8,200.00	\$ 7,500.00
Unemployment Insurance	\$ 700.00	\$ 620.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00
Worker's Compensation	\$ 16,500.00	\$ 19,951.00	\$ 16,500.00	\$ 21,000.00
Uniforms	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 4,140.86	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
	\$ 214,900.00	\$ 205,478.69	\$ 223,650.00	\$ 243,200.00

	TOWN OF NEWFANE			
	FY 2022 - FY 2024 EXPENSES			
				Proposed
	Budget FY 2022	Actual FY 2022	Budget FY 2023	Budget FY 2024
<u>Annual Report</u>				
Annual Report Expense	\$ 3,700.00	\$ 3,844.50	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 3,300.00
Annual Report Mailing	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
Professional Audit	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 16,970.00	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 18,500.00
	\$ 19,700.00	\$ 20,814.50	\$ 20,300.00	\$ 22,800.00
<u>CEMETERY MAINTENANCE</u>				
Cemetery Maintenance	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 5,978.85	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 4,800.00
	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 5,978.85	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 4,800.00
<u>Public Safety</u>				
NewBrook Fire Company	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
Mutual Aid Assessment	\$ 28,437.00	\$ 28,437.00	\$ 29,148.00	\$ 29,731.00
Rescue	\$ 51,000.00	\$ 50,917.00	\$ 51,000.00	\$ 49,021.00
VT Rural Fire Association	100.00	0.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
	\$ 129,537.00	\$ 129,354.00	\$ 130,248.00	\$ 128,852.00
<u>HEALTH OFFICER</u>				
Health Officer Wages	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
Health Officer Mileage	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
<u>ANIMAL CONTROL</u>				
WCHS/Poundkeeping Fee*	\$ 486.00	\$ 486.00	\$ 486.00	\$ 480.00
Animal Control Wages	\$ 1,850.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Animal Control Expenses	\$ -	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,450.00
	\$ 2,336.00	\$ 3,986.00	\$ 3,486.00	\$ 3,930.00
<i>*Portion offset by impound fee collected</i>				
<u>CONSTABLE</u>				
Constable Wages	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Constable Mileage	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Constable Expenses	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
<u>LAW ENFORCEMENT</u>				
Law Enforcement	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 13,499.64	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 13,499.64	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
<u>ELECTIONS/MEETING EXPENSES</u>				
Town Meeting Expense	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Ballot Tabulator	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 713.30	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
	\$ 2,250.00	\$ 713.30	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
<u>WSWMD</u>				
WSWMD Assessment	\$ 11,360.00	\$ 11,358.52	\$ 10,320.00	\$ 11,350.00
	\$ 11,360.00	\$ 11,358.52	\$ 10,320.00	\$ 11,350.00

	TOWN OF NEWFANE			
	FY 2022 - FY 2024 EXPENSES			
				Proposed
	Budget FY 2022	Actual FY 2022	Budget FY 2023	Budget FY 2024
WILLIAMSVILLE HALL				
Williamsville Hall Elect.	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 931.07	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
Williamsville Hall Heat	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,564.80	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
Williamsville Hall Ground	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 643.50	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
Williamsville Hall Exp.	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 3,326.15	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 1,700.00
Wmv Hall Grant Exp	\$ -	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ 6,600.00	\$ 6,715.52	\$ 6,600.00	\$ 6,600.00
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$ 728,715.00	\$ 687,558.39	\$ 749,796.00	\$ 797,935.80
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT				
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT SALARIES				
General Maintenance Wages	\$ 91,000.00	\$ 98,328.50	\$ 97,500.00	\$ 118,000.00
Gen. Maint. Overtime Wage	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 14,369.64	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 19,500.00
Winter Maintenance Wages	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 57,138.75	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 72,000.00
Winter Maint.OvertimeWage	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 28,506.48	\$ 36,000.00	\$ 49,500.00
Road Construction Wages	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Bridge Maintenance Wages	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Equipment Maint. Wages	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 8,071.75	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Emergency Work Wages	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Miscellaneous Labor-Garag	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Highway Leave Time Taken	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 14,176.25	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 18,000.00
Mileage HWY Dept	\$ 250.00	\$ 305.20	\$ 250.00	\$ 350.00
	\$ 233,750.00	\$ 220,896.57	\$ 242,250.00	\$ 299,350.00
ROAD MAINTENANCE				
Mowing Roadsides	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 8,900.00	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 10,500.00
Contract.Service Maint.	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,652.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Contract.Serv.Road Const.	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Contract.Service Bridges	\$ 52,500.00	\$ -	\$ 52,500.00	\$ 52,500.00
Tree removal cont serv	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Retreatment and Sealing	\$ 130,000.00	\$ 887.50	\$ 130,000.00	
Highway Supplement Expense	\$ -	\$ 13,249.50		
Chloride	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,344.09	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Gravel	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 70,724.50	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 80,000.00
Road Materials	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,303.72	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Culverts	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 9,407.59	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 16,000.00
Signs	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 1,004.45	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Winter Sand	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 33,366.00	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 75,000.00
Winter Salt	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,464.17	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 55,000.00
Bridge Materials	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Emergency Materials	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 105,276.63	\$ -	\$ -
Emergency Contract Services	\$ -	\$ 245,246.99		\$ -
Rental of Equipment	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 4,872.86	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Guardrails	\$ 16,000.00	\$ (0.98)	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 16,000.00
Traffic Safety	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 4,923.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
	\$ 464,000.00	\$ 567,122.02	\$ 484,000.00	\$ 362,000.00
EQUIPMENT GAS & OIL				
Diesel-Fuel-Oil-Propane-DEF	\$ 36,000.00	\$ 54,538.93	\$ 36,000.00	\$ 55,000.00
	\$ 36,000.00	\$ 54,538.93	\$ 36,000.00	\$ 55,000.00

	TOWN OF NEWFANE			
	FY 2022 - FY 2024 EXPENSES			
				Proposed
	Budget FY 2022	Actual FY 2022	Budget FY 2023	Budget FY 2024
<u>EQUIPMENT REPAIR & MAINTENANCE</u>				
Parts 1986 Ford Chloride	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 536.78	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 2,000.00
416E Backhoe 2010	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,039.50	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
2013 Mack Truck	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 3,290.55	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
2014 Mack Truck 4x4	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 4,002.09	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
2015 F550 Ford	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,921.99	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
2017 Mack Truck	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 5,955.79	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
2019 Western Star	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,875.07	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
JD 672D Grader	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,800.23	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
924GZ Cat Loader	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,998.70	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
2018 Ram	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 557.53	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
2018 CAT 314 Excavator	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 439.86	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
2022 Ford F600	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
Chainsaw Cutter Mower	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 341.46	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Chipper Wood/Brush	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,000.00
Chloride Spreader	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,000.00
Plows	\$ 5,300.00	\$ 5,887.94	\$ 5,300.00	\$ 6,000.00
Radio & Radio Repair	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,140.60	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 3,000.00
Rake	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,130.53	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 2,000.00
Sanders	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,330.10	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 3,000.00
Tires & Chains	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 10,772.40	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 18,000.00
Misc. Parts & Repairs	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 4,271.82	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
	\$ 60,200.00	\$ 55,292.94	\$ 64,200.00	\$ 68,000.00
<u>TOWN GARAGE MAINTENANCE</u>				
Town Garage Supplies	\$ 750.00	\$ 2,239.35	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 2,300.00
Town Garage Telephone	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,142.51	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 2,600.00
Town Garage Electric	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 2,215.97	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00
Old Town Garage Electric	\$ 250.00	\$ 282.43	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
Heat - Town Garage	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,355.53	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Town Gar. Contracted Ser.	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 3,101.16	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,500.00
Safety Program	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,356.45	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,600.00
	\$ 17,300.00	\$ 15,693.40	\$ 19,050.00	\$ 19,050.00
<u>SMALL EQUIPMENT</u>				
Professional Devel.Garage	\$ 500.00	\$ 180.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Town Garage Computer	\$ 500.00	\$ 515.14	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 750.00
Small Tools & Equipment	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,037.09	\$ 2,900.00	\$ 2,900.00
	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 2,732.23	\$ 4,700.00	\$ 4,150.00
<u>Highway Grants</u>				
Salt Shed Grant Expense	\$ -	\$ 1,349.67	\$ -	\$ -
Depot Road Box Culvert Expense	\$ -	\$ 1,039.25	\$ -	\$ -
Grants-In-Aid Grant Expense	\$ -	\$ 19,329.60	\$ -	\$ -
Better Back Roads Grant Expense	\$ -	\$ 5,024.00	\$ -	\$ -
Sidewalk Grant Expense	\$ -	\$ 2,414.04	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -	\$ 29,156.56	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL HIGHWAY	\$ 814,750.00	\$ 945,432.65	\$ 850,200.00	\$ 807,550.00
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT & HIGHWAY	\$ 1,543,465.00	\$ 1,632,991.04	\$ 1,599,996.00	\$ 1,605,485.80

CAPITAL NEEDS SUMMARY
FY 2022 - FY 2024

	Budget FY 2022	Actual FY 2022	Budget FY 2023	Proposed FY 2024
PLANNED ACQUISITIONS				
Highway Equipment (Reserves)	125,000.00	106,422.00	125,000.00	125,000.00
Bridges	173,000.00	95,228.76	125,000.00	168,500.00
Highway Improvements	20,000.00		18,000.00	155,000.00
Town Buildings	50,000.00		70,000.00	80,000.00
Subtotal - Total Acquisitions	368,000.00	201,650.76	338,000.00	528,500.00
Debt Service Payments	131,280.00	130,838.84	131,979.00	129,645.00
TOTAL CAPITAL REQUIRED	499,280.00	332,489.60	469,979.00	658,145.00
SOURCES OF FUNDS				
Excess Funds/Surplus - Article #37	225,000.00	225,000.00	125,000.00	150,000.00
Capital Reserve Interest	3,000.00	1,137.68	1,000.00	1,000.00
Taxes to Be Raised	271,280.00	271,280.00	343,979.00	507,145.00
TOTAL SOURCES OF FUNDS	499,280.00	497,417.68	469,979.00	658,145.00
Balance of Capital Reserve Fund As of 6/30/2022				
	\$989,237.13			

CAPTIAL NEEDS 2021-2024

	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024 Proposed
PLANNED ACQUISITIONS				
<u>Highway Equipment (RESERVES)</u>				
2013 Mack Truck (10 Years)	35,000	35,000	20,000	10,000
2014 Mack 4X4 Truck (15 Years)	-	25,000	15,000	10,000
2015 Mack Truck (10 Years)	25,000	10,000	15,000	-
2017 Mack Truck (10 Years)	-	-	15,000	10,000
2018 RAM 3500 (6 Years)	15,000	-	15,000	15,000
2019 Western Star	-	-	5,000	10,000
2006 John Deere Grader (15 Years)	-	50,000	20,000	30,000
2010 CAT Backhoe (12 Years)	20,000	-	10,000	25,000
2015 CAT Loader (Lease - 7 Years)	-	5,000	5,000	15,000
Plows/Sander	-	-	5,000	-
Excavator (Lease)	28,500	-	-	-
TOTAL EQUIPMENT	123,500	125,000	125,000	125,000
<u>BRIDGES</u>				
Depot Road Structure	8,000	10,000	-	-
Bridge #08 - Marion Robinson Bridge	-	-	-	50,000
Bridge #12 - Arch Bridge	40,000	35,000	50,000	-
Bridge #15 - Monroe Bridge	25,000	128,000	75,000	-
Bridge #43 - Wiswall Hill Bridge	-	-	-	50,000
Bridge #44 - Roy Brooks Bridge	-	-	-	68,500
TOTAL BRIDGES	73,000	173,000	125,000	168,500
<u>HIGHWAYS IMPROVEMENTS</u>				
Newfane Hill Road (Grout Pond Spillway)	5,000	5,000	13,000	-
River Road	-	10,000	-	-
Upper River Road	20,000	-	-	-
Ledge Removal	-	5,000	5,000	5,000
Retreatment and Sealing - Article #37	-	-	-	150,000
TOTAL HIGHWAYS	25,000	20,000	18,000	155,000
<u>TOWN BUILDINGS</u>				
Williamsville Hall	11,000	-	20,000	20,000
Town Offices	5,000	5,000	5,000	10,000
Town Garage	10,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Salt Shed	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000
Gravel Pit	-	-	-	5,000
TOTAL BUILDINGS	66,000	50,000	70,000	80,000
TOTAL ACQUISITIONS	287,500	368,000	338,000	528,500

CAPTIAL NEEDS 2021-2024

CAPITAL DEBT SERVICE		2020-2021	2021-2022 (PROPOSED)	2022-2023	2023-2024
<u>Equipment Loans</u>					
(19 Western Star)	Principle	64,110.00	64,110.00	32,110.00	32,110.00
	Interest	5,935.00	4,500.00	2,250.00	1,125.00
<u>Lease</u>					
Cat Excavator Lease - Article #36		-	28,634.00	28,634.00	25,490.00
		-	16,786.00		
<u>Gravel Pit Loans</u>					
Gravel Pit Purchase	Principle	-	-	45,000.00	45,000.00
Gravel Pit Interest	Interest	-	-	7,155.00	6,500.00
Gravel Pit Act 250 Principle	Principle	-	-	-	15,000.00
Gravel Pit Act 250 Interest	Interest	-	-	-	500.00
<u>Bonds</u>					
(Bridge 14 - South Newfane Bridge)	Principle	12,500.00	12,500.00	12,500.00	-
	Interest	5,565.00	4,750.00	4,330.00	3,920.00
TOTAL CAPITAL DEBT SERVICE		88,110.00	131,280.00	131,979.00	129,645.00

TOTAL REQUIRED	375,610.00	499,280.00	469,979.00	658,145.00
Excess Funds/Surplus - Article #37	-	(225,000.00)	(125,000.00)	(150,000.00)
Capital Interest	-	(3,000.00)	(1,000.00)	(1,000.00)
Total to be raised by taxes - Article 35 & Article 36	375,610.00	271,280.00	343,979.00	507,145.00

Capital Reserve Fund as of: 6/30/2022

Capital Highway	\$ 270,059.05
Capital Bridges	\$ 258,209.58
Capital Roads	\$ 203,816.95
Capital Buildings	\$ 257,151.55
	\$ 989,237.13

TOWN OF NEWFANE, VERMONT

AUDIT REPORT

JUNE 30, 2022

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Independent Auditor's Report

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Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Newfane, Vermont as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town of Newfane, Vermont's basic financial statements as listed in the Table of Contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Newfane, Vermont, as of June 30, 2022, and the respective changes in financial position thereof and the respective budgetary comparison for the General Fund for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in "Government Auditing Standards", issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Town of Newfane, Vermont and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Change in Accounting Principles

As described in Note I.F. to the financial statements, effective June 30, 2022, the Town implemented GASB Statement No. 87, "Leases".

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Town of Newfane, Vermont's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and "Government Auditing Standards" will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgement made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and "Government Auditing Standards", we:

- Exercise professional judgement and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Newfane, Vermont's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgement, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Town of Newfane, Vermont's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

Town of Newfane, Vermont

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Required Supplementary Information

Management has omitted Management’s Discussion and Analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

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

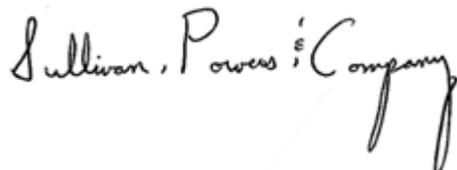
Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Newfane, Vermont’s basic financial statements. The combining fund financial statements are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. These schedules have not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion or provide any assurance on them.

Other Reporting Required by “Government Auditing Standards”

In accordance with “Government Auditing Standards”, we have also issued our report dated October 11, 2022 on our consideration of the Town of Newfane, Vermont’s internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Newfane, Vermont’s internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with “Government Auditing Standards” in considering the Town of Newfane, Vermont’s internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

October 11, 2022
Montpelier, Vermont
VT Lic. #92-000180



TOWN OF NEWFANE, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2022

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>	
Cash	\$ 1,799,649
Restricted Cash	36,573
Investments	86,255
Receivables (Net of Allowance for Uncollectibles)	427,742
Prepaid Expenses	28,961
Inventory	85,216
Capital Assets:	
Land	292,900
Construction in Progress	2,283,980
Other Capital Assets, (Net of Accumulated Depreciation)	<u>3,581,285</u>
Total Assets	<u>8,622,561</u>
<u>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</u>	
Deferred Outflows of Resources Related to the Town's Participation in VMERS	<u>67,719</u>
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>67,719</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>	
Accounts Payable	49,680
Accrued Payroll and Benefits Payable	7,501
Unearned Revenue	220,468
Due to Delinquent Tax Collector	10,011
Tax Sale Overpayments	5,484
Accrued Interest Payable	9,919
Noncurrent Liabilities:	
Due Within One Year	109,483
Due in More than One Year	<u>852,060</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>1,264,606</u>
<u>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</u>	
Prepaid Property Taxes	21,855
Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to the Town's Participation in VMERS	<u>88,358</u>
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>110,213</u>
<u>NET POSITION</u>	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	5,374,589
Restricted	36,716
Unrestricted	<u>1,904,156</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 7,315,461</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

TOWN OF NEWFANE, VERMONT
 STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

	Program Revenues				Net (Expense) Revenue and Change in Net Position
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities
Functions/Programs:					
Primary Government:					
Governmental Activities:					
General Government	\$ 468,776	\$ 53,972	\$ 15,171	\$ 0	\$ (399,633)
Public Safety	146,840	0	0	0	(146,840)
Highways and Streets	1,377,580	0	614,168	1,490,132	726,720
Interest on Long-term Debt	17,744	0	0	0	(17,744)
Total Primary Government	<u>\$ 2,010,940</u>	<u>\$ 53,972</u>	<u>\$ 629,339</u>	<u>\$ 1,490,132</u>	<u>162,503</u>
General Revenues:					
Property Taxes					1,530,259
Penalties and Interest on Delinquent Taxes					23,491
General State Grants					105,460
Unrestricted Investment Earnings					2,730
Other Revenues					1,022
Total General Revenues					<u>1,662,962</u>
Change in Net Position					1,825,465
Net Position - July 1, 2021					<u>5,489,996</u>
Net Position - June 30, 2022					<u>\$ 7,315,461</u>

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TOWN OF NEWFANE, VERMONT
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2022

	General Fund	Capital Projects Fund	ARPA Fund	Non-Major Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS					
Cash	\$ 1,799,649	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,799,649
Restricted Cash	0	36,573	0	0	36,573
Investments	1,317	53,004	0	31,934	86,255
Receivables (Net of Allowance for Uncollectibles)	427,742	0	0	0	427,742
Due from Other Funds	0	899,660	220,675	84,854	1,205,189
Prepaid Items	28,961	0	0	0	28,961
Inventory	85,216	0	0	0	85,216
Total Assets	<u>\$ 2,342,885</u>	<u>\$ 989,237</u>	<u>\$ 220,675</u>	<u>\$ 116,788</u>	<u>\$ 3,669,585</u>
LIABILITIES					
Accounts Payable	\$ 49,680	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 49,680
Accrued Payroll and Benefits Payable	7,501	0	0	0	7,501
Due to Other Funds	1,205,189	0	0	0	1,205,189
Unearned Revenue	0	0	220,468	0	220,468
Due to Delinquent Tax Collector	10,011	0	0	0	10,011
Tax Sale Overpayments	5,484	0	0	0	5,484
Total Liabilities	<u>1,277,865</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>220,468</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,498,333</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES					
Prepaid Property Taxes	21,855	0	0	0	21,855
Unavailable Property Taxes and Interest	106,000	0	0	0	106,000
Unavailable Grants	190,216	0	0	0	190,216
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>318,071</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>318,071</u>
FUND BALANCES					
Nonspendable	114,177	0	0	0	114,177
Restricted	1,317	36,573	0	35,399	73,289
Committed	0	771,051	0	0	771,051
Assigned	300,197	181,613	207	81,389	563,406
Unassigned	331,258	0	0	0	331,258
Total Fund Balances	<u>746,949</u>	<u>989,237</u>	<u>207</u>	<u>116,788</u>	1,853,181
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 2,342,885</u>	<u>\$ 989,237</u>	<u>\$ 220,675</u>	<u>\$ 116,788</u>	
Amounts Reported for Governmental Activities in the Statement of Net Position are Different Because:					
Capital Assets Used in Governmental Activities are not Financial Resources and, Therefore, are not Reported in the Funds.					6,158,165
Other Assets are not Available to Pay for Current-Period Expenditures, and, Therefore, are Deferred in the Funds.					296,216
Long-term and Accrued Liabilities, Including Bonds Payable and the Net Pension Liability, are not Due or Payable in the Current Period and, Therefore, are not Reported in the Funds.					(971,462)
Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources relating to the Town's Participation in VMERS are applicable to Future Periods and, Therefore, are not Reported in the Funds.					(20,639)
Net Position of Governmental Activities					<u>\$ 7,315,461</u>

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TOWN OF NEWFANE, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

	General Fund	Capital Projects Fund	ARPA Fund	Non-Major Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues:					
Property Taxes	\$ 1,521,259	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,521,259
Penalties and Interest on Delinquent Taxes	23,491	0	0	0	23,491
Intergovernmental	599,232	0	0	11,126	610,358
Charges for Services	13,962	0	0	0	13,962
Permits, Licenses and Fees	32,453	0	0	7,557	40,010
Investment Income	1,283	1,137	207	103	2,730
Donations	0	0	0	2,486	2,486
Other	1,022	0	0	0	1,022
Total Revenues	2,192,702	1,137	207	21,272	2,215,318
Expenditures:					
General Government	459,574	0	0	2,379	461,953
Public Safety	146,840	0	0	0	146,840
Highways and Streets	1,040,036	14,472	0	0	1,054,508
Capital Outlay:					
Highways and Streets	19,157	649,271	0	0	668,428
Debt Service:					
Principal	0	112,823	0	0	112,823
Interest	0	18,016	0	0	18,016
Total Expenditures	1,665,607	794,582	0	2,379	2,462,568
Excess/(Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	527,095	(793,445)	207	18,893	(247,250)
Other Financing Sources/(Uses):					
Issuance of Long-term Debt	0	450,000	0	0	450,000
Transfers In	0	677,893	0	0	677,893
Transfers Out	(677,893)	0	0	0	(677,893)
Total Other Financing Sources/(Uses)	(677,893)	1,127,893	0	0	450,000
Net Change in Fund Balances	(150,798)	334,448	207	18,893	202,750
Fund Balances - July 1, 2021	897,747	654,789	0	97,895	1,650,431
Fund Balances - June 30, 2022	\$ 746,949	\$ 989,237	\$ 207	\$ 116,788	\$ 1,853,181

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

TOWN OF NEWFANE, VERMONT
 RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES,
 EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF
 GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

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

Net change in fund balances - total government funds (Exhibit D)	\$	202,750
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets (\$668,428) is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense (\$328,879). This is the amount by which capital outlays exceeded depreciation in the current period.		339,549
The effect of donations of capital assets is to increase net position. The State of Vermont is currently constructing a bridge for the Town.		1,487,773
The issuance of long-term debt (\$450,000) (e.g., bonds, notes) provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt (\$112,823) consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net position. This amount is the net effect of these differences in the treatment of long-term debt and related items.		(337,177)
Governmental funds report employer pension contributions as expenditures (\$22,390). However, in the statement of activities, the cost of pension benefits earned net of employee contributions (\$23,723) is reported as pension expense. This amount is the net effect of the differences in the treatment of pension expense.		(1,333)
Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds.		133,314
Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.		<u>589</u>
Change in net position of governmental activities (Exhibit B)	\$	<u><u>1,825,465</u></u>

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TOWN OF NEWFANE, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
Revenues:			
Property Taxes	\$ 1,544,781	\$ 1,521,259	\$ (23,522)
Interest on Current Taxes	8,000	7,100	(900)
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	4,500	2,421	(2,079)
Interest on Tax Sales	500	0	(500)
Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	10,000	13,970	3,970
Education Retention Fees	8,000	8,752	752
Current Use	90,000	105,103	15,103
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	280	357	77
State Highway Aid	140,000	146,918	6,918
Highway Supplement Payment	0	16,261	16,261
Liquor Licenses	400	555	155
Zoning Permits	3,500	4,129	629
Selectboard Fees	300	430	130
Town Clerk Fees	19,000	24,733	5,733
Charges for Use of Copier	3,500	2,571	(929)
Williamsville Hall Rent Fees	600	210	(390)
Williamsville Hall Grant Income	0	250	250
Interest	7,500	1,282	(6,218)
Interest - Village Trees	25	1	(24)
Judicial Fines Income	4,000	0	(4,000)
Tax Bill Copies	100	35	(65)
Impound Fees	100	0	(100)
Miscellaneous	1,000	1,022	22
Green Valley Solar Income	5,000	5,000	0
FEMA Reimbursement	0	113,285	113,285
State Share Per Parcel	1,342	1,309	(33)
Highway Emergency Fund Grant Income	0	183,731	183,731
Grants-in-Aid Grant Income	0	26,660	26,660
Salt Shed Grant Income	0	1,061	1,061
Sidewalk Grant Income	0	4,297	4,297
	<u>1,852,428</u>	<u>2,192,702</u>	<u>340,274</u>
Total Revenues			
Expenditures:			
Town Officers' Salaries:			
Selectboard	500	0	500
Road Commissioner	350	0	350
Board of Civil Authority	100	0	100
Selectboard Mileage	300	0	300
Selectboard Advertising	1,200	1,266	(66)
Accounting/Reconciling	600	600	0
Legal Expenses	5,000	4,487	513
	<u>8,050</u>	<u>6,353</u>	<u>1,697</u>
Total Town Officers' Salaries			
Administrative Assistant:			
Administrative Assistant	36,732	37,243	(511)
Administrative Assistant Leave Time Taken	4,972	4,622	350
	<u>41,704</u>	<u>41,865</u>	<u>(161)</u>
Total Administrative Assistant			

