

Town of Poultney, Vermont Annual Report



Fiscal Year Ending

June 30, 2022

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In Loving Memory of Jonas Rosenthal

Jonas Rosenthal was a friend, colleague, Town Manager, Village Manager, Zoning Administrator, Health Officer, Recreation Director, event planner, and etcetera. He was also a hockey fanatic, and a jokester. Most importantly, he was a man who worked hard for what he believed in. Jonas served as Poultney Town Manager from 1985 until 2016. After retiring, Jonas continued to support Poultney as well as other surrounding communities in various capacities and on several boards and committees. He was an integral part of the Poultney Recreation Commission. He was an organizer, leader, king of paperwork but mostly a man who loved Poultney and wanted to make sure every kid had the opportunity to be involved in recreation programs. It was his drive and dedication that built such a wonderful and successful program in Poultney. Jonas was admired for his leadership, his drive to get things done, his work ethics and especially his love for Poultney. Jonas will be greatly missed but his love for Poultney and recreation will live on in all the programs he supported. He was truly a wonderful person that made a difference in the lives and communities he touched.

IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

FIRE	911
RESCUE SQUAD (MEDICAL)	911
RUTLAND COUNTY SHERRIFF'S DEPARTMENT	775-8002
STATE POLICE(emergency number)	911
(non-emergency number)	773-9101
TOWN CONSTABLE	558-2518
TOWN CLERK	287-5761
TOWN LISTER	287-5111
TOWN MANAGER	287-9751
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR	287-4297
LIBRARY	287-5556
SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER (Young at Heart Club)	287-9200
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	287-5212
HIGH SCHOOL	287-5861
QUARRY VALLEY UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT	775-4342
GREATER RUTLAND COUNTY SUPERVISORY UNION	775-4342
VILLAGE OFFICE	287-4003
VILLAGE WATER & SEWER	287-9727
POULTNEY POST OFFICE	287-9033

Poultney Transfer Station Hours

Tuesday 8:00am - 5:00 pm
Thursday 8:00am - 5:00 pm
Saturday 8:00am - 5:00 pm
(winter hours: Dec, Jan, Feb, close at 4:00 pm)

Town Clerk's Office Hours

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

Town Manager's Office Hours

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

ITEMS OF INTEREST

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

February 28, 2023 – Quarry Valley Unified Union School District Informational Meeting in person at West Rutland Town Hall at 7:00pm, See Warning at grcsu.org or Poultney.vt.gov or in this report for details

March 6, 2023 – Absentee Ballots may be requested until 4:00pm.

March 6, 2023 – Pre-Town Informational Meeting at Poultney Fire Department Building at 55 Fire House Lane and via Zoom at 7pm, See Warning in this report for details or at Poultney.vt.gov

March 7, 2023 – Annual Town and Highway Meeting and Quarry Valley Unified Union School District voting by Australian Ballot at the Poultney Fire Department Building, 55 Fire House Lane, from 10:00am to 7:00pm

March 18th & 25th, 2023–Rabies Clinic at Poultney Veterinary Hospital from 10am to 12pm—See notice in this report for details–Town Clerks Office will be open at the same date/time for Dog Registrations

April 1, 2023 – Base date for setting assessed value and determining ownership of real and personal property

April 1, 2023 – Dogs must be licensed by this date. Females and Males - \$15.00; Neutered and Spayed - \$11.00. 50% penalty after this date

April 1, 2023 – Transfer Station Permits must be renewed by this date

May 31, 2023 – Property taxes due in full

July 1, 2023 – Fiscal year begins for 2023/2024

HOLIDAYS

Jan 01 New Year's Day

May 29 Memorial Day

Oct 09 Columbus Day

Dec 25 Christmas

Jan 16 Martin Luther King Day

July 04 Independence Day

Nov 11 Veterans' Day

Feb 20 Presidents' Day

Sept 04 Labor Day

Nov 23 Thanksgiving

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

Term Expires January 31, 2023

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

POULTNEY DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE CHAIR

Joseph DeBonis, Jr. 802-287-5282

POULTNEY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE CHAIR

Andrew Ohl 802-855-1033

Warning
Poultney Town Meeting 2023
In-Person and via Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83935723883?pwd=QnEvcVVrSkN2OUpCMIFEM0IPTzBjdz09>

Meeting ID: 839 3572 3883

Passcode: 989910

Or Dial: +1 929 205 6099 US

Meeting ID: 839 3572 3883 Passcode: 989910

The citizens of the Town of Poultney, in the County of Rutland and the State of Vermont, who are legally qualified to vote in the Town Meeting, are hereby warned to meet at the Poultney Fire Department, 55 Fire House Lane, in the Town of Poultney on **Monday, March 6, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.** to transact at that time, business not involving voting by Australian Ballot.

The meeting will be recessed at the conclusion of the transaction of such business until 10:00 a.m. on the following day at the Poultney Fire Department located at 55 Fire House Lane, this being Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at which time business, involving voting by Australian Ballot and voting required by law to be by ballot, will be transacted.

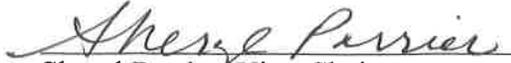
(Ballot boxes/Polls will be opened at 10:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

1. To elect the following Town Officers and fill any vacant office: (a) One (1) Town Moderator for a term of one year; (b) One (1) Selectboard member for a term of three years; (c) Two (2) Selectboard members for a term of one year; (d) One (1) Town Clerk for a term of three years; (e) One (1) Town Treasurer for a term of three years; (f) One (1) Lister for a term of three years; (g) One (1) Lister for an unexpired one year of a three year term; (h) One (1) Lister for an unexpired two year of a three year term; (i) One (1) Library Trustee for a term of five years; (j) One (1) Quarry Valley Unified Union School District Director for a term of three years?
2. Shall the Town accept the Independent Auditor's Report?
3. Shall the Town adopt the General Fund Budget of \$1,539,503, less estimated receipts of \$104,250, less surplus, if any, and authorize the Selectboard to set a tax rate sufficient to raise the specific amounts voted for the Fiscal Year 2023/2024?
4. Shall the Town Highway District adopt a Highway Fund Budget of \$1,016,937, less surplus, if any, and authorize the Selectboard to set a tax rate sufficient to raise the specific amounts voted for the Fiscal Year 2023/2024?
5. Shall the voters authorize the elimination of the office of Town Lister in accordance with 17 V.S.A. §2651c(b)(1) and replace it with a professionally qualified assessor who shall have the same powers, discharge the same duties, proceed in the discharge thereof in the same manner, and be subject to the same liabilities as are prescribed for listers or the board of listers under the provisions of Title 32?
6. Shall the voters of the Town of Poultney vote to exempt the real property of the Poultney Rescue Squad, Inc. from taxation for a period of five years, to become effective July 01, 2023 – June 30, 2028 and remain in effect for five consecutive years, pursuant to Title 32 VSA Section 3840?

Dated this 2nd day of February, 2023.



Jeffrey M. King, Chairperson



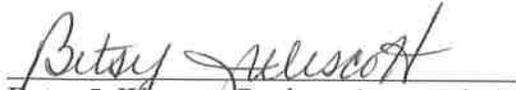
Sheryl Porrier, Vice-Chairperson



Carol A. Bunce

Richard LaPierre

Received, February 3, 2023



Betsy J. Wescott, Poultney Town Clerk

**Town of Poultney
Informational Meeting
February 28, 2022**

The informational meeting of the Town of Poultney was called to order at 7:00 pm. Present were Selectboard Chair Jeffrey King, Selectboard members Carol Bunce, Sheryl Porrier, Richard LaPierre, Town Manager Paul Donaldson, and Town Clerk/Treasurer Betsy Wescott.

Paul Donaldson, acting as Moderator, asked the Selectboard Chair Jeff King to lead the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Paul Donaldson read the articles on the Warning.

Article 1 To elect the following Town Officers and fill any vacant office: (a) One (1) Town Moderator for a term of one year; (b) One (1) Selectboard member for a term of three years; (c) Two (2) Selectboard members for a term of one year; (d) One (1) Lister for a term of three years; (e) One (1) Library Trustee for a term of five years; (f) One (1) Quarry Valley Unified Union School District Directors for a term of three years; (g) One (1) Quarry Valley Unified Union School District Director for an unexpired two year of a three year term.

Moderator asked if any candidate on the ballot would like to speak. Mark Teetor, Nancy Liberatore, and Rebecca Gardner each introduced themselves and what office they were running for.

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

There were no questions or comments.

Article 3 Shall the Town adopt the General Fund Budget of \$1,457,548, less estimated receipts of \$104,250, less surplus if any, and authorize the Selectboard to set a tax rate sufficient to raise the specific amounts voted for the Fiscal Year 2022/2023?

Paul Donaldson went over the general fund budget which represents an increase of about 7.95%. The increases in allocations to the Rescue Squad, Fire Department, Public Library, funding a PT Zoning Administrator, employee health insurance, salary and public safety cost increases, workers comp, and payroll taxes.

Mark Flynn asked about the increase in delinquent taxes. Paul Donaldson stated that the Town would be doing another tax sale Town Wide as COVID is lifting.

Mary Sue Reed said thank you for adding Green Up into the budget. She asked about the Solid Waste budget being up \$15,000 page 20 and why the Solid Waste District on page 21 was zeroed out. The Solid Waste District line item is your tipping fees. The Casella invoices were coming in with all fees combined. We rolled the \$18,000 back into Refuse/Non-Recycle, Recyclables, and Construction Demolition. It was streamlined. The Transfer Station Permit will be staying at the \$25.00. Mary Sue Reed asked about the Employee Benefits on page 21 as there is an increase in the budget. Paul Donaldson stated that this section was for all employees not just Solid Waste. Mary Sue Reed also asked about the Grant Match under the Others section on page 21 for \$6,000. Paul Donaldson stated almost on a yearly basis we are applying for at least one grant and requires a match. Historically, it has been, where are we going to get the money for the match. Some of the Grants you apply for want you to show where you have budgeted for the match. It was also recommended by the Auditor. Mary Sue Reed asked if there were any ARPA Funds being used in the budget. Paul Donaldson stated no.

Article 4 Shall the Town Highway District adopt a Highway Fund Budget of \$946,575, less surplus if any, and authorize the Selectboard to set a tax rate sufficient to raise the specific amounts voted for the Fiscal Year 2022/2023?

Paul Donaldson stated the budget increased about 9.46% due to the cost of materials, equipment replacement fund, and bridge replacement fund, paving, property and health insurance, and wages.

Mary Sue Reed asked about the Employee Benefits Social Security section on page 22 as there was not an increase their due to the wage increases. Paul Donaldson stated we looked at those numbers and we were budgeting over the last couple of years budgeting higher than needed to. So we felt that number was already there and could leave that number and increase other items that we knew were increasing.

Article 5 Shall the Town provide limited authority to the Selectboard to explore the possibility of entering into a tax stabilization agreement with Regenerative Land Holdings, LLC to promote the redevelopment of the property that formerly served as the campus of Green Mountain College, which agreement shall be effective upon ratification by a majority of those present and voting at an annual or special meeting warned for that purpose pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 2741 (b)(2)?

Leo Gibson spoke regarding this petition Regenerative Land Holdings submitted for consideration by the voters. This is not going to be a giveaway on taxes. We will be paying at least 5 times more than Green Mountain College paid. With the development of the property, the assessed value will skyrocket. We are not asking for a particular deal as this point either. What

we are asking for is that the Selectboard be given the authority to at least negotiate a deal and then go back to the Town for a vote of ratification.

Sheryl Porrier stated that she had received several calls from people after the last meeting that were concerned about does it come back to the Town Voters and I wanted to assure people that it does. It gives permission for the Selectboard to vote in good faith to do it but ultimately back to the people of Poultney. You decide if we did a good job or not. You have the final say. The other question that people asked was, are we doing it all on our own or are people helping us. It is not just us up here as we have a whole support team that helps us.

Sarah Pelkey stated she is the part time Economic Development Coordinator for the Town of Poultney and also part time on the Rutland Regional Planning Commission. I just wanted to let everyone know that it isn't just the Selectboard that would be making an agreement. There is a whole team that comes to the negotiation table. There is a Regional Development Corporation here in Rutland along with the Planning Commission has been supportive of some of the early investigations around the campus and proposals for redevelopment. There is a team of lawyers and the State is helping with this.

Wilda White stated she had some concerns after attending the meeting that Regenerative Land Holdings put on. Mostly because what I heard was an idea and not really a plan. I didn't hear anything about market analysis or feasibility study. So, I am concerned about whether we do a vote for this tax stabilization what the Selectboard will be relying on to assess whether it is in the best interest of the Town to enter into this. Also, does it mean that you enter into this tax stabilization and they can do nothing and still have that tax stabilization or will there be some requirements of moving forward the project be imbedded in the agreement and if they don't move forward with it is there an end the agreement? My last concern was if you enter into this tax stabilization agreement and the project is successful, meaning that they can bring people to the Town, it seems it would increase some of the Towns cost. For example, I can image a traffic light being needed at the intersection where entering that campus. It seems like the projects taxes are kept. If they are not going to be participating in paying those additional costs that the project is generating. I want to know how this tax stabilization take a count for possible failure of the project, possible not moving forward, what happens if project becomes part of litigation because of falling out, what happens to the additional cost that the project generates that the tax stabilization not necessarily participating in .

Paul Donaldson stated all good questions. I think it is to early yet as Regenerative Land Holdings and the Selectboard haven't had any real in depth conversations of what forum this agreement or potential agreement would take. I have seen many different agreements that have milestones that need to be met to continue with the agreement and if those milestones are not met the agreement ceases. All great things and certainly the Selectboard if they do negotiate with Regenerative Land Holdings, they will have the support as Sarah said of different entities that have actual expertise in these types of things and have participated in these types of things to consider the items and more of the things you. I think it is important to know that the State Statue the longest the tax stabilization agreement could be is 10 years. Many towns do agreements with business for shorter periods of time. Those are all things that are going to be considered if the Selectboard gets the authority to negotiate something. Again it will come back to the voters to say yes that sounds good to me or maybe you didn't consider all the things that you and other people are thinking are important and go back to the drawing board. It is a process for sure.

Article 6 Shall the Town of Poultney require that the public be given an opportunity for remote attendance and participation in all meetings of the Poultney Selectboard, through a videoconferencing arrangement which allows for both audio and visual participation?

Jane Williams stated that she was one of the people that brought this petition about and all they we met other than maybe three said yes they would really love to view the Selectboard meeting online rather than try to squeeze into 9 seats in Town Hall. The whole process to it was to allow people to monitor or listen to for what the Town has for Selectboard meetings.

Wilda White asked is this going to cost money and do we have the capability for this.

Paul Donaldson stated good question. Yes it will cost money. I have talked to a couple of different entities that purchased equipment to do just this, including the Town of Proctor and the Rutland Regional Planning Commission. You are talking about \$5000 to \$7500 in computers and audio visual stuff, if you can find the equipment I am told. I am working on figuring all the details out.

Article 7 Shall the Town cease assessing and collecting taxes on personal property in the Town?

Wilda White asked how much do we collect.

Paul Donaldson stated we collect in this tax fiscal year \$15,068. The Lister's came to the Selectboard with this issue about accessing personal property taxes on business's located in town. It is hard to collect and monitor because you rely on self-reporting, some businesses report the same personal property tax for 15 years, and some never turn in the report. The Lister's are then ok do we just assess a number and tax them on that, are they even reporting it accurately, like do we need to go into every business to look at their computers, look at their desk, and look at their offices to look at what they use to run that business. I think we are one of not many towns.

Carol Bunce stated we are one of 46 towns that charge personal property tax out of a total of 321 municipalities.

Paul Donaldson stated there is a sense that is it anti-business as charging them to have equipment to run their business.

Pete Turunen asked if the tax was on inventory.

Paul Donaldson stated no it is only on equipment used for the business.

Article 8 Shall the voters of the Town of Poultney authorize cannabis retailers and integrated licensees in Town pursuant to 7 V.S.A. § 863?

Mary Sue Reed asked if could explain what an integrated license is?

Paul Donaldson stated it means a person licensed by the Cannabis Control Board to engage in the activities of a cultivator, wholesaler, product manufacturer, retailer, and testing laboratory in accordance with the Cannabis Control Board Statute.

Jane Williams asked if the Town benefits from the sale or is it only the State that receives that money as a tax.

Paul Donaldson stated the Town would have to vote on a 1% Option Tax. This would be on everything.

Paul Donaldson also stated the reason why it is on the ballot is because the Law says that it is not up to the Selectboard and Zoning Administrator. It is up to the voters to allow a retailer or integrator licensee to operate in the Town. We warned as both not separate for retailers and integrated licensees. If you vote it in, you get all or nothing.

Article 9 Shall the voters of the Town of Poultney authorize the Selectboard to appoint a committee to study the feasibility of a merger between the Town of Poultney and the Village of Poultney dependent upon the Village of Poultney placing a similar feasibility study on the Village Ballot in May, 2022, and both Articles passing in both elections?

Wilda White asked how this came to be on the Ballot.

Paul Donaldson stated this was on the Selectboards own initiative.

Wilda White asked what is the rational.

Paul Donaldson stated the rational was there is a Town of Poultney Government and Highway Department and a Village of Poultney Government and Highway Department. I think the Selectboard felt maybe if both Governments agree and voters agree in each Municipality maybe we should do a feasibility study to see if it makes sense to combine our resources and see if fiscally better to have one Town Highway Department and one Town Government.

There were several people that made statements.

Paul Donaldson introduced Representative Patricia McCoy.

Patricia McCoy stated she would be at the polls tomorrow if anyone wants to stop by to discuss any items. Pattie talked about the Thrall Road and Route 31 Bridges and what the State Transportation plan is at this time. She also went over the Reapportionment that State went through due to the 2020 Census along with how it affected Rutland County's numbers. The Transportation Committee is working on a scope study for FY-23 to the Bath House and Camper Bath House at Lake St. Catherine State Park.

