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The Select Board  
Town of Rochester, Vermont

We are in the process of auditing, 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, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Rochester, Vermont, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021 (not presented herein), which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements. We expect to issue our audit report by March 31, 2022. Once completed our independent auditor's report and the Town's audited financial statements will be available at the Town Office.

We have not been engaged to audit the financial data as presented in the Town report. Accordingly, we express no opinion on such financial data.

*Pace & Hawley, LLC*

Berlin, Vermont  
February 10, 2022

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## February 22, 2021 - Informational Meeting

Present: Doon Hinderyckx, Pat Harvey, Frank Severy, Dan McKinley, Julie Smith, Kristen and Troy LaPell, Martha Slater, Orca Media, Nancy Woolley, Doreen Jones, Gerry Carlo, Sandra Haas, Mary McGrath, Jeannette Bair, Tony Goupee, Jeff Gephart, Lizzy Shackelford, Vic and Sue Ribaldo, Deb Moore, Barb Dehart, Lois Bond, Rob Gardner, Manzanita Sanz, Joan Hubbard, Nancy Vadnais,

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Dan read:

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No questions or comments made.

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No questions or comments made.

**Article 14.** Shall the voters authorize total highway and general fund expenditures of \$1,095,646.00 of which \$766,833.00 shall be raised by taxes?

Doon thanked the Budget and Finance Committee for all their hard work to come up with this number

and make it as real and efficient as possible.

**Article 15.** Shall the voters appropriate \$45,625.00 towards operating expenses of the Rochester Public Library?

Doon thanked the Library for level funding the Library budget. Lizzy Shackelford asked if there would be information to help folks know if these articles are good things to vote for or not. She noted this is a general question because of the format. Dan noted normally at the informational meeting we don't go into deep discussions about the merits of the article. He noted its primarily for information, like the information Doon is sharing. Sandy Haas noted a couple thoughts for Lizzy by sharing if you go a couple pages before the warning in the Town Report you will find the information from last year for comparison of these numbers from last year. Sandy explained also for each department in the town, they have their own page report in the book. Pat noted on page 46 of the Town Report is the annual Report from the Library Trustee. She noted on page 47 of the Town Report are all the budget figures from 2 years ago. Lizzy thanked Pat and asked if there were any comments with "We are doing this... because?" She noted will there be an explanation for the decisions that were made. Dan noted it would be helpful for folks if articles were level, increased or decreased and why.

**Article 16.** Shall the voters appropriate \$69,479.00 to provide ambulance service from White River Valley Ambulance (WRVA)?

Pat commented this article is explained on page 38. She explained the appropriations indicate the past few years of budgeted amounts. She noted last year the White River Ambulance was \$ 68,340.0. She noted a modest increase. Frank noted the selectmen do not have control over the budget of Article 14. He noted the Library and WRVA create their own budgets.

**Article 17.** Shall the voters vote to appropriate \$20,400.00 to continue funding the "Fast Trash" and Recycling program (receipt of recyclables and trash with residents paying for trash per bag) from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022?

Frank noted Fast Trash was level funded from the previous year. Doon commented you have to pay for recycling at the transfer station and this make it an even better deal for us. Nancy noted it was correct that you do have to pay for recycling in Bethel and this makes it quite attractive for our town. She noted the staff is quite friendly. Nancy noted there is a report in the Town Report from the Transfer Station and a list of their charges including their recycling which is \$3 a visit.

**Article 18.** Shall the voters vote to appropriate \$8,000.00 to continue funding the Town Buildings Reserve Fund?

Dan asked if this increased or decreased from last year. Doon noted it's a tad decreased from last year. Doon noted it would be better if it were higher but was one of the tools used to keep the increase to the budget to a minimum. Doon noted we could use four times as much for the building reserves.

**Article 19.** Shall the voters vote to appropriate \$1,000.00 to continue funding the Tennis Court Reserve Fund?

Nancy noted this Reserve Fund has been funded with the same amount every year. She noted the money is used to keep the surfaces of the tennis court in good shape. She noted the courts were re-surfaced in 2012. She noted there is wear and tear on them currently. She noted the estimates to have them re-surfaced are upward of \$7,000.00. She noted by putting the money away annually to work toward that amount.

**Article 20.** Shall the voters vote to appropriate the requested sum of \$3,000.00 to the Central Vermont Council on Aging?

Dan asked in the past all the appropriations were voted on all together and why are they now on the

ballot to be voted on separately? He asked how that came about. Pat noted they came about when the state changed the rules about COVID. She noted they required each appropriation be voted on separately. Frank noted the figures can not be altered on the voting. He noted they will all be straight up YES or NO questions. Frank noted with that, it wouldn't make sense to lump them all together.

**Article 21.** Shall the voters vote to appropriate the requested sum of \$2,066.00 to the Clara Martin Center?

Julie commented that all appropriations were level funded from the previous year.

**Article 22.** Shall the voters vote to appropriate the requested sum of \$100.00 to Green Up Vermont?

No comments or questions were asked.

**Article 23.** Shall the voters vote to appropriate the requested sum of \$9,849.00 to the Quintown Senior Center?

No comments or questions were asked.

**Article 24.** Shall the voters vote to appropriate the requested sum of \$250.00 to the Orange County Parent Child Center?

No comments or questions were asked.

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No comments or questions were asked.

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No comments or questions were asked.

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No comments or questions were asked.

**Article 28.** Shall the voters vote to appropriate the requested sum of \$4,800.00 to VNH —Visiting Nurse Association?

No comments or questions were asked.

**Article 29.** Shall the voters vote to appropriate the requested sum of \$875.00 to White River Partnership?

No comments or questions were asked.

**Article 30.** Shall the voters vote to appropriate the requested sum of \$250.00 to WomenSafe?

No comments or questions were asked.

**Article 31.** Shall the Town of Rochester be required to inform its residents when sources of radiation, such as that from cell towers and 5G antennas, are being proposed for installation within its town limits?

Martha found it confusing because she thought the town did notify towns people, and it would be public information when proposed. Doon note that anytime something is proposed would be hung on the bulletin board in town. He noted they are also found on the Planning and Zoning minutes posted on the website.

Deb More made a statement. She noted in cities all around Vermont, the telecom companies are in fact placing and deploying cell phone towers, and small cell antennas, which are meant to convey 5G into homes. She noted infrastructure is completed in some towns, on going and all over the place. She noted many of these places have not been informed clearly enough. She noted what this article will do is make sure that is the case. She noted she prepared a short explanation of the rationale of this article. She read a statement attached.

Doon asked to what extent is the Town notified. He noted the cell towers are big and visible but what about the small sub antennas. He asked if the Town would be notified. Deb noted they would have to apply for a town permit. She noted the towns can create some regulation over these. Pat noted it would have to go through the Public Service Board and then on to ACT 250 and then through the town planning board to finally the selectboard. She noted there are many channels to make people aware. Dan noted as a planning commission member, there were two proposed cell tower installations about six years ago. He noted they had hearings and provided information to the public service board and neither one of them were constructed.

Mark Alexander noted some of the newer wireless communication systems, companies such as AT&T are trying to build small boxes mounted on telephone poles in town. He noted because they are so small, they can by-pass some of the regulations involving cell towers. He noted that is another way to be aware of these things being built in our town. Mark also added we can treat this as an issue of comments.

Barb noted it is a question of the timing of notification. She noted when it's the first go around when something is proposed or thought about being proposed to the town or planning board, in her mind would be a good time to say we are in the process of looking at this, opposed to us have looked at it and considering it and now we are letting you know about it. She noted to her any indication, whether big cell towers, small boxes could go out immediately. Not a yay or nay situation just the timing of it to communicate and discussion can follow as the process continues.

Jannah Murray made a comment. She noted this is not construed as a bill to stop something. She noted this is only a right-to-know. She noted being overly informed is a good thing.

Lizzy noted it was unclear if the small antennas if the town gets notice. She noted after chatting with people if this is an unnecessary extra layer is what the burden would be, and the expectation on the selectboard if we meet this new notification of requirement. She also asked what the obligation is if these small antennas were put on private properties, would the town get notification and would be required to inform others as well. She wondered if there's an extra burden for the town to then find out what the companies are doing with small antennas related to private property. Deb noted she doesn't think it's a simple of companies putting antennas on private property. She noted one person wouldn't be able to have 5G whereas the rest of the town did not.

Lizzy noted the confusion around EC Fiber providing 5G wireless in our homes and the 5G Towers. Mary McGrath noted she has EC Fiber, noting they had a dead spot and the normal hookup for EC Fiber is 4 G and with the dead spot was given a second option of 5G. She asked if this is the 5G that is like the Cellular towers. The rep told her it is different. Mary noted she was told 5G is a stronger signal in a shorter distance. She noted the EC Fiber is not the same as the 5G on poles.

Mark Alexander noted the confusion with the terminology of 5G. He noted the 5G that EC Fiber refers to is a Wi-Fi signal. He noted it has to do with GHz and refers to routers in the house. He noted it's a faster Wi-Fi which was previously 2.4G. He noted its unfortunate confusion but has nothing to do with 5G cellular systems. He noted EC Fiber is not connected in any way with 5G cellular.

Dan noted that was the last article for the informational meeting and will move to go into the regular Selectboard meeting.

Doon noted we are closing the informational meeting and staying on the zoom for the selectboard meeting.

Informational meeting ended at 6:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Julie Smith

## February 25, 2021 - Informational Meeting

Present: Doon Hinderyckx, Pat Harvey, Frank Severy, Dan McKinley, Julie Smith, Kristen and Troy LaPell, Martha Slater, Orca Media, Nancy Woolley, Sandra Haas, Jeannette Bair, Tony Goupee, Jeff Gephart, Joan Hubbard, Nancy Vadnais, Alvina Risinger-Harvey, Cari Burkard

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**Article 16.** Shall the voters appropriate \$69,479.00 to provide ambulance service from White River Valley Ambulance (WRVA)? Alvina Harvey asked why the Granville First Response is not included in the articles. Nancy noted they are in the budget found on page 31 line under General Town Expenses 100-7-10-30-960 .000. Alvina noted she wanted to make sure they were included

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Dan asked if there were any more question or comments.

Doon concluded that was the end of the hearing.

Informational meeting ended at 6:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Smith

**OFFICIAL BALLOT**  
**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**  
**ROCHESTER, VERMONT**  
**MARCH 1, 2021**

**INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS**

TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the right of your choice(s) like this   
Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.

To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot,  
write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

**ARTICLE 1. FOR MODERATOR**

1-year term      Vote for not more than ONE

Dan McKinley

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(Write-in)

**ARTICLE 2. FOR SELECTBOARD**

3-year term      Vote for not more than ONE

Pat Harvey

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(Write-in)

**ARTICLE 3. FOR TOWN CLERK**

1-year term      Vote for not more than ONE

Julie Smith

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(Write-in)

**ARTICLE 4. FOR TOWN TREASURER**

1-year term      Vote for not more than ONE

Julie Smith

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(Write-in)

**ARTICLE 5. FOR LISTER**

3-year term      Vote for not more than ONE

Jessica Arsenault

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(Write-in)

**ARTICLE 6. COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES**

1-year term      Vote for not more than ONE

Rebecca Klein

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(Write-in)

**ARTICLE 7. FOR LIBRARY TRUSTEE**

5-year term      Vote for not more than ONE

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(Write-in)

**ARTICLE 8. FOR TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC FUNDS**

3-year term      Vote for not more than ONE

Barbara DeHart

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(Write-in)

**ARTICLE 9. FOR CEMETERY COMMISSIONER**

5-year term      Vote for not more than ONE

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(Write-in)

**ARTICLE 10. FOR CEMETERY COMMISSIONER**

1-year term      Vote for not more than ONE

Michelle Schnabel

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(Write-in)

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CERTIFICATION OF FINAL VOTE

I, Julia Smith, Town Clerk of Rochester, Vermont, hereby certify that the following votes were cast in this District regarding election of Town Meeting Ballots on March 1, 2021.

Total Votes:	<u>146</u>
<b>Article 1.</b> Moderator-Dan McKinley	<u>145</u>
Write-ins	<u>    </u>
Blank/Spoiled	<u>    1</u>
<b>Article 2.</b> SB-Pat Harvey	<u>121</u>
Write-ins	<u>    5</u>
Blank/Spoiled	<u>   14</u>
<b>Article 3.</b> Town Clerk-Julie Smith	<u>146</u>
Write-ins	<u>    </u>
Blank/Spoiled:	<u>    </u>
<b>Article 4.</b> Treasurer-Julie Smith	<u>145</u>
Write-ins	<u>    1</u>
Blank/Spoiled	<u>    </u>
<b>Article 5.</b> Lister-Jessica Arsenault	<u>138</u>
Write-ins	<u>    2</u>
Blank/Spoiled	<u>    6</u>
<b>Article 6.</b> Del. Tax Coll-R. Klein	<u>130</u>
Write-ins	<u>    5</u>
Blank/Spoiled	<u>    1</u>
<b>Article 7.</b> Library Trustee	<u>    </u>
Write-ins	<u>*93 – S. Lincoln 79 votes</u>
Blank/Spoiled	<u>   53</u>
<b>Article 8.</b> TPF-Barb Dehart	<u>139</u>
Write-ins	<u>    2</u>
Blank/Spoiled:	<u>    3</u>
<b>Article 9.</b> Cemetery Commissioner	<u>    </u>
Write-ins	<u>*62 – Joe Schenkman 34 votes</u>
Blank/Spoiled	<u>   84</u>
<b>Article 10.</b> Cem. Com.-M. Schnabel	<u>142</u>
Write-ins	<u>    2</u>
Blank/Spoiled	<u>    2</u>
<b>Article 11.</b>	<u>    </u>
In Favor	<u>   137</u>
Opposed	<u>    7</u>
Blank	<u>    2</u>
<b>Article 12.</b>	<u>    </u>
In Favor	<u>   133</u>
Opposed	<u>   10</u>
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<b>Article 13.</b>	<u>144</u>
In Favor	<u>    1</u>
Opposed	<u>    1</u>
Blank	<u>    </u>
<b>Article 14.</b>	<u>138</u>
In Favor	<u>    5</u>
Opposed	<u>    3</u>
Blank	<u>    </u>
<b>Article 15.</b>	<u>122</u>
In Favor	<u>   22</u>
Opposed	<u>    2</u>
Blank	<u>    </u>
<b>Article 16.</b>	<u>136</u>
In Favor	<u>    6</u>
Opposed	<u>    4</u>
Blank	<u>    </u>
<b>Article 17.</b>	<u>132</u>
In Favor	<u>   13</u>
Opposed	<u>    1</u>
Blank	<u>    </u>
<b>Article 18.</b>	<u>139</u>
In Favor	<u>    5</u>
Opposed	<u>    2</u>
Blank	<u>    </u>
<b>Article 19.</b>	<u>107</u>
In Favor	<u>   34</u>
Opposed	<u>    5</u>
Blank	<u>    </u>
<b>Article 20.</b>	<u>141</u>
In Favor	<u>    4</u>
Opposed	<u>    1</u>
Blank	<u>    </u>
<b>Article 21.</b>	<u>137</u>
In Favor	<u>    5</u>
Opposed	<u>    4</u>
Blank	<u>    </u>
<b>Article 22.</b>	<u>138</u>
In Favor	<u>    5</u>
Opposed	<u>    3</u>
Blank	<u>    </u>
<b>Article 23.</b>	<u>144</u>
In Favor	<u>    1</u>
Opposed	<u>    1</u>
Blank	<u>    </u>

**Article 24.**

In Favor	<u>133</u>
Opposed	<u>10</u>
Blank	<u>3</u>

**Article 25.**

In Favor	<u>134</u>
Opposed	<u>8</u>
Blank	<u>4</u>

**Article 26.**

In Favor	<u>142</u>
Opposed	<u>3</u>
Blank	<u>1</u>

**Article 27.**

In Favor	<u>137</u>
Opposed	<u>6</u>
Blank	<u>3</u>

**Article 28.**

In Favor	<u>141</u>
Opposed	<u>3</u>
Blank	<u>2</u>

**Article 29.**

In Favor	<u>130</u>
Opposed	<u>10</u>
Blank	<u>6</u>

**Article 30.**

In Favor	<u>141</u>
Opposed	<u>4</u>
Blank	<u>1</u>

**Article 31.**

In Favor	<u>100</u>
Opposed	<u>43</u>
Blank	<u>3</u>

Attested on this 1st day of March 2021:

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Signature

SEAL:

## Warning

### Town of Rochester, Vermont ANNUAL TOWN MEETING TO BE HELD

**MONDAY NIGHT ~ March 28, 2022 ~ 7:00 PM**  
**Rochester School Auditorium**

The legal voters of the Town of Rochester, County of Windsor, State of Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet in the Rochester School Auditorium, 222 South Main Street, in said town on Monday, March 28, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. to transact the following business:

**Article 1. To elect a moderator for the ensuing year.**

**Article 2. To elect all Town Officers required by law:**

1. To elect a Selectboard Member ~ 3-year term
2. To elect a Town Clerk for a 3-year term.
3. To elect a Town Treasurer for a 3-year term.
4. To elect a Lister for a 3-year term.
5. To elect a Collector of Delinquent Taxes for a 1-year term.
6. To elect a Library Trustee for a 5-year term.
7. To elect a Library Trustee to the remaining 1-year balance of a 5-year term.
8. To elect a Trustee of Public Funds for a 3-year term.
9. To elect a Cemetery Commissioner for a 5-year term.

**Article 3. Shall the voters authorize the Treasurer to collect current taxes, pursuant to 32 V.S.A. §4791?**

**Article 4. Shall the voters authorize payment of real taxes in four (4) installments, with due dates being Monday, August 15, 2022, Monday, November 15, 2022, Wednesday, February 15, 2023 and Monday, May 15, 2023, by physical delivery to the tax collector before 4:00 PM on those dates with postmarks not accepted as proof of delivery?**

**Article 5. Shall the voters authorize total highway and general fund expenditures of \$ 1,397,011 of which \$ 966,359 shall be raised by taxes?**

**Article 6. Shall the voters exempt real property in Rochester Village owned by Rochester Community Care Home, Inc., d.b.a. Park House, a non-profit tax-exempt organization providing services and housing for low income and other elderly persons from property taxes for five (5) years (FY23 – FY27), pursuant to 32 V.S.A. §3840.**

**Article 7. Shall the voters appropriate \$ 48,314 towards operating expenses of the Rochester Public Library.**

**Article 8. Shall the voters appropriate \$ 20,400 to continue funding the “Fast Trash” and Recycling program from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.**

Article 9. Shall the voters authorize the Selectboard to borrow an amount not to exceed \$ 105,080 for the purchase of a Western Star Tandem Truck for the Highway Department.

Article 10. Shall the voters authorize the Selectboard to borrow an amount not to exceed \$ 65,165 for the purchase of a Ford F550 4x4 Crew Cab truck for the Fire Department.

Article 11. Shall the voters appropriate \$ 9,000 to continue funding the Town Buildings and Property Reserve Fund?

Article 12. Shall the voters appropriate \$ 1,000 to continue funding the Tennis Reserve Fund for on-going and future court maintenance?

Article 13. Shall the voters vote appropriate the following sums as requested by these community agencies:

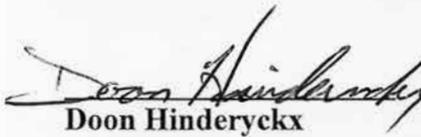
Central VT Council on Aging	3,000.00
Clara Martin Center	2,066.00
Green Up Vermont	100.00
Orange County Parent Child Center	250.00
Quintown Senior Center	9,849.00
SafeLine, Inc.	250.00
Tri-Valley Transport (formerly Stagecoach)	1,300.00
Vermont Rural Fire Hydrant	100.00
VNH – Visiting Nurse Association	4,800.00
White River Partnership	875.00
WomenSafe	250.00

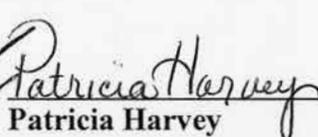
Total \$22,840.00

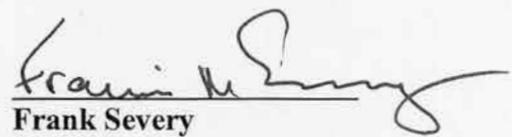
Article 14. To transact any other legal and proper business to be brought before said meeting.

Dated at Rochester, Vermont this 22 nd day of February, 2022.

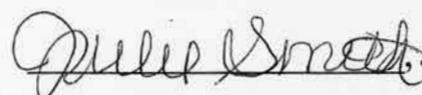
ROCHESTER SELECTBOARD

  
Doon Hinderyckx

  
Patricia Harvey

  
Frank Severy

Received at Rochester this 22 day of February, 2022 for Recording

Attest:  Julie Smith, Rochester Town Clerk

**Who's Who in Local Government**  
**A Publication of the Office of the Secretary of State ~ 2018**

Serving in local office is a great way to give something back to our community. So why don't you take a turn? Here are the offices you can choose from:

***Officials Elected at Town Meeting***

**Moderator** ~ Runs the Annual and Special Town/School Meetings. Should have a good sense of humor, be good at group process, and have experience following Roberts Rules of Order.

**Selectboard Member** ~ General supervision and control over town; enacts ordinances, regulations and policies for town; oversees town property and personnel; prepares, presents and manages budget; oversees roads, including laying out, discontinuing and reclassifying roads. Sits as local board of health, liquor control commission and sewer commission. Should know the town well, be able to understand all sides of complex issues, and have very thick skin.

**Town Clerk** ~ Records, preserves and certifies the public records of the town. Issues dog, marriage, civil union licenses and motor vehicle, snowmobile and motorboat renewals. Runs the local elections, serves as clerk of the Board of Civil Authority, and hears tax abatement requests and tax appeals. Should have the patience of a saint and be a good ambassador for the town.

**Town Treasurer** ~ Keeps the town and school accounts (unless a separate school treasurer is elected), invests money (with the approval of the legislative body), keeps a record of the taxes voted, and pays orders drawn on him or her. Should be very precise, detail oriented and good at math.

**Lister** ~ Appraise property within the town for the purpose of property tax assessment. Should be able to be polite, yet firm, and not oversensitive to criticism.

**Collector of Delinquent Taxes** ~ Collects delinquent taxes for the town and conducts tax sales. Should be good with numbers and also able to work with people who are in difficult circumstances.

**Trustee of Public Funds** ~ Manages, invests and reports on real and personal property held in trust by the town. This includes cemetery trust funds. Should like investing money.

**Cemetery Commissioner** ~ Responsible for the care and management of the town's cemeteries. Terms are for five years.

**Justices of the Peace** ~ Elected every two years. Duties of the Justices of the Peace fall into five categories of responsibilities: elections, tax abatement & appeals, marriages, oaths & Notary and Magistrate.

**Board of Civil Authority** ~ Members of Selectboard, Town Clerk, Justices of Peace

### ***Local Officials Appointed by the Legislative Body***

**Health Officer** ~ Appointed by the Commissioner of Health to a 3-year term upon recommendation of the Selectboard. Enforces rules and regulations for the prevention and abatement of public health hazards.

**Constable (First & Second)** ~ Appointed by the Selectboard. Operating under Vermont Statutes, in some towns the constable is the town's local law enforcement officer, with all powers of search, seizure and arrest within the town. In other towns the constable only has the power to serve civil process, assist the health officer in the discharge of his or her duties, destroy unlicensed dogs, kill injured deer, remove disorderly people from town meeting, and, if the First Constable, to collect taxes, if no tax collector is elected. Should be good at de-escalating and resolving conflicts.

**Planning Commissioners** ~ Appointed unless town votes to elect. Duties include preparing a municipal plan, making recommendations on matters of land development, conservation, and preservation, and to participate in a regional planning program. Makes site plan and subdivision permit decisions unless there is a Development Review Board in town. Should have a good working knowledge of all aspects of the town and be able to listen to many sides of an issue.

**Zoning Administrator** ~ Appointed by the Planning Commission with the approval of the Selectboard. Approves or denies applications for zoning permits. Administers the municipal bylaws literally. Enforces regulations pertaining to the Zoning Ordinance.

**Fire Warden** ~ Appointed by the State Fire Commissioner with approval of the Selectboard. Prevents forest fires in the town by enforcing the laws designed to prevent forest fires. Issues permits for open burning within the Town. Term is for five years.

**Road Commissioner** ~ Appointed by the Selectboard, the Road Commissioner has no independent authority, but assists the Selectboard in overseeing town highways. Should have experience with town highways and be a good communicator.

**Regional Planning Commission Representative** ~ Appointed by the Selectboard. Helps develop the regional plan and assess municipal land use plans, but has no independent authority.

**Animal Control Officer (Poundkeeper)** ~ Appointed by the Selectboard. Enforces ordinances and cares for the animals that are impounded within the town.

**Humane Officer** ~ Appointed by the Selectboard. Enforces State and Federal regulations surrounding the humane and proper treatment of all animals. Works closely with Animal Control Officer & Constables.

**Emergency Management Coordinator** ~ Responsible for the organization, administration and operation of the Town's committee that is formed for emergency management. The coordinator is under the direct control of the Selectboard but may coordinate his or her emergency management efforts with neighboring towns and cities and with the state emergency management division, and with the federal government.

**Tree Warden** ~ Appointed by the Selectboard. Plans and implements a shade tree preservation program for the purpose of shading and beautifying public places. Recommends the removal of diseased, dying or dead trees which create a hazard to public safety or threaten the effectiveness of disease or insect control programs.