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TOWN OF NEWFANE, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
Town Clerk:			
Town Clerk	\$ 36,147	\$ 38,681	\$ (2,534)
Town Clerk Leave Time Taken	4,893	2,525	2,368
Assistant Town Clerk Wages	5,000	2,331	2,669
Town Clerk Records Expense	4,000	4,563	(563)
Total Town Clerk	50,040	48,100	1,940
Town Treasurer:			
Town Treasurer	36,147	37,043	(896)
Town Treasurer Leave Time Taken	4,893	4,183	710
Assistant Town Treasurer Wages	1,000	0	1,000
Total Town Treasurer	42,040	41,226	814
Delinquent Tax Collector:			
Delinquent Tax Collector	10,000	13,657	(3,657)
Total Delinquent Tax Collector	10,000	13,657	(3,657)
DRB Expenses:			
DRB Wages	100	0	100
DRB Mileage	25	0	25
DRB Expenses	50	0	50
DRB Advertising	400	1,460	(1,060)
DRB Legal Services	1,500	1,749	(249)
Total DRB Expenses	2,075	3,209	(1,134)
911 Administrator:	100	0	100
Conservation Commission:	50	0	50
Listers:			
Listers Wages	45,000	18,641	26,359
Lister's Expenses	6,310	11,129	(4,819)
Professional Development	2,000	0	2,000
Total Listers	53,310	29,770	23,540

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TOWN OF NEWFANE, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
Planning Commission Expenses:			
Planning Commission Wages	\$ 200	\$ 0	\$ 200
Planning Commission Mileage	250	0	250
Planning Commission Postage	100	520	(420)
Planning Commission Professional Development	800	331	469
Planning Commission Expenses	450	1,728	(1,278)
Planning Commission Mapping	100	0	100
Planning Commission Advertising	200	240	(40)
Planning Commission Consultant Fees	200	0	200
Planning Commission Legal Services	200	0	200
Total Planning Commission Expenses	2,500	2,819	(319)
Zoning Administration Expenses:			
Zoning Administration Wages	8,580	6,410	2,170
Zoning Administration Mileage	500	8	492
Zoning Administration Professional Development	250	0	250
Total Zoning Administration Expenses	9,330	6,418	2,912
Town Office:			
Town Office Cleaning Wages	2,000	550	1,450
Town Office Cleaning Supplies	300	400	(100)
Town Office Postage	4,500	5,598	(1,098)
Town Office Miscellaneous Supplies	3,500	3,380	120
Town Office Mileage	1,000	164	836
Town Office Phone/Fax	2,300	2,628	(328)
Town Office Electricity	1,750	1,202	548
Town Office Heat	3,000	4,047	(1,047)
Website Maintenance	300	280	20
Town Office Grounds Maintenance	2,700	2,001	699
Town Office Computer	4,000	4,016	(16)
Copier Supplies & Service	1,700	2,117	(417)
Small Office Equipment Expenses	300	0	300
Town Office Miscellaneous Improvements	3,500	782	2,718
Total Town Office	30,850	27,165	3,685
General:			
NEMRC Fees	5,800	6,379	(579)
VLCT Dues	3,218	3,218	0
VMCTA Town Clerk/Treasurer Dues	60	55	5
Permits	1,966	1,350	616
BCTV Contract	1,300	1,775	(475)
Windham Regional Commission	3,789	3,920	(131)
Professional Development	1,500	854	646
General Insurance	30,000	28,016	1,984
Insurance Deductibles - Claims	200	0	200
Windham County Tax	23,000	21,183	1,817
Abatements	4,000	0	4,000
Miscellaneous	0	1,310	(1,310)
Total General	74,833	68,060	6,773

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TOWN OF NEWFANE, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
Employee Benefits:			
Social Security	\$ 30,000	\$ 27,689	\$ 2,311
Retirement	21,000	22,390	(1,390)
Health Insurance	135,000	124,545	10,455
Dental	8,200	6,143	2,057
Unemployment Insurance	700	620	80
Workers Compensation	16,500	13,717	2,783
Uniforms	3,500	4,140	(640)
Total Employee Benefits	<u>214,900</u>	<u>199,244</u>	<u>15,656</u>
Annual Report:	<u>3,700</u>	<u>3,845</u>	<u>(145)</u>
Professional Audit:	<u>16,000</u>	<u>16,970</u>	<u>(970)</u>
Cemetery Maintenance:	<u>4,800</u>	<u>5,979</u>	<u>(1,179)</u>
Public Safety:			
NewBrook Fire Company	50,000	50,000	0
Mutual Aid Dues	28,437	28,437	0
Rescue, Inc.	51,000	50,917	83
VT Rural Fire Association	100	0	100
Total Public Safety	<u>129,537</u>	<u>129,354</u>	<u>183</u>
Health Officer:			
Health Officer Wages	150	0	150
Health Officer Mileage	50	0	50
Total Health Officer	<u>200</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>200</u>
Animal Control:			
Poundkeeping Fees	486	486	0
Animal Control Wages	1,850	0	1,850
Animal Control Expenses	0	3,500	(3,500)
Total Animal Control	<u>2,336</u>	<u>3,986</u>	<u>(1,650)</u>
Constable:			
Constable Wages	50	0	50
Constable Mileage	50	0	50
Constable Expenses	50	0	50
Total Constable	<u>150</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>150</u>
Law Enforcement Services:	<u>12,000</u>	<u>13,500</u>	<u>(1,500)</u>

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TOWN OF NEWFANE, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
Special Appropriations:			
American Red Cross	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 0
AIDS Project of Southern Vermont	250	250	0
Grace Cottage Hospital	3,500	3,500	0
Senior Solutions	1,150	1,150	0
Southeast Vermont Transit	750	750	0
Early Education Services	1,900	1,900	0
The Gathering Place	1,000	1,000	0
Windham County Historical Society	250	250	0
Groundworks Collaborative	1,000	1,000	0
South Newfane Community Association	2,000	2,000	0
Brattleboro Area Hospice	300	300	0
Leland & Gray Educational Foundation	1,000	1,000	0
Health Care & Rehabilitation Services	1,850	1,850	0
Moore Free Library	750	750	0
SeVEDS	5,178	5,178	0
Green Mountain RSVP	400	400	0
Restorative Community Justice of SV	1,000	1,000	0
SEVCA	1,600	1,600	0
Timson Hill Preschool	1,000	1,000	0
Valley Cares	2,675	2,675	0
Vermont Green Up	100	100	0
SE VT Watershed Alliance	650	650	0
Visiting Nurse Alliance	4,500	4,500	0
Williamsville School Preservation Society	1,000	1,000	0
Windham County Humane Society	720	720	0
Women's Freedom Center	1,000	1,000	0
Youth Services	1,660	1,660	0
Total Special Appropriations	37,683	37,683	0
Election/Meeting Expenses:			
Town Meeting Expenses	1,000	0	1,000
Ballot Tabulator	1,250	713	537
Total Election/Meeting Expenses	2,250	713	1,537
Transfer to Capital Projects Fund:	496,280	677,893	(181,613)
WSWMD Assessment:	11,360	11,360	0
Williamsville Hall:			
Williamsville Hall Electricity	1,200	931	269
Williamsville Hall Heat	2,500	1,565	935
Williamsville Hall Ground Maintenance	1,200	644	556
Williamsville Hall Miscellaneous	1,700	3,325	(1,625)
Total Williamsville Hall	6,600	6,465	135

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TOWN OF NEWFANE, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
Grant Expenses:			
Williamsville Hall Grant Expenses	\$ 0	\$ 250	\$ (250)
Total Grant Expenses	<u>0</u>	<u>250</u>	<u>(250)</u>
Highway Department Salaries:			
General Maintenance Wages	91,000	98,329	(7,329)
General Maintenance Wages - Overtime	7,500	14,369	(6,869)
Winter Maintenance Wages	65,000	57,139	7,861
Winter Maintenance Wages - Overtime	35,000	28,506	6,494
Road Construction Wages	2,000	0	2,000
Bridge Maintenance Wages	1,000	0	1,000
Equipment Maintenance Wages	15,000	8,072	6,928
Emergency Work Wages	2,000	0	2,000
Miscellaneous Town Garage Labor	2,000	0	2,000
Highway Leave Time Taken	13,000	14,176	(1,176)
Mileage	250	305	(55)
Total Highway Department Salaries	<u>233,750</u>	<u>220,896</u>	<u>12,854</u>
Road Maintenance:			
Roadside Mowing	9,500	8,900	600
Maintenance Contracted Services	2,000	1,652	348
Road Construction Contracted Services	5,000	500	4,500
Bridge Contracted Services	52,500	0	52,500
Retreatment and Sealing	130,000	887	129,113
Tree Removal Contracted Services	5,000	0	5,000
Highway Supplement Payment Expenses	0	13,250	(13,250)
Chloride	12,000	12,344	(344)
Gravel	80,000	63,925	16,075
Road Materials	5,000	4,304	696
Culverts	12,000	9,408	2,592
Signs	4,000	1,004	2,996
Winter Sand	65,000	33,366	31,634
Winter Salt	50,000	50,464	(464)
Bridge Materials	2,000	0	2,000
Emergency Materials	1,000	105,276	(104,276)
Emergency Contract Services	0	247,626	(247,626)
Equipment Rental	3,000	4,873	(1,873)
Guardrails	16,000	0	16,000
Traffic Safety	10,000	8,013	1,987
Total Road Maintenance	<u>464,000</u>	<u>565,792</u>	<u>(101,792)</u>
Equipment Gas & Oil:	<u>36,000</u>	<u>54,539</u>	<u>(18,539)</u>

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TOWN OF NEWFANE, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
Equipment Repair & Maintenance:			
1986 Ford F650 Chloride Truck	\$ 1,800	\$ 537	\$ 1,263
2010 CAT Backhoe	4,000	4,040	(40)
2013 Mack Truck	2,000	3,291	(1,291)
2014 Mack Truck 4x4	2,000	4,002	(2,002)
2015 Ford F550	2,000	2,922	(922)
2017 Mack Truck	2,000	5,954	(3,954)
2019 Western Star	1,500	2,875	(1,375)
2006 John Deere Grader	4,000	2,800	1,200
2015 CAT Loader	2,000	2,999	(999)
2018 Ram Truck	1,000	558	442
2018 CAT 314 Excavator	1,000	440	560
Chainsaws & Mowers	1,000	341	659
Wood Chipper	200	0	200
Chloride Spreader Parts	200	0	200
Plow Parts	5,300	5,887	(587)
Radio & Radio Repair	2,500	1,141	1,359
Rake Parts	1,200	1,131	69
Sander Parts	2,500	1,330	1,170
Tires & Chains	17,000	10,772	6,228
Miscellaneous Parts & Repairs	7,000	4,272	2,728
Total Equipment Repair & Maintenance	<u>60,200</u>	<u>55,292</u>	<u>4,908</u>
Town Garage Maintenance:			
Town Garage Supplies	750	2,239	(1,489)
Town Garage Telephone	2,500	2,143	357
Town Garage Electricity	1,700	2,215	(515)
Old Town Garage Electricity	250	282	(32)
Town Garage Heat	5,000	4,356	644
Town Garage Contracted Services	5,500	3,101	2,399
Safety Program	1,600	1,356	244
Total Town Garage Maintenance	<u>17,300</u>	<u>15,692</u>	<u>1,608</u>
Small Equipment:			
Garage Professional Development	500	180	320
Town Garage Computer	500	515	(15)
Small Tools and Equipment	2,500	2,037	463
Total Small Equipment	<u>3,500</u>	<u>2,732</u>	<u>768</u>
Highway Grant Expenses:	<u>0</u>	<u>32,673</u>	<u>(32,673)</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>2,077,428</u>	<u>2,343,500</u>	<u>(266,072)</u>
Excess/(Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	\$ <u>(225,000)</u>	(150,798)	\$ <u>74,202</u>
Fund Balance - July 1, 2021		<u>897,747</u>	
Fund Balance - June 30, 2022		\$ <u><u>746,949</u></u>	

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TOWN OF NEWFANE, VERMONT
 STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
 FIDUCIARY FUNDS
 JUNE 30, 2022

	Private-Purpose Trust Fund Cemetery Trust Fund	Custodial Fund Education Tax Fund
<u>ASSETS</u>		
Investments	\$ <u>710</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Total Assets	<u>710</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>		
Total Liabilities	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>NET POSITION</u>		
Restricted:		
Held in Trust for:		
Cemetery	<u>710</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Net Position	<u><u>\$ 710</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 0</u></u>

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TOWN OF NEWFANE, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
FIDUCIARY FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

	Private-Purpose Trust Fund <u>Cemetery Trust Fund</u>	<u>Custodial Fund Education Tax Fund</u>
Additions:		
Education Taxes Collected for Other Governments	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>3,700,867</u>
Total Additions	<u>0</u>	<u>3,700,867</u>
Deductions:		
Education Taxes Distributed to Other Governments	<u>0</u>	<u>3,700,867</u>
Total Deductions	<u>0</u>	<u>3,700,867</u>
Change in Net Position	0	0
Net Position - July 1, 2021	<u>710</u>	<u>0</u>
Net Position - June 30, 2022	\$ <u><u>710</u></u>	\$ <u><u>0</u></u>

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The Town of Newfane, Vermont, (herein the "Town") operates under a Board of Selectmen form of government and provides the following services: public safety, highways and streets, health and social services, public improvements, planning and zoning and general administrative services.

I. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

A. The Financial Reporting Entity

This report includes all of the activity of the Town of Newfane, Vermont. The financial reporting entity consists of the primary government; organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable; and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that their exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. Component units are legally separate organizations for which the elected officials of the primary government are financially accountable. The primary government is financially accountable if it appoints a voting majority of the organization's governing body and it is able to impose its will on that organization or there is a potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to, or impose specific financial burdens on the primary government. The primary government is financially accountable if an organization is fiscally dependent on and there is a potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to, or impose specific financial burdens on the primary government regardless of whether the organization has a separately elected governing board; a governing board appointed by a higher level of government; or a jointly appointed board. Based on these criteria, there are no other entities that should be combined with the financial statements of the Town.

B. Basis of Presentation

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

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

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Government-wide Statements: The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the primary government, the Town. These statements include the financial activities of the overall government, except for fiduciary activities. Eliminations have been made to minimize the double counting of activities between funds. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues and other nonexchange transactions.

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

Fund Financial Statements: The fund financial statements provide information about the Town's funds, including fiduciary funds. Separate statements for each fund category – governmental and fiduciary – are presented. The emphasis of fund financial statements is on major governmental funds, each displayed in a separate column. All remaining governmental funds are aggregated and reported as nonmajor funds.

The Town reports on the following major governmental funds:

General Fund – This is the Town's main operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the Town except those accounted for in another fund.

Capital Projects Fund – This fund accounts for the capital projects of the Town.

ARPA Fund – This fund accounts for the resources from the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) program used to support the Town's response to and recovery from the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Additionally, the Town reports the following fund types:

Private-Purpose Trust Fund – This fund is used to report trust arrangements under which resources are to be used for the benefit of the cemetery. Only investment earnings may be used to support this activity.

Custodial Fund – This fund is used to report resources held by the Town in a purely custodial capacity for other governments, private organizations or individuals.

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C. Measurement Focus

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

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

D. Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures or expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made, regardless of the measurement focus applied.

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

Governmental funds are reported using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recognized when measurable and available. “Measurable” means the amount of the transaction can be determined, and “available” means the amount is collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. The Town considers all revenues reported in governmental funds to be available if the revenues are collected within sixty (60) days after year-end. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for principal and interest on general long-term debt, certain compensated absences and other long-term liabilities which are recognized when the obligations are expected to be liquidated or are funded with expendable available financial resources.

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

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

Recognition of revenues on funds received in connection with loan programs are recognized when loans are awarded and expenses incurred in excess of current grants and program income. An offsetting deferred inflows of resources is recognized for all loans receivable. Loan repayment revenue is recognized as the loans are repaid.

E. Use of Estimates

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

F. New Pronouncement – Leases

Effective June 30, 2022, the Town implemented GASB Statement No. 87, "Leases". GASB Statement No. 87 increases the usefulness of governmental financial statements by requiring recognition of certain lease assets and liabilities for all leases, including those that previously were classified as operating leases and recognized as income by lessors and expenditures by lessees. This Statement replaces the previous lease accounting methodology and establishes a single model for lease accounting based on the foundational principle that leases are a financing of the right to use an underlying asset. The Town currently has no lease arrangements applicable to this Statement.

G. Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources and Equity

1. Cash

Cash balances of most Town funds are deposited with and invested by the Town Treasurer. The Town considers all short-term investments of ninety (90) days or less to be cash equivalents.

Excess cash of individual funds are shown as due from other funds and excess withdrawals are shown as due to other funds.

2. Investments

The Town invests in investments as allowed by State statutes. Investments with readily determined fair values are reported at the fair values on the balance sheet. Unrealized gains and losses are included in revenue.

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3. Receivables

Receivables are shown net of an allowance for uncollectible accounts for the estimated losses that will be incurred in the collection of the receivables. The estimated losses are based on the judgment of management and a review of the current status of existing receivables.

4. Due from/to Other Funds

Activity between funds that are representative of lending/borrowing arrangement that are outstanding at the end of the fiscal year are referred to as “advances to/from other funds.” All other outstanding balances between funds are reported as “due from/to other funds.”

5. Pensions

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

6. Inventories and Prepaid Expenses/Items

Inventory quantities are determined by physical count and are valued at the lower of cost or market.

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs that are applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid expenses/items.

Reported inventories and prepaid items of governmental funds in the fund financial statements are offset by a nonspendable fund balance as they are not in spendable form.

7. Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statements element, “deferred outflows of resources”, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditures) until then. These amounts are deferred and recognized as an outflow of resources in the future periods to which the outflows are related.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, “deferred inflows of resources”, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. These amounts are deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the future periods to which the inflows are related or when the amounts become available.

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8. Capital Assets

Capital assets are reported at actual cost or estimated historical cost based on appraisals or deflated current replacement cost if purchased or constructed. Contributed assets are recorded at their estimated acquisition value at the time received. Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as constructed. The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend the assets' lives are not capitalized. Infrastructure assets are reported starting with the fiscal year ended June 30, 2004. The Town has elected to not report major general infrastructure assets retroactively.

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

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

	Capitalization Threshold	Estimated Service Life
Land	\$ 1,000	Not Depreciated
Buildings and Building Improvements	\$ 5,000	20-50 Years
Vehicles, Machinery and Equipment	\$ 1,000	5-20 Years
Infrastructure	\$ 5,000	15-50 Years

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

9. Compensated Absences

It is the Town's policy to permit employees to accumulate earned but unused leave time. The accrual for unused compensated absences time, based on current pay rates, is recorded in the government-wide financial statements. The liability for unused compensated absences is not reported in the governmental fund financial statements. Payments for unused compensated absences are recorded as expenditures in the year they are paid.

10. Long-term Liabilities

Long-term liabilities include bonds payable, notes payable and other obligations such as compensated absences and the Town's net pension liability. Long-term liabilities are reported in the government-wide financial statements. Governmental fund financial statements do not include any long-term liabilities as those statements use the current financial resources measurement focus and only include current liabilities on their balance sheets.

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11. Fund Equity

Fund equity is classified based upon any restrictions that have been placed on those balances or any tentative plans management may have made for those balances. Restrictions of net position in the government-wide financial statement represent amounts that cannot be appropriated or are legally restricted for a specific purpose by a grant, contract or other binding agreement. Fund balances of governmental fund financial statements are classified as nonspendable (not in spendable form or legally required to remain intact); restricted (constraints on the use of resources are either externally imposed by creditors, grantors, or donors, or imposed by law through enabling legislation); committed (constraints on the use of resources are imposed by formal action of the voters); assigned (reflecting the Board of Selectmen's intended use of the resources); and unassigned.

**II. EXPLANATION OF DIFFERENCES BETWEEN GOVERNMENTAL FUND
AND GOVERNMENT-WIDE STATEMENTS**

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

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

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

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

Pension-related differences arise because governmental funds report the current year's required employer contributions as current period expenditures, whereas government-wide statements report those transactions as deferred outflows of resources. In addition the accrual for the Town's proportionate share of the net pension liability is recorded in the government-wide financial statements along with the related deferred inflows and outflows of resources.

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JUNE 30, 2022

III. STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

A. Budgetary Information

The General Fund and Capital Projects Fund budgets are approved at the annual Town Meeting in March. Any budget changes require voter approval. There were no budget changes during the year.

B. Budgeted Deficit

The Town budgeted a current year's deficiency of revenues over expenditures in the General Fund in the amount of \$225,000. This is reflected as a budgeted deficiency of revenues over expenditures on Exhibit F.

C. Excess of Expenditures Over Appropriations

For the year ended June 30, 2022, expenditures in the General Fund exceeded appropriations by \$266,072. These over expenditures were funded by excess revenues.

IV. DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS

A. Cash and Investments

The Town's cash and investments as of June 30, 2022 consisted of the following:

Unrestricted Cash:	
Deposits with Financial Institutions	\$1,799,599
Cash on Hand	<u>50</u>
Total Unrestricted Cash	<u>1,799,649</u>
Restricted Cash:	
Money Market Mutual Fund – U.S. Government Securities – Unspent Bond Proceeds	<u>36,573</u>
Total Cash	<u>1,836,222</u>
Investments:	
Certificates of Deposit	<u>86,965</u>
Total Cash and Investments	<u>\$1,923,187</u>

The Town has five (5) certificates of deposit at Brattleboro Savings & Loan Bank ranging from \$710 to \$53,004 with an interest rate of 0.05%. All certificates of deposit mature during fiscal year 2023.

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JUNE 30, 2022

Custodial Credit Risk

Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that, in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, a government will not be able to recover its deposits or will not be able to recover collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The custodial credit risk for investments is the risk that, in the event of failure of the counter-party (e.g. broker-dealer) to a transaction, a government will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in possession of another party. The Town does not have any policy to limit the exposure to custodial credit risk. The money market mutual fund is in the name of the Town and is not exposed to custodial credit risk. The following table shows the custodial credit risk of the Town’s cash and certificates of deposit.

	<u>Book Balance</u>	<u>Bank Balance</u>
FDIC Insured	\$ 336,965	\$ 336,980
Uninsured, Collateralized by U.S. Government Agencies Securities Held by the Pledging Financial Institution’s Agent	<u>1,549,599</u>	<u>1,585,688</u>
Total	<u>\$1,886,564</u>	<u>\$1,922,668</u>

The difference between the book and the bank balance is due to reconciling items such as deposits in transit and outstanding checks.

The book balance is comprised of the following:

Cash – Deposits with Financial Institutions	\$1,799,599
Investments – Certificates of Deposit	<u>86,965</u>
Total	<u>\$1,886,564</u>

Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in market interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. Generally, the longer the maturity of an investment, the greater the sensitivity of its fair value to changes in market interest rates. The Town does not have any policy to limit the exposure to interest rate risk. The Town’s certificates of deposit are not subject to interest rate risk disclosure. The Town’s money market mutual fund is open-ended and, therefore, are also excluded from the interest rate risk disclosure.

Credit Risk

Generally, credit risk is the risk that an issuer of an investment will not fulfill its obligation to the holder of the investment. This is measured by the assignment of a rating by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization. The Town does not have any policy to limit the exposure to credit risk. The Town’s certificates of deposit are not subject to credit risk. The Town’s money market mutual fund is open-ended and, therefore, are also excluded from the credit risk analysis.

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Concentration of Credit Risk

Concentration of credit risk is the risk that a large percentage of the Town's investments are held within one security. The Town does not have any limitations on the amount that can be invested in any one issuer. The Town has no investments subject to concentration of credit risk.

B. Receivables

Receivables as of June 30, 2022, as reported in the statement of net position, net of applicable allowances for uncollectible accounts, are as follows:

	Governmental Activities
Delinquent Taxes Receivable	\$ 132,904
Penalties and Interest Receivable	16,585
Grants Receivable	280,053
Allowance for Doubtful Accounts - Taxes	(1,800)
Total	\$ 427,742

C. Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2022 was as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance
Governmental Activities				
Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated:				
Land	\$ 144,000	\$ 148,900	\$ 0	\$ 292,900
Construction in Progress	892,780	1,884,670	493,470	2,283,980
Total Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated	1,036,780	2,033,570	493,470	2,576,880
Capital Assets, Being Depreciated:				
Buildings and Building Improvements	571,664	0	0	571,664
Vehicles, Machinery and Equipment	1,709,357	122,631	0	1,831,988
Infrastructure	3,232,089	493,470	0	3,725,559
Totals	5,513,110	616,101	0	6,129,211
Less Accumulated Depreciation for:				
Buildings and Building Improvements	315,021	12,547	0	327,568
Vehicles, Machinery and Equipment	778,239	135,300	0	913,539
Infrastructure	1,125,787	181,032	0	1,306,819
Totals	2,219,047	328,879	0	2,547,926
Total Capital Assets, Being Depreciated	3,294,063	287,222	0	3,581,285
Governmental Activities Capital Assets, Net	\$ 4,330,843	\$ 2,320,792	\$ 493,470	\$ 6,158,165

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Depreciation was charged as follows:

Governmental Activities:	
General Government	\$ 7,237
Highways and Streets	<u>321,642</u>
Total Depreciation Expense - Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 328,879</u>

D. Interfund Balances and Activity

The composition of interfund balances as of June 30, 2022 are as follows:

Fund	Due from Other Funds	Due to Other Funds
General Fund	\$ 0	\$ 1,205,189
Capital Projects Fund	899,660	0
ARPA Fund	220,675	0
Non-Major Governmental Funds	<u>84,854</u>	<u>0</u>
Total	<u>\$ 1,205,189</u>	<u>\$ 1,205,189</u>

Interfund transfers during the year ended June 30, 2022 were as follows:

Transfer From	Transfer To	Amount	Purpose
General Fund	Capital Projects Fund	\$ 496,280	Appropriation
General Fund	Capital Projects Fund	52,500	Transfer Bridge Budget Surplus
General Fund	Capital Projects Fund	<u>129,113</u>	Transfer Paving Budget Surplus
Total		<u>\$ 677,893</u>	

E. Deferred Outflows of Resources

Deferred outflows of resources in the governmental activities consists of \$24,528 from the difference between the expected and actual experience and \$20,801 from changes in assumptions related to the Town's participation in the Vermont Municipal Employee's Retirement System (VMERS) and \$22,390 of required employer pension contributions subsequent to the measurement date. Total deferred outflows of resources in the governmental activities is \$67,719.