Paul Donaldson recessed the meeting at 8:25 pm until the polls open tomorrow morning at 10:00 am at the Fire Department for voting.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Betsy J. Wescott, Town Clerk

**RESULTS OF TOWN MEETING
MARCH 2, 2021**

Moderator	-----
Grand Juror	-----
Selectman – Three Year Term	George D. Miller, Jr.
Selectman – One Year Term	Carol A. Bunce
Selectman – One Year Term	Sheryl A. Porrier
Town Agent – One Year Term	-----
Lister – Three Year Term	-----
Library Trustee – 5 Year Term	Jean T. Roberts
Quarry Valley Unified Union School Director – Three Year Term	Seth A. Howard
Quarry Valley Unified Union School Director – Three Year Term	Kristen Ann Ross
Question 2 – Independent Auditor’s Report	Yes 280 No 19 Passed
Question 3 – General Fund Budget	Yes 237 No 68 Passed
Question 4 – Highway Budget	Yes 169 No 39 Passed

Quarry Valley Unified Union School District Voting

Article #4 – Quarry Valley Unified Union School Budget	Yes 512 No 254 Passed
Article #5 –Athletic/EC Reserve Fund	Yes 483 No 285 Passed
Article #6 –Transfer Surplus Funds	Yes 533 No 237 Passed

ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS

OFFICE	NAME	TERM (YEARS)	TERM EXPIRES TOWN MEETING DAY
MODERATOR	Vacant	1	2023
LIBRARY TRUSTEES	Jean S. Davis	5	2027
	D. Bruce Williams	5	2023
	Ennis Duling	5	2024
	Nancy Luzer	5	2025
	Emily Sosnoff	5	2026
LISTERS	Mary Jo Teetor	3	2023
	Vacant	3	2024
	Vacant	3	2025
SELECTBOARD	Jeffrey King	3	2023
	Terry Williams	3	2025
	Richard LaPierre	3	2024
	Carol A. Bunce	1	2023
	Sheryl A. Porrier	1	2023
TOWN CLERK	Betsy J. Wescott	3	2023
TOWN TREASURER	Betsy J. Wescott	3	2023
UNION SCHOOL DIRECTORS	Nathan Slentz	3	2023
	Katharine McWaters	3	2024
	Kristen Ann Ross	3	2024
	Rebecca Gardner	3	2025

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS

OFFICE	NAME	TERM EXPIRES TOWN MEETING DAY
CONSTABLE	Dale Kerber	2023
DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD (2 Year Appointment)	Mark Teetor, Chair	2024
	Jaime Lee	2024
	Benjamin Thirkield	2024
DOG WARDEN	Paul Donaldson	2023
	Mark Stackpole	2023
FENCE VIEWER	Vacant	2023
FIRE WARDEN	Nathan Bourn	6/2024
FOURTH OF JULY DIRECTOR	Jonas Rosenthal	2023
LUMBER INSPECTOR	Vacant	2023
PLANNING COMMISSIONERS	Jaime Lee, Chair	2023
	Mark Teetor	2023
	Neal C. Vreeland	2023
	Douglas Langdon	2023
	Mary Sue Reed	2023
RECREATION DIRECTORS	Sheryl Porrier/Jonas Rosenthal	2023
RCSWD REPRESENTATIVE	Town Manager	2023
RUTLAND REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSIONER	Terry Williams	2023
	Jeff King, Alternate	2023
RUTLAND REGION TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL	Terry Williams	2023
	Paul Donaldson, Alternate	2023
TAX COLLECTOR	Town Manager	2023
TOWN ENERGY COORDINATOR	Town Manager	2023
TOWN SERVICES OFFICER	Town Manager	2023
TREE WARDEN	Stephens Handfield	2023
TOWN HEALTH OFFICER	Paul Donaldson	06/2024
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR	Town Manager	2023
OTTER CREEK COMMUNICATIONS UNION DISTRICT	Mark Teetor	2023

TOWN EMPLOYEES

POSITION	NAME
ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK	Carol Bunce
BOOKKEEPER/SECRETARY	Neisja Crawford
MANAGER	Paul A. Donaldson
ROAD FOREMAN	Joel Roberts
ROAD CREW	Richard Ferguson, Jr Kevin Ferguson Gary Mead
TRANSFER STATION CREW	Dan Willaims Ronald McLaughlin Thomas McLaughlin

**Town of Poultney
Employee Wage Report
Fiscal Year 2021-2022**

Name	Wage	Insurance Premiums	Position
Bunce, Carol	\$ 33,816.91	\$ 5,929.40	Assistant Town Clerk/Elections
Cook, Rebecca	\$ 42,120.00	\$ 18,395.58	Librarian/Clerk
Crawford, Neisja	\$ 37,623.92	\$ 18,395.58	Bookkeeper/Secretary/Library
Donaldson, Paul A.	\$ 56,346.94	\$ 9,197.82	Town Manager
Ferguson, Richard	\$ 51,393.12	\$ 13,092.96	Highway & Transfer Station
Frappier, Erin	\$ 8,615.65		Library Assistant
Gray, Bonnie	\$ 5,096.25		Lister
Kasuba, Susan	\$ 2,293.68		Office Assistance
Kelley, Ronald	\$ 62,190.06	\$ 10,739.58	Road Foreman
Kerber, Dale	\$ 33,057.50		Constable/Public Safety Grants
Lenihan, Jean	\$ 429.95		Office Assistance
Letendrea, Denise	\$ 14,633.37		Library Assistant
Mayhew, Bradley	\$ 45,828.00	\$ 6,546.48	Highway Crew
McLaughlin, Richard	\$ 6,751.20	\$ 2,272.00	Transfer Station
McLaughlin, Ronald	\$ 17,570.11	\$ 4,983.84	Part-Time Transfer Station
McLaughlin, Thomas	\$ 6,218.53		Part-Time Transfer Station
Paquette, Racheal	\$ 26,235.75		Library Assistant
Pelkey, Sarah	\$ 23,926.50		Economic Development Coordinator
Porrier, Sheryl	\$ 6,240.00		Recreation Commission
Robert, Joel	\$ 43,474.50	\$ 18,395.58	Highway Crew
Teetor, Mary Jo	\$ 10,759.62		Lister
Wescott, Betsy	\$ 43,000.10	\$ 13,092.96	Town Clerk/Treasurer
White, Walter	\$ 119.88		Part-Time Transfer Station
Williams, Thomas D.	\$ 21,754.00		Part-Time Transfer Station

Health Reimbursement Agreement (HRA) costs: 44,190.48

The following Auditor statements and schedules have been excerpted from the 2022 financial audit conducted by Batchelder Associates, PC, a complete copy of which is available for inspection at the Town Manager's Office.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Trustees
Town of Poultney
Poultney, Vermont

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Poultney, Vermont as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town of Poultney, Vermont's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Poultney, Vermont, as of June 30, 2022, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP).

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Town of Poultney, Vermont, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Town of Poultney, Vermont's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve(12) months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financials.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Poultney's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.

- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Town of Poultney's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

Required Supplementary Information

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

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Poultney's basic financial statements. The combining and individual non-major fund financial statements are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). In our opinion, the combining and individual non-major fund financial statements are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information included in the annual report. The other information comprises the introductory and statistical sections but does not include the basic financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinions on the basic financial statements do not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon.

In connection with our audit of the basic financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the basic financial statements, or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

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

EXHIBIT A

	Governmental Activities	Total
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,009,924	\$ 2,009,924
Receivables (net of allowance for uncollectible accounts)		
Grants receivable	148,441	148,441
Taxes receivable	471,368	471,368
Village receivables	12,181	12,181
Pepaid expenses	3,750	3,750
Capital assets (net of accumulated depreciation)		
Land	15,000	15,000
Building and building improvements	1,406,491	1,406,491
Vehicles and equipment	953,046	953,046
Infrastructure	1,194,922	1,194,922
Total Assets	6,215,123	6,215,123
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Deferred outflows of resources related to the Town's participation in VMERS	95,591	95,591
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	95,591	95,591
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	134,424	134,424
Accrued expenses	70,293	70,293
Due within one year	41,886	41,886
Non-current obligations		
Pension liability	176,779	176,779
Due in more than one year	314,975	314,975
Total Liabilities	738,357	738,357
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Deferred inflows of resources related to the Town's participation in VMERS	113,065	113,065
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	113,065	113,065
NET POSITION		
Net investment in capital assets	3,212,598	3,212,598
Nonspendable	3,750	3,750
Restricted	-	-
Committed	1,169,694	1,169,694
Assigned	547,504	547,504
Unrestricted	525,736	525,736
Total Net Position	\$ 5,459,282	\$ 5,459,282

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

EXHIBIT C

	General Funds	Highway Fund	Safety Vehicle Fund	Library Renovation Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS						
Cash and equivalents	1,274,709	\$ -	\$ 486,073	\$ -	\$ 249,142	\$ 2,009,924
Receivables (net of allowance)						
Property taxes, interest and penalty receivable	471,368	-	-	-	-	471,368
Grant receivable	-	-	-	-	148,441	148,441
Village receivables	12,181	-	-	-	-	12,181
Prepaid Expenses	3,750	-	-	-	-	3,750
Due from other funds	1,008	413,277	-	290,194	448,281	1,152,760
Total Assets	1,763,016	413,277	486,073	290,194	845,864	\$ 3,798,424
LIABILITIES						
Accounts payable	\$ 134,424	-	-	-	-	\$ 134,424
Accrued expenses	37,171	17,580	-	2,271	12,346	69,368
Due to other funds	1,015,191	-	-	-	137,568	1,152,760
Total Liabilities	1,186,786	17,580	-	2,271	149,914	1,356,552
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES						
Unavailable receivables	-	-	-	-	148,441	148,441
Unavailable property taxes	380,227	-	-	-	-	380,227
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	380,227	-	-	-	148,441	528,668
FUND BALANCES						
Nonspendable	3,750	-	-	-	-	3,750
Restricted	-	-	-	-	-	-
Committed	-	395,697	486,073	287,923	-	1,169,694
Assigned	-	-	-	-	547,508	547,508
Unassigned	192,253	-	-	-	-	192,253
Total Fund Balances	196,003	395,697	486,073	287,923	547,508	1,913,204
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$ 1,763,016	\$ 413,277	\$ 486,073	\$ 290,194	\$ 845,864	

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

Capital assets used in Governmental Activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds	3,569,459
Other assets are not available to pay for current period expenditures, and, therefore, are not reported in the funds	380,227
Long-term and accrued liabilities, including notes payable, net pension liability and accrued vacation are not due or payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds	(534,575)
Deferred outflows and inflows of resources relating to the Town's participation in VMERS are applicable to future periods and, therefore, are not reported in the funds	130,967
Net position of Governmental Activities	\$ 5,459,282

TOWN OF POULTNEY, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2022

EXHIBIT C

	General Funds	Highway Fund	Safety Vehicle Fund	Library Renovation Fund	Other Funds	Total Funds
REVENUES						
Taxes	\$ 1,143,865	\$ 804,746	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 134,200	\$ 2,082,811
Tax penalties and interest	63,718	-	-	-	-	63,718
Fees, licenses and permits	4,973	215	-	-	-	5,188
Intergovernmental revenues	73,900	137,396	-	500	649,168	860,963
Charges for current services	167,455	-	-	3,059	14,650	185,163
Interest	144	-	39	-	32	215
Other revenues	41,412	10,954	4,400	-	11,399	68,165
Total Revenues	<u>1,495,467</u>	<u>953,311</u>	<u>4,439</u>	<u>3,559</u>	<u>809,448</u>	<u>3,266,223</u>
EXPENDITURES						
General government	566,218	-	-	-	38,508	604,726
Public safety	223,349	-	1,500	-	55,636	280,485
Public works	256,614	726,202	-	-	47,496	1,030,312
Conservation and development	90,008	-	-	167,650	-	257,657
Cemetery	15,908	-	-	-	-	15,908
Cultural & recreation	42,500	-	-	500	47,884	90,884
Debt service expenditures						
Principal and lease payments	27,675	-	-	-	16,371	44,047
Interest	12,423	-	-	-	1,847	14,270
Capital expenditures						
General government	2,800	-	-	-	39,435	42,235
Public works	-	76,341	-	-	398,510	474,851
Public safety	-	-	7,422	-	136,333	143,755
Total Expenditures	<u>1,237,495</u>	<u>802,543</u>	<u>8,922</u>	<u>168,150</u>	<u>782,019</u>	<u>2,999,129</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>257,972</u>	<u>150,767</u>	<u>(4,483)</u>	<u>(164,591)</u>	<u>27,429</u>	<u>267,094</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)						
Loan proceeds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers in	107,900	-	103,500	167,937	-	379,337
Transfers out	(379,337)	-	-	-	-	(379,337)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>(271,437)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>103,500</u>	<u>167,937</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net change in fund balances	<u>(13,465)</u>	<u>150,767</u>	<u>99,017</u>	<u>3,346</u>	<u>27,429</u>	<u>267,094</u>
Fund balances, June 30, 2021	<u>209,468</u>	<u>244,930</u>	<u>387,056</u>	<u>284,577</u>	<u>520,078</u>	<u>1,646,109</u>
Fund balances, June 30, 2022	<u>\$ 196,003</u>	<u>\$ 395,697</u>	<u>\$ 486,073</u>	<u>\$ 287,923</u>	<u>\$ 547,508</u>	<u>\$ 1,913,204</u>

TOWN OF POULTNEY, VERMONT
 RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS STATEMENT OF
 REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE OF
 GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
 JUNE 30, 2022

EXHIBIT E

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

Net change in fund balance - total government funds (Exhibit D).	<u>\$ 267,094</u>
Government funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays exceeded depreciation in the current period.	428,847
Accrued compensation and expenses is not reflected in the government funds.	(925)
Government funds report note proceeds and repayment as revenue and expenditures, respectively. The statement of activities does not reflect these as current inflows and outflows, but shows on the statement of net position.	44,047
Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds.	240,455
Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in government funds.	<u>(12,600)</u>
Change in net assets of governmental activities (Exhibit B).	<u><u>\$ 966,918</u></u>

TOWN OF POULTNEY, VERMONT
 SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND
 CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
 JUNE 30, 2022

SCHEDULE 3

	Original and Final Budgeted Amounts	Actual Amounts	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUES			
Taxes	\$ 1,376,190	\$ 1,143,865	\$ (232,325)
Taxes penalties and interest	-	63,718	63,718
Fees and licenses	-	4,973	4,973
Intergovernmental revenues	-	73,900	73,900
Charges for current services	-	167,455	167,455
Interest	-	144	144
Other revenues	-	41,412	41,412
	<u>1,376,190</u>	<u>1,495,467</u>	<u>119,277</u>
EXPENDITURES			
General government	508,337	566,218	(57,881)
Public safety	344,825	223,349	121,476
Public works	213,018	256,614	(43,596)
Cemetery	8,800	15,908	(7,108)
Conservation and development	49,573	90,008	(40,435)
Cultural and recreation	251,637	42,500	209,137
Debt service expenditures:			
Principal and lease payments	-	27,675	(27,675)
Interest	-	12,423	(12,423)
Capital expenditures:			
General government	-	2,800	(2,800)
Public works	-	-	-
Public safety	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	<u>1,376,190</u>	<u>1,237,495</u>	<u>138,695</u>
Excess(deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	<u>-</u>	<u>257,972</u>	<u>257,972</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Note proceeds	-	-	-
Transfers in	-	107,900	107,900
Transfer out	-	(379,337)	(379,337)
Total Other Financing Sources (uses)	<u>-</u>	<u>(271,437)</u>	<u>(271,437)</u>
Net change in fund balances	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (13,465)</u>	<u>\$ (13,465)</u>

TOWN OF POULTNEY, VERMONT
 SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND
 CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - HIGHWAY FUND
 JUNE 30, 2022

SCHEDULE 4

	<u>Original and Final Budgeted Amounts</u>	<u>Actual Amounts</u>	<u>Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)</u>
REVENUES			
Taxes	\$ 864,746	\$ 804,746	\$ (60,000)
Intergovernmental revenues	-	137,396	137,396
Other revenues	-	11,169	11,169
	<u>864,746</u>	<u>953,311</u>	<u>88,565</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Public works			
Roads	318,000	274,805	43,195
Equipment	125,000	173,121	(48,121)
Garage & other	31,335	28,826	2,509
Road crew	390,411	325,791	64,620
	<u>864,746</u>	<u>802,543</u>	<u>62,203</u>
Excess(deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	<u>-</u>	<u>150,767</u>	<u>150,767</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers in	-	-	-
Transfer out	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Other Financing Sources (uses)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net change in fund balances	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 150,767</u>	<u>\$ 150,767</u>

Tax Rate
Fiscal Year 2021 - 2022
(July 01, 2021 - June 30, 2022)

	<u>Homestead</u>	<u>Non-Homestead</u>
General Fund	0.3685	0.3685
Local Agreement	0.0036	0.0036
Highway Fund	0.3134	0.3134
School District (total)	1.4807	1.6533
Town Tax Rate	2.1662	2.3388
Village Tax Rate	1.8528	2.0254

Taxes to be Raised

General Fund	\$ 1,292,514
Highway Fund	\$ 864,746
School District	\$ 5,370,221

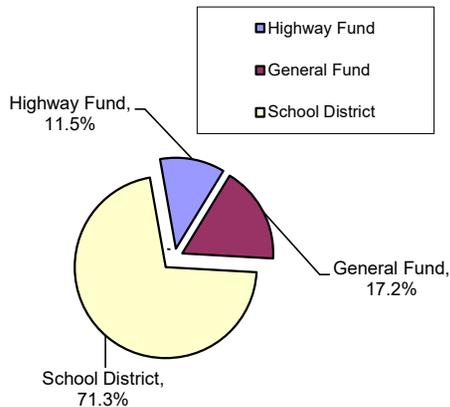
Total Taxes to be Raised \$ 7,527,480

Grand List

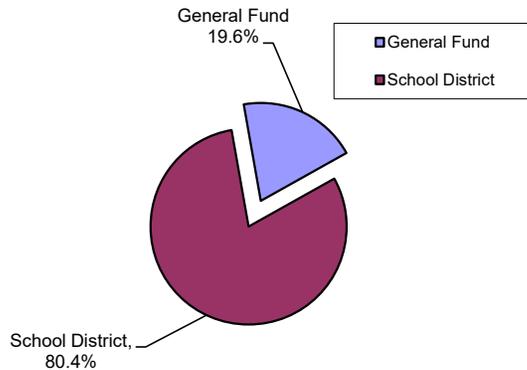
Village	\$ 68,255,591
Town Highway	\$ 278,999,209
Total Municipal Grand List	\$347,254,800
Homestead Education Grand List	\$ 137,103,600
Non-Residential Education Grand List	\$ 210,151,200

Property Taxes
Where it Goes...

