

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TOWN OFFICERS OF
FAYSTON
VERMONT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022



THE 2022 TOWN REPORT IS DEDICATED TO THE
WAITSFIELD-FAYSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT
FOUNDED IN 1910

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DEDICATION

The Selectboard is pleased to dedicate this year's Town Report to the Waitsfield-Fayston Fire Department and its volunteer firefighters and families who so selflessly and skillfully provide essential protection for our homes and loved ones. The Waitsfield-Fayston Fire Department was established in 1910 (!) and has a storied history.

It truly represents some of the best qualities of the Mad River Valley; cared devotion to the community and its property. We celebrate its past and current service and look forward to supporting its essential service to the community.

The Waitsfield-Fayston Volunteer Fire Department provides service to both Waitsfield and Fayston and maintains a mutual assistance agreement with other nearby fire departments. The Town of Fayston pays 40% of the annual operating and capital costs of the department. This 60/40 split was determined by the approximate percentage of responses within each town over the years. In addition to the funding agreement, many Fayston residents serve as volunteers.

Fire Department Roster

Tripp Johnson, Jared Young, Craig Snell, Ted Savage, Eli McCoy, Daniel Beede, Paul Hartshorn, Josh Livingston, Gordon Eurich, Eric Haskin, Kirsten Andreae, Adam Cook, Kaylie Viens, Ray Stanier, Tristan Weide, Stephen Smith, Bob Lockett, Josh Noyes, Todd Farnham, Eli Viens, Shannon Young, Evan Theurer, Allen Greenslit, George Gabaree Jr., Patrick Snell, Evan Dacosta, Andy Johnson

WAITSFIELD-FAYSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

Calls by Typee 2022

Call Type	Waitsfield	Fayston	Moretown	Warren	Middlesex	TOTAL
Structure Fire	1	1		1	1	4
Rekindle	1					1
Chimney Fire	1	2	1			4
Vehicle Fire	2	3				5
Waterpipe Break	1					1
Appliance Smoking/ On Fire		1				1
Electrical Fire	1					1
Smoke/Fire Alarm Activation- No Fire	26	18	3			47
CO Alarm Activation- No CO	2	5				7
CO in Building	2					2
Motor Vehicle Accident	8	6	2			16
Down Power lines/ Tree on Lines	2	1				3
Chemical Smell/ Propane Odor	3	1				4
Smoke in Building	2					2
Wild land Fire		1				1
Mutual Aid Standby				1		1
HAZMAT	3					3
Service Call	2	1				3
Unpermitted Burn	2					2
Good Intent- Called in by passerby but not an emergency	7	1				8
Elevator Alarm- No Emergency	1					1
Medical Assist	2	1		1		4
Total						121

The Waitsfield Fayston Fire Department has had another busy year of answering emergency calls and continued department training. We have had multiple members take advantage of outside training opportunities such as firefighter one. In addition, we are providing our Essentials to Firefighting course for its second year. These courses are offered to all surrounding fire departments, and taught by our veteran firefighters, to learn best practices in firefighting and follow the NFPA guidelines that each fire service follows. All of these training are very big commitments and bring huge benefits to the department.

We have continued to work closely with the selectboards for the arrival of our new utility van, working with the state to get our extractor in operation, as well as maintaining our capitol and operational needs.

Officers 2022

Chief- Tripp Johnson
1st Assistant Chief- Jared Young
2nd Assistant Chief- Craig Snell
Captain- Ted Savage

Lieutenant- Eli McCoy
Lieutenant- Daniel Beede
Safety Officer- Todd Farnham
Treasurer- Gordy Eurich

Secretary- Shannon Young
Moderator- George Gabaree Jr.

WARNING OF TOWN MEETING 2023

The legal voters of the Town of Fayston are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Fayston Elementary School on Tuesday March 7, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. Australian Ballot voting on HUUSD and CVCCSD articles will take place at the Fayston Elementary School from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Early voting is available. Contact the Fayston Town Clerk's Office for details. 802-496-2454 or faystontc@madriver.com.

Articles are to be voted are as follows:


- Article 1. To elect a Moderator for the year ensuing. Rick Rayfield's term expires.
- Article 2. Shall the Offices of Town Clerk and Treasurer move from one-year terms to three-year terms beginning March 7, 2023?
- Article 3. To elect a Town Clerk for the term ensuing. Patti Lewis' term expires.
- Article 4. To elect a Treasurer for the term ensuing. Patti Lewis' term expires.
- Article 5. To hear and act upon the reports of Town Officers for the year ending 2022
- Article 6. To elect a Delinquent Tax Collector for the year ensuing. Patti Lewis' term expires.
- Article 7. To elect a Selectboard Member for a three-year term. Michael Jordan's term expires.
- Article 8. To elect a Lister for a three-year term. Kirsten Andreae's term expires.
- Article 9. To elect a Second Constable for a one-year term. Chris Griffin's term expires.
- Article 10. To elect a Cemetery Commissioner for a three-year term. Candace Porter's term expires.
- Article 11. To elect a HUUSD School Director to complete Kim Laidlaw's three-year term to 2025. Article to be voted by Australian Ballot at the Fayston Elementary School.
- Article 12. To elect a HUUSD School Director to complete Mike Bishop's three-year term to 2024. Article to be voted by Australian Ballot at the Fayston Elementary School.
- Article 13. Shall the Town pay the Selectboard expenses in the amount of \$1000.00 each?
- Article 14. Property taxes are due 30 days from the generation of the bills, and become late after that date. Taxes not paid by November 1, 2023 are delinquent (postmarks (not metered mail) accepted). Delinquent taxes will incur a one-time penalty of 8% and interest of 1% per month for the first three months and 1.5% per month thereafter shall be applied.

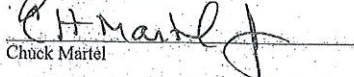
Shall November 1, 2023 remain the date that taxes become delinquent?

WARNING OF TOWN MEETING 2023

- Article 15. Shall the voters authorize the sum of \$7,500.00 to be paid to the stewardMRV?
- Article 16. Shall the voters authorize a sum of money (\$1,627,750.89) to pay debts and expenses of the Town of Fayston for the year ending December 31, 2023?
- Article 17. Shall the Town vote to start next year's Town Meeting (March 5, 2024) at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon?


Selectboard;


Jared Cadwell, Chair


Chuck Martel


Michael Jordan

Dated this 25 day of January 2023 at Fayston, Vermont


Patti Lewis, Fayston Town Clerk

Received and recorded this 25 day of January 2023.


INCLUSION PROCLAMATION

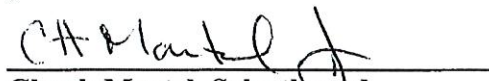
The Town of Fayston condemns racism and welcomes all persons, regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, gender identity or expression, age, or disability, and will protect these classes to the fullest extent of the law.


As a Town, we formally condemn discrimination in all of its forms and commit to fair and equal treatment of everyone in our community.

The Town of Fayston has been and will continue to be a place where individuals can live freely and express their opinions.

June 28, 2022


Jared Cadwell, Selectboard Chair


Chuck Martel, Selectboard


Michael Jordan, Selectboard

OFFICERS LIST

ELECTED AT TOWN MEETING										
2022			V/S							Term
Selectboard	Jared Cadwell (Chair)		V/S	faystonsb@madriver.com	496-3295	254 Moulton Road	Waitsfield	05673	3 year	2024
Selectboard	Chuck Martel		V/S	faystonsb@madriver.com	496-5932	713 Randell Road	Fayston	05660	3 year	2025
Selectboard	Mike Jordan		V/S	faystonsb@madriver.com	496-4929	563 Big Basin Rd	Fayston	05660	3 year	2023
Town Clerk	Patti Lewis		P	faystontc@madriver.com	496-2454 x 1	866 N. Fayston Rd.	Fayston	05660	1 year	2023
Town Treasurer	Patti Lewis		P	faystontres@madriver.com	496-2454 x 1	866 N. Fayston Rd.	Fayston	05660	1 year	2023
Delinquent Tax Collector	Patti Lewis		P	faystontres@madriver.com	496-2454 x 1	866 N. Fayston Rd.	Fayston	05660	1 year	2023
HUUSD School Director	Kim Laidlaw		V	khaug2@yahoo.com	279-5729	N. Fayston Rd	Fayston	05660	3 year	2023
HUUSD School Director	Mike Bishop		V	mbishop@huusd.org	825-5527	78 Hoffman Rd	Fayston	05660	3 year	2024
Lister	Doug Mosle		P	faystonlister@madriver.com	496-2454 x 3	866 N. Fayston Rd.	Fayston	05660	3 year	2024
Lister	Kim Laidlaw		P	faystonlister@madriver.com	496-5517	N. Fayston Rd	Fayston	05660	3 year	2025
Lister	Kirsten Andrae		P	faystonlister@madriver.com	496-2370	Moulton Rd	Fayston	05673	3 year	2023
Second Constable	Chris Griffin		V		496-2500	Sharpshooter Rd	Fayston	05660	1 year	2023
Cemetery Commissioner	Ken Amann		V		496-4111	PO Box 875	Waitsfield	05673	3 year	2024
Cemetery Commissioner	Candace Porter		V	porterri@aol.com	496-4505	1089 Phen Basin Road	Fayston	05673	3 year	2023
Cemetery Commissioner	David Koepele		V	d.koepele@gmail.com	583-1799	3400 Center Fayston Road	Fayston	05660	3 year	2025
Joslin Library Trustee (elected by Library Board)	Sally Reisner		V		496-7010	PO Box 1299	Waitsfield	05673	5 year	2026
	Trish Read		V		496-3052	92 Fire Pond Lane	Fayston	05673	5 year	2023
Moderator	Fredrick Rayfield		V	rayfieldvt@aol.com	496-5667	PO Box 819	Waitsfield	05673	1 year	2023
APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS										
Road Foreman	Stuart Hallstrom		P	faystontowngarage@madriver.com	496-8827	41 Town Garage Road	Fayston	05660	1 year	2023
Assistant Town Clerk & Treas	Sarah Stavrak		P	faystonac@madriver.com	496-2454 x 2	866 N. Fayston Road	Fayston	05660	1 year	2023
Assistant Town Clerk	Lisa Koitzsch		P	faystonac@madriver.com	496-2454 x 2	866 N. Fayston Road	Fayston	05660	1 year	2023
Selectboard Assistant	Patti Lewis		P	faystonsc@madriver.com	496-2454 x 1	866 N. Fayston Road	Fayston	05660	1 year	2023
Zoning Administrator	Jason Wilson		P	faystonzoning@madriver.com	496-2454 x 4	866 N. Fayston Road	Fayston	05660	1 year	2023
First Constable	Kevin Vanschaick		V	kerv@gmavt.net	793-2752			05673	1 year	2023
Animal Control Officer	Jeremiah Rutledge		P	Rutledge.Jeremiah@yahoo.com	496-4424	483 Smith Road	Fayston	05673	1 year	2023
Tree Warden	Michael Quenneville		V	mque46@madriver.com	496-8827	866 N. Fayston Rd.	Fayston	05660	1 year	2023
Service Officer	Rick Swanson		V		760-7787	533 Millbrook Road	Fayston	05673	1 year	2023
Health Officer	Jason Wilson		V	faystonzoning@madriver.com	496-2454 x 4	866 N. Fayston Road	Fayston	05660	1 year	2023
Energy Coordinator	Brad Long		V	blong@veic.org	735-8083	866 N. Fayston Road	Fayston	05660	1 year	2023