F. Unearned Revenue

Unearned revenue in the ARPA Fund consists of \$220,468 of grant revenue received in advance.

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G. Deferred Inflows of Resources

Deferred inflows of resources in the governmental activities consists of \$77,594 from the difference between the projected and actual investment earnings and \$10,764 from changes in the Town’s proportional share of contributions related to the Town’s participation in the Vermont Municipal Employee’s Retirement System (VMERS). It also includes \$21,855 of prepaid property taxes. Total deferred inflows of resources in the governmental activities is \$110,213.

Deferred inflows of resources in the General Fund consists of \$106,000 of delinquent property taxes and interest on those taxes and \$190,216 of grant revenue not collected within sixty (60) days after year-end as these would not be available to liquidate current liabilities. It also includes \$21,855 of prepaid property taxes. Total deferred inflows of resources in the General Fund is \$318,071.

H. Line of Credit

The Town had a line of credit with Brattleboro Savings Bank. The terms and activity are as follows:

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Line of Credit, Brattleboro Savings Bank, Gravel Pit Purchase, \$150,000 Available, Interest at 1.59%, Expires February 22, 2023	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>5,838</u>	\$ <u>5,838</u>	\$ <u>0</u>

I. Long-term Liabilities

The Town issues general obligation bonds to provide resources for the acquisition and construction of major capital facilities and to refund prior issues. General obligation bonds are direct obligations and pledge the full faith and credit of the Town. New bonds generally are issued as 10 to 20 year bonds.

The Town has notes payable to finance various capital equipment purchases through local banks.

The Town enters into lease agreements as the lessee for the purpose of financing the acquisition of major pieces of equipment. These lease agreements qualify as financed purchases for accounting purposes (even though they may include clauses that allow for cancellation of the lease in the event the Town does not appropriate funds in future years) and, therefore, have been recorded at the present value of the future minimum lease payments as of the inception date of the leases.

The net pension liability is the difference between the total pension liability (the present value of projected benefit payments to employees based on their past service) and the assets (mostly investments reported at fair value) set aside to pay current employees, retirees, and beneficiaries.

The accrual for the Town’s share of the net pension liability is recorded in the government-wide financial statements.

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It is the policy of the Town to permit employees to accumulate earned but unused compensated absences time. The accrual for unused compensated absences time, based on current pay rates, is recorded in the government-wide financial statements.

Long-term debt outstanding as of June 30, 2022 was as follows:

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Bond Payable, Vermont Municipal Bond Bank, Highway Improvements, Principal Payments of \$12,500 Payable on December 1 Annually, Interest Ranging from 2% to 5% Payable June 1 and December 1, Due December, 2032	\$150,000	\$ 0	\$ 12,500	\$137,500
Note Payable, People's United Bank, 2017 Mack Truck, Principal Payments of \$32,000 Payable on September 22 Annually, Interest at 2.25%, Due and Paid September, 2021	32,000	0	32,000	0
Note Payable, People's United Bank, 2019 Western Star Truck, Principal Payments of \$32,110 Payable on March 7 Annually with a Final Payment of \$32,106 Payable on March 7, 2024, Interest at 3.5%, Due March, 2024	96,326	0	32,110	64,216
Note Payable, Brattleboro Savings Bank, Gravel Pit, Principal and Interest Payments of \$48,847 Payable on November 1 Annually, Interest at 1.59%, Due November, 2031	0	450,000	0	450,000
Financed Purchase, Caterpillar Financial, 2015 Loader, Principal and Interest Payments of \$16,784 Payable on August 13 Annually, Interest at 2%, Due and Paid August, 2021	16,160	0	16,160	0
Financed Purchase, Caterpillar Financial, Wheeled Excavator, Principal and Interest Payments of \$28,634 Payable on August 5 Annually, Interest at 4.46%, Due August, 2027	<u>188,486</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>20,053</u>	<u>168,433</u>
Total	<u>\$482,972</u>	<u>\$450,000</u>	<u>\$112,823</u>	<u>\$820,149</u>

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Changes in long-term liabilities during the year were as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
Governmental Activities					
General Obligation Bonds Payable	\$ 150,000	\$ 0	\$ 12,500	\$ 137,500	\$ 12,500
Notes Payable	128,326	450,000	64,110	514,216	76,017
Financed Purchases	204,646	0	36,213	168,433	20,966
Compensated Absences Payable	10,113	0	317	9,796	0
Net Pension Liability	234,347	0	102,749	131,598	0
Total Governmental Activities					
Long-term Liabilities	<u>\$ 727,432</u>	<u>\$ 450,000</u>	<u>\$ 215,889</u>	<u>\$ 961,543</u>	<u>\$ 109,483</u>

Compensated absences and required contributions to the pension plans are paid by the applicable fund where the employee is charged.

The change in the net pension liability is allocated to the function where the employee is charged.

Debt service requirements to maturity are anticipated to be as follows:

Year Ending June 30	Governmental Activities		
	Principal	Interest	Total
2023	\$ 109,483	\$ 19,184	\$ 128,667
2024	108,917	18,210	127,127
2025	78,483	15,002	93,485
2026	80,211	12,862	93,073
2027	81,998	10,662	92,660
2028-2032	348,557	22,693	371,250
2033	12,500	206	12,706
Total	<u>\$ 820,149</u>	<u>\$ 98,819</u>	<u>\$ 918,968</u>

J. Fund Balances

GASB Statement No. 34, as amended by GASB Statement No. 54, requires fund balances reported on the governmental fund balance sheet to be classified using a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which a government is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which amounts in those funds can be spent.

Governmental fund balances are to be classified as: nonspendable (not in spendable form or legally required to remain intact); restricted (constraints on the use of resources are either externally imposed by creditors, grantors or donors, or imposed by law through enabling legislation); committed (constraints on the use of resources are imposed by formal action of the voters); assigned (reflecting the Board of Selectmen’s intended use of the resources); and unassigned.

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Special revenue funds are created only to report a revenue source (or sources) that is restricted or committed to a specified purpose, and that the revenue source should constitute a substantial portion of the resources reported in that fund. Special revenue funds cannot be used to accumulate funds that are not restricted or committed. These amounts will have to be reflected in the General Fund.

Amounts constrained to stabilization (rainy-day funds) will be reported as restricted or committed fund balance in the General Fund if they meet the other criteria for those classifications. However, stabilization is regarded as a specified purpose only if the circumstances or conditions that signal the need for stabilization (a) are identified in sufficient detail and (b) are not expected to occur routinely. The Town does not have any stabilization arrangements.

Some governments create stabilization-like arrangements by establishing formal minimum fund balance policies. The Town does not have any minimum fund balance policies.

When expenditures are incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted amounts are available, it is the Town's policy to first consider restricted amounts to have been spent, followed by committed, assigned, and finally unassigned amounts.

The purpose for each major special revenue fund, including which specific revenues and other resources are authorized to be reported in each, are described in the following section.

The fund balances in the following fund is nonspendable as follows:

Major Funds

General Fund:

Nonspendable Prepaid Items	\$ 28,961
Nonspendable Inventories	<u>85,216</u>
Total Nonspendable Fund Balances	<u>\$114,177</u>

The fund balances in the following funds are restricted as follows:

Major Funds

General Fund:

Restricted for Tree Expenses by Grant Agreement (Source of Revenue is Grant Revenue)	\$ <u>1,317</u>
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Capital Projects Fund:

Restricted for Highway Improvement Expenditures by Unspent Bond Proceeds (Source of Revenue is Bond Proceeds)	<u>36,573</u>
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Non-Major Funds

Special Revenue Funds:

Restricted for Records Restoration Expenses by Statute (Source of Revenue is Restoration Fees)	\$30,607
Restricted for Williamsville Hall Expenses by Donations (Source of Revenue is Donations)	2,633
Restricted for Monument Upkeep Expenses by Donations (Source of Revenue is Donations)	<u>2,159</u>

Total Non-Major Funds 35,399

Total Restricted Fund Balances \$73,289

The fund balance in the following fund is committed as follows:

Major Fund

Capital Projects Fund:

Committed for Capital Projects by the Voters	<u>\$771,051</u>
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Total Committed Fund Balance \$771,051

The fund balances in the following funds are assigned as follows:

Major Fund

General Fund:

Assigned to Reduce Property Taxes in Fiscal Year 2023	<u>\$300,197</u>
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Capital Projects Fund:

Assigned for Bridge Expenditures	52,500
Assigned for Paving Expenditures	<u>129,113</u>

Total Capital Projects Fund 181,613

ARPA Fund:

Assigned for ARPA Expenses	<u>207</u>
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Non-Major Fund

Special Revenue Fund:

Assigned for Reappraisal Expenses	<u>81,389</u>
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Total Assigned Fund Balances \$563,406

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K. Restricted Net Position

The restricted net position of the Town as of June 30, 2022 consisted of the following:

Governmental Activities:

Restricted for Tree Expenses by Grant Agreement	\$ 1,317
Restricted for Records Restoration Expenses by Statute	30,607
Restricted for Williamsville Hall Expenses by Donations	2,633
Restricted for Monument Upkeep Expenses by Donations	<u>2,159</u>

Total Governmental Activities \$36,716

The net position held in Trust in the Town's Private-Purpose Trust Fund as of June 30, 2022 consisted of the following:

Private-Purpose Trust Fund:

Restricted for Cemetery Expenses by Trust Agreements	<u>\$710</u>
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V. OTHER INFORMATION

A. Pension Plan

Defined Benefit Plan

The Vermont Municipal Employees' Retirement System (VMERS)

Plan Description

The Vermont Municipal Employees' Retirement System (VMERS) is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan that is administered by the State Treasurer and its Board of Trustees. It is designed for municipal and school district employees that work on a regular basis and also includes employees of museums and libraries if at least half of that institution's operating expenses are met by municipal funds. An employee of any employer that becomes affiliated with the system may join at that time or at any time thereafter. Any employee hired subsequent to the effective participation date of their employer who meets the minimum hourly requirements is required to join the system. As of June 30, 2021, the measurement date selected by the State of Vermont, the retirement system consisted of 353 participating employers.

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

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

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

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

As of June 30, 2021, the measurement date selected by the State of Vermont, VMERS was funded at 86.29% and had a plan fiduciary net position of \$926,034,330 and a total pension liability of \$1,073,218,528 resulting in a net position liability of \$147,184,198. As of June 30, 2022, the Town's proportionate share of this was 0.0894% resulting in a net pension liability of \$131,598. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2021, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2020. The Town's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the Town's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating municipalities, actuarially determined. The Town's proportion of 0.0894% was a decrease of 0.0032 from its proportion measured as of the prior year.

For the year ended June 30, 2022, the Town recognized pension expense of \$23,723.

As of June 30, 2022, the Town reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Difference between expected and actual experience	\$ 24,528	\$ 0
Difference between projected and actual investment earnings on pension assets	0	77,594
Changes in assumptions	20,801	0
Changes in proportion and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions	0	10,764
Town's required employer contributions made subsequent to the measurement date	22,390	0
	\$ 67,719	\$ 88,358

The deferred outflows of resources resulting from the Town's required employer contributions made subsequent to the measurement date in the amount of \$22,390 will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2023. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

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Year Ending <u>June 30</u>	
2023	\$ (3,800)
2024	(6,348)
2025	(10,807)
2026	<u>(22,074)</u>
Total	<u>\$(43,029)</u>

Summary of System Provisions

Membership – Full time employees of participating municipalities. Municipalities can elect coverage under Groups A, B, C or D provisions. The Town elected coverage under Group B.

Creditable Service – Service as a member plus purchased service.

Average Final Compensation (AFC) – Group A – Average annual compensation during highest five (5) consecutive years. Groups B and C – Average annual compensation during highest three (3) consecutive years. Group D – Average annual compensation during highest two (2) consecutive years.

Service Retirement Allowance:

Eligibility – Group A – The earlier of age 65 with five (5) years of service or age 55 with thirty-five (35) years of service. Group B – The earlier of age 62 with five (5) years of service or age 55 with thirty (30) years of service. Groups C and D – Age 55 with five (5) years of service.

Amount – Group A – 1.4% of AFC times service. Group B – 1.7% of AFC times service as a Group B member plus percentage earned as a Group A member times AFC. Group C – 2.5% of AFC times service as a Group C member plus percentage earned as a Group A or B member times AFC. Group D – 2.5% of AFC times service as a Group D member plus percentage earned as a Group A, B or C member times AFC.

Maximum benefit is 60% of AFC for Groups A and B and 50% of AFC for Groups C and D. The previous amounts include the portion of the allowance provided by member contributions.

Early Retirement Allowance:

Eligibility – Age 55 with five (5) years of service for Groups A and B. Age 50 with twenty (20) years of service for Group D.

Amount – Normal allowance based on service and AFC at early retirement, reduced by 6% for each year commencement precedes normal retirement age for Groups A and B members, and payable without reduction to Group D members.

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Vested Retirement Allowance:

Eligibility – Five (5) years of service.

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

Disability Retirement Allowance:

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

Amount – Immediate allowance based on AFC and service to date of disability; children’s benefit of 10% of AFC payable to up to three minor children (or children up to age 23 if enrolled in full-time studies) of a disabled Group D member.

Death Benefit:

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

Amount – For Groups A, B and C, reduced early retirement allowance under 100% survivor option commencing immediately or, if greater, survivor(s) benefit under disability annuity computed as of date of death. For Group D, 70% of the unreduced accrued benefit plus children’s benefit.

Optional Benefit and Death after Retirement – For Groups A, B and C, lifetime allowance or actuarially equivalent 50% or 100% joint and survivor allowance with refund of contribution guarantee. For Group D, lifetime allowance or 70% contingent annuitant option with no reduction.

Refund of Contribution – Upon termination, if the member so elects or if no other benefit is payable, the member’s accumulated contributions are refunded.

Post-Retirement Adjustments – Allowance in payment for at least one year increased on each January 1 by one-half of the percentage increase in Consumer Price Index but not more than 2% for Group A and 3% for Groups B, C and D.

Member Contributions – Group A – 3.25%. Group B – 5.625%. Group C – 10.75%. Group D – 12.10%.

Employer Contributions – Group A – 4.75%. Group B – 6.25%. Group C – 8.00%. Group D – 10.60%.

Retirement Stipend – \$25 per month payable at the option of the Board of Trustees.

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Significant Actuarial Assumptions and Methods

Investment Rate of Return: 7.00%, net of pension plan investment expenses, including inflation.

Salary increases: Varying service-based rates from 0-10 years of service, then a single rate of 4.50% (includes assumed inflation rate of 2.30%) for all subsequent years.

Mortality:

Pre-Retirement: Groups A, B and C – 40% PubG-2010 General Employee Amount-Weighted below-median and 60% of PubG-2010 General Employee Amount-Weighted, with generational projection using scale MP-2019. Group D – PubG-2010 General Employee Amount-Weighted above-median, with generational projection using scale MP-2019.

Healthy Post-retirement – Retirees: Groups A, B and C – 104% of 40% PubG-2010 General Healthy Retiree Amount-Weighted below-median and 60% of PubG-2010 General Healthy Retiree Amount-Weighted, with generational projection using scale MP-2019. Group D – PubG-2010 General Healthy Retiree Amount-Weighted, with generational projection using scale MP-2019.

Healthy Post-retirement – Beneficiaries: Groups A, B and C – 70% Pub-2010 Contingent Survivor Amount-Weighted below-median and 30% of Pub-2010 Contingent Survivor Amount-Weighted, with generational projection using scale MP-2019. Group D – Pub-2010 Contingent Survivor Amount-Weighted, with generational projection using scale MP-2019.

Disabled Post-retirement: All Groups – PubNS-2010 Non-Safety Disabled Retiree Amount-Weighted Mortality Table with generational projection using scale MP-2019.

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

Cost-of-Living Adjustments: 1.10% for Group A members and 1.20% for Groups B, C and D members. The January 1, 2021 COLA is 0.40% for all groups. The January 1, 2022 COLA is 2.00% for Group A members and 2.30% for Groups B, C and D members.

Actuarial Cost Method: Entry age actuarial cost method. Entry age is the age at date of employment or, if date is unknown, current age minus years of service. Normal cost and actuarial accrued liability are calculated on an individual basis and are allocated by salary, with normal cost determined using the plan of benefits applicable to each participant.

Assets: The valuation is based on the market value of assets as of the valuation date, as provided by the System. The System uses an “actuarial value of assets” that differs from market value to gradually reflect year-to-year changes in the market value of assets in determine the contribution requirements.

Inflation: 2.30%

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Long-term Expected Rate of Return:

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the pension plan's target asset allocation as of June 30, 2021 are summarized in the following table:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Passive Global Equities	24%	5.05%
Active Global Equities	5%	5.05%
Large Cap US Equities	4%	4.00%
Small/Mid Cap US Equities	3%	4.50%
Non-US Developed Market Equities	7%	5.50%
Private Equity	10%	6.75%
Emerging Market Debt	4%	3.00%
Private & Alternate Credit	10%	4.75%
Non-Core Real Estate	4%	5.75%
Core Fixed Income	19%	0.00%
Core Real Estate	4%	3.75%
US TIPS	3%	(0.50)%
Infrastructure/Farmland	3%	4.25%

Discount Rate – The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.00%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed plan member and employer contributions will be made at rates set by the Board (employers) and statute (members). The Board voted to authorize employer contribution rate increases of 0.50% each year for a period of four years beginning July 1, 2022, to be offset by any increases in the employee contribution rates as negotiated with employee groups and approved by Legislature. For this purpose, only employer contributions that are intended to fund benefits of current plan members and their beneficiaries are included. Projected employer contributions that are intended to fund the service costs of future plan members and their beneficiaries, as well as projected contributions from future plan members, are not included. Based on those assumptions, the pension plans' Fiduciary Net Position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members as of June 30, 2021. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

The following presents the Town's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.00 percent, as well as what the proportionate share would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percent lower (6.00%) or one percent higher (8.00%):

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<u>1% Decrease (6.00%)</u>	<u>Discount Rate (7.00%)</u>	<u>1% Increase (8.00%)</u>
\$260,112	\$131,598	\$25,923

Additional Information

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

B. Risk Management

The Town is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The Town maintains insurance coverage through the Vermont League of Cities and Towns Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund, Inc. covering each of those risks of loss. Management believes such coverage is sufficient to preclude any significant uninsured losses to the Town. Settled claims have not exceeded this coverage in any of the past three fiscal years. The Town must remain a member for a minimum of one year and may withdraw from the Fund after that time by giving sixty days notice. Fund underwriting and rate setting policies have been established after consultation with actuaries. Fund members are subject to a supplemental assessment in the event of deficiencies. If the assets of the Fund were to be exhausted, members would be responsible for the Fund's liabilities.

The Town is also a member of the Vermont League of Cities and Towns Employment Resource and Benefits Trust. The Trust is a nonprofit corporation formed to provide unemployment coverage and other employment benefits for Vermont municipalities and is owned by the participating members. The agreement does not permit the Trust to make additional assessments to its members. The Town has only elected unemployment coverage with the Trust.

C. Property Taxes

The Town is responsible for assessing and collecting its own property taxes, as well as education taxes for the State of Vermont. Property taxes are assessed based on property valuations as of April 1, the voter approved budgets and the State education property tax liability. Property taxes are collected four (4) times per year. During the tax year ended June 30, 2022, property taxes became due and payable on August 15, 2021, October 15, 2021, January 15, 2022 and April 15, 2022. The Town assesses an 8% penalty after the April 15 payment. Interest is assessed at one percent (1%) per month for the first three months and one and a half percent (1-1/2%) per month for each month thereafter. Unpaid taxes become an enforceable lien on the property, and such properties are subject to tax sale. The tax rates for 2022 were as follows:

	<u>Homestead</u>	<u>Non-Homestead</u>
Education	1.8849	1.6719
Town	<u>0.6172</u>	<u>0.6172</u>
Total	<u>2.5021</u>	<u>2.2891</u>

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D. Commitments and Contingencies

The Town participates in a number of federally assisted and state grant programs that are subject to audits by the grantors or their representatives. Accordingly, compliance with applicable grant requirements will be established at some future date. The amount, if any, of expenditures which may be disallowed by the granting agencies cannot be determined at this time, although the Town expects such amounts, if any, to be immaterial.

E. Related Party Transactions

A Selectboard member is an owner of an excavating company which performed services for the Town during the year. The amount paid to his excavating company for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022 was \$70,413.

F. Subsequent Events

Subsequent to year-end, the Town will receive the second half of the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) program funds in the amount of \$220,468.

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 REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
 SCHEDULE OF PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY
 VMERS DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN
 JUNE 30, 2022

	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Total Plan Net Pension Liability	\$ 147,184,198	\$ 252,974,064	\$ 173,491,807	\$ 140,675,892	\$ 121,155,552	\$ 128,696,167	\$ 77,095,810	\$ 9,126,613
Town's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	0.0894%	0.0926%	0.0981%	0.1017%	0.1048%	0.1183%	0.1220%	0.1219%
Town's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 131,598	\$ 234,347	\$ 170,147	\$ 143,041	\$ 126,949	\$ 152,212	\$ 94,085	\$ 11,129
Town's Covered Employee Payroll	\$ 358,224	\$ 331,317	\$ 333,899	\$ 334,980	\$ 323,811	\$ 311,396	\$ 326,830	\$ 317,360
Town's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of Town's Covered Employee Payroll	36.7362%	70.7320%	50.9576%	42.7014%	39.2047%	48.8805%	28.7871%	3.5067%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	86.29%	74.52%	80.35%	82.60%	83.64%	80.95%	87.42%	98.32%

Notes to Schedule

Benefit Changes: None.

Changes in Assumptions and Methods: None.

Fiscal year 2015 was the first year of implementation, therefore, only eight years are shown.

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 SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS
 VMERS DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Contractually Required Contribution (Actuarially Determined)	\$ 22,390	\$ 19,879	\$ 19,199	\$ 18,843	\$ 17,810	\$ 17,112	\$ 17,976	\$ 17,059
Contributions in Relation to the Actuarially Determined Contributions	<u>22,390</u>	<u>19,879</u>	<u>19,199</u>	<u>18,843</u>	<u>17,810</u>	<u>17,112</u>	<u>17,976</u>	<u>17,059</u>
Contribution Excess/(Deficiency)	<u>\$ 0</u>							
Town's Covered Employee Payroll	\$ 358,224	\$ 331,317	\$ 333,899	\$ 334,980	\$ 323,811	\$ 311,396	\$ 326,830	\$ 317,360
Contributions as a Percentage of Town's Covered Employee Payroll	6.250%	6.000%	5.750%	5.625%	5.500%	5.500%	5.500%	5.375%

Notes to Schedule

Valuation Date: June 30, 2021

Fiscal year 2015 was the first year of implementation, therefore, only eight years are shown.

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 COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
 NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
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	Special Revenue Funds				Total
	Reappraisal Fund	Records Restoration Fund	Williamsville Hall Fund	Monument Upkeep Fund	
<u>ASSETS</u>					
Investments	\$ 29,775	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 2,159	\$ 31,934
Due from Other Funds	<u>51,614</u>	<u>30,607</u>	<u>2,633</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>84,854</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 81,389</u>	<u>\$ 30,607</u>	<u>\$ 2,633</u>	<u>\$ 2,159</u>	<u>\$ 116,788</u>
<u>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</u>					
Liabilities:	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>
Fund Balances:					
Restricted	0	30,607	2,633	2,159	35,399
Assigned	<u>81,389</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>81,389</u>
Total Fund Balances	<u>81,389</u>	<u>30,607</u>	<u>2,633</u>	<u>2,159</u>	<u>116,788</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 81,389</u>	<u>\$ 30,607</u>	<u>\$ 2,633</u>	<u>\$ 2,159</u>	<u>\$ 116,788</u>

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TOWN OF NEWFANE, VERMONT
 COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
 CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
 NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

	Special Revenue Funds				Total
	Reappraisal Fund	Records Restoration Fund	Williamsville Hall Fund	Monument Upkeep Fund	
Revenues:					
Intergovernmental	\$ 11,126	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 11,126
Permits, Licenses and Fees	0	7,557	0	0	7,557
Investment Income	72	27	2	2	103
Donations	0	0	2,486	0	2,486
Total Revenues	<u>11,198</u>	<u>7,584</u>	<u>2,488</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>21,272</u>
Expenditures:					
General Government	0	0	2,379	0	2,379
Total Expenditures	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,379</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,379</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	11,198	7,584	109	2	18,893
Fund Balances - July 1, 2021	<u>70,191</u>	<u>23,023</u>	<u>2,524</u>	<u>2,157</u>	<u>97,895</u>
Fund Balances - June 30, 2022	<u>\$ 81,389</u>	<u>\$ 30,607</u>	<u>\$ 2,633</u>	<u>\$ 2,159</u>	<u>\$ 116,788</u>

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Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with "Government Auditing Standards"

Board of Selectmen
Town of Newfane, Vermont
P.O. Box 36
Newfane, Vermont 05345

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in "Government Auditing Standards", issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Newfane, Vermont, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town of Newfane, Vermont's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated October 11, 2022.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Town of Newfane, Vermont's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Newfane, Vermont's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Newfane, Vermont's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Town of Newfane, Vermont's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or, significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

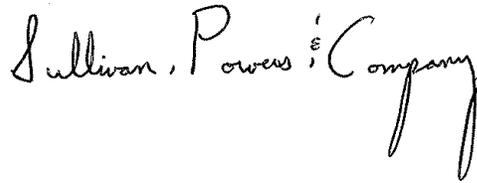
Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Town of Newfane, Vermont's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under "Government Auditing Standards".