Town Properties



Village Properties



General Government Proposed Budget

ACCOUNT	2021-22 Budget	2021-22 Expended	2022-2023 Budget	2023-24 Proposed
SELECTMEN				
Salaries	1,500	1,500	3,000	3,000
Mtngs, Travel & Training	0	0	500	500
Supplies		339		
TOTALS	1,500	1,839	3,500	3,500
TOWN MANAGER				
Salary (70%)	39,443	39,443	43,293	47,655
Communications (70%)	294	294	840	840
Auto Allowance (70%)	980	980	1,260	1,260
Dues, Subs & Mtngs.	392	745	455	455
TOTALS	41,109	41,461	45,848	50,210
ELECTIONS				
Salaries	2,200	687	2,300	2,300
Supplies/Ballots	1,200	1,043	1,400	1,400
Ballot Machine	2,500	637	2,500	2,500
TOTALS	5,900	2,367	6,200	6,200
BOOKKEEPING				
Salary (70%)	25,497	26,697	26,772	29,688
Part-Time (70%)	1,800	2,724	5,400	5,778
Supplies	500	2,292	1,000	1,000
IT	800	0	1,300	1,300
TOTALS	28,597	31,712	34,472	37,766
LEGAL SERVICES				
	12,000	23,866	17,000	17,000
Economic Development	26,000	23,963	26,000	58,240
TAX LISTING				
Salaries	22,000	15,856	22,800	25,600
Training	350	100	300	300
Contract Services	2,100	1,775	2,100	2,600
Reappraisal / BCA Services	650	420	600	600
Equipment	300	3,035	500	500
Supplies	500	939	500	500
Mtngs. & Travel	500	0	500	500
Communications	500	681	600	600
Advertising	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	26,900	22,807	27,900	31,200
TAX COLLECTING				
Tax Billing/Advertising	100	954	600	600
Printing	800	0	800	800
TOTALS	900	954	1,400	1,400
AUDITING				
Salaries	9,500	9,715	9,500	9,500
Town Report	3,800	2,147	3,200	2,600
TOTALS	13,300	11,862	12,700	12,100
CLERK/TREASURER				

General Government Proposed Budget

ACCOUNT	2021-22 Budget	2021-22 Expended	2022-2023 Budget	2023-24 Proposed
Salary	43,000	43,000	43,000	46,898
Assistant	33,813	33,817	34,500	36,183
Supplies	2,500	2,309	2,500	2,500
Telephone	1,300	1,117	1,600	1,600
Advertising			0	400
Records Preservation/Disposal	2,500	1,958	2,500	2,800
Mtngs., Travel, Training	2,000	1,580	2,000	2,000
Records Computerization	4,260	4,260	4,260	4,260
Subscriptions & Dues	100	176	150	150
Town Clerk Bank Fees			0	150
Computer Equipment	0	0	1,000	1,000
TOTALS	89,473	88,215	91,510	97,940
PLANNING & ZONING				
Zoning Admin.	0	0	13,000	0
Office Supplies	111	119	200	200
Advertising	650	0	650	650
Printing	400		400	400
Mapping	1,200	7,425	5,475	5,475
CEDR	500	0	500	500
Rut. Reg. Com/Dues	975	975	975	1,000
TOTALS	3,836	8,519	21,200	8,225
TOWN OFFICE				
Supplies	3,500	921	3,500	3,500
Photocopy Supplies	500	0	500	500
Copier Service	2,500	2,032	2,500	2,500
Computer Supplies	875	182	875	875
Telephone	1,775	1,773	1,775	1,775
Advertising	1,600	3,506	1,600	1,600
Postage	6,100	5,797	6,100	6,100
Subs & Meetings	450	1,292	450	450
VLCT/Dues	5,350	5,350	5,350	5,350
NEMRC / Services	800	207	800	800
NEMRC / Contract	5,000	5,756	5,000	5,000
Equip. Maintenance	500	60	500	500
Equip. Purchases	700	1,110	700	700
Town Website and software	700	0	700	4,900
TOTALS	30,350	27,986	30,350	34,550
TOWN HALL				
Custodial Service	1,600	1,470	1,600	1,600
Cleaning Supplies	0	46	0	0
Cleaning Equipment	0	0	0	0
Repairs & Maint.	4,000	3,717	4,000	4,000
Util/Electricity	3,500	3,735	3,500	3,500
Water & Sewer	520	436	520	520
Utility/Fuel	2,500	2,270	2,500	2,500
TOTALS	12,120	11,674	12,120	12,120
PUBLIC SAFETY				
Contract Services / Police	78,000	68,726	80,340	80,340
Highway Safety Grant	10,043	10,043	0	0
Public Safety Grant	19,478	19,478	0	0

General Government Proposed Budget

ACCOUNT	2021-22 Budget	2021-22 Expended	2022-2023 Budget	2023-24 Proposed
Constable Salary	7,000	2,800	7,000	7,000
Constable Travel	500	2,170	500	500
Constable Supplies	500	2,343	500	500
Constable Communications	1,500	718	1,500	1,500
Cruiser Sinking Fund	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500
Cruiser Maintenance	2,250	1,689	2,250	2,250
Constable Training	500	0	500	500
Fire Department	107,900	107,900	113,250	120,800
Fire Truck Payment	0	18,070	18,000	18,000
Fire Equip Fund	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
TOTALS	331,170	337,436	327,340	334,890

HEALTH & WELFARE

Visiting Nurse	6,728	6,728	6,728	6,728
Mental Health	3,654	3,654	3,654	3,654
Nutrition	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
ARC - Rutland Area	1,300	1,300	1,300	1,300
Young At Heart	26,500	26,500	26,500	26,500
RSVP	405	405	405	405
New Story fka Battered Womer	500	500	500	500
Center Indep. Living	420	420	420	420
Vt Assc Blind & Vis	525	525	525	525
Public Health	300	0	300	300
Dog Warden Salary	0	0	0	0
Dog Warden Supplies	0	0	0	0
Dog Warden Storage	100	0	100	100
Dog Warden Travel	0	0	0	0
Humane Society	625	625	625	625
Rut Co Parent/Child	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
Ben Rut Op Co (BROC)	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Neighbor Works	500	500	500	500
Rut Area Hospice	0	300	0	0
Rut Adult Basic Ed	1,300	1,300	1,300	1,300
Red Cross	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Green Up Vermont	0	1,203	1,600	1,600
Regional Ambulance	1,716	1,716	1,716	1,716
Chamber and Economic Develop.		500		3,020
TOTALS	49,573	51,176	51,173	54,193

SOLID WASTE

Refuse/Non-Recycle	94,656	109,622	98,000	100,000
Recyclables	22,500	14,585	28,500	28,500
Util/Electricity	1,725	2,011	1,725	1,725
Station Operator	20,500	22,744	20,500	6,500
Assistant Operator	18,273	17,570	18,273	20,800
Supervisor	18,720		18,720	28,600
Temp Assistant Operator	6,800	13,497	6,800	8,000
Equipment Rental	3,900	6,739	3,900	3,900
Telephone	400	524	400	400
Compost	4,200	7,337	5,600	5,600
Construction Demolition	25,935	17,204	2,500	2,500
Repairs & Maint.	3,500	4,458	3,500	3,500
Portable Toilet	0	1,530	1,600	1,600

General Government Proposed Budget

ACCOUNT	2021-22 Budget	2021-22 Expended	2022-2023 Budget	2023-24 Proposed
TOTALS	221,109	217,820	210,018	211,625
SOLID WASTE DISTRICT	18,000	18,000	0	0
CEMETERY MAINTENANCE	8,800	13,258	8,800	8,800
CULTURE & REC				
Little League	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
Poultney Band	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
July 4th Activities	6,500	6,500	6,500	6,500
Recreation	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
Memorial Day	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Lake St. Catherine	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
TOTALS	42,500	42,500	42,500	42,500
LIBRARY				
Subsidy	167,937	167,937	175,937	187,664
Library Loan Payment	20,000	19,096	20,000	20,000
Maintenance & Repairs	1,500	3,255	1,500	1,500
Utility/Fuel Oil	3,500	3,990	3,500	4,000
Water & Sewer	600	444	600	600
TOTALS	193,537	194,723	201,537	213,764
CONSERV. & DEVELOP				
Forest Fires	400	0	400	400
Poul - Mettowiee Con Dst	750	750	750	750
Tree Warden	200	200	200	200
TOTALS	1,350	950	1,350	1,350
EMPLOYEES BENEFITS				
Retirement	25,000	12,195	25,000	25,000
Workmen's Comp.	9,600	10,238	9,900	10,100
Unemploy Insurance	500	537	500	500
Social Security	18,500	23,846	24,000	25,000
Health & Life Ins.	96,350	72,907	96,350	79,050
Health Reimbursement Account				24,500
Uniforms	1,300	2,927	1,300	1,300
TOTALS	151,250	122,651	157,050	165,450
OTHERS				
Prop-Liab Insurance	16,300	17,445	17,000	18,500
Pol Insurance Bond	7,752	7,130	7,000	7,400
Grant Match	0	0	6,000	6,000
County Tax	27,500	23,251	27,500	29,500
Sr Citizen Bldg Loan	3,100	2,932	3,100	3,100
Public Transportation	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
Bldg.-Equip. Fund	4,200	4,200	4,200	4,200
Rescue Squad	34,320	34,320	42,280	42,280
Poultney Historical Society	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500
Downtown Revitalization	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Stonebridge Inn				5,000
Miscellaneous	4,000	2,998	4,000	4,000
TOTALS	113,672	108,776	127,580	136,480
GRAND TOTALS	\$ 1,396,946	\$ 1,380,550	\$ 1,457,548	\$ 1,539,503

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT PROPOSED BUDGET

	FY 21-22 Budget	FY 21-22 Expended	FY 22-23 Budget	FY 23-24 Proposed
HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION				
Foreman	52,562	53,863	56,721	58,240
Laborer	43,472	43,472	48,672	56,160
Laborer	37,440	38,700	41,600	45,760
Laborer	37,440	37,440	41,600	45,760
Overtime	21,000	26,780	25,000	30,000
Part-Time	18,720	0	18,720	20,800
Town Manager (30%)	16,904	16,904	18,554	20,424
Communications (30%)	126	126	360	360
Auto Allowance (30%)	420	420	540	540
Dues,. Subs & Mtngs. (30%)	150	168	195	195
Bookkeeper (30%)	10,927	10,927	11,473	12,723
TOTALS	239,161	228,801	263,435	290,962
SUMMER CONSTRUCTION				
Operating Supp/Chloride	15,000	11,237	15,000	16,000
Patching	1,500	610	1,500	1,500
Culverts	5,500	15,796	5,500	6,500
Resurface/Gravel	38,000	17,990	38,000	38,000
Repaving	99,000	77,122	105,000	112,000
Guardrails	1,500	0	1,500	1,500
Reconstruction	20,500	20,501	20,500	24,000
Roadside Mowing	5,000	5,230	5,000	5,000
TOTALS	186,000	148,486	192,000	204,500
TRAFFIC CONTROL/SIGNS				
	1,000	881	1,000	1,000
TOTALS	1,000	881	1,000	1,000
WINTER MINTENANCE				
Winter Sand	35,000	26,960	40,000	40,000
Salt	41,000	39,358	41,000	46,000
Snow Removal Equipment	2,000	5,815	4,000	4,000
TOTALS	78,000	72,133	85,000	90,000
CONS & BRIDGE REPAIR				
	40,000	40,000	60,000	60,000
TOTALS	40,000	40,000	60,000	60,000
STREET LIGHTING				
	13,000	13,304	14,000	14,000
TOTALS	13,000	13,304	14,000	14,000
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS				
Retirement	13,500	12,680	14,500	15,225
Workers Compensation	13,000	16,795	17,790	18,250
Unemployment Ins	700	537	750	750
Social Security	18,250	14,476	18,250	22,200
Health & Life Ins	100,600	67,097	100,600	82,000
Health Reimbursement Account			0	25,500

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT PROPOSED BUDGET

	FY 21-22 Budget	FY 21-22 Expended	FY 22-23 Budget	FY 23-24 Proposed
Uniform Service	5,200	5,591	5,800	5,800
TOTALS	151,250	117,176	157,690	169,725
PLANT OPERATIONS				
Fuel Oil	0	0	0	0
Supplies / Equipment	900	2,363	900	1,500
Operating Supplies	0	1,011	0	0
Repair & Maint Supplies	2,250	2,584	3,250	3,250
Building Improvements	1,000	1,313	1,000	1,000
Maintenance and Repair	0	1,420	0	0
Environmental Complainece	0	1,925	0	0
Small Tools & Equip	200	4,831	1,000	1,000
Advertising	400	0	400	400
Communications	1,700	2,340	2,000	2,500
Electricity	2,200	2,731	2,600	2,800
Water & Sewer	600	711	600	750
TOTALS	9,250	21,229	11,750	13,200
VEHICLES & EQUIPMENT				
Operating Supplies	500	17,744	500	500
Gas & Oil	28,000	19,915	28,000	30,000
Repair & Maint Supplies	10,000	23,940	10,000	15,000
Equip Replace Fund	75,000	75,000	90,000	90,000
Repair & Maintenance	7,500	6,294	7,500	7,500
Equipment Purchase	500	0	500	500
Tires	3,500	3,530	3,500	4,000
TOTALS	125,000	146,423	140,000	147,500
OTHER				
Insurance Prop & Casualty	13,385	12,371	13,000	13,750
Sidewalks	0	0	0	0
Trees	2,500		2,500	2,500
MRGP Permit	3,100		3,100	3,100
Miscellaneous	3,100	1,838	3,100	3,100
Communications			0	3,600
TOTALS	22,085	14,209	21,700	26,050
GRAND TOTAL	864,746	802,642	946,575	1,016,937

Tax Rate
Fiscal Year 2022- 2023
(July 01, 2022 - June 30, 2023)

	<u>Homestead</u>	<u>Non-Homestead</u>
General Fund	0.4417	0.4417
Local Agreement	0.0031	0.0031
Highway Fund	0.3401	0.3401
School District (total)	1.3228	1.5284
Town Tax Rate	2.1077	2.3133
Village Tax Rate	1.7676	1.9732

Taxes to be Raised

General Fund	\$ 1,353,298
Highway Fund	\$ 946,575
School District	\$ 4,955,977

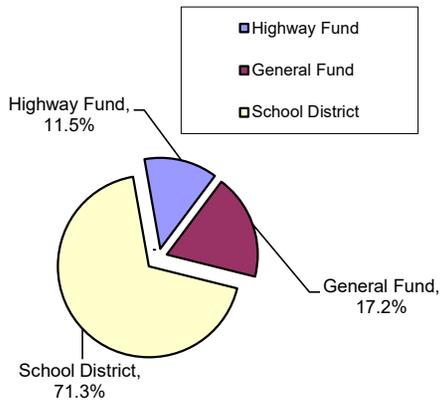
Total Taxes to be Raised \$ 7,255,850

Grand List

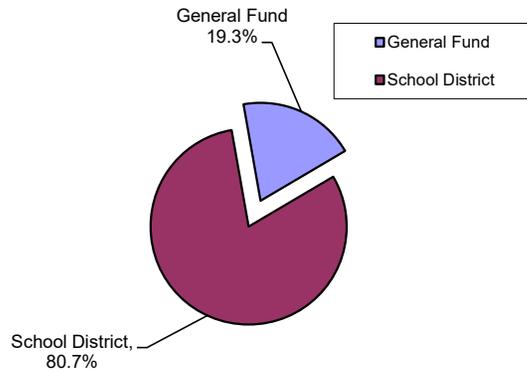
Village	\$ 66,582,700
Town Highway	\$ 278,307,351
Total Municipal Grand List	\$344,890,051
Homestead Education Grand List	\$ 134,938,103
Non-Residential Education Grand List	\$ 206,950,848

Property Taxes
Where it Goes...

Town Properties



Village Properties



**Estimated
Amount to be Raised by Taxes
July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024**

General Government	\$ 1,539,503
Highway Fund	\$ 1,016,937
School District – Local	Available June 30
Est. State Education Taxes	Available June 30
Estimated Total Taxes	<u>\$ 2,556,440</u>

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

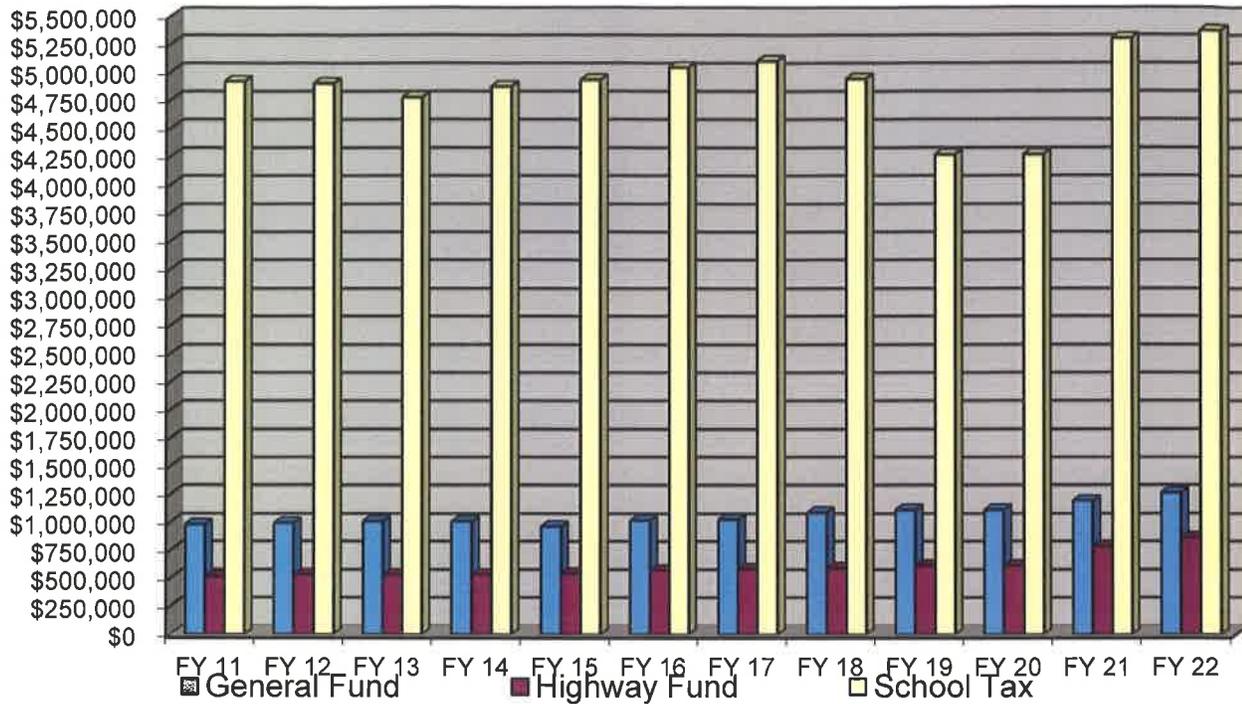
Taxes	\$1,435,253
Town Clerk Fees	24,000
Penalties	15,000
Delinquent Interest	19,500
Permits	6,500
Liquor Licenses	1,000
Dog Licenses	1,000
Miscellaneous	750
State Lands	17,000
Current Use	8,000
Fines	4,500
Interest	1,000
Recyclables	1,000
Trash Bags	5,000
Projected Total	<u>\$1,539,503</u>