OFFICERS LIST

Emergency Management	Craig Snell	V	snelldawg@hotmail.com	496-3677	2410 Center Fayston Road	Fayston	05660	1 year	2023
Legal Consultant	Lindsay Browning	V	lbrowning327@gmail.com	496-5603	38 Nelson Farm Road	Fayston	05660	1 year	2023
Grand Juror	Matt Howes	V		496-9107	78 Ward Hollow Road	Fayston	05660	1 year	2023
Fire Warden	Dan Beede	V/S		923-6928	2333 N. Fayston Road	Fayston	05660	1 year	2023
Planning Commission	Vacant	V				Fayston	05660	4 year	2026
Planning Commission	Don Siminoni	V	dons@simoniniboston.com	496-4183	414 Deer Run Lane	Fayston	05660	4 year	2023
Planning Commission	Doug Day (Vice Chair)	V	dougday9004@yahoo.com	496-4374	406 Deer Run Lane	Fayston	05660	4 year	2026
Planning Commission	Peter Ludlow	V	PJLudlow@gmavt.net	496-5193	PO Box 574	Waitsfield	05673	4 year	2025
Planning Commission	Jennifer Hammond	V	hammondjial@gmavt.net	496-2174	PO Box 58	Waitsfield	05673	4 year	2026
Planning Commission	Karen Sauther	V	ksauther@madriver.com	496-7997	347 Glen View Road	Fayston	05673	4 year	2024
Planning Commission	Rebecca Baruzzi (Chair)	V	rebecca.rossi@gmail.com	496-6475	122 Nelson Farm Road	Fayston	05660	4 Year	2024
Development Review Board	Ky Koitzsch	V	kkoitzsch@madriver.com	279-3237	PO Box 953	Waitsfield	05673	3 year	2025
Development Review Board	Peter Ludlow	V	PJLudlow@gmavt.net	496-5193	PO Box 574	Waitsfield	05673	3 year	2023
Development Review Board	Shane Mullen (Chair)	V	smm@madriver.com	496-7997	347 Glen View Road	Fayston	05673	3 year	2024
Development Review Board	Michael Quenneville	V	mque46@madriver.com	496-2190	353 Murphy Road	Fayston	05660	3 year	2025
Development Review Board	Daniel Young (Vice Chair)	V	danielhorrissyong@gmail.com	496-5603	38 Nelson Farm Road	Fayston	05660	3 year	2023
Development Review Board	Jim Donkerslot, Alt.	V	jindonkerslot@msn.com	461-8754		Fayston	05673	1 year	2023
Development Review Board	Nicholas Skwira, Alt.	V	nick@haymakervt.com	496-7997	2945 N. Fayston Road	Fayston	05660	1 year	2023
Conservation Commission	Corrie Miller (Co-Chair)	V	faystonconservation@madriver.com	999-2213	Confidential	Fayston	05660	3 year	2024
Conservation Commission	Lisa Koitzsch (Co-Chair)	V	faystonconservation@madriver.com	279-2173	PO Box 953	Waitsfield	05673	3 year	2025
Conservation Commission	Ned Kelley	V	ned576@gmail.com	496-9420	576 Smith Road	Fayston	05660	3 year	2023
Conservation Commission	Akhil Kaplan	V	akhilkaplan@gmail.com	279-9272		Fayston	05673	3 year	2024
Conservation Commission	Patty Pasley	V	plpasley@gmail.com	825-1893	1663 Bragg Hill Road	Fayston	05673	3 year	2025
Conservation Commission	Vacant	V						3 year	2023
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Boyce Hill Steering Committee	Chuck Martel	V	cmartel@accessvt.com	496-5932	713 Randell Road	Fayston	05660	2 year	2024
Boyce Hill Steering Committee	Lisa Koitzsch	V	faystonconservation@madriver.com	279-2173	PO Box 953	Waitsfield	05673	2 year	2024
Boyce Hill Steering Committee	Corrie Miller	V	faystonconservation@madriver.com	999-2213	Confidential	Fayston	05660	2 year	2024
Boyce Hill Steering Committee	Woody Dugan	V	woodydugan@madriver.com	498-4405	3370 N. Fayston Road	Fayston	05660	2 year	2024
Boyce Hill Steering Committee	Pete Colgan	V	peter.colgan@gmail.com	781-771-5568	1864 Airport Road	Fayston	05660	2 year	2024
Boyce Hill Steering Committee	Sally Dwyer	V	spzdwyer@bu.edu	496-2889	705 Dunbar Hill Road	Fayston	05660	2 year	2024
Boyce Hill Steering Committee	Karrie Thomas	V	karriekhola@gmail.com	Confidential	68 Glen View Road	Fayston	05673	2 year	2024
MRV Planning District	Jared Cadwell	V	faystonsb@madriver.com	496-3295	254 Moulton Road	Waitsfield	05673	1 year	2023
MRV Planning District	Chuck Martel - Alternate	V	faystonsb@madriver.com	496-5932	713 Randell Road	Fayston	05660	1 year	2023
MRV Recreation District	Molly Bagnato	V		496-7153		Fayston	05673	3 year	2024
MRV Recreation District	Cory Ayotte	V			1709 Tucker Hill Road	Fayston	05673	3 year	2026
MRV Recreation District	John Stokes @ Large	V		496-2170	916 Phen Basin Road	Fayston	05660	3 year	2023
Green Up Day Coordinator	Patty Pasley	V	plpasley@gmail.com	825-1893	1663 Bragg Hill Road	Fayston	05673	1 year	2023
Central VT Regional Planning	Vacant	V				Fayston	05673	1 year	2023

OFFICERS LIST

TAC	Don Simonini	V	dons@simoniniboston.com	496-4183	414 Deer Run Lane	Fayston	05660	1 year	2023
Police Advisory Committee	Vacant	V				Fayston	05660	1 year	2023
Camel's Hump State Forest	Doug Wilson	V		496-3836	1169 Kew Vasseur Road	Fayston	05673	1 year	2023
MR Resource Mgmt Alliance	Chuck Martel	V	faystonsb@madrivert.com	496-5932	713 Randell Road	Fayston	05660	1 year	2023
MR Resource Mgmt Alliance	Mike Jordan, Alternate	V	faystonsb@madrivert.com	496-4929	563 Big Basin Rd	Fayston	05660	1 year	2023
ELECTED AT GENERAL ELECTION									
Justice of the Peace	Peter Forbes	V	peter@peterforbes.org	496-5685	700 Bragg Hill Road	Fayston	05673	2 year	Feb-2
Justice of the Peace	Jared Cadwell	V	jared@madrivert.com	496-3295	254 Moulton Road	Waitsfield	05673	2 year	Feb-2
Justice of the Peace	Cynthia Seckler	V			PO Box 972	Waitsfield	05673	2 year	Feb-2
Justice of the Peace	Fredrick Rayfield	V	rayfieldvt@aol.com	496-5667	PO Box 819	Waitsfield	05673	2 year	Feb-2
Justice of the Peace	Danielle Howes	V	cestlavievt@yahoo.com	496-9107	78 Ward Hollow Road	Fayston	05660	2 year	Feb-2
V=VOLUNTEER									
P=PAID									
V/S=VOLUNTEER/STIPEND									
V/P=VOLUNTEER/MAY PAY									
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SELECTBOARD REPORT

Managing the town budget in 2022 was a challenge. Double digit inflation and supply chain issues made repairs to and the purchase of equipment exorbitantly expensive. The front office staff and road crew did their level best to stay within the budget, but those aforementioned factors proved to be difficult to overcome. In addition, the inflationary pressures had a significant impact on town employees' take-home pay. The Selectboard felt duty bound to make appropriate increases to wages and salaries. While we expect to see somewhat lower inflation and some improvement in the supply chain, we have significantly increased affected line items in the 2023 budget. These are, to name a few: highway -diesel/gasoline; road salt; capital fund for highway equipment; wages and salaries.

**We're pleased to report several projects that were
completed or initiated in 2022:**

- Adopted Declaration of Inclusion per Vermont League of Cities and Towns guidelines (printed in Town Report)
- Stone-lined the final pitch of Center Fayston Road to the intersection of Bassett Hill Road
- Re-built a poorly constructed stretch of Kew-Vasseur Road (in the process dug out stumpage from 75 years ago!)
- Completed the asphalt paving for North Fayston Road (ARPA funded)
- Paved the entrance and exit walkways at the Town Office for ADA compliance (ARPA)
- Tree removal at the Town Office and Bragg Hill Cemetery (ARPA)
- Phase One of state mandated 911 road signage (ARPA)
- Hired Landslide Natural Resource Consulting for Boyce Hill Mgt Plan (ARPA)
- Approved the use of ARPA funds for Town Hall re-roofing,
propane boiler replacement, parking lot lighting. These items are expected to be completed in 2023
- Allocated ARPA funds for new zoning software and scanner for land records
- Set aside ARPA funds for Waitsfield-Fayston Fire Department firefighter gear and equipment

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- Culvert replacement in various locations along town roads
- Negotiated lease of Town Garage land to Mad River Ridge Runners for equipment storage sheds
- Negotiated added employee benefits for vacation and eye care
- Hired a new Zoning Administrator, Jason Wilson. Kudos to our front office staff for filling in during the three-month vacancy.
- Completed the final updates of the town's Hazard Mitigation Plan. The HMP updates will maintain the town's Federal Emergency Management Agency certification.

Our local government depends on citizen expertise and volunteers for its various boards and commissions. Currently, there are vacancies on the Planning Commission, Conservation Commission and Harwood Union Unified School District Board. We strongly encourage folks to get involved by being a member of one of these vital boards and commissions.