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Newfane, Vermont's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with "Government Auditing Standards" in considering the Town of Newfane, Vermont's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

October 11, 2022
Montpelier, Vermont
VT Lic. #92-000180



*Reports From
Town Officers
&
Others*



*Covered bridge burned and was replaced by the Arch Bridge
Porter Thayer Photographs*

TOWN OFFICERS – 2022-2023

Town Moderator:

Deborah Luskin

Town Clerk:

Carol Hesselbach

Assistant Town Clerk:

Appointed by Town Clerk
Peter Putnam

Selectboard:

Angela Sanborn (2024)
Michael Fitzpatrick (2023)
Ann Golob (2025)
Jeffery Chevalier (2022)
Katy Alpin- Johnson (2022)

Town Treasurer

Collector of Delinquent Taxes

Melissa Brown

Assistant Treasurer:

Appointed by Treasurer

Listers:

Beckley "Linda" Gaudette (2023)
VACANT (2024)
Doris Knechtel (2022)

Board of Civil Authority:

Comprised of Current Selectboard,
Town Clerk and Justices of the Peace

Justices of the Peace:

Priscilla M. Cotton
Gloria Cristelli
Sandra Dadik
Abigail Dillon
Caroline "Apple" Gifford
Steve Levine
Evelyn Sirois

Health Officer & Deputy: 3 Year Term

(Appointed by the State)
Dr. Timothy Shafer (2025)

Deputy Health Officer:

Archer Mayor

Board of Health:

Comprised of the Selectboard

Town Fire Warden: 5 Year Term

(Appointed by the State)
Todd Lawley (2024)

Planning Commission: 3 Year Term

Nolan Edgar (2024)
Jane Douglas (2023)
Ken Estey (2023)
Maxwell Vandervliet (1- year) (2023)
Katherine Gehring (1- year) (2023)

Development Review Board

David Lucido (2024)
Walter Dadik (2023)
Erica Walch (Alternate) (2025)
David Hull (Alternate) (2023)
Lynn Forrest (1-year term) (2023)
David Cotton (2025)
Hendrick van Loon (2023)

Windham Regional Commission:

Ann Golob
Shelly Huber

Emergency Management Committee:

Steve D. Jones
Todd Lawley
Josh Brookes
Jay Wilson
Gregory L. Record

Representative to Rescue, Inc.:

Win Clark

Regional Animal Control Officer:

Officer Ashley Pinger
Windham County Sheriff's Department

Pound keeper:

Windham County Humane Society

Fence Viewers:

Larry C. Robinson
Gregory L. Record
George Friend

Senior Solutions:

Gloria Cristelli

TOWN OFFICERS – 2022-2023

Vermont Green-Up:

Gloria Cristelli
VACANT

WSWMD Supervisors:

Doris Knechtel
Michael Fitzpatrick (Alternate)

Conservation Commission:

George Friend (2024)
Jeff Mortimer (2020)
Carol Hesselbach (2024)
Gregory L. Record (2024)
Sylvia Kinney (2022)
Michelle Mortimer (2022)
Martha Stiteman (2025)

Williamsville Hall Committee

Jonathan Julian
Maggie Kemp
Steven Levine, Chair
Dale Stevens
Penny Tuerk
Kate Conway
Norbert Benaiche
Janie Rose
Kassie Rubico
Maureen Stricklin

DVFiber

Jane Douglas
Luke Stafford (Alternate)
Edward Collins (Alternate)

Road Commissioner:

Christopher Williams

Road Foreman:

Jay Wilson

Tree Warden:

William C. Guenther

Town Energy Coordinator:

VACANT

Grand Juror:

Archer Mayor

Town Agent: * 2022 State has removed
Greg Record

First Constable:

Archer Mayor

Zoning Administrator:

Merle Tessier (2023)

E-911 Coordinator

Merle Tessier

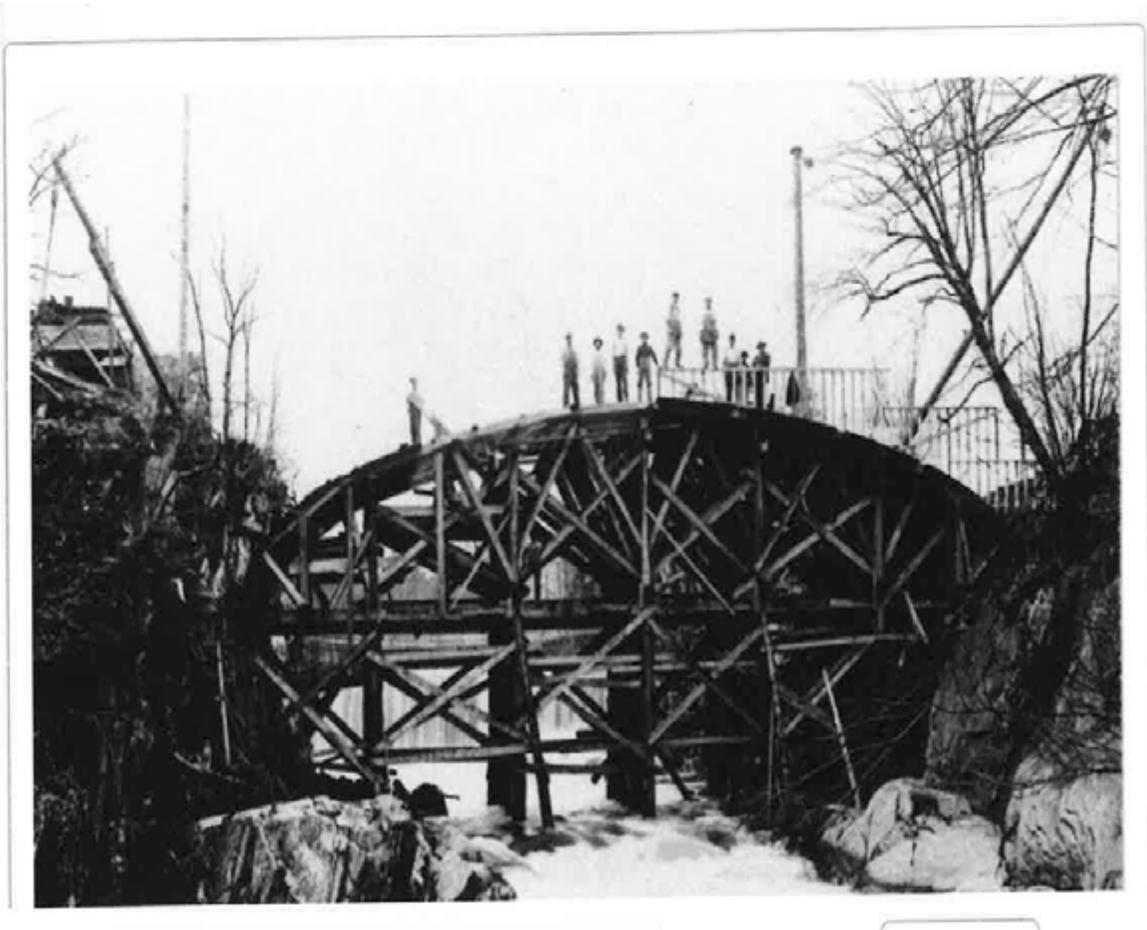
DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022

The Development Review Board (DRB) is made up of five members and two alternate members. A major responsibility is acting on appeals of certain zoning decisions regarding proposed subdivisions and property uses. Meetings and public hearings are held as needed

DRB acted on two appeals in 2022. So far in 2023, two more appeals have been received and DRB hearings for them have been scheduled

David Cotton, Chairman
January 18, 2023



Deerfield Valley Communications Union District 2022 Year in Review

The Deerfield Valley Communications Union District's (DVCUD, dba DVFiber) accomplishments in 2022 include:

- Developing its working partnership with Great Works Internet (GWI) of Biddeford, ME;
- Receiving an American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant for \$4.1 million for pre-construction activities such as high-level design, final design and engineering, pole studies, and a "make ready" process;
- Receiving a second ARPA grant for \$21.9 million to fund the construction of 513 miles of fiber optic cable capable of connecting up to two-thirds of the more than 7,700 unserved and underserved addresses in our communications union district (CUD);
- Contracting with the Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation (BDCC) to manage our grant reporting because these grants require specific and detailed reports to the Vermont Communications Broadband Board (VCBB);
- Adding an Executive Committee to act on behalf of the Governing Board for quicker decision making because the pace and volume of work have increased significantly. Also for that reason, we hired Gabrielle Ciuffreda of Guilford to be full-time executive director and anticipate hiring additional administrative support in the 2023 budget.

Thank You

We are grateful to the Select Boards of all our member towns for their continued support and for appointing capable and dedicated representatives and alternates who have committed not just their talents but thousands of hours of their time to bring us to this point of construction. These volunteers serve the public on DVFiber's Governing Board and its working committees (Operations, Communications, and Finance and Audit Committees). This committee structure is key to keeping us on track as we do our work. These volunteers are the foundation of DVFiber's success as your community-owned and -operated high-speed fiber optic Internet service provider.

Our commitment from the beginning has been to ensure that all on-grid homes and businesses in our municipal district have access to the 21st century technology that will be the basis for our continued growth and prosperity. This means not just availability of the technology but to be sure that affordability is not an obstacle to customer access and use.

For more information and to follow the latest developments and learn more about DVFiber, be sure to sign up for DVFiber's newsletter at dvfiber.net.

Contact Jane Douglas, Edward Collins, and Luke Stafford if you have any questions or concerns or would like to get involved. They can be reached at newfane@dvfiber.net.

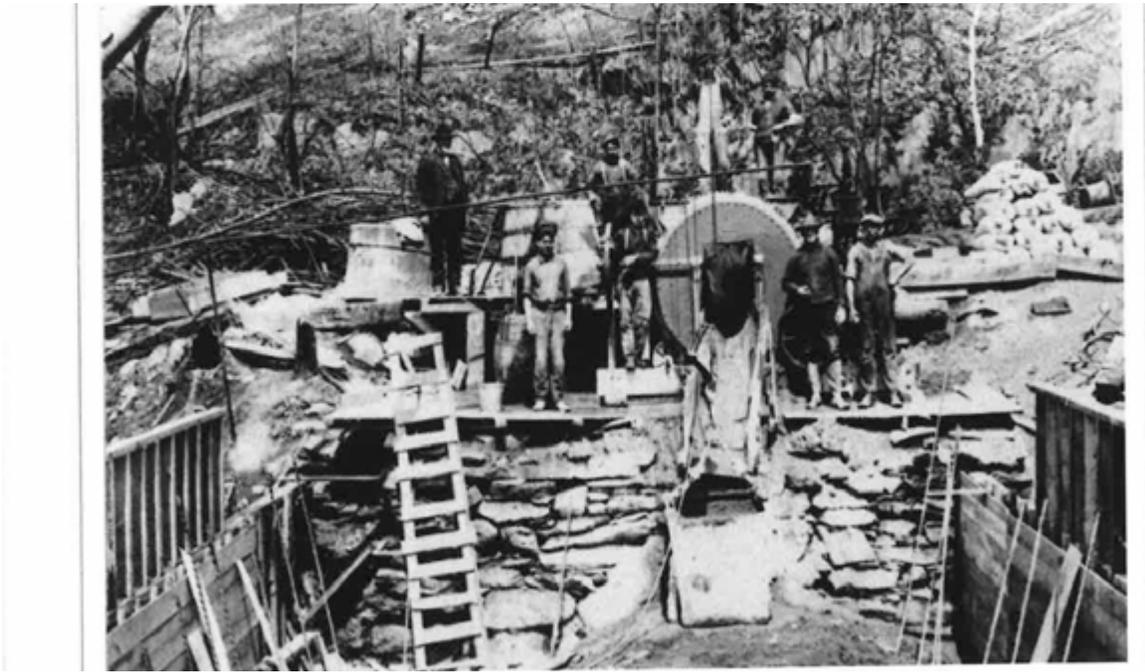
The Newfane Conservation Commission was established in 1998 and consisted of a 9-member board. One great achievement was receiving the Vermont Conservation Commission of the Year Award for 2005, thanks mostly due to the efforts of Bruce Hesselbach, a devoted charter member who passed away in June of 2017.

The reason for our existence and continued focus is the 165.8-acre Town Forest land on Depot Road including the Town Garage area. Most of the maintenance is done by board members at their convenience throughout the year. There are three separate trails. The “Golden Gateway,” so named in December of 2001 by the Newfane Elementary School, the “Blue Beech” trail and the first and most frequently used trail, “White Fern” which is approximately a 2-mile loop.

An organizational meeting was held in April of this year. All the three trails were walked, cleaned, and maintained at various times throughout the year.

Respectively submitted,

- Greg Record Chair
- Martha Stitelman
- Michelle Mortimer V.C.
- Carol Hesselbach Sec.
- Jeff Mortimer Treas.



NEWFANE – BOARD OF LISTERS

Each year the state compares the assessed values in the Grand List to all sales from the past three years as part of the Certified Equalized Education Property Value study. As a result of the recent reappraisal, Newfane's **Common Level of Appraisal** (CLA), which measures the accuracy of the overall assessments, has been determined to be 87.71% down from 91.87%, a reduction of -4.16%. The **Coefficient of Dispersion** (COD), which measures equity, is 22.29% up from 16.1%, an increase of 6.19%. A CLA below 85% or over 115% necessitates a reappraisal. A COD over 20% necessitates a reappraisal. The total Equalized Education Property Value is at \$268,345,500.

Every year property owners may grieve the assessment of their property, in writing, by early June. Those having a change in appraisal are sent a notice by certified mail of their appraisal change in June. This past year, 2022, seven (7) property owners grieved to the Listers by conducting the grievance appointments in our office or by writing and requesting a change in appraisal of their property. Some values were corrected, reduced or denied, and again those who grieved were sent a notice of the Listers decision.

The Current Use Program now has ninety-five (95) landowners participating with 13,260.61 acres enrolled in the program, the value of which is a reduction of \$15,866,500 off the Newfane Grand List. The state pays a portion of the taxes back to the town and to the school.

The digitized Newfane Tax Maps continue to be updated on a yearly basis by Cartographic Technologies of Putney for new subdivisions and new property owners. This is a very useful tool for not only the Listers, but also the Zoning Administrator, Planning Commission, the Highway Department, Town Clerk, Select Board and property owners.

The Listers are continuing to visit properties within Newfane including new commercial buildings, new houses, additions, new sheds or barns, garages and those that were incomplete during the previous year's site visits. There have also been buildings that have been torn down.

Within the Listers office we have a Data Entry Person, Katie Bristol, who is a tremendous asset to the overall functioning of the details that need to be kept up with on a regular basis. We also have a part-time Assessor from New England Municipal Consultants, who works one or two days a month to keep the assessments in order of past practices. This change has come about because of the lack of Listers throughout the state.

The Newfane Listers appreciate the cooperation of the Newfane's landowners in allowing them to visit and inspect properties. Keeping the Grand List current is a daunting task and very important to all taxpayers of Newfane. Every year the state adds additional requirements and responsibilities for the listers.

The Newfane Board of Listers takes pride in serving the property owners in this capacity. Thank you for the opportunity.

Doris Knechtel, Chairman

Beckley Gaudette

Planning Commission Annual Report

Town Plan: July 2022 marked the completion of the fourth year of the eight-year lifespan of the Newfane Town Plan adopted by the Selectboard on July 16, 2018. The Town Plan determines the Selectboard's priorities and thus the work of our Town. It also shapes the content of our Zoning Bylaw which guides the Zoning Administrator's decisions and the work of the Development Review Board. The expiration date for our Town Plan is July 16, 2026.

Planning Commission Projects

1. Floodplain and River Corridor Bylaw: Proper land stewardship in a time of climate change, as well as state financial incentives, and our past experience with Hurricane Irene prompted us to begin the process of bylaw revisions for new construction in the floodplain and river corridor areas of Newfane. We expect to complete the public hearing process in early 2023.

2. Broadband: The Town Plan's emphasis on economic development requires up-to-date, dependable, and affordable internet access. Jane Douglas pursued these goals in 2022 as Newfane's DVFiber representative. She submitted a grant application for \$15,000 in November 2022 to the Selectboard to help defray connection costs. The source for this grant is Newfane's ARPA share. The survey that town members completed in 2021 on possible ARPA-based projects highlighted the need for high-quality internet access.

3. Tiny Houses: Late in 2021, the Planning Commission discussed the possibility of a zoning bylaw amendment to address tiny houses. The Town Plan's emphasis on housing availability and housing affordability mentions tiny houses as part of the solution to the housing challenges we face in Newfane. The Planning Commission studied this zoning bylaw amendment extensively in early 2022. We did not complete this process. But we learned that tiny houses and tiny house developments will best be managed with revisions to our bylaws that refer to the category of manufactured homes for which tiny houses are an example.

4. Short-Term Rentals (STRs): The Newfane Zoning Bylaw does not mention short-term rentals. From 2019-2021, the Planning Commission, the Development Review Board, and members of the public discussed, in great deal, the subject of short-term rentals and the appropriate way to recognize their presence here. In 2022, we agreed to study how nearby towns keep track of short-term rentals. The Commission recognizes that STRs are an important income source for year-round residents. We also note that corporations purchase entire homes to rent as STRs potentially reducing housing stock for rent or purchase as well as increasing housing costs.

5. Coordination with the Selectboard and the Development Review Board: The Planning Commission continued its commitment to work closely with the Selectboard and the

Development Review Board. For instance, we regularly attend Selectboard meetings and report on our work. Walt Dadik from the Development Review Board (DRB) attends our meetings and provides updates on the DRB's work. Our meeting with the DRB on March 26 on the proposed tiny house bylaw revision helped us grasp how the DRB views tiny houses. Close coordination of the Selectboard, Planning Commission, Development Review Board and the Zoning Administrator is a foundation of our goal to promote Newfane's common good.

6. Continuing Education: In successful efforts to build our skills and strengthen our relationships with colleagues across the state, we attended three statewide events in 2022: Southern Vermont Economy Summit (Dover, May 12); VLCT Town Fair (Killington, October 6, 7); Vermont Community Leadership Summit (Randolph Center, August 10).

7. Bylaw Modernization Grant: The Planning Commission and the Selectboard applied for a bylaw modernization grant in October 2022. The purpose of this grant is to update our zoning bylaw to increase and diversify the housing stock in Newfane.

8. ARPA Funding and Consultation: The Planning Commission presented its 2021 town-wide ARPA survey results to the Selectboard on January 18, 2022. The Commission remains willing to consult with the Selectboard on ARPA-funded projects.

Planning Commission Membership and Organization: During our Organizational Meeting on March 28, 2022, the Commission re-elected Ken Estey as Chair and Nolan Edgar as Secretary. Later in the year, Lynn Forrest resigned from the Planning Commission (effective June 30). We thank Lynn for her complete and unrelenting dedication to the Planning Commission. On August 10, the Selectboard appointed Max Vandervliet to finish Lynn's term. The terms of office for the current Commissioners (in alphabetical order):

Jane Douglas:	October 19, 2020 – March 2023
Nolan Edgar:	March 2021 – March 2024
Ken Estey:	June 15, 2020 – March 2023
Max Vandervliet:	August 10, 2022 – March 2023 (finishing Lynn Forrest's unexpired term)
Kate Gehring:	March 2022 – March 2023

Conclusion: Planning for the future of Newfane must involve the broadest range of people and constituencies and the widest and deepest participation from every one of our four historic villages. Achievement of the common good is always a work in progress. Community is never a given but it is the result of our continuous attention to each other's needs. Benefits for one village contribute to the well-being of us all. Brookside, Williamsville, South Newfane, and Newfane Village are separate villages but form the common ground of our history and our future.

Respectfully, Jane Douglas, Nolan Edgar, Secretary, Ken Estey, Chair. Kate Gehring, Max Vandervliet

ROAD COMMISSIONERS REPORT

We almost made it through the year without damage from heavy rains, but the December 23, 2022 storm caused a fair amount of damage on town roads.

Monroe Bridge had the steel structure cleaned and greased to preserve the steel beams.

The Arch Bridge was replaced this year after many years of planning.

The ditching and drainage work was finished on Parish Hill Road, Newfane Hill Road, and Otis Lane. We started Clark Farm Road and Wiswall Hill road and will finish that this spring.

The bridge on Roy Brooks Road was replaced this fall with a new cement deck.

We have several cement box culverts that are designed awaiting funding so we can replace them.

Christopher Williams

Road Commissioner



Newfane Selectboard Town Report

2022 was a busy year for the Selectboard. We welcomed one new member, Jeff Chevalier, and as a board we have been working on many different areas of improvement for the Town. We are pleased that with COVID restrictions having been relaxed the previous year, we can continue having our meetings in person and via Zoom. We have noticed an increase in the number of townspeople who are attending meetings and are very appreciative of everyone's input and participation. We want to give our continued thanks to the team at Brattleboro Community Television (BCTV) for their work in filming the meetings and managing the Zoom portion of the meeting.

Below are some key highlights from the year.

In the spring of 2022, after years of discussion and planning, work started on the replacement of the Arch Bridge in Williamsville. The town watched as the new bridge was built, piece by piece, maintaining the design of the original structure. By November the new bridge had been completed and scores of townspeople came out for the grand re-opening. A wonderful presentation was given by the Town Moderator Deborah Luskin and then Chris Williams, Road Commissioner and former Selectboard member, was asked to do the honor of being the first to drive over the new bridge. With much clapping, horn honking and flag waving, the new bridge was officially open to traffic.

With the new state law legalizing the sale of cannabis, Newfane residents were asked to vote on whether they would approve the sale of cannabis within the town. The October vote was split into two questions: whether to allow cannabis retailers and whether to allow an integrated license holder to have a retail operation in Newfane. The Selectboard held an informational meeting to discuss how the state law was structured, what the Town can and cannot control, the difference between cannabis retailers and integrated license holders. A vote was held by Australian ballot and the townspeople approved cannabis retailers in the Town of Newfane but voted down allowing integrated license holders from receiving a retail license in Newfane.

After the town vote, the Selectboard established a Cannabis Control Board. Structuring it along the same lines as the town's Liquor Control Board where the members of the Board are the Selectboard members, this will ensure that the town has a chance to view and approve all applications before the State makes their final decision.

In late summer it was realized that there had been an error in the new tax bills sent out to residents in July. The shortfall was caused by deducting the "Anticipated Revenue" twice which created a shortage of \$300,197. The Selectboard held a special town meeting in September to let the voters decide whether to use surplus funds to offset the shortfall from the property tax bills or to correct the tax bills. The voters chose to use the surplus funds rather than redo the tax bills. The Selectboard put in place a set of procedures and sign-offs to ensure that this does not happen again.

In 2021, the Town purchased a gravel pit off River Road. Work on completing the Act 250 application has been ongoing since that time and it should be filed with the State this year.

The Windham County Sheriff's Department announced in mid-2022 that they would be moving to a larger facility in Brattleboro. The jail and offices on Route 30 are owned by Windham County and administered by the Windham County Assistant Judge. With the availability of the space, the judge offered the Town the building for a long-term lease. After much discussion about whether the town should move the Town offices to the site and several visits to the building to assess the required renovations, the Selectboard declined the offer because the time and cost of making the renovations was too steep for the Town. Instead, the property has been leased to the Windham County Historical Society and we look forward to their plans for the property. The Selectboard moved forward to gather, review, and approve proposals for the renovation of the existing Town

Newfane Selectboard Town Report

Offices. The renovations will be covered by funds from the Town's existing Capital Reserve Fund and work is anticipated to be completed by mid-2023.

Many townspeople have come to the Selectboard to discuss their concerns about speeding in the Town of Newfane. The Selectboard dedicated the opening portion of several meetings to hearing from residents and local experts on possible solutions. The Windham County Sheriff, Mark Anderson, was invited to speak regarding the issue. We also had a conversation about the reports that VTrans did on Route 30 and Dover Road. Jay Wilson, Road Foreman, spoke about the previous reports from prior committees and the pros and cons of speed bumps. Also discussed were beautification ideas to get the attention of motorists to encourage them to slow down. Three conclusions came from these meetings.

- First, that there needs to be a forum to continue to discuss these issues, allow residents to air their experiences and suggestions, pursue potential resolutions. As such a new Traffic Calming Committee was formed. It is being chaired by Selectboard member Katy Johnson-April. The committee is meeting monthly and welcomes participation from all.
- Second, everyone agreed that the radar feedback signs have an impact on making drivers aware of the local speed limit compared to their driving. It was agreed that these signs should stay in place, more should be added or moved to areas where residents notice increased speeding, reports available from the signs should be reviewed as part of the work of the Traffic Calming Committee.
- Third, it was felt that the best way to manage speeding was by increasing enforcement. The new budget that will go into effect as of July 2023, doubles the funds for enforcement. The Town will continue to work closely with the Sheriff's office to ensure that we see a return on our investment in terms of increased patrolling and ticketing.

Ideas about possible roadside beautification projects are underway and will be continued by the Selectboard in 2023.

The Town along with the Village of Newfane are working with consultants from Dubois & King to changes pertaining to crosswalks and sidewalks along the Route 30 corridor in the Village. Several walk throughs have been conducted and a report along with recommendations is expected to be available later this year.