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

Taxes	\$ 1,016,937
Projected Total	<u>\$ 1,016,937</u>

Property Tax Trends for FY 2011 - 2022

Amounts Raised By Taxes



Dollar Amounts Raised by Taxes

<u>Year</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Highway Fund</u>	<u>School District</u>
FY 11	\$979,967	\$517,159	\$4,917,061
FY 12	\$990,833	\$534,352	\$4,899,014
FY 13	\$1,008,444	\$534,324	\$4,773,881
FY 14	\$1,006,355	\$543,216	\$4,870,492
FY 15	\$961,290	\$546,742	\$4,928,779
FY 16	\$1,015,591	\$573,248	\$5,040,278
FY 17	\$1,022,039	\$585,760	\$5,100,452
FY 18	\$1,084,471	\$593,266	\$4,938,297
FY 19	\$1,109,455	\$614,752	\$4,938,297
FY 20	\$1,133,408	\$634,183	\$4,268,068
FY 21	\$1,190,029	\$786,954	\$5,299,663
FY 22	\$1,292,514	\$864,746	\$5,370,221

Percentage of Taxes Going Delinquent
Ending May 31, 2022

9.0%

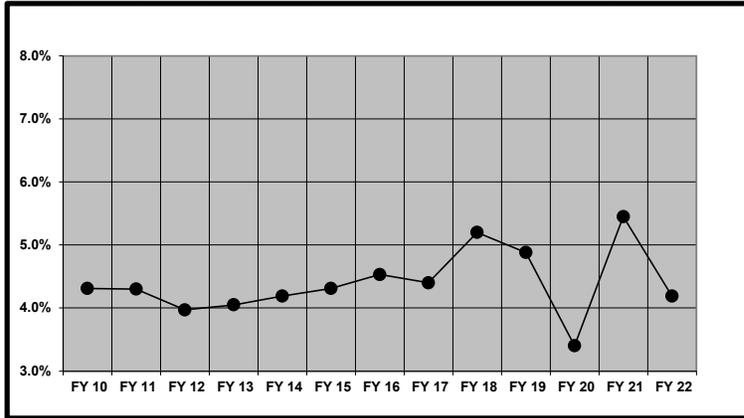


Table of Taxes Going Delinquent
Ending May 31st of the stated FY

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount of Delinquents</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
FY 03	\$ 222,137.54	4.86%
FY 04	\$ 258,412.85	5.65%
FY 05	\$ 272,469.40	5.55%
FY 06	\$ 248,797.95	5.06%
FY 07	\$ 263,185.20	4.90%
FY 08	\$ 219,133.80	3.83%
FY 09	\$ 263,545.59	4.09%
FY 10	\$ 276,542.12	4.31%
FY 11	\$ 275,539.64	4.30%
FY 12	\$ 255,294.52	3.97%
FY 13	\$ 256,018.75	4.05%
FY 14	\$ 268,640.87	4.19%
FY 15	\$ 277,516.71	4.31%
FY 16	\$ 300,289.23	4.53%
FY 17	\$ 295,364.75	4.40%
FY 18	\$ 344,587.30	5.20%
FY 19	\$ 322,593.83	4.88%
FY 20	\$ 248,749.31	3.40%
FY 21	\$ 398,678.56	5.45%
FY 22	\$ 315,203.96	4.19%

Delinquent Property Taxes
Ending May 31, 2022

Fiscal Year 2022

1999-2009	11,663.81
2009-2010	1,167.84
2010-2011	1,102.36
2011-2012	1,977.16
2012-2013	1,805.96
2013-2014	1,701.64
2014-2015	2,226.28
2015-2016	2,180.00
2016-2017	2,019.16
2017-2018	13,156.08
2018-2019	31,196.17
2019-2020	53,975.16
2020-2021	87,150.98

Taxes were due on May 31, 2022. Taxes became delinquent if not paid in full by that date.
On June 1, 2022 the following amounts were delinquent.

2021-2022	<u>343,573.49</u>
Grand Total	554,896.25

Our 2021/2022 fiscal year ended on 06/30/2022. Total delinquent taxes on 07/01/22 were \$473,632.81.
Delinquent property taxes as of February 1, 2023 are listed below (not including tax under \$100.00).

It is important to note that some properties have sold and ownership has transferred. These were the property owners of record when our Grand List was filed as required on 04/01/2022.

<u>Listed Owner</u>	<u>2017/2018</u>	<u>2018/2019</u>	<u>2019/2020</u>	<u>2020/2021</u>	<u>2021/2022</u>
163 Main Street Poultney Property LLC					4044.20
Ainsworth-Hurley Linda		4,218.40		2,941.20	2,585.73
Aubin Polydore Joseph & Sharon				907.05	1,639.28
Barber Katheryn				1,266.00	2,225.48
C/O Diminico James				2,264.90	
C/O Knipes Deryk					2,821.96
C/O Woodbury Melissa					1,892.60
Cannata Deborah Ann Trustee		4,319.56	4,078.16	3,738.04	3,325.72
Clement Andrew					814.76
Cooper Donald E		972.23	1,061.84	1,105.84	1,891.24
Czarnecki Michael					762.12
D & D Rental LLC	2,656.39	4,821.92	4,469.12	4,143.56	3,607.40
Daniels Frederick		3,944.52	3,724.48	3,455.24	3,037.52
Debrosia Shelia					1,235.10
Diminico James					2,000.15
Durum Theron				319.68	826.48
Fowler T James					3,986.60
Gardner Nicholas					1,358.38
Gardner Matthew					1,061.46
Godzik Thomas Jr					1,581.30
Grandview Industries					7,239.08

Delinquent Property Taxes
Ending May 31, 2022

Grant Janice			2,764.57		
Greene Anthony	363.95		2,600.36	2,377.20	2,071.60
Greene Marguerite	284.42		3,143.44	2,916.16	2,563.56
Guardala Salire Inc					2,491.28
Hayes Francis				480.06	562.64
Hayes Francis and Janet					3,067.36
Hayes Michelle				2,184.18	2,507.24
Hayes Rayeann					1,972.80
Hier William	309.68	280.40	264.68	246.20	216.12
Himes David & Gina					2,359.90
Howe Christopher					895.16
Howe Christopher					3,181.71
Humphrey Louise	1,167.31	1,058.64	998.52	927.16	814.84
Listed Owner	<u>2017/2018</u>	<u>2018/2019</u>	<u>2019/2020</u>	<u>2020/2021</u>	<u>2021/2022</u>
Hurley Linda	1,509.86				
Hyde Michael					556.92
Jurnak Ronald				2,426.52	2,825.48
Jurnak Ronald T				5,194.20	4,521.80
Kinney Sandra					1,739.94
Lignos John & Nancy					1,729.36
Locke Samuel					4,534.52
Losso Kevin					1,635.18
McIntyre Malcolm			2,301.27		
Millennium Slate					4,567.36
O'Connell Judy		3,144.93	4,044.40	3,751.92	3,298.12
Panzica Properties					1,352.44
Pitts Robert			2,750.72	2,550.52	2,220.12
Povey Gregory					2,700.56
Punderson Frank					881.32
R&C Realty LLC					158.28
R&C Realty LLC					13,203.88
Roberts Wray	365.36	330.76	312.80	290.24	255.04
Rudnicki Francis					5,823.68
Saltis David					1,920.64
Saltis Patrick					1,634.60
Saltis Patrick					5,845.08
Smith Mary				7,428.92	7,233.48
Stacey Jeremy					3,709.83
Stork Kaylee					579.20
Thomas Lee					405.75
Thorton Wayne Sr		70.15	140.28	92.04	1,275.16
Tourville Gary					1,305.66
Vanderminden C Family LTD Partnership				793.42	7,034.74
Walsh John		2,210.12	2,086.04	1,935.92	1,701.76
Walsh John D			1,603.84	1,488.24	1,308.16
Total Delinquent Taxes as of 02/01/2023	305,351.21				

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**Town of Poultney
Important Tax Information**

1. **Billing of Taxes:** Taxes are levied on both real and personal property as it exists in the owner of record on the Grand List dated April 1st prior to the fiscal year start date. The tax rate is calculated in July based on the Budgets as approved by the voters in the previous March and the Grand List total value. By law the tax bills are mailed to the April 1st owner of record at the address on file with the Lister's Office. All tax bills are mailed on or about the first week of August. Failure to receive a tax bill does not relieve the taxpayer of responsibility to pay the taxes when they become due nor does it exempt them from the loss of discount or the addition of penalties and interest as required by law. The Lister's Office and the Tax Office must be notified of any address change in writing. Mortgage companies must request each year, in writing, prior to the mailing of the tax bills, any tax bills that they may be escrowing funds on behalf of their mortgagees.
2. **Tax Due Date:** The Town of Poultney offers the option to pay real estate and personal property taxes in quarterly installments. Property owners choosing to take advantage of this option may take a 2% discount if paid prior to or on the quarterly due date. With the due dates being: September 15th, December 15th, March 15th and May 15th. **The final due date to pay taxes is May 31st.** Taxes not paid by the final due date will be charged an 8% penalty, interest of 1% for the first 3 months and 1 ½% per month thereafter. If the discount date or final due date falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, taxes may be paid on the following normal business day. Taxes being mailed must be postmarked prior to the actual due date. Payments made by check must have a current date (no post dated checks will be accepted), made payable to the Town of Poultney and be for the exact payment amount. Any overpayment amounts will be applied to the next quarter or if overpayment occurs at the end of the fiscal year, a refund will be made via check. No Cash Back on Any Payments! Receipts will be mailed if stamp is supplied along with request.
3. **Transfer of Property:** If any and all of a taxed property is sold, it is the Seller's responsibility to forward the tax bill to the new owner, and it is the new owner's responsibility to take note as to when the tax installments are due and payable.
4. **Questions:** Any questions regarding billed amounts, amounts due, payments made, policies regarding collection or due dates should be directed to the Town Manager's Office, 9 Main Street, Poultney, Vermont 05764. Or you may call 1-802-287-9751.

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Selectboard and Town Manager's Report

Budget

General Government:

The proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2024 (July 01, 2023 - June 30, 2024) is \$1,539,503. This represents an increase in the amount of \$81,955 (up 5.62%) from the current Fiscal Year 2023 budget approved by voters in March 2022. Some of those items reflecting adjustments include, among other adjustments, increases to allocations to the Poultney Volunteer Fire Department, Poultney Public Library, the conversion of a part-time employee (Economic Development) to a full-time position, employee health insurance, salaries, insurances and County Taxes.

Highway District:

The proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2024 (July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024) is \$1,016,937. This represents an increase in the amount of \$70,362 (up 7.43%) above the current Fiscal Year 2023 Budget. The proposed budget reflects an increase in the following line item budgets: paving, winter salt, gravel, culvert and gas and oil. The increase also reflects wage increases and property and health insurance costs.

Calendar Year 2022

Road Improvements:

- Applied approximately 882 yds. of crushed slate in various applications such as stone lining ditches and bank stabilization.
- Applied approximately 1,695 yds. of crushed gravel in numerous applications such as filling potholes, culvert replacements and adding surface gravel to roads.
- Culvert replacements as follows (all HD gray plastic):
 - 29' of 15" Finel Hollow Rd.
 - 40' of 24" Evergreen Rd.
 - 35' of 12" Evergreen Rd.
 - 35' of 15" Evergreen Rd.
 - 30' of 15" Morse Hollow Rd.
 - 30' of 18" Morse Hollow Rd.
 - 40' of 24" Morse Hollow Rd.
 - 25' of 24" Ames Hollow Rd.
 - 25' of 12" Ames Hollow Rd.
 - 25' of 15" Ames Hollow Rd.
 - 40' of 15" River St.
 - 20' of 15" Lewis Rd.
- Graded gravel roads at least once
- Applied 14,550 gals. of liquid chloride to gravel roads
- Applied 150 yds. of 1.5" stone to line ditches and bed culverts
- Added 225 yds. of fines to Lewis and Dayton Hill Rds.
- 94 cumulative hours of roadside mowing
- 2,910 yds. of winter sand in shed for storms
- cleared ROW of brush, trees and other vegetation that impeded on roadway and oncoming traffic visibility- York St. Ext., Vt. Rt.140, Watkins Rd., Pond Hill Ranch Rd., Gorhamtown Rd., Morse Hollow Rd., Blissville Rd. with excavator cutting head, ground crew with chainsaws and chipper
- Grants In Aid projects on Watkins Rd, Pond Hill Ranch Rd.- Clear brush/vegetation, reestablish ditch lines and stone line in compliance with MRGP, clear culverts-in/outlets and flushed when needed and resurface road
- Clear brush/vegetation, ditching and road resurfacing on Morse Hollow Rd.

- FEMA work on Ames Hollow- replace culverts and resurface road with asphalt grindings.

Summary in Brief:

- The Town sponsored 3 Household Hazardous Waste Collection programs in conjunction with the Rutland County Solid Waste District. The Town Transfer Station is the site for the collection of this special waste. **See the HHW Schedule at the end of this book for the next three collection dates;**
- The Planning Commission is currently working with the Rutland Regional Planning Commission on updating the Poultney Unified Bylaws;
- The Town of Poultney, along with various stakeholders and the RRPC, is working on a Better Connections Grant to create a masterplan for future recreational economic growth.

Future Plans:

- Continue to apply for Agency of Transportation Class 2 Paving and Bridge and Culvert grants;
- Continue working closely with Slate Valley Trails in an effort to connect the Village to their trail systems located in South and East Poultney;
- Continue to update the Budget Plan;
- Continue to apply for State and Federal funding for various economic development and transportation projects;
- Continue to work with the State of Vermont with a goal of completing the replacement of the East Poultney Gorge Bridge in 2022;
- Exploring funding options, and applying for the same, to make improvements to town-owned buildings.

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

s/ Jeff King
Chairperson, Poultney Selectboard

s/Paul A. Donaldson
Poultney Town Manager

Economic Development Office Report

In 2022, the Town of Poultney continued its efforts to establish and grow new economies with the goal of bringing improved economic conditions to the community. Ongoing efforts to strengthen and grow the outdoor recreation, creative economy, and hospitality sectors while supporting existing businesses and long-standing land-based industries, remain a high priority.

The community's significant efforts in planning for its future and investing in economic development over the past several years are beginning to yield results. Highlights from the past year include the grand opening of Slate Quarry Park, the 200th Anniversary celebration at Stone Valley Arts, the construction of a new outdoor pavilion and 'Path to Health and Wellness' at the Young at Heart Senior Center, development of the new 'Poultney, VT Recreation Guide', continued growth of the Slate Valley Trails network, and Main Street's tree maintenance project. The business community has kept pace with 5 new businesses opening in Poultney Village, increased investment in existing establishments, several new owners purchasing existing businesses, and multiple business property transfers. Redevelopment efforts for the Green Mountain College campus are also well underway and the adaptive re-use of the campus is beginning to show its promise.

In 2023, the Town's priorities will be focused on attracting new business enterprises to the community, (as well as new residents to reverse the trend of population decline), fostering housing development to support affordability in the market, and seeking opportunities to leverage federal and state funding to support investment in community facilities and infrastructure.

Poultney is incredibly fortunate to have strong participation and involvement from its citizens, many of whom volunteer countless hours to Town and Village boards, civic organizations, fire and rescue, schools, and non-profits. This economic development work would not happen without the support of those volunteers and supporting organizations, particularly the Poultney Area Chamber of Commerce and the Poultney Downtown Revitalization Committee, and those partnerships and support are priceless for improving economic conditions in this community. Thank you to all who volunteer!

Please do not hesitate to contact me for support with an existing business, the establishment of new business, or questions about Poultney's economic development efforts.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Pelkey
Economic Development Coordinator
802-287-4297
poultneyeconomic@gmail.com

Poultney Town Health Officer's Report - 2022

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

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

Respectfully submitted, Paul A. Donaldson, Poultney Health Officer

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

01/26/2023

Subject: 2022 Activity Report for Town Constable.

For the year ending 12-31-22, 362 traffic tickets were issued by the Constable, with the majority being for speed. While traffic counts have been down, speed and aggressive driving complaints have risen. This is not only in Poultney, but has been occurring nationwide as well. We ask that driver's remain courteous towards others and to not engage with another driver in aggressive behavior. Speed has always been a problem on our highways. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, through the grant programs, continues to target the problems of speed and how it relates to crashes etc. NHTSA recognizes that speed will continue to be an issue on our highways and that is why they fund the various programs to target these issues. In the years that they did not provide grant funding for the local governments to tackle these issues, speeds along with crashes went way up.

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

This past year I participated in a 32-hour training to become a certified child safety seat installer. Anyone needing assistance in that area, please do not hesitate to contact me and I will be more than happy to assist in the proper installation of any child safety seat.

Please remember to report suspicious activity while it is occurring. With law enforcement on the statewide level pulling back from serving the small communities with our local problems, it will be up to communities such as ours to become the eyes and ears for law enforcement. Together, we can deter crime by being diligent in watching out for our neighbors.

Thank You, Dale Kerber, Poultney Town Constable

Zoning Administrator's
Summary of Permits
March 4, 1986 - March 31, 2022

Permit Type	86 - 2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	Total
Building	1130	14	7	1,151
Zoning	423	18	16	457
Subdivision	133	0	2	135
Total Permits	1,686	32	25	1,743

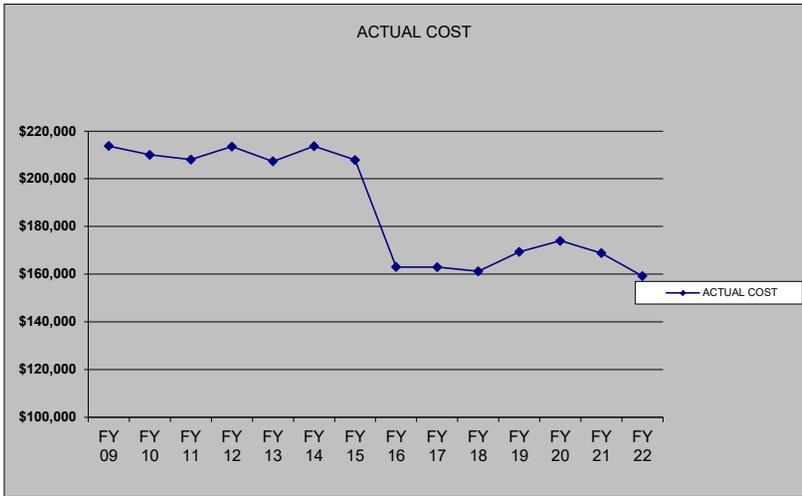
Building Permits are issued for additions to existing buildings or accessory structures.