## Town of Rochester Elected Officials

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Moderator	Dan McKinley	2022
Selectboard:	Doon Hinderyckx, Chair	2022
	Frank Severy	2023
	Patricia Harvey	2024
Town Clerk	Julie Smith	2022
Town Treasurer	Julie Smith	2022
Listers:	Caroline Meagher	2022
	Louis Donnet	2023
	Jessica Arsenault	2024
Collector of Delinquent Taxes	Rebecca Klein	2022
Library Trustees:	Barbara Shenton	2022
	Jolanta Labejsza <i>Resigned – 1-22</i>	2023
	Kelly Kelly	2024
	Anthony Goupee	2025
	Sandy Lincoln	2026
Trustees of Public Funds:	Ann Pierce	2022
	Michael Harvey	2023
	Barbara Dehart	2024
Cemetery Commissioners:	Michele Schnabel	2022
	Thomas Paquette	2023
	Nancy Woolley	2024
	Marvin Harvey	2025
	Joe Schenkman	2026
Justices of the Peace	Kevin Dougherty	Feb. 1, 2023
	Brenda Goupee	Feb. 1, 2023
	Michael Harvey	Feb. 1, 2023
	Rebecca Klein	Feb. 1, 2023
	Annette West	Feb. 1, 2023
Board of Civil Authority	Town Clerk, Selectboard, Justices of the Peace	Term Expiration
Windsor-Rutland Rep. Windsor County Senators	Kirk White Alison Clarkson Richard McCormack Alice Nitka	

### Appointments

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Asst. Town Clerk/Treasurer	Kristen LaPell	2022
Selectboard Clerk	Julie Smith	2022
Administrative Asst. to Selectboard	Joan Allen	

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Road Commissioner	Doon Hinderyckx	2022
Road Department:	John Champion, Foreman	
	Dana Spalding	
	Ted Smith	
Water Commissioners	Selectboard	2022
Sewer Commissioners	Selectboard	2022
Sewer Plant Operator	Terry Severy	
Assistant	Cody Bowen	
Water Plant Operator	Terry Severy	
Assistant	Cody Bowen	
On-Site Wastewater Officer	Doon Hinderyckx	2022
On-Site Wastewater Officer	Frank Severy	2022
Planning Board & Board of Adjustment	David Curtis	2022
	Steven Cocci (apptd)	2022
	Dan McKinley	2023
	Sandy Haas	2024
	Julie Martin	2024
	Christine Meagher	2025
	Greg White	2025
	Doon Hinderyckx	ex officio
Zoning Administrator	Doon Hinderyckx	2022
Fire Chief (elected by Fire Dept)	Terry Severy	2022/12
First (elected by Fire Dept)	Raymond Harvey	2022/12
Second (elected by Fire Dept)	Kevin Dougherty	2022/12
Fire Warden	Ray Harvey	2022/6/30
	Cody Bowen	
Health Officer	John White	2024/10/31
Emergency Management Director	Vacant	2022
Emergency Management Alternate	Doon Hinderyckx	2022
Regional Emerg. Management Coord.	Vacant	2022
Regional Emerg. Management – 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Terry Severy	2022
White River Valley Amb. (WRVA) Rep	Vic Ribaud	2022
WRVA Alternate	James Bowen	2022
Tree Warden	Norman R. Smith	2022
Law Enforcement	Windsor County Sheriff's Dept.	Contract
Constable	Dillon Dudley	2022
2 <sup>nd</sup> Constable	Daniel Labejsza	2022
TRORC Transportation/Planning Rep.	Anni Mackay	2022
TRORC Transportation Adv. Comm.	Doon Hinderyckx	2022
TRORC Energy Representative	Jeff Gephart	2022
TRORC Energy Rep. Alternate	Frank Severy	2022
Energy Coordinator	Jeff Gephart	2022
Tri-Town Energy Committee	Jeff Gephart	2022
Bethel/Royalton Solid Waste Advisory Comm.	Marvin Harvey	2022
Recycling Coordinator	James Bowen	2022
Park Committee:	Martha Slater	2022
Recreation Committee:	Norm Christiansen	Carrie McDonnell
	Dean Mendell	Joe Schenkman
	Martha Slater	Walter Pruiksmas, Tennis
Animal Control Officer/ Poundkeeper/Humane Officer	Jeff Brown	2022
Tri-Valley Transit	Timothy Crowley	2022
E-911 Maintenance	Angus McCusker	2022
Budget & Finance Comm.	Lois Bond	Barb Dehart
	Robert Meagher	Greg White
	Nancy Woolley	Selectboard Members
Website Administrator	Norm Christiansen	2022

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
ECFiber Representative	John White	2022
Green-Up Day Coordinators	Nick Piccicuto	2022
Librarian	Jeannette Bair	
Assistant Librarian		
Children's Librarian		
Auditors	Pace & Hawley, LLC	
Official Newspaper	<i>The Herald of Randolph</i>	2022
Videography - Meetings	Orca Media	

### **Dates to Remember**

Selectboard Meeting	Second & Fourth Monday of month at Town Office. Other meetings at Town Office as warned.	6:15 PM
Planning Commission	First Tuesday of month at Town Office.	6:00 PM
Trustees of Public Funds	Meetings when needed – Will be posted	
Valley Energy/Climate Action (VECAC)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month meets	7:00 - 8:30 PM

#### **Dog Licenses (State Mandated)**

**On or before April 1:** Rabies shots good for 3 years.

Male & Female: \$13.00; altered: \$9.00

**After April 1,** the fee is increased 50%:

Male & Female \$19.50; altered \$13.50

Dogs over 6 months of age can receive Rabies certificates.

**\*After April 1 there is a \$5.00 fine for all unlicensed dogs.**

**\*\*No Exceptions\*\***

**A leash and fouling law is in effect for the entire Town, not just the village area. See Ordinance at Town Office.**

#### **Property Taxes**

1/4 due on/before **Monday, August 15, 2022**; 1/4 due on/before **Tuesday, November 15, 2022**; 1/4 due on/before **Wednesday, February 15, 2023**; 1/4 due on/before **Monday, May 15, 2023**.

Interest at rate of 1% per month for 3 months, and 1 ½% per month thereafter added. **8% collection fee added Tuesday, May 16, 2023. Postmarks not accepted!**

**Water & Sewer User Fees:** ¼ due **January 31**; ¼ due **April 30**; ¼ due **July 31**; ¼ due **October 30**. Due no later than the above effective dates. Interest at rate of 1% per month for 3 months and 1 ½% per month thereafter added for delinquent water/sewer fees.

#### **Recycling & Trash**

Each Saturday of the month at Town Office parking lot – 8:00 – 11:00.

***Winter Parking Ordinance: No person shall park a motor vehicle on any street or in any public parking area within the Town of Rochester between the hours of 12:00 AM and 6:00 AM from November 1 to April 1 inclusive.***

## INVENTORY - EQUIPMENT & PROPERTY - 2021

### Town

Office Building	New Firehouse	Old Firehouse
Library & Contents	TS Irene FEMA Buy-outs	Office Equipment
Town Garage Building	Ballfield Lot & SkateSpace	Emergency Shelter Generator
Creamery Building	Wood Lots: Townline Rd & Cemetery	10 K Generator
Bandstand & Parks, Lion's Club Picnic Area		

### Road Department

2018 Ford F-550 One-ton truck with 2-way plow and sander		
2018 International Tandem Dump Truck, with 1-way plow, wing & sander		
2016 Ford F-350 4-Wheel Drive Pickup with Plow, with Stainless Sander		
2016 Cat 930 Loader with bucket & forks		
2014 Western Star Tandem Dump Truck, 11 ft. 1-way plow, 10 ft. wing & sander		
2011 Cat 140M Grader with wing		
1989 Eager Beaver Wood Chipper	2007 Downeaster Trailer	8 Two-Way Radios
1 11-ft. Angle Plow	1 10-ft. Angle Plow	Salt House
One-Way Plow	Sand	Sand Screen
3,000 gallon Chloride Tank	Chloride	Gravel
Truck Tire Chains	Salt	4 Jack Stands
2021 Stihl FS111R Weed Trimmer	16 Truck Tires (Summer)	16 spare truck tires
2014 Shandania Power Broom	20 Drawer Tool Box (1)	2012 Power Pruner (1)
Pressure Washer	1/3 Sump Pump	Chain Saws (2)
Snow Plow Blades ~ 2 sets	Grader Blades ~ 5 sets	1 Front Mount York Rake
Loader (2) & Grader Chains (4)	Shop Air Compressor	1 Tow Behind York Rake
Drill Press (1)	Shop Metal Cut-Off Saw (1)	Culvert Cut-Off ( 1 WP
550 Nelson Plate Compactor	Small Tools	Signs (50) ~ Cones
6-Ton Bottle Jack (1)	20-Ton Bottle Jack (2)	1 Eastwood Mig Welder
3-Ton Floor Jack (1)	1 Set Dump Body Safety Stands	16 Class III Barriers
Cutting Torches (1 set)	Lincoln Arc Stick Welder (1)	
1 Buffalo Turbine – BT-CKB7	Generac 10KW Generator Set	
2014 Wells Enclosed Cargo Trailer	Hydraulic Hose Machine, Hose & Fitting	

### Water Department

Well House, Reservoir & Miscellaneous Parts; 1/3 Pump

### Sewer Department

3 Sites & Miscellaneous Equipment, including a Generator; 1/3 Pump

### Fire Department

2017 International Truck	12 Scott 2.2 Air Packs	2 Kohler Generators
2000 Ford F550 4x4 Truck	2 Portable Pumps	2 Air Compressors
1991 Tanker/Pumper/3 heat guns	1 Pressure Washer	2 Portable Tanks
3,500 ft. 2 ½" Hose	1,800 ft. 1 ¾" Hose	3 Chain Saws
2,500 ft. 4" Hose, incl. other misc.	Hoses, Tools & Equipment	1 Base Radio
1,000 ft. – 1" hose	4 1" reels & hose (Booster Line)	Floor Cleaner
Jaws of Life	14 Port Radios, 3 Truck Radios, 28 Pagers	
1 Stretcher, with wheel	8 pairs of Snowshoes	1 Deck Gun
30 Air Bottles	4 5-foot high Large Air Bottles	5 Ladders
8 Nozzles	30 Sets Turn-Out Gear	50 chairs
18 Tables	40 Sets Boots	Gloves & Coats

TOWN OF ROCHESTER  
RESERVE ACCOUNTS  
June 30, 2021

<b><u>Cemetery Trust</u></b>	
Beginning Balance	7,645.31
Deposits and Int.	1,918.14
Withdrawals	-
Balance 6/30/21	<b>9,563.45</b>

<b><u>HRA</u></b>	
Beginning Balance	5,315.18
Deposits and Int.	336.63
Withdrawals	(5,650.66)
Balance 6/30/21	<b>1.15</b>

<b><u>Youth Sports/Rec</u></b>	
Beginning Balance	3,189.69
Deposits and Int.	2.33
Withdrawals	(939.79)
Balance 6/30/21	<b>2,252.23</b>

<b><u>Cemetery Reserve</u></b>	
Beginning Balance	21,326.84
Deposits and Int.	26.68
Withdrawals	(4,000.00)
Balance 6/30/21	<b>17,353.52</b>

<b><u>Lease Land</u></b>	
Beginning Balance	349.40
Deposits and Int.	0.24
Withdrawals	-
Balance 6/30/21	<b>349.64</b>

<b><u>Highway Equipment</u></b>	
Beginning Balance	143,133.08
Deposits and Int.	199.09
Withdrawals	(72,234.57)
Balance 6/30/21	<b>71,097.60</b>

<b><u>Revolving Loan Fund</u></b>	
Beginning Balance	8,128.43
Deposits and Int.	7.58
Withdrawals	-
Balance 6/30/21	<b>8,136.01</b>

<b><u>Fire Dept Building</u></b>	
Beginning Balance	2,386.02
Deposits and Int.	2.01
Withdrawals	(144.00)
Balance 6/30/21	<b>2,244.03</b>

<b><u>Emergency Mgmt</u></b>	
Beginning Balance	3,546.47
Deposits and Int.	3.26
Withdrawals	(350.00)
Balance 6/30/21	<b>3,199.73</b>

<b><u>Tennis Reserve</u></b>	
Beginning Balance	3,007.40
Deposits and Int.	2.25
Withdrawals	-
Balance 6/30/21	<b>3,009.65</b>

<b><u>Fire Dept Equipment</u></b>	
Beginning Balance	5,673.55
Deposits and Int.	5.30
Withdrawals	-
Balance 6/30/21	<b>5,678.85</b>

<b><u>Rapid Response</u></b>	
Beginning Balance	2,900.76
Deposits and Int.	2.17
Withdrawals	-
Balance 6/30/21	<b>2,902.93</b>

<b><u>Reappraisal Fund</u></b>	
Beginning Balance	61,929.84
Deposits and Int.	16,384.79
Withdrawals	-
Balance 6/30/21	<b>78,314.63</b>

<b><u>P &amp; Z Reserve</u></b>	
Beginning Balance	3,069.66
Deposits and Int.	2.86
Withdrawals	-
Balance 6/30/21	<b>3,072.52</b>

<b><u>Cruiser Fund</u></b>	
Beginning Balance	2,805.04
Deposits and Int.	0.48
Withdrawals	(2,805.52)
Balance 6/30/21	-

<b><u>Water Reserve</u></b>	
Beginning Balance	17,817.28
Deposits and Int.	22.72
Withdrawals	-
Balance 6/30/21	<b>17,840.00</b>

<b><u>Town Buildings</u></b>	
Beginning Balance	31,745.81
Deposits and Int.	53.32
Withdrawals	(3,065.94)
Balance 6/30/21	<b>28,733.19</b>

<b><u>Sewer Reserve</u></b>	
Beginning Balance	12,699.56
Deposits and Int.	16.20
Withdrawals	-
Balance 6/30/21	<b>12,715.76</b>

<b><u>Record Preservation</u></b>	
Beginning Balance	24,933.10
Deposits and Int.	2,044.83
Withdrawals	(22.50)
Balance 6/30/21	<b>26,955.43</b>

TOWN OF ROCHESTER  
**GRANT REPORT**  
 JULY 1, 2020 - JUNE 30, 2021

<b>USDA-USFS-WEST HILL BRIDGE DESIGN</b>	
Expenses	\$ 49,301.00
Revenue	<u>\$ 49,045.00</u>

<b>STRUCTURES GRANT</b>	
Expenses	<u>\$ 1,128.00</u>

<b>VT DEC-GRANT IN AID 2020 BINGO</b>	
Revenue	<u>\$ 2,661.00</u>

<b>NRCS EWP-MENDELL STREAM REPAIR</b>	
Expenses	\$ 3,192.00
Revenue	<u>\$ 3,192.00</u>

<b>VT DEC/VTRANS-GRANT IN AID SKY HOLLOW</b>	
Expenses	\$ 9,913.00
Revenue	<u>\$15,091.00</u>

<b>VELOMONT</b>	
Expenses	\$ 13,571.00
Revenue	<u>\$ 13,574.00</u>
	\$ 2.01

<b>FEMA 4445DR PW109825</b>	
Expenses	\$ 22,218.00
Revenue	<u>\$ 178,801.66</u>
<i>* currently under review with FEMA</i>	

<b>CTCL GRANT</b>	
Expenses	\$ 5,072.00
Revenue	<u>\$ 5,000.00</u>
	\$ (72.00)

**TOWN OF ROCHESTER  
DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES AS OF FEBRUARY 18, 2022**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>TAX YEAR</b>	<b>TOTAL DUE</b>
Almeida, Don	2020-2021	1,283.28
Collins, Irene Smead	2020-2021	132.93
Gendron, Oscar	2018-2019	3,127.55
Gendron, Oscar	2019-2020	3,755.25
Gendron, Oscar	2020-2021	3,295.72
Grantham, Jeremy	2020-2021	1,032.04
Homick, Spencer & Bryce	2020-2021	671.58 *
Irons, Jeremy	2020-2021	13.94
Kennett, David G	2020-2021	421.87
Lord, Aimee V	2020-2021	4,015.36
Miller, Daniel J.	2020-2021	581.90
Rainwater, Camden	2020-2021	43.07
Mongeur, Reginald Jr.	2019-2020	1,824.87
Mongeur, Reginald Jr.	2020-2021	1,488.75
Shebairo, Brian	2019-2020	5,607.21
Toro, Jose	2020-2021	523.48
Valley, Robert	2020-2021	1,791.63
White, John & Ruzicka, Carol	2020-2021	1,742.64
Winnie, Gregory	2015-2016	9.79
Winnie, Gregory	2016-2017	62.03
Winnie, Gregory	2017-2018	2,015.58
Winnie, Gregory	2018-2019	1,846.54
Winnie, Gregory	2019-2020	1,710.53
Winnie, Gregory	2020-2021	1,517.51
<b>TOTAL TAXES DUE</b>		<b>\$ 38,515.05</b>

\*Payment Plan

**TOWN OF ROCHESTER  
DELINQUENT UTILITIES AS OF FEBRUARY 18, 2022**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>YEAR</b>	<b>TOTAL DUE</b>
Dugger, J S	2021-2022	\$132.13
Homick, Spencer	2021-2022	\$479.76
Jensen, Judy	2021-2022	\$642.19
Keown, Kyle	2021-2022	\$1,273.85
Paige, Tony	2021-2022	\$769.05
		<b>\$ 3,296.98</b>

Trustees of Public Funds Year Ending June 30, 2021

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1								
2	<b>Fund Name</b>	Cemetery	Guernsey	Forest	Kirkpatrick	Leland	Townshend -	Total funds w/out Cemetery
3								
4	<b>Additions</b>							
5	Lot Sales	125						
6	Perpetual Care	1875						
7	Other							
8	<b>Total Contributions</b>	2000						
9								
10	<b>Investment Earnings</b>							
11	Net increase(decrease) in fair market value of Investments	32339	575	1274	39144	20978	255025	316996
12								
13	Interest and Dividends and other	6881	54	121	3700	1983	24105	29963
14								
15	<b>Total Earnings &amp; contributions</b>	41120	629	1395	42844	22961	279130	346959
16								
17								
18	<b>Deductions</b>							
19	Distribution to School							
20	Distribution to Town				2000		20000	22000
21	Distribution to Food Shelf					1000		1000
22	Distribution to Rebuild Rochester				4000	1000		5000
23	Distribution to One Planet							
24	Distribution to Cemetery	5000						
25	Management Fees	2080	28	61	1867	1000	12161	15117
26	Distribution to Foreign Taxes/misc		6	14	428	230	2793	3471
27								
28	<b>Total Deductions</b>	7080	34	75	8295	3230	34954	46588
29			34	75	8295		34954	
31	<b>Change in net assets</b>	34140	596	1320	34549	19730	244176	300371
32								
33								
34	<b>Net assets Beginning 7/1/2020</b>	253660	3263	7230	223918	119629	1452996	1807036
35								
36								
37								
38	<b>Net Assets Ending 6/30/21</b>	2877800	3859	8549	258467	139359	1697172	2107407
39								
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## Selectboard Report

As we cautiously emerge from the cloud of Covid there are several exciting opportunities and challenges coming to our town.

Now that the final rules appear to be in place for the use of the Town's \$330,000 ARPA funds we will begin the process of deciding how to use this windfall to the broadest benefit to all residents. The Selectboard will hold a series of public meetings in the coming months to gather input from the public on how to use these funds.

Please read the Energy Coordinator's report in this Town Report to see progress made towards addressing the evolving climate and rising energy costs. We are working with Green Mountain Power to establish Rochester as a resiliency zone in the electric grid, as well as locating the first public electric car charging stations in town.

The Rochester High School Re-Purposing Committee has included a comprehensive report in this Town Report, and you will want to become fully informed with this project. The Committee details suggestions on what might happen with the high school building, and the feasibility study currently under way will guide the gathering of more information and options. The decision as to whether the Town should purchase the building will be made at a special town meeting at a date to be announced. We urge all to become well informed on this important decision for the Town. This will not be a Selectboard decision, but a decision made by a vote of Rochester's registered voters. The Re-Purposing Committee will be available to discuss the project in the Other Business section of the March 28 Town Meeting (Article 14 on the Town Meeting Warning), and questions will be encouraged.

We're ready to go with the West Hill Bridge replacement project which is slated to happen this year. The Forest Service needs use of this bridge for its ongoing timber harvests related to the Robinson Resource Management Plan. This is the plan, *but* there is still red tape for the Forest Service to clear before ground is broken.

The State has indicated that re-paving of Route 100 from Stockbridge through Rochester Village will happen this summer. We will all appreciate a reduction of the abuse our vehicles have been experiencing from traveling this road for the last several years.

Speaking of tired vehicles, articles have been placed on the Warning to replace two municipal vehicles, the Fire Department's 2000 F350 truck and the Highway department 2014 tandem truck. These vehicles have served the Town well, but the cost of maintenance is increasing.

In Office expenses you will note a significant increase in funding for IT and cyber-security. As protected as we all may feel nestled in these hills, we are connected to the rest of the world and security threats are an unfortunate reality, and expense. The Town's insurance carrier is requiring the Town to upgrade its security systems.

Your Selectboard is grateful for the extraordinary efforts put forth by our office, highway, utility staff and numerous volunteers, and ask that you join with us in thanking all for their willingness to go the extra mile to make the Town a better place for all. Special thanks to the Budget and Finance committee for their hard work again as reflected in this Report.

We also extend a special thanks to Vic Ribaud who has served as Emergency Management Director for several years. Vic is stepping down to devote more time to his responsibilities with WRVA, Gifford Hospital, and the Rochester High School Re-Purposing project. We encourage anyone interested in being considered for this volunteer position to contact the Selectboard.

Rochester Selectboard: Doon Hinderyckx, Pat Harvey, Frank Severy

TOWN OF ROCHESTER GENERAL FUND - SELECTBOARD BUDGET

	July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021		July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022		July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	6 months	Budget	Budget
<b>FUND BALANCE FORWARD</b>						
<b>100-6-10-00-300 General Town Income</b>						
100-6-10-00-300.005 Current Taxes	315,975.00	131,333.82	310,673.00	134,687.08	358,396.00	
100-6-10-00-300.010 Delinquent Taxes		169,945.88		47,679.01		
100-6-10-00-300.015 Interest on Taxes	20,229.00	17,066.28	15,000.00	6,660.82	15,000.00	
100-6-10-00-300.025 Pilot Payment - Forest/Payment	5,000.00	5,551.80	5,000.00	5,551.80	5,552.00	
100-6-10-00-300.032 VT Equalization Study	0.00	953.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
100-6-10-00-300.035 State Current Use	56,220.00	62,110.00	56,220.00	62,014.00	62,110.00	
100-6-10-00-300.045 Pilot Payment - State Building	2,647.00	2,784.00	2,784.00	2,869.00	2,784.00	
100-6-10-00-300.216 Insurance Settlements	0.00	6,569.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	
100-6-10-00-304.009 TOPF Forest Invest Inc	0.00	1,395.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
100-6-10-00-300.218 Capital Lease Proceeds	0.00	15.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
100-6-10-00-300.235 Reserve Transfer In	650.00	8,120.70	0.00	1.15	0.00	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>402,157.00</b>	<b>405,845.18</b>	<b>414,073.00</b>	<b>259,462.86</b>	<b>511,286.00</b>	
<b>100-6-10-00-303 Trustees of Public Funds</b>						
100-6-10-00-303.010 Kirkpatrick Fund	2,000.00	2,000.00	3,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	
100-6-10-00-303.015 Townsend Hutch	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00	72,000.00	
100-6-10-00-303.020 Forest Fund	7,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>29,500.00</b>	<b>22,000.00</b>	<b>23,000.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>74,000.00</b>	
<b>100-6-10-00-304 Fees</b>						
100-6-10-00-304.005 Animal Fines	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	
100-6-10-00-304.010 Bank Statement Interest	0.00	1,583.46	0.00	534.68	1,583.00	
100-6-10-00-304.011 WRCU 001 Bank Interest	0.00	0.92	0.00	0.00	0.00	
100-6-10-00-304.020 Building Permits	350.00	600.00	350.00	275.00	400.00	
100-6-10-00-304.025 Dog Licenses - town portion	1,100.00	981.00	1,100.00	80.00	1,200.00	
100-6-10-00-304.030 Driveway Construction Permits	237.00	200.00	237.00	150.00	200.00	
100-6-10-00-304.034 Fish & Game Postings	30.00	30.00	30.00	25.00	30.00	
100-6-10-00-304.035 Fleet Permits	300.00	365.00	300.00	10.00	350.00	
100-6-10-00-304.036 Green Mountain Passport	25.00	28.00	25.00	12.00	26.00	
100-6-10-00-304.040 Judicial Fines	22,000.00	10,059.86	18,000.00	4,764.50	10,000.00	
100-6-10-00-304.045 Liquor Licenses - town portion	500.00	440.00	500.00	0.00	500.00	
100-6-10-00-304.050 Marriage License - town portion	127.00	70.00	127.00	110.00	100.00	
100-6-10-00-304.055 Copies	2,252.00	3,199.50	2,252.00	1,564.71	2,500.00	
100-6-10-00-304.057 Vault Time fees	0.00	307.00	0.00	179.00	400.00	
100-6-10-00-304.065 Recording fees	8,555.00	15,507.00	7,500.00	6,527.00	11,250.00	
100-6-10-00-304.070 Youth Sports Income	1,200.00	842.50	600.00	775.00	1,200.00	
100-6-10-00-304.075 Refunds to Town	0.00	890.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	
100-6-10-00-304.080 Rent	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	
100-6-10-00-304.085 Subdivision P & Z Fees	50.00	125.00	50.00	100.00	100.00	
100-6-10-00-304.090 Vehicle Registrations	142.00	96.00	142.00	72.00	100.00	
100-6-10-00-304.105 Utility Billing Reimbursements	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	
100-6-10-00-304.106 Utility Postage Reimbursements	0.00	400.00	400.00	400.00	424.00	
100-6-10-00-304.301 Rec Program Donations	500.00	1,200.00	500.00	60.00	0.00	
100-6-10-00-304.302 General Donations	500.00	1,000.00	500.00	750.00	500.00	
100-6-10-00-304.303 Park Donations	0.00	1,410.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
100-6-10-00-304.999 Miscellaneous Income	1,000.00	4,585.10	500.00	108.48	500.00	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>39,968.00</b>	<b>44,920.74</b>	<b>34,113.00</b>	<b>17,497.37</b>	<b>32,563.00</b>	