In 2021, the Town applied and received ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds. These funds are to help towns recover due to the strain caused by the pandemic. A new page has been added to the Town's website where information about each proposal is detailed and a running total is given to show how much has been committed to date. Please visit: <https://newfanevt.com/arpa-information-and-funding-status/>.

We look forward to continuing to work on these issues and new ones that arise with the goal of making Newfane a more beautiful place for all of us.

Angela Sanborn
Chair
Newfane Selectboard

NEWFANE TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

At this time the annual Rabies Clinic has not been scheduled and will most likely not take place before the April 1 deadline for registering dogs with the Town. Please make arrangements to have your dog vaccinated elsewhere before the due date if a rabies vaccination is needed.

PLEASE REGISTER YOUR DOGS NOW!

Neutered or spayed	\$10.00
Not neutered or spayed	\$15.00

Get your dog's 2023 tag on or **before April 1, 2023**. Please call my office if you have questions about how to do this.

There were 233 dogs registered in the Town of Newfane in 2022. This is an increase from 2021 but still represents a much smaller number than in the past. Please license your dog. The Town has a contract with the Windham County Sheriff's Office for animal control and the animal control officer and the Town can issue tickets to those who have unlicensed dogs after April 1, 2023, whether or not the dogs are running loose.

The Town Clerk maintains the Newfane Voter Checklist with the Board of Civil Authority. There are currently 1,312 active voters on the checklist. There are 90 voters in challenged status. The Voter Checklist changes often, sometimes daily, as people move in and out of Town.

If you wish to make sure that you are on the Voter Checklist here in Newfane or request absentee ballots for any or all elections, you can check with me at the Town Office, or you can use the State of Vermont election management system to verify your registration, register if you are a new voter, or request absentee ballots online. The online voter registration page can be found at <http://olvr.sec.state.vt.us> and the My Voter Page login can be found at <http://mvp.sec.state.vt.us>. You will be automatically registered to vote or to have the address for your voter registration updated any time you get or renew your Vermont driver's license, unless you check the box to opt out of registering. If you have received a Certificate of Voter Registration and welcome voter letter from me but do not know why, that is probably the reason.

One last thing about elections. If you are interested in helping on any election day by being an assistant election official please let me know. We usually work in 2 hour shifts between 9 am and 7 pm and/or come at 7 pm to assist with tallying votes. You can be scheduled for a time that is convenient for you. It is fun and a way to get to know your neighbors and help your Town.

One of the main tasks of the Town Clerk is to ensure that land records (deed, mortgages, and related documents) are recorded accurately and remain safe for the future. All original documents are sent back to banks, government offices, or individuals and an attested "true" copy is placed in the land record books that are secured in a fire-proof vault. We are recording all land records electronically as well.

The Town Clerk has also been responsible for maintaining Vital Records such as birth, marriage and death certificates for Town residents. The State has changed the way some of the records can be accessed by the public and you now can request certified copies of all of these records electronically from the State. As of July 1, 2019, there is a new application process for certified copies of birth and death certificates and you are able to request Vermont birth certificates and death certificates from any Town Clerk in the State, not just the Town where the event happened or was registered. You can also request them from the Vermont Department of Health and have them mailed to you. All certified and informational copies of birth and death records now have to be printed from the State database. I

understand that some of the older records in the database have errors so there could be a delay in obtaining those copies while any needed corrections are made. Please, if you anticipate needing a certified copy of a birth certificate or death certificate, try to obtain one ahead of time. I am no longer allowed to make certified copies of birth and death records from the books in the vault, although I can provide a photocopy which is not acceptable proof for the DMV or other agencies. I am also not required to print new vault copies of birth or death records. I have decided that it will serve the Town and its residents if we have such records available so I am printing and indexing them as before. We have marriage license records for those who lived in Newfane and were married anywhere in Vermont, and for those out of state residents who obtained a marriage license in Newfane, and you can still request certified copies of those records in my office. There is a way to request those records from the State as well and it is all explained on the Secretary of State's website.

Residents of Vermont need to get their marriage license from the Town that at least one of them lives in. You can obtain the application for a marriage license at the Town Clerk's office or online from the State of Vermont. Bring the completed application to the Town Clerk's office, sign it there, and we will prepare the license for you upon payment of the appropriate fee. At least one member of the couple will have to appear in person to get the marriage license. You can call me to discuss the process.

The office also sells hunting and fishing licenses, renews car and truck registrations for an extra \$3 fee, registers posted land, and is available to help historical researchers and title searchers. I am required to take the minutes of the annual meeting. I am responsible for giving the Board of Liquor Control information about applications for liquor licenses that are pending and transmitting their approval or denial to the State. Liquor license applications are now handled electronically thru a portal so the paperwork involved has been much reduced on our end.

We also try to answer questions that we receive from residents and non-residents about a large range of issues. If we do not have the answers to your questions, we try to point you in the right direction to get the information you need. The Town Clerk is also a member of the Board of Civil Authority and the Board of Abatement and works with those boards on real estate tax appeals and real estate tax abatement requests.

Thank you for the trust you have placed in me by electing me Town Clerk. Please feel free to ask me any questions about the Town Clerk's office.

Respectfully submitted by,

Carol Hesselbach

TREASURER AND COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES

The Town of Newfane has been very fortunate that we have been able to remain in a good financial position through-out this fiscal year. We have had a lot of large expenses due to the repairs on bridges along with the replacement of the Arch Bridge. With the Capital Plan that is in place, we were able to support these expenses without the need of loans.

I am happy to report that we have currently received our FEMA reimbursement from the July 2021 flood, but we are still owed the state portion which is around \$9,096.84.

I have been continuing to work with the delinquent taxpayers and getting most of them on payment plans that require it. There have been several individuals who have successfully completed their payment plans and are no longer considered delinquent. As of December 31, 2022, the delinquencies were \$82,872.87. This has gone up from last year by \$20,263.47.

I would like to remind everyone to file their Homestead Rebate (HS-122) by the April 15th deadline. This ensures that when you receive your tax bill it will reflect your VT State Rebate. If your Homestead Rebate is late, your tax bill will not reflect the amount you're receiving from the State and this will cause multiple tax bills to be sent to you due to the multiple adjustments.

I'm always here to help however I can, so please feel free to stop in or call if I can be of assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Brown

Town Treasurer & Delinquent Tax Collector

**TOWN OF NEWFANE
DELINQUENT TAX REPORT**

PARCEL NUMBER	NAME	YEARS OWED
00A053-	REICHARDT, VINCENT	2021
00A095-	KINNEY, SYLVIA	2021
00A098-	ABBOTTS, MORGAN	2021
00A108-	SMITH, JORY M	2021
00A120-	ZAJAC, JOSEPH	2021
00B043-	FOUR COLUMNS ACQUI	2021
00B084-	REYNOLDS, BERNARD R	2021
00B107-	PIERSON, RICHARD	2021
00B110-	MOORE, SANDRA T.	2021
00B129-	BUZBY, RUSSELL A	2020-2021
00B147-K105	BRADY, WILLIAM	2021
00B147-K118	VANHOY, JAMES	2021
00B147-K128	CADRIN, MICHELLE	2021
00B147-K15	BUDZYNKIEWICZ, RAN	2021
00B147-K34	JOHNSTONE, DARLING	2020-2021
00B147-K35	JOHNSTONE, JENNIFER	2021
00B147-KC14	SEGARRA, RAYMOND	2021
00B147-KD2	BACON, HEATHER	2020-2021
00B147-KD8	PETERSON, KIM	2019-2021
00B147-KN	VIENT, GARY	2020-2021
00B147-KP7	MOULTON, MICHAEL	2021
00B147-KT4	LEMINI, DAVID	2019-2021
00B184-3	ROBINSON, MICHAEL	2021
00D049-	STEINBERG, PETER	2021
00D136-2	FITZPATRICK, MICHAEL	2021
00D156-2	JOHNSON, CHARLES	2021
00D172-12	FITZPATRICK EXCAVATING	2019-2021

**TOWN OF NEWFANE
DELINQUENT TAX REPORT**

PARCEL NUMBER	NAME	YEARS OWED
00D185-	MATYAS, ADAM	2021
00D185-1	FIZTPATRICK EXCAVATING	2021
00D215-1	VAN GELDER, PAUL	2019-2021
00D266-3	LAWLEY, NICHOLAS	2021
00E005-	HOLCOMB, LEONA	2020-2021
00E018-	KILIAN, MICHAEL	2021
00E052-	FROSCH, GEORGE	2021
00E067-	GECHTER, JASON	2020-2021
00E093-	LIVINGSTON, DAVID	2021
00E111-	MOFFIT, ERVIN F	2021
00F001-	DUPONT, DARREL	2021
00F037-	HOMBERGER, RICHARD	2021
00F042-	MOORE, BENJAMIN D	2021
00F062-	NEWELL, SHARON	2021
00F072-	SAUL, BRUCE	2020
00F170-	SEALS, TIM E	2021



Zoning Administrator Annual Report

Total Permit applications processed	27
Total permits issued	27
Additions & Decks	5
Barns & sheds	4
Business	1
Demolition	2
Garage	4
Cabins	4
House	4
Lot line adjustment	1
Signs	2

The application which went to environmental court is still pending.

I would like to thank all residents for the opportunity to serve you. If you have any zoning questions please feel free to contact me at the office. My office hours are Tuesday and Thursday from 12:30 pm to 4:30 pm.

Merle Tessier
Zoning Administrator





Despite the challenges of dealing with the health concerns of the past year, the Hall was able to offer many programs of benefit to the Community. The Rock River Players performed to large audiences, “The Importance of Being Earnest, An Evenings of One Act Plays and The Front Page.” The Committee hosted several popular Community events, including the return of the “Williamsville International Dog Show” which was a howling success once again. The introduction of the “Short Film Festival” drew a substantial number of submissions and an enthusiastic audience. During the warmer months the Committee hosted a number of Community Breakfasts. From early fall through December, weekly Tai Chi and Yoga classes were held in the dining hall. The Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation held the final competition for their small business loan program here this year. The Hall also accommodated several private functions.

As part of our continuing maintenance and improvement efforts we were fortunate to have the help of the Preservation Trust of Vermont and Jan Lewandowski, an expert in historic restoration. After a thorough assessment he left us with a detailed plan of action. He outlined four areas of need. In spite of a scarcity of available and qualified contractors we were able to complete two of the projects in 2022. We have completed the work needed on the chimney. Secondly, the stairway from the fire door in the kitchen to the ground now has a roof over it. That lack of cover was causing damage to the wall beside it. The front of the building also received a fresh coat of paint. Contractors are lined up for the other two projects to commence this spring. These are a thorough inspection of the slate roof with some slate replacement and work on posts in the cellar. In the future, a complete painting of the Hall will need to be done.

As always, we thank the citizens of Newfane for their continued support in keeping the Hall a vital and important part of our lives.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kate Conway, **Secretary**, Jon Julian, Maggie Kemp, Steve Levine, **Chair**, Kassie Rubico, **Treasurer**,
And Dale Stevens, with thanks to past members Norbert Benaiche and Janine Rose



Reports of Social Services Organizations



VTrans Photographs



The AIDS Project of Southern Vermont (APSV) located at 15 Grove Street in Brattleboro is a nonprofit, community-based AIDS Service Organization providing services in Windham, Bennington and southern Windsor counties.

For more than 30 years, APSV has provided case management services to people living with HIV/AIDS, their partners and immediate family members including a nutritious food program and limited financial assistance. Our prevention services include HIV and Hepatitis C testing, syringe services, treatment referrals, HIV and Hep C presentations, safer sex supplies and information, and a website with links to additional resources.

In 2022, APSV provided case management to 85 people living with HIV/AIDS. Our food program served 63 individuals and 40 family members with 21,160 pounds of frozen meat and vegetables, dairy products, fresh produce, and non-perishable food including nutritional shakes; 1,300 household and personal care items; and 800 pre-paid grocery cards and farm stand certificates.

Prevention staff and volunteers continue to provide evidence-based prevention services to those at highest risk for contracting HIV. In 2022, 300 individuals were reached through our syringe services program, community outreach, case management, testing, and HIV presentations.

APSV also provided training in person or virtually to staff members of human service agencies in the region on HIV/AIDS issues and advocated for people living with or at risk for HIV in areas of social justice, policy, legal and ethical issues, and equal access to community resources.

Although APSV does serve Newfane residents through its direct services and prevention programs, out of respect for client confidentiality we do not publish the number of individuals served in each town. We can say that 10% (42 individuals) are from the Dummerston-Guilford-Newfane-Putney-Vernon area.

For more information, please call us at 802-254-4444 or visit aidsprojectsouthernvermont.org.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karen Peterson".

Karen Peterson
Executive Director
AIDS Project of Southern Vermont
15 Grove Street, PO Box 1486
Brattleboro VT 05301
802-254-8263 x 101
Karen@apsvt.org



Caring For Our Communities in Sickness and in Health

"I was taken to the Grace Cottage ER after a serious bicycle accident. The doctor and staff wasted no time in getting me comfortable and attending to my injuries with X-rays and stitches. They were all so knowledgeable and caring. We are so fortunate to have Grace Cottage and its excellent care team so nearby." Greg Underwood, Jamaica, VT

Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital has served the healthcare needs of our rural community with competence and compassion for more than 70 years. In 2022, Grace Cottage was named "Best Hospital," "Best Emergency Care," "Best Physical Therapy," "Best Pharmacy," "Best Doctors," and "Best Place to Work" in the *Brattleboro Reformer* Readers' Choice Best of Windham County Awards.

Grace Cottage Hospital is comprised of a 19-bed inpatient facility for acute and rehabilitative care, a 24-hour Emergency Department, a hospice care suite, and laboratory and diagnostic imaging departments. In 2022, Grace Cottage contracted with Dartmouth Health to add TeleEmergency and TeleNeurology services.

Grace Cottage Family Health offers expanded hours for the convenience of both returning and new patients. In most cases, provider appointments are immediately available. More than 8,000 area residents choose Grace Cottage for their **primary care**. We offer physicals and wellness visits, chronic disease management, pediatrics, geriatrics, and mental health services. In 2022, Grace Cottage was one of two Vermont hospitals named a Top Performer on the national Human Rights Campaign Foundation's LGBTQ+ Healthcare Equality Index. We also received an IMPACT award from the Boston Red Sox and the Ruderman Family Foundation for our mental health services, which were expanded in 2022 to meet demand, with the addition of a second psychiatric nurse practitioner and a licensed social worker.

Grace Cottage's **Community Health Team** offers essential, free services to area residents, such as nutrition and lifestyle education, diabetes coaching, care coordination, substance abuse assessment, and help with applying for health insurance and connecting to community resources for food, fuel, and housing assistance.

Grace Cottage's **Rehabilitation Department** offers exceptional care for both hospital patients and outpatients, with 14 physical and occupational therapists on staff. Expanded services include lymphedema therapy, custom orthotics, women's health, and pelvic health physical therapy.

Grace Cottage is committed to promoting wellness through classes in our **Community Wellness Center**. We encourage area residents and visitors to take advantage of our low-cost or free classes and events. Various support groups are offered throughout the year.

Messenger Valley Pharmacy, owned by Grace Cottage, continues to provide convenient prescription fulfillment for all members of the community, along with expert advice and friendly service. We fill orders from any provider, including veterinarians. Many over-the-counter medications, personal care items, gifts, and greeting cards are also available.

<p>Fiscal Year 2022, by the numbers:</p> <p>31,376: Patient visits to Grace Cottage Family Health</p> <p>3,765: Patient days in hospital</p> <p>3,477: Emergency Dept. visits</p> <p>7,981: Outpatient Rehab visits</p> <p>2,036: Diagnostic Imaging visits</p> <p>2,958: Community Health Team visits</p> <p>3,568: Covid-19 tests</p> <p>2,111: Individual donations to Grace Cottage</p>
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Grace Cottage is an independent, non-profit 501(c)3 organization. Town appropriations and other donations enable us to provide the best possible care for our region. On behalf of all of the patients that we serve, **thank you for your support.** You help to make Grace Cottage the special place that it is.

Grace Cottage Family Health
802-365-4331

Grace Cottage Hospital
802-365-7357

Grace Cottage Rehabilitation
802-365-3637

Messenger Valley Pharmacy
802-365-4117



Detailed Report to the Town of Newfane
from
SENIOR SOLUTIONS

Senior Solutions, Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont, Inc. has served the residents of Newfane and Southeastern Vermont since 1973. We have offices in Springfield (main office), Windsor 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 throughout the COVID crisis. All our programs except group wellness and group dining activities have remained operational subject to reasonable precautions. Throughout this public health emergency, we expanded our cohort of volunteers helping people with groceries, food distributions and other needs. We continue to collaborate closely with local aging-in-place, Cares and Mutual Aid groups to help assure needs are being met in local communities.

Supporting caregivers is an important part of our work. We partner with local and statewide organizations to promote and operate programs that provide financial resources, rest, and relief for those taking care of dementia patients and older adults with serious health conditions. We encourage counseling for caregivers and host memory cafes where caregivers and their loved ones can relax and socialize in a safe and supportive setting. This year, Senior Solutions obtained a Public Health AmeriCorps grant to train and support volunteers who will provide respite to families caring for individuals with conditions such as Parkinson's Disease and dementia.

As we all know, the population of older adults in Vermont is increasing, as are the costs of goods and services across the board. For Senior Solutions, this means that both the cost of each service and the total number of people requesting each service is going up. Although we continually seek funding from new sources, financial support from the towns we serve is critical to enabling us to do more for the older Vermonters we serve.

We work to develop programs to meet evolving interests and needs. Our Friendly Visitor program continues to provide older Vermonters with companionship and assistance with meal preparation, light housekeeping, errands, and more— all of which are often unmet needs of families caring for loved ones with serious health conditions. Our Vet-to-Vet program matches older veterans with volunteers who are also veterans.

This past year, we trained volunteer instructors in Tai Chi for falls prevention. We offered the HomeMeds program that screens older adults for medication problems such as drug interactions or harmful side effects. We provided financial support for training volunteers interested in teaching classes in their community or starting new evidence-based wellness programs. Wellness programs remain available to anyone 60 and over in Newfane and throughout our service area of greater Windsor and Windham counties.

This is a summary of services provided to Newfane residents in the last year (7/1/2021-6/30/2022).

Information and Assistance: 59 Calls or Office Visits. Our HelpLine (1-802-885-2669 or 866-673-8376 toll-free) offers information, referrals and assistance to older Vermonters, their families, and their caregivers to problem-solve, plan, locate resources, and obtain assistance with benefits. We also provide assistance 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 website at www.seniorsolutionsVT.org.

Medicare Assistance: 16 Calls or Office Visits. Newfane residents received assistance with Medicare issues through our State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP). SHIP provides Medicare education and counseling, classes for new Medicare enrollees, and assistance in enrolling in Part D or choosing a drug plan.

In-Home Social Services: We provided 22 seniors with in-home case management or other home-based assistance (totaling 142.75 hours) to enable them to remain living safely in their homes. Often minimal services can prevent nursing home placement. A case manager works with adults in their home to create and monitor a plan of care, centered on the individual's personal values and preferences. Many people would not be able to remain in their homes if not for these services. Senior Solutions also investigates reports of self-neglect and assists those facing challenges of abuse, neglect, or exploitation using a community collaboration approach.

Nutrition services and programs: 19 residents received 2,991 Meals on Wheels provided by The Dam Diner. We financially supported these home-delivered meals. We have also supported community meals at Newfane Congregational Church and other meal sites in our region, but please note that most community senior meal sites have been closed since the advent of COVID-19.

Senior Solutions administers federal and state funds that we provide to local organizations to help them operate senior meals programs and provide food safety, quality monitoring and oversight. However, these funds do not cover the full cost of providing meals, so local meal sites must seek additional funding. Senior Solutions does not use town funding to support the senior meals program and does not 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.

Volunteer Visitors: Senior Solutions provides volunteers who serve isolated older Vermonters through home visits, telephone reassurance, and help with shopping and other errands. Our Vet-to-Vet program matches Veteran volunteers with Veteran recipients. 1 resident received 30 hours of volunteer service.

Caregiver Respite: We provide respite assistance through grants 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 older Vermonters, that may include a van, a taxi, or a volunteer driver. Special arrangements can be made for individuals without Medicaid who require medical transportation.

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.

Senior Solutions is enormously grateful for the support of the people from the Town of Newfane.

Submitted by Mark Boutwell, Executive Director



The MOOver Rockingham Report FY23

Thank you again for Newfane \$ 750 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. Newfane 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 \$3,126,525.85. We provided 124,706 bus, van, taxi, and volunteer rides. Our buses and vans traveled 482,303 miles over 29,326 hours.

Newfane 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 \$ 750 contribution from Newfane 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!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christine Howe".

Christine Howe
General Manager



& the Villages of Brookside, S. Newfane and Williamsville
Appropriation Application Request to Appear on Ballot

All applications must contain a statement describing the organization and how it benefits the residents of Newfane and the Villages of Brookside, S. Newfane and Williamsville.

The Selectboard reserves the right to modify the appropriation requests before approving them for placing on the ballot.

The deadline for submissions is 19th of December 2022

Name of Applicant: **The Gathering Place** Brattleboro Area Adult Day Services Amount Requested: **\$1000.00**

Address: **30 Terrace Street, Brattleboro, VT 05301**

Contact Person: **Maggie Lewis** Position/Title: **Executive Director**

Phone: **802 254 6559** Email: mlewis@gatheringplacevt.org

Describe your organization and the services it provides:

The Gathering Place, adult day services, is a 501c3 not-for-profit organization providing person centered, community based non-residential services designed to assist adults over the age of 18 with physical and/or cognitive impairments to remain active in their communities. The Gathering Place helps participants to maximize their level of health, independence, optimal functioning and maintain quality of life in a safe, supportive environment where participants can receive a range of professional health, social and therapeutic services. The Gathering Place also provides respite, support and education to family members, caregivers and legal representatives. Adult Day Services are both a cost-effective way to minimize the stress of providing care at home and an affordable alternative to nursing facility placement. The center is open Monday through Friday from 7:45 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. and Newfane residents made up 3% of those served. The Gathering Place's myriad of services and activities are designed to bring health, fun, laughter and companionship to the lives of our participants and peace of mind to their families.

Our services include:

- **Nursing oversight**
- **Access to transportation and coordination of medical appointments**
- **Access to onsite counseling, and occupational and physical therapy services.**
- **Daily Exercise program**
- **Recreation and social activities that help participants retain their sense of identity**
- **Nutritious meals and snacks**
- **Personal Care (showers, podiatry, hairdressing)**
- **Outreach services**
- **Companionship**
- **Special Events**
- **Caregiver respite**

Describe how your organization serves the residents of the Town of Newfane and its Villages:

On June 7, 2021 we were able to reopen our on-site program under State guidance. We opened on a modified schedule, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, with limited capacity due to social



& the Villages of Brookside, S. Newfane and Williamsville
Appropriation Application Request to Appear on Ballot

distancing guidance and staff recruitment. We are now operating for nine hours a day (pre-pandemic hours), fully staffed and growing our census, as well as enrolling higher acuity participants. Our hours are Monday through Friday 7:45 a.m. – 4:45 p.m., 52 weeks a year. We are closed for 7 holidays annually.

The Gathering Place allows the opportunity for residents of Newfane who participate to continue to live in their community and provides family members and caregivers the support and respite they need. Transportation to and from the Center is provided.

Services provided in the last fiscal year by the gathering place to Newfane residents include,

Hours of service	394
hours of planned activities	315
breakfasts lunches and snacks	189
hours of exercise	157

If your organization receives an appropriation, how will the money be used:

The Gathering Place provides a comprehensive realm of services and access to services that are critical to assure the well-being and continued health of our participants. The cost of the services provided exceeds the reimbursement received from funding sources due to increased costs in labor, meals, transportation, the cost of caring for increasingly frail individuals and growing our program after the pandemic closure. TGP has modified our space and grown service options to include broader activities to meet the needs of those with advanced dementia and developmental disabilities. TGP relies heavily on fundraising efforts and community support to meet the demand for diversified services and offer the income sensitive sliding fee option that helps participants not covered by other funding to attend.

State the number of Newfane residents served during the past year: 1

Gross Revenue Last Fiscal Year: \$298,811.15 Gross Expenses Last Fiscal Year: \$823,151.80

Signature:

Date: 11/7/2022

Position/Title: Executive Director

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF WINDHAM COUNTY

The Historical Society of Windham County was founded in 1927 in order to collect, preserve and present our County's heritage for present and future generations. We believe only the Vermont Historical Society itself was established earlier in our state!

In 1936, our Museum was built in Newfane to house an extensive collection originating from all the towns in the County. It now contains over 8,000 artifacts, many displayed in changing interpretative exhibits. The Museum's extensive archives of manuscripts, photographs and documents also are available for research. School visits are encouraged, as are further donations of items for our collections.

With its purchase and subsequent restoration of the 1880 Newfane Railroad Station, which was completed in 2018, the Society also became the steward of the West River Railroad Museum. Our faithfully restored Station interests a wide audience as well as providing an engaging teaching tool for educators and parents.

Throughout nearly 90 years since it first opened its doors, admission to our County Museum always has been free. The same is true for the Railroad Museum and for all of the special programs, presentations and genealogical research provided by the Society. None of this comes free for us, however, and clearly we couldn't do it without the continual support of our community.

Now, an exciting new opportunity has arisen for the Society. Learning of the Sheriff's move to Brattleboro, we proposed to the County Assistant Judges that the Society use the 1825 Jail Building as our main museum. This much larger space will let us go from our current three main exhibits to soon being able to show 14 of them - including one featuring the historic jail itself.

Our current museum building will become our Research Center, housing our archives, genealogy collections, archival exhibits, and research facilities. This solution to our current acute space problems, with conserving and showcasing one of the most important buildings in Newfane's National Historic District, will perfectly position your Society's three functions well before it begins its second century of service in 2026!