We've dedicated this year's Town Report to the volunteer firefighters and families of the Waitsfield-Fayston Fire Department. We are incredibly fortunate to have such a well-trained and devoted roster of firefighters and support staff. We've appreciated the close cooperation with the Town of Waitsfield and its Selectboard as we work to provide the necessary gear, training and equipment for the firefighters.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jared Cadwell, Chair
Chuck Martel
Michael Jordan

LISTER REPORT

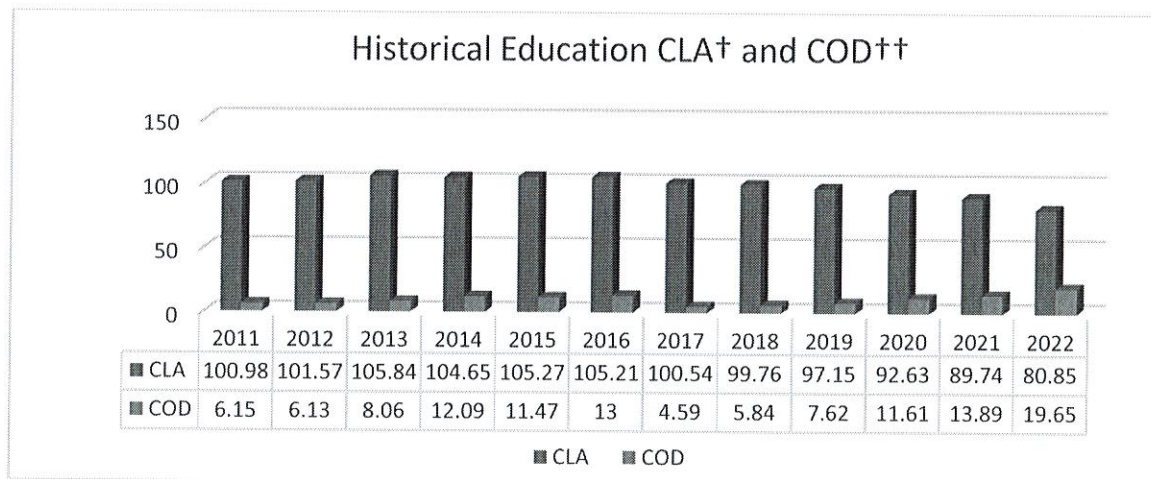
CLA 101. The Common Level of Appraisal is calculated by dividing the town's Education Grand List by the statutorily mandated Estimate of Fair Market Value of the grand list, called the Equalized Education Grand List (32 V.S.A § 5401). This estimate (which is calculated by the state, not me) is based upon valid sales over the past three years and serves as the denominator in the CLA equation. The Education Grand List is the numerator. If you are interested in learning more about the Equalized Grand List, Google "Introduction to Vermont's Equalization Study" and you'll find a 10-pager on the subject that's pretty informative.

Although we have seen a slowing of sales this summer, it is important to note that the data which affects our CLA each year is drawn from sales during the prior 3-year period ending on April 1st, and from April 1, 2021 to April 1, 2022 the real estate market remained very strong. Historically high sale prices continue to drive our Common Level of Appraisal downward, so for those who read this and wonder how it affects them, the next few paragraphs are for you.

For several years following our last townwide reappraisal, the CLA remained relatively stable, dropping just 2.85% during the subsequent three years. In last year's lister report I wrote the following:

"the CLA dropped a remarkable 5% in 2020 on the strength of 41 residential sales that averaged about 12% above the towns assessed values for those homes. In 2021 we saw the CLA drop another 3% on 50 residential sales that averaged about 15% above the towns assessed values for those properties. Since the State of Vermont will require a reappraisal if the CLA dips below 85%, it will be interesting to watch the real estate market over the next year. While there are no obvious indicators of a slowdown, the lack of inventory could certainly predict a leveling out of the CLA. If it does not, we could be looking at an ordered reappraisal as soon as 2023."

Which brings us to 2023. With 54 residential sales that averaged just over 49% above their assessed values (not a typo), our CLA for 2022 dropped a stunning 9% to 80.85 and by the time this report is published, we will be ordered by the state to submit a plan for a townwide reappraisal.



LISTER REPORT

What does that mean in the short term? Not much, unless you happen to be a municipal appraiser looking for work. Over the past decade, on average 16 municipalities per year have been ordered to reappraise due to exceeding CLA/COD thresholds. This year 165 Vermont towns exceeded those thresholds, so we're not alone and as far as reappraisal services, there just won't be enough contractors to go around for the next several years. We will get in line and we will reappraise when we can procure an appraisal contractor, but it is unlikely that we will begin a reappraisal for a few years. In the meantime, our CLA will continue to move with the market and the town will continue to operate, as usual, based upon the budget that is approved each year by the voters. When the reappraisal does happen, it will look a little different than in years past since we will likely hire an independent contractor rather than handle the task in-house.

Homestead Declarations – Just an annual and friendly reminder that the State of Vermont requires each resident to declare their homestead status **each year**. This declaration may be done online beginning in February by visiting the Vermont Department of Taxes website. **THERE IS A PENALTY IF YOU DO NOT FILE**. The Dept. of Taxes has created a video tutorial on YouTube. You can Google it.

Building Permits – Residential construction remained active in 2022, with 22 new homes either under construction or permitted to begin construction this year. Also 16 new permits for residential additions are either underway or permitted to begin this year as well as 17 accessory structures underway or permitted to begin this year.

Although there is nothing we can do to avoid a reappraisal at this point, it is still essential that we keep up with residential permits and property values. These updates are the best way to keep our CLA inline during the interim years between reappraisals, and even as we wait, the more up-to-date we keep the numerator in the aforementioned CLA calculation, the more in-line the CLA will remain – and the closer the CLA is to 100% the smaller the impact on the education tax rate.

As usual, during the course of the spring we will visit as many properties as possible that have zoning permits outstanding, and we ask for your cooperation in performing this task. If you would like to schedule a visit, please contact the Listers at 496-2454 x 3 or by email at faystonlister@madriver.com. Otherwise, we will call and schedule a time. Or we may stop by if we're in the neighborhood. If you are uncomfortable with us visiting for any reason, please let us know and we can make reasonable accommodations.

Thanks again for all you do to support the Listers in maintaining the Town's Grand List. We look forward to seeing you around town.

Respectfully Submitted,

Doug Mosle, Kirsten Andrea, Kim Laidlaw
Fayston Board of Listers

† The **Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)** represents the average ratio (shown as a percentage) of sales in the town during the past three years, as compared to their assessed value. Therefore a CLA of 100% indicates that, on average, homes over the past three years sold for their assessed value. A lower CLA indicates that properties are selling above the town's assessment; a higher CLA indicates the opposite. A CLA below 85% will trigger a mandatory reappraisal.

†† The **Coefficient of Dispersion (COD)** represents the average absolute difference of each property's sale ratio from the median sales ratio, an indicator of how fairly the property tax burden is distributed within the town. Therefore, a higher COD indicates greater disparity and a lower COD indicates greater parity. A COD above 20% will trigger a mandatory reappraisal.

ZONING AND PLANNING REPORT

The Fayston Planning Commission is currently a seven-member volunteer board. The Development Review Board is a five-member volunteer board. Both boards over time seek out new members. If you are interested in taking part in Fayston's planning or development process, contact Jason Wilson, Planning & Zoning Administrator, at faystonzoning@madriver.com.

The Planning Commission has spent the year completing the revision to the 2018 Land Use Regulations. They completed this process in October with a public hearing on October 17th. The Commission then sent the revisions on to the Selectboard for approval. This revision updated the 2018 edition in regards to new State Statutes, technological advancements and an ever-changing town dynamic. These revisions will help align the LURS with the 2020 Town Plan and support the goals for the future of the Town of Fayston.

The Development Review Board has conducted 25 hearings this year on wide range of items from Conditional Use, Boundary Line Adjustments and Minor Subdivision applications.

The Fayston Zoning & Planning Administrator's (ZA) responsibility is to attend to all Zoning Permit activities, enforce the zoning regulations, keep detailed records of permit activity, and provide guidance to permit applicants. The ZA also provides administrative support to the Planning Commission for town plan and land use regulations work and to the Development Review Board for all Conditional Use and Subdivision applications. The ZA must administer the Land Use Regulations literally.

In the following table you will see a breakdown of outcomes for applications of the past 5 years:

Permit Type	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Subdivision, BLA & Amendment	8	11	2	3	8
Housing Unit (SFR, Access Dwell)	13	11	7	12	10
Additions/Other	21	36	35	15	24
Cert. of Occupancy	17	12	6	7	7
Conditional Use	14	9	5	13	9
Home Occupation/Industry/Signs	1	1	4	0	0
Withdrawn/Denied	4	3	2		
	78	83	61	50	58

Wastewater applications are reviewed by the State of Vermont Agency of Natural Resources Wastewater Management Division, which implements the state-wide Wastewater Permit Program. The State issued 19 in 2022 and 17 in 2021.

Fayston requires that a Certificate of Occupancy be applied for prior to the use or occupancy of land, structures for which a zoning permit has been issued. This certificate is applied for through the Zoning and Planning office. Forms can be obtained by mail, email, or on the Town of Fayston's Website under Permits.

Fayston Zoning Permits are required for all new buildings, additions, decks, sheds, barns, garages, accessory buildings, home occupations, accessory apartments, ponds, subdivisions, conditional uses and other uses detailed in the Land Use Regulations. Applications, zoning regulations, meeting agendas, minutes of public hearings, and Notices of Decision can all be found at the Town Office and Town of Fayston Website. Residents with questions are encouraged to contact the Zoning Administrator Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully,
Jason Wilson

Zoning Administrator/E-911 Coordinator/Town Health Officer
Town of Fayston
866 North Fayston Road
North Fayston, VT 05660
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TOWN CLERK REPORT

INFORMATION & STATEMENT OF FEES COLLECTED 2022

Town Meeting March 7, 2023

Hello Fayston Community,

2022....an interesting year. But then every day is interesting if you make it so.

It was an election year. Do you know that with early voting, elections are run 40 (20 for school ballots) days up to and including election day? That is 100 days a year that our office is "running" an election. Harwood Union Unified School District (HUUSD) and Central Vermont Career Center (CVCC) ballots in March, Primary Election in August, and General Election in November.

In March there is the additional task of taking the school ballots to Harwood (HUUSD) and Barre City (CVCC) to come along with other towns for counting.