TOWN OF ROCHESTER GENERAL FUND - SELECTBOARD BUDGET

	July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021		July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022		July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023	
	FY 21		FY 22		FY 23	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	6 months	Budget	
<b>100-6-10-00-306 Cemetery Income</b>						
100-6-10-00-306.005 Sale of Cemetery Lots	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-6-10-00-306.011 Cemetery Income - Other	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,300.00	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
100-6-10-00-306.015 Trustee Inc - Cemetery Fund	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	10,500.00	10,500.00
100-6-10-00-310.010 Cemetery Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>9,000.00</b>	<b>9,000.00</b>	<b>9,300.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>15,500.00</b>	
<b>100-6-10-99- Grant Income</b>						
100-6-10-99-109.003 GHSP Grant	0.00	18.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-6-10-99-120.001 PACIF Grant Inc	0.00	228.88	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>247.63</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>480,625.00</b>	<b>482,013.55</b>	<b>480,486.00</b>	<b>276,960.23</b>	<b>633,349.00</b>	
<b>EXPENSES</b>						
<b>100-7-10-10 Finance Expenses</b>						
100-7-10-10-330.002 Courthouse Bond	3,878.00	3,878.00	3,878.00	3,451.00	3,574.00	3,574.00
100-7-10-10-330.007 Firehouse Mortgage Principal	10,935.00	10,934.78	11,374.00	5,473.17	10,864.00	10,864.00
100-7-10-10-330.008 Firehouse Mortgage Interest	7,168.00	7,168.78	6,729.00	3,578.61	6,272.00	6,272.00
100-7-10-10-330.015 USDA Sewer Bond Principal	2,224.00	2,224.08	2,286.00	1,135.03	2,349.00	2,349.00
100-7-10-10-330.016 USDA Sewer Bond Interest	1,858.00	1,857.92	1,796.00	905.97	1,733.00	1,733.00
100-7-10-10-330.020 LOC Interest Payments	0.00	34,141.51	1,500.00	3,260.37	0.00	0.00
100-7-10-10-330.025 VMBB Refi Bond Principal	32,314.00	32,314.32	33,494.00	33,493.80	34,716.00	34,716.00
100-7-10-10-330.026 VMBB Refi Bond Interest	17,074.00	17,073.77	15,873.00	8,242.02	14,628.00	14,628.00
100-7-10-10-330.027 RPL Phase 3 Bond Principal	8,750.00	8,750.00	8,750.00	8,750.00	8,750.00	8,750.00
100-7-10-10-330.028 RPL Phase 3 Bond Interest	4,377.00	4,376.93	4,156.00	2,136.34	3,912.00	3,912.00
100-7-10-10-330.029 Site 3 Bond Exp Principal	10,548.00	10,935.82	11,155.00	10,921.23	11,140.00	11,140.00
100-7-10-10-330.030 Site 3 Bond Exp Admin fees	5,126.00	4,995.60	4,777.00	4,676.97	4,459.00	4,459.00
100-7-10-10-533.000 Bank Charges	25.00	75.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-7-10-10-331-000 Prior Year Balance Corrections	0.00	79.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>104,277.00</b>	<b>138,805.51</b>	<b>105,768.00</b>	<b>86,024.51</b>	<b>102,397.00</b>	
<b>100-7-10-20 Capital Purchase Expense</b>						
100-7-10-20-830.001 Fire Truck Lease Principal	15,675.00	15,675.32	16,191.00	16,190.98	16,724.00	16,724.00
100-7-10-20-830.002 Fire Truck Lease Interest	3,360.00	3,359.88	2,844.00	2,844.22	2,312.00	2,312.00
100-7-10-20-830.005 Fire F550 Loan Principal					12,917.00	12,917.00
100-7-10-20-830.006 Fire F550 Loan Interest					116.00	116.00
100-7-10-20-830.007 '22 Dump Truck Loan Principal					20,828.00	20,828.00
100-7-10-20-830.008 '22 Dump Truck Loan Interest					188.00	188.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>19,035.00</b>	<b>19,035.20</b>	<b>19,035.00</b>	<b>19,035.20</b>	<b>53,085.00</b>	

TOWN OF ROCHESTER GENERAL FUND - SELECTBOARD BUDGET

	July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021		July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022		July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023	
	FY 21		FY 22		FY 23	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	6 months	Budget	Budget
<b>100-7-10-21 Salaries</b>						
100-7-10-21-110.000	Salaries Assistant Clerk/Treasurer	17,797.00	26,019.97	21,450.00	11,763.32	28,829.00
100-7-10-21-110.005	Salaries Animal Control	500.00	500.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
100-7-10-21-110.015	Salaries Health Officer	500.00	500.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
100-7-10-21-110.016	Salaries Constable	0.00	500.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
100-7-10-21-110.020	Salaries Housekeeping	900.00	829.87	927.00	421.20	1,092.00
100-7-10-21-110.030	Salaries Selectboard	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	0.00	3,500.00
100-7-10-21-110.035	Salaries Town Clerk/Treasurer	36,067.00	36,067.20	39,864.00	19,926.40	41,845.00
100-7-10-21-110.041	Selectboard Secretary	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	750.00	1,500.00
100-7-10-21-110.050	Selectboard Admin Assistant	23,078.00	18,595.28	23,539.00	10,624.81	24,712.00
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>83,842.00</b>	<b>88,012.32</b>	<b>92,280.00</b>	<b>43,485.73</b>	<b>102,978.00</b>
<b>100-7-10-25 General Office Expenses</b>						
100-7-10-25-330.000	Outside Audit	15,850.00	13,850.00	8,950.00	6,712.50	8,950.00
100-7-10-25-330.005	Domain Host	500.00	318.17	500.00	0.00	525.00
100-7-10-25-333.000	Legal Services	15,000.00	1,695.00	5,000.00	225.00	5,000.00
100-7-10-25-340.000	Tax Mapping	4,500.00	1,750.00	1,750.00	0.00	1,750.00
100-7-10-25-410.000	Electricity	2,200.00	1,268.03	2,200.00	756.65	1,500.00
100-7-10-25-411.000	Water & Sewer	300.00	300.00	300.00	130.00	520.00
100-7-10-25-440.000	Equipment/Repair/Rental	1,200.00	2,194.24	1,500.00	1,518.65	3,000.00
100-7-10-25-530.000	Telephone	1,500.00	1,671.50	1,500.00	1,052.58	1,280.00
100-7-10-25-531.000	Postage	2,500.00	4,034.34	2,500.00	1,277.56	3,000.00
100-7-10-25-540.000	Printing & Advertising	3,000.00	2,824.24	3,000.00	192.24	3,000.00
100-7-10-25-565.000	Meetings/Education	500.00	166.89	500.00	191.00	500.00
100-7-10-25-610.000	Supplies	2,100.00	2,750.96	2,500.00	2,612.04	2,500.00
100-7-10-25-624.000	Fuel	2,500.00	2,240.62	2,000.00	0.00	2,500.00
100-7-10-25-641.000	IT Services	7,000.00	12,691.92	5,000.00	3,267.33	10,000.00
100-7-10-25-641.005	NEMRC	1,000.00	756.30	2,500.00	778.99	5,360.00
100-7-10-25-740.000	Equipment	1,200.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
100-7-10-25-740.001	Elevator Maintenance	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	800.00
100-7-10-25-990.000	Miscellaneous	100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>61,450.00</b>	<b>48,512.47</b>	<b>41,300.00</b>	<b>18,714.54</b>	<b>51,185.00</b>
<b>100-7-10-26 Buildings &amp; Grounds</b>						
100-7-10-26-422.000	Sidewalk Plowing	13,500.00	13,500.00	13,500.00	4,500.00	18,000.00
100-7-10-26-430.000	Grounds - General M/R	0.00	619.72	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-7-10-26-430.005	Athletic Fields	2,124.00	2,124.00	2,124.00	1,416.00	3,060.00
100-7-10-26-430.025	Office Repairs	500.00	1,413.20	500.00	0.00	500.00
100-7-10-26-430.026	Office Mowing	822.00	822.00	822.00	548.00	1,224.00
100-7-10-26-430.035	Window Cleaning	150.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
100-7-10-26-430.040	Town Trash	1,200.00	1,174.40	960.00	660.00	1,000.00
100-7-10-26-440.000	Porta Toilets	3,100.00	988.00	2,000.00	2,189.75	3,334.00
100-7-10-26-532.000	Alarm Monitoring	0.00	272.50	0.00	0.00	300.00
100-7-10-26-622.000	Street Lights	7,977.00	6,962.97	7,977.00	3,871.22	7,977.00
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>29,373.00</b>	<b>27,876.79</b>	<b>28,383.00</b>	<b>13,184.97</b>	<b>35,895.00</b>

TOWN OF ROCHESTER GENERAL FUND - SELECTBOARD BUDGET

	July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021		July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022		July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023	
	FY 21		FY 22		FY 23	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	6 months	Budget	
<b>100-7-10-27 Solid Waste</b>						
100-7-10-27-421.000 Solid Waste (Bethel/Royalton)	12,552.00	12,165.84	12,552.00	13,384.62	14,590.00	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>12,552.00</b>	<b>12,165.84</b>	<b>12,552.00</b>	<b>13,384.62</b>	<b>14,590.00</b>	
<b>100-7-10-28 General Employee Expenses</b>						
100-7-10-28-210.000 Health Insurance	12,803.00	10,028.37	8,046.00	3,352.55	20,863.00	
100-7-10-28-210.001 HRS Excise Tax Exp	20.00	10.64	0.00	0.00	0.00	
100-7-10-28-210.002 Hickock& Boardman Mgmt.	180.00	346.67	460.00	352.50	590.00	
100-7-10-28-210.005 Life & Disability Ins. Madison	423.00	389.04	423.00	360.07	395.00	
100-7-10-28-210.010 MVP Select Care	650.00	1,460.47	350.00	2,141.51	1,300.00	
100-7-10-28-220.000 Social Security	6,108.00	7,612.06	7,313.00	3,750.20	7,313.00	
100-7-10-28-230.000 VMERS Retirement	2,164.00	2,793.98	2,480.00	1,991.48	4,771.00	
100-7-10-28-250.000 Unemployment Compensation	246.00	986.00	219.00	545.00	224.00	
100-7-10-28-260.000 Worker's Compensation	343.00	522.00	493.00	322.06	571.00	
100-7-10-28-270.000 Insurance Discounts & Credits	-5,101.00	0.00	-2,296.00	0.00	-2,276.00	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>17,836.00</b>	<b>24,149.23</b>	<b>17,488.00</b>	<b>12,815.37</b>	<b>33,751.00</b>	
<b>100-7-10-29 Dues &amp; Fees</b>						
100-7-10-29-490.000 County Tax	7,400.00	7,334.00	7,334.00	7,360.00	7,814.00	
100-7-10-29-560.000 Green Mtn Economic Dev	547.00	547.00	549.00	0.00	544.00	
100-7-10-29-560.005 Two Rivers - Otauquechee	1,743.00	1,743.00	1,743.00	1,743.00	1,736.00	
100-7-10-29-560.010 VLCT Dues	2,484.00	4,968.00	2,484.00	0.00	2,466.00	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>12,174.00</b>	<b>14,592.00</b>	<b>12,110.00</b>	<b>9,103.00</b>	<b>12,560.00</b>	
<b>100-7-10-30 General Town Expenses</b>						
100-7-10-30-310.000 Animal Control Expense	300.00	128.93	300.00	130.06	300.00	
100-7-10-30-340.000 Emergency Generator Maint	2,000.00	0.00	1,700.00	140.67	1,700.00	
100-7-10-30-424.000 Cemetery Upkeep	22,300.00	26,633.45	25,360.00	11,865.01	27,500.00	
100-7-10-30-495.001 Repeater Expenses	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	300.00	1,200.00	
100-7-10-30-520.000 Property Insurance	9,424.00	5,368.25	9,027.00	2,488.97	9,465.00	
100-7-10-30-950.000 Kirkpatrick Scholarship	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>36,224.00</b>	<b>34,330.63</b>	<b>38,587.00</b>	<b>14,924.71</b>	<b>41,165.00</b>	
<b>100-7-10-31 Emergency Services/Ambulance</b>						
100-7-10-31-000.001 WRVA Rescue Services	68,340.00	68,340.00	69,479.00	35,309.00	71,435.00	
100-7-10-31-000-002 Granville First Response	6,472.00	6,472.00	6,472.00	6,989.00	6,748.00	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>74,812.00</b>	<b>74,812.00</b>	<b>75,951.00</b>	<b>42,298.00</b>	<b>78,183.00</b>	
<b>100-7-10-43 Park Expenses</b>						
100-7-10-43-430.000 Repairs	100.00	1,418.69	100.00	457.34	100.00	
100-7-10-43-430.001 Mowing	1,878.00	1,878.00	1,921.00	1,252.00	2,652.00	
100-7-10-43-430.002 Tree Maintenance	2,000.00	1,875.00	1,500.00	0.00	2,000.00	
100-7-10-43-430.003 Lawn Maintenance	0.00	517.05	500.00	411.00	500.00	
100-7-10-43-430.004 Tri-Town Youth Raking	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
100-7-10-43-430.006 Electricity	400.00	281.36	400.00	135.09	400.00	
100-7-10-43-430.007 Miscellaneous Expense	500.00	293.71	500.00	0.00	500.00	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>5,378.00</b>	<b>6,263.81</b>	<b>4,921.00</b>	<b>2,255.43</b>	<b>6,152.00</b>	

TOWN OF ROCHESTER GENERAL FUND - SELECTBOARD BUDGET

	July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021 FY 21		July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022 FY 22		July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023 FY 23	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	6 months	Budget	
<b>100-7-10-44-346 Recreation Dept</b>						
100-7-10-44-220.000 Social Security	92.00	0.00	92.00	0.00	92.00	
100-7-10-44-250.000 Unemployment	7.00	0.00	6.00	0.00	6.00	
100-7-10-44-260.000 Work Comp	76.00	105.00	64.00	68.76	9.00	
100-7-10-44-346.001 Summer Concerts	2,600.00	2,900.00	2,600.00	1,850.00	2,600.00	
100-7-10-44-346.002 July 4th Parade	150.00	0.00	150.00	0.00	150.00	
100-7-10-44-346.003 Youth Sports	2,000.00	2,500.11	2,000.00	913.08	2,000.00	
100-7-10-44-346.004 Miscellaneous Expense	0.00	14.97	400.00	0.00	400.00	
100-7-10-44-346.005 Salaries	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00	1,200.00	
100-7-10-44-346.007 One Planet Program	3,125.00	3,125.00	3,125.00	0.00	3,125.00	
100-7-10-44-346-008 Skatespace/Winterfest	2,800.00	2,895.48	2,800.00	231.49	2,800.00	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>12,050.00</b>	<b>12,740.56</b>	<b>12,437.00</b>	<b>3,063.33</b>	<b>12,382.00</b>	
<b>100-7-10-60 Constable Expenses</b>						
100-7-10-60-115.000 Windsor County Sheriff	36,000.00	39,175.80	36,000.00	21,104.40	26,000.00	
100-7-10-60-520.000 Constable Property/Auto Insurance	0.00	1,197.00	0.00	399.00	0.00	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>36,000.00</b>	<b>40,372.80</b>	<b>36,000.00</b>	<b>21,503.40</b>	<b>26,000.00</b>	
<b>100-7-10-70 Fire Dept. Expenses</b>						
100-7-10-70-110.000 Salaries	5,500.00	5,748.00	6,500.00	6,124.00	6,500.00	
100-7-10-70-110.001 Workers Compensation	1,219.00	304.75	871.00	304.75	500.00	
100-7-10-70-430.000 Building Repair/Maintenance	500.00	585.39	500.00	0.00	500.00	
100-7-10-70-430.001 Sprinkler Alarm	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	350.00	
100-7-10-70-431.000 Air Compressor	700.00	0.00	700.00	0.00	1,000.00	
100-7-10-70-431.001 Air Pack Replacement	0.00	0.00	2,500.00	879.31	4,000.00	
100-7-10-70-432.000 Truck Maintenance	1,500.00	869.36	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	
100-7-10-70-520.000 Property/Auto Insurance	6,865.00	5,262.00	7,104.00	3,619.18	7,561.00	
100-7-10-70-530.000 Phone/Public Safety	1,500.00	1,241.73	1,800.00	580.10	1,800.00	
100-7-10-70-532.000 Water & Sewer	700.00	853.80	700.00	131.20	650.00	
100-7-10-70-540.000 Printing/Advertising	200.00	0.00	100.00	26.97	200.00	
100-7-10-70-560.000 Dues	800.00	756.32	400.00	323.00	800.00	
100-7-10-70-565.000 Meetings/Education	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	1,000.00	
100-7-10-70-610.000 Hoses	2,000.00	0.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	3,500.00	
100-7-10-70-610.005 Clothing/Gear	3,000.00	3,658.28	6,000.00	592.00	6,000.00	
100-7-10-70-610.015 Small Tools	500.00	1,690.17	500.00	2,615.81	500.00	
100-7-10-70-610.020 Supplies/Repair	5,000.00	6,168.81	7,000.00	371.99	7,000.00	
100-7-10-70-622.000 Electricity	1,600.00	1,422.32	1,800.00	779.94	1,500.00	
100-7-10-70-626.000 Gas/Oil/Grease	1,300.00	1,310.66	1,300.00	208.44	1,800.00	
100-7-10-70-626.001 Heat	2,000.00	1,805.80	1,800.00	0.00	2,500.00	
100-7-10-70-740.000 Radios/Pagers	3,000.00	3,430.94	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00	
100-7-10-70-990.000 Miscellaneous	100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>38,484.00</b>	<b>35,108.33</b>	<b>47,675.00</b>	<b>19,056.69</b>	<b>52,761.00</b>	

TOWN OF ROCHESTER GENERAL FUND - SELECTBOARD BUDGET

	July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021		July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022		July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023	
	FY 21		FY 22		FY 23	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	6 months	Budget	Budget
<b>100-7-10-80 Listers Expenses</b>						
100-7-10-80-110.000 Salaries	3,500.00	1,381.25	3,500.00	84.50	2,000.00	
100-7-10-80-220.000 Social Security	268.00	101.68	268.00	6.47	268.00	
100-7-10-80-260.000 Work Comp	15.00	0.00	15.00	0.00	15.00	
100-7-10-80-565.000 Meetings/Education	450.00	0.00	450.00	0.00	200.00	
100-7-10-80-580.000 Mileage	245.00	0.00	245.00	0.00	55.00	
100-7-10-80-610.000 Supplies	500.00	215.00	500.00	299.52	500.00	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>4,978.00</b>	<b>1,697.93</b>	<b>4,978.00</b>	<b>390.49</b>	<b>3,038.00</b>	
<b>100-7-10-82 Planning &amp; Zoning Expenses</b>						
100-7-10-82-220.000 Social Security	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	27.00	
100-7-10-82-540.000 Printing/Advertising	500.00	265.30	500.00	18.24	350.00	
100-7-10-82-540.010 Clerk/Assistant	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	350.00	
100-7-10-82-610.000 Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
100-7-10-99-110.002 Town Plan Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
MPG Grant Match					6,500.00	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>500.00</b>	<b>265.30</b>	<b>500.00</b>	<b>18.24</b>	<b>7,227.00</b>	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>548,965.00</b>	<b>578,740.72</b>	<b>549,965.00</b>	<b>276,960.23</b>	<b>633,349.00</b>	

TOWN OF ROCHESTER HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT - SELECTBOARD BUDGET REPORT

	July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021		July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022		July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	6 months	Budget	Budget
	FY 21		FY 22		FY 23	
<b>HIGHWAY INCOME</b>						
100-6-10-00-300.005 Current Taxes	464,575.00	464,575.00	466,160.00	164,471.00	506,411.00	
100-6-10-00-300.040 State Aid to Roads	108,000.00	143,067.03	112,000.00	63,142.11	120,000.00	
100-6-10-00-300.055 Forest Service Rd. Agree.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
100-6-10-00-300.205 Pittsfield W/M	2,200.00	2,200.00	2,200.00	0.00	2,200.00	
100-6-10-00-300.210 Fed PILT FS Land-Hwy	32,000.00	34,062.00	33,500.00	0.00	33,500.00	
100-6-10-99-500.001 Grant In Aid Bingo Rd	0.00	12,099.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Transfer in from overfunded HRA account	1,300.00	0.00	1,300.00	0.00	0.00	
<b>Subtotal non tax income</b>	<b>143,500.00</b>	<b>191,428.03</b>	<b>149,000.00</b>	<b>63,142.11</b>	<b>155,700.00</b>	
<b>TOTAL HIGHWAY INCOME</b>	<b>608,075.00</b>	<b>656,003.03</b>	<b>615,160.00</b>	<b>227,613.11</b>	<b>662,111.00</b>	
<b>HIGHWAY EXPENSES</b>						
100-7-10-50-110.000 Highway Regular Time	137,946.00	134,811.06	140,705.00	72,316.83	147,748.00	
100-7-10-50-130.000 Highway Overtime	30,000.00	19,686.70	30,600.00	7,637.67	31,500.00	
100-7-10-50-210.000 Highway Health Insurance	24,713.00	18,150.08	16,092.00	8,066.80	16,341.00	
100-7-10-50-210.001 Hickock/Boardman Mgmt.	360.00	693.33	760.00	0.00	0.00	
100-7-10-50-210.002 Health Ins Opt Out	6,200.00	4,608.39	4,800.00	2,578.18	4,962.00	
100-7-10-50-210.005 Life/Disability Ins Madison	1,408.00	1,295.04	1,408.00	544.07	1,357.00	
100-7-10-50-210.009 Drug Testing	0.00	0.00	0.00	40.00	0.00	
100-7-10-50-210.010 MVP Select Care	1,300.00	0.00	700.00	0.00	1,300.00	
100-7-10-50-220.000 Social Security	12,848.00	11,721.38	13,105.00	6,184.80	13,712.00	
100-7-10-50-230.000 Municipal Retirement	10,077.00	9,584.11	10,707.00	5,167.28	12,099.00	
100-7-10-50-250.000 Unemployment	242.00	0.00	282.00	0.00	282.00	
100-7-10-50-260.000 Work Comp	14,729.00	8,328.00	13,019.00	5,341.95	13,533.00	
100-7-10-50-411.000 Garage-Water/Sewer	200.00	263.20	500.00	148.00	600.00	
100-7-10-50-411.005 Town of Braintree W/M	7,000.00	5,782.04	7,000.00	525.64	6,500.00	
100-7-10-50-421.000 Trash Removal	250.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
100-7-10-50-424.000 Mowing/Brush Removal	16,000.00	14,696.57	17,000.00	13,605.00	18,000.00	
100-7-10-50-430.000 Garage-Bldg Maint/Repair	3,000.00	16,794.40	3,000.00	2,278.24	3,000.00	
100-7-10-50-431.000 EQ Parts/Repairs/Supplies	37,000.00	37,102.44	37,000.00	22,319.66	62,000.00	
100-7-10-50-431.005 Town Garage Radio Expense	500.00	511.75	500.00	0.00	1,000.00	
100-7-10-50-441.010 Town of Stockbridge W/M	1,500.00	3,000.00	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00	
100-7-10-50-442.000 Equipment Rental	12,000.00	0.00	12,000.00	5,250.00	10,000.00	
100-7-10-50-450.000 Contracted Services	5,000.00	20,826.04	5,000.00	4,112.50	5,000.00	

TOWN OF ROCHESTER HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT - SELECTBOARD BUDGET REPORT

	July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021		July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022		July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	6 months	Budget	FY 23
100-7-10-50-460.000 Bridge & Bandrails	0.00	1,860.44	7,000.00	0.00	9,100.00	
100-7-10-50-460.005 Culverts	0.00	6,061.47	7,000.00	6,536.48	7,000.00	
100-7-10-50-460.015 Resurfacing	40,000.00	87,837.95	40,000.00	0.00	40,000.00	
100-7-10-50-520.000 Hwy Prop/Auto/Liab Ins	9,552.00	7,413.00	9,982.00	5,147.13	10,877.00	
100-7-10-50-530.000 Garage-Telephone	600.00	927.31	900.00	626.56	900.00	
100-7-10-50-540.000 Advertising	250.00	77.94	200.00	0.00	0.00	
100-7-10-50-565.000 Highway - Education	200.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	0.00	
100-7-10-50-610.000 Gas. Oil. Grease	31,000.00	31,498.03	31,000.00	18,459.88	34,000.00	
100-7-10-50-610.005 Small Tools	3,000.00	3,794.91	3,000.00	837.84	3,000.00	
100-7-10-50-610.010 Supplies	1,500.00	1,051.70	1,500.00	332.72	2,000.00	
100-7-10-50-610.015 Clothing Allowance	1,800.00	1,418.05	1,800.00	230.99	1,800.00	
100-7-10-50-611.000 Chloride	9,000.00	5,640.00	9,000.00	2,820.00	9,000.00	
100-7-10-50-611.005 Salt	44,000.00	35,303.16	42,000.00	8,237.97	42,000.00	
100-7-10-50-622.000 Garage-Electricity	2,200.00	1,576.00	2,200.00	924.12	1,800.00	
100-7-10-50-624.000 Garage-Heat	4,000.00	2,821.00	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00	
100-7-10-50-650.000 Gravel	92,000.00	35,158.60	92,000.00	4,865.54	60,000.00	
100-7-10-50-650.005 Sand	41,000.00	41,370.47	41,000.00	19,501.76	40,000.00	
100-7-10-50-651.000 Paint Crosswalks	500.00	50.69	500.00	0.00	500.00	
100-7-10-50-651.005 Road Signs & Posts	1,000.00	1,368.50	2,000.00	575.32	1,500.00	
100-7-10-50-651.015 Municipal Road Permit/Fee	1,600.00	1,590.00	1,600.00	0.00	1,600.00	
100-7-10-50-651.020 Gravel Pit Lease Exp	2,400.00	2,400.00	2,400.00	2,400.00	2,400.00	
100-7-10-50-990.000 Miscellaneous Expenses	200.00	4,536.80	200.00	0.00	200.00	
100-7-10-50-999.001 Grant Over Expenditure	0.00	2,625.00	0.00	0.00	40,000.00	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>608,075.00</b>	<b>584,235.55</b>	<b>615,160.00</b>	<b>227,612.93</b>	<b>662,111.00</b>	
<b>TOTAL HIGHWAY EXPENSES</b>	<b>608,075.00</b>	<b>584,235.55</b>	<b>615,160.00</b>	<b>227,612.93</b>	<b>662,111.00</b>	