The County Museum and the West River Railroad Museums are open Saturdays and Sundays from Noon to 5:00 - Memorial Day weekend until mid-October - as well as by appointment. (The County Museum also is open Wednesdays, Noon – 4:00.) Inquiries are fielded year-round.

We hope you share our belief that all our towns would be far poorer if our rich local history was ever lost. Please visit our website for more information and for the latest news and schedule of events: www.historicalsofwindhamcounty.org.

Thank you for your support.



Groundworks Collaborative was established in 2015 with the merger of the Brattleboro Area Drop-In Center and Morningside Shelter (having been in existence for 27 and 36 years respectively). Groundworks provides ongoing support to families and individuals facing a full continuum of housing and food insecurities in the greater Brattleboro area. The following are our direct service programs:

FOODWORKS

Foodworks—Open for in-person shopping on Mondays (11-4), Tuesdays (10-Noon for seniors only), Wednesdays (1-6), and Fridays (Noon-4)—plus the last Saturday of each month 9-Noon), our food distribution program provides an average of 1,524 2-week supplies of food each month—serving nearly 3,552 people in FY22. Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, Foodworks has been distributing twice as much food to our neighbors in need.

HOUSINGWORKS

Groundworks Shelter—Our year-round 30-bed shelter for families and individuals offers an extended stay and provides all residents with intensive case management to work toward and achieve housing goals. The Shelter operates at capacity throughout the year and maintains a waiting list for entry.

Groundworks Day Shelter & Overnight Shelter at 54 South Main—Groundworks' campus on South Main Street is the new home for our community's Day Shelter and the overnight shelter previously known as the "Seasonal Overflow Shelter (SOS)". As funding allows, the 34-bed overnight shelter will now remain open year-round (rather than the 6-month season the SOS used to operate). 54 South Main provides a safe place where our neighbors experiencing homelessness can come in out of the weather and access services such as showers, laundry, coffee and snacks, email, telephones, lockers, and a kitchen with food to prepare a meal.

SUPPORTWORKS

Housing Case Management—Our case management team offers every step of need, from street outreach to housing navigation to housing retention work to help people find and maintain permanent housing in the community after one or more periods of homelessness. Case Managers are available for each of Groundworks' housing and shelter program locations, including provision of case management services to the majority of households sheltering in Brattleboro motels through the State's emergency motel voucher and transitional housing programs.

Representative Payee Service—Groundworks' Rep Payee provides financial management—serving as an intermediary for individuals receiving Social Security disability payments. The program ensures that rent and basic living expenses are paid before spending money is disbursed to program participants—helping people to maintain good financial standing, thereby preventing future threat of homelessness.

HEALTHWORKS

Groundworks clients have direct access to a number of services available through our embedded healthcare provider partnerships, including:

- a full-time **Brattleboro Retreat Licensed Mental Health Clinician**, who works on-site at all of our locations, providing psychotherapy and critical early substance use recovery supports;
- an **Alcohol & Drug Case Manager from HCRS** supports clients on-site at Groundworks; and
- a **Registered Nurse from Brattleboro Memorial Hospital** who provides Groundworks clients with health screenings, wound care, and connection to primary care physicians, thereby reducing emergency room visits.

basic needs met with dignity

PO Box 370, Brattleboro, Vermont 05302 | GroundworksVT.org | 802.257.5415

The South Newfane Schoolhouse Association is a valuable community resource providing residents with a place to meet, attend a concert or a craft show, view the work of local Rock River artists, host a wedding ceremony or a birthday party, hear stories told by friends and neighbors, dance to a local band late into the night, or to enjoy precious time on solo projects such as rehearsing music or fitness journeys such as practicing yoga. All these things have happened at the schoolhouse in the past few years.

In an average year, the schoolhouse hosts 1-2 events per month, often small parties, classes, or meetings of local groups, with dozens of visits from locals needing space to pursue personal projects.

Describe how your organization serves the residents of the Town of Newfane and its Villages:

Since the pandemic, we have been able to offer a safe space for individuals who want to engage in activities such as rehearsing music (we recently received a gift of an upright piano), singing, practicing yoga, and holding socially distanced meetings. The Rock River Artist tour returned on a limited scale, and we were able to host a handful of social events with all vaccinated attendees.

Additionally, we use the building as a beacon of light in the dark confluence of Dover and Auger Hole Roads by keeping it lit with LED Christmas lights when it is dark. And we were able to create an art installation in the building during the holidays where community members created nearly 100 hand-cut unique snowflakes, which turned the schoolhouse into a snow globe which allowed us to build something beautiful together and celebrate the season safely. Because the feedback was so positive, we intend to do this again this year.

The annual funds received from the town have allowed the association to continue to maintain this beautiful 150-year-old property. We recently removed two trees that were threatening the foundation of the building.

Before the end of the year, we intend to build out a “Little Library” for the community to provide a new home for the one that will need to be relocated from the South Newfane Baptist Church.

Currently, we cover our annual maintenance costs of insurance, electricity, and propane from the donations we receive as well as from the funding from the town. We started a “Building Fund” where we are saving money towards future large, critical maintenance items: repainting the building and reroofing it.

State the number of Newfane residents served during the past year: 200+

Gross Revenue Last Fiscal Year: \$ 2,350 Gross Expenses Last Fiscal Year: \$ 3,038

Board of Trustees President
Maia Segura

Brattleboro Area Hospice (BAH) has provided volunteer-staffed programs to dying and grieving community members throughout Windham County and nearby towns since 1979 based on the belief that no one should die alone.

We work in four key program areas.

Our Hospice Care Program provides trained volunteers and staff who work with clients and their families to address the physical, emotional, social, and spiritual needs associated with the end of life.

- Our Bereavement Care Program is the largest in Vermont. We offer one-on-one grief counseling and bereavement support, groups
- Our Advance Care Planning (ACP) project, Taking Steps Brattleboro, helps people in Windham County and surrounding towns complete an Advance Directive so that their wishes are followed when they can no longer speak for themselves.
- Our Community Education Program includes public presentations, workshops, and events to educate and support people around the challenging topics of death, dying, and grief

In 2021, while most hospices in the state and country suspended in-person volunteer services, Brattleboro Area Hospice continued in-person volunteer help to our hospice clients and their caregivers in accordance with Covid-19 guidelines set by the State of Vermont. Volunteers also provided essential services such as delivering food and medicine, taking laundry to a laundromat, etc., and helping vulnerable clients limit their exposure to the coronavirus. We delayed scheduling most in-person events, including volunteer training, until 2022. We will continue to offer our monthly newsletter and our bereavement newsletter.

Describe how your organization serves the residents of the Town of Newfane and its Villages:

All of our services are offered free of charge to residents of Newfane and its villages. Anyone who needs support at the end of life, grief support, or helps with advance care planning can contact Brattleboro Area Hospice to be set up with a one-on-one volunteer, a support group, and/or informational sessions, depending on their needs.

Volunteer training classes have resumed, and we are offering community events, including Death Cafes, again. We encourage Newfane residents to contact us for individual support when they need it, and with ideas for community events that would most benefit your community.

If your organization receives an appropriation, how will the money be used:

Any money received will be used to support our programs listed above, offering direct services to our communities.

State the number of Newfane residents served during the past year:

We served one hospice care and two bereavement care clients, and seven Newfane (and village) residents began their advance directives through Taking Steps Brattleboro. Eight completed their directives (incl. two who started their directive in the previous year). Five residents are active volunteers.

Gross Revenue Last Fiscal Year: \$840,937.11

Gross Expenses Last Fiscal Year: \$765,608.68

*The total budget for BAH services last year was \$419,081. The numbers above include operating costs for and proceeds of Experienced Goods Thrift Shop, which helps support Brattleboro Area Hospice.



Executive Director

The Leland & Gray Educational Foundation

November 21, 2021
Select Board
Town of Newfane, VT

The Leland & Gray Educational Foundation wishes to thank all the residents of Newfane who unanimously supported our \$1000.00 request at your 2021 Town Meeting. When combined with our own fund raising activities, the extra financial assistance from several valley towns helped us to continue awarding scholarships to needy and deserving graduates from the Leland & Gray community.

Our Foundation is a non profit organization trying to help young people in the West River Valley become more educated and financially secure. We understand that education makes a significant difference in a young person's life. Since its inception in 1997, The Leland & Gray Educational Foundation (L&GEF) has provided scholarship assistance to 54 people from the towns of Windham, Wardsboro, Jamaica, Brookline, Townshend, Newfane, Dover, and Winhall. To date we have distributed over \$134,000.00.

All applicants for aid must complete a written application, provide academic grade reports, show a financial need for assistance and interview with the entire L&GEF board.

The L&GEF has always relied on tax deductible contributions from individuals and corporations. It is because of their generosity that many hard working, qualified students from the West River Valley have received help financing their education. It is our hope that, at the 2022 town meeting, once again, the citizens of Newfane will vote to support our request for a \$1000.00 contribution to the Leland & Gray Educational Foundation.

Thank you for your time. Please feel free to call me at 365-7231 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Steven Meyer,
Member, Leland and Gray Educational Foundation

**Health Care & Rehabilitation Services
Narrative Report for FY21 for Town of Newfane**

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 FY21, HCRS provided 1,912 hours of services to 35 residents of the Town of Newfane. The services provided included all of HCRS' programs resulting in a wide array of supports for the residents of Newfane.

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



The Moore Free Library was founded in 1898 when Philura Moore donated her home, \$2,000, and 2000 books to the town of Newfane. The Moore Free Library has been independent of the town government ever since and receives no state or federal funds. In 2000, Robert and Muriel Crowell funded the renovation of a barn on the Moore property into an art gallery. They endowed the Library and Crowell Art Gallery with ongoing operational funds, an extensive collection of books from their private library, and a substantial fine art collection, including several pieces by Newfane residents Wolf Kahn and Emily Mason.

Thank you,
Bobbe Ragouzeos, Board President

July 1, 2022

Town of Newfane
P.O. Box 296
Newfane, VT 05345

Dear Newfane Selectboard:

Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation (BDCC) is beginning the yearly process of funding regional economic services that we provide through Southeastern Vermont Economic Development Strategies (SeVEDS). Every year, BDCC asks each of the 27 towns we serve in the Windham region to support long-term economic strategy and programs by funding SeVEDS.

SeVEDS was brought into being in 2007 based on the realization that it is beyond the capacity of a single town to influence major economic indicators at any scale. Through SeVEDS, BDCC is able to foster an approach to economic development that is proactive, long-term and regional.

SeVEDS also helped create our area's first regional plan for economic development: the Southern Vermont Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). We continue to update the plan yearly through CEDS Project submissions, including and highlighting important local initiatives. Working with state, federal, regional and philanthropic partners, BDCC works to attract resources to move projects forward, helping towns complete vital community programs and build a more vibrant, resilient economy.

This work is responsive, with staffers adapting to evolving needs. Municipal funding for SeVEDS gives us flexibility, allowing BDCC to respond to community needs on an ongoing basis.

By leveraging municipal funding for SeVEDS, BDCC has been able to launch programs including high school career education, business relief and small business lending, and new Vermonter initiatives. It has also launched programs that serve communities directly: the USDA-funded Southern Vermont Economy Project (SVEP) and Community Facilities Technical Assistance Program (CFTAP). Through these programs, we provide towns and community organizations one-on-one help, trainings, project-specific grants, and help accessing bigger funding resources.

Each year, we ask every town in the Windham Region to contribute towards regional economic development efforts at the rate of \$3.00 per person, based on town population in the 2010 U.S. Census. In 2022, 19 communities funded SeVEDS, representing over 80% of the region's residents.

This year, we are asking the Town of Newfane to fund BDCC at \$5,178.00 (based on a population of 1,726 people per the 2010 U.S. Census) through an appropriation in the 2023 general fund to support continued implementation of SeVEDS efforts.

We will follow up to schedule a time to meet with your Selectboard to answer questions regarding this funding request, and to provide updates on regional programs and projects. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Adam Grinold
Executive Director
Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation

RESTORATIVE COMMUNITY PRACTICE OF VERMONT

RCPVT would like to thank the town of Newfane for your past support of our organization. It has been gratifying and encouraging seeing our town's people consistently support our work.

RCPVT is committed to spreading the use of restorative practices for folks and a group of folks experiencing conflict. We offered over 50 hours of training in non-violent communication skills and restorative conflict resolution circle facilitating. These trainings are either completely free for all or, if there is a fee, we make it clear that anyone may ask to have the fee waived. Since Covid moved our trainings to zoom, we have seen many folks from around the country joining with local residents to sign up for our trainings.

This year we did some conflict resolution work for townspeople and institutions. We agree to do conflict resolution work whenever asked. While the details of these circles are confidential, I can share that over a dozen Newfane residents were involved in conflict resolution so far this year. We logged over 35 hours of conflict resolution work for Newfane this year.

RCPVT is also in the middle of a project that is bringing Newfane residents of different ideological persuasions together for dialogue that will foster greater understanding and empathy between folks with opposing viewpoints. This project is ongoing. This project will continue through this year and into next year as well.

Our goal is to give every Newfane resident who is interested the skills to be able to defuse tense situations before they become overwhelming problems. We will continue to reach out to Newfane residents to encourage them to join our training sessions and to let them know about our conflict resolution services.

Thank you for your consideration.

Dan DeWalt
Director, RCPVT

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 resolution, fuel & utility, housing and food assistance), 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 Newfane we have provided the following services during FY2022:

Weatherization: 7 homes (8 people) were weatherized at a cost of \$143,853

Emergency Heating System Replacement: 1 home (2 people) received a heating system repair or replacement at a cost of \$4,475

Micro Business Development: 3 businesses (8 people) received assistance to start up, to expand, or to keep their small business open.

Tax Preparation: 2 households (2 people) received free income tax preparation services

Family Services: 12 households (19 people) received 34 services (*including crisis resolution, financial counseling, nutrition education, forms assistance, referral to and assistance with accessing needed services.*)

Fuel & Utility Assistance: 6 households (12 people) received 9 assists

Housing Assistance: 5 households (6 people) received 6 assists to obtain or remain in secure housing

Emergency Home Repair: 3 household (5 person) received emergency home repairs to address immediate health or safety concerns in their home.

The combined value of services provided for the residents of Newfane exceeds \$ 33,187.

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 Newfane for their continued support.

Stephen Geller, Executive Director
Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA)
91 Buck Drive
Westminster, VT 05158
(800) 464-9951 or (802) 722-4575
sevca@sevca.org www.sevca.org



& the Villages of Brookside, S. Newfane and Williamsville
Appropriation Application Request to Appear on Ballot

All applications must contain a statement describing the organization and how it benefits the residents of Newfane and the Villages of Brookside, S. Newfane and Williamsville.

The Selectboard reserves the right to modify the appropriation requests before approving them for placing on the ballot.

Deadline for submissions is 19th of December 2022.

Name of Applicant: Valley Cares, Inc. Amount Requested: \$2,675.00

Address: PO Box 341, Townshend, VT 05353

Contact Person: Becca Schaefer Position/Title: HR & Outreach Director

Phone: 802-365-7190 Email: bschaefer@valleycares.org

Describe your organization and the services it provides: Valley Cares is a non-profit organization committed to providing quality affordable housing and compassionate care, allowing seniors to age in place with respect and dignity. We provide affordable assisted living and independent living as well as services for seniors in the greater community (Medical Equipment Lending Program and SASH).

Describe how your organization serves the residents of the Town of Newfane and its Villages:
Several residents in our senior housing moved here from Newfane or have direct family who live in Newfane. Many SASH (Support And Services at Home) participants reside in Newfane, Brookside, South Newfane and Williamsville.

If your organization receives an appropriation, how will the money be used: Support our regular operating budget so that we may continue to provide affordable and free services.

State the number of Newfane residents served during the past year: 22

Gross Revenue Last Fiscal Year: \$2,543,724 Gross Expenses Last Fiscal Year: \$2,312,397

Signature: *Becca Schaefer* Date: 12/9/2022

Position/Title: Human Resources & Outreach Director



P.O. Box 341 • Townshend, VT 05353
www.valleycares.org • 802-365-4115

December 8, 2022

Re: humanitarian request

Dear Selectboard,

Valley Cares is very grateful for the generous support that residents of Newfane have given our organization and the seniors we serve. At the 2023 Town Meeting, we respectfully request \$2,675 in continued support.

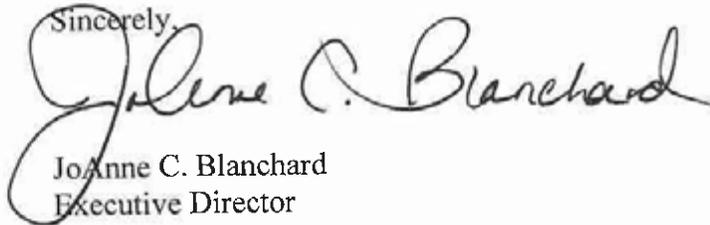
At Valley Cares, we recognize how important community is, and we are honored to help seniors remain in the West River Valley, near friends and family. By providing **free** services such as SASH (Support And Services at Home) and our medical equipment lending program, Valley Cares helps seniors in Newfane remain safely in their homes. If the time comes for them to move, we provide comfortable, affordable independent and assisted living options “right down the road” in Townshend.

As nearly all the seniors we serve are on fixed incomes, we understand the importance of keeping rents low. Medicaid assists with care expenses for many of our lower income residents, and other government programs assist with rent expenses. However, payments from residents and these public programs do not cover the full costs of our housing and programming. Therefore, Valley Cares relies on donations to subsidize these costs.

In 2022, Valley Cares directly served 22 individuals who either reside in Newfane, used to reside in Newfane or have relatives who live in Newfane. When considering the difference between what we received in payments and the market rates of our housing and services, Valley Cares provided a savings of \$94,108 to these individuals. The annual support from Newfane residents on Town Meeting Day is one way we are able to provide such savings.

We are grateful for your financial assistance, which helps our non-profit to continue providing these services to residents of your community. Thank you for your consideration and support!

Sincerely,



JoAnne C. Blanchard
Executive Director

At Valley Cares, it is our mission to provide high quality, affordable, housing and compassionate care allowing seniors to age in place with respect and dignity.



GREEN UP VERMONT
www.greenupvermont.org

Green Up Day
May 6, 2023



Green Up Day on May 7, 2022 was a wonderful success thanks to 19,141 volunteers statewide who participated on Green Up Day. The infographic shows that all your hard work to beautify Vermont is crucial and that it makes where we get to live, work, and play, a truly special place. As one of Vermont's favorite unofficial holidays, it is imperative for today and future generations to build pride, awareness, and stewardship for a clean Vermont environment, as well as keep residents civically engaged.

Support from your municipality is essential to our program. Funds help pay for Green Up Day supplies, promotional outreach, and educational resources including activity books, contests for kids, and a \$1,000 scholarship. We are requesting level funding again for Green Up Day 2023.

Green Up Vermont initiatives are year-round for further our impact with waste reduction initiatives, additional clean-up efforts, and educational programs.

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

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

Visit our website, like us on Facebook (@greenupvermont), and follow us on Instagram (greenupvermont). greenup@greenupvermont.org 802-522-7245

Visiting Nurse and Hospice for Vermont and New Hampshire Home Health, Hospice and Pediatric Services

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 cost 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, 2021 and June 30, 2022, VNH made 371 in-home visits to 29 residents. This included approximately \$6,989 in unreimbursed care to residents

- **Home Health Care:** 222 home visits to 23 residents with short-term medical or physical needs
- **Hospice Services:** 112 home visits to 2 residents who were in the final stages of their lives
- **Long-Term Care:** 37 home visits to 4 residents with chronic medical problems who need extended care in home to avoid admission to a nursing home

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

It is with your help that we are able to provide services like this to those in need. Newfane'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,

Anthony Knox

Anthony Knox
Community Relations Manager

WILLIAMSVILLE SCHOOL PRESERVATION SOCIETY

The Williamsville School, one of Newfane's historic schoolhouses, is owned and maintained by the Williamsville School Preservation Society, Inc. A volunteer board oversees the use of the School as a community center. Built in 1883, the school building is a sound vernacular Greek Revival Structure. The Society leases the first floor of the building to Timson Hill Preschool and Childcare Center, a Vermont-licensed preschool serving area children, many residing in Newfane.

The Board continues its attention on building and grounds maintenance with an eye towards energy efficiency where possible. This year, we will pay down the costs of our new copper roof and repaired weathervane on the building's cupola. Other projects include: a new flagpole and picket fence restoration.

We thank Newfane citizens for continued support in the preservation of this building and its programs. The Board requests \$1,000 from the Town towards our efforts.



WILLIAMSVILLE - SCHOOL FAR RIGHT- GRAYDON MUNDELL 3RD FROM RIGHT- BURTON

Windham County Humane Society Town Report 2021-2022

Description of Services: The Windham County Humane Society (WCHS) is a non-profit organization serving all residents of the towns of Windham County, Vermont. The mission of WCHS is to ensure the safety and well being of animals as well as enhancing the relationship between individuals and pets through adoption, education, advocacy, compassion and promotion of animal welfare.

Animal Shelter Programs WCHS shelters and provides medical care to unowned animals coming through the doors lost, seized, surrendered by his/her owner, or from another organization. Each animal's needs are met by a compassionate and dedicated staff until he/she is reunited with his/her owner or placed into a new loving home.

Animal Intake numbers 697 animals were taken into WCHS' shelter (476 cats, 201 dogs & 11 "small pets")

- 288 animals were surrendered by their owners
- 9 animals were seized by law enforcement
- 245 animals were brought in as strays
- 140 animals came as transports from regions of the country where the euthanasia rate is high due to overpopulation
- 15 animals were provided temporary boarding/care while their owners dealt with acute crises.

Outcomes

- 552 animals were adopted
- 74 lost/stray animals were reunited with their owner
- 29 animals (4%) were euthanized for health or behavior issues. *WCHS does not euthanize for time or space.*
- 23 animals were transferred to other animal welfare organizations
- 9 temporary boarded animals were returned to owners

The average length of stay for animals was 18 days.

Total expenses were **\$619,733**, 10% higher than last fiscal year. This is due to the cost of goods, labor, utilities, and fuel all costing more!) WCHS is open 365 days a year for animal care. It costs **\$1698/day** to keep the doors open, animals cared for and to provide community programs. The average cost of care for a dog/cat waiting to be adopted is \$450 to \$650.

Community Pet Programs

WCHS provides spay/neuter surgery for dogs/cats/small pets for community residents. The fee may be waived/reduced depending on the financial means of the owner. A simple application may be required. All animals adopted out from WCHS are spayed/neutered, up-to-date on vaccines and microchipped.

In 2021-2022, WCHS spayed/neutered 492 cats, dogs and rabbits owned by Windham County residents as well as un-owned feral cats.

Pet Care Assistance (PCA) This program provides veterinary care at low-to-no cost to low-income pet owners. Clients must apply and provide proof of financial need and of residency in Windham County. In 2021-2022, pet owners received support in the form of vaccinations, surgeries, parasite control, diagnostic tests and pet food.

- 1306 pet owners utilized this service. 2323 animals received veterinary care for their animals.
- 1055 Rabies Vaccines were given out.
- 64 free microchips.
- Thousands of pounds of pet food.

Newfane, So. Newfane, Brookside and Williamsville represent approximately 4% of the population of Windham County, VT. From July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, WCHS served Newfane/So. Newfane, Brookside, and Williamsville residents as follows:

- Spay/neuter provided for 26 animals or 5% of all animals surgered.
- Rabies vaccines for 36 pets or 3% of all the animals vaccinated.
- 2 residents used the PCA program for humane euthanasia and cremation of an elderly pet.
- 71 residents used the PCA programs for veterinary care, or 5.5%.
- 8 animals were surrendered to WCHS.
- 6 residents were reunited with their lost pets or 2.4% of all stray animals.

28 Residents adopted 7 dogs and
21 cats.

Women's Freedom Center's

Statement of Services

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, 2020 through June 30, 2021, the Women's Freedom Center responded to over 2,000 hotline calls, sheltered 70 adults and their 45 children and provided thousands of hours of individual and group support, advocacy, emergency financial and housing assistance, access to legal representation, transportation and childcare to 523 survivors and their 344 children who had been abused. These figures include 10 survivors and their 7 children from Newfane. In addition, we provided 51 communities outreach activities including school presentations and workshops to 545 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

Report to the Town of Newfane

Youth Services was established in 1972. For over 48 years we have served the needs of youth, young adults and families in and around Windham County. We envision equitable communities where all people are thriving, working together to build resilience and be a catalyst for change with programs in prevention, intervention and development for young people and families. We believe in helping people learn how to grow, both as individuals and as a family, so they can learn to rely on themselves and their own networks to face future issues. We annually assist over 1,200 children, youth and families. Our broad array of program services include:

- Intervention and support services to teens running away from home or at-risk for running away with counseling, family mediation, and housing
- Transitioning youth in foster care to independent living as young adults
- Court Diversion for youth and adults, an alternative to the traditional court system using a restorative justice approach to repair the harm to victims and the community while addressing the underlying issues of the people who violated the law
- Substance use prevention, treatment and recovery including counseling services
- Therapeutic case management services for youth and young adults
- Workforce development programs with a career based mentoring focus
- Transitional living services
- Youth Substance Abuse Safety Program

This year, we respectfully request \$1,660 from the Town of Newfane to help fund our agency's services. We served 21 residents from Newfane during Fiscal Year 2020 and remain available to provide services in the future. Your continued support is beneficial to the children, youth and families in your town.

For additional information please see our website at www.youthservicesinc.org, call 802-257-0361 or email info@youthservicesinc.org. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Russell Bradbury-Carlin
Executive Director

Transforming Lives, Inspiring Futures



The Windham Disaster Animal Response Team (WinDART)

2022 Annual Report

After focusing over 2 years on fundraising and distributing pet food to food insecure pet families across the state during the pandemic, VDART teams have started to pivot back to in-person meetings and trainings in preparation for the active storm season ahead of us.