Primary and General Elections require election night reporting, official return of votes the next day, entering voter participation within sixty days, filing of same day voter registrations, and updating any voter information that has been authorized by the voter on election day.

Thank you to Lisa and Sarah, our Board of Civil Authority, Justices of the Peace, Selectboard Members and volunteers who always step up to help us through the very long election day.

I also wish to take this moment to thank all of you who participate in our right to vote. Thank you for your trust in our election processes and in us to run the very best election we possibly can.

2023 brings only the March election so the big push this year is to install our new document scanner (purchased with ARPA funds) and continue back-scanning our land records. We have scanned back to 1979, to the larger land record books, thus requiring a larger scanner before we could continue.

Good news as well is that we will be holding Town Meeting in person this year!! We have missed everyone the past two!

See you soon,
Patti Lewis

LIQUOR LICENSES	\$805.00
DOG LICENSES (NET OF STATE FEES)	\$679.00
MARRIAGE/CU LICENSES (NET OF STATE FEES)	\$-70.00 (timing issue with State payment)
RECORDING/SEARCH/FEES/COPIES	\$27,240.55

VITAL RECORDS: BIRTHS 7 – DEATHS 8 – MARRIAGES 9

DOG LICENSE FEES	NEUTERED	UNNEUTERED
On or before April 1 st	\$9.00	\$13.00
After April 1 st	\$11.00	\$17.00

Please remember all owners or keepers of domestic dog and wolf-hybrids who are 6 months of age or older must obtain a license on or before April 1, 2023. (Extended to April 3, 2023) To obtain a license the animal must have a valid rabies vaccination and a copy of the certificate filed with the town clerk. Please send in your information via mail, or drop it in the slot in the front door of the Town Office, with the correct fee and self-addressed return envelope and we will mail you the tag as soon as they become available. \

CEMETERY COMMISSIONER REPORT

Cemetery Commissioners' Report 2022

INCOME

12 Lot Sales	\$12,550
6 Grave Openings	\$ 2,250
Interest taken from Investment Accounts	\$ 0
Donations	<u>\$ 0</u>
	\$14,800

EXPENSES

Ground Maintenance	\$7000.00
6 Sets of Cornerstones	\$1119.60
Fees to Set Cornerstones	\$ 160.00
Fees to Open/Close Graves	\$ 600.00
Tree Work South Fayston Cemetery	\$ 50.00
Veterans' Flags	<u>\$ 117.08</u>
	\$9046.68

End of Year Transfer to Perpetual Care Investment Account	\$2625.00
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ASSETS December 31, 2022

Checking Account	\$ 6477.36
Edward Jones Perpetual Care Account	\$ 37,059.23
Edward Jones Investment Account	<u>\$160,908.27</u>
	\$204,444.86

Cemetery Activity

South Fayston Cemetery	Center Fayston Cemetery	North Fayston Cemetery
4 Inurnments	1 Inurnment	1 Inurnment
1 New Monument		2 Lots Sold
10 Lots Sold		1 Lot Bought Back

2022 was another busy year for the Fayston Cemetery Commission. The Commissioners want to thank the Fayston Select Board for both finding the funds and supervising a much-needed project to remove multiple dying trees from the South Fayston Cemetery. Thanks are also due to Patrick Livingston for his beautiful stone work in the older section of the South Fayston Cemetery. Each of our three cemeteries is fascinating in its own way. They are very different one from the other. Please come visit. The Commissioners are often asked if it is acceptable to sit on the benches in the Fayston cemeteries. Of course, it is! However, please pack out what you packed in. Leashed dogs are also welcome, but please clean up after them.

Kenneth Amann David Koepele Candace Porter

CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

Boyce Hill

The Boyce Hill Steering Committee (SC) continued to meet regularly throughout the year. The diversity of public input and the unique characteristics of this property have provided the SC with a challenge in developing a long-term management plan that balances public input, ecological values, and the requirements of the Vermont Land Trust Conservation Easement. In early June, the town hired Amy Sheldon of Landslide Natural Resources Planning, LLC, to help with the management plan. She has worked closely with the SC to identify the overarching goals for the property and dived deeply into the ecological and recreational management considerations. She is currently working on a draft of the plan. Once the SC, the Select Board, and VLT have reviewed the draft plan, the SC will hold a forum to garner further input from the public. This summer, the MRV Rural Research Commission received grant funds from the Vermont Division of Historic Preservation for a cultural and land use study of Boyce Hill. A contractor has been hired and the work is expected to be completed in mid-2023. And last, but not least, thank you to Sugarbush for the late Fall mowing on the property.

Chase Brook Town Forest

A new fence was installed along the road with help from stewardMRV and the Mad River Path. The parking lot and the area around the barn were kept looking beautiful thanks to volunteer Patty Pasley. The McCullough Barn was treated for a powder post beetle infestation. Bids were solicited to install a concrete floor in the barn and the work will likely take place in the summer of 2023.

Conservation & Recreation Visioning (CRV)

The goal of this collaborative project is to bring conservation and recreation experts together to develop a Valley-wide vision for forest-based recreation that capitalizes on outdoor recreation for all its benefits while sustaining and enhancing the ecological integrity of the watershed. The group formed a Steering Committee with representatives from 16 local conservation & recreation organizations, completed a 'Charge' document, contracted with a Coordinator, and organized two working groups (Recreation & Ecological Integrity). In 2022, Akhil Kaplan represented the FCC.

Green-Up Day

On May 1, 2021, volunteers across Vermont picked up trash along roadsides and streams. Many thanks to Patty Pasley, Fayston's Green-Up Day Coordinator for leading the charge in Fayston, to the families and individuals who participated, and to the Fayston Road Crew for removing all the waste.

Multi-Town Collaborations

The FCC joined forces with the Waitsfield and Warren Conservation Commissions to submit a proposal supporting a year-long research study of invasive species in the Mad River Valley. The research would result in the creation of a "model approach" to managing invasive species. The FCC is also partnering with these organizations to expand knotweed control efforts and to study wildlife corridors in our community.

New Member

This summer, the FCC welcomed new member Patty Pasley.

Thank you to our Fayston community for your continued dedication and support. For more information on the FCC and the Boyce Hill Steering Committee:

<https://faystonvt.com/agendas-minutes/conservation-committee-agendas-minutes/> and

<https://faystonvt.com/departments-documents/conservation-commission/>

AUDIT REPORT NOTICE

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January 26, 2023

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866 North Fayston Rd
Fayston, Vermont 05660

We are in the process of auditing the financial statements of the Town of Fayston, Vermont as of and for the year ended December 31, 2022.

The financial statements and our report thereon will be available for public inspection at the Town Office (or on the Town's website www.faystonvt.com) when complete.

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FLOWER PICKING



GENERAL FUND: BUDGET 2023

		As Of 12/28/22	Jan 1 - Dec 31, 22	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget	2023
Income							
	INCOME						
	4000 · Town Taxes		1,244,385.65	1,208,690.89	35,694.76	102.95%	
	4010 · State Aid Highway		76,151.38	72,000.00	4,151.38	105.77%	75,000.00
	4015 · Green Mountain Valley School		4,500.00	4,500.00	0.00	100.0%	4,500.00
	4020 · Liquor licenses		805.00	1,000.00	-195.00	80.5%	800.00
	4025 · Marriage licenses		-70.00	100.00	-170.00	-70.0%	100.00
	4035 · Dog licenses		679.00	1,500.00	-821.00	45.27%	650.00
	4036 · Record Preservation		7,039.00	4,000.00	3,039.00	175.98%	4,000.00
	4040 · Other income		4,534.50	3,000.00	1,534.50	151.15%	1,000.00
	4042 · Fees		27,240.55	24,000.00	3,240.55	113.5%	24,000.00
	4043 · Permits-EW		425.00	400.00	25.00	106.25%	400.00
	4048 · Zoning-fees		10,864.20	10,000.00	864.20	108.64%	9,000.00
	4049 · Zoning-fines		3,700.00	0.00	3,700.00	100.0%	0.00
	4050 · Waitsfield road work		11,174.00	11,174.00	0.00	100.0%	12,595.65
	4052 · Delinquent tax interest		6,551.30	12,000.00	-5,448.70	54.59%	8,000.00
	4054 · Delinquent tax penalties		8,830.47	9,000.00	-169.53	98.12%	8,000.00
	4065 · Interest-CD		348.05	2,000.00	-1,651.95	17.4%	500.00
	4075 · Interest - General Fund		2,002.15	2,500.00	-497.85	80.09%	2,500.00
	4700 · Current Use		54,922.00	45,000.00	9,922.00	122.05%	54,000.00
	4805 · PILOT		15,592.18	15,000.00	592.18	103.95%	15,000.00
	Total INCOME		1,479,674.43	1,425,864.89	53,809.54	103.77%	220,045.65
	Total Income		1,479,674.43	1,425,864.89	53,809.54	103.77%	220,045.65
	Gross Profit		1,479,674.43	1,425,864.89	53,809.54	103.77%	220,045.65
	Expense						
	ADMINISTRATIVE						
	5305 · Pound		2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	100.0%	2,000.00
	5320 · Legal						
	0719 · FMR Lockwood Brook Culvert		510.00	0.00	510.00	100.0%	0.00
	5314 · Laidlaw Zoning Notice of Appeal		359.40	0.00	359.40	100.0%	0.00
	5316 · Crean - Subdivision		140.00	0.00	140.00	100.0%	0.00
	5317 · Zoning & Planning		3,375.00	0.00	3,375.00	100.0%	0.00
	5320 · Legal - Other		522.10	5,000.00	-4,477.90	10.44%	6,000.00
	Total 5320 · Legal		4,906.50	5,000.00	-93.50	98.13%	6,000.00
	5322 · Audit expense		8,000.00	8,000.00	0.00	100.0%	19,000.00
	5323 · Fire Warden		300.00	300.00	0.00	100.0%	300.00
	5325 · Public Safety		0.00	300.00	-300.00	0.0%	300.00
	5335 · MRV Solid Waste Alliance		9,548.00	9,548.00	0.00	100.0%	9,548.00
	5910 · Leagues of Cities & Towns		2,802.00	2,802.00	0.00	100.0%	2,895.00
	Total ADMINISTRATIVE		27,556.50	27,950.00	-393.50	98.59%	40,043.00
	BENEFITS						
	5050 · Hospitalization		91,857.84	108,000.00	-16,142.16	85.05%	111,854.00
	5055 · Retirement		22,122.07	21,245.63	876.44	104.13%	22,000.00
	5060 · Taxes - payroll		29,032.15	29,054.23	-22.08	99.92%	32,000.00
	5065 · Uniforms		1,658.92	1,800.00	-141.08	92.16%	1,800.00
	5066 · Dental		7,235.72	7,500.00	-264.28	96.48%	7,500.00
	5068 · Vision		220.41	0.00	220.41	100.0%	1,400.00
	Total BENEFITS		152,127.11	167,599.86	-15,472.75	90.77%	176,554.00
	ELECTIONS						
	6005 · Election clerks		805.19	1,500.00	-694.81	53.68%	1,000.00
	6010 · Supplies		1,852.72	5,000.00	-3,147.28	37.05%	2,000.00
	6015 · Town Report		4,684.53	4,200.00	484.53	111.54%	5,000.00
	ELECTIONS - Other		18.38	0.00	18.38	100.0%	0.00