TOWN OF ROCHESTER  
WATER COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

	July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021		July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022		July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023	
	FY 21		FY 22		FY 23	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	6 months	Budget	Budget
<b>Water Income</b>						
300-6-00-20-020.005 Water Current Fees	44,000.00	40,829.50	44,000.00	23,932.70	44,000.00	44,000.00
300-6-00-20-020.010 Water Delinquent Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
300-6-00-20-020.015 Water Connection Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
300-6-00-10-000.007 Water Res. Bank Interest	0.00	22.72	0.00	6.11	0.00	0.00
300-6-00-20-020.020 Water Interest	400.00	71.68	0.00	102.40	0.00	0.00
300-6-00-20-020.025 Water Misc Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL WATER INCOME</b>	<b>44,400.00</b>	<b>40,923.90</b>	<b>44,000.00</b>	<b>24,041.21</b>	<b>44,000.00</b>	<b>44,000.00</b>
<b>Water Expenses</b>						
300-7-10-20-110.000 Water Operator	15,000.00	18,123.64	16,000.00	8,217.13	16,000.00	16,000.00
300-7-10-20-110.005 Water Operator Asst	1,000.00	1,110.00	2,000.00	430.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
300-7-10-20-220.000 FICA/MEDI Expense	1,147.00	1,434.11	1,500.00	593.49	1,500.00	1,500.00
300-7-10-20-220.001 W/C, Unempl Exp	1,218.00	781.50	1,500.00	564.36	1,000.00	1,000.00
300-7-10-20-340.005 Water Testing/Samples	1,000.00	1,645.00	1,500.00	175.00	1,800.00	1,800.00
300-7-10-20-424.000 Water Grounds Maint	700.00	808.00	900.00	412.00	816.00	816.00
300-7-10-20-424.001 Water Truck Use Reimburse	1,400.00	1,320.00	1,400.00	660.00	1,400.00	1,400.00
300-7-10-20-430.000 Water Building Maint	500.00	14.96	500.00	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
300-7-10-20-431.000 Water Equip Maint	3,500.00	4,963.25	3,500.00	0.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
300-7-10-20-431.015 Generator Expense	100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
300-7-10-20-520.000 Water Prop/Liab Ins	282.00	240.00	274.00	161.09	338.00	338.00
300-7-10-20-531.000 Water Postage	200.00	0.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
300-7-10-20-531.005 Water Heat-Pump H	1,200.00	964.69	1,300.00	248.36	1,300.00	1,300.00
300-7-10-20-560.000 Water Dues/Memberships	300.00	306.80	300.00	0.00	300.00	300.00
300-7-10-20-565.000 Water Education	500.00	618.50	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
300-7-10-20-570.000 Water Permit/Licenses	1,000.00	252.37	1,000.00	161.05	500.00	500.00
300-7-10-20-610.000 Water Billing	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
300-7-10-20-610.005 Water Supplies	3,000.00	1,633.42	3,500.00	676.29	2,000.00	2,000.00
300-7-10-20-622.000 Water Electricity	5,500.00	2,827.42	5,500.00	1,336.25	3,000.00	3,000.00
300-7-10-20-740.000 Water Equipment	1,000.00	304.35	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
300-7-10-20-990.000 Water Misc Expense	100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
<b>TOTAL WATER EXPENSES</b>	<b>39,147.00</b>	<b>37,348.01</b>	<b>42,174.00</b>	<b>14,335.02</b>	<b>39,954.00</b>	<b>39,954.00</b>

TOWN OF ROCHESTER  
SEWER COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

	July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021		July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022		July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023	
	FY21		FY22		FY23	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	6 months	Budget	Budget
<b>Sewer Income</b>						
300-6-00-10-000.005 Bank Interest	0.00	114.00	0.00	25.18	0.00	0.00
300-6-00-10-000.006 Sewer Res. Bank Int.	0.00	16.20	0.00	4.35	0.00	0.00
300-6-00-10-010.005 Sewer Current Fees	0.00	49,154.05	0.00	31,544.39	0.00	0.00
300-6-00-10-010.010 Sewer Delinquent Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
300-6-00-10-010.015 Sewer Connection Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
300-6-00-10-010.020 Sewer Interest	0.00	104.00	0.00	119.47	0.00	0.00
300-6-00-10-010.030 Sewer Misc Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
300-6-00-10-010.035 Special Project Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL SEWER INCOME</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>49,388.25</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>31,693.39</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Sewer Expenses</b>						
300-7-10-10-110.000 Sewer Operator	17,000.00	19,176.30	16,000.00	9,582.14	17,000.00	
300-7-10-10-110.005 Sewer Operator Asst	1,000.00	464.38	2,000.00	400.53	3,000.00	
300-7-10-10-220.000 FICA/MEDI Expense	1,300.00	1,346.26	1,395.00	722.22	1,400.00	
300-7-10-10-220.001 W/C, Unempl Exp	1,374.00	781.50	1,395.00	564.36	800.00	
300-7-10-10-330.000 Sewer Engineering	3,000.00	4,400.00	3,000.00	1,290.00	4,000.00	
300-7-10-10-340.000 Sewer Testing/Samples	1,600.00	2,590.78	3,500.00	1,025.98	3,000.00	
300-7-10-10-340.001 Sewer Telemetering	1,000.00	1,042.20	1,200.00	0.00	1,500.00	
300-7-10-10-424.000 Sewer Grounds Maint	2,200.00	2,145.50	2,000.00	1,684.00	2,448.00	
300-7-10-10-424.001 Sewer Truck Use Reimbur	1,500.00	1,320.00	1,500.00	660.00	1,400.00	
300-7-10-10-431.000 Sewer Repairs	3,000.00	5,829.48	3,000.00	544.52	3,000.00	
300-7-10-10-431.005 Sewer Tanks Maint	12,000.00	19,194.30	14,000.00	2,715.10	16,000.00	
300-7-10-10-431.015 Sewer Generator	100.00		100.00	0.00	100.00	
300-7-10-10-520.000 Sewer Prop/Liab Ins	1,058.00	717.00	1,100.00	482.28	1,020.00	
300-7-10-10-531.000 Sewer Postage	200.00		200.00	200.00	200.00	
300-7-10-10-565.000 Sewer Education	100.00		100.00	0.00	100.00	
300-7-10-10-570.000 Sewer Permits/Licenses	2,500.00	2,620.78	2,000.00	220.00	2,500.00	
300-7-10-10-610.000 Sewer Billing	500.00		500.00	500.00	500.00	
300-7-10-10-610.005 Sewer Supplies	1,000.00	606.76	500.00	27.06	500.00	
300-7-10-10-622.000 Sewer Electricity	2,800.00	2,024.86	2,900.00	1,012.47	2,300.00	
300-7-10-10-655.000 Sewer Special Projects	500.00		500.00	20,984.71	500.00	
300-7-10-10-990.000 Sewer Misc Expense	100.00		100.00	0.00	100.00	
<b>TOTAL SEWER EXPENSES</b>	<b>53,832.00</b>	<b>64,260.10</b>	<b>56,990.00</b>	<b>42,615.37</b>	<b>61,368.00</b>	

TOWN OF ROCHESTER APPROPRIATIONS AND VOTED ARTICLES - SELECTBOARD BUDGET

	July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021		July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022		July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023	
	FY 21		FY 22		FY 23	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	6 months	Budget	Budget
<b>100-7-10-91 Appropriations</b>						
100-7-10-91-950.015 Central VT Council on Aging	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	
100-7-10-91-950.020 Clara Martin Center	2,066.00	2,066.00	2,066.00	2,066.00	2,066.00	
100-7-10-91-950.025 Green Up Vermont	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	
100-7-10-91-950.029 Orange Cty Parent Child C	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	
100-7-10-91-950.030 Quintown Senior Center	9,849.00	9,849.00	9,849.00	9,849.00	9,849.00	
100-7-10-91-950.035 Tri - Valley Transit	1,300.00	1,300.00	1,300.00	1,300.00	1,300.00	
100-7-10-91-950.045 Visiting Nurses VT/NH	4,800.00	4,800.00	4,800.00	4,800.00	4,800.00	
100-7-10-91-950.050 White River Partnership	875.00	875.00	875.00	875.00	875.00	
100-7-10-91-950.060 Women Safe Inc	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	
100-7-10-91-950.064 VACD Dry Hydrant Program	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	
100-7-10-91-950.070 Safeline	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>22,840.00</b>	<b>22,840.00</b>	<b>22,840.00</b>	<b>22,840.00</b>	<b>22,840.00</b>	<b>22,840.00</b>
<b>100-7-10-92 Rsrv Transfrs/Voted Articles</b>						
100-7-10-92-000-005 Hwy Equip Reserve Trsf Out						0
100-7-10-92-000-010 Tennis Rsv Trsf Out	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	
100-7-10-92-000-014 Town Building Res Trsf Ou	0.00	0.00	8,000.00	0.00	9,000.00	
100-7-10-92-000-017 WRVA Rescue Services	68,340.00	68,340.00	69,479.00	35,309.00	0.00	
100-7-10-92-000-018 Library Transfer Out	45,625.00	45,625.00	45,625.00	45,625.00	48,314.00	
100-7-10-92-000-019 Fast Trash and Recycling	20,400.00	23,800.00	20,400.00	8,320.00	20,400.00	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>134,365.00</b>	<b>137,765.00</b>	<b>144,504.00</b>	<b>89,254.00</b>	<b>78,714.00</b>	
<b>TOTAL ARTICLES and APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<b>157,205.00</b>	<b>160,605.00</b>	<b>167,344.00</b>	<b>112,094.00</b>	<b>101,554.00</b>	

**ROCHESTER TOWN GENERAL ACCOUNT**  
**Summary of Budget, Revenue and Expense**

Rochester Town	FY 21		FY 22		FY 23	
	Voted Budget	Actual 12 months	Voted Budget	Actual 6 months	Proposed Budget	difference vs FY18
<b>REVENUE:</b>						
Property Taxes:	315,975	131,334	310,673	134,687	358,396	13%
Non-Tax Revenue:	164,650	350,680	169,813	142,273	274,953	38%
<b>X. TOTAL REVENUE: [Prop + Non-tax revenue]</b>	<b>480,625</b>	<b>482,014</b>	<b>480,486</b>	<b>276,960</b>	<b>633,349</b>	<b>24%</b>
<b>EXPENSE:</b>						
Total Finance Expenses:	104,277	138,806	105,768	86,025	102,397	-3%
Total Capital Purchase Expense:	19,035	19,035	19,035	19,035	53,085	64%
Total General Town Salaries:	83,842	88,012	92,280	43,486	102,978	10%
General Office Expense:	61,450	48,512	41,300	18,715	51,185	19%
Buildings and Grounds:	29,373	27,877	28,383	13,185	35,895	21%
Solid Waste:	12,552	12,166	12,552	13,385	14,590	14%
General Employee Expenses:	17,836	24,149	17,488	12,815	33,751	48%
Dues and Fees:	12,174	14,592	12,110	9,103	12,560	4%
General Town Expenses	36,224	34,331	38,587	14,925	41,165	6%
Emergency Services	6,472	6,472	6,472	2,255	78,183	20%
Park Expenses	5,378	6,264	4,921	2,255	6,152	0%
Recreation Dept. Expenses:	12,050	12,741	12,437	3,063	12,382	0%
Constable Expenses:	36,000	40,373	36,000	21,503	26,000	-38%
Fire Department Expenses:	38,484	35,108	47,675	19,057	52,761	10%
Listers Expenses:	4,978	1,698	4,978	390	3,038	-64%
Planning/Zoning Expenses:	500	265	500	18	7,227	93%
<b>A. Grand Total GEN. FUND EXPENSE:</b>	<b>480,625</b>	<b>510,401</b>	<b>480,486</b>	<b>276,960</b>	<b>633,349</b>	<b>24%</b>
<b>HIGHWAY:</b>						
<b>REVENUE:</b>						
Property Taxes:	464,575	464,575	466,160	164,471	506,411	8%
Non-Tax Revenue:	143,500	191,428	149,000	63,142	155,700	4%
<b>Y. Total REVENUE:</b>	<b>608,075</b>	<b>656,003</b>	<b>615,160</b>	<b>227,613</b>	<b>662,111</b>	<b>7%</b>
<b>EXPENSE:</b>						
Highway Expenses	608,075	584,236	615,160	226,686	662,111	
Highway Grant Expense	0	0	0	0	0	
<b>B. Total HIGHWAY EXPENSE:</b>	<b>608,075</b>	<b>584,236</b>	<b>615,160</b>	<b>227,613</b>	<b>662,111</b>	<b>7%</b>
<b>APPROPRIATION REQUESTS:</b>						
Total Community Requests:	22,840	22,840	22,840	22,840	22,840	0%
Total Voted Articles:	134,365	137,765	144,504	89,254	78,714	-84%
<b>C. TOTAL APPROPRIATION REQUESTS:</b>	<b>157,205</b>	<b>160,605</b>	<b>167,344</b>	<b>112,094</b>	<b>101,554</b>	<b>-65%</b>
<b>Total Income: X + Y + C</b>	<b>1,245,905</b>	<b>1,298,622</b>	<b>1,262,990</b>	<b>616,667</b>	<b>1,397,014</b>	<b>10%</b>
<b>Total Expense : A + B + C</b>	<b>1,245,905</b>	<b>1,255,241</b>	<b>1,262,990</b>	<b>616,667</b>	<b>1,397,014</b>	<b>10%</b>
Audit Reconciliation FY 21	Total Income	\$ 1,298,622	\$ 1,255,241	Total Expense	\$ 1,255,241	
	Cemetery funds	(5,000)		Library Article	(45,625)	
	Reserve funds	(12,121)		Audited Exp	1,209,616	
	<b>Audited Income</b>	<b>\$ 1,281,501</b>	<b>\$ 1,281,501</b>			



## **Road Foreman's Report**

This year, in addition to the normal road maintenance of grading, graveling, sanding and roadside mowing, we replaced twelve cross drain culverts. A large culvert on Bethel Mountain Road was replaced with a larger culvert.

Resurfacing was done on Kirby Drive, Wheatfield Drive, The Terrace, Huntington Place, the top of Park Row and part of State Garage Road.

On Sky Hollow Road, with the Grant-in-Aid project, trees and stumps were removed and we cleaned and stoned the ditches. Other areas around Town were ditched which helped tremendously with storm-water runoff.

Gravel and sand were hauled to stockpile for future use.

John Champion  
Road Foreman

## **Lister's Report 2021 Grand List**

This past year was the ninth year after the whole town was reappraised by Automated Property Assessment Service.

The most recent Equalization Study, produced by the Vermont State Tax Department, Property Valuation and Review Division, indicates our Rochester Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) is 95.63. This indicates that property values found in the Grand List are 4.37% lower than the sales study found they should be. We are sure that you know that lately property sales have been nrisk and at higher than listed prices.

The Equalization Study also calculated a Coefficient of Dispersion (COD) of valid Rochester sales of 17.2 last year. This is a measure of how reported valid sale prices of similar properties are, as compared to each other. This is a widening of this calculation as compared to last year.

We continue to be in the position that the State of Vermont will not require us to reappraise the whole town.

Rochester Listers

Jess Arsenault, Caroline Meagher, Louis Donnet

## Cemetery Commissioner Report

The Rochester Cemetery Commission is a five-member board elected at Town Meeting. The Commission oversees the seven cemeteries located in Rochester: Woodlawn, Village, North Hollow, Bingo, West Hill, Tupper and Little Hollow. Lot sales are by authority of the Cemetery Commission. All proceeds from the sale of lots are paid into the town treasury, and kept in a separate account to be used solely for the care, maintenance, and improvement of the burial grounds. Contact Cemetery Commission Chair Tom Paquette with inquiries about lot availability and rates.

Lot rates:

	Single (typically 4 ½' x 9')	Double (9'x9')	Quadruple (9'x18')	Octuple (18'X18')
Lot Sale	\$200	\$400	\$ 800	\$1,600
Perpetual Care	\$250	\$500	\$1,000	\$2,000

Established regulations for all the cemeteries under the jurisdiction of the Rochester Cemetery Commission were adopted on September 2, 2008.

Current regulations include:

- Lot cornerstones must be purchased from the Commission at the time of the sale.
- No burials shall be performed after Nov. 15 or before May 1, except under certain conditions.
- No more than eight cremated remains may be buried in a single lot.
- All grave decorations will be removed when they become unsightly and, in any case by November 15.
- Repair/Replacement/Cleaning of stones on lots is the responsibility of the lot owner.
- The right to plant permanent herbage, flowers, shrubs or trees shall be only with permission of the Commission. Any planting done without permission will give the Commission the right to remove it.

For a copy of the complete regulations, contact any Commissioner.

Routine maintenance continues at all seven cemeteries. Headstone cleaning and repair has continued on limited basis as maintenance budgets have been reduced. Thanks to Steve Twitchell and his crew for their continued efforts in every aspect of cemetery needs and maintenance. Volunteers are appreciated under the direction of the Commission. Please ask a Commission member for their recommendations of specific stone cleaning solutions, as some products can damage the stone.

The Commission has begun efforts to make necessary updates to Cemetery Bylaws, current rules and regulations and digitizing cemetery maps and lot sales.

Rochester Cemetery Commissioners:

Tom Paquette, Chair	Marvin Harvey
Michele Schnabel	Joe Schenkman
Nancy Woolley	

**One Planet Afterschool Program**  
**Bethel, Chelsea, Newton, Sharon, Stockbridge**  
**Rochester, Royalton, Tunbridge**

We want to thank you for your support of \$3,125 in scholarships for Rochester students to attend our 2021 Summer Camp. Please see below for a report on the 2021 Summer Camp.

One Planet's mission is to create a dynamic learning environment after school and during the summer that inspires and supports students in becoming compassionate global citizens and lifelong learners.

This summer Rockbridge One Planet Summer Camp engaged 40 children in grades K-8<sup>th</sup> with exciting theme-based projects for 5 weeks. Activities included creating useful inventions during "Rube Goldberg" week, participating in a variety of sports during "All Ball" week, preparing locally-sourced meals during "Farm to Table" and competing in student-designed events for "Summer Olympics". In addition, all students participated in a literacy and math block infused with hands-on learning. We were also able to return to off-site field trips, so participants enjoyed swimming at local lakes and pools, hiking, visiting Motio Rec, VINS, Killington Adventure Center and more. We also returned to our Counselors-in Training program, which provided local middle school students with leadership and decision-making skills. We were so pleased to come together safely and return to many pre-Covid summer camp elements.

Due to the instability of the economy, One Planet felt it was important to rethink our approach to summer fees. Thanks to the support of the Town of Rochester, we were able to offer families reduced summer pricing. Parents were truly grateful to see their kids smiling, connecting and having a "normal" summer.

Thank you for your support, and we look forward to continuing to serve the local community in partnership with the Town of Rochester.

Carrie McDonnell, One Planet Program Director  
[cmcdonnell@wrvsu.org](mailto:cmcdonnell@wrvsu.org)  
(802) 763-3812

## Rochester Volunteer Fire Department

Members of the Rochester Volunteer Fire Department are most grateful to the Rochester community and Selectboard for their continued support and confidence.

Our Department currently has 19 members. We are always looking for new members, especially anyone working in town who can be readily available for calls during daytime hours. As with most fire departments statewide, ours is an aging department with 30% of our volunteer firefighters in their 60s. We have two meetings each month; one is a regular meeting and the other a work/training session. ***We need your participation and assistance.*** Anyone interested in learning about and/or joining your Volunteer Fire Department is encouraged to contact me, or any member of the department.

During 2021, RVFD responded to 38 calls:

2 Chimney Fires	1 House Fire	1 Auto Fire
9 Motor Vehicle Accidents	3 False Alarms	5 Downed Power Lines
8 Fire Alarms	3 Brush Fires	1 Child Locked in Car
1 DHART call	2 Mutual Aid Calls	2 Carbon Monoxide

Everyone looks forward to the Fire Department's annual Easter Sunday Pancake Breakfast at the Fire House, but due to COVID-19 this event has been cancelled for the past two years. It does not seem likely that this Easter event will take place in 2022, but we're hopeful for an event during the summer. This Pancake Breakfast, our largest fundraiser, raises funds to allow the Fire Department to purchase items not included in our annual budget. Our current critical need is an air compressor to fill air pack bottles. A new compressor costs approximately \$65,000, but we're negotiating for a second-hand compressor for \$15,000+/- . We're hopeful of having this compressor by Town Meeting.

Adhering to COVID-19 protocols has been particularly difficult for firefighters. Keeping distances and wearing masks presents difficulties in speaking and being understood, and eyeglasses steam up.

For your safety, it is critical to both Fire and Rescue Departments that all homeowners ensure that their homes have reflective **9-1-1 house or street numbers**. Reflective numbers must be at least 4-inches in height. If you live on a long driveway or road, ensure that your name and street number are prominently visible at the beginning of your driveway. As many of our volunteers may not be totally familiar with all road and family names, Fire and Rescue will certainly appreciate your efforts, and you, too, will be the beneficiary.

The Fire Department recommends that each home have smoke and carbon dioxide detectors. Batteries should be changed when the clocks turn from standard time to daylight savings time, and vice versa – twice annually.

As your Fire Chief, I remain grateful to the members of our Volunteer Department for their many hours, not just in responding to calls, but for time spent in training, flooding SkateSpace, equipment maintenance and fundraising.

If you have any questions regarding the Rochester Volunteer Fire Department, please contact Fire Chief Terry Severy, or Rochester's Assistant Fire Chiefs, Ray Harvey and Kevin Dougherty.

Terry Severy, Chief	Ray Harvey, 1 <sup>st</sup> Asst. Chief	Kevin Dougherty, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Asst. Chief		
Troy LaPell, Captain	Eric Belanger, Lieutenant	Kristen LaPell, Treasurer	Jim Bowen, Secretary	
Mike Harvey	Eric Bowen	Charles Martin	Jim Parrish	David Hamlin
Marc Blaine	John Fitzpatrick	Joel Domas	Zak Whalen	Chad Richardson
Katelyn Bowen	Justin Welter			

## **Rochester Public Library Report 2022**

### **It's not just about the books anymore**

Two years into the global pandemic the library is still here providing books and movies on site Tuesday & Thursday 11:00-6:00 and Saturday 9:00-12:00 and e-books, audiobook downloads, and streaming movies online 24/7. We regularly offer Take & Make activity packages for our youngest community members, offer small in person gatherings Tuesday@Two for adults, and Safe-at-Home programs via Zoom. While we look forward to the time when we can all gather together to share ideas and idealism, discussion and debate without worry or precautions, in the meantime we are trying other innovative ways to connect with our community.

We are pleased to report that the Vermont Friends of the Rochester Public Library was organized as a new 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization this year with Tim McDonald, Diane White, Doreen Jones, Blythe Bates, and Roseann Watkins Johnson as incorporators.

The new Library-of-Things has kicked off with tremendous community support. Over this winter the library will expand its offerings from convalescent equipment to include crafting and home improvement tools, musical instruments, games, sporting goods, gardening equipment, and food preservation and specialty cooking goods. A frequently updated list of Things is available in our catalog online. Note that no town funds will be used to purchase Things, our generous donors have provided them all!

The library budget is adopted by the 5 Library Trustees elected at town meeting. For the past 3 years, the library has not increased its funding request to the Select Board. Unfortunately, the library's cost increases can no longer be absorbed without cutting the level of service the community has come to expect.

The Library Trustees will continue to seek private donations to cover costs of library materials and interior improvements like updating lighting, replacing bookshelves and carpet, painting the walls, and refinishing floors. And we look forward to working with the Select Board to accomplish the needed exterior structural improvements to the library building identified in the 2021 outside independent report on Rochester's infrastructure.

We would like to thank Jolanta Labejsza for her many years of service as a Library Trustee and we wish her all the best!

We want the library to continue to be a welcoming place for people of all ages, and particularly for our youth. Next year's budget shows an increase of \$2,509, the majority of which will raise the funding for children's programming. Maya Newroot, our new Children's Programming Coordinator, offered stories and activities on the bandstand over the summer and is offering Take & Make activity bags to families throughout the winter. With all the disruptions caused by the pandemic, it is particularly important that programming for our youngest citizens continue. We hope you will support the library appropriation request of \$48,134 to fund the library operating budget.