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

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

S/Paul A. Donaldson
Zoning Administrator

**SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL COSTS
FISCAL YEARS 2009 - 2022**



\$180,000 FY91 FY92 FY93 FY94 FY95 FY96 FY97 FY98 FY99 FY00 ACTUAL COST FY03 FY04

Solid Waste Disposal Table

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>ACTUAL COST</u>	<u>ANNUAL INCREASE</u>
FY 08	\$197,929.78	-3.19%
FY 09	\$213,735.08	7.98%
FY 10	\$210,076.38	-1.74%
FY 11	\$208,070.28	-1.00%
FY 12	\$213,555.45	2.76%
FY 13	\$207,310.09	-3.00%
FY 14	\$213,690.52	3.08%
FY 15	\$207,890.07	-2.79%
FY 16	\$163,013.19	-21.60%
FY 17	\$162,911.08	-0.06%
FY 18	\$161,187.88	-1.06%
FY 19	\$169,358.77	5.07%
FY 20	\$173,962.76	2.80%
FY 21	\$168,795.43	-2.97%
FY 22	\$159,190.84	-5.69%

9.0%

**Poultney Fire Department
Year Ending December 31, 2022**

The Poultney Fire Department answered 145 calls for service in 2022. Below is a breakdown of the calls by type:

Motor Vehicle Accidents - 21	Grass & Brush Fire - 3
Fire Alarm Activations - 11	Standby for Coverage - 1
EMS Assists - 18	Extrication - 4
Structure Fires - 14	Wilderness Rescue - 1
Hazmat - 4	Good Intent - 14
Priority One Echo - 8	Chimney Fire - 5
Utility Call - 11	Service - 2
CO Alarm - 7	VSP Assist - 1
Smoke Conditions - 6	Cooking Fire - 1
Vehicle Fire - 7	Rubbish Fire - 2
Electrical Fire - 2	Search - 2\

These calls resulted in firefighters volunteering 1,130 hours to provide the services necessary to answer these calls. The combined training hours that the department trained to be prepared to respond to these incidents was 1,662 hours. The training hours recorded are the hours that the department formally meets and trains.

We were saddened by the sudden passing of retired Town Manager Jonas Rosenthal as in his 31 years of service to the community he was a champion for the fire department from ensuring we had the appropriate funding for day to day operations to in his last year as town manager securing a USDA grant for \$50,000 towards our new engine in 2017. To keep his dedication to the town fresh on our minds, we have dedicated the engine he helped purchase to his memory, and with that have mounted a bronze plaque on the truck.

Over the last year, with ARPA funding, we have been able to purchase and place in service battery operated extrication equipment. This equipment allows our members to be quicker and more efficient during calls that require extrication of victims pinned in between objects. The department was also able to purchase and install a new breathing air compressor and filling station for our airpacks through a Loss Prevention grant which covered \$7,500 of the \$14,500 cost. These pieces of equipment help to ensure that our members are as best equipped as we possibly can.

While the department has a dedicated group of 23 senior members and 2 junior members, we hope to recruit more volunteers to ensure we continue to be able to provide adequate protection to the community. Over the last year we lost some long standing members. We would like to thank Matt Jedlick for his 13 years of service from his very first days as a Junior FF to his last few years serving as the Captain. Matt has moved on to become a full time firefighter, and we couldn't be more proud! We would also like to thank Jeremy Grenier for his 21 years of service on the department from being a firefighter to an Assistant Chief. Jeremy has served the community at large for over 30 years in the fire service. Finally, we would like to thank Dave Winter for his 27 years of service. Dave served many roles in the department from firefighter to chief. Those who are interested could serve in a variety of roles ranging from personnel who assist on the fire scene to those who fight the fire. Anyone who is interested to see what we do is welcome to stop by the firehouse any Tuesday night from 6:30 - 8:30 P.M.

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

Respectfully,
Aaron Kerber
Poultney Fire Chief

***2023* Slate of Officers include:**

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

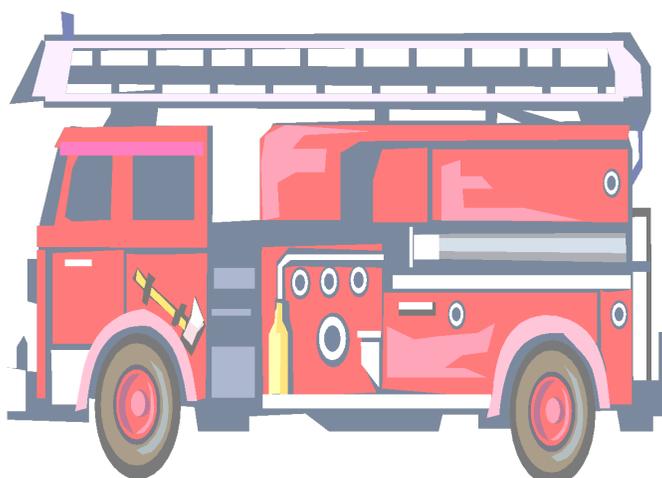
POULTNEY FIRE DEPT. BUDGET	Budget FY 22-23	PROPOSED FY 23-24
700-4500 FIRE DEPT. ADMINISTRATION		
700-4500-15.01 Workers Compensation	\$1,500.00	\$1,650.00
700-4500-20.00 Sickness & Accident INS	\$2,250.00	\$2,250.00
700-4500-44.00 Appropriation	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
700-4500-44.01 Annual Banquet	\$1,900.00	\$1,900.00

Total FIRE DEPT. ADMINISTRATION	\$15,650.00	\$15,800.00

FIRE DEPT. OPERATIONS		
700-4520-21.00 Chemicals	\$250.00	\$250.00
700-4520-56.00 Fire Prevention	\$800.00	\$1,000.00
700-4530-30.00 Office Supplies	\$500.00	\$500.00
700-4530-40.00 Dues, Subs & Meetings	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00
700-4530-79.00 School & Training	\$4,500.00	\$5,000.00
700-4540-34.00 Communications	\$3,250.00	\$3,250.00
700-4540-34.01 Alert	\$4,300.00	\$5,050.00
700-4570-21.01 Fuel Oil	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00
700-4570-68.00 Maint & Repairs (Bldg)	\$3,250.00	\$3,250.00
700-4570-76.00 Electric	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
700-4570-76.01 Utilities - Water/Sewer	\$500.00	\$500.00
700-4580-21.01 Gas & Oil	\$3,400.00	\$3,400.00
700-4580-22.00 Repair & Maint Supplies	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
700-4580-56.00 Other Contracted Services	\$3,500.00	\$5,750.00
700-4580-68.00 Equipment Repairs	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
700-4580-83.00 Equipment Replacement	\$32,500.00	\$35,000.00
700-4590-48.00 Property Insurance	\$10,000.00	\$11,000.00
700-4590-99.00 Miscellaneous	\$300.00	\$300.00
700-5400-00.00 Health & Safety Services	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00

Total FIRE DEPT OPERATIONS	\$97,800.00	\$105,000.00

Total Expenditures	\$113,450.00	\$120,800.00



INFORMATION FROM THE TOWN CLERK

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

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

RABIES CLINIC: March 18th and 25th, 2023 from 10:00am to 12:00pm at the Poultney Veterinary Hospital in Poultney. The vaccination fee will be \$10.00. If multiple pets need to be vaccinated, please call to pre-register. A prior Rabies Certificate must be provided upon arrival to receive a 3 year Rabies vaccination. If no prior Rabies Certificate is provided, the vaccination will only be for 1 year. Upon arrival, please leave your pet in the car. You will need to go in to register and pay for your pet before being vaccinated, 802-287-9292. The Town Clerks Office at Town Hall will be open the same dates and times for Dog Registrations. You must bring the new Rabies Certificate with you to receive a license.

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

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

GREEN MOUNTAIN PASSPORTS: These are for Vermont residents 62 years or older, or a veteran of the armed forces. Cost is a one-time fee of \$2.00. Green Mountain Passport holders are eligible for state wide reduced prices on goods and services from hundreds of Vermont private businesses as well as free entrance into Vermont State Parks, Museums, and fully sponsored events. This is the 50th Anniversary of the Program.

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

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

VERMONT STATE INCOME TAX: 2022 Tax Forms will be available January 2023. The 2022 filing season opens on January 23, 2023, when the IRS and the Vermont Department of Taxes will begin accepting tax returns. You can request forms when available by calling 855-297-5600 or online at www.tax.vermont.gov or by email at tax.formsrequest@vermont.gov.

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Betsy Wescott
Town Clerk

REPORT OF LICENSES SOLD BY TOWN CLERK DURING 2022

FIRST CLASS

American Legion Post #39
Lake St. Catherine Country Club
SGallagher Enterprises

SECOND CLASS

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

TOBACCO LICENSES

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

DOG LICENSES

There were 343 dog licenses issued during 2022. By State statute, dogs are required to be registered by April 1st each year. April 1st is the **LAST** day a dog license may be obtained without a penalty. The penalty is the regular fee plus 50%.

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

Rabies Certificates for all dogs licensed in Poultney during 2022 are on file in the Town Clerk's office. Please call to determine whether or not a new rabies vaccination will be required.

FEES FOR DOGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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

2023 licenses are now available at the Town Clerk's office.

Please note there will be Rabies Clinics this year on March 18th and 25th, 2023 from 10:00am to 12:00pm at the Poultney Veterinary Hospital in Poultney. The vaccination fee will be \$10.00 per pet. If multiple pets need to be vaccinated, please call to pre-register. A prior Rabies Certificate must be provided upon arrival to receive a 3 year Rabies vaccination. If no prior Rabies Certificate is provided, the vaccination will only be for 1 year. Upon arrival, please leave your pet in the car. You will need to go in to register and pay for your pet before being vaccinated, 802-287-9292. The Town Clerks Office at Town Hall will be open the same dates and times for Dog Registrations. You must bring the new Rabies Certificate with you to receive a license.

VITAL STATISTICS 2022

BIRTHS: 37
DEATHS: 18
MARRIAGES: 19

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

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

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

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT
POULTNEY PUBLIC LIBRARY
July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022

New Books Added	1,131	Number of Library Card Holders	1,708
Total Book Collection	14,921	36 Programs Offered with a Total Attendance of	1,263
Periodical Subscriptions	35	Adult Circulation	12,267
Audio Books	727	Juvenile Circulation	7,044
DVDs	3,733	Online Circulation (hoopla, Kanopy, ListenUp VT)	3,056

The 2021-22 Fiscal Year was a busy one at the library, as we resumed full library hours and many in-person programs while continuing to offer our new and popular take-home programs and activities. Take-home craft kits for holidays continued to be extremely popular. We gave away 67 Mummy Tea Light kits in October, 30 Turkey Wreath kits in November, and 81 Gingerbread House kits in December!

To better prepare for virtual programs and meetings in the future, the library added a Meeting Owl Pro. This smart camera and speaker automatically focuses on whomever is speaking, while also showing a 360° view of the room at the top of the screen. The addition of the Meeting Owl Pro, along with our existing projector, speakers, movie screen, and large screen tv has increased our capabilities for virtual and hybrid programming.

We were excited to resume our annual Youth Flea Market. This event was moved to October, and allows young entrepreneurs to sell unwanted toys, baked goods, crafts, art, and more. Not only does it give them a chance to earn some pocket money, it is also a great opportunity to develop real world math skills! The Library was also invited to participate in Poultney Arts Day. Students from PHS, PES, LiHigh School, Green Mountain Community School, and Home School families stopped by our Food Art station in front of the library. Food Art projects included painting on a griddle with pancake batter, charcuterie art, and mixed media art on mini rice cereal treat canvases.

Our popular circulating special collections continues to grow. In 2021-22 we added ice skates for use at the American Legion ice rink, more bicycles, and an adult tricycle, and additional yard games. These joined our existing collection of yard games, bicycles, snowshoes, and telescopes. These items can be checked out for two days with your library card. We also continue to circulate passes offering free or discounted admission to popular local attractions like VINS, Billings Farm and Museum, Hildene, Vermont State Parks, Vermont Historical Sites, and more. These passes also circulate for two days, and can be checked out by card holders who are residents or, or pay property taxes in, Poultney.

All Poultney residents are eligible for a free library card at Poultney Public Library. This card allows access to our books, movies, passes, recreational equipment, and online services. We also offer a variety of programs for education and entertainment.

Thank you to all of our great library visitors and supporters! If you haven't been to the library in a while, we hope you will stop in. We have something for everyone!

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca L. Cook
Librarian

If you have questions about this report, or about the Library and its services, please contact us during our regular hours at 287-5556.

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

Telephone:	802-287-5556
Email:	ppl5556@yahoo.com
Website:	poultneypubliclibrary.com

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

POULTNEY PUBLIC LIBRARY
BUDGET JULY 1, 2023 - JUNE 30, 2024

SALARIES:	Librarian	\$49610.00
	Assistant	32833.00
	Clerk	17677.00
	Asst. Clerk	9876.00
	Bookkeeping	1200.00
Building Maintenance		4000.00
Employee Benefits:		
	Social Security	8415.00
	Health Insurance	24000.00
	Retirement	5153.00
Library Materials		20000.00
Periodicals		1200.00
Telephone		1500.00
Electricity		4000.00
Travel, Dues, Education		1000.00
Supplies and Equipment		3500.00
Annual Equipment Maintenance Fees		3200.00
Computer Replacement		1000.00
Programming		1000.00
Postage and Miscellaneous		2500.00
	Total Budget	<u>\$191,664.00</u>
Less other income		
	(fines, copier fees, book sales)	<4000>
	TOWN APPROPRIATION	<u>\$187,664.00</u>

**Poultney Public Library
Annual Treasurer's Report
July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022
General Account**

Beginning Balance 07/01/21 \$ 00.00

INCOME

Town Appropriation	\$167,937.00
Fines & Fees	1,144.52
Book Sales	1,675.00
Copier	239.40

TOTAL INCOME	\$ 170,995.92
Total Available Funds	\$ 170,995.92

EXPENSES

Salaries	\$91,604.77
Maintenance	3,960.23
Books & Binding	19,818.60
Periodicals	1,086.53
Employee Benefits	29,972.10
Telecommunications	824.09
Electricity	4,131.16
Travel, Education, Dues	1,438.54
Programming	1,239.22
Annual Equipment Fees	3,173.85
Supplies & Equipment	3,485.84
Postage & Miscellaneous	2,603.24
Computer Replacement	2,040.93

TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 165,379.10
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Balance on Hand 06/30/22 \$ 5,616.82

SPECIAL ACCOUNT

Balance on Hand 07/01/21 \$ 19,527.84

INCOME

Gifts	\$ 8,490.44
Raffles and Fundraisers	2,051.00
Interest from accounts	2.12
Maslack Programming Funds	5,000.00
United Fund	200.00
Stewarts Holiday Match	750.00
Summer Recreation	1,091.14
Shaw's Give Back	315.00
Art Day	300.00
Fines, Fees, Misc.	278.16
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 18,477.86
Total Available Funds	\$ 38,005.70

DISBURSEMENTS

Program Fees and Supplies	\$ 4,989.65
Passes	875.00
Tech Equipment	1,000.00
Substitute Pool	582.28
Invested	15,000.00
Library Materials	1,987.60
Fees	60.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 24,494.53

Balance on Hand 06/30/22 \$ 13,511.17

2022 Report Poultney Rescue Squad, Inc.



Poultney Rescue Squad, Inc. is a paid staff and volunteer agency that consists of 6 paid employees and 5 volunteers. Poultney Rescue responded to **201 calls in 2022**. The breakdown of calls is listed below:

Calls in Poultney	127
Calls in Middletown Springs	35
Calls in Tinmouth	1
Interfacility Transfers	17
Mutual Aid given to surrounding towns	21
Total calls taken in 2022	201

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

Poultney Rescue has had a difficult year regarding recruitment and retention. With the ongoing Nationwide shortage in EMS, we are staying optimistic for 2023. We encourage any members of the community that are interested in becoming part of the Poultney Rescue Squad to please call us at 802-287-5575. Poultney Rescue would like to Thank the surrounding agencies for their mutual aid coverage this year.

Poultney Rescue is a nonprofit agency that operates 2 ambulances that are fully equipped for Advance Life Support. Poultney Rescue has a full crew on 7 days a week during the day with both paid and volunteer members covering nights. Poultney covers the Towns of Poultney, Middletown Springs and a portion of Tinmouth. We also provide mutual aid to surrounding Towns when needed. Poultney Rescue consists of a Public Board of Directors that have completed their 4th year with PRS. President: Walter Ducharme, Vice-President: Kathy Stephenson, Secretary/Treasurer: Deb Hoisington. We would like to thank them for all their time put into supporting PRS.

Poultney Rescue Squad has 2 fulltime and 4 part time/per diem emergency care providers. Katrina Davenport is going onto her 7th year at PRS as an AEMT/Administrator/fulltime employee. Josiah Simons is going onto his 5th year at PRS as an EMR/fulltime employee. Chad Geno is in his 11th year at PRS as an AEMT/Training Officer/Part time employee. PRS welcomed Mason Havenstrite in October as a new EMT/part time employee. Mike McLean is in his 3rd year at PRS as a VEFR/per diem employee. James Reed is in his 6th year as an EMT/per diem employee. A huge thank you to our volunteers: Medrick Petty/EMT, Malcolm McIntyre/AEMT, Katie Geno/EMT, Micheal Babcock/VEFR, Rachael Lynch/VEFR.

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

Poultney Rescue offers First Aid and CPR courses. If you would like to one of these courses, please email poultneyrescue70@gmail.com or call 802-287-5575 with your request.

We look forward to serving the communities in 2023. Thank you again for your continuous support. I would like to thank PRS members for their time and dedication!

Respectfully submitted, Katrina Davenport, Administrator

Poultney Rescue Squad
Profit and Loss Statement January-December 2022

Income

Insurance	\$65,927.20
Town Funding- Middletown	\$7,572.50
Town Funding- Poultney	\$42,280.00
Town Funding- Tinmouth	\$700.00
Subscriptions	\$17,320.00
Thrift Shop	\$13,883.17
Donations/IMO	\$5,271.84
Rodeo/Special Events	\$5,427.50
<u>Intrest</u>	<u>\$47.94</u>
Total Income	\$158,430.15

Expenses

Ambulance Tax	\$3,374.95
Bank Fee	\$161.00
Building	\$3,496.63
Communications	\$5,600.00
Facilities & Equipment	\$393.76
Operations	\$18,158.57
Legal & Prof. Fees	\$2,100.00
Insurance	\$30,500.19
Membership	\$3,011.70
Payroll Expense	\$81,243.13
Utilities	\$8,092.83
Vehicle Maint/Gas/Fuel	\$5,923.47
Ambulance Loan	\$19,660.08
<u>Thrift Shop Operating Expenses</u>	<u>\$7,900.80</u>
Total Expenses	\$189,617.11
Net Loss	(\$31,186.96)

RUTLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Sheriff David J. Fox

Command Staff

CAPTAIN
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JAMES BENNICK
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AMY CAULIN

DISPATCH SUPERVISOR
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Town of Poultney Sheriff's report

During the 2021-2022 contract Rutland County Sheriffs responded to 303 incidents had 14 criminal arrests, performed 385 traffic stops issued 397 tickets and 91 warnings in the town of Poultney. Deputies have developed a positive relationship with the board as well as the citizens of Poultney. I want to thank the citizens of Poultney for their positive feedback and support for the Sheriff's patrols, we hope to continue serving the citizens of Poultney for many years to come.