GENERAL FUND: BUDGET 2023

	Total ELECTIONS	7,360.82	10,700.00	-3,339.18	68.79%	8,000.00
	HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT					
	5090 · Blades	3,208.36	5,000.00	-1,791.64	64.17%	5,000.00
	5095 · Diesel	46,191.86	32,000.00	14,191.86	144.35%	50,000.00
	5100 · Repairs	62,873.39	25,000.00	37,873.39	251.49%	35,000.00
	5105 · Gasoline	6,229.14	4,000.00	2,229.14	155.73%	7,000.00
	5110 · Oil	2,485.45	3,000.00	-514.55	82.85%	3,000.00
	5115 · Other parts	5,965.93	7,000.00	-1,034.07	85.23%	7,000.00
	5120 · Rental	-4,350.00	12,000.00	-16,350.00	-36.25%	5,000.00
	5125 · Tires	7,614.82	11,000.00	-3,385.18	69.23%	11,000.00
	Total HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT	130,218.95	99,000.00	31,218.95	131.53%	123,000.00
	HIGHWAY GARAGE					
	5130 · Electricity	1,843.07	2,500.00	-656.93	73.72%	2,500.00
	5135 · Heat	5,903.36	7,000.00	-1,096.64	84.33%	8,000.00
	5140 · Maintenance and repairs	6,475.19	9,000.00	-2,524.81	71.95%	9,000.00
	5150 · Telephone	1,798.95	2,000.00	-201.05	89.95%	2,000.00
	Total HIGHWAY GARAGE	16,020.57	20,500.00	-4,479.43	78.15%	21,500.00
	HIGHWAY SALARIES					
	5170 · Salaries	205,747.21	189,000.00	16,747.21	108.86%	209,512.00
	5171 · Highway Administration	23.63	8,000.00	-7,976.37	0.3%	0.00
	Total HIGHWAY SALARIES	205,770.84	197,000.00	8,770.84	104.45%	209,512.00
	HIGHWAY SUPPLIES					
	5070 · Calcium	18,643.00	12,000.00	6,643.00	155.36%	13,500.00
	5075 · Sand	16,110.00	17,000.00	-890.00	94.77%	19,500.00
	5080 · Other supplies	1,671.39	1,500.00	171.39	111.43%	2,000.00
	5085 · Salt	21,456.86	25,000.00	-3,543.14	85.83%	30,000.00
	Total HIGHWAY SUPPLIES	57,881.25	55,500.00	2,381.25	104.29%	65,000.00
	INSURANCE					
	5400 · Property and Casualty	10,522.50	13,889.00	-3,366.50	75.76%	14,961.00
	5410 · Public Officials	1,803.00	1,803.00	0.00	100.0%	1,408.00
	5430 · Workers' comp	4,585.00	12,268.00	-7,683.00	37.37%	13,433.00
	5435 · Employment Practices	1,750.00	1,750.00	0.00	100.0%	1,700.00
	5440 · VLCT Unemployment	438.00	632.00	-194.00	69.3%	684.00
	Total INSURANCE	19,098.50	30,342.00	-11,243.50	62.94%	32,186.00
	MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS					
	5450 · Cleaning	880.00	1,900.00	-1,020.00	46.32%	1,900.00
	5455 · Electricity	4,575.67	3,000.00	1,575.67	152.52%	3,500.00
	5460 · Heat	2,658.20	3,800.00	-1,141.80	69.95%	4,000.00
	5470 · Maintenance	2,836.28	5,000.00	-2,163.72	56.73%	5,000.00
	5475 · Telephone	3,288.34	3,200.00	88.34	102.76%	3,600.00
	Total MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS	14,238.49	16,900.00	-2,661.51	84.25%	18,000.00
	OFFICE					
	5600 · Computer expenses	12,259.71	16,000.00	-3,740.29	76.62%	16,000.00
	5605 · Equipment purchase	0.00	3,000.00	-3,000.00	0.0%	3,000.00
	5610 · Listers-expenses	476.74	750.00	-273.26	63.57%	750.00
	5611 · 911 Wages	881.52	1,500.00	-618.48	58.77%	1,500.00
	5612 · Tax Mapping	750.00	2,500.00	-1,750.00	30.0%	2,500.00
	5615 · Selectboard	2,250.00	2,250.00	0.00	100.0%	3,000.00
	5616 · Selectboard & DRB Minutes	2,125.00	1,800.00	325.00	118.06%	3,600.00

GENERAL FUND: BUDGET 2023

		5625 · Postage	2,718.69	3,200.00	-481.31	84.96%	3,200.00
		5630 · Equipment rental	1,916.88	2,100.00	-183.12	91.28%	2,100.00
		5635 · Supplies	3,582.45	3,500.00	82.45	102.36%	3,500.00
		5650 · Seminars/dues	1,095.00	3,500.00	-2,405.00	31.29%	3,500.00
		Total OFFICE	28,055.99	40,100.00	-12,044.01	69.97%	42,650.00
		PLANNING					
		5700 · Advertising	3,001.19	2,000.00	1,001.19	150.06%	2,000.00
		5705 · CVRPC	1,814.12	1,814.12	0.00	100.0%	1,814.12
		5706 · FCC	589.42	1,000.00	-410.58	58.94%	1,500.00
		5710 · ZA Exp/Misc	1,225.93	1,500.00	-274.07	81.73%	1,000.00
		5711 · Planning-supplies	183.20	500.00	-316.80	36.64%	500.00
		5714 · MRVPD	45,317.00	45,317.00	0.00	100.0%	45,317.00
		5720 · Planning/DRB Resources	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.0%	500.00
		5830 Zoning Administrator & Highway Asst.	30,256.88	39,320.00	-9,063.12	76.95%	42,516.00
		Total PLANNING	82,387.74	91,951.12	-9,563.38	89.6%	95,147.12
		SALARIES					
		5810 · Clerk,Treasurer & Tax Collector	63,891.45	63,891.74	-0.29	100.0%	69,450.33
		5812 · Selectboard Assistant	11,402.60	11,382.00	20.60	100.18%	12,371.84
		5815 · Listers	18,948.04	25,700.00	-6,751.96	73.73%	30,133.00
		5838 · Asst TC & Asst Treasurer	36,761.13	42,500.00	-5,738.87	86.5%	50,000.00
		Total SALARIES	131,003.22	143,473.74	-12,470.52	91.31%	161,955.17
		TAXES					
		5900 · Joslin Library Donation	26,164.00	26,244.00	-80.00	99.7%	27,584.00
		5925 · Washington County	30,996.00	30,996.00	0.00	100.0%	33,646.00
		5930 · Donations	21,988.00	16,988.00	5,000.00	129.43%	24,518.00
		5935 · Recreation District	40,000.00	30,000.00	10,000.00	133.33%	40,000.00
		Total TAXES	119,148.00	104,228.00	14,920.00	114.32%	125,748.00
		TRANSFERS					
		8002 · Transfer Equipment	200,000.00	200,000.00	0.00	100.0%	275,000.00
		8003 · Transfer Bridge	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	100.0%	500.00
		8004 · Transfer Fire Equipment	65,000.00	65,000.00	0.00	100.0%	65,000.00
		8006 · Transfer Road Construction	50,000.00	50,000.00	0.00	100.0%	45,000.00
		8008 · Transfer Re-Appraisal Reserve	25,000.00	25,000.00	0.00	100.0%	25,000.00
		8011 · Transfer FCC Conser Fund	3,500.00	3,500.00	0.00	100.0%	3,500.00
		8012 · Transfer Town Garage Reserve	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	100.0%	1,000.00
		8014 · Transfer - Culvert Reserve	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	100.0%	5,000.00
		8001 - Transfer Road Retreatment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%	25,000.00
		8015 - Transfer Municipal Building	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%	1,922.00
		8016 · Transfer Town Forest Reserve	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00	100.0%	5,600.00
		Total TRANSFERS	373,500.00	373,500.00	0.00	100.0%	452,522.00
		Waitsfield & Fayston Fire Dept.					
		5380 · Waitsfield/Fayston Contract	52,996.08	61,714.00	-8,717.92	85.87%	67,933.60
		Total Waitsfield & Fayston Fire Dept.	52,996.08	61,714.00	-8,717.92	85.87%	67,933.60
		Total Expense	1,417,364.06	1,440,458.72	-23,094.66	98.4%	1,639,750.89
			62,310.37	-14,593.83	76,904.20		
		3018 Recreation Reserve to General Fund					-12,000.00
							1,627,750.89
		2022 Comparison to 2023	1,627,750.89	1,440,458.72	187,292.17	113.0%	13% Increase