Thank you for your support. Tony Goupee, Kelly Kelly, Sandy Lincoln, and Barbara Shenton

Rochester Public Library Budget

	July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021		July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022		July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023	
	FY 21		FY 22		FY 23	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	6 months	Budget	Budget
200-6-00-10-000.000 Town Appropriated Funds	45625.00	45625.00	45625.00	45,625.00	48134.00	
200-6-00-10-000.001 Libr 001 Savings Interest	0.00	0.35	0.00	0.43	0.00	
200-6-00-10-000.005 WRCU Gen 02 Bank Interest	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
200-6-00-10-000.009 Cap Camp Bank Interest	0.00	0.80	1.00	0.00	1.00	
200-6-00-10-000.010 Investment Interest	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
200-6-00-10-000.011 Library Mem Fnd Int	0.00	3.01	4.00	0.48	3.00	
200-6-00-10-000.012 Lib Annual Camp Interest	0.00	20.84	25.00	3.95	20.00	
200-6-00-10-000.013 Memorial Fund Income	5.00	125.00	5.00	0.00	5.00	
200-6-00-10-000.014 Window/Rest Interest	5.00	2.70	5.00	0.46	2.00	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>45,635.00</b>	<b>45,777.70</b>	<b>45,665.00</b>	<b>45,630.32</b>	<b>48165.00</b>	
<b>200-6-00-10-000.015 Income</b>						
200-6-00-10-000.020 Adopt an Author	1200.00	1576.43	1200.00	733.82	1200.00	
200-6-00-10-000.025 Cookbook Income	0.00	1975.00	0.00	3,040.00	0.00	
200-6-00-10-000.029 Bennett WRCU 06 Int	1.00	0.51	1.00	0.04	1.00	
200-6-00-10-000.030 Bennett (book) Fund Fwd	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
200-6-00-10-000.035 Bennett Bks Divd 1st Ener	125.00	135.72	125.00	67.86	125.00	
200-6-00-10-000.045 Moving Avg Wing Rest.	3459.00	1729.50	3459.00	0.00	4016.00	
200-6-00-10-000.050 Balancing Pmts-WF-all	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
200-6-00-10-000.055 Trustee Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
200-6-00-10-000.060 Book Sales	650.00	206.00	200.00	0.00	0.00	
200-6-00-10-000.065 Fines	160.00	14.00	100.00	6.00	50.00	
200-6-00-10-000.068 Program Income	275.00	224.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
200-6-00-10-000.069 Prgm Inc. Great Dec.Reimb.	0.00	224.00	160.00	0.00	0.00	
200-6-00-10-000.070 Lectures	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
200-6-00-10-000.080 Donations (Restricted)	5000.00	9243.44	5000.00	10,120.00	5000.00	
200-6-00-10-000.085 Donations (Unrestricted)	1279.00	124.64	1000.00	200.00	500.00	
200-6-00-10-000.086 Donation from Granville	600.00	600.00	600.00	0.00	600.00	
200-6-00-10-000.087 Fundraising Event Income	1500.00	5.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
200-6-00-10-000.088 Corporate Match income	2000.00	2600.00	1500.00	1,000.00	2000.00	
200-6-00-10-000.090 Moving Avg Kirk (unrestri	3326.00	1663.00	3326.00	0.00	4809.00	
200-6-00-10-000.095 Copies	100.00	14.00	50.00	31.00	50.00	
200-6-00-10-000.100 Capital Gain/Loss	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
200-6-00-10-000.105 Non Appropriated Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
200-6-00-10-000.106 Space rental	150.00	0.00	150.00	0.00	150.00	
200-6-00-10-000.110 Misc Income	0.00	26.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	
200-6-00-10-000.111 Funds transferred in	3100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	





Rochester Public Library Budget

	FY 21		FY 22		FY 23	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	6 months	Budget	Budget
<b>200-7-10-45 Maintenance and Repairs</b>						
200-7-10-45-120.020 Landscaping-summer maint	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
200-7-10-45-120.025 Snow Remove-winter maint	500.00	500.00	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
200-7-10-45-419.000 Library Bldg Ins. Exp	2514.00	2391.00	3000.00	1,526.85	3000.00	3000.00
200-7-10-45-420.000 General Repairs/Maint.	2000.00	1056.77	1600.00	802.46	1200.00	1200.00
200-7-10-45-420.001 Boiler Maintenance	200.00	378.59	600.00	134.20	634.00	634.00
200-7-10-45-420.002 Elevator Inspect/Maint	600.00	567.48	500.00	235.00	750.00	750.00
200-7-10-45-420.005 Window Cleaning	200.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	200.00	200.00
200-7-10-45-420.010 Carpet Cleaning	250.00	0.00	250.00	0.00	250.00	250.00
200-7-10-45-420.015 Maintenance Supplies	500.00	546.61	500.00	279.89	500.00	500.00
200-7-10-45-430.000 Window Restoration	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
200-7-10-45-532.000 Annual Alarm Monitoring	375.00	528.35	305.00	350.00	400.00	400.00
200-7-10-50-990.000 Misc Expenses	80.00	0.00	0.00	25.00	0.00	0.00
200-7-10-55-655.000 Ann. Campaign/Future Yr	5000.00	4493.91	5000.00	0.00	5000.00	5000.00
	<b>69150.00</b>	<b>67553.11</b>	<b>67661.00</b>	<b>36,519.57</b>	<b>70280.00</b>	<b>70280.00</b>

## **WHITE RIVER VALLEY AMBULANCE**

Thank you, neighbors, for your continued support of White River Valley Ambulance. We are a non-profit, professional emergency medical service and ambulance transport agency serving the towns of Barnard, Bethel, Braintree, Brookfield, Granville, Hancock, Pittsfield, Randolph, Rochester and Stockbridge, an area of over 500 square miles. We are designated as a Vermont Critical Care Paramedic service, the highest licensed skill level that the state recognizes. With our 14 full-time staff and a number of part time staff, we maintain two Paramedic level staffed ambulances 24/7, 365 days a year. From January 1, 2021 through November 30, 2021, White River Valley Ambulance responded to 1,600 emergency calls and transfers, up from 1,342 in 2021. This includes Advanced Life Support transfer between hospitals.

Training in emergency medical response is also an important part of our mission. We are a regional American Heart Association Training Center, providing CPR and First Aid courses to community members across central Vermont. We also provide advanced practice training to emergency response professionals and volunteers from throughout the state.

Funding for WRVA comes primarily from billed insurance and budget allocations from the towns we serve. Every town pays the same amount per capita. In 2022, the per capita amount will increase from \$61.00 to \$66.00, or 6.6%.

Looking back on 2021 and ahead to 2022, we are ever grateful for the numerous first responders and fire departments with whom we work, and who volunteer their time to help a neighbor in need. Your dedication and commitment to serve makes a difference in the lives of those who call for help. For that, we can never thank you enough.

Matt Parrish,  
Executive Director

**3190 Pleasant St., Bethel, VT 05032**  
**802-234-6800**  
[www.wvra.org](http://www.wvra.org)

<b>WHITE RIVER VALLEY AMBULANCE: 2022 FUNDING REQUEST</b>					
	<b>2021 BUDGET</b>	<b>2021 EST. ACTUAL</b>	<b>2022 BUDGET</b>	<b>% CHANGE FROM 2021 BUDGET TO 2022 BUDGET</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
<b>Total Runs</b>	1,500	1,681	1,600	6.7%	
<b>Billable Runs</b>	1,044	1,154	1,200	14.9%	Projected volume based on increased call volume during 2021 resulting from COVID-19
<b>NET REVENUE (net of town contributions and donations)</b>	\$680,527	\$702,500	\$816,830	20.0%	WRVA management expects that revenue will increase with an increase in billable runs.
<b>Wages &amp; Salaries</b>	\$857,614	\$932,496	\$953,623	11.2%	Due to staffing challenges, especially the loss and potential loss of per diem staff to other services, the WRVA board authorized management to increase full-time staff to 14 (an increase of 4) effective 11/8/2021, with an equivalent reduction in hours of service by per-diem staff. Three of those new positions have been filled, and current staffing is stable. A market adjustment of \$2.00 per hour
<b>Benefits</b>	\$135,354	\$131,618	\$215,563	59.3%	MVP rates will increase only .09% in 2022. MVP's deductible will increase 6.7%, WRVA's contributions to each Health Reimbursement Account (60% of the deductible) will increase by the same percentage. WRVA's total contributions to group health insurance, dental insurance, and short-term disability insurance will increase significantly due to the addition of additional full time staff in place of per diem staff.
<b>W/C and Payroll Taxes</b>	\$125,228	\$123,964	\$121,607	-2.9%	WRVA's W/C rate for ambulance attendants dropped from \$6.54 per \$100 to \$6.48 on July 1, 2021, and WRVA's experience modification dropped at the same time from .93 to .77, experience rate. WRVA's unemployment tax contribution rate went from 4.4% to 2.9%, also on July 1.
<b>Administrative Expense</b>	\$176,449	\$130,173	\$160,050	-9.3%	The Vermont Dept. of Public Safety will be charging for dispatching. WRVA has changed to a new billing service, which charges an 8% fee of payments, instead of a set fee for each billable run. The jury is still out as to whether the net collection rate has risen.
<b>Depreciation</b>	\$126,658	\$135,933	\$136,897	8.1%	The addition of a replacement ambulance in 2021 will increase depreciation for 2022.
<b>Other Expense</b>	\$129,146	\$230,715	\$192,252	48.9%	The costs of diesel and heating fuel have risen. Actual expenses in this category have been increased by about \$78,800 in grant-funded expenditures. Management expects that those outlays will be reimbursed by the grants.
<b>Non-income statement and non-cash items</b>	-\$70,962	\$108,189	-\$120,674	70.1%	The net negative number is caused by depreciation, which is not a cash expense. The capital reserve contribution is being reduced from \$60,000 to \$48,000 for 2022.
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	\$1,479,486	\$1,793,088	\$1,659,318	12.2%	
<b>CASH DEFICIT</b>	-\$798,959	-\$1,090,588	-\$842,488	5.4%	Difference between revenue received from insurers, Medicare, etc. and the cost to operate WRVA.
<b>TO BE BILLED TO TOWNS</b>	\$776,408	\$776,408	\$816,075		
<b>REMAINING DEFICIT</b>	-\$22,551		-\$26,413		WRVA will plan to absorb the remaining deficit in order to hold the per capita increase to \$4.00.
<b>Total Service Population</b>	12,728.00	12,555.00	12,555.00	-1.4%	All of WRVA's towns except Barnard, Granville, and Hancock lost population in the 2020 census.
<b>PER CAPITA REQUEST TO FUND DEFICIT</b>	\$61.00	\$61.00	\$65.00	6.6%	A \$4.00 increase in the per capita request from 2021 to 2022
<b>TOTAL REQUEST FROM ROCHESTER</b>	\$69,479.00	\$69,479.00	\$71,435.00	2.8%	\$65.00 per capita x 1,099 population (2020 census)

## **Bethel/Royalton Solid Waste Program**

### **Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020**

Bethel and Royalton jointly own a 22 acre parcel of land on Waterman Road in Royalton which has been improved to provide facilities for aggregation and shipment of municipal solid waste, recyclables, and a variety of hazardous waste materials. The site also contains the now closed landfill which served area towns from 1970 to 1993. By contractual arrangement, other member towns also utilize the waste management program: Barnard, Stockbridge, Pittsfield, Rochester, Hancock, and Granville.

Administration of the program had historically been managed by Bethel staff, under the direction and oversight of the Bethel and Royalton Selectboards. In August 2013, a new Interlocal Contract was approved and endorsed by the Bethel and Royalton Selectboards. This agreement for administration of the solid waste program shifts management accountability from Bethel to the White River Alliance Board and the Alliance Manager.

In May 2016 the VT Dept. of Environmental Conservation approved the program's new "Solid Waste Implementation Plan" (SWIP) for purposes of managing solid waste and recyclables in accordance with objectives of current local/state/national priorities. The new SWIP which began July 1, 2020 will run through June 2025.

Our facility operates under a license (or Certification) which is renewed every 10 years. An application to renew was submitted to the Vermont Solid Waste Management Division in February 2014, and approval was issued May 7, 2014. The certification is valid until March 31, 2024. The former Bethel Royalton Landfill is also "operated" under a certification, which was renewed for an additional five-year term to end November 9, 2021. This certification provides for adequate monitoring of any residual effects stemming from landfill use.

From July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020, a total of 5,015.00 tons of solid waste was collected at the transfer station "tipping floor." This material was loaded into trailers for shipment to an in-state lined landfill. Materials received for recycling totaled 741.58 tons. These materials were directed to various facilities for processing. Various special wastes are regularly collected in addition to the usual recyclables. These include paint, fluorescent bulbs, used motor oil, antifreeze, lead acid batteries and electronic waste. All fees vary depending on the material involved and the current expenses to the program for handling the materials.

Collection events for **household hazardous wastes** were held in July 2020 at the Bethel Royalton Transfer Station and in August 2020 at the Rochester Town Hall parking lot. A total of 182 families participated in the 2 events. These events provided a means for citizens of the member towns to safely dispose of materials, particularly those not normally taken at the facility such as pesticides, various cleaning compounds, acids, bases, contaminated fluids, etc. The events are open to all member towns at no cost for up to 10 pounds or 10 gallons of materials. Small quantities of materials generated by businesses are also acceptable at collection events, but a fee corresponding to program costs is assessed on business participants and an appointment must be made in advance. There will be 2 events in 2021, 1 at the Bethel Royalton Transfer Station in April and 1 in Rochester in September. This will allow access for towns not located near the transfer station. The public is encouraged to enquire at the facility for dates and schedules.

We consider the solid waste program to be comprehensive in the services provided to the public, and the program staff is well-trained to provide advice or assistance.

The facility is open to the public **Tuesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday from 7:00 AM to 1:00 PM.** Information may be obtained during those hours by calling **763-2232.**

**[Web Address: whiteriveralliancesolidwaste.org](http://whiteriveralliancesolidwaste.org)**

**Bethel-Royalton Solid Waste Management Facility**  
 122 Waterman Rd – Royalton, VT 05068  
 (802) 763-2232

Pricing effective January 1, 2021:

- Bulk Waste**                    \$ 170/ton                    \$ 20.00 minimum
- **Per Bag**                    \$ 8.00/45 gallon            \$ 5.00/30 gallon            \$ 3.00/15 gallon
  - **Recycling**                \$ 3.00 per visit
  - **Food Scraps**            \$ 2.00 / gallon            1 gallon minimum
  - **Yard Waste (small branches, grass, leaves)**            \$50.00 cubic yard  
   ½ yard minimum                    1.5” maximum on branches.            No Stumps  
   **Christmas Trees**            \$ 20.00            Must be free of tinsel and all decorations

**Bulk Items:** mattresses, couches, sofas, rugs, chairs, desks, end tables, carpet, computer desks, etc.  
*Must Use Scale*

- **Freon Appliances:** refrigerators, freezers, water coolers, dehumidifiers            \$ 25.00
- **Scrap Metal**                \$ 5.00/cubic yard            *See Attendant before you dump!*
- **Vehicle Batteries**        \$ 1.00 each
- **Waste Oil**            \$ 1.25/quart
- **Antifreeze**            \$ 1.25 per quart
- **Grill Size Propane Tanks**    \$ 8.00                    **Small Camp Size Propane Tank**    \$ 1.00

Do Not put Pressurized Tanks in the Scrap Metal!!

- **Florescent Bulbs**                    No Charge            Limit 10 per day
- **Latex/Oil Based Paint**            No Charge            Limit 10 gallons per day

**Tires**

- **18” and under**                    no rim                    \$ 6.00                    with rim                    \$ 8.00
- **Over 18” with**                    no rim                    \$ 20.00                    with rim                    \$ 30.00
- **Loader, Tractor, Heavy Equipment** no rim                    \$ 75.00                    with rim                    \$125.00

**Computers, TVs, Tabletop Printers, Keyboards, Monitors**            **FREE** for Vermont households, charities and businesses with up to 10 employees

**Microwaves, Stereos, Game Consoles, Record Players, DVDs, VCRs, Cordless Phones, Fax Machines**                    \$ 5.00                    **Large Printers/Copiers**            \$ 25 - \$ 75

**Hours of Operation:**            **Tuesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday**    **7:00 am – 1:00 pm**

## Granville Vol. Fire Department

2021 marks the end of our 70<sup>th</sup> year providing emergency services to Granville and our surrounding community. Through the dedication of our members and the tremendous support from our community we are stronger now than ever.

Last year we witnessed another rise in the number of emergencies our team responded to, and is summarized below. We expect the trend to continue upward as the community continues to increase their reliance on the service we provide.

FY2020-2021 Call Statistics

Incident Type	Total Calls	Granville	Hancock	Rochester
Brush Fire	1	1	0	0
Lifeline-False Alarm	4	0	1	3
Lift Assist	12	0	4	8
Lines Down	2	2	0	0
Medical	108	6	28	74
MVC-Injury	4	1	0	3
MVC-No Injury	9	6	1	2
Alarm Activat.	1	1	0	0
Psychological	5	3	0	2
Rescue	1	1	0	0
Service Call	2	2	0	0
Structure Fire	0	0	0	0
Trauma	21	4	3	14
Total Calls	170	27	37	106

This past year a significant push was made in recruiting and training in emergency medical services. We have welcomed several new members to the department, increasing our active emergency responders to 19. This fall a Medical First Responder course increased our medical response team by 13 members, tripling the number of active members who can respond to medical emergencies. Recruiting remains a high priority.

As always, we appreciate your support. If you have questions please feel free to contact us.

Stay safe,

Danial Sargeant, Fire Chief  
Granville Volunteer Fire Department

E:mail: [dsargeant@granvillestorevt.com](mailto:dsargeant@granvillestorevt.com)  
Cell Phone: 802 3499-5774

## Green Mountain Economic Development Corporation 2020 & 2021 Highlights

2020 was one for the record books. It was a transformative year – in many ways:

- ***Workforce Summit Report*** issued – In partnership with the Department of Labor, the 12 RDCs in Vermont collaborated to design and implement 12 regional sessions, resulting in both regional and statewide priorities. The GMEDC summit was hosted by Vermont Technical College and the final report was presented in January.
- ***Americorps VISTA Volunteer*** – Jake Glenshaw joins GMEDC as the first Americorps VISTA volunteer on staff, providing additional manpower just when the extra hands were needed most to track and disseminate the increased volume of important information.
- ***ReStart Vermont Technical Assistance (ReVTA) program*** – The second statewide collaboration of the RDC network, this grant program matched Vermont technical assistance vendors with local businesses in each RDC service area and funded business development projects with individual grants of \$3-5,000. ReVTA brought over \$100,000 into the GMEDC service area.
- ***Emergency Economic Recovery 2.0 grants*** – GMEDC supported this Agency of Commerce and Community Development emergency grant program by reviewing and approving business applications, enabling dispersal of over \$700,000 in emergency funding to businesses across the state through our office alone.
- ***Leadership transition*** – Executive Director Bob Haynes announced his retirement date of April 1, 2021. Following a two-month search process, Erika Hoffman-Kiess was named to GMEDC staff effective February 1, 2021, stepping up as Executive Director following Bob’s April departure.

2021 has matched the pace of the previous year and raised the stakes with a flow of funding not seen in our lifetime. GMEDC has increased our work with regional and municipal leadership working together to face these unprecedented challenges and explore the unexpected opportunities.

- ***Northern Borders Regional Commission Grant Award*** – GMEDC was awarded a \$175,000 matching grant for the acquisition of the former Enterprise Center in Randolph, to be repurposed as a new childcare hub for Orange County Parent and child center, providing 88 spots, childcare workforce training, and parent support services.
- ***Local Investment series*** – In partnership with Vital Communities, Mascoma Bank and other area organizations developed and hosted a three-month series of educational events and workshops to introduce the concept of local investing and tools to help people interested in keeping investment dollars and impact local; over 600 people registered for the various events.
- ***Americorps VISTA Volunteer*** – GMEDC bids farewell to Jake and welcomes Meghan Asbury to the staff. She will be working to support the organization and formalization of the 4 Town Coalition, a grassroots, all-volunteer effort across Royalton, Sharon, Strafford, and Tunbridge.
- ***Board Transition*** – Long-time Board Member and Chair, Joe Boyd, departs and GMEDC welcomes new Chair, Monique Priestley. Founder and Director of The Space on Main in Bradford, Monique brings energy and a next-generation outlook to the GMEDC mission.

## **TRORC 2021 YEAR-END REPORT**

The Two Rivers-Ottauquechee Regional Commission is an association of 30 municipalities in east-central Vermont that is governed by a Board of Representatives appointed by each of our member towns. As advocates for our members, we seek to articulate a vision for building a thriving regional economy while enhancing the Region's quality of life. The following are highlights from 2021.

### **Technical Assistance on Planning Issues**

Our staff provided technical services to local, state and federal levels of government and to the Region's citizens, non-profits, and businesses. TRORC staff assisted numerous towns with revisions to municipal plans, capital budgets, bylaws and studies. TRORC has applied for funding to assist seven communities review and revise their zoning to enable more housing construction.

### **Emergency Management and Preparedness**

TRORC staff continued to serve on the State Emergency Response Committee, providing state officials with key local information to assist emergency planning. TRORC continues to assist local emergency management directors to meet the needs of our first responders. Again, this past year, TRORC assisted several communities with updating their Local Hazard Mitigation Plans. Having FEMA approved plans is a condition for many FEMA programs.

### **Energy**

TRORC assisted seven towns on Enhanced Energy Plans to save money for communities and further the State energy goals to meet 90% of Vermont's energy needs from renewable sources by 2050. In addition, TRORC sought and received general energy plan implementation funds to assist town Energy Committees on energy efficiency outreach and education.

### **Transportation**

TRORC managed the Municipal Roads Grants-In-Aid program in our Region. This provides funding for towns to implement Best Management Practices (BMP) on municipal roads ahead of the state's forthcoming Municipal Roads General Permit provisions. Funding provides for projects including grass and stone-lined ditches, upsizing and replacement of culverts, and stabilizing catch basin outlets.

Specifically, in Rochester this past year, TRORC managed a feasibility study on the repurpose of the Rochester School and prepared numerous grant applications for planning and transportation.

*We are committed to serving you, and welcome opportunities to assist you in the future.*

*Peter G. Gregory, AICP, Executive Director  
Jerry Fredrickson, Chairperson, Barnard*

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

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

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

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

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

**To learn more about the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, visit the VLCT website at [vlct.org](http://vlct.org).**

## **Windsor County Assistant Judges**

The Windsor County Courthouse rehabilitation was completed in 2014, and we are currently in the 8<sup>th</sup> year of repayment of this 10-year bond.

The courthouse renovation has proven to be both timely and invaluable to the 24 Towns in Windsor County. Our courthouse is one of only two in Vermont that has an approved HVAC system for air quality control, making it a safe environment for jury trials. Assistant Judge Jack Anderson who was instrumental in the renovation of the Woodstock Courthouse, retired this fall after a tenure of ten years. Governor Scott appointed Michael Ricci of Woodstock to the Assistant Judge position.

Currently the Courthouse is closed to the public because of COVID-19 restrictions. Although the building has been closed, this has not slowed down the Judiciary; Court hearings are held remotely via WebEx.

The County building on Pleasant Street, which houses the Sheriff's Office and the office of the Windsor County Clerk, is open to the public, albeit on limited hours. If anyone needs to contact the Clerk to file a will or for any other County business, Pepper Tepperman can be reached at (802) 457-5222.

## **Windsor County Sheriff 2021**

Another year has gone by, and we appreciate the opportunity to serve the citizens of Rochester. We have been able to build some wonderful relationships.

Sergeant Mike Ruse continues to be the main deputy patrolling the town. Sergeant Jim Beraldi will fill in on occasion. These two deputies are the most experienced patrol deputies that we have at the Sheriff's Department.

While we are patrolling in Rochester, we handle all calls that come in, notifying the Vermont State Police that we are in Rochester.

We continued to patrol three four hour shifts each week. Each shift is spent patrolling the Town's back roads and along Route 100 and other primary roads in Rochester.

Covis-19 continued to be a concern during 2021 and as the year passed by, we noticed traffic volume increasing.

141 traffic tickets were issued during 2021. The majority of these tickets were issued for speed violations. We were also involved with 16 different calls for service.

I would like to remind everyone that if you need the policy for an emergency, dial 9-1-1. If you have a non-emergency concern and would like to talk to the deputy patrolling in Town, you can call the Windsor County Sheriff's Department at (802) 457-5211.

Best wishes to all during this upcoming year.

Claude E. Weyant  
Captain

## VT Spay Neuter Incentive Program, aka “VSNIIP”

The VT Spay Neuter Incentive Program aka “VSNIIP”, under the oversight of the VT Economic Services Department, is administered by VT Volunteer Services for Animals Humane Society (VWSA). VSNIIP helps financially challenged Vermont residents spay/neuter cats and dogs for \$27.00. The balance is paid by fellow Vermonters when dogs are licensed by an added \$4.00 fee, the major funding for this important program. Funds are determined by the number of dogs licensed, which is required by law when a dog is six months of age. A current rabies vaccination is required to register, and a rabies vaccination can be administered after 12 weeks of age for both cats and dogs.

Prostate and mammary cancer is more likely to occur in unsterilized cats and dogs. It's not pretty and they're likely to die. Animals live longer and happier when they're spayed and neutered, are less likely to fight for territory, and mark what they claim to be “theirs”!

### **Licensing a dog:**

- 1) helps identify your dog if lost,
- 2) provides proof your dog is protected from rabies in the event your dog is bitten by a rabid animal, but would still need immediate medical attention,
- 3) if your dog bites an animal or person – which could result in quarantine or possible euthanasia to test for infection, and
- 4) helps pay for VSNIIP, addressing the population situation in Vermont.

Farms with cats should especially be aware that one rabid cat or dog can affect an entire population of animals on the premises. The answer is neutering through VSNIIP which includes a rabies vaccination and the first of the two part distemper series.

Look for Rabies Clinics in March across the state. You can call your veterinarian and ask the cost of a rabies vaccination only, or call your nearest Tractor Supply Store for their Monthly Rabies Clinic schedule. Rabies **IS** in Vermont and it **IS** deadly.

To receive a VSNIIP Application, send a 9” S.A.S.E to: VSNIIP, PO Box 104, Bridgewater, VT 05034. Indicate if it's for a cat, dog or both. For more information, call 802-672-5302.

Please visit our website: [www.VWSAHS.org](http://www.VWSAHS.org)

VWSA will be hosting Rabies Clinics in March. Call for dates and locations.

**The animals thank you in advance! *Together We Truly Do Make A Difference!!***

Sue Skaskiw, VWSA Humane Society Executive Director/VSNIIP Administrator

## Central Vermont Council on Aging

### FY 22

Central Vermont Council on Aging is a private, non-profit organization that is dedicated to the mission of supporting elders and family caregivers in leading self-determined, healthy, interdependent, meaningful and dignified lives in their homes and communities.

For more than 40 years, CVCOA has assisted older Vermonters aged 60 and up to remain independent for as long as possible. We connect the elders in our communities to the network of benefit programs and services that they need to thrive. All services are made available to our clients at no charge without regard to health, income or resources.