WinDART volunteers participated in several community events this summer promoting our message that pets should be included in all levels of emergency preparedness—starting with being part of their family’s emergency response plan. Thanks to a generous donation from State Farm, we distributed 200 free go-bags at the Jacksonville Blueberry Festival Market & Music event, the Wilmington Antique and Flea Market, the Windham County Humane Society’s Walk for Animals, and the Wilmington Trunk or Treat. The dog and cat-themed nylon bags serve as a ‘starter kit’ for pet owners to assemble essential disaster supplies for their pets, and include a first aid kit, leash, collapsible bowls, and a few other items to help them get started.

WinDART organized a free Emergency Animal Sheltering workshop for new and current volunteers on October 30th at Training Matters in West Brattleboro. The course, which is a pre-requisite for VDART volunteer responders, covered small animal behavior and handling (dogs and cats) and our emergency shelter set-up protocols. It culminated with a mock shelter set-up exercise that allowed us to practice these skills in a real-life setting.

WinDART Board Chair Joanne Bourbeau joined the president of DART Command Central (DART CC) to speak and table at the annual Vermont Emergency Management Agency conference held in Killington in September. It was a wonderful opportunity to speak to local and state emergency managers and our partners in first response across the state on VDART’s mission and capabilities, along with a new app being developed by DART CC to streamline sheltering protocols and data management. Our virtual presentation, Using technology to Improve Emergency Pet Sheltering During Disasters, can be viewed on YouTube at this link



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=479iEGtggaM&list=PLkV2VZBhkd08eF1tz56yQyNt0sGDleJ67&index=9>.

WinDART is grateful to voters and municipal officials in Dover, Halifax, Newfane, Wilmington, and Whitingham, who once again appropriated money from their annual town budgets at Town Meeting Day to support our vital programs and activities.

To learn more about our work go to VermontDART.org

Healing starts with Safe Place.

Safe Place is a multifaceted center that offers direct services (interviews + victim advocacy) as well as referrals for an array of client needs. Although the folks we serve are those that have reported sexual or physical abuse allegations, Safe Place is able to assist all clients meeting an array of their needs. Our multi-disciplinary team can address concerns and needs based on their individual profession. [Click here](#) to learn more about the MDT and what each role is responsible for!

Our center is a calm, clean and safe space that is welcoming to all ages. On site we have many resources and brochures, some educational materials about kid's bodies, and our advocate is available to assess and review client needs during every meeting. We also use our center for joint meetings and trainings during times that we are not conducting interviews.

Aside from our interviews, advocacy, and team approach for case work, we also provide outreach education and training within the community. We are thrilled to meet with providers that encounter children and/or adults that may benefit from the knowledge and skill set of our staff. We provide trauma-informed approach guidance, interview/conversation support, internet, and body safety education, and more. [Email us](#) to learn more or schedule!





Why Horses?

PHYSICAL

- Improved Balance
- Better Posture
- Muscle Tone
- Flexibility

EMOTIONAL

- Confidence
- Patience
- Self Esteem

COGNITIVE

- Improved Motor Skills
- Focus
- Listening skills



About Us

Educating, expanding, and enriching lives through Equine Assisted Activities and Therapies.

SVTRC was founded in January 2010 in Newfane, VT. In May 2011, we completed our Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship certification process by demonstrating a commitment to safety and professionalism. In June, 2016 we relocated to Wilmington, VT. The program was started by Lorna Young, a PATH certified advanced instructor with more than 30 years of experience.

Other ways to get involved

If volunteering during lessons isn't your thing, we are always looking for volunteers to help in other capacities. Our Board of Directors and committees are always looking for new members, and we frequently need assistance with other things such as writing thank you letters, cleaning tack, grant writing and more!

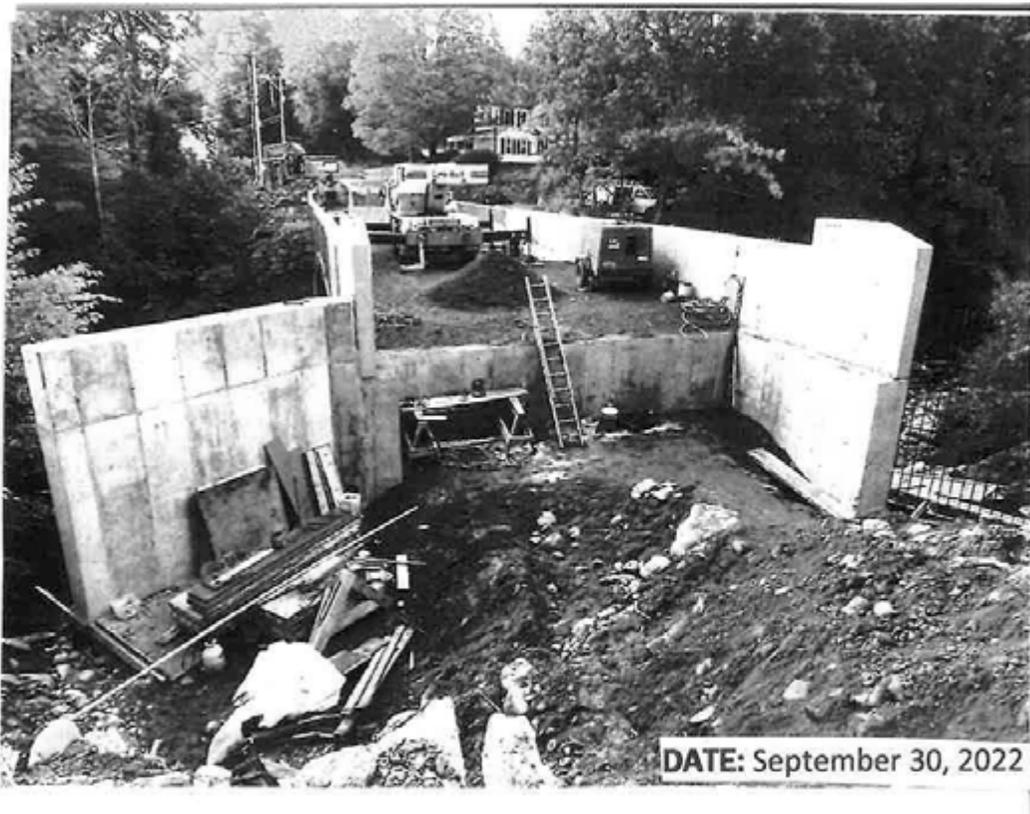


Volunteer Information

SOUTHERN VERMONT
Therapeutic Riding Center

PATH International Member Center
802-221-4409 amber.sovtrc@gmail.com
3 Cross Country Circle
Wilmington, VT 05363

CONTRACTED PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGENCIES





230 Main Street, #201 Brattleboro, VT 05301 Ph (802) 257-0888 Web brattleboro.tv

January 20, 2023

Selectboard, Town of Newfane
555 VT Route 30
P.O. Box 36
Newfane VT 05345

Re: FY24 BCTV Funding

Dear Selectboard members:

As Newfane’s public access TV station, BCTV has been providing video coverage of your Selectboard meetings and Town Meeting Day since 2011. Our funding sources include revenues from cable subscribers, donations to BCTV as a nonprofit organization, and annual support from towns in our service territory, which was established in FY19 to compensate for decreased revenues from cable subscribers.

For FY24, BCTV’s funding request is \$1,600. This is the same request as FY23 and reflects a rate of \$1 per resident across all of our towns.

Included:

- Recording and archiving all regular meetings of the Selectboard, including hybrid access
- Recording and archiving Town Meeting, including hybrid access

For additional meetings, BCTV’s per meeting rates are as follows (no increase for FY24):

- Hybrid meetings: \$175 per meeting
- In-person meetings: \$150 per meeting
- Editing Zoom recordings: \$75 per meeting

Please note that any board or committee requesting meeting coverage by BCTV may do so by emailing info@brattleborotv.org or by calling 802-257-0888.

Thank you for your support and consideration.

Sincerely,

Cor Trowbridge
Executive Director

Board of Directors:

Alex Beck *President* · Martin Cohn *Vice President* · Leah Goodman *Treasurer* · Bob Gammon *Secretary*
George Anthes · Lynn Barrett · Garret Harkawik · Reggie Martell



From September 2021 to September 2022, the NewBrook Fire & Rescue Department responded to 320 calls: 212 rescues, 47 fires, and 61 others. The membership grew by 4 members, but we, unfortunately, lost 1 alumnus, Richard Longo. Department By-Laws were revised in March, superseding those last done in 2008.

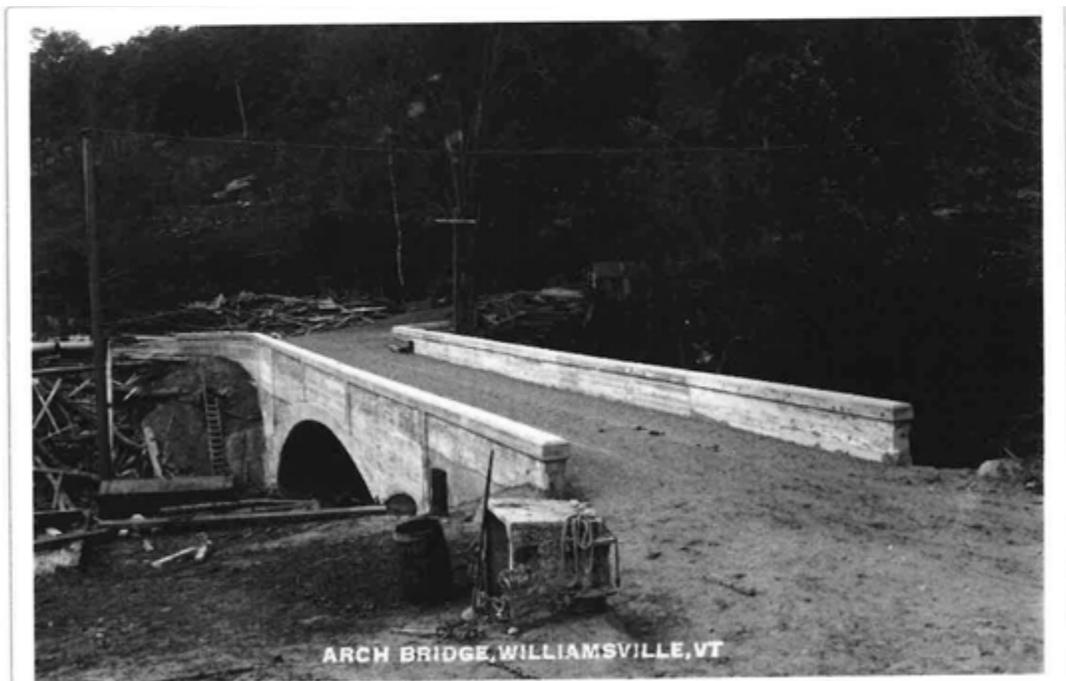
Major department expenses included \$22,530+ for insurance and \$18,260+ in utilities (electric, heat, and phones). 3 sets of turn-out gear, space heaters, an EW22 gear washer, 2 portable radios, and a \$1500 alarm system for Station 2 (Williamsville) are also worth mentioning as purchases made during the year.

NewBrook sold their Brookline land for \$50,000 in August and, through the generosity of Tasha Landman, bought 500' of 1-3/4" hose and had the expenses of the July 4th BBQ paid for and then some.

2023 marks NewBrook's 75th birthday, and some special activities and events are being planned.

Last year Newfane's generous financial support was \$50,000. and Brookline's was \$9,000. With deepest thanks and heartfelt appreciation NewBrook requests only level funding for this coming year.

Greg Record; President N.B.F.D.





Hello Member Town,

As many of you are aware, this has been a year of challenge and change for our organization. On the heels of the greatest public health crisis in recent memory, and after several years of leading the COVID response effort for education, prevention, testing and treatment, the continued existence of our regional ambulance service was brought into question when Brattleboro town officials suddenly withdrew from our fifty-year cooperative agreement with area towns. Our commitment to you, as a citizen of our member towns, is that you will continue to receive the quality and reliability of service that has been a hallmark of this organization for decades. I am pleased to report that with the guidance of our board and the dedication of our staff, Rescue Inc is poised to continue to serve for decades to come. We are actively working to redesign and diversify our daily operations to better meet the needs of the communities we serve. Our COVID response teams have continued to provide services around the state at the same time our ambulance operations staff have managed to respond to 100% of 911 requests for service in our member towns.

We recently opened the Vermont Emergency Medical Services Academy, or “VEMSA”, in Newfane. This new facility will serve current and future first responders, as well as hospital staff and community members. VEMSA is the only academy of its kind in Vermont and supports education using high-fidelity human simulators in realistic and dynamic settings. Our education programs will develop the next generation of emergency service leaders.

Our technical rescue team, as part of Vermont’s flood rescue response, received two additional state-owned swift water boats that are in our Brattleboro station. These boats, combined with our boat located at the Putney Fire department, and the two that we have located at our Townshend station, help to provide comprehensive flood and water rescue response to the region.

We will be announcing additional new partnerships and programs in early 2023 with a focus on better health outcomes for the citizens that we serve.

Be Well,

Drew Hazelton Chief of Operations Rescue Inc

Vermont League of Cities and Towns
Serving and Strengthening Vermont Local Government

The Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, owned by its member municipalities, with a mission to serve and strengthen Vermont local government. It is directed by a 13-member Board of Directors elected by the membership and comprising municipal officials from across the state.

Member Benefits - All 247 Vermont cities and towns are members of VLCT, as are 142 other municipal entities that include villages, solid waste districts, regional planning commissions, and fire districts. Members have exclusive access to a wide range of specialized benefits, expertise, and services, including:

- **Legal and technical assistance**, including prompt responses to member questions that often involve how to comply with state and federal requirements. During the past year, staff responded to thousands of member questions and published guidance, templates, research reports, and FAQs. In 2022, VLCT began offering additional government finance training and consulting services and launched the new Federal Funding Assistance Program (FFAP). FFAP offers communities advice on complying with federal rules surrounding pandemic funding, provides direction and insight on accessing billions of dollars in federal infrastructure funding, and provides input to state leaders on designing and implementing grant programs for municipalities.
- **Trainings and timely communications on topics of specific concern to officials** who carry out their duties required by state law. The League provided training via webinars, onsite classes, and during the hallmark annual event, Town Fair, the largest gathering of municipal officials in the state. VLCT's Equity Committee also published an online equity toolkit that assists municipalities in centering the work of justice, diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging in their decision making, policies, practices, and programs.
- **Representation before the state legislature, state agencies, and the federal government**, ensuring that municipal voices are heard collectively and as a single, united voice. VLCT's recent legislative efforts have helped provide cities and towns additional resources to respond to the pandemic, address road and bridge repair, tackle cybersecurity, improve housing and economic growth, promote renewable energy, provide emergency medical services, address equity and inclusion, and ensure the quality of our drinking water. Specific success in 2022 includes securing \$45 million in funding to help municipalities make energy improvements in their buildings, securing \$250,000 for VLCT's Federal Funding Assistance Program, increasing Municipal Planning Grants to \$870,000, securing \$250,000 for the Vermont Office of Racial Equity to launch the Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Action, Leadership Program, and increasing municipal authorities in statute. Members are also represented at the federal level to Vermont's Congressional delegation and through our partner, the National League of Cities.
- **Access to insurance programs**. The Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund (PACIF) provides comprehensive and cost-effective property, liability, and workers' compensation insurance coverage, programs, and services that protect the assets of your community. The VLCT Unemployment Insurance Trust provides unemployment insurance at stable pricing. VLCT also provides members with the option to purchase life, disability, dental, and vision insurance products at a competitive price. All the programs offer coverage and products that members need and ask for, help Vermont municipalities stretch their budgets, and are *only* available to VLCT members.

Members are welcome to contact VLCT anytime to ask questions and to access resources to help them carry out the important work of local government. **To learn more about the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, visit vlct.org.** Recent audited financial statements are available at vlct.org/AuditReports.



WINDHAM SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
327 OLD FERRY ROAD, BRATTLEBORO, VT 05301
(802) 257-0272 windhamsolidwaste.org

2022
ANNUAL REPORT TO MEMBER TOWNS
Bob Spencer, Executive Director
John Fay, Programs Manager

History and Current Status: The Windham Solid Waste Management District (WSWMD) was formed in 1988 by eight towns who cooperatively managed a 30-acre landfill on Old Ferry Road, Brattleboro until it closed in 1995. As more towns joined the District, a regional materials recovery facility (MRF) was constructed by the District adjacent to the closed landfill and processed dual-stream recyclable materials for 20 years until it stopped operating in 2017. Currently 18 towns are members of WSWMD which employs 6 full-time and 3 part-time persons to provide educational programs and operate the transfer station and composting facility on Old Ferry Road.

Town Solid Waste Services: Seven member towns, Dover, Jamaica, Readsboro, Stratton, Townshend, Wardsboro, and Wilmington operate transfer stations for trash and recyclable materials. Other materials such as tires and electronics are also collected by some transfer stations, and most of the single stream recyclables are processed at the Casella MRF in Rutland. All town transfer stations are required to provide containers for drop-off of food scraps. Three towns, Brookline, Halifax, and Marlboro provide 24-7 drop-off sites for recyclables. Three towns, Brattleboro, Vernon, and Westminster provide residential curbside trash and recycling collection. Five towns, Dummerston, Guilford, Newfane, Putney, and Somerset do not provide any trash or recycling services. Residents and businesses can contract with haulers for trash and recycling collection services. There are also two companies providing subscription collection of food scraps. The WSWMD website has a map showing the services provided by each town.

Financial Report: WSWMD finished fiscal year 2022 (FY22) with a budget surplus of \$224,887, which has been allocated toward the construction of the expanded compost facility. Revenues of \$1,500,194 off-set total expenses of \$1,206,748 and \$68,559 of capital reserves and expenses.

The annual assessment to member towns for fiscal year 2023 was kept the same as the prior year, although each town's respective assessment varied due to population changes using the new 2020 census figures.

Transfer Station: The WSWMD transfer station is a regional drop-off center for trash, recyclables, organics/food scraps, construction & demolition debris, scrap metal, and appliances. The transfer station also handles electronics, fluorescent tubes, ballasts, lead-acid and household batteries, waste oil and oil filters, paint, sharps/syringes, textiles, books, tires, and household hazardous waste. Use of the transfer station is limited to residents and businesses from member communities and requires the purchase of an access sticker at \$40/year. Approximately 3,000 customers purchase annual access stickers. There is no additional charge for recycling and composting. Fees are presented at www.windhamsolidwaste.org.

Materials Recovery Facility (MRF): The District voted to close the MRF in July 2017 but continues to accept cardboard from commercial sources. Cardboard is baled and sold, generating revenue for the District. Revenue in FY22 was exceptionally high at \$166,000 due to the strong markets for recycled cardboard.

Composting Facility: Of all recyclable materials handled by the District, the only ones that are reused locally are food scraps and yard debris. The food scrap composting facility is in its 9th year of operation and is the 2nd largest food scrap composting facility in Vermont. WSWMD donates compost for school and community gardens.

As the food scrap composting mandates of Act 148 have been phased in, the total quantity of food scraps processed at the site have increased each year, and therefore the District is pursuing a capital expansion project at the facility. The new composting facility will have a building with aerated windrows, air collection for odor

control, as well as rainwater and liquid management systems for the compost piles. The expansion will allow the District to continue to locally manage organic wastes while meeting state permitting requirements for a larger capacity facility.

Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP): All towns in Vermont are required to meet state solid waste management requirements through implementation of an authorized SWIP. The District writes and implements a SWIP on behalf of all its member towns, and so provides compliance and the accompanying services to each member town. 2022 was the third year of the five-year term of the current SWIP, which addresses household hazardous waste collection, education and outreach, as well as numerous other requirements.

Solar Array: WSWMD leases its capped landfill to Greenbacker Capital to operate a 5 mega-watt solar array, the largest group net-metered project in the state. Greenbacker has contracted to provide solar power for 20 years to the towns of Brattleboro, Dummerston, Halifax, Newfane, Readsboro, Vernon, Wardsboro, and Wilmington.; schools in Brattleboro, Marlboro, Putney, and Vernon; as well as Landmark College, Marlboro College, and the Brattleboro Retreat. The project provides significant cost savings for municipal and school budgets. Greenbacker Capital has a 20-year lease and pays the District a minimum of \$120,290/year for use of the landfill, as well as 50% of renewable energy credits, for total annual revenue of over \$250,000.

Household Hazardous Waste: Management of household hazardous waste is a costly and difficult service required by state regulations. Member towns benefit by having the District provide this service to all District residents and small businesses. In 2022, the WSWMD operated the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Depot and sponsored special one-day events in Readsboro and Wilmington. This year, 355 households were served by the program, a slight increase from last year. The HHW Depot is open by appointment one day each week from May through October. The average cost per user at the Depot is \$75, which is covered by a user fee of \$10, a Vermont DEC grant program, and operating costs of the District. At the special one-day events, costs are much higher, typically about \$200 per user. The Depot provides a convenient and cost-effective way for residents and small businesses to dispose of their hazardous waste.

Community Outreach & Technical Assistance: The District continues to provide technical assistance for schools, businesses, and towns. In 2022, WSWMD's programs were expanded by a grant of \$68,000 from the US Department of Agriculture. Under the grant project, the District has been able to provide member town transfer stations with new signage and technical assistance; recycling and composting workshops at schools in Guilford, Marlboro, Vernon, Newfane/Brookline, and Brattleboro; assistance in how to improve waste management in over 40 businesses; and new videos and other educational resources available on our website. A \$5,000 grant from the Windham Foundation was instrumental in establishing food scrap collection in four downtown Brattleboro buildings with a mix of retail, office, and residential tenants.

Special Event Outreach and Technical Assistance: WSWMD has 20 sets of bins for collecting recyclables, food scraps, and trash at special events. They are available to towns, businesses, residents, and institutions for use at fairs, festivals, weddings, etc. In addition, WSWMD offers free technical assistance to help events reduce their waste.



The mission of the Windham Regional Commission (WRC) is to assist towns in Southeastern Vermont to provide effective local governance and to work collaboratively with them to address regional issues. The region is comprised of 27 member towns: the 23 towns of Windham County; Readsboro, Searsburg and Winhall in Bennington County; and Weston in Windsor County.

The Commission, a political subdivision of the state, is composed of and governed by town-appointed Commissioners. Towns choose their own representatives to serve on the Commission. After town meeting, each Selectboard appoints up to two representatives to serve on the Commission for a one-year term. Newfane is currently represented by Shelly Huber and Ann Golob. Each Commissioner represents their town's interests within a regional context before the Commission, brings information from the Commission back to their town, and serves on at least one of a number of WRC committees that address regional and municipal issues and concerns. All WRC meetings are open to the public and subject to Vermont open meeting law. Committees and meeting schedules can be found on our website www.windhamregional.org.

We assist towns with a wide variety of activities, including town plans and bylaws; community and economic development; local emergency and hazard mitigation planning, including flood hazard area and river corridor bylaw assistance; natural resources, including assisting towns with watershed restoration projects and implementation of the state's clean water law; Act 174 town energy planning; transportation, including traffic counts (automotive, bicycle, pedestrian), inventories (bridges, culverts, signs, road erosion), road foremen training, and serving as a liaison with VTrans to report damage to town road infrastructure to the state as a result of flooding; redevelopment of Brownfields sites (sites that are or may be contaminated by hazardous substances); review of projects submitted for review through Act 250 (land use), Section 248 (energy generation and transmission, telecommunications), and federal permitting processes; grant application and administration; training of municipal officials and volunteers across a range of topics; and mapping and geographic information system (GIS) analyses. The maps in your town office were likely produced by the WRC.

We help towns, both individually and collectively, make the most of the financial and human resources they have, assisting with projects in, between, and among towns, building and augmenting the capacity of volunteer-based town boards and commissions, and providing professional services to towns that may want to take on a project that is beyond what they can comfortably manage with their own staff and volunteers. Our relationship with towns is inherently collaborative. For instance, towns may choose to have their town plans reviewed by the Commission; town plan review and approval by the WRC is not mandatory, but is a requirement of some state municipal grant programs. The regional plan, which was readopted in 2021, is developed in consultation with member towns, reflects town plan policies, and is ultimately approved by our towns.

2022 has been a busy year. We continued assisting towns with American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) management and deliberation about how to use these funds. We successfully applied for Congressionally directed spending (an earmark) through Senator Sanders to collaborate with Green Mountain Power to assist towns with planning for greater electricity resiliency in the event of grid instability or outages using renewable energy and battery storage. This project will get underway in 2023. We are developing a report for the Windham Region Seniors' Health Collaborative, which seeks to prepare the region for the needs of our rapidly growing senior population. Our Brownfields program continues to assist with the assessment and remediation of contaminated sites, and we continue to assist our towns with flood mitigation, water quality, and habitat restoration projects.

Funding for the WRC is provided through contracts with state agencies, federal and other grants, and town assessments. Town assessments made up approximately 7 percent of our total budget. Each town's individual assessment makes it possible for us to leverage the resources to serve all towns. The town's assessment for this year is \$4,215.52. To see our detailed Work Program and Budget for FY2023, visit our website, www.windhamregional.org, and click on the heading "About Us."



WINDHAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Sheriff Mark R. Anderson
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Fax: (802) 365-4945



Newfane Report

This year, the Windham County Sheriff's Office will be partnering with towns and stakeholders to consider how we deliver policing service. I believe Windham County can harness a system that provides better service that makes more efficient choices of how our taxes are used. Taking a step back to look at how Vermont intends to provide law enforcement (and other public safety systems), we often find members of the public confused by what agencies do, how various systems of government work, and ultimately leads to frustration when a person needs help. I'll be inviting towns into a discussion about how we could collectively build a better service replacing and improving the current construct. Together, we can endeavor to provide access to full-service law enforcement, while being mindful of the burden on taxpayers' shoulder. It will take work, and this is work worth doing.