GENERAL & CAPITAL BUDGET SUMMARY

	ACTUAL 2020	ACTUAL 2021	BUDGET 2022	ACTUAL 2022	BUDGET 2023
	GENERAL FUND BUDGET				
ADMINISTRATIVE	\$28,817.00	\$23,254.50	\$27,950.00	\$27,556.50	\$40,043.00
BENEFITS	\$135,009.14	\$156,560.13	\$167,599.86	\$152,127.11	\$176,554.00
ELECTIONS	\$5,841.81	\$5,285.31	\$10,700.00	\$7,360.82	\$8,000.00
FIRE	\$50,961.27	\$56,607.73	\$61,714.00	\$52,996.08	\$67,933.60
HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT	\$86,139.16	\$116,709.50	\$99,000.00	\$130,218.95	\$123,000.00
HIGHWAY GARAGE	\$14,295.21	\$14,966.15	\$20,500.00	\$16,020.57	\$21,500.00
HIGHWAY SALARIES	\$174,829.63	\$180,999.09	\$197,000.00	\$205,770.84	\$209,512.00
HIGHWAY SUPPLIES	\$56,841.60	\$55,859.35	\$55,500.00	\$57,881.25	\$65,000.00
INSURANCE	\$22,541.00	\$24,864.00	\$30,342.00	\$19,098.50	\$32,186.00
MUNICIPAL BUILDING	\$13,328.49	\$13,899.96	\$16,900.00	\$14,238.49	\$18,000.00
OFFICE SUPPLIES/EXPENSES	\$21,012.77	\$34,934.50	\$40,100.00	\$28,055.99	\$42,650.00
PLANNING	\$80,130.55	\$81,373.24	\$91,951.12	\$82,387.74	\$95,147.12
OFFICER SALARIES	\$121,596.70	\$127,480.59	\$143,473.74	\$131,003.22	\$161,955.17
TAXES	\$118,491.00	\$122,237.00	\$104,228.00	\$119,148.00	\$125,748.00
COVID EXPENSE VIA GRANT INCOME	\$0.00	\$4,225.61	\$0.00		
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$929,835.33	\$1,019,256.66	\$1,066,958.72	\$1,043,864.06	\$1,187,228.89
	CAPITAL FUND BUDGET				
ROAD CONSTRUCTION	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$45,000.00
ROAD RETREATMENT	\$80,000.00	\$90,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25,000.00
EQUIPMENT RESERVE	\$125,000.00	\$125,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$275,000.00
FIRE EQUIPMENT RESERVE	\$30,000.00	\$65,000.00	\$65,000.00	\$65,000.00	\$65,000.00
BRIDGE RESERVE	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$500.00
REAPPRAISAL	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
TOWN RECORD PRESERVATION	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
CULVERT RESERVE	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
CONSERVATION RESERVE	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
TOWN GARAGE RESERVE	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$1,000.00
TOWN FOREST RESERVE	\$3,500.00	\$9,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$5,600.00
MUNICIPAL BLDG RESERVE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,922.00
TOTAL CAPITAL FUND	\$322,000.00	\$367,500.00	\$373,500.00	\$373,500.00	\$452,522.00
GENERAL & CAPITAL FUND TOTALS	\$1,251,835.33	\$1,386,756.66	\$1,440,458.72	\$1,417,364.06	\$1,639,750.89
MOVE 3018 REC RESERVE					(\$12,000.00)
TOTAL BUDGET NEEDED					\$1,627,750.89

REVENUE ESTIMATES

	ACTUAL 2017	ACTUAL 2018	ACTUAL 2019	ACTUAL 2020	ACTUAL 2021	ACTUAL 2022	BUDGET 2023
4010 - STATE AID - HIGHWAY	\$67,406.46	\$67,390.90	\$67,993.86	\$70,004.27	\$74,712.10	\$76,151.38	\$75,000.00
4700 - CURRENT USE	\$39,876.00	\$38,178.00	\$41,822.00	\$44,443.00	\$48,730.00	\$54,922.00	\$54,000.00
4075/4065 - INTEREST GENERAL FUND & CD	\$5,581.70	\$6,739.20	\$8,923.45	\$4,113.66	\$2,683.80	\$2,350.20	\$3,000.00
4052 - INTEREST DELINQUENT TAX	\$22,258.32	\$12,041.45	\$11,995.33	\$12,580.12	\$17,898.20	\$6,551.30	\$8,000.00
4805 - PILOT (PMT IN LIEU OF TAXES)	\$15,891.16	\$15,642.38	\$15,393.60	\$15,393.60	\$15,393.60	\$15,592.18	\$15,000.00
4050- WAITSFIELD ROAD WORK	\$7,400.00	\$8,140.00	\$8,140.00	\$11,500.00	\$11,057.71	\$11,174.00	\$12,595.65
4020/4025/4035 - LICENSES (LIQUOR/MARRIAGE/DOG)	\$2,327.00	\$2,155.00	\$3,222.71	\$2,129.00	\$1,977.00	\$1,414.00	\$1,550.00
4043/4048 - PERMITS (EW & ZONING)	\$11,747.60	\$7,885.00	\$10,224.39	\$9,536.00	\$12,940.50	\$11,289.20	\$9,400.00
4042 - FEES (RECORDING/COPIES)	\$22,577.22	\$18,043.50	\$26,152.15	\$30,645.31	\$35,254.05	\$27,240.55	\$24,000.00
4040/4041 - MISCELLANEOUS (OTHER/HALL RENTAL)	\$25,548.56	\$28,709.74	\$6,465.97	\$1,426.39	\$3,880.75	\$4,534.50	\$1,000.00
4054 DELINQUENT TAX PENALTIES	\$8,694.99	\$10,339.01	\$11,792.12	\$12,210.79	\$10,792.56	\$8,830.47	\$8,000.00
4015 - GMSVS	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00
4036 - RECORD RESTORATION FUNDS**	\$1,731.00	\$1,426.00	\$4,938.00	\$8,628.00	\$10,126.05	\$7,039.00	\$4,000.00
Total Budgeted Income	\$235,040.01	\$220,690.18	\$221,063.58	\$226,610.14	\$249,946.32	\$231,588.78	\$220,045.65
4049 - ZONING FINES	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$29,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,700.00	\$0.00
STATE AID - REAPPRAISAL *	\$10,005.00	\$10,038.50	\$10,055.50	\$10,072.50	\$10,140.50	\$11,333.50	
4012/4013 - GRANT FUNDS***	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$21,609.01	\$12,205.00	\$0.00	\$10,481.74	
Total Un-Budgeted Income	\$10,005.00	\$10,038.50	\$60,664.51	\$22,277.50	\$10,140.50	\$25,515.24	\$0.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$245,045.01	\$230,728.68	\$281,728.09	\$248,887.64	\$260,086.82	\$257,104.02	\$220,045.65
TOTAL REVENUE NEEDED (Capital and General Funds)	\$1,228,988.00	\$1,230,200.30	\$1,275,397.05	\$1,332,482.00	\$1,369,042.53	\$1,440,458.72	\$1,627,750.89
FUND BALANCE USED TO REDUCE TAXES NEEDED	\$232,456.00	\$166,566.99	\$79,048.00	\$45,000.00	\$46,000.00	\$46,500.00	
TAXES NEEDED TO BE RAISED****	\$761,491.99	\$842,943.13	\$975,285.47	\$1,038,594.36	\$1,062,955.71	\$1,136,854.70	\$1,407,705.24
*	Designated For Reappraisal Reserve Only						
**	Designated For Record Preservation Only						
***	Grant Funds Offset By Grant Expenses #5087						
****	Does Not Take Into Account Un-Budgeted Income						

CAPITAL BUDGET & PROGRAM 2023-2028

PURPOSE:

Municipalities are authorized to adopt capital budgets and programs under 24 VSA Section 4430, the Municipal and Regional Planning and Development Act, provided a facilities and services plan has been adopted as part of the town plan. Such a plan has been adopted by the Town of Fayston. The purposes of the capital budget and program are:

- To stabilize the tax rate;
- To improve municipal management practices;
- To enable orderly growth and development consistent with the town's fiscal ability to provide facilities and services, in accordance with the town plan; and
- To anticipate facility and service problems and take advantage of opportunities for service efficiencies

PROCESS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A CAPITAL BUDGET AND PROGRAM:

1. Identification of Capital Projects

A Capital project is any major, nonrecurring expenditure, such as land or road equipment purchase, or building construction or improvement. These differ from regular ongoing operating expenses such as salaries, utilities, road maintenance, etc.

According to Vermont's law, "a capital budget shall list and describe the capital projects to be undertaken during the coming fiscal year, the estimated cost of those projects, and the proposed method of financing. A capital program is a plan of capital projects proposed to be undertaken during each of the following five years, the estimated cost of those projects, and the proposed method of financing." (24 VSA Section 4430)

To develop Fayston's capital program, the Selectmen identified the capital projects they anticipate over the next six years. Among their considerations were condition of present equipment, equipment needs, new growth requirements, and facilities to store additional equipment.

2. Financial Analysis

In order to determine Fayston's capacity to finance future capital expenditures, a financial analysis of the Town's expenditures and revenues was developed. Trends in expenditures, both operating and capital since 2011 were studied. Types of expenditures – roads, schools, fire and police and in general administration – were broken out to identify where growth is occurring. Changes in the grand list, tax rate and other sources of revenue were also analyzed.

Based on past trends, as adjusted, projections were made of the Town's future revenue base and operating expenditures to the year 2028. Capital project costs and grand list growth (the major revenue base) and given in today's dollar. Debt service already committed to by the Town was factored into the projections as well. A tax rate was applied to the projected grand list to estimate future revenues. By subtracting projected operating costs, and estimate of revenue available for capital expenditures was derived. These calculations are contained in the Appendix.

3. Budget and Program

Capital projects were programed according to the expected timing of their need. The method of funding for the projects (outright purchase, short term notes, reserve fund, etc.) was based on municipal financial practices and the ability of the budget to absorb expenditures. In other words, if a project would result in a major increase in the tax rate for one year, phasing of the expenditure either by funding through a note, depreciation account, or reserve fund was proposed. The result is a more even distribution of annual expenditures by the municipalities and a more stable tax rate.

ADOPTION OF THE CAPITAL BUDGET AND PROGRAM:

The capital budget and program is adopted in accordance with the provisions of 24 VSA Section 4404 (a) of the Municipal and Regional Planning and Development Act. This section requires at least one public hearing by the Selectmen and filing of the proposal with the Town Clerk and Secretary of the Planning Commission at least 15 days prior to the hearing. The Planning Commission may submit a report the Selectmen on the proposal prior to the hearing. The capital budget and program is then adopted by an act of the legislative body promptly after the final public hearing.

CAPITAL BUDGET & PROGRAM 2023-2028

PROCESS FOR USE AND UPDATING A CAPITAL BUDGET PROGRAM:

As the Selectmen prepare their budget for Town Meeting, the first year of the capital program is reviewed for inclusion as the capital budget for that year. Adjustments are made as necessary to the capital budget to reflect more recent cost data and any changes in financing.

The projections for operating expenses and grand list used in developing the program should be weighed against actual experience and modified as necessary. At the same time as the budget is prepared, other capital items in the program should be reviewed. If there are any changes in these items they can be made at this time. Examples of changes are deferral of a project due to unforeseen priority needs or financial constraints, and additions to the program. Each year as the capital budget is finalized, one more year is added to the capital program. Suggestions for new capital projects should be solicited from the planning commission and the road commissioner. As the capital projects are added, consideration should be given to the method of financing them. Projections of operating expenditures and debt service should be extended at the same time to determine the effect of any capital items on the budget for the additional year.