Some of the options we make available include:

- CVCOA Help Line – (800) 642-5119 – has answers to hundreds of common questions from elders, families and caregivers.
- Information & Assistance staff counsels older Vermonters and families on the many available benefit programs and services, such as 3SquaresVT, seasonal fuel assistance, housing, and more.
- Case Managers work with clients in their homes to assess needs and develop, implement and coordinate individualized long-term care plans.
- Nutrition Services oversees the menu development and technical assistance for home-delivered and Community meals and provides the largest source of funding for the 14 meal sites that prepare and deliver these meals.
- State Health Insurance Program (SHIP) provides personalized Medicare counseling, Medicare & You workshops (now on ZOOM), and enrollment assistance for Medicare Part D plans.
- Family Caregiver Support promotes the well-being of the family members serving as caregivers to loved ones, including administration of the Dementia Respite Grant which provides much needed financial assistance for respite, training, and Memorable Times Café/Memorable Times Online.
- Volunteer Programs provide direct service to community members. Volunteers offer companionship, transportation, assistance with technology, organizing, wellness classes, meal delivery, special event support, errands and grocery shopping, yardwork, creative guidance, and more.
- Special Projects and Programs are designed to help alleviate social isolation and loneliness, addressing the accessibility gap for homebound older adults.

Central Vermont Council on Aging provided one or more of the above services to 58 Rochester residents last year. Case Manager Kathryn Schenkman is designated to work directly with the seniors in Rochester.

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

## Clara Martin Center

Clara Martin Center, your local community mental health agency, has provided a multitude of services for the last 55 years throughout the greater Orange County area to best meet the needs of community members in a holistic approach. These include individual, couples, and group therapy and services for co-occurring mental health and substance abuse. We also offer psychiatric consultations and evaluations and medication management services. Services are confidential and include:

Outpatient counseling Psychiatric Services Short-term Crisis Intervention School and Home-based services Education for families Walk-in Clinic	Hospital Diversion Respite Care Alcohol and other drug treatment Community resource assistance 24-hour emergency system Vocational Services
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Clara Martin Center remains positioned to rise to meet the needs and challenges of the communities we serve. Recent events in our communities have spotlighted opiate use, where Clara Martin Center is at the forefront of this epidemic, providing help to those in the community dealing with this problem. Anyone can get help through our Substance Abuse programming by simply walking through our doors, or calling **1- (802) 728-4466**.

Prevention programming for at-risk teens through Clara Martin Center’s TAY (transition Age Youth) puts clinicians out on the street to engage and connect with youth in order to intervene and/or treat substance abuse and mental health issues that impact their ability to thrive in the world. This program aims to reduce the risk factors for youth by helping them to obtain and keep stable housing, jobs, and build skills to achieve long term success in their lives for themselves and others. For more information about Clara Martin Center services, visit our website [www.claramartin.org](http://www.claramartin.org).

FY21 Total Served by CMC		Total Served from Rochester	
Children & Family Services	558	Children & Family Services	12
School Services	77	School Services	0
Adult Services	825	Adult Services	13
CSP Services	153	CSP Services	4
Supportive & Transitional Housing	17	Supportive & Transitional Housing	0
Substance Abuse Services	388	Substance Abuse Services	4
Corrections Services	91	Corrections Services	0
Emerg. Contacts/Walk-in Clinic	292	Emerg. Contacts/Walk-in Clinic	7
JOBS Access	1,086	JOBS Access	16
Total Served - (unduplicated)	2,119	Total seen:	35
CVSAS	350	CVSAS	1

**Green Up Vermont**  
*Always the first Saturday in May*  
**Saturday, May 7, 2022**

**Green Up Day in 2021 was a huge success thanks to nearly 22,000 volunteers statewide who Greened Up. Those 22,000 volunteers collected 41,019 bags of litter, 16,250 tires and 418.7 tons of trash statewide from our roads and waterways, showing that your hard work to beautify Vermont is needed and that it makes where we get to live, work, and play a very special place. As one of Vermont's favorite holidays, it is imperative for today and for future generations to keep building pride, awareness, and stewardship for a clean Vermont environment!**

Green Up Day is a day each year when people come together in their communities to remove litter from Vermont's roadsides and public spaces. Support from cities and towns continues to be an essential part of our operating budget. Funds help pay for Green Up Day supplies (including 65,000 Green Up Vermont trash bags), promotional outreach, and educational resources including activity books, poster and writing contests, and a \$1,000 scholarship. All town residents benefit from clean roadsides!

Green Up Vermont is a private nonprofit organization, not a State Agency, and relies on your town's support to execute the tradition of cleaning up our roads and waterways, while promoting civic pride and engagement. It is imperative for all of us to keep building awareness and stewardship for a clean Vermont environment. Thank you Rochester for your support.

Individuals can choose to donate to Green Up Vermont by entering a gift amount on Line 23 of the Vermont Income Tax Form. As a result, Green Up Vermont has been able to significantly increase the percentage of individual giving, thus making Green Up Day more stable for the long term. You may also donate anytime online at [www.greenupvermont.org](http://www.greenupvermont.org).

We ask your community to contribute because when you support Green Up Vermont you are not just supporting a program, but Vermont and the people who live – and visit – here. Rochester's Coordinator for 2022 is Nick Piccicuto. **Please help make sure Green Up Day never goes away.**

**Save the Date and Mark your calendar: Saturday, May 7, 2022 – Green Up Day**  
**A Vermont tradition since 1970!**

**Join with people in your community to clean up for Green Up Day.**

Kate Alberghini, Executive Director  
Green Up Vermont  
(802) 229-4586  
E-mail: [greenup@greenupvermont.org](mailto:greenup@greenupvermont.org)

**Vermont Green Up Inc. is a 501 (c)(3) organization.**

## **Orange County Parent Child Center**

The Orange County Parent Child Center, Inc. (OCPCC) is a non-profit organization serving Orange and northern Windsor counties. Our mission is to help families with young children build a sense of place within their communities by connecting them to education, support, advocacy and wellness opportunities. Since 1989, families and providers have come to know and access us as their primary community resource for any topic or need related to children and families.

One of 15 parent child centers in Vermont, the Orange County Parent Child Center strengthens families with young children and connects them to their communities. We accomplish this through home visiting, supervised visitation, weekly playgroups, case management, onsite programming, and community outreach events. Some of our programs serve all families while others require income eligibility or place an emphasis on pregnant and parenting teens and families lacking support due to social isolation, poverty, insecure housing, or lack of other vital community resources.

OCPCC's programs include: Children's Integrated Services Family Support and Family Support Nursing, Welcome Baby visits, free community playgroups, Kids Place supervised visitation and exchanges, Reach Up case management, Families Learning Together program, Early Care & Education, parent education, kinship care support groups, and resource & referral services. We are a public pre-k partner under Act 166. You can learn more at [www.orangecountypcc.org](http://www.orangecountypcc.org).

Last year, with the continued support of your community, we were able to serve 2 families from Rochester, including 3 adults and 1 child.

Lindsey Trombley, Executive Director  
693 Vermont Route 110, Tunbridge, VT 05077  
(802) 889-9472

## **Quintown Center for Senior Citizens**

Quin-Town Center for Senior Citizens is based in Hancock and since 1972, has given the senior citizens of our Valley a place to go for onsite meals and socializing each Monday, Wednesday and Friday at noon. We also provide nutritionally balanced meals delivered to homebound members through our Meal- on-Wheels program.

The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted our senior center. To keep our clients safe, we have had to suspend our on-site dining, and currently serve onsite meals on Wednesdays. However, we continue to provide nutritionally balanced meals to help meet the dietary requirements of our seniors by offering our new To-Go Meals Program and continue delivering Meals-on-Wheels each Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Our Meals-on-Wheels Program not only provides healthy meals to seniors, but also provides us with an opportunity to perform a wellness check for our senior neighbors.

The Quin-Town Center for Senior Citizens requests a donation from each of our surrounding towns. Our request from Rochester is \$9,849.00 for the coming year. The donation is well spent. We have supplied nearly 5,000 meals this past year to seniors, including our new To-Go Meals Program and our Meals-on-Wheels Program.

Your donation will cover a portion of our operating budget not reimbursed by our contract with the Central Vermont Council on Aging. Therefore, each contributing town and its citizens become participants in the successful operation of our program that provides quality meals and social enrichment for our aging neighbors and relatives.

We continue to supplement our funds with a very successful annual appeal each fall and have increased our search for grants and other fundraising events. We would be glad to meet with you if you have any questions. Thank you for your generous support in the past and for considering our current request.

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## **Safeline, Inc.**

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

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Safeline continued to be available 24/7 for victims and their families. Calls to Safeline started to increase as survivors had more flexibility to reach out and as children went back to school where mandated reporters could contact authorities about potential abuse. In FY2021, Safeline provided 3,883 services for 315 victims of domestic violence, stalking and sexual abuse. Victims often choose not to give any identifying information out of fear for their own safety.

16 services were provided for one victim who identified themselves as a resident of Rochester. It is likely that this statistic is understated, as victims often choose not to give any identifying information out of fear for their own safety.

A trained advocate is always available to provide crisis support, safety planning, resources, information and referrals through Safeline's 24 hours a day/7 days a week Hotline (1-800-639-7933). Survivors can choose from a wide array of additional services including legal advocacy, day shelter services, job readiness skills development and financial management education.

In addition to providing direct services, Safeline is a resource for the community at large and committed to changing our culture of violence. As part of this work, Safeline offers a full range of prevention education for community organizations, schools, medical centers, faith communities, youth groups, and anyone seeking information about domestic violence, sexual abuse and stalking.

We thank the voters of Rochester for your support as we strive to end domestic violence and sexual abuse.

## Tri-Valley Transit (TVT) – formerly Stagecoach

Thank you for the Town of Rochester’s generous support of community transportation services. During the past five years, your support has helped us provide an annual average of 931 free trips for Rochester residents either by volunteer drivers or on wheelchair accessible vehicles. Tri-Valley’s Dial-A-Ride and Shuttle Bus Systems provided a total of 123,974 rides for the year. All our transportation programs enable community members to maintain their independence, gain and keep employment and access critical healthcare and quality-of-life services.

Public transportation has been on the frontlines of providing essential service to many of the most vulnerable members and essential workers of our communities. TVT has revamped its service to protect riders, the general public and staff, focusing on riders with no other means of transportation but whose trips are essential: healthcare staff getting to work and patients accessing dialysis, cancer, and opioid addiction treatment. We also added free food delivery service for at-risk members of the community. Unfortunately the pandemic lingers on with new variants of the virus that are more than 2x as contagious as previous strains and can be passed to unvaccinated people by those who are vaccinated but may not be experiencing symptoms. We remain vigilant to protect riders, staff and volunteers from COVID.

To protect everyone, we have worked hard to:

- Install protective shields between seats,
- Implement pre-ride screening techniques to ensure drivers and riders are not COVID risks,
- Ensure all vehicles are frequently sanitized and hand sanitizer is available,
- Require face masks to be worn in our vehicles and facilities, and supply them as needed.

The state and local grants through which we provide these services require us to raise 20% “local match” dollars. TVT’s requests from towns account for approximately 5% of the 20% requirement. TVT seeks the other 15% from other sources including businesses, institutions, individuals, and grants.

Jim Moulton  
Executive Director

**Information** – Please feel free to contact us with questions or to request additional information on Tri-Valley Transit services at (802) 728-3773.

## Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force

On behalf of the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force, I am writing to request your support of the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Program (RFP), formerly called the Dry Hydrant Grant Program. The RFP program helps Vermont communities protect lives, property and natural resources by enhancing fire suppression resources. Program Manager and Engineering Technician Troy Dare helps local fire departments identify appropriate sites for dry hydrants and other rural water supply systems, design installations, and find financial support to support the costs of construction. During the 23+ years of the program, almost 1,200 grants totaling \$2.6 million have been provided to Vermont towns for installation of new rural fire protection systems, as well as for replacements and repairs.

The Rural Fire Protection Program is managed the Vermont Association of Conservation Districts (VACD). VACD is the membership association of Vermont's fourteen Natural Resources Conservations Districts whose mission is to work with landowners and communities to protect natural resources and support the working landscape throughout the state.

We have made several adjustments to the Rural Fire Protection Grant Program, including changing the name from Dry Hydrant Grant Program to Rural Fire Protection Program to better reflect the diverse range of projects we support. We have increased the maximum grant award amount from \$5,000 to \$10,000 per project. New rural fire protection systems along with repair, replacement, relocation, upgrades of existing systems, and drafting site development are eligible for grant funding on an ongoing basis. And now we consider applications from Vermont towns and fire departments on a revolving basis throughout the year rather than just once a year.

The annual expense of the Rural Fire Protection Program in FY21 was \$193,930, of which \$92,909 was paid in grants to Vermont communities for construction costs. The remaining budget covered site assessments, project design and program oversight. Most of our funding comes from the VT Department of Public Safety through annual appropriations by the Vermont Legislature. The program also receives support from the US Forest Service through the VT Dept. of Forests, Parks & Recreation. Unfortunately, these grants do not completely cover the costs of the program. Therefore, we respectfully request Rochester to include a **\$100 appropriation** in its FY23 town budget. We have received nearly \$11,000 in town appropriations from over 100 towns, with contributions still coming in.

215 Vermont communities have benefitted from the RFP program. Our goal is to extend this support to all Vermont towns and continue to assist local fire departments in reducing the risk of injury, loss of life, and damage to property and natural resources, improving the safety and welfare of Vermont communities.

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Troy Dare, Program Manager, Rural Fire Protection Task Force/Town Appropriation Contact  
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Jill Arace, Executive Director, Vermont Association of Conservation Districts (VACD)  
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**VNH – Visiting Nurse and Hospice for Vermont & New Hampshire**  
*Home Health, Hospice and Skilled Pediatric Services in Rochester*

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

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

Between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021, VNH made 950 homecare visits to 41 Rochester residents. This included approximately \$20,665 in unreimbursed care to Rochester residents.

- Home Health Care: 458 home visits to 34 residents with short-term medical or physical needs
- Long-Term Care: 14 home visits to 2 residents with chronic medical problems who needed extended care in the home to avoid admission to a nursing home.
- Hospice Services: 478 home visits to 5 residents who were in the final stages of their lives.

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

Over the past year this has included many telehealth visits for which we did not receive reimbursement. It is with your help that we are able to provide services like this to those in need. Rochester'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.

Hilary Davis, Vice President  
Strategy Management

80 Prospect Street  
White River Junction, VT 05001  
(888) 300-8853  
[www.vnhcare.org](http://www.vnhcare.org)

## White River Partnership - 2021

The White River Partnership (WRP) is a membership-based, nonprofit organization formed in 1996 by a group of local people who shared an interest in keeping the White River healthy. The WRP envisions a White River watershed in which individuals and communities work together to make informed decisions that result in clean water, fewer flood damages, improved access to the river, and more. Here are some highlights from our work in 2021:

- WRP staff and 25 volunteers completed the 4th year of our White River Water Trail Stewardship Program, **monitoring river access sites every month during the summer** to remove trash and to report hazardous conditions. We started and ended the season with river cleanup events – in sum, 100 volunteers **removed 10,500 pounds of man-made trash** from the river in Bethel, Hartford, Pomfret, Randolph, Rochester, Royalton, Sharon, Stockbridge, and Tunbridge.
- WRP staff and 25 trained volunteers **completed the 21st year of our water quality monitoring program**, testing bacteria, conductivity, and turbidity at 22 swimming holes in 13 towns – including Lions Club Park-Rochester – every two weeks from June through September. We shared results via email, our website, and our Facebook and Instagram pages.
- The WRP worked with partners and a local engineer to **design a culvert replacement removal project** on River Brook Drive in Rochester.
- The WRP worked with willing landowners, partners, and two work crews to **plant 7,950 native trees and shrubs along the White River and its tributaries** in 9 locations to improve water quality, fish and wildlife habitat, and flood resilience.
- The WRP engaged 700 students and teachers from 19 schools in **hands-on education programs that raise awareness about watershed issues**, including crayfish sampling & identification, stream-crossing culvert assessments, waterbugs sampling & identification, wildlife track & sign monitoring along the river, and more!

### For more information

White River Partnership  
PO Box 705, S. Royalton, VT 05068  
(802) 763-7733, [info@whiteriverpartnership.org](mailto:info@whiteriverpartnership.org)  
[www.whiteriverpartnership.org](http://www.whiteriverpartnership.org) and [www.facebook.com/WhiteRiverPartnership](https://www.facebook.com/WhiteRiverPartnership)

## WomenSafe, Inc.

For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, **WomenSafe** staff and volunteers provided the following services:

- 511 total adults and children served through advocacy and supervised visitation services served
- 8,300 in-person meetings and phone calls through advocacy program
- 410 supervised visits and orientation meetings for 18 families including 25 children
- Worked with parents/caregivers of a total of 330 children exposed to violence
- Prevention Programming reached:
- 66 volunteers donated 7,861 hours of service.

Services provided to Rochester:

**WomenSafe** provided advocacy services to at least 2\* Rochester residents, including the parents/caregivers of 3 children

\*For safety, some people do not share their town of residence.

**Contact Information:            24-Hour Hotline:    (802) 388-4205**

**WomenSafe Business Office: (802) 388-9180**

**E-Mail:            [info@womensafe.net](mailto:info@womensafe.net)**

**Web:                [www.womensafe.net](http://www.womensafe.net)**

Christina Grier  
Interim Executive Director

## ECFiber

ECFiber is a non-profit co-operative group of 27 small central Vermont towns that took on the task of supplying internet service when it became obvious that cable television suppliers and the traditional telephone companies weren't interested in providing quality internet services to small rural communities.

After five years of construction, ECFiber now has almost 1,500 miles of cable on back roads, and is connecting over 100 new customers every week. By mid-year 2019, after years of hard work building out the system, ECFiber fulfilled its pledge to supply reliable state of the art internet service to every address in Rochester.

If you want to have service to your home or business, contact [ECFiber.net](http://ECFiber.net) or at (802) 763-2262.

If you have questions, contact John White, the local representative for ECFiber, at [zensmithvt@gmail.com](mailto:zensmithvt@gmail.com), or at (802) 767-3105

## **Energy Coordinator's Report**

### Resiliency Zone

During the 2021/22 Fiscal Year, the Rochester Select Board had productive discussions with Green Mountain Power (GMP) regarding their plans to construct and operate a “Resiliency Zone” in the Rochester village. A Resiliency Zone is an emergency power generator comprised of photovoltaic solar panels, commercial battery storage, and controls. In the event of a loss of electric power in the village, the Resiliency Zone would draw power for most of the village from its battery storage and/or solar panels. GMP would also have the ability to tap the stored power in the batteries during periods of peak electrical demand to reduce the need to purchase expensive peak power. GMP has selected a contractor for the Resiliency Zone and is in negotiations with a contractor to build the Resiliency Zone in the gravel quarry off Route 73.

### Electric Vehicle Charging

GMP and the Rochester Select Board are working to identify a location for a GMP operated electric vehicle charging station. The charging station would be equipped with two Level 3 fast-chargers and two - Level 2 chargers. Level 3 chargers, which can charge a vehicle in ½ to 1 hour, will be very useful to travelers passing through the valley, and the chargers draw and use should result in increased commerce in the village for stores, lodging, and restaurants. Level 2 chargers, which take longer to charge a vehicle, are appropriate for use by electric vehicle owners spending more time in Rochester during the day and/or overnight in town. Locations currently being considered for an electric vehicle charging station include the Town Office parking lot or the old fire house, among others.

### Audit of Town Buildings

The Rochester Select Board, at no charge to the community, engaged a building performance contractor, Energy Efficiency Investments Inc. (EEI), to do a limited energy audit of all town buildings. Performance contractors work with clients to identify energy savings opportunities, perform the work identified, and compensate themselves via the energy savings they achieve. In some instances, it works that the energy savings pay for themselves. In Rochester, with our old buildings and the severity of their needs, the investments needed will not be fully recovered by energy savings. Grant funding will be sought to refine the scope of work needed and to make the improvements selected.

### Vermont Council on Rural Development - Climate Economy Model Communities Program

Rochester applied to and was selected for the Vermont Council on Rural Development's (VCRD) Climate Economy Model Communities Program in 2021.

The Climate Economy Model Communities Program helps Vermont communities build and implement prioritized actions that increase economic vitality and affordability in a time of climate change. The ultimate goal is to help communities model rapid change by implementing energy efficiency, transportation system transformation, renewable energy generation, working lands development, and entrepreneurship and business incubation to spur economic progress. The Model Communities Program, a partnership that includes the Vermont Council on Rural Development (VCRD), Efficiency Vermont, Vermont utilities, and other partners, provides concentrated services to select communities annually to model effective change at a rapid rate.

The VCRD's expert assistance and facilitation through the Climate Economy Model Communities Program, helped Route 100 valley participants to form the Rochester Area Climate Initiative.

## Rochester Area Climate Initiative

The Rochester Area Climate Initiative (RACI) brought together participants from the “Quintown” region of the Route 100 valley, including Granville, Hancock, Pittsfield, Rochester, and Stockbridge. Through a series of three meetings, community members identified regional community needs, prioritized them, and created action plans for three task forces that will work to advance priorities around housing, supporting local food and farmers, and energy. Printed copies of the report from the RACI process are available at the town offices and library, and the report is available online at: <https://www.vtrural.org/programs/model-communities/report/rochester>.

The Vermont Council on Rural Development will continue to support RACI in advancing this work, but local participation and leadership is key in creating forward progress. Here are the points of contact and some short descriptions of task force activities:

### Quintown Area Food Hub

Co-chairs: Kevin Dougherty & Anna Isaacson

This task force will work with the many growers in the region to identify and implement shared priorities that help to strengthen the local food system. These may include processing, storage, marketing, and distribution. The group may also create shared learning opportunities for farmers, gardeners, and the community at large.

### Affordable Housing

Community Coordinator: Sandy Haas

This task force will identify strategies to ensure that housing remains within reach for the full socioeconomic spectrum of Vermonters. Approaches to this challenge may include inventorying existing and available properties, making adjustments to zoning, shared housing options, dedicating municipal resources, and finding balance between short and long-term rentals.

### Energy & Climate

Actions in the area of energy efficiency and renewable energy are to be carried forward by the pre-existing Valley Energy and Climate Action Committee (VECAC).

VECAC Leader: Jeffrey Gephart

The VECAC welcomes all parties from the Quintown region who want to contribute. In addition to other areas of focus, the following RACI prioritized issues will be addressed: electric vehicle charging, promoting weatherization, improving municipal buildings, and identifying viable sites for solar in the region. The Valley Energy and Climate Action Committee meets from 7:00 to 8:30 PM on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month.

For anyone interested in joining one or more of these Task Forces, you are encouraged to e-mail Jeff Gephart (RACI Chair) directly at [vtwise@together.net](mailto:vtwise@together.net) or call at 802-767-3042.

Respectfully,

Jeffrey Gephart, Rochester Energy Coordinator



Hello to our wonderful Rochester Community!

As I write this, it was a year ago today that Covid came into our building. Luckily, no one had severe symptoms, but boy - what a crazy time that was! Since then, I can happily say that all residents and staff have been healthy. We are still missing having our Brown Bag Lunches and other activities, but we are going to try and be creative to work around the virus and do as much as we safely can.

Our beautiful porch was repaired and painted last fall, and our gang is looking forward to spending time out there in the pleasant weather. Our generator is up and running and was dedicated to Mary Davis (one of Park House's original "movers and shakers") this summer. We are so lucky to live in a valley with so many caring, generous people!

Let's see what 2022 brings us – again, I'm hoping we can schedule some entertainment that will include YOU!

From the bottom of our hearts, the residents, trustees, and staff thank you!

Sincerely,

Joanne McDonnell  
Executive Director

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## Green Mountain National Forest

Green Mountain National Forest (GMNF) employees depend heavily on support from municipalities, volunteers, partners and contractors. The Forest thanks you all for the support and interest you have shown in helping us manage the approximately 400,000 acre GMNF. The GMNF, truly one of Vermont's treasures and the State's largest contiguous public land area, is proud to be a part of Vermont and, in particular, Rochester. Forest staff work hard to achieve quality public land management under a sustainable multiple-use management concept to meet the diverse needs of people – local residents and visitors.

An exciting change for the GMNF is the construction of our new Forest Supervisor's Office in Mendon. The former Rutland-based headquarters has transitioned to a full-time virtual work schedule which will continue until the new office is completed in Mendon. Please visit our website for a current listing of Forest Service employees who can assist you throughout this temporary transition: [https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE\\_Documents/stelprd3838044.pdf](https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_Documents/stelprd3838044.pdf).

Happenings this past year included:

### Land Acquisition

The GMNF acquired 28 acres in Mendon in 2021. We are currently working on acquisitions in Chittenden, Killington, Mendon, Lincoln, Warren, Ripton and Wallingford. We have two Land and water Conservation Fund Submissions for properties in Arlington and Stamford which we hope will be selected for 2022 funding. Local selectboards have supported acquisition of these parcels. The addition of these public lands would not be possible without the assistance of The Trust for Public Land, The Conservation Fund and the support of our local communities.

### Heritage Program

Highlights included:

- Historic artifacts from sites on the Rochester Ranger District have been loaned to Castleton University for 3D scanning by students and volunteers.
- Approximately 2,500 acres were surveyed for cultural resources during the 2021 field season.
- The Heritage Program seasonal archaeological technicians located four previously unknown historic sites this field season, adding to the ever-expanding inventory of sites on the Forest.

### Road & Facility Construction & Maintenance

In cooperation with federal, state and local governments, private contractors, and non-profit organizations, the GMNF Engineering staff repaired and maintained many roads, bridges, trails, and other facilities throughout the Forest. Some highlights are as follows:

Forest Facility Improvements & Maintenance: Initiated construction of a new administrative headquarters facility in Mendon.

Anticipated move in is 2023. Also completed was the installation of a new HVAC system in the Rochester Ranger District Office which will improve the comfort of employees and the efficiency of the system, including energy cost savings.

Forest Road Cooperative Aid to Towns: Completed road improvement and maintenance projects in several towns, including Rochester, and continued progress with the design of the West Hill Road Bridge in Rochester. This project is being completed through a partnership between the town of Rochester, Forest Service, FHWA Eastern Federal Lands Highway Division, and the Vermont Agency of Transportation, and is scheduled for construction in 2022.