Respectfully submitted

Sheriff

David J. Fox

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Marble Valley Regional Transit District
"The Bus"

2022 Town of Poultney, Annual Report

Lee Bizon, Community Outreach

Marble Valley Regional Transit District (MVRTD), known as "The Bus" is in its forty sixth year of providing service to the residents of the greater Rutland area. The Bus is the largest, non-urban, public transportation system in the State of Vermont and provides transportation to the general public throughout Rutland County, as well as to social and human service agencies, the resort communities and area businesses. MVRTD provides an enhanced level of self-sufficiency for the elderly, disabled and transportation disadvantaged who rely on public transportation. System ridership was over 485,900 rides this past year. MVRTD provides 65 jobs year round, with upwards of 80 during the winter peak season.

MVRTD provided over 2,400 rides to Poultney on the Fair Haven Route, a commuter service with stops at Green Mountain College, Main Street and Stewarts Shop. Other highly successful commuter routes operated by MVRTD both within Rutland County and beyond provide connections to three adjoining counties thus serving the growing population committed to the environmental benefits of public transit use as well as the savings realized in the cost of fuel.

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

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

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

Live Green – Ride the Bus

POULTNEY METTOWEE NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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

The Poultney Mettowee Natural Resources Conservation District (PMNRCD) is a non-profit organization with a mission to develop programs to facilitate the conservation of healthy soil and clean water. PMNRCD has been providing environmental support, education, and outreach to the 14 towns in the district watersheds for over 80 years. In addition to a five-member board, five employees staff the District: District Manager, Hilary Solomon; Agricultural Outreach Specialist, Jennifer Alexander; Native Plant Nursery Manager and Program Coordinator, Sadie Brown; Agricultural Outreach Specialist, Rachael Burt; and Program Assistant, Averie Noble.

Stormwater Management The District is currently working with several towns on implementing 'green stormwater' projects. We worked this past season in Castleton, Poultney, Fair Haven and Wells to design and/or implement stormwater projects with grant funds, and are planning on continuing this work in other local towns. We finished work on a Stormwater Master Plan for the Poultney River Watershed which identified stormwater runoff issues and proposed high priority mitigation projects.

This past year, we worked with homeowners around lakes in the watershed and installed many small shoreline plantings through our Lake Education and Action Program (LEAP). In addition to implementing buffer plantings and small stormwater treatment practices, we completed Lake Wise Assessments along Lake Bomoseen and Lake St. Catherine, resulting in 105 recommendations for homeowners to implement lake friendly practices in their yards. We plan to continue both programs with shoreline homeowners in the coming year.

Clean Water Service Provider The Poultney Mettowee Natural Resources Conservation District and the Rutland Regional Planning Commission have been named as the South Lake and Southern Lake Champlain Direct Clean Water Service Provider and are working with many partners around the state to create the new watershed-wide project funding mechanism. This new process aims to keep decision-making local and aims to be a very open and inclusive process. The process will include open meetings and valuable input from local and regional experts, as well as local groups interested in focusing on water quality.

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

Champlain Valley Native Plant Restoration Nursery PMNRCD collaborates with Poultney's Champlain Valley Nursery and area residents to make improvements to water quality. Many restoration plantings (over 4,000 seedlings) were completed in the District to create habitat and to control erosion. The Nursery also serves as an educational center, providing field trip opportunities for elementary students and internships for high school and college students. Plants are available to local landowners through our tree sale or on-site. Visit our website for more information.

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

2022 Annual Report

In 2022, with your membership support and that of the Town of Poultney, the Poultney Historical Society was able to provide the community with: 1) free programming and educational services, 2) access to archival and genealogical resources and our growing collection of the town's artifacts, and 3) thoughtful care and curating of its three East Poultney historic buildings and multiple exhibits. These efforts continue to tell the unfolding story of our town's past and present.

The **87th annual East Poultney Day** was held on the green August 13. The theme was "**Extreme Weather: The Many Faces of Mother Nature in Vermont.**" Musical performances by **Carl Diethelm (On Tone Music)** and **Hermit Hollow String Band** enlivened the day. **Dale and Joan Prouty** talked about their extensive collection of 19th century school slates. Local historian Ennis Duling gave a presentation on the history of Poultney's floods and blizzards.

Andrea Mott, who does much of the research for the PHS, has been collecting memories and photos from Poultney's history as a farming community. She hopes that more residents and former residents with farming backgrounds will contribute to the project. You can contact her at info@poultneyhistoricalsociety.org or 802-287-5252.

On July 10, **Stone Valley Arts at Fox Hill** and the Poultney community celebrated the 200th anniversary of the Old Stone Church. The Poultney Historical Society created an exhibit in the lobby of the arts center and worked to secure a historic roadside marker.

TKO Construction restored the belfry and steeple of the 1896 **East Poultney Schoolhouse**. Jackson Morse of **Long Trail Electric** will be installing exhibit quality lighting in the gallery.

We had two exhibits in the **Poultney Public Library**: postcards of Lake St. Catherine and "Kitchen Gadgets," both selected from our collection of artifacts. In July, the society's historic photographs of the lakes were on exhibit at the Fair Haven Visitor Center.

We thank **Ina Smith Johnson** for her service on the society's Board of Trustees. She has been on the board since 2006 and for ten served as president. At the annual meeting, she stepped down as president but continues to chair the important committee on buildings and grounds.

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

Sincerely,
Ennis Duling and Krista Rupe, Co-Presidents



December 2021

The Lake St Catherine Association (LSCA) had another successful year implementing our lake management programs for the benefit of Lake St Catherine, with excellent support from the lake community, towns, and state.

Milfoil Control: 2022, the LSCA contracted the application of the herbicide ProcellaCOR EC on approximately 35.4 acres of milfoil in the Little Lake as well as 8.7 acres in the Main Lake. Our diver assisted suction harvesting team (DASH) worked in 9 locations in the main lake covering approximately 75 acres of hand pulling and suction harvesting. These methods have proven to be highly effective in managing the milfoil. Our full report is available on our webpage noted below.

Boat Launch Monitoring (Greeter Program): Our greeters monitor boats coming and going from the lake at 2 sites on the lake. Boats are inspected for invasive species and boaters are educated about cleaning props, draining bilges, and drying their equipment to prevent introduction of invasive plants and animals to the lake from other places. Also, the greeters remove anything they observe on vessels and trailers when they are removed from the lake so that transportation of milfoil to another lake is prevented. With the growing number of threats this important program has been successful because of the dedicated greeters and volunteers monitoring and educating the public who may be unaware of the dangers of moving boats from lake to lake without taking necessary precautions.

Lake St Catherine Watershed Action Plan: In partnership with the Poultney Mettowee Natural Resources Conservation District (PMNRCD) we continue to work with the goal this year to hire lake experts to perform various in-lake and watershed base measurements, testing and studies to identify current and future issues and design a comprehensive, long-term plan to address them. The LSCA is now poised to integrate our existing programs into a broader watershed plan with a focus on the prevention of pollutant loads (phosphorus, nitrogen, and sediments that carry them) that enter LSC from sources outside the waterbody. We plan to use the success of these building blocks to expand our work in the watershed and focus on prevention in the future.

Lake Wise Program: Lake Wise is a program developed by Vermont's Lakes and Ponds to recognize outstanding efforts by homeowners who live along a lakeshore to protect the water quality and habitat along the shoreline and within the near-shore area of the lake. Mitigating stormwater dangers which contribute to lower oxygen levels in the water, toxic algae blooms, and excessive plant growth is important to the overall health of the water body. Runoff can carry excess nutrients into the water and contribute to problems which affect both human and wildlife health. PMNRCD performed assessments and implemented projects – making progress toward the goal of becoming recognized as a Lake Wise Gold Award Lake. We are grateful for this important partnership with PMNRCD.

Other Initiatives:

Lake Safety: We offered 2 free boating license classes open to the public this summer. Also, we have dedicated volunteers that install/maintain safety buoys and markers throughout the lake.

Volunteer activities -for Green Up Day, Lake's End Dam cleanup, Milfoil Cleanup Community Day, Annual Boat Parade, Dockside Chats with LSCA trustees, grant writing and implementation, communications via our website: www.lakestcatherine.org

In 2022, our lake management initiatives cost approximately \$155,000. Our funding comes from grants, dues & donations from the lake community, and appropriations from the Towns of Poultney and Wells. We are grateful

for the contributions and support for our efforts to keep Lake St Catherine a healthy and viable resource for our community.

Thank you for your continued support!

Respectfully Submitted,
Jim Candars, President LSCA

POULTNEY YOUNG at HEART SENIOR CENTER

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Young at Heart Senior Center has just celebrated their 47th Anniversary as of September, 2022. We are an active, thriving, growing and happy combination of people within our community and surrounding communities, who are 60 years and over. The center offers congregate dining and monthly events. Our meals are nutritious and our activities are educational, informed, healthy and social. We continue to keep up with the times in all aspects.

We work closely with the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging, RAVNA, and the Community of Vermont Elders (COVE), to provide access to information and services, including Meals on Wheels, Medicare and flu clinics. We offer AARP programs, as well as monthly foot clinics, and blood pressure clinics. Bone Builders, a low-impact exercise program, meets twice weekly. We have been able to add additional programming last year such as Tai Chi for Fall Prevention and Matter of Balance.

As a senior meal site, seniors over 60 come from throughout the region to socialize and enjoy lunch. In 2021, we served over 12,400 meals including Meals on Wheels, our dining room, and lunches to go. Young at Heart is open four days a week, Tuesday through Friday. Lunch is ready for pick up by 11:00. Lunch is available at noon for in house dining. Suggested donations are \$3.50 for seniors 60 and older; under 60, \$5.00. Reservations are required by 9am the morning of. All are welcomed.

The Young at Heart Thrift Store is open Tuesday through Friday from 9-12. We offer many unique, quality items with an ever evolving inventory as new donations are added daily.

Trips for fun and adventure are going to be scheduled this year.

We would like to thank all those people who help keep Young at Heart going. These include but are not limited to: our kitchen, dining room, events, programming, thrift store volunteers, and the Meals on Wheels drivers. A very special thank you goes to the Modern Woodmen of America, from Wells, VT, for their continuous support. We want to thank the community and local business people for supporting our fundraising efforts which included: Maplefest Dinner, 1st Annual Golf Tournament, MWA Bingo, Basket Party, and Tea Cup auction. Thanks to everyone who has donated time, energy, products or funds which made them a success. Finally, a big THANK YOU to the VERMONT FOODBANK, HANNAFORD'S SUPERMARKET in RUTLAND and SHAW'S of Poultney for their continued support.

2022 – 2023 Board of Directors:

Suzy Kasuba – President, Jeff King-Vice President , Carol Stierle -Treasurer, Maureen Capman– Secretary Trustees: Geraldine Woodruff, John Thomas, Sheila Nichols, Mary Preseau, Patricia Beatty

Site Director - Carrie LaFond-Hurlburt Kitchen Manager - Carol Stierle Cook-Diane Ferguson

Poultney Food Shelf, Inc.

The Stonebridge

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As the COVID-19 pandemic began to ease in 2022, the Poultney Food Shelf was able to resume our normal practices and policies for distribution of food and other needs to our communities, beginning July 5. Once again, our clients are able to come into the pantry area and choose the foods and other products that most suit themselves and their families. We are thrilled to be able to once more offer more personalized service.

In 2022, the Poultney Food Shelf logged 610 visits or requests for food assistance. We distributed 6,487 pounds of groceries from our pantry shelves. This total does NOT include USDA TEFAP ("commodities") or the vast quantities of packaged foods, hygiene products, and fresh produce provided by the Vermont FoodBank.

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

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

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



POULTNEY
DOWNTOWN
REVITALIZATION
COMMITTEE

Established in 2002, the **Poultney Downtown Revitalization Committee, Inc.** (PDRC) is a 501(3)(c) non-profit charged with overseeing activities pertaining to bolstering Poultney's Designated Downtown.

As a result of our designation, businesses, non-profits, and income-producing properties (e.g. rentals) in buildings over 30 years old that operate within the Designated Downtown are eligible for state and federal tax credits for façade work and various code improvements. In addition, the Town, Village, non-profits, and others can receive priority consideration for many State grant opportunities, and our municipalities have access to Vermont's Downtown Transportation Fund for transportation-related capital improvements within or serving the designated area.

In short, it's a fantastic program, and we give credit to the PDRC's original founders—among them the late Jonas Rosenthal and Harry Stanyon—who had the vision and perseverance to get the ball rolling some twenty years ago.

Today, the PDRC remains a volunteer organization that draws on community members to help identify priorities, initiate and execute activities related to them, and to coordinate our efforts with the Town's goals and ambitions.

After years of a pandemic-induced slow-down, in 2022 we've shaken off the dust and have been gearing up for some big undertakings. Over the past year we completed Phase 2 of our Street Tree maintenance effort, which included the removal of imperiled Ash trees and diseased Norway Maple. We apologize if this activity came as a shock! In the future, keep on the lookout for our new presence on social media as we work to improve our digital communications and outreach. And don't worry: Phase 3 of Street Tree maintenance will include new tree plantings along Main Street in manner that complements the downtown's infrastructure, with due consideration for maintaining Poultney's view scape, walkability, and bike-friendly human-scale. We are humbled to have the support of the Vermont Community Foundation's Hills & Hollows program and the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks & Recreation's Urban & Community Forestry Program for these efforts.

In addition, we were pleased to carry on the tradition of holiday decorations, and have formed exciting partnerships with artistic initiatives which we cannot wait to unveil in the coming months.

The biggest initiative of 2022—and what we spent much of the year planning for—is the fast-approaching 2023 deadline of our Downtown Designation Renewal Application. Renewal is required every eight years, and it takes a lot of work to build an application that takes stock of where we are and makes ambitious plans for our shared future. We are honored to have the support of the talented team at the Rutland Regional Planning Commission to help us navigate this task.

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

For more information, visit poultneydowntown.com!

Sincerely,
Jaime Lee, PDRC President



**“Medic One” PARAMEDIC INTERCEPT
ANNUAL REPORT
(FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2021)**

To The Honorable Citizens of the Town of Poultney:

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

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted;

James A. Finger,
Chief Executive Administrator



**2023 REQUEST FOR TOWN FUNDING & Yearly Report for FY22
TOWN OF: POULTNEY • AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$405.00**

Brief Description of RSVP & The Volunteer Center

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

RSVP also offers several free “Signature Programs” that benefit residents. These include RSVP Bone Builders, an osteoporosis prevention program which provides free strength and balance exercise classes offered twice per week at many locations in Rutland County; RSVP Rutland Reads a children’s literacy and mentoring program; RSVP Veterans Connections Program, a program designed to reduce social isolation in veterans; and RSVP Operation Dolls & More, which distributes over 15,000 new and restored items to children. Last

year approximately 30,552 items were distributed through RSVP Operation Dolls & More to 38 partner agencies and an estimated 1,800 children. We also partner with AARP to provide free income tax return services to low income residents of Rutland County. From July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, RSVP/VC volunteers provided 101,761 hours of community service. The cost benefit to the communities of Rutland County in terms of cost of services provided equals \$3,047,741.

Services Provided to Poultney Residents

In FY'22, Poultney residents took advantage of RSVP programs such as free income tax return preparation, and our RSVP Bone Builders classes. Poultney RSVP volunteers donated their services to the following non-profit organizations: Castleton Community Center, Guardian Ad Litem, Young At Heart Senior Center, RSVP Operation Dolls & More, Fair Haven Concerned and RSVP Bone Builders. Poultney RSVP volunteers donated 6,647 hours of service to the community.

The monies we are requesting this year will be used to help defray the financial impact of COVID-19 on our organization along with the cost of providing volunteer placement, support, transportation, and recognition. With your help, RSVP and The Volunteer Center will continue to respond to the increasing needs of our local communities.

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

Sincerely, Maryesa White, Interim Director

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Website: volunteersinvt.org / **Email:** rsvprutland@aol.com



Town of Poultney

TO THE OFFICERS AND CITIZENS OF POULTNEY:

In 2021, the VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region provided Poultney residents with exceptional home care, hospice and community health services. From medically fragile infants with hi-tech needs to seniors who wish to remain independent at home, and those who are facing a terminal illness, we continue to bring medically necessary healthcare wherever it is needed, regardless of location of residence, or complexity of health issues.

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

Last year,, VNAHSR's dedicated staff made more than 116,571 visits to 3,900 patients. *In the town of Poultney, we provided 3,193 visits to 89 individuals.*

Thank you for your continued support. With your vote of confidence, we will continue to fulfill our promise to your community to enhance the quality of life of all we serve through comprehensive home and community health services.

Sara C. King, CEO

Dan DiBattista, President of the Board of Directors



Community CareNetwork

RutlandMentalHealthServices

In the year 2022, 28 towns in Rutland County supported the work of Rutland Mental Health Services through town giving. Our agency is committed to providing quality services regardless of an individual's ability to pay. The generous support of towns such as the Town of Poultney assures that quality services are available for their families, friends and neighbors. Services provided to town residents include:

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

During fiscal year 2022, Rutland Mental Health Services provided 3,003 hours of services to 101 Poultney residents. We value our partnership with the Town of Poultney in providing these much needed services and thank you for your continued support.

Dick Courcelle

Chief Executive Officer
Rutland Mental Health Services, Inc.



NewStory Center Annual Report 2022

For 43 years NewStory Center has been the single agency in Rutland County supporting survivors of domestic and sexual violence by working to end the cycle of violence through support, education, prevention, and collaboration.

During FY22, NewStory Center served 728 survivors and their children through direct services such as emergency shelter, medical advocacy, legal advocacy, case management, clinical services, support groups, and the 24/7 crisis hotline. Additionally, we provide training and technical assistance to our community partners, including local law enforcement, to ensure a more effective community response to domestic and sexual violence.

The Board and Staff of NewStory Center thank the voters of Poultney for their support of our agency. Your generosity allows us to, not only provide survivors with necessities and ongoing advocacy, but also affords us the ability to grow and expand our services to better serve your community.