FORMAT FOR THE CAPITAL BUDGET AND PROGRAM:

The chart on the following page represents the Fayston Capital Budget and Program for the period 2022-2027. The chart lists capital projects which is a list of the Town's anticipated capital needs, including various road equipment, road and bridge improvements, town buildings, and reserve accounts. A cost is listed for each item in columns representing the years within the program period. A total dollar amount for capital expenditures is provided by year. Contributions to depreciation accounts and reserve funds present the timing and number of proposed "deposits" to reserve funds for various anticipated capital projects.

The capital projects for 2022 in the Town Report will show the NET total amount of capital expenditures proposed and represent in the year's capital expenditures, minus revenues take from existing reserve funds, plus revenues deposited in reserve funds.

PURCHASES & EQUIPMENT	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>	<u>2028</u>
FCC CONSERVATION FUND	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500
ROAD CONSTRUCTION	45,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
ROAD RETREATMENT	25,000	90,000	90,000	90,000	90,000	90,000
EQUIPMENT RESERVE	275,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000
FIRE EQUIPMENT RESERVE	65,000	65,000	65,000	65,000	65,000	65,000
BRIDGE RESERVE	500	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
TOWN GARAGE RESERVE	1,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
REAPPRAISAL RESERVE	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
TOWN FOREST RESERVE	5,600	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
CULVERT RESERVE	5,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
MUNICIPAL BLDG	1922	0	0	0	0	0
	452,522	478,500	478,500	478,500	478,500	478,500

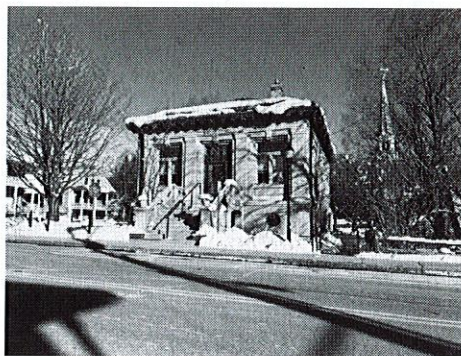
FIXED ASSETS

REAL PROPERTY		2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
MUNICIPAL BUILDING & LAND (6.7AC)		\$647,500.00	\$647,500.00	\$647,500.00	\$647,500.00	\$647,500.00	\$647,500.00
N. FAYSTON & AIRPORT ROADS (.10AC)		\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
TOWN GARAGE & LAND (7.2AC)		\$342,300.00	\$342,300.00	\$342,300.00	\$342,300.00	\$342,300.00	\$342,300.00
GRAVEL PIT & CAMP (40.6AC)		\$395,900.00	\$395,900.00	\$395,900.00	\$395,900.00	\$395,900.00	\$395,900.00
BASSETT HILL ROAD (12.4AC)		\$106,600.00	\$106,600.00	\$106,600.00	\$106,600.00	\$106,600.00	\$106,600.00
MILL BROOK ROAD STORE (1AC)		\$50,400.00	\$50,400.00	\$50,400.00	\$50,400.00	\$50,400.00	\$50,400.00
MILL BROOK ROAD (.30AC)		\$7,100.00	\$7,100.00	\$7,100.00	\$7,100.00	\$7,100.00	\$7,100.00
HENRYS WAY (7.5AC)		\$78,500.00	\$78,500.00	\$78,500.00	\$78,500.00	\$78,500.00	\$78,500.00
POST OFFICE ROAD (3.88AC)						\$69,000.00	\$69,000.00
SCHOOL (7AC)		\$1,614,300.00	\$1,614,300.00	\$1,614,300.00	\$1,614,300.00	\$1,614,300.00	\$1,614,300.00
GERMAN FLATS ROAD (.25AC)		\$9,300.00	\$9,300.00	\$9,300.00	\$9,300.00	\$9,300.00	\$9,300.00
GERMAN FLATS ROAD (CHASE BROOK) & BARN (73.34AC)		\$274,500.00	\$274,500.00	\$274,500.00	\$274,500.00	\$274,500.00	\$274,500.00
CEMETERIES (3)		\$4,800.00	\$4,800.00	\$4,800.00	\$4,800.00	\$4,800.00	\$4,800.00
TOWN FOREST (92AC) BOYCE ROAD					\$500,200.00	\$500,200.00	\$500,200.00
SHARPSHOOTER ROAD (0.10AC)							\$20,000.00
TOTAL		\$3,531,400.00	\$3,531,400.00	\$3,531,400.00	\$4,031,600.00	\$4,100,600.00	\$4,120,600.00
ROAD DEPARTMENT		2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
2022 WESTERN STAR TRUCK							\$195,000.00
2021 INTERNATIONAL TRUCK						\$167,000.00	\$150,300.00
2016 WESTERN STAR TRUCK		\$104,370.93	\$93,933.84	\$84,540.45	\$76,086.41	\$68,477.77	\$61,629.99
2021 CHEVROLET SILVERADO PICKUP TRUCK						\$41,000.00	\$36,900.00
2017 DODGE RAM 5500		\$65,577.00	\$59,019.30	\$53,117.37	\$47,805.63	\$43,025.07	\$38,722.56
1999 UTILITY TRAILER					\$10,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$8,100.00
2004 JOHN DEERE GRADER		\$36,715.84	\$33,044.26	\$29,739.83	\$26,765.85	\$24,089.26	\$21,680.34
2008 BANDIT CHIPPER				\$26,000.00	\$26,000.00	\$26,000.00	\$26,000.00
2011 JOHN DEERE BACKHOE		\$47,351.39	\$42,616.25	\$38,354.63	\$34,519.17	\$31,067.25	\$27,960.52
2016 JOHN DEERE LOADER		\$122,760.00	\$110,484.00	\$99,435.60	\$89,492.04	\$80,542.84	\$72,488.55
2017 HYDRO SEEDER		\$12,840.00	\$11,556.00	\$10,400.40	\$9,360.36	\$8,424.32	\$7,581.89
2018 JOHN DEERE TRACTOR/MOWER			\$103,500.00	\$93,150.00	\$83,835.00	\$75,451.50	\$67,906.35
2022 JOHN DEERE EXCAVATOR							\$197,000.00
MISC. TOOLS & EQUIPMENT		\$18,000.00	\$16,200.00	\$14,580.00	\$13,122.00	\$11,809.80	\$20,000.00
TOTAL		\$422,834.40	\$484,050.96	\$461,645.86	\$428,081.28	\$387,873.15	\$487,440.22

REQUEST FOR FUNDS

NAME	Approved 2017	Approved 2018	Approved 2019	Approved 2020	Approved 2021	Approved 2022	Requested 2023	Approved 2023
AMERICAN RED CROSS	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
CENTRAL VT. ADULT BASIC EDUCATION			\$600.00	\$600.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
CENTRAL VT. COUNCIL ON AGING	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
CENTRAL VT. HOME HEALTH & HOSPICE	\$2,700.00	\$2,700.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,450.00	\$3,450.00	\$3,450.00
CIRCLE (FKA Battered Women's Service)	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
FAMILY CTR. OF WASHINGTON COUNTY	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
GOOD BEGINNINGS OF CENTRAL VERMONT	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
GREEN MOUNTAIN TRANSIT AGENCY	\$588.00	\$588.00	\$588.00	\$588.00	\$588.00	\$588.00	\$618.00	\$618.00
GREEN UP VERMONT	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
MAD RIVER SENIORS	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00
MOSAIC (FKA Sexual Assault Crisis Team)	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
MRV PUBLIC ACCESS TV - CHANNEL 44	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00
OUR HOUSE OF CENTRAL VERMONT	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
PEOPLE'S HEALTH & WELLNESS CLINIC	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
STEWARDSRV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00
VT. ASSOCIATION FOR BLIND & VISUALLY IMPAIRED	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
VT. CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
VT. FAMILY NETWORK	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
WASHINGTON COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
YOUTH SERVICE BUREAU/BOYS & GIRLS CLUB	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00

JOSLIN MEMORIAL LIBRARY



2022 proved to be a good year for the Library. In total, we circulated 11,313 items, & saw 7,221 visits....our most in 5 years! For comparison, in our last 'normal year' (2019), we circulated 9,155 items, & saw 6,266 people come through the door. It feels incredible to see the Library's usage return to pre-pandemic numbers. We are grateful to this community for taking advantage of the Library & its services.

Speaking of services, the Library has been continuing to develop the online arm of its services, as these became so necessary during the pandemic. While we were able to enjoy consistent open hours in 2022, these services were still utilized by many of our patrons. One of the more important improvements was the launch of a new & improved online catalog, called Aspen. This new catalog, launched late in 2021, is much easier to navigate than what was previously offered, & allows our patrons to more easily access their accounts, search for materials, place holds on books, create lists, & more. Also included in Aspen are links to apply for a new Library account, offer feedback, as well as to request a book via Interlibrary Loan, or to recommend a book for the collection. I sure hope you can notice the difference! Aspen can be accessed via the catalog link under the Resources tab on our website. Under this same tab can also be found a complete list of our online services, a link to all our New Materials (listed by month), as well as to the 'Reference Desk', which features links to many reference resources that can be accessed & utilized when the Library is not open, or when coming to the Library is not an option.

With a return to regular hours in 2022, we were able to resume offering Story Hour with the amazing Anna Church on Monday mornings at 10 AM, long a staple for local families of young children. We have also been able to again offer a healthy slate of programming, ably coordinated by Shevonne Travers. In 2022, some of our well attended programs included a poetry slam, a local authors night, a writers group, a game night (still happening on Wednesday evenings at 5 PM), & a monthly trivia night co-hosted by the Warren Public & Moretown Memorial Libraries, held at Deco Restaurant & Bar in Warren. We are moving into 2023 with a memoir writing workshop, already underway, & a playwriting workshop that will begin in February. Stay tuned for more programs to be announced in the coming months.

As the Library moves forward, we are working to further diversify our collection. This includes, but is not limited to, our Large Print collection. We understand the growing need for these materials, & are dedicated to meeting that need by adding many new titles in the coming year. As always, we are open to suggestions on how to improve our collection.

I'd like to close by thanking our Volunteers, both current & former, as they have & continue to be essential to the functioning of the Library each & every day.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jason Butler, Director



2022 ANNUAL SERVICE REPORT

FAYSTON

Central Vermont Home Health & Hospice (CVHHH) is a full-service, not-for-profit Visiting Nurse Association that provides intermittent, short-term medical care, education, and support at home to help Central Vermonters recover from an illness, surgery, or hospital stay and manage their chronic disease. We serve 23 communities in Washington and Orange Counties and care for people of all ages. Our services include home care, hospice, and maternal-child health care. We also offer public foot-care and flu vaccine clinics. In addition, we offer long-term care and private care services and free grief support groups.