Forest Road Improvement Projects: Improved National Forest System roads in Granville, Hancock and Rochester. Replaced culverts and gates, stabilized embankments, repaired storm damage, and resurfaced roads.

Forest Road Maintenance: Maintained Forest roads including, grading, culvert cleaning, and ditch cleaning.

### Recreation Programs

The GMNF provides great diversity of outdoor recreation opportunities, connecting people with nature in a variety of settings. Outdoor recreation is valued as both an important part of Vermont's economy and a crucial component of many Vermonters' and visitors' physical and mental well-being. We support communities by creating, investing in, and sustaining opportunities for everyone to access and to cultivate their relationship with nature. The Forest Service recreation program actively seeks to identify and understand people's connections and barriers to the outdoors to ensure the GMNF has a place for everyone to feel welcome. The Forest Service encourages participation in outdoor recreational activities and asks users to recreate responsibly by: ***packing out all trash you bring in; adhering to site or trail closures; seeking alternative locations when encountering packed parking lots or sites.***

### Forest-wide Activity

Recreation and Trail Program successes in 2021 include and acknowledge the outstanding collaborative effort between Forest Service employees, partner organizations, volunteers, state and local government representatives, and local business. Thanks to all our partners: VT Assoc of Snow Travellers (VAST), Vermont All-terrain Vehicle Sportsman's Assoc, (VASA), VT Forests, Parks & Recreation, CVT Youth Conservation Corps (VYCC, Ridgeline Outdoor Collective, VT Mountain Bike Association (VMBA),

The Forest Service partners with the ongoing Vermont-wide effort to develop an end-to-end mountain bike, backcountry ski, and hut network in partnership with the Velomont Trail Collective and Vermont Huts Association. The long-term vision for the Velomont Trail and Vermont Hut network is to connect 23 communities from Canada to Massachusetts with huts strategically located along the trail for overnight use.

The Great American Outdoors Act gave the USDA Forest Service new opportunities to deliver benefits to the American public through major investments in recreation infrastructure, public lands access, and land and water conservation. These investments will enable communities to Build Back Better by contributing to economic growth and job creation in rural America. In Rochester new kiosks and picnic tables were installed at Bingo Brook Campground. An interpretative signs was installed at the entrance to the Chittenden Brook Campground Road, and an interpretive sign was installed at the Mount Horrid Overlook.

#### Wilderness:

Throughout 2021 the GMNF experienced increased visitor use on the eight designated Wildernesses due to the pandemic. Americans flocked to outdoor recreation amid COVID-19 restrictions, as the Wilderness monitoring data indicates. The Wilderness Stewardship scores on the GMNF increased significantly across all eight designated Wildernesses. Visitor encounter monitoring was conducted to maintain opportunities for solitude. Wilderness boundary maintenance in Rochester was completed and signs were painted marking boundaries along the trail system.

#### Botany Program

Botanical inventory for rare plants and non-native invasive plants was completed as part of the following projects:

- Robinson Integrated Resource Project implementation: 5.5 acres in Rochester.

In support of the Upper White River Cooperative Weed Management Association, of which the GMNF is a founding member, staff and the CWMA coordinator controlled the following non-native invasive plant infestations

- Granville: 52.2 acres of wild chervil on FR 55, 101, and 207.
- Hancock: 6.4 acres of wild chervil on FR39.
- Rochester: 31.4 acres of garlic mustard, wild chervil, and Japanese knotweed were controlled on Bethel Mountain Road, Bingo Road, Corporation Road, on or near Chittenden Brook Road, some of which extends into Chittenden, FR 62 an at the Rochester Ranger Station.

Education and volunteer events were also held:

- In April a webinar was provided on ecological landscaping for residents in all the Upper White River CWMS towns.
- In June wild chervil management direction was offered to residents nd businesssed Rochester, Hancock and Granville via Front Porch Forum.
- In November a barberry control event was held on the mountain bike trails behind the Rochester Ranger Station.

#### Forest Vegetation Management

Some accomplishments for calendar year 2021:

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- Timber sales were prepared in several towns, including Hancock and Rochester. These sales are associated with the Early Successional Habitat Project, the South of Route 9 Integrated Resource Project and the Robinson Integrated Resource Project.
- The Forest awarded contracts to remove damaged or diseased trees to prepare sites for reforestation in Hancock and Rochester.
- The Forest awarded contracts for timber stand improvement and crop tree release work on 109 acres of young forest in several towns, including Rochester.
- Staff cooperated with the VT Dept. of Forests, Parks & Recreation and Middlebury College in the maintenance of Butternut Seed Orchards in Brandon and Middlebury. Seedlings were cultured from disease resistant trees found on State, private, and National Forest locations and were cross pollinated to further research and efforts to develop disease resistance.
- In cooperation with the State of Vermont, Emerald Ash Borer monitoring has discovered a new infestation in Stamford. Additional trap trees have now been established across the Forest to detect new infestations adjacent to existing areas.
- Staff sold one timber sale and prepared two additional sales as part of the Robinson Integrated Resource Project. This project includes restoration activities and timber harvest on nearly 10,000 acres in Rochester, Hancock, Goshen, Pittsfield and Chittenden.
- Permits were sold for approximately 77 cords of firewood, 750 (estimated) Christmas trees, 20 pounds of wild blueberries, and 840 pounds of wild apples. Additionally, 155 cords of firewood were made available through free use permits as part of COVID-19 pandemic relief.
- Staff continued work in restoring native trees (including butternut, American chestnut and beech) with research partners. GMNF employees located “challenged” beech trees that appeared to be resistant to beech scale insect in order to test their resistance.

#### Environmental Planning

Highlights in 2020 include:

- In 2021, forest staff completed 14 site-specific National Environmental Policy Act decision and analysis documents for multiple resource projects designed to implement the GMNF Land and Resource Management Plan..

#### Fisheries Improvement

- Forest staff monitored fish populations through the GMNF in 2021. This monitoring is part of a long term data collection effort to understand fish populations on the forest. Additional sites were sampled to support the VT Dept. of Environmental Conservation. Streams in many towns were sampled during 2021 field season, including Rochester, Pittsfield, Hancock, and Granville. Sea lamprey were monitored in spawning areas of the upper White River in Granville, Hancock, and Rochester. Work continued on identifying and eliminating barriers to aquatic organism passage on streams in Rochester.
- The GMNF, in cooperation with VT Dept. of Fish & Wildlife, continued aerial stocking of native brook trout in high elevation ponds which supports a native brook trout fishery.
- Riparian planting occurred at multiple sites within the White River watershed to help restore aquatic habitat. The GMNF assisted the White River Partnership and the VT Youth Conservation Corps in Hancock, Granville and Rochester.

- Stream restoration by reintroducing large wood material occurred, enhancing aquatic habitat along 4.0 miles of forested streams. Adding large wood material improves habitat conditions for aquatic organisms and restores stream processes. These activities took place on Corporation and Tunnel Brooks in Rochester and Hancock.

**Wildlife Habitat Improvement**

Wildlife habitat was improved and maintained through the creation and maintenance of early successional habitat important to many species. Approximately 1000 acres of permanent upland openings were maintained by mowing or mastication in several towns, including Granville, Hancock, Pittsfield, Rochester and Stockbridge. Apple trees, which provide high-value wildlife food, were “released” by cutting competing vegetation in old orchards in several towns, including Rochester and Pittsfield.

- Wildlife biologists and technicians continued work with the VT Dept. of Fish & Wildlife to monitor populations and habitat requirements of bats since the advent of white-nose syndrome.
- Peregrine falcon nest sites on the GMNF in Rochester and Stockbridge continue to be monitored, and closures to protect sensitive nesting habitat continue seasonally from March 15 to August 1 each year. The peregrine falcon was removed from the federal list of endangered and threatened species in 1999 and the VT State list of endangered species in spring 2005; however, the species remains on the Regional Forester Sensitive Species list.

**Soil/Water Monitoring**

An agreement was renewed with the VT Agency of Natural Resources, to partner in monitoring water quality around the Forest to track long term trends as well as potential impacts from permitted forest uses. Under this agreement, the state monitored physical and chemical parameters (e.g., temperature, pH, metals, etc.) as well as biological parameters (e.g., macroinvertebrates at sites including Bingo Brook and Wing Brook in Rochester. Forest Soil Monitoring was conducted at the Souphouse sale site in Rochester.

**Public Outreach / Conservation Education**

- GMNF employees typically spend a significant amount of time each year at the Forestry buildings at the Addison County and Rutland State fairs. We did participate at the Rutland Fair in 2021, and were able to answer questions about the 400,000-acre National Forest. We look forward to these events continuing in 2022. We hope these events and several parades will be held in 2021. When COVID-19 disrupted plans for an in-person event at Boston’s Children’s Hospital, the GMNF and its Urban Connections program teamed up with Seacrest Studios at Children’s to host “nature” bingo. Kids played along remotely from their hospital rooms in Boston while our staff led the virtual event from an employee’s home in Vermont. Forest Service employees provided clues for things you might find in the forest, and players marked them on their bingo cards. Winners were treated to their choice of Smokey Bear items. Seacrest broadcasts a weekly bingo game at Children’s, and this virtual bingo was one more example of a growing partnership with the Hospital.
- GMNF is always open to working with local towns and other organizations that may be holding events that Smokey Bear or Woodsy Owl and our staff can be a part of. In May 2021 we worked closely with Green Up Vermont to sponsor a “Green Up Day” kickoff event at Champlain Elementary School in Burlington. Woodsy Owl was the distinguished guest and was featured with the kids in their Tik Tok video – a nice way to celebrate Woodsy Owl’s 50<sup>th</sup> birthday! We also traveled with Smokey Bear to kick off the Safe Kids 201 bike race sponsored by CHAD (Children’s Hospital at Dartmouth) and New Hampshire Motor Speedway in Loudon, NH. These are fun and exciting events that we love to participate in, so please reach out to us if you know of something interesting taking place that we can be a part of.
- In 2021 the GMNF partnered with Shelburne farms to support the Forest for Every Classroom program which works to educate New England-based teachers about forest stewardship issues, provide tools to develop place-based service-learning curricula that meet current educational standards, and use local landscapes, resources and community to connect classroom learning to real world application. We are proud to support the Vermont Environthon which helps students focus on Vermont’s environmental issues related to forestry, wildlife, soils and water resources through real-world learning in a teamwork environment. The program provides an opportunity for hands-on field experiences and activities with professionals in the field and serves as a way for high school-aged students to actively learn more about the natural world around them.

Offices are open Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM until 4:30 PM. Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, we ask that people call ahead of time to make an appointment for in-person services. You can also visit us at our website on-line: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/gmfl>. **Like us on** Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/GreenMountainFingerLakesNF/>, **and follow us on** <https://twitter.com/gmfl.nfs>.

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## 2021 TOWN REPORT

We are happy to report that in 2021 we've had a strong contingency of "active" members taking advantage of our community fitness center's fully equipped gym and yoga/exercise/dance studio. Memberships rates remain low and in 2021 we added *One-day* and *Ten-day* options for those wanting to use the facility as a visitor or intermittently. Classes of yoga (Charles Martley) and aerobics (Muffie Harvey) are now available in the studio, with the hope of more teachers/classes in 2022. In 2021 we adopted new studio rental rates for class teachers (\$5 or \$6 per class). And a new 70" TV in the studio is available for teachers and fitness center members to use for their own fitness/dance programs. We are so pleased to keep the center open and running six days/week, thanks to the efforts of our volunteer team of Janet Brown, Denise Chapin, Becky Donnet, Bruce Flewelling, Muffie Harvey, and Ross Parker.

Being unable to have indoor community-wide events in the early months of 2021, we focused our attention on the 4th of July Barbecue, serving up 180 meals and paying tribute in memoriam to long-time barbecue master chef extraordinaire Chet Baxter. We hope 2022 will see the return of the 4th of July parade, but regardless we will be back to make sure the barbecue does take place. We also held the PHCC 4th of July 5K walk/run, with 24 participants who ended their triumphant finishes under the beautiful Pierce Hall portico. Wonderful!! That same portico was a festive stopping point for Halloween candy on a very rainy trick or treat night!

Indoor use of the hall did occur with 3 Red Cross blood Drives, 2 funeral receptions, a HS graduation party, Green Mountain Suzuki camp and WRVP dance and art camp—both in July, the Rochester Climate Group, and the happy return of the Rochester Farmer's Market and Exchange Winter Market the Sunday of Thanksgiving weekend.

The balcony is only one step away from public use. To meet fire codes we have installed an all-building voice evac system, staircase handrails, and impact-resistant balcony window guards. We just need to raise the aisle railings and we're set. Next will be the auditorium window restoration, stage area and its lighting upgrade, lower-level multipurpose/art room, and an upgraded kitchen on the main floor.

We are grateful that we have been able to keep the hall financially stable thanks to the generous donations from our fall fundraising drive and a Vermont Economic bridge grant. While the uncertainty of life remains high, of this we are certain—that we feel blessed to be part of this community, and we are so proud to provide a physical space where good health and fitness, creative arts and learning, good times and fellowship, and the joy of being in community can happen.

We thank you again and again for your continuing moral and financial support, and we look forward to brighter days in 2022 when we can all gather together again in Pierce Hall.

### The 2021 Board of Directors

President Jeanie Levitan; VPs: Bruce Flewelling, Frank Rea, and Nancy Sanz;  
Treasurer and Rental Manager Becky Donnet; Directors Janet Brown, Michael Crickard, Muffie Harvey-Andrews,  
Java Hubbard, Ross Parker, Sandy Pierce, and Sue Ribaud.

### with supporting team members

Denise Chapin, Mette Rea, Marti Rotchford, and Lesley Straus

## Upper White River Cooperative Weed Management Association

2021 was the ninth year that the Upper White River Cooperative Weed Management Association conducted non-native invasive plant surveys, outreach and control projects along town roads and trails located in the Upper White River watershed. See map of the project area.



CWMA partners include the **Green Mountain National Forest, US Fish & Wildlife Service, VT Dept. of Forests, Parks, and Recreation, Town of Rochester, and White River Partnership**. The members are working together to raise awareness about and manage non-native invasive plants.

Non-native invasive plants are plants that are not originally from this area that have exhibited invasive tendencies, spreading rapidly and taking away habitat that native plants need to thrive. They have the potential to negatively impact land and water resources, recreational opportunities, biodiversity, wildlife, and property values. However, the community at large can play a hand in controlling invasive plants on their own properties

and community roads through early detection and rapid response activities.

### 2021 Summary:

**CWMA Coordination:** Grant funding was received, and despite the ongoing pandemic, a coordinator was hired, and several tasks were accomplished.

**Monitoring and Control:** The CWMA Coordinator, with help from Green Mountain National Forest staff, controlled 31.4 acres of garlic mustard, wild chervil, Japanese knotweed on Bethel Mountain Road, Bingo Road, Corporation Road, on or near Chittenden Brook Road (some of which extends into Chittenden), FR62, and at the Rochester Ranger Station.

While the infestations controlled represent only a fraction of known infestations, and many more are unmapped, they were chosen because they are either in strategic locations, or are relatively more feasible to control than others, or are part of an ongoing effort in those locations.

**Education & outreach:** In April, the CWMA Coordinator provided a webinar on ecological landscaping for residents in all the Upper white River CWMA towns (Hancock, Granville, Pittsfield, Rochester and Stockbridge). In June, Green Mountain National Forest staff offered wild chervil management direction to residents and businesses via Front Porch Forum. In November, the CWMA Coordinator held a barberry control event on the mountain bike trails behind the Rochester Ranger Station.

Interested landowners are encouraged to take action to control non-native invasive plants on their own properties, or to get involved with the Cooperative Weed Management Association. To get involved locally, contact MaryBeth Deller at the Green Mountain National Forest at [mary.deller@usda.gov](mailto:mary.deller@usda.gov). To learn more about invasive plants in Vermont, visit the Vermont Invasives website: <http://vtinvasives.org>

## Vermont Department of Health 2021 Local Health Annual Report

Twelve Local Health District Offices around the state provide health services and promote wellness for all Vermonters. Additional information about your local health office and related programs can be found at <https://www.healthvermont.gov/local>.

### COVID-19

It has been almost two years since the COVID-19 pandemic began, and in response, our families, schools, businesses, first responders and countless other groups have worked to better protect the health of our communities. Together we ensured towns had access to the vaccine, testing, and other services needed to make more informed decisions about their health. As of December 1, 2021, approximately

- 494,000 Vermonters received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine.
- 546,055 people have been tested and a total of 2,570,835 tests completed.
- Many COVID-19 resources are now provided in over 20 different languages.
- Up-to-date information, including town-level data can be found on the Health Department's website: <https://222.healthvermont.gov/covid-19/current-activity>.

### Public Health Programs

In addition to COVID-19 response efforts, Local Health offices continue to provide health services and programs to Vermont communities, including but not limited to

- In collaboration with Town Health Officers and other local partners, we help Vermonters better understand the relationship between their environment and their health at a time when more of us are spending time at home with our families. Find information about environmental health and lead, asbestos, toxic chemicals, child safety, food safety, climate change, drinking water, and more at <https://www.healthvermont.gov/environment>.
- The WIC nutrition program continues to provide primarily remote access to services with phone appointments. In 2021, an average of approximately 11,300 infants, children, and pregnant, postpartum, and breastfeeding people were served by WIC in Vermont each month.
- As of November 23, 2021, 193,000 flu vaccine doses have been administered. Protecting people from influenza continues to be particularly important as the flu may complicate recovery from COVID-19.

Thank you to everyone involved in supporting these efforts. We look forward to what 2022 brings, to seeing you in the community, and encourage you to stay in touch with us.

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## **Emergency Management Committee and Covid 19 Task Force**

The Emergency Management Committee consisted of John Champion, Pat Harvey, Jan McCann, Terry Severy and Vic Ribaldo, Committee Chairman and Rochester's Emergency Management Director.

The required annual revision/update to the town's Local Emergency Management Plan was completed, approved by the Select Board and submitted to Two-Rivers on schedule.

FEMA approved a \$10,000 grant application to obtain an emergency generator for the Town Office/Emergency Operations Center. The grant is being administered by Joan Allen, whose work on this project is greatly appreciated. We expect the generator to be installed in 2022.

The COVID Task Force continued from the prior year with Vic Ribaldo as Chair, Kathryn Schenkman, Lolly Lindsey, Doon Hinderyckx and Lizzy Shakelford—all contributing in multiple ways. Dealing with the pandemic was the major ongoing focus this year, with provision of public information and recommended protocol advice. Significant Task Force assistance was provided to Park House residents, where an outbreak among staff and residents occurred despite prevention efforts on the part of the Park House administration and the Task Force. Task Force members worked with members of the state's COVID Response Team, directed by Monica White, now Commissioner of the Vermont Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living (DAIL). Task Force members worked extensively with Gifford Medical Center providers, who came onsite to administer tests and vaccines to Park House residents, staff, and care providers. Regular weekly then monthly zoom meetings took place with Quintown colleagues also working on pandemic issues in neighboring towns to share ideas and information.

An outgrowth of the Task Force's efforts to address food insecurity in 2020 was the establishment of the new non-profit 501(c) (3) tax exempt organization, Feeding the Valley Alliance (FVA), which arranged monthly free food distributions to those in need in the Quintown area. The FVA continues its work addressing food insecurity. See the report from FVA elsewhere in this Town Report.

The Shelter Team, under joint leadership of Jan McCann and Sue Ribaldo, updated operational procedures for the emergency shelter (Rochester Elementary School) and recruited additional volunteers. Certified CPR training for the volunteers was purchased from White River Valley Ambulance.

Fortunately, aside from the pandemic, there were no major community-wide emergencies during the year.

# Feeding the Valley Alliance

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The goals of Feeding the Valley Alliance (FVA) include:

- Help connect community members to resources to overcome food insecurity
- Help develop a robust local food system
- To serve as a resource for information and ideas about the local food system and food security
- To coordinate with other agencies and organizations devoted to food security and food sovereignty

In cooperation with Veggie-Van-Go and Everyone Eats, this past year we  
Held **14 distributions**

Distributed: **830 bags plus 500 pounds of fresh fruits and vegetables**

**2,100 frozen meals**

**26 frozen turkeys** at Thanksgiving (thanks to the Bethel Food Shelf)

Many thanks to the Town of Rochester for the use of their basement to house our freezer. This has been such a great help. We would also like to thank the Town of Hancock for the use of their Town Hall for distributions during the winter, and for the use of their parking lot during warmer weather.

**One** of our members has also joined the efforts of the Vermont Farm to Plate Network's development of a statewide food security plan. **Three** of our members are part of the Rochester Area Climate Initiative - Farm and Food Committee

In 2022, we look forward to assisting our communities with continued monthly distributions and developing new programming.

We recently received our non-profit, tax-exempt status. We appreciate the support and participation from the Valley community during 2021 and hope to welcome more participation and support in 2022.

Thank you,

*Linda Anderson* (Hancock)

*Monica Collins* (Hancock)

*Lolly Lindsey* (Rochester)

*Victor Ribaldo* (Rochester)

# Local Emergency Management Plan Municipal Adoption Form

**Town/City of ROCHESTER**  
**67 SCHOOL STREET**  
**ROCHESTER, VT 05767**

The Local Emergency Management Plan (LEMP) must be (re)adopted annually, after town meeting day, and submitted to the appropriate Regional Planning Commission (RPC) by May 1st.

At a warned public meeting (regular selectboard/city council meeting), the municipality adopted the Local Emergency Management Plan (LEMP) on the date shown at right.

At a warned public meeting (regular selectboard/city council meeting), the municipality adopted the National Incident Management System (NIMS) on the date shown at right.

If Vermont Emergency Management needs to contact municipal leaders to determine status and support requirements during an emergency, the Emergency Management Director (EMD) and two other local Points Of Contact (POCs) who should have authoritative local information are listed at right.

*2018 Version (PDF): this form is used to report LEMP adoption beginning in 2018. There are no previous versions.*

Municipality	Town of Rochester
LEMP Adoption Date	04-26-2021
NIMS Adoption Date	04-22-2019
EMD Name	Victor Ribaudo
Position	EMD
Primary Phone	M / 802-431-8353
Alternate Phone	H/ 802 967-8048
Email	<a href="mailto:vic.ribaudo@gmail.com">vic.ribaudo@gmail.com</a>
POC 2 Name	Doon Hinderyckx
Position	Select Board Chair
Primary Phone	M/802-349-2042
Alternate Phone	H/ 802-767-4464
Email	<a href="mailto:doon@greenmountainbikes.com">doon@greenmountainbikes.com</a>
POC 3 Name	Patricia Harvey
Position	Select Board Member
Primary Phone	M/802-767-3280
Alternate Phone	
Email	<a href="mailto:selectboardharvey@gmail.com">selectboardharvey@gmail.com</a>



## Local Emergency Management Plan (LEMP)

### Required Elements

If Vermont Emergency Management needs to contact municipal leaders to determine status and support requirements during an emergency, the Emergency Management Director (EMD) and two other local Points Of Contact (POCs) who should have authoritative local information are listed at right.

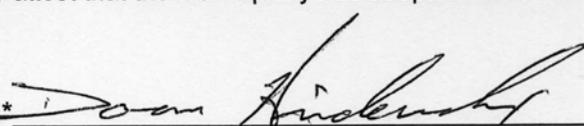
Mark this block if a readopted plan has no changes since the previous year.

I hereby certify that the LEMP meets Vermont National Incident Management System (NIMS) requirements and current LEMP Implementation Guidance as on page 2:

Signed\* \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name; certifying individual must have taken, at a minimum, ICS402 or ICS100/IS-100 training

I hereby attest that the municipality has adopted NIMS and the LEMP as stated above:

Signed\*  \_\_\_\_\_

**DOON HINDERYCKX**  
 Printed Name, Selectboard / council member

**Once completed, send adoption form and copy of Local Emergency Management Plan to Regional Planning Commission.**

\*A typed name is acceptable as an electronic signature if it represents an act of that person in accordance with 9 V.S.A. § 278.