REQUEST

NewStory Center is requesting the sum of \$500, to be voted on at the town meeting in March 2023, to support victims in Rutland County. We are very thankful for the help that the people of Poultney have given us in the past, and would be very grateful for your continued support of our mission. We provided services for at least **19 residents of Poultney** this past year. As our services are confidential, in some cases we might not be informed as to where our clients live.



Town Clerk and Select Boar

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Rutland County Parent Child Center is a private, nonprofit organization dedicated to removing barriers that perpetuate poverty for children and families throughout Rutland County. RCPCC provides early childhood education, early developmental assessment and intervention, educational opportunities and enrichment for at-risk youth, family navigation services, and food security support. All services are provided at no cost or with substantial financial assistance for working families. Overall, we served 847 parents/caregivers and 1207 children in Rutland County this past year.

The COVID-19 pandemic has only highlighted the needs of families in Rutland County and we have responded by increasing our capacity and scope. This past year, our food pantry became one of the largest in the State and we are looking forward to bringing our services to One PCC Place, a 6,000 sq. ft. 2Gen Campus on Chaplin Avenue in Rutland City where we will deliver quality whole family programming in newly renovated space. We would like to continue our request of \$1500. Thank you so much for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Mary Feldman, M.S. Ed, Executive Director



December 6, 2022

To the Citizens of the Town of Poultney,

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

Over the past year, BROCCOMMUNITY ACTION served **174** residents of the Town of Poultney. Whether they need food at the BROCCOMMUNITY Food Shelf, senior commodities, housing counseling, homelessness assistance, weatherization, heating and utility assistance, forms assistance for benefits such as 3SqVT, budget and credit counseling and resources and

referrals; we are here.

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

Respectfully, our appropriation request for the upcoming fiscal year remains \$1,000.00. We truly value our collaboration with Poultney as we assist those most in need.

Sincerely, Thomas L. Donahue, CEO



People with disabilities working together for dignity, independence, and civil rights

THE VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING #03-0271000
TOWN OF POULTNEY
SUMMARY REPORT
Request Amount: \$420.00

For over 43 years, The Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL) has been teaching people with disabilities and the Deaf how to gain more control over their lives and how to access tools and services to live more independently. VCIL employees (85% of whom have a disability) conduct public education, outreach, individual advocacy and systems change advocacy to help promote the full inclusion of people with disabilities into community life.

In FY'22 (10/2021-9/2022) VCIL responded to thousands of requests from individuals, agencies and community groups for information, referral and assistance and program services for individuals living with a disability. VCIL Peer Advocate Counselors (PACs) provided one-on-one peer counseling to **158** individuals to help increase their independent living skills and **6** peers were served by the AgrAbility program. VCIL's Home Access Program (HAP) assisted **172** households with information on technical assistance and/or alternative funding for modifications; **80** of these received financial assistance to make their bathrooms and/or entrances accessible. Our Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF) provided **91** individuals with information on assistive technology; **39** of these individuals received funding to obtain adaptive equipment. **454** individuals had meals delivered through our Meals on Wheels (MOW) program for individuals with disabilities under the age of 60. Our Vermont Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program (VTEDP) served **29** people and provided **16** peers with adaptive telecommunications enabling low-income Deaf, Deaf-blind, Hard of Hearing and individuals with disabilities to communicate by telephone. Due to the pandemic VCIL was able to start a new (temporary) program, Resilience and Independence in a State of Emergency (RISE) which served over 600 people in the 2 years it was funded. The Rise Program helped provide an array of items or services if the needs were directly related to the Covid-19 epidemic.

VCIL's central office is located in downtown Montpelier and we have five branch offices in Bennington, Chittenden, Franklin, Rutland and Windham Counties. Our PACs and services are available to people with disabilities throughout Vermont.

During FY'22, **4** residents of **Poultney** received services from the following programs:

- Peer Advocacy Counseling Program (PAC)
- Information Referral and Assistance (I,R&A)

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802-229-0501, 800-639-1522 (voice & TTY), fax: 802-229-0503
email: info@vcil.org • website: www.vcil.org



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

**Rutland County Vermont Adult Learning Annual Report
Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2022**

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

Our flexible pathways provide students with the opportunity to obtain a high school diploma with many options and resources including dual enrollment at local colleges, technical classes at Stafford Tech, online classes, internships and other creative options.

During this past year, Vermont Adult Learning started EnergyWorks, a workforce training program for jobs in the weatherization, solar panel installation, and heat pump installation fields. Participants partake of technical training, job readiness training and coaching, and job shadowing opportunities. If you like working with your hands and want to get started in a growing field, this could be for you.

Vermont Adult Learning served 1073 students statewide in fiscal year 2022. 144 students were served in our Rutland Center where we provided approximately 5193 hours of education. We provided 446 hours of instructional service to 7 students from Poultney, including 4 students between the ages of 16-21. Additionally, two students received their high school credential.

Classes are five days a week, Monday – Friday, with evening classes available. VAL staff have successfully adapted our classes to an online format following the COVID19 pandemic. This has lessened the transportation barriers many of our students faced but increased the need for technology supports. In response, we have been able to supply our students with Chromebooks so they may remain engaged in their educational pursuits.

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

Contact: Chris Etori, Regional Director
Email: cettori@vtadultlearning.org
Or call 775-0617 ext. 5011



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

Report to the Citizens of Poultney

This report describes the services that the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging (SVCOA) provided to elders in Poultney during SVCOA's most recent annual reporting period of 10/1/2021 through 9/30/2022.

Nutrition Support

The Council helped provide 8,606 meals that were delivered to the homes of 49 elders in your community. This service is often called "Meals on Wheels". In addition, 132 Poultney elders came together at a luncheon site in your area to enjoy a nutritious meal and the company of others; 3,210 meals were provided.

Additionally, SVCOA provided 18.5 hours of one-on-one nutrition support, including nutrition assessments and resource connections and referrals, to 16 residents of Poultney.

Case Management Assistance:

SVCOA case management and outreach staff helped 29 elders in your community for a total of 210.25 hours. Case managers meet with an elder privately in the elder's home or at another agreed upon location and assess the elder's situation. They will work with the elder to identify needs and talk about possible services available to address those needs. If the elder desires, the case manager will link the client to appropriate services, coordinate and monitor services as necessary, and provide information and assistance to caregivers. Case managers also help elders connect with in-home assistance programs, including a program called Choices for Care. This program is especially helpful to frail elders facing long term care placement who still wish to remain at home.

Other Services and Support:

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

VERMONT ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED
HELPING ACHIEVE INDEPENDENCE IN A VISUAL WORLD SINCE 1926

Report of Services for Town of Poultney

The Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired's 2022 Fiscal Year saw the organization's continued success in adapting to the ever-evolving COVID-19 pandemic.

This is an excellent time for VABVI not only to reflect on changes from the past several years, but also set goals based on an increased number of clients and schools and other public environments being re-opened. As projected in recent years, the aging population of our state promises a continued increase of clientele. We believe that the innovations developed as a result of the pandemic are a demonstration of VABVI's ability to accommodate increased demand in even the least ideal circumstances. Moving forward, it is exciting to imagine the strides we will make in enabling blind and visually impaired Vermonters to be more independent, develop adaptive skills, and improve their quality of life.

SMART Device Training Program: The SMART Device Training Program has served a higher number of Vermont seniors each year we've offered it, especially because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Due to social distancing protocols, technology has become essential for our clients to be able to live independently while remaining social and connected to their communities. Clients who received technology training prior to COVID-19 have reported that the skills learned in this program have been invaluable throughout the pandemic, and clients who sought out our help during the pandemic will continue to use SMART Technology in the future.

PALS (Peer-Assisted Learning and Support) Group: PALS Groups, held throughout Vermont, are monthly meetings where members share coping strategies and discuss the practical, social and emotional challenges of vision loss. While PALS groups have been operating remotely via Zoom and telephone over the past two years, arrangements are being made to resume in-person meetings by the end of 2022.

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

IRLE Summer Camp (Intensive Residential Life Experience): IRLE camp helps VABVI students develop social skills, meet fellow visually impaired peers, learn independent living skills, and improve self-advocacy skills. This year's camp took place in Upstate New York at Six Flags Great Adventure Lodge and nearby attractions such as rail biking and bowling.

Thus far in calendar year 2022, VABVI has served 1,001 clients from all fourteen counties in Vermont, but we estimate based on previous years that we will serve approximately 1,200 people by the year's end. In 2022 VABVI has provided services to 5 adults and 2 students in Poultney, and 79 adults and 23 students in Rutland County.

For more information about VABVI's services or volunteer opportunities, please contact Samantha Gougher, Development Associate, at sgougher@vabvi.org. Thank you very much for your support!

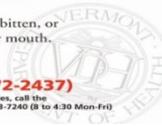
RABIES ALERT!



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



Vermont Rabies Hotline:
1-800-4-RABIES (1-800-472-2437)
If you have contact with an animal that may have rabies, call the Vermont Department of Health at 800-640-4374 or 863-7240 (8 to 4:30 Mon-Fri)



Poultney Rabies Clinic

FEE: \$10.00 per pet

Saturday, March 18th and 25th, 2023 from 10:00am – 12:00pm

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

**Leave Pet in Car and Owner only enter to register and pay for pet
802-287-9292**

If multiple pets, please call to pre-register.

1 year vaccination unless show proof of prior vaccination

**Town Clerk's Office open same day/times to register dogs
You must bring the new Rabies Certificate with you for license**

Per Vermont State Law ALL Dogs must be registered by April 1st of each year.-

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 (VVSA). 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.

Prostrate 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 premise. 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 VSNIP Application, send a 9" S.A.S.E to: VSNIP, 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.VVSAHS.org
VSA 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, VSA Humane Society Executive Director/VSNIP Administrator



ANNUAL REPORT TO
The Town of Poultney
2022

The Rutland County Humane Society is dedicated to advocating for and working towards a responsible and humane community. We provide shelter and adoption opportunities for pets that are homeless and promote animal welfare through community programs that benefit both animals and people.

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

The RCHS shelter is the largest program of the agency, taking in more than 1,000 animals in 2021.

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

The Rutland County Humane Society took in 73 animals from the Town of Poultney from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

Please call us at 483.9171 or visit our website at RCHSVT.org if you would like more information about the Rutland County Humane Society.

Our family caring for your family since 1946



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Decemebr 8, 2022
Town of Poultney
Poultney Town Clerk – Betsy Wescott
9 Main Street, Suite 2
Poultney, VT 05764

Re: 2022 Town Report

Dear Clerk Wescott and Selectboard Members,

On behalf of our board of directors, staff and customers at NeighborWorks of Western Vermont, we want to sincerely thank you for your continued support! My name is Heather Starzynski, the new executive director at NWWVT.

While it was once again a challenging year for so many, we are pleased to report that with continued generous funding from our incredible partners, the state of Vermont, and Poultney, we were once agin able to assist many Vermonters with affordable housing services inlcuding homebuyer education and counseling, down payment assistance, home repair and energy loans and grants, home energy audits and energy efficiency projects, and housing improvement assistance to landlords. Below is a summary of the specific services we were able to provide throughout our service area.

In the last fiscal year (January – December 2022), our services compromised of:

- 302 Low-cost, Comprehensive HEAT Squad Energy Audits and 92 Home Energy Improvement Projects were completed for which homeowners received a rebate from Efficiency Vermont.
- 25 Energy Loans, totaling \$460,477, were made to help homeowners make energy improvements to their home.
- 34 Down Payment Assistance Loans totaling \$ 1,011,010 were made to assist homebuyers make it over the 20% down payment barrier.
- 26 Home Repair Loans totaling \$ 138,931 were made to homeowners to make health and safety upgrades.
- 1 first mortgage loan in partnership with Habitat for Humanity was made in the amount of \$149,900 to a first-time home buyer.
- 126 families attended Homebuyer Education and of those 32 became homeowners.
- 218 households participated in homeownership or financial coaching.

Again, thank you for your support as we wouldn't otherwise be able to provide these services.

Sincerely,
Heather M. Starzynski, Executive Director
hstarzynski@nwwvt.org | 802.797.8602

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



RUTLAND REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

TOWN OF POULTNEY

The Rutland Regional Planning Commission (RRPC) is a resource for towns, a platform for ideas and inspires a vision for our future. We balance local desires, best practices, and regional planning for communities that are vibrant today and strong for years to come. The RRPC and Town of Poultney continued working together in 2022 on many

community development and planning initiatives. Some highlights include:

- Worked with town to review Section 248 applications to Public Utilities Commission for solar electric generation facilities.
- Provided technical assistance to the Planning Commission update of the Unified Development Bylaws.
- Continued serving as local project manager for the Town to Trails masterplan funded through ACCD and VTrans Better Connections Program. Provided technical planning support and outreach with consultants Dubois & King and Community Workshop.
- Provided technical support for sidewalk replacement project on Furnace Street.
- Worked with Town Manager and Road Foreman to submit Bridge #12 as regionally driven candidate for the Vermont Project Selection and Project Prioritization (VPSP2).
- Worked with the town to ensure goals were met in VDEC Tactical Basin Plan Report Card for the South Lake Champlain Watershed.
- Worked with the Town to educate it about the upcoming CWSP South Lake Champlain Basin funding for phosphorous reduction projects to be administered by RRPC and Poultney Mettowee Natural Resources Conservation District.
- Worked with Town Manager and EMD to update 2022 Local Emergency Management Plan, adopt Rutland Region Public Works Mutual Aid Agreement, and appoint Regional Emergency Management Committee voting members for 2022-2023 fiscal year.
- Worked with Road Foreman to complete FY22 Grants in Aid construction project (4 segments improved) and apply for FY23 GIA construction program funding.
- Worked with Road Foreman and Town Manager on MRGP and erosion inventory trainings to ensure permit compliance and meet 2022 15% milestone – achieved 15% target!
- Provided GIS and mapping support for town plan, zoning, and other projects.
- Completed regional bus stop inventory for MVRTD – The Bus.

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

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Cooperative planning in the region

Rutland County Solid Waste District | Annual Report - Calendar Year 2022

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

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

The RCSWD did complete the Districts Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP) for the 2020-2025. The State requires that all communities have a current SWIP in place that meets the requirements of the State's Material Management Plan and delineates how solid and hazardous waste will be managed in the District towns for a five-year period. Milestones will need to be reported back as required. The community's involvement in drafting and developing this document was encouraged.

The District has worked and will continue to engage local businesses informing them about recycling composting and hazardous waste and the programs that we offer. The District will also be working with local schools on many of these same issues. To this end, RCSWD was awarded a USDA, rural development grant this year. This will assist the District in providing an expanded outreach program to member towns with 2,000 or fewer residents. This will include reaching out to every household and business in these towns. It will include working with town Boards, employees, residents, and businesses. This will include seeking what each town needs to reduce reliance on landfills through waste reduction, reuse, and recycling programs. Pre and

post surveys will assist in measuring these efforts.

The District was also awarded a grant from the State to assist in replacing our 1997 Ford Box Truck. This truck passed its useful life with a Ford F650 with a 26-foot box to continue our 32 HHW Rover event to member towns. Another USDA award will assist the District in replacing our red-lined 1980 Kamatsu Excavator with a new Caterpillar 131G Excavator. This will assist in managing program materials at our regional transfer station.

Our website has been updated! This is your virtual Solid Waste Administration Office. Appointments, permits, and so much information and detail at your fingertips 24 -hours a day. Please see our 2022 Annual Report Book which covers greater detail and all our programs to include but not limited to:

Waste Disposal: During 2022, residents and businesses in our member municipalities disposed of approximately 36,931 tons of municipal solid waste which includes the construction and demolition activity along with a significant amount of bulky waste.

Recycling: The District owns a Material Recovery Facility (MRF), recycling center in Rutland City that is leased to Casella Waste Management for their operations. The MRF accepts Zero Sort recycling from transfer stations, commercial haulers and large generators for processing and sale for re-use. The facility currently receives approximately 36,931 tons of recyclables a year from a large geographical area. Since we began tracking material in 2013 the facility has processed over 259,843.27 tons of recyclables.

Household Hazardous Waste: Rutland County Solid Waste District operates an extensive Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) program for district residents and small business generators. The program operates year-round from the Gleason Road facility by appointment. An additional 32 events are scheduled collections at twelve town transfer stations within eighteen member towns through the spring, summer, and fall. The HHW program collects and safely disposes of dozens of hazardous, flammable, and toxic materials. The RCSWD HHW also collects electronic waste and has collected over 45.95 tons of material.

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

Mark S. Shea, District Manager



**9-1-1 Calls for Service
January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2021
The 2020 Call Center Statistics are as follows:**

Total 911 Calls Received – 238,398 (up 1,450 or 1% from 236,948 in 2021)

Total Cellular 911 Calls Received - 176,014 (approximately 74% of total, down from 75% in 2021)

Total Abandoned 911 Calls Received – 25,571 (approximately 11% of total, down from 14% in 2021)

Average Time to Answer – 00:05 (seconds- remained the same as 2021)

Average Call Time – 02:04 (minutes; seconds – was 01:59 in 2021)

Total Text-to-911 Received – 622 (up 147 or 31% from 475 in 2021)

Total **POULTNEY** 9-1-1 Calls Received – 1009 (down 245 or 19.54% from 1254 in 2021)

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

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

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

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

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

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

Don't hang up. If you have placed an emergency call to 9-1-1, stay on the line until the call-taker tells you it's ok to hang up the phone. They can dispatch help even when you are still on the line. In addition, they may require more information or be able to provide you with assistance, so don't hang up. If you've called 9-1-1 by accident, it's important to let the call-taker know. If you hang up suddenly, the call-taker may call you back or may even send someone to your home to check on your safety.

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



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

About the Vermont 2-1-1 database:

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

Services fall under the following general categories:

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

Types of agencies in the database include:

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

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

From within Vermont: [1-866-652-4636](tel:1-866-652-4636)

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



OUR YEAR IN POULTNEY

December 2022

The Poultney Area Chamber of Commerce began 2022 with a goal of increasing membership, communicating with members, and improving the economy of the Poultney area. We welcome any local business or organization that wants to help Poultney grow and flourish to join.

The necessary fund raising continued with the Spring Plant Sale. Since the high school was not available for the Maplefest Craft Fair and Fun Run, we began a new "SeptemberFest", billed as an Art, Craft and Food Fair, with the goal of attracting actual artists and artisans. The June Yard Sale and Great Potato Bake were successful, as well as the Fall Yard Sale. All contributed to our revenue budget and helped us end the year in the black. Thanks go to Chamber members Wendy Cadieux, Nina Corbin, Bob Williams, and Trish Peschl for their help. .

We are currently in a position to sell ads to our members on the PACC website, including a link that will take the advertiser to the member's own website or "landing page" where it is suggested they post an "offer" to engage the new customer.