CVHHH is guided by a mission to care for all Central Vermonters regardless of a person's ability to pay, their geographic remoteness, or the complexity of their care needs. CVHHH embraces new technology and collaborates with other local providers to ensure that central Vermonters' care needs are met. To learn more, visit www.cvhhh.org.

CVHHH Services to the Residents of Fayston Jan 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022 *

Program	# of Visits
Home Health Care	365
Hospice Care	69
Long Term Care	-
Maternal Child Health	6
TOTAL VISITS/CONTACTS	440
TOTAL PATIENTS	27
TOTAL ADMISSIONS	35

**Audited figures are not available at the time of report submission. These preliminary figures are prorated based on the number of visits from January 1, 2022 – August 31, 2022, and are not expected to vary significantly.*

Town funding is imperative in ensuring that CVHHH will provide services in Fayston through 2023 and beyond. For more information contact Sandy Rouse, President & CEO, or Kim Farnum, Director of Community Relations & Development at 223-1878.

CENTRAL VT. REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

The Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission (CVRPC) provides planning, development, and project implementation services to its 23 municipalities in Washington and western Orange Counties. Municipalities in the region are entitled to equal voting representation by a locally appointed member to the governing Board of Commissioners. CVRPC has no regulatory or taxing authority; each year, we request a per capita assessment from our members in support of local and regional planning activities and to help offset costs and provide local matching funds needed for state and federal funding. Your continued support for local and regional planning is appreciated! CVRPC is your resource – please contact us at 802-229-0389 or cvrpc@cvregion.com for assistance.

Regional Commissioner
Russ Bowen
**Transportation Advisory
Committee**
Don Simonini

FY22 Fayston Activities

- ❖ Assisted in obtaining Grants in Aid funds to get new equipment.
- ❖ Researched transportation funding opportunities for a culvert replacement on a class 2 town highway (German Flats Road).
- ❖ Created a Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Map and provided data for plan update.
- ❖ Provided information and guidance on ARPA project eligibility and prioritization process.
- ❖ Completed the Bridge and Culvert Inventory.
- ❖ Provided guidance on Enhanced Energy Planning to Energy Coordinator and Planning Commission.
- ❖ Worked with Town to review most recent assessments of the Bridge #6 on North Fayston Road. Brought Town's concerns to the VTRANS bridge unit and determined status of the next planned bridge assessment and discussed inclusion on the list of asset driven projects in the VTRANS capital planning selection process.
- ❖ Reviewed and submitted 2022 Local Emergency Management Plan to Vermont Emergency Management.
- ❖ Coordinated with Town and Friends of the Mad River to discuss grant funds for implementing stormwater projects, acquired landowner letters of support, and developed the grant proposal.

CVRPC Projects & Programs

- ❖ **Municipal Plan and Bylaw Updates:** Focus on predictable and effective local permitting through educational initiatives, bylaw modernization and municipal plan updates.
- ❖ **Brownfields:** Complete environmental site assessments so properties can be sold, developed or redeveloped to benefit the economy, create/protect jobs and increase housing opportunities.
- ❖ **Transportation Planning:** Provide studies, plans, data collection, and traffic counts. Coordinate local involvement in transportation planning through the Transportation Advisory Committee.
- ❖ **Emergency Planning:** Prepare the region for natural disasters and other emergencies by coordinating with local volunteers and the State on emergency planning, exercises, and training.
- ❖ **Climate and Energy Planning:** Support projects to reduce municipal and residential energy burdens, reduce total energy consumption, expand renewable energy resources, and build climate and energy resilience.
- ❖ **Natural Resource Planning:** Protect water resources, improve water quality, promote ecological function, preserve forest blocks and habitat connectors, enhance recreational opportunities and support the agricultural and forest products industries.
- ❖ **Regional Plans:** Coordinate infrastructure, community development, and growth at the regional level through the preparation, adoption, and implementation of a regional plan.
- ❖ **Geographic Information System Services:** Collect, analyze, store and distribute data for regional projects and programs. Offer fee-for service GIS support to municipalities and non-governmental organizations.
- ❖ **Clean Water Service Provider:** Engage watershed and land conservation organizations, Regional Planning Commissions, Natural Resources Conservation Districts and municipalities to identify and fund water quality projects to achieve phosphorous reduction targets
- ❖ **Special Projects:** Complete special projects, such as downtown revitalization, recreation paths, farmland preservation, economic development, and affordable housing projects.
- ❖ **Grants:** Identify appropriate grant sources, define project scopes, and write grant applications.

FRIENDS OF THE MAD RIVER



Healthy LAND. Clean WATER. Vibrant COMMUNITY.

2022 Watershed Report to Towns

*Friends of the Mad River is a nonprofit organization dedicated to stewarding the Mad River watershed's healthy **land** and clean **water** for our **community** and for future generations. Together, we **learn** about the health of the land and water; **conserve** our natural resources; and **celebrate** this special place.*

In 2022, with the help of municipal, agency, and non-profit partners, Friends of the Mad River sustained our three-decade commitment to the Mad River Valley community by:

- Hosting teaching artists with the Harwood seventh grade class to explore the connections between art, climate, and the watershed
- Co-hosting a pair of Community Climate Chats with the Mad River Valley Planning District that saw close to 200 community members come to learn about building resilience in the context of a changing climate
- Planting over 500 trees at two sites in Waitsfield to restore riparian buffers and floodplains
- Teaming up with 25 teams of Mad River Watch volunteers to make careful observations and record data at 21 field sites across the watershed
- Playing a leading role in bringing the MRV recreation and conservation communities together – by championing conservation in the planning of the new welcome center in Waitsfield and through the launch of the Community and Recreation Visioning Taskforce
- Leading Aquatic Organism Passage restoration efforts in the Mad River headwaters

This work would not be possible without town leaders and staff dedicated to making thoughtful decisions, committed and hearty volunteers, donors who believe in the value of our work, and a community committed to one another. Thank you!

Staff: Ira Shadis, Stewardship Manager; Lisa Koitzsch, Admin Coordinator **Board of Directors:** Mat Williams, President • Katie Sullivan, Vice President • Sucosh Norton, Treasurer • Kinny Perot, Secretary • Richard Czaplinski • Rebecca Diehl • Eve Frankel • Jeannie Nicklas • Grady O'Shaughnessy • Amy Polaczyk • Brian Shupe

More information at: FriendsOftheMadRiver.org



Town of Fayston FY22 Annual Report

Who We Are

GMT is the public transportation provider for the northwest and central regions of Vermont, offering a variety of services to the communities in which we serve. GMT is proud to offer traditional public transportation services like commuter, deviated fixed routes and demand response shuttles, while providing individualized services such as shopping and health care shuttles, Medicaid, Elderly and Disabled services to both urban and rural communities.

Our Services

Individual Special Service Transportation

GMT provides essential medical and non-medical transportation service to those who qualify for Medicaid, Elderly and Disabled, non-Medicaid medical, human service and/or critical care funds. We offer individual coordinated services for those who qualify and who are in need of scheduled rides through GMT volunteer drivers, special shuttle service or general public routes.

- Health Care Services
- Meal Site/Senior Programs
- Adult Day Care Services
- VT Association of the Blind
- Health Care Services
- Prescription & Shopping
- Social Services
- Radiation & Dialysis Treatments
- Central VT Substance Abuse
- Prescription & Shopping

General Public Transportation

GMT also provides traditional general public transportation service directly supporting the increasing demand for affordable commuter and essential daily needs transportation solutions.

In FY22, total GMT ridership was 236,010. This general public transportation ridership was *in addition to* Special Service ridership, (above), and is available through a variety of services including:

- Deviated Fixed Routes
- Local Commuter Routes
- Local Shopping Shuttles
- Health Care Shuttles
- Demand Response Service
- Regional Commuters to Chittenden and Caledonia Counties

Mad River Valley Bus Service

Since 1998, GMT has been serving the Mad River Valley and has provided an average of 50,000 trips per season through its service to the Valley, Sugarbush Resort and Mad River Glen. GMT is proud to offer numerous fixed-deviated fare free service and the Snow Cap Commuter during winter ski season to support the local economy and a healthy environment. In addition to State, Federal and local funds to support this local service, GMT relies on generous support from the resorts, inns and restaurants we serve.

- Valley Floor: 6,356
- Mount Ellen: 12,175
- Mountain Condos: 4,028
- Access Road: 5,939

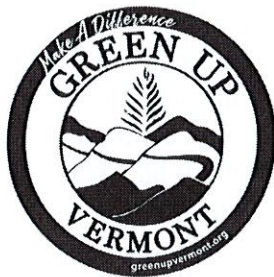
GREEN MOUNTAIN NATIONAL FOREST

The employees of the Green Mountain National Forest (GMNF) depend heavily on support from many municipalities, volunteers, partners, and contractors. The Forest would like to take this time to thank you and your community for the support and interest that you have shown in helping with the management of the approximately 400,000-acre GMNF. Receiving several million outdoor recreation enthusiast visits annually, these visitors seek enjoyment in a natural setting while providing critical benefit to our local economies. The GMNF is proud to be a part of Vermont and your town. It is truly one of Vermont's treasures and the largest contiguous public land area in the state. Forest staff work hard to achieve quality public land management under a sustainable multiple-use management concept to meet the diverse needs of all people -- people in your town as well as all of the visitors who come to Vermont every year. This has been another exciting year for us, and we have worked hard to support new opportunities on the National Forest that benefit the people and communities that we serve.

As mentioned in our Town Report last year, we are in the process of building a new Forest Supervisor's Office in Mendon which we expect to be open for staff and visitors in the coming year. The former Rutland-based headquarters (231 North Main Street) for the Green Mountain and Finger Lakes National Forests has transitioned to a full-time virtual work schedule which will continue until our new office is completed on U.S. Route 4 in Mendon, Vermont. While our main phone number (formally for the Rutland Office) will remain the same (802) 747-6700, our mailing address has changed to: USDA Forest Service, Green Mountain & Finger Lakes National Forests, PO Box 220, Rutland, VT 05702. Please use this new mailing address and also visit our website for a current listing of Forest Service employees who can assist you throughout this temporary transition. <https://www.fs.usda.gov/gmfl>