Top 10 Call Responses	Count
Animal - At Large	5
Animal - Nuisance	2
Animal - Vicious	4
Animal Problem	7
Assist - Agency	6
Assist - Citizen	3
Assist - Motorist	2
Attempt to Serve	2
Directed Patrol	3
Disturbance	2
Motor Vehicle Complaint	3
Traffic Stop	156
VIN verification	2
All Calls	214

The most harrowing discussion members of the public have sought me out for in the last year is personal safety and crime. A casual reader might think this to be a standard topic for people like me (and it is); the volume at which I'm having this discussion is unlike anything I've experienced. As of this writing, WCSO has been asked to provide roughly 26,480 deputy hours with requests targeting issues surrounding violence, aggression, and an increase in aggressive driving in communities. For reference, our three-year average of annual patrol hours deputies worked throughout the county is approximately 14,000. While we work to support the increased demand, we must call out the nearly twelve months of time to adequately recruit, hire, train, and assign deputies to these assignments.

I'm pleased to share that we have moved our office to 185 Old Ferry Road, Brattleboro. Our departure from our location in Newfane was bittersweet, as the former county jail offered a geographically central, historically exhilarating location on one of the most photographed commons in Vermont. It also came with the burden of a two-hundred-year-old structure that didn't meet modern day standards and required significant investment to cure. Our new facility offers us space to grow our Regional Communications facility, provides improved air management, fire suppression, ADA access, a modern electrical system, and more. I must emphasize that the location of our office doesn't impact our ability to deliver services to communities through Windham County as our cruisers serve as "rolling" offices with in-car computers, access to our electronic records, and integrated communications equipment. As we've strived toward modernizing our systems, we've been intentional on keeping deputies present in your community.

Last year, I shared about our Regional Animal Control Officer (ACO) program, which Newfane is a member of. The initial work of the member towns has been a remarkable success, addressing animals that are vicious; at-large; neglected; unregistered; and in need of quarantine.

The Windham County Sheriff's Office is pleased to serve the people of Newfane and look forward to the upcoming year. If you have a need for our services, please don't hesitate to contact our office at 802-365-4942 for non-emergencies or 911 for emergencies.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheriff Mark R. Anderson

Town Meeting Minutes



Porter C. Thayer Photographs

Results of the vote are in the box below each article
PRE -TOWN MEETING INFORMATIONAL-Moderator Deborah Luskin

WARNING FOR THE 2022 NEWFANE TOWN MEETING VOTING BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT
 @ NEWFANE TOWN OFFICE, NEWFANE MARCH 1, 2022

The legal voters of the Town of Newfane, Vermont, are hereby notified and warned that pursuant to Title 17 V.S.A. Section 2655, they are to vote by Australian ballot due to COVID 19.

Masks are required by those voting in-person

Voting will take place from 9:00 AM until 7:00 PM at the **NEWFANE TOWN OFFICE**, Newfane to act upon the articles below.

ARTICLE 1: Shall the voters of the Town of Newfane elect the following Newfane Town Officers as required by law for the ensuing year?

				Yes	Write In	Blank
Constable	1- year term	No Winner	**	0	26	284
Collector of Deli. Taxes	1- year term	Melissa Brown		285	1	24
Lister (until 2023)	1- year term	No Winner	**	0		
Lister (until 2024)	2-year term	Beckley Gaudette				
Lister	3-year term	No Winner	**	0		
Moderator – Town	1-year term	Deborah Luskin		274	6	30
Selectboard Member	3-year term	Ann Golob		266	13	31
Selectboard Member	1-year term	Jeffrey Chevalier		200	***	only 2-
Selectboard Member	1-year term	Katy Johnson-Aplin		224	***	positions
Selectboard Member	1-year term	Christine White		112	2	79
Town Clerk	1-year term	Carol Hesselbach		295	0	15
Town Treasurer	1-year term	Melissa Brown		295	1	14
WRMUED School Board	3-year term	Peter Broussard		98	0	22
WRMUED School Board	3-year term	Emily Long		188	only 1	positions

ARTICLE 2:

Shall the voters of the Town of Newfane pay taxes for the ensuing year on a quarterly basis, due on the 15th of August, October, January and April; late charge for interest being at the rate of .50% per month for the current fiscal year and .75% per month for each month thereafter until paid?

Article 2 Passed	Voting Results	Yes 283	No 17	Blank 10
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ARTICLE 3:

Shall the voters of the Town of Newfane authorize the Treasurer to collect current taxes, pursuant to 32 VS § 4791?

Article 3 Passed	Voting Results	Yes 295	No 4	Blank 11
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ARTICLE 4:

Shall the voters of the Town of Newfane authorize the Selectboard to sell or otherwise convey property acquired through tax sale proceedings?

Bucky Pelsue – General question, was there a time when the public could have input on these articles?

Moderator Answer- the public is welcome to come to all of the Selectboard meetings; budget season starts in October and that is where these items are discussed.

Bill Gunter –Article #1 Are the current Listers not running for re-election?

Wannetta Powling, Answer- Beckley Gaudette is the only candidate who turned in paperwork for the two-year Lister position, any others can be written in.

Article 4 Passed	Voting Results	Yes 286	No 14	Blank 10
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ARTICLE 5:

Shall the voters of the Town of Newfane appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to American Red Cross?

Article 5 Passed	Voting Results	Yes 264	No 33	Blank 13
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ARTICLE 6:

Shall the voters of the Town of Newfane appropriate the sum of \$250.00 to Aids Project of So. VT?

Article 6 Passed	Voting Results	Yes 246	No 49	Blank 15
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ARTICLE 7:

Shall the voters of the Town of Newfane appropriate the sum of \$1500.00 to Incorporated Village, of Newfane Union Hall?

Bill Gunther – *Is this a new request?*

Shelly Huber Answer – *Yes this is a new request, for maintenance of Union Hall any of these appropriations had to make an appointment, and explained to the Selectboard and the public about how they serve the residents of Newfane. The town has never been charged for the use of the Hall for Town Meetings.*

Article 7 Passed	Voting Results	Yes 246	No 30	Blank 16
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ARTICLE 8:

Shall the voters of the Town of Newfane appropriate the sum of \$3500.00 to Grace Cottage Hospital?

Bill Gunther – *Would like to show support for Grace Cottage Hospital, very worthy cause.*

Article 8 Passed	Voting Results	Yes 271	No 23	Blank 16
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ARTICLE 9:

Shall the voters of the Town of Newfane appropriate the sum of \$400.00 to Green Mountain RSVP?

Article 9 Passed	Voting Results	Yes 239	No 45	Blank 26
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ARTICLE 10:

Shall the voters of the Town of Newfane appropriate the sum of \$1000.00 to Groundwork’s Collaborative?

Shelly Huber stated that all the appropriations made an appointment, and explain to the Selectboard & public how they serve the residents of Newfane.

Ann Golob added that these requests include a written report summarizing the activities of the organization and are included in the Town Report.

Article 10 Passed	Voting Results	Yes 235	No 57	Blank 18
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ARTICLE 11:

Shall the voters of the Town of Newfane appropriate the sum of \$1850.00 to Health Care & Rehabilitation Services?

Article 11 Passed	Voting Results	Yes 258	No 35	Blank 17
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ARTICLE 12:

Shall the voters of the Town of Newfane appropriate the sum of \$1000.00 to Leland & Gray Education Foundation?

Article 12 Passed	Voting Results	Yes 253	No 42	Blank 15
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ARTICLE 13:

Shall the voters of the Town of Newfane appropriate the sum of \$2,700.00 to Moore Free Library?

Article 13 Passed	Voting Results	Yes 266	No 32	Blank 12
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ARTICLE 14:

Shall the voters of the Town of Newfane appropriate the sum of \$1000.00 to Restorative Community Practice of S. Vermont?

Article 14 Passed	Voting Results	Yes 211	No 76	Blank 23
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ARTICLE 15:

Shall the voters of the Town of Newfane appropriate the sum of \$1150.00 to Senior Solutions?

Janis Hall – from Senior Solutions spoke regarding service numbers that were provided to Newfane residents.

Bill Gunther – Would like to show support for appropriations, very worthy cause, including the Vet-to-Vet program where people get budded up with other Vets.

Article 15 Passed	Voting Results	Yes 271	No 25	Blank 14
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ARTICLE 16:

Shall the voters of the Town of Newfane appropriate the sum of \$1600.00 to SEVCA?

Article 16 Passed	Voting Results	Yes 248	No 46	Blank 16
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ARTICLE 17:

Shall the voters of the Town of Newfane appropriate the sum of \$5178.00 to SeVEDS?

Casey Haynes- from the SeVEDS spoke regarding services that are provided to Newfane residents.

Article 17 Passed	Voting Results	Yes 209	No 70	Blank 31
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ARTICLE 18:

Shall the voters of the Town of Newfane appropriate the sum of \$600.00 to SE VT Watershed Alliance.

Article 18 Passed	Voting Results	Yes 252	No 36	Blank 22
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ARTICLE 19:

Shall the voters of the Town of Newfane appropriate the sum of \$2000.00 to S. Newfane Community Association?

Article 19 Passed	Voting Results	Yes 271	No 23	Blank 16
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ARTICLE 20:

Shall the voters of the Town of Newfane appropriate the sum of \$1000.00 to The Timson Hill Preschool?

Article 20 Passed	Voting Results	Yes 256	No 37	Blank 17
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ARTICLE 21:

Shall the voters of the Town of Newfane appropriate the sum of \$1000.00 to The Gathering Place?

Article 21 Passed	Voting Results	Yes 246	No 43	Blank 21
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ARTICLE 22:

Shall the voters of the Town of Newfane appropriate the sum of \$750.00 to The Moover?

Article 22 Passed	Voting Results	Yes 242	No 51	Blank 17
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ARTICLE 23:

Shall the voters of the Town of Newfane appropriate the sum of \$2675.00 to Valley Cares?

Bill Gunther – Would like to show support for Valley Cares, very beneficial having such a facility in the valley. They loaned out equipment during my recovery from surgery at no cost. I have done some volunteer driving and residents are very grateful for the assisted living in our area.

Article 23 Passed	Voting Results	Yes 262	No 29	Blank 19
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ARTICLE 24:

Shall the voters of the Town of Newfane appropriate the sum of \$220.00 to Vermont Center for Independent Living?

Article 24 Passed	Voting Results	Yes 254	No 36	Blank 20
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ARTICLE 25:

Shall the voters of the Town of Newfane appropriate the sum of \$400.00 to Vermont Adult Learning?

Article 25 Passed	Voting Results	Yes 248	No 41	Blank 21
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ARTICLE 26:

Shall the voters of the Town of Newfane appropriate the sum of \$100.00 to Vermont Green Up?

Article 26 Passed	Voting Results	Yes 270	No 23	Blank 17
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ARTICLE 27:

Shall the voters of the Town of Newfane appropriate the sum of \$4500.00 to Visiting Nurses, Alliance & Hospice for VT/NH?

Bill Gunther – Would like to show support for Visiting Nurses Alliance very worthy cause they helped him recover after his surgery, they came right to my house, wonderful service.

Article 27 Passed	Voting Results	Yes 262	No 29	Blank 19
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ARTICLE 28:

Shall the voters of the Town of Newfane appropriate the sum of \$1000.00 to Williamsville School Preservation Society?

Article 28 Passed	Voting Results	Yes 238	No 51	Blank 21
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ARTICLE 29:

Shall the voters of the Town of Newfane appropriate the sum of \$250.00 to Windham County Historical Society?

Article 29 Passed	Voting Results	Yes 276	No 21	Blank 13
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ARTICLE 30:

Shall the voters of the Town of Newfane appropriate the sum of \$720.00 to Windham County Humane Society?

Article 30 Passed	Voting Results	Yes 262	No 34	Blank 14
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ARTICLE 31:

Shall the voters of the Town of Newfane appropriate the sum of \$1000.00 to Women’s Freedom Center?

Article 31 Passed	Voting Results	Yes 243	No 52	Blank 15
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ARTICLE 32:

Shall the voters of the Town of Newfane appropriate the sum of \$1660.00 to Youth Services?

Article 32 Passed	Voting Results	Yes 265	No 32	Blank 13
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ARTICLE 33:

Shall the voters of the Town of Newfane appropriate the sum of \$250.00 to Win-Dart?

Article 33 Passed	Voting Results	Yes 209	No 62	Blank 39
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End of Special Appropriations, See Town Report for Details - Total \$ 39,753.

ARTICLE 34: Shall the voters of the Town of Newfane authorize General Fund expenditures for Town and Highway operating expenses of \$ 1,599,996, of which \$1,299,799 shall be raised by taxes and \$ 300,197 by non-tax revenues?

Bill Gunther – Question, Page 15 under General- the Windham County Tax is the figure used base on a per capital bases?

Melissa Brown – Yes this is based on per capita basis.

Bill Gunther -What does this do to the Windham County Sheriff when they move to Brattleboro?

Shelly Huber – Answer, none that we know of at this point, it will not have an effect on these figures.

Article 34 Passed	Voting Results	Yes 273	No 17	Blank 20
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ARTICLE 35:

Shall the voters of the Town of Newfane authorize Capital Fund expenditures of \$ 316,345.00, of which \$ 315,345.00 shall be raised by taxes and \$ 1,000.00 by non-tax revenues?

Article 35 Passed	Voting Results	Yes 268	No 22	Blank 20
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ARTICLE 36:

Shall the voters of the Town of Newfane raise by taxation the amount of \$28,634 for the annual Excavator lease payment?

Article 36 Passed	Voting Results	Yes 254	No 36	Blank 20
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ARTICLE 37:

Shall the voters of the Town of Newfane approve the transfer of surplus funds, in the amount of \$125,000 to the Capital Reserve Fund?

Article 37 Passed	Voting Results	Yes 276	No 15	Blank 19
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OTHER DISCUSSION:

Bucky Pelsue- General question If we are not satisfied with the amount and it is voted down, does that mean that the organization can come back and request a different amount?

Angela Sanborn – that is not an option.

Melissa Brown if it is voted NO, by a majority vote It is taken out of the budget.

Bill Gunther – I want to give my annual thanks to the Highway Crew, I haven't had to walk up the hill this year. Thank you

Deborah Luskin – At one Town Meeting I asked for money for a PA system I was granted \$750.00 and hope to use it when we reconvene in-person town meetings.

END OF PRE -TOWN MEETING INFORMATIONAL

Results of the vote are in the box below each article

MINUTES
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The Moderator explained that she used Robert's Rules to determine how to deal with the 2 incorrectly warned articles on the meeting warning. The Articles will be moved, seconded, and then withdrawn.

The Moderator asked if everyone in the hall was a registered voter in Newfane. One new resident, Hannah Schafer, indicated that she was not registered and she was given a Voter Registration application to complete. The cameraman from BCTV, Austin, is not a registered voter in Newfane and will not vote. The son of a Selectboard member, Jesse, is here and he will not vote, being too young to register. The Moderator instructed the voters to wait to be recognized, stand up to speak, and give their name and where they live. They must address the Moderator.

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Angela Sanborn, the Chair of the Selectboard, moved the motion. She read the motion. Ann Golob seconded it. Immediately Angela Sanborn withdrew the motion. Ann Golob agreed to the withdrawal. The Moderator stated that Article 1 was withdrawn.

The Moderator asked for a motion regarding Article 2:

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The Moderator read Article 3:

ARTICLE 3:

Shall the voters **Appropriate \$250.00 to (WinDart) Windham Disaster Animal Response Team** to focus on pet food distribution to food insecure pet families? (Social Appropriation missing from 2022 Town Meeting votes.)

Lynn Forrest moved the motion. Dennis Wiswall seconded.

The Moderator read the motion and indicated that it was now in motion.

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The Moderator read Article 4:

ARTICLE 4:

Shall the Town of Newfane voters **appropriate the transferring surplus funds of \$300,197** to cover the shortfall of taxes for the Fiscal Year 2023?

Carol Hesselbach moved the motion. Greg Record seconded it.

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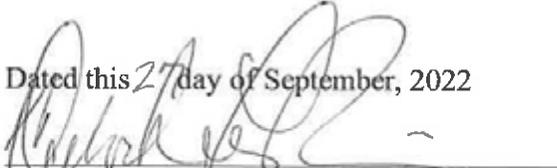
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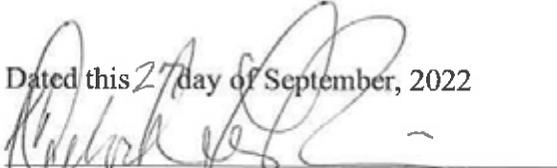
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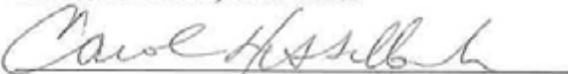
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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH, 2022
At 6:00 P.M

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A **Yes** vote means you would like to use unassigned surplus funds for the taxes.

A **No** vote means you do not want to use unassigned surplus funds for our taxes, instead you would like tax bills to be reissued.

This is an important vote that will affect every resident. Your participation is strongly encouraged.

Additionally, a floor vote for the appropriation of funds in the amount of \$250 for WINDART will be taken. WINDART's article was left off the ballot at our March meeting, though they presented in person, as we requested of all special appropriations, during budget season last fall.

The Retail Cannabis Article I and Integrated Retail Cannabis Article II votes were warned incorrectly, as such the Town can not do a floor vote to approve or deny retail cannabis in Newfane. Voting must happen by Australian Ballot, and will happen separately via normal early voting, and in person voting at the Newfane Town Office on October 13, 2022, from 9 A.M – 7 P.M

Vital Statistics



Porter C. Thayer Photographs

Recorded for Newfane Residents in 2022

Marriages

Ronald Ernest Hartmann
Lewis W Henderson IV

Ronald Joseph Bettini
Darcy Jean Cutler

Thomas James Aiksnoras
Ann Marie Rose Scott

Adam David Waters
Heather Lynn Johnson

Joseph Mariano
Erica Cutts

Justin Roy Coleman
Brittany Shea Bills

Births

Olivia Lynn Horstman
Owen Michel Roy
Ezzy Grazia Fabozzi
Riley Pandora Barnett
Dominic Aaron Mason
Archer Joshua Druke
Cooper Phthalo Zen Aspen
Ryan Alexander Larson
Jaelyn Zane Lambert
Atlas Grey Madison
Elysian Edward Burbridge

Deaths

Phyllis Mandell
William John Neathawk
Scott Anthony Brooks
Gunther Paul Garbe
Richard Allan Liston
Jane Elizabeth Church
Stephen Albert Brown
Edward Joseph O'Neil
Russell A Buzby
George Francis Smith
Steven Norman Morrill
Joseph Raymond Bates
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Barbara Brooks



THE JOSHUA DRUKE FOUNDATION

The Joshua Druke Foundation exists to support and build upon the things most important in Josh's life. Having the privilege of knowing Josh, we will carry on his legacy and communicate the difference he made for others.

Josh was firmly grounded in his family, faith, and community. He was born in March 1985 to Ed and Terri Druke in a small town in Vermont. Josh and his younger brother Ryan enjoyed the many benefits of time spent with multiple generations of family; they grew up together playing sports, sugaring, plowing snow, cutting hay, feeding animals, walking the woods, and putting up firewood. His parents made specific career decisions to support and prioritize their family. Ed started working at a local lumber yard in 1986, soon after Josh was born, so he could go home for lunch and pick up the boys from school a few years later. They put family first in so many areas of life, and that strong family environment set the direction for the way Josh lived.

Sports were a big part of Josh's life during middle and high school. His competitive heart was a fire that made him successful both on and off the court. Combining talent and passion is a powerful force! Basketball was his favorite, sport-something he played and enjoyed throughout his life and passed along to his kids. He was a 1,000-point scorer in three years, and he worked hard with his team to get to the state championship game in 2003. He was nominated for the McDonald's All-American basketball team and traveled to Ohio to be with the best players in the country. Throughout all of his competitive spirit, he still maintained a simple enjoyment of the game and would often be in the driveway shooting hoops with his family and friends.

Josh's parents had the opportunity to become owners in the local lumber yard after Ed spent 20+ years working on staff. Their goal was to maintain a unique hometown business, create local jobs to keep families strong, and see their sons grow up in a family business along with future generations after them. From a very young age, Josh and Ryan were able to experience business, livelihood, community, and family entwined.

After Josh went through college and moved back toward home, his involvement in the family business steadily increased, and he poured many efforts into its growth and success. Over 16 years he became an expert in his field and was a young leader in his industry. He kept his focus on people, inspired his co-workers, and made lasting relationships with local builders and businesses. The family business continued to grow as Josh and Ryan worked alongside their parents. The values and character Josh showed at work were an extension and reflection of the family time and sports activities he knew growing up. Josh was also involved in multiple business development and workforce development organizations in Vermont and New Hampshire. He served on the board of directors for economic development organizations and lumber industry associations. He was a supporter and mentor at a local technical career center school for students interested in building science trades. Josh was always looking for ways to keep local communities strong and create new sustainable growth. He was an advocate and a strategic thinker. He had an ability to connect with people of all different backgrounds by finding common ground and making everyone feel heard.

Josh and Jamie were married in 2009 and a whole new family came to life. Two larger families were merged together, and Josh was welcomed by Jamie's parents, siblings, aunts, uncles and grandparents. As they built a house and had their first daughter Everly, the driving force behind Josh's priorities came into focus. He worked hard to provide for his wife and daughter, continuing to develop the family business to see it succeed for the future. Eloise (Lucie) was born, and their family grew to four. Family ties offered an opportunity for them to move to a nearby town and live next door to Jamie's parents. Josh was able to work with his parents each day and live next to Jamie's parents; both families were integral to the story of Josh's life. Josh spent many evenings

and weekends helping his in-laws and being involved with Jamie's family. Oliver was born in 2019, and the Druke family was five strong.

Josh's involvement and presence as a husband and a father is one of the most beautiful and moving things we can describe. He was a true servant leader of his home who sacrificed his time, energy, and comfort to love and care for Jamie and the kids.

Patience and tenderness

were strong character traits of his. Most evenings he was snuggling with or reading to at least one of the kids on the couch. The last weekend of his life, Josh was working outside when Lucie came out in a princess dress and asked him to dance. She didn't have to ask twice. He stopped what he was doing, and they danced in the driveway. The last photo that Jamie took of Josh was of him dancing with his daughter, which speaks so perfectly to who he was.

Faith and church community were foundational for Josh and Jamie as their marriage and family grew. Josh and Jamie were involved in church and small groups for several years, eventually leading a small group at their house and building close relationships with others along the way. They explored how family, faith, and community can be secured in the teachings of Jesus Christ.

They lived out these beliefs in their marriage, parenting and friendships. Josh's confidence in God gave new depth to his character and new inspiration to his values. His faith took on humility and a sense of purpose that overflowed into so many areas of his life: as a husband, a father, a son, a business leader, a community supporter, a coach, a competitor, a teacher, a mentor, and a friend. What Josh believed about God changed him and unified him on the deepest level. Faith was instrumental in the direction and momentum of his life as he gave more and more of himself for the sake of others.

As a young father, Josh was able to spend a lot of time on community activities woven together with family and friends. Josh coached his town's soccer team and made sure the family business paid for the league's t-shirts. Seeing the community kids running around with the family business logo on brightly colored shirts brought a smile to a lot of faces. It was another simple way that family, business, and community were brought together and made stronger. Josh's children played basketball and soccer, starting to make the next generation of friendships.

Josh died suddenly on October 28, 2021, in a farm equipment accident at his house. He was 36 years old. The trauma, pain and tragedy of his passing has reverberated through every person and community he impacted. His family, church and business will never be the same, and we will always remember his incredible presence. As someone who reached many people with the way he lived, his death has left a deep and unrelenting sense of tragedy. We could never fully capture the resonance of Josh's life, or the sense of loss experienced in his death.

We had the privilege of watching him quietly and consistently invest himself in his family, his faith, and his local community. These were the things that animated his heart, inspired his mind and were worthy of his time. These were the things that Josh believed were important. It was his multitude of small choices and little actions that brought a fullness to life for so many other people.

The Joshua Druke Foundation exists to support and build upon family, faith, and community. Our vision is to create a unique and lasting space where individuals and organizations can gather and grow stronger together. Along the way, we will directly support those individuals and organizations that carry on Josh's legacy, reflect the priorities of his life, and inspire others to do the same.

Thank you for your support of The Joshua Druke Foundation—we are so grateful! More significantly, thank you for being inspired by Josh's life as you follow his example of small choices and little actions that make a difference in the world around you... in your family, in your faith journey and in your local community.

The mission of the Joshua Druke Foundation is to support individuals and organizations who reflect the priorities seen in Josh's life. The vision of the foundation is to create a community space dedicated to Josh's memory where many different individuals and organizations can gather and grow. Josh consistently invested his time and efforts in his family, his faith, and the well-being of his local communities. Distributions from the foundation will be focused on supporting family-centered activities, youth sports, local community development and discipleship to Jesus Christ. By supporting others directly and working to create a gathering space, we will carry on Josh's legacy and communicate the impact of his life.

TELEPHONE DIRECTORY for TOWN SERVICES and EMERGENCY SERVICES

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Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 8:00 am – 6:00 pm

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24 HOUR EMERGENCY SERVICES

Emergency:	Enhanced 911.....911
Fire:	Mutual Aid, Keene, NH.....(603) 352-1100
Ambulance:	Rescue, Inc., Brattleboro, VT.....(802) 254-2010
Police:	Windham County Sheriff's Dept., – EMERGENCY.....(802) 365-4949
	WCSD – Non-Emergency.....(802) 365-4942
	Vermont State Police.....(802) 722-4600
Hospital	Grace Cottage..... (802) 365-7676
	Brattleboro Memorial..... (802) 254-0341