*2018 Requirements: these requirements are valid until superseded. There are no previous versions.*

## Vital Statistics 2021

### Births

Lily Harvey  
Asher Whalen

Daphne Layne  
Elena Biederman

### Deaths

Marie Anderson	Janice Baker	Gordon Bedell
Richard Benoit	Robert Buker	Richard Dewhurst
June Frigault	Mary Goding	Richard Harvey
George Peterson	Thomas Pierce	Lorraine Sielucka
Earl Skinner	Blaine Thresher	Myrtle Twitchell

### Marriages

Steven Stainbrook & Guillermo Gonzales	January 14
Emily Haring & Christopher Carroll	June 12
Gregory Homan & Claudia Sherwin	July 15
Kaileigh Ashby & Andrew Jones	August 21
Moises Cohen & Dina Nathanson	September 5
Abigail Blair & Patrick Doyle	September 18
Jasmine Newton & Ian Paine	September 18
Matthew Pagano & Miranda Bitzer	September 24
Eric Holtz, Sr. & Jaime Baker	September 25
Alma Freya Farley & Michael Hager	September 25
Alexandra Galiardo & Tyler Lyon	October 2
Benjamin Manns & Rebekah Petroff	October 2

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

2021

GRANTOR	GRANTEE	#	PRICE
NAKAYAMA, LEONIE & GLAESER, RUTH	COPKEY, CHRISTOPHER & MELISSE	21-01	\$175,000.00
CASSANO, GINA	141 GREAT HAWK, LLC	21-02	\$0.00
GRANTHAM, JEREMY	GRANTHAM, ISABEL; GRANTHAM, OLIVER; GRANTHAM, RUPERT	21-03	\$0.00
HAAS LEONARD	HAAS, CATHERINE; PRESTON, MARC	21-04	\$0.00
KATHLEEN FARLEY LIVING TRUST	FARLEY, KATHLEEN; FARLEY, ANN; FARLEY, DAVID; FARLEY, EDWARD; FARLEY, ELIZABETH; WHEELIS, KATHERINE	21-05	\$0.00
DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS DEPT OF COLORADO	MCCRACKEN NAOMI	21-06	\$2,000.00
COAD, LINDA	VAN STEEN, ALEXANDER; VAN STEEN, JOHN	21-07	\$75,000.00
LYMAN HALL, INC	LANDRY, FRANCIS	21-08	\$30,000.00
DARSHAN, BARBARA & DRAKE, JAMES; CARSTENEN, KIMBERLY	EASTRIDGE, STEPHEN; CARSTENSEN, KIMBERLY	21-09	\$275,275.00
HAMILTON, DEBORAH; LAKE, KAREN	BAHNER, TERRY; KINSLEY, HANNAH	21-10	\$210,000.00
ROELKER, JOHN; ROEKLER, THOMAS	GRIFFITH, KAITLYNN & JOEL	21-11	\$515,000.00
THRAILKILL, WILLIAM	THRAILKILL, JOHN; THRAILKILL, BRETT; MASCETTA, PAMELA	21-12	\$0.00
HIMICK, SPENCER	MUSE, CURTIN & JESSICA	21-13	\$54,000.00
NUSSBAUM WAGLER, DEREK & TINA	WALTON, VICTORIA	21-14	\$200,000.00
GREEN MOUNTAIN SF, LLC	NELSON, WHITNEY & JEFFREY	21-15	\$310,000.00
HOLMQUIST, STANLEY & ESTELLE	HOLMQUIST, CARL	21-16	\$0.00
KENNETT, ROBERT & ELIZABETH	KENNETT, THOMAS & JENNIFER	21-17	\$0.00
KENNETT, THOMAS & JENNIFER	GOLKA, ADAM	21-18	\$180,000.00
LARY, MARTIN & TERRY TTE	MARTIN LARY TRUST	21-19	\$0.00
RHOADES, DENNIS & MILLER, TAMARA	TRAUTWEIN, SHARON	21-20	\$114,000.00
SHERWIN, CLAUDIA; SHERWIN, JEFFREY	HUDSON, ANDREW; FRATINI, MARY ELIZABETH	21-21	\$265,000.00
SABIN, CHRISTOPHER & BRENDA	WOLINSKI, PAUL & DARLENE	21-22	\$84,000.00
HARVEY, RAYMOND & CHERYL	LENIHAN, KEVIN & MARY	21-23	\$42,500.00
LARGO, GERALD	LARGO, GERALD; SKOLNIK, KAILI	21-24	\$0.00
ESTATE OF WILMA SHIRLOCK	LUBOLD, LINDA; KINGSBURY, CAROL; SHIRLOCK, JAMES; SHIRLOCK, JOHN	21-25	\$0.00
LUBOLD, LINDA; KINGSBURY, CAROL; SHIRLOCK, JAMES; SHIRLOCK, JOHN	SHAY, JOSHUA; HOFFMAN, KELLY	21-26	\$150,000.00
MIRAKIAN, ALAN & LINDA	VANSTEEN, JOHN & DEBORAH	21-27	\$100,000.00
TURNBULL, DEBORAH, TTE	DEBORAH TURNBULL REVOCABLE TRUST	21-28	\$0.00
BOWEN, MYRON	BOWEN, MYRON; BROWN, JULIE	21-29	\$40,100.00
BETTIS, GORDON	BOWEN, CODY; VEILLEUX, KAITLYN	21-30	\$40,000.00
MCPHERSON, LUCY	SHARKEY, WILLIAM	21-31	\$17,440.00

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

2021

GRANTOR	GRANTEE	#	PRICE
KOOPMAN, PETER	BUCHAN, JANE	21-32	\$125,000.00
SMITH, NORMAN & JUDITH	SMITH, MARK	21-33	\$375,000.00
BEATTIE, KENNETH; TATE-BEATTIE, NANCY	FOURSEASONS 108, LLC	21-34	\$0.00
DEBOER, TON; FRIED, APOLLONIA	HARNISH, ALBERT III	21-35	\$562,000.00
LAROQUE, PAULA	MARTIN, JASON & PATRICIA	21-36	\$10,000.00
ROOT, DIANNE; MURRAY, CARLINE; MURRAY, DANIELLE; AINSWORTH, GALEN; AINSWORTH, KEVIN; AINSWORTH, PAMELA; AINSWORTH, REBECCA; MURRY, ROBERT; AINSWORTH, WINSTON	PECK, JOSEPH; SANDS-PECK, PAMELA	21-37	\$165,000.00
ROOT, DIANNE; MURRAY, CARLINE; MURRAY, DANIELLE; AINSWORTH, GALEN; AINSWORTH, KEVIN; AINSWORTH, PAMELA; AINSWORTH, REBECCA; MURRY, ROBERT; AINSWORTH, WINSTON	REGINA M CAHILL INTER VIVOS TRUST, THE	21-38	\$135,000.00
BELANGER, ANNE	ANNE G BELANGER REVOCABLE TRUST	21-39	\$0.00
BAYROOT LLC	NOLAN, ERIN & CHRISTOPHER	21-40	\$300,000.00
SCHULTA, WOLF DIEMO	CRAFFEY, LIAM & TYLER, MEGAN	21-41	\$55,000.00
HARVEY, MICHAEL & NANCY	KERR, MOLLY & HARVEY, MEGAN	21-42	\$0.00
HARVEY, MICHAEL & NANCY	MICHAEL HARVEY & NANCY HARVEY REVOCABLE TRUST	21-43	\$0.00
CLARK, DANIEL	SOLOMON, WILLIAM; PERRY, ELIZABETH	21-44	\$215,000.00
MILLSTONE, DANIEL & SUSAN	KILPATRICK, ZACHARY; HENDERSON, NATALIE	21-45	\$290,000.00
MCINTYRE, DONNA	MCINTYRE, JAY	21-46	\$0.00
DONNET, LOUIS & REBECCA	HUGHES, ELIZABETH; DONNET, PETER	21-47	\$0.00
HUBBARD, JOAN	LAMAY-STERLING, CHRIS & SARA	21-48	\$0.00
HURLEY, CERA & DONALDSON, ANGELA	DAVIDSON, DORIE	21-49	\$165,000.00
BARR, DENNIS; REED, JENNIFER	HURLEY, CERA	21-50	\$0.00
QUERFELD, SARA	QUERFELD, SARA; QUERFELD-MISCIO, SHANNON	21-51	\$0.00
THRAILKILL, WILLIAM	MCPHETRES, CYNTHIA	21-52	\$8,900.00
RIBAUDO, VICTOR & SUZANNE	RIBAUDO, DANIEL; RIBAUDO, ADAM	21-53	\$0.00
GREEN MOUNTAIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	ADVANCED ILLUMINATION, INC	21-54	\$360,855.06
CASLER, JEANNETTE	HARVEY, TRUSTEE MARVIN	21-55	\$0.00
CASLER, JEANNETTE	HARVEY, TRUSTEE MARVIN	21-56	\$0.00
NORTH HOLLOW FAMILY TRUST	O'LEARY, JOSEPH	21-57	\$710,000.00
KONDI, STEPHEN	NOBLE, STEVEN & DENISE	21-58	\$82,000.00
LATHROP, JUSTIN	LATHROP, JUSTIN & MORRIS, LISA	21-59	\$0.00
MORAMARCO, ROBERT ; NEWCOMER, LORI	MORAMARCO, ROBERT; NEWROOT, MAYA	21-60	\$0.00

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2021

GRANTOR	GRANTEE	#	PRICE
HARVEY, DAVID & PATRICIA	SLAVIN, DANIEL	21-61	\$210,000.00
TWITCHELL, STEVE; TWITCHELL, CALVIN; JACQUES, JUDY; TWITCHELL, LINDA; SHAW, SHARON; TWITCHELL, SHEILA; TWITCHELL, SIDNEY	CRIMMINS-MURDOCK, MARK & MARIANNA	21-62	\$218,000.00
BANCROFT, KURT & ANNE	BANCROFT, KURT	21-63	\$0.00
MEAGHER, CAROLINE	REDFEARN, KAREN	21-64	\$154,000.00
BARON, SHEILA	REDFEAR, KAREN TRUSTEE	21-65	\$998,000.00
BARRON, JENNY; BARRON, LINDA	STAINBROOK, STEVEN; GONZALES, GUILLERMO	21-66	\$2,000.00
STEINKAMP, JEFFREY	CHAFFEE, JOSHUA; PRASAI, GARIMA	21-67	\$555,000.00
HAAS, SANDRA; MARMOR, DAVID	ANDREWS, JACOB	21-68	\$195,000.00
LYMAN HALL, INC	MCCARTY, KATHARINA	21-69	\$5,000.00
ROSEN, ROBERT; SOKOLOVA, TATIANA	MEARES, WILLIAM; KORNER, KAREN	21-70	\$400,000.00
HOLROYD, MARCIA	HUGHES, THOMAS & KATHERINE	21-71	\$350,000.00
MCGRATH, MARK	MCGRATH, MARK & MARY; MCGRATH, MEGAN	21-72	\$0.00
BILODEAU, MICHAEL	ROBETH HOLSTEINS	21-73	\$25,000.00
BURBANK, JANE; BURBANK, DOUGLAS; BURBANK, JOHN; BURBANK-SCHMITT, PRISCILLA	GILLETT, GEORGE JR; GILLETT, ALEXANDER; GILLETTE, FOSTER	21-73A	\$193,000.00
TRURAN, ERIC & SALYER, DIANA	WRIGHT, DERRICK & BEVERLY	21-74	\$0.00
WRIGHT, DERRICK & BEVERLY	TRURAN, ERIC & SALYER, DIANA	21-75	\$0.00
DOMAS, TIMOTHY & SUSAN	KENDAL BULDING, LLC	21-76	\$0.00



## **Rochester Historical Society**

The Rochester Historical Society is raising funds to expand the entrance to Woodlawn Cemetery to honor those members of the Armed Services from Rochester who are serving or who have served the United States of America since World War II. An Armed Forces Service monument of Rochester Verde Antique will be united with the World War I - II granite and verde antique memorial bench on an accessible patio which will invite visitation and interaction. The use of Verde Antique symbolizes the many service members who grew up in our Valley and the Green Mountains. The Rochester Selectboard and the Rochester Cemetery Commission have both expressed their enthusiasm and given their approval for the project.

We are grateful to those individuals who have made personal contributions to the project, and we're diligently pursuing other fundraising ideas, including collecting returnable bottles and cans at the weekly Saturday Trash/Recycling at the Rochester Town Office parking lot. Financial progress is being made.

We hope for your enthusiasm and invite you to join with us in making this project a reality with your monetary contribution which can be sent to Rochester Historical Society, PO Box 428, Rochester, VT 05767. Any questions you might have can be directed to the Rochester Historical Society Project Manager Bruce Flewelling at [admin@rochesterhistorical.org](mailto:admin@rochesterhistorical.org).

Have you noticed just how clean and bright the Civil War monument on the Park is? With approval of the Selectboard and expert cleaning from Green Valley Monuments of Randolph, the Historical Society raised funds through the generosity of Rochester residents and weekly bottle and can redemption, to make this cleaning a reality. Thank you to all.

Covid-19 has not thwarted individuals from donating Rochester photographs and artifacts to the Historical Society. This past year the Severy family gifted artifacts from Bertha (Gram) Huntington's barber shop and Rudy Wetmore's family presented us with his framed military medals and military records. We are in hopes that our Museum will be open this summer and that these gifts can be shared with all. We are also grateful for an anonymous donation given through the Vermont Community Foundation.

Rochester's history book, *Rochester, Vermont, Its History, 1780 – 1975*, along with notecards and postcards are available for purchase. We would be delighted to have you join the RHS membership (\$10.00 annually), and become actively involved with Rochester's long and interesting heritage. For information, visit our website, [www.rochesterhistorical.org](http://www.rochesterhistorical.org), or write to the Rochester Historical Society, POB 428, Rochester, VT 05767.

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January 3, 2021

To the Residents of Rochester:

I am writing this letter to remind the Rochester Community that the Rochester/Stockbridge Unified District (RSUD) will be holding their annual meeting and 2022-23 budget vote in early May. To this end, we will be publishing a separate informational mailer on the annual budget and school district meeting. You should expect that publication to arrive in the mail and be available on the Rochester/Stockbridge Unified District website in late March or early April.

The Rochester/Stockbridge Unified District Board of School Directors has been working in collaboration with the administration to create a 2022-23 school district budget that is fiscally responsible, but also ensures that we uphold our commitment to high quality educational programming for our students. At this point in time, I'm confident that we will have a budget prepared to present to the residents of both Rochester and Stockbridge that delivers on many of the promises of the district's merger. There is much to celebrate in regards to the improvement of educational outcomes, but we also acknowledge that there is still plenty of work ahead of us.

We have made significant investment over the past school year and also in our upcoming budget proposal to strengthen our literacy and math instruction. Additionally, we have expanded our outdoor/experiential learning that also provides multiple opportunities for pathways/personalized learning, and have also provided explicit instruction in foreign language. These enhancements of our educational programming are significant, but we've also seen an investment in additional social/emotional support through the use of federal dollars. I mention all of this in order to ensure that the residents of Rochester know that we are taking the feedback provided in order to make certain that we deliver on the promise of having schools that ensure all students have access to high quality instruction and supports in order to reach their greatest potential.

I encourage all of you to stay involved with the Rochester Elementary School, and to participate in our upcoming RSUD board meetings. Your input and feedback is greatly appreciated.

Thank you all for your continued support!

Sincerely,

Jamie Kinnarney,  
Superintendent of Schools, WRVSU

## ROCHESTER HIGH SCHOOL REPURPOSING PROJECT

### BACKGROUND

The Rochester High School (RHS) graduated its last class in 2018. The Rochester Stockbridge Unified District (RSUD) closed the RHS building during the pandemic and subsequently determined it is no longer needed for educational purposes, closing the building permanently. The agreement merging the Rochester and Stockbridge school boards into a unified district, per Act 46, stipulates the sale price of the RHS building to the Town of Rochester at \$1.00, if the Town should seek to purchase it. As of 1/15/22 the RSUD Board has made no capital improvements to the RHS building.

The agreement states that such a sale is conditioned by the following:

“ . . . shall be conditioned upon the Town/City owning and utilizing the real property for community and public purposes for a minimum of five years. In the event a Town/City elects to sell the real property prior to five years of ownership, the Town/City shall compensate the Unified District for all capital improvements and renovations completed after the formation of the Unified District and before the sale to the Town/City.”

### RHS REPURPOSING

In February 2020 a volunteer RHS Repurposing Committee formed and by late spring began to meet regularly to explore repurposing options for the building into a multi-use facility, designed to meet community identified local and regional needs. The work has been done with consent from the Rochester Select Board and RSUD Board. The goal of this community led effort is for a repurposed RHS building to be a financially viable and sustaining operation, continuing its legacy as a vibrant center for learning, the arts, and social engagement, serving this region and beyond.

On behalf of the Town of Rochester, in April 2021 members of the committee wrote and submitted a planning grant to the VT Department of Housing and Community Development, to fund a feasibility study of a repurposed RHS building. This grant was awarded in the amount of \$50,000, with which the Town retained the services of Fairweather Consultants of New Paltz, NY, and GBA Architects of Montpelier, VT. The study will include projected profit and loss, a master space plan, master facility capital improvement plan, and a high level assessment of possible funding sources, with a projected completion in summer of 2022. Also evaluated will be the pros and cons of Town ownership of the building vs. ownership by a local nonprofit corporation. The results of the feasibility study will be presented at a Special Town Meeting this summer to vote on Town acquisition of the building.

At the present time, the repurposing proposal includes the following components: Adult Daycare Center, Childcare Center, Arts and Learning Center, Makerspace, and rental office spaces. Additional programs are being explored as the planning process continues.

**ARTS and LEARNING CENTER; HUB Arts and Learning Alliance (HALA)**—Coordinators: Sue Ribaldo, Dorothy Robson, Midge Scanlan, and Lesley Straus

HALA is a cultural coalition that builds on the strengths and resources of long-established local organizations that sponsor arts, learning, and outdoor events in the Quintown region. HALA includes, but is not limited to, the following: Bald Mountain Theater, BigTown Gallery/BigTown Projects, Green Mountain Suzuki Institute, Hancock Town Pride Committee, Rochester Chamber Music Society, Rochester Recreation Committee, and White River Valley Players. Also included are: Pierce Hall Community Center, Green Mountain Bikes, Ridgeline Outdoor Collective, and the town public libraries of Hancock, Rochester, and Pittsfield.

**MAKERSPACE**—Coordinators: Robert Meagher and Dick Robson

Membership accessed shop space that provides tools, training, classes, and networking opportunities on a fee basis. The former RHS shop contains some equipment, and more would be acquired to provide the following: woodworking and metalworking equipment, an electronics lab, 3D printers, stained-glass equipment, computer-guided routers and engravers, and laser cutters. A community survey indicated interest in training in the trades of plumbing, electrical, and basic auto mechanics.

**BUSINESS INCUBATOR/CO-WORKING OFFICES**—Coordinators: Vic Ribauda and Kathryn Schenkman

Affordable office rentals for small businesses and first-time entrepreneurs that allow tenants to conduct and grow their company while retaining a larger portion of initial income. Benefits could include shared office services, and access to the Makerspace and auditorium.

**NEXT GENERATION CHILDCARE CENTER**—Coordinators: Lauren Skaskiw, Burleigh Griffith, Kayden Hamlin, and Mickaela Richardson

Childcare shortage is cited in local, regional, and statewide plans. A community survey with 30+ respondents demonstrated an immediate need to support a local childcare center. A core group of preschool professionals that includes teachers in the adjacent elementary school, one of whom is an operator of an existing licensed facility, organized itself as a nonprofit to operate a registered child daycare center in the RHS building. The center will provide toddler daycare and a Pre-School After School Program.

**ADULT DAYCARE CENTER:** Coordinators: Lolly Lindsey and Kathryn Schenkman

Adult day care is an identified regional need, intensified during the pandemic and amplified by demographic information. Adult Daycare Centers support the health, nutritional, and social needs of vulnerable adults in a group setting, by professionally certified staff. The benefits of locating an ADC under the same roof as an Arts and Learning Center is a unique feature to this project. Music, performance, and movement are effectively utilized in therapies for people with mental health problems, cognitive impairment, physical disabilities, and learning disabilities. We are exploring potential partnerships with existing licensed providers, and the possibility of offering onsite LNA certification training.

**PRELIMINARY FINANCIAL ASSESSMENT OF BUILDING UPGRADES**

The decommissioned RHS building holds great potential that requires significant financial investment. The Black River Design Facilities and Functional Analysis report completed in Oct 2019, commissioned by the RSUD Board, identified needed capital improvements for all school properties within the RSUD, including projected costs for RHS upgrades of several million dollars, depending on the intended use. That report is available on the Town of Rochester website.

The consulting architect has reviewed the Black River report, toured the building, and advised that the high school building will need capital improvements of at least \$2 million to address issues such as boiler replacement and other heating system components, replacement of the electrical panel, ventilation system improvements, among others. The completed feasibility study report will include a list of recommended capital improvements to suit the repurposed building, with updated cost estimates. We anticipate that some of the upgrades could be implemented over time, as available funding and program needs evolve. Government funding, grants, and philanthropy would be pursued to fund building improvements. Although school district records indicate past heating costs of \$50,000 and more for some years, upgrades to the heating system and improvements in building insulation could reduce that cost going forward.

Members of this committee envision a repurposed building as a regional asset for the future, providing opportunities for essential services, economic development, the arts, learning, and social engagement. Alternatively, its demolition was estimated at \$770,000 in 2019, and now could be closer to \$1 million. To do nothing and let it deteriorate into a major eyesore in our village center is ill advised. Instead, our overall goal is that this legacy building will continue to serve this valley as a productive and highly desirable asset.

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Anyone with questions or comments about this project may contact either of the committee co-chairs: Kathryn Schenkman [kms@penstrokepress.com](mailto:kms@penstrokepress.com) or Vic Ribauda [vic.ribauda@gmail.com](mailto:vic.ribauda@gmail.com).

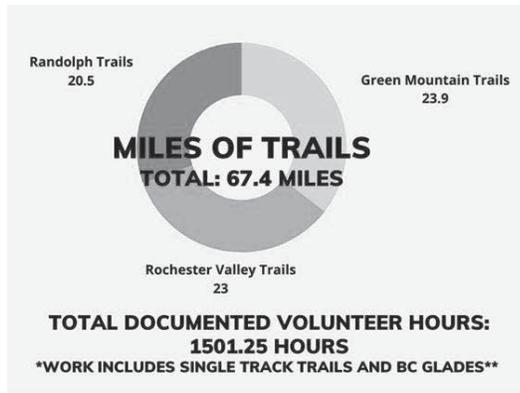
## Ridgeline Outdoor Collective – 2021 Year in Review

2021 marked a robust season of youth and family bike programming! In May, Ridgeline Outdoor Collective received a generous grant from the Vermont Afterschool Summer Matters Program. This opportunity allowed Ridgeline to build upon and make more accessible the youth and family biking programs. These funds helped to purchase a bike fleet and equipment to use with the summer bike camps, youth cycling team and family rides; decreased the cost of camps to families; increased the number of camp offerings; paid for trainings; and strengthened the Youth Cycling Race Team.



Last summer Ridgeline hosted five family rides between Rochester and Randolph, four week long day camps in partnership with WRVSU OnePlanet and Randolph Recreation Department, and had twelve “RidgeRider”

racers in grades 5-12. Ridgeline was also able to send one adult coach to BICP Level 1 Bike Instructor Training, while several other coaches took the online Ride Leader Course, including five teen riders that helped coach and mentor during the summer camps. These programs served over 125 riders this season.



Ridgeline’s three single track trail networks in Rochester, Randolph, and Pittsfield have just about reached capacity for new trails, except for the ongoing Velomont Trail connectivity between the three existing community networks. Rochester Valley Trails network saw the addition of a Velomont Trail segment that connects directly into the Rochester Village via Boulder Dash and Chantrea Field. After-school bike programs have been taking advantage of the new connector trail to access the trail networks right from the school without having to bike along VT Route 100. Brandon Gap and Braintree Mountain Forest backcountry zones saw lots of ongoing maintenance work thanks to all of our volunteers! Be sure to visit [ridgelineoutdoorcollective.org](http://ridgelineoutdoorcollective.org) for updated trail maps and information. None of this would be possible without all the landowners, volunteers, members, community partners, trail builders, sponsors, and so many others. Thank you for your continued support! We literally couldn't do it without you.

- Ridgeline Outdoor Collective

## Summer Music for Kids

Summer Music for Kids, a newly incorporated Vermont Domestic Non-profit corporation formed by local musicians in the Rochester/Stockbridge area, is happy to announce that beginning with the summer of 2022 we will be offering music lessons, at no cost to students, for all students who will be entering 5<sup>th</sup> grade in the Rochester, Stockbridge, Hancock, Granville area in the fall of 2022. Home-schooled students are definitely included.

Lessons will take place at the Rochester Elementary School on Wednesday mornings, June 22, June 29, July 6, July 20, July 27, and August 3. Each student will receive an individual lesson, followed by a group Enrichment session, and then an attempt for the students to play together. Instruments will be provided, as necessary, to students at no cost to the student.

All students will be given nutritious snacks on arrival, after their individual lesson, and just before leaving for home at around noon.

Our expert instrumental music teachers are: Scott Paulson (percussion, trumpet, trombone), Barbara Smith (flute, clarinet, saxophone), and Emily Sunderman (violin and cello).

Enrichment teachers include Holly Mugford Bermingham and Ethan Bowen.

Our goal is to provide an opportunity for young students to learn to play a musical instrument at no cost to the student or the student's family.

For more information, please send an e-mail to [summermusicforkids@gmail.com](mailto:summermusicforkids@gmail.com), or talk with Susan Bushnell (Rochester) or Bill Edgerton (Stockbridge).

# ROCHESTER RECREATION DEPARTMENT

The Rochester Recreation Committee worked hard again this year to provide activities and opportunities for residents of Rochester and our neighbors. We rely on volunteers and donors to enable our great programs and events. Many individuals and businesses give anonymously and work tireless hours. Our limited budget from the town alleviates any large burden to the taxpayers.

## SKATESPACE

Thank you to Terry Severy and the Fire Department for flooding SkateSpace every year. We are raising our game by placing a large plastic liner over the asphalt before the flooding. Thank you to Dean Mendell for all your hard work. Skates of all sizes are available in the warming house. Get out and take advantage of free skating in the winter and family fun in the summer! We are under the lights from 5 pm to 9 pm. Get Facebook updates at [facebook.com/RecreateinRochesterVT](https://www.facebook.com/RecreateinRochesterVT).

## GAZEBO

Our Gazebo on the Park was adorned with Christmas lights and decorations this year. Thank you to all who made it happen: Lois Bond, Nancy Woolley, Doug, Marcy, Morgan and Derek Duval. Thank you to Skip Mart for tree donation.

## SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Our summer concert series is always a hit. Concerts are in Rochester Park from 6:30 to 8:30 on Sundays during the summer. Bring a chair and a picnic! Joe Schenkman spends many hours setting up the Sunday evening entertainment. Our Park is a perfect place to have a picnic and watch our children/grandchildren play while enjoying good music! How lucky we are to be able to enjoy these concerts every week. Thank you, Joe!

## YOUTH SPORTS

The Recreation Dept. offers baseball, basketball and soccer, keeping the kids in our area healthy and active. They compete against other towns in the White River Valley. The best time to learn athletic skills is when the player is young. They take what they learn into competitive middle and high school sports and beyond. They also gain the valuable socially interactive skillset of team participation and leadership, traits they can utilize in all future endeavors in their lives. Thank you to all the coaches and volunteers and we hope you will support their efforts.



*Rochester Basketball team: Grades 5-6*

*Rochester Basketball team: Grades 3-4*



## VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to everyone who helped this year. Our Recreation Committee is always looking for fresh ideas, and boots on the ground to make these events happen successfully. If you would like to get involved, please contact Norm at [norm@blindpigment.com](mailto:norm@blindpigment.com)