Our Media Partnerships with NYVT Media, Lakeside News and Rutland Sun, and PEG-TV continue, as does the monthly column to the Rutland Herald. This makes the Chamber and its members more visible and brings Poultney to the attention of more people. We also set up a booth at Chamber events to promote our members and events, including passing out business-card size "Event Cards" listing the next several events.

The Poultney Guide was published early in the second quarter starting in 2022, just in time for spring and summer visitors. The Guide contains information and articles about Poultney, its businesses, and its organizations. Listings are free to members. It is organized by the Chamber in partnership with NYVT Media, and funded by the advertising that appears in it.

The Chamber established a yearly events list for 2023 by September of 2022, and regularly sends out revisions to members and a variety of partners. The list also appears on the website, and is consulted regularly by both local people and visitors. Anyone can request their event be posted by emailing PoultneyVTChamber@gmail.com , or call 802-287-2010.

Chamber Member Suanne Ohl of Northland Real Estate continues to provide Welcome Baskets to new residents. This year they delivered over 20 baskets and have several still to deliver. The baskets includes gifts and information about local businesses and organizations.

Coordination with our local IT expert Brenton Dupee of Nekonook Services has created an “enhanced listing” for Chamber members on the PACC website. This allows each member to list not only contact information, but provides some advertising for the business or organization (free with Chamber membership). Information can be supplied directly by the members, or the member can opt to use the Chamber service to develop the extra information.

The Chamber again participated in organizing and judging the 4th of July parade, chose a Citizen of the Year (Rebecca Cook of the Poultney Public Library), Stuffed the Shanty with warm clothing for kids, and participated in the American Express Small Business Saturday and Shop Small, Shop Local programs. The Chamber also added a new outdoor “HolidayFest” to its events on the third Saturday of December, and hopes to grow this event in the future. Thanks go to Nicole Austin-Arbuckle and Daniel Lang for their ideas and hard work. The Chamber was informed in September that the Town of Poultney was considering using the Stonebridge building for offices, so projects to upgrade the Welcome Center and enhance displays were put on hold until a decision is made. We are continuing to compile information for visitors and new residents to create a reference book, “tours” of Poultney attractions, and a digital display.

Economic Climate in Poultney in 2022: Growing and Changing: There has been an upswing in the number of people visiting Poultney from the past year or so as businesses and events return to normal. Some of the events will need to work to expand again to recover their former numbers. The Fourth of July parade drew large crowds and many floats as people returned to the area and celebrated the opportunity to be out and about.

The Bhakta Group received permission to start renovations on the campus area after some re-zoning was completed, and began immediately to work on some of the buildings on campus, with the aim of first developing a luxury hotel. Other innovations are in the planning stage.

Jeff Roberts of The People’s Choice retired, selling the barber shop which is now serves everyone. Jeff Ams of Mars Insurance bought the white building formerly owned by Debonis, Wright, and Carris, and moved there in late December. He plans to rent space their later. His former insurance office is already rented to a health care operation.

Stewarts Shops made renovations to the back end of the building in the fall, adding store and storage space, making deliveries easier, and upgrading the restroom. Rabid Baits moved to the complex by the firehouse, and continues to rapidly expand. Toad’s Burger Bar opened in the former Tots Diner location mid-year and serves a growing clientele. The Poultney Pub changed its name from Taps Tavern. Slate Quarry Park was completed and a grand opening was held.

Analog Cycles moved into the Journal Press building with a retail shop on the first floor and assembly in the basement. The Poultney Mettowee Natural Resources Conservation District bought the one-story building at 212 Main Street, renting one half to Slate Valley Trails. Shared Memories opened for good in the former Freight Depot, and the Hannah Wood Carving Exhibit on York Street became the Poultney Museum of History and Art. Poultney Auto was sold to the Carquest Company, which had been supply them with parts for many years.

Overall, things are looking better and moving ahead. There are two forces that can raise the town: development of the campus area, and the increase in tourists through recreation and historical tourism. The Chamber is working to move to the next level in order to support both developments, and to support its members through the changes brought on by online marketing.



Slate Valley Trails Update for the Poultney Town Report
Feb 2023 by Courtney Behnken, SVT Operations Manager

Slate Valley Trails, Inc. (SVT) is a volunteer community group founded in 2015. We are a non-profit organization and a chapter of the [Vermont Mountain Biking Association](#) (VMBA). Our mission is to build, maintain and promote foot and bicycling trails in the Slate Valley region of southwestern Vermont. We strive to: Build community among local individuals, organizations and businesses; Support the local economy by promoting the region as a place to visit, with improved access to trails; Encourage the positive health benefits of being active outdoors. Slate Valley Trails maintains more than 50 miles of free, public trails in Poultney, Castleton and Wells for activities such as hiking, biking, running, snowshoeing, fatbiking and nordic skiing. Seasonal outings, such as bike rides, hikes, runs and youth activities, encourage neighbors and visitors alike to visit the outdoors. Our major events, the Slate Valley Epic bike race, the Slate Valley Scramble trail running race and the Meeting of the Grinds bicycle festival attract hundreds of people to the region annually.

SVT's year in Review

In 2022:

- SVT completed the heart of the SVT network in 2022, adding 3 more trails.
- Performed maintenance and updates on all trails within the system
- Hosted 3 successful fundraising events that brought over 580 participants
- Trail stewardship program engaged 50+ volunteers with over 150+ hours of trail work
- Expanded our youth programming to include 3 weeks of a kids mtb and teen stewardship program in partnership with Poultney's summer Rec program with over 100 youth participants.
- Hosed 115+ free community events (group mountain bike rides, group trail runs, group hikes, group bird walks, group full moon hikes, group women's mtb rides)
- Opened a new SVT office in the heart of downtown Poutlney with office hours open to the public
- Gained 24 local business sponsors, 281 members, and 45 board and committee members
- 208,220 + foot of trail maintained by stewards

In 2023, SVT plans to:

- Work with the Town to Trails Project to make better connections from downtown Poultney to the trail system to boost economic activity in the area.
- Work on continued trail maintenance and grooming, boosting our reputation as one of the best trail systems in New England. -Partner with local organizations to bolster economic benefits in the region.
- Continue to host fun, engaging, and diverse events to draw in trail users, new and old.
- Grow our youth programming and activities

Trailheads the organization stewards include: Delaney Woods, Endless Brook Trailhead, Fairgrounds Trailhead, Howe Hill, Lake St. Catherine Country Club Trailhead, Castleton University Trails, Poultney River and Rail Trail

SVT would love to have your help! SVT is supported by memberships, donations, business sponsorships, grants and **LOTS** of volunteer hours. To participate and play a role in advocating for outdoor recreational opportunities and our community, visit slatevalleytrails.org or contact info@slatevalleytrails.org.

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

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

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

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

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

Rutland County Service Delivery July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022

Disaster Response

In the past year, the American Red Cross has responded to **13 disaster cases** in **Rutland County**, providing assistance to **47 individuals**. Most commonly, these incidents were home fires. Red Cross workers were on the scene to provide food, clothing, lodging, emotional support, and more to families during their hours of greatest need. Our teams also provide Mass Care to first responders. Things like food, water, and warm drinks strengthen the brave people of your local Fire and Police Departments as they answer the call to keep your residents safe.

Town/City	Disaster Events	Individuals
Cuttingsville	1	1
East Wallingford	1	7
Fair Haven	1	2
Proctor	1	3
Rutland	9	34

Home Fire Campaign

Last year, Red Cross staff and volunteers worked throughout Rutland County to educate residents on fire, safety and preparedness. We made **6 homes safer** by helping families develop emergency evacuation plans.

Blood Drives

We collected **2,686 pints** of lifesaving blood at **64 drives** in Rutland County.



Training Services

Last year, **421 Rutland County residents** were taught a variety of important lifesaving skills such as First Aid, CPR, Babysitting Skills and Water Safety.



Service to the Armed Forces

We proudly assisted **32 of Rutland County's Service Members, veterans, and their families** by providing emergency communications and other services, including counseling and financial assistance.

Volunteer Services

Rutland County is home to **21 American Red Cross Volunteers**. We have volunteers from all walks of life, who are trained and empowered to respond to disasters in the middle of the night, to teach safety courses, to help at our many blood drives, and so much more. The American Red Cross is proud that 90% of its staff is made up of volunteers; they are truly the heart and soul of our organization.





Serving Citizens with Developmental Disabilities and their Families



BOARD OFFICERS:

**ANNUAL REPORT
2021-2022**

**Melissa Stevens
President**

**Bob Baxter
Vice President**

**Open
Treasurer**

**Kate Tibbs
Secretary**

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

PROGRAMS:

Representative Payee Program: ARC serves 52 individuals with DD/IDs by managing each client’s individual SS/income and processing payments of their financial obligations on a monthly basis; as well as providing budgeting, completing paperwork pertaining to each client’s SS/SSI reviews and coordinating with each client’s support team. We currently have a waiting list for this program.

Self-Advocates (SABE-R) and AKtion Club: ARC facilitated meetings for both the Self Advocates Becoming Empowered- Rutland (SABE-R) and the AKtion club, a member of the Kiwanis Family SABE-R sets group and individual goals while practicing advocacy and communication skills to become leaders and teachers. The AKtion Club is a community service club that holds fundraisers and donates the proceeds to causes of their choosing. With support from the Rutland County Sheriff’s Dept., the club held a car wash to raise money to help a needy family at Christmas time

BOARD MEMBERS:

John B Wingr

Herman Goldberg

Margaret Hayward

Tim Wing

Social Events: These events provide a safe and healthy environment for individuals with developmental disabilities that encourage building a circle of support, practicing social skills and physical exercise. Good attendance at all activities including: themed dances – (Christmas Reindeer Dash, Spring Fling, etc.), a Pool Party and cookout at White’s Pool, and on October 1, one of our member families is hosting a barn picnic at their home in Poultney. Fliers and emails are sent out announcing each event to a mailing list of over 500.

Rutland Family Support Network: We continue to maintain this Listserve, which provides families and individuals with news, information, and answers questions pertaining to developmental disabilities. We also appeared on PEG-TV to discuss ARC’s programs and featured the musical talent of one of our members.

**HONORARY MEMBERS
Terry Mangieri**

Sensory Room: For the last few months, staff and the board have spent many hours setting up and learning how to operate the new equipment in our newly expanded sensory room at the Wing Center., as well as marketing it to those who can refer potential users. “What is or why a sensory room?” you may ask.

“The human brain is designed to produce and regulate responses to the body’s sensory experiences — those things we touch, see, smell, taste and hear. This link between the brain and our behavior is called “sensory integration.” For most people, this is a normal and typically overlooked part of their daily experience. But for an individual with a developmental disorder, including autism, the way the brain processes these experiences can be a major source of distress and discomfort. Sensory rooms are “safe” spaces designed to provide a place for individuals with sensory issues to decompress and confront a variety of sensory issues in a way that will ultimately help them learn to cope with seemingly normal experiences.” ~Benefits of Sensory Rooms & Spaces in Schools and Homes (enablingdevices.com)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**Lisa S. Lynch,
Acting Consultant**

On behalf of those we serve and their families, we are grateful for the support and continued assistance from the citizens of Rutland County. We receive neither state nor federal funding for our programming; we rely on the support of towns in Rutland County, grants, and small fundraisers throughout the year. Typically, a total of 1,000 residents in Rutland County take advantage of all the opportunities we offer annually. We do all this, with 1 full time and 1 part-time employed positions, volunteer board members, volunteers, and much community support. For those wanting more information on these wonderful services or to volunteer, please call 802-775-1370.

Respectfully Submitted,
Melissa Stevens
President, ARC Rutland Area Board of Directors.

QUARRY VALLEY UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT WARNING

Annual School District Meeting

February 28 and March 7, 2023

The legal voters of the Quarry Valley Unified Union School District consisting of the towns of Poultney, Proctor and West Rutland, are hereby notified and warned to meet at West Rutland Town Hall in said town at seven o'clock in the evening on Tuesday, February 28, 2023, to transact any of the following business not involving voting by Australian ballot. Upon the conclusion of the business not involving Australian ballot, the meeting is to be adjourned and reconvened in the respective polling places hereinafter named on Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at 10:00 A.M. at which time the polls open until 7:00 P.M. at which time the polls will close, to transact business involving voting by Australian ballot.

February 28, 2023

- Article 1. To elect a moderator for a term of one (1) year.
- Article 2. To hear the reports of the School Board and other District officials and act thereon.
- Article 3. To elect a treasurer for a term of one (1) year.
- Article 4. To elect a clerk for a term of one (1) year.
- Article 5. To hear a presentation from the School Board on the proposed 2023-24 budget.
- Article 6. To transact any other lawful business that comes before the meeting.

March 7, 2023

- Article 7. School Budget: Shall the voters of the Quarry Valley Unified Union School District approve the School Board to expend **\$19,887,185.20** which is the amount the School Board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of **\$17,772** per equalized pupil which is **5.21%** more than last year.
- Article 8. Shall the voters authorize the Board of School Directors to transfer up to **fifty percent (50%)** of any fiscal year 2022 year-end surplus to the District's Capital Improvements and Facility Repair and Maintenance Reserve Fund?

Informational Hearing on February 28, 2023

Said persons and voters are further notified and warned that the meeting on February 28, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. at West Rutland Town Hall, in West Rutland, Vermont will also serve as an informational hearing to discuss Articles 7-8 which will be voted on by Australian ballot on March 7, 2023.

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

Said persons and voters are further warned and notified that pursuant to 17 V.S.A. Section 2680(h), Article 7 constitutes a Public Hearing on the proposed budget.

Polling Places for Australian Ballot Vote on March 7, 2023

Poultney:	Poultney Fire House	10:00 A.M. – 7:00 P.M.
Proctor:	Proctor Jr. Sr. High School	10:00 A.M. – 7:00 P.M.
West Rutland:	West Rutland Town Hall	10:00 A.M. – 7:00 P.M.

Dated on January 24, 2023.

QUARRY VALLEY UNIFIED UNION BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS:



Lisa Miser, Board Chair



Michael Moser, Board Vice Chair



Kristen Ross, Clerk

Tom Callahan, Board Member

Jessica Grabowski, Board Member



Rebecca Gardner, Board Member

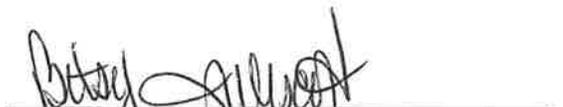


Sarah Lohnes-Watulak, Board Member

Katharine McWaters, Board Member

Nate Slentz, Board Member

Received for record and recorded prior to posting this ^{24th} day of January, 2023.



Quarry Valley Unified Union District Clerk

REMINDER

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

DATE & TIME:

Tuesday, February 28, 2023 at 7: 00 PM

LOCATION:

**West Rutland Town Offices
35 Marble Street
West Rutland, VT
Second Floor**

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

Please Join Us in Support of Your Schools!

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

www.grcsu.org.



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

Dear Residents of the Town of Poultney:

It is my honor to continue to represent you as your Representative to the Vermont State Legislature. We continue to address a few issues related to COVID; however, all in all we are back to normal under the Golden Dome.

We gaveled in on January 4, 2023 and it has been nonstop since then. We continue to address the most pressing issues facing our state. Affordable housing, economic development and protecting the most vulnerable have bubbled to the top.

The Governor presented his 8.4-billion-dollar budget proposal; the largest in our State's history. We have received massive amounts of money from the federal government because of several rounds of money granted to the state due to COVID. Key budget items are as follows: fully funding the state and teacher retirement plans. This year that amount is 444 million dollars. Additionally, the budget fully funds the state's debt service obligations and maintains, or exceeds, statutory reserve requirements. Budgeting money for housing, childcare, mental illness and addiction and, replacing legacy software and equipment to deliver services to Vermonters in a timelier manner. All of this will be accomplished without any new taxes or fees. The Governor's proposed budget heads to our House Appropriations Committee and will probably see several adjustments.

We are on our latest round of grants, the IJJA, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. Poultney was very fortunate to receive 100% funding for the construction of the East Poultney Bridge. This money means our Town will not have to match the 10% historically needed for a project of this size. The construction will be completed on the East Poultney Bridge as well as the scoping study on the Vermont Route 31 Bridge (South Street).

If you have any questions or concerns, I am always here to listen. Please feel free to reach out to me at pmccoy@leg.state.vt.us.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Pattie

Representative Pattie McCoy
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Rutland County Solid Waste District 2023 HHW Rural Collection Schedule



Gleason Road HHW facility is open Mon-Sat (7am - 3pm)
(Online appointment required¹ 24 hrs in advance for the Gleason Rd facility)

NEW

Call us to find out more on the drop-in days

APRIL 1, 2023	CASTLETON 7:30AM - 10:30AM	WEST RUTLAND 11:30AM - 1:00PM
APRIL 8, 2023	MT. HOLLY 8:00AM - 10:00AM	KILLINGTON / PITTSFIELD 11:30AM - 1:30PM
APRIL 15, 2023	BRANDON 8:00AM - 10:00AM	PITTSFORD 11:00AM - 1:00PM
APRIL 22, 2023	POULTNEY 8:00AM - 10:00 AM	IRA 11:30AM - 1:30PM
APRIL 29, 2023	DANBY/MT. TABOR @ DANBY T.S 8:00AM - 10:00AM	
MAY 6, 2023	PROCTOR 11:00AM - 2:00AM	
MAY 13, 2023	WALLINGFORD 8:00AM - 10:00AM	CLARENDON 11:00AM - 1:00PM
MAY 20, 2023	BRANDON 8:00AM - 10:00AM	PITTSFORD 11:00AM - 1:00PM
JUNE 3, 2023		POULTNEY 11:00AM - 1:00PM
JUNE 10, 2023	CASTLETON 8:00AM - 11:00AM	WELLS 12:00PM - 2:00PM
JULY 8, 2023	IRA 8:00AM - 10:00AM	WEST RUTLAND 11:00AM - 1:00PM
JULY 15, 2023	MT. HOLLY 8:00AM - 10:00AM	KILLINGTON / PITTSFIELD 11:30AM to 1:30PM
JULY 22, 2023	DANBY/MT. TABOR @ DANBY T.S 8:00AM - 10:00AM	
SEPT 2, 2023	CASTLETON 8:00AM - 11:00AM	WELLS 12:00PM - 2:00PM
SEPT 9, 2023		POULTNEY 11:00AM - 1:00PM
SEPT 23, 2023	WALLINGFORD 8:00AM - 10:00AM	CLARENDON 11:00AM - 1:00PM
SEPT 30, 2023	BRANDON 8:00AM - 10:00AM	PITTSFORD 11:00AM - 1:00PM
OCT 7, 2023		PROCTOR 11:00AM - 1:00PM

2023 HHW RURAL COLLECTION SCHEDULE



Questions call¹: 802-775-7209; or visit www.rcswd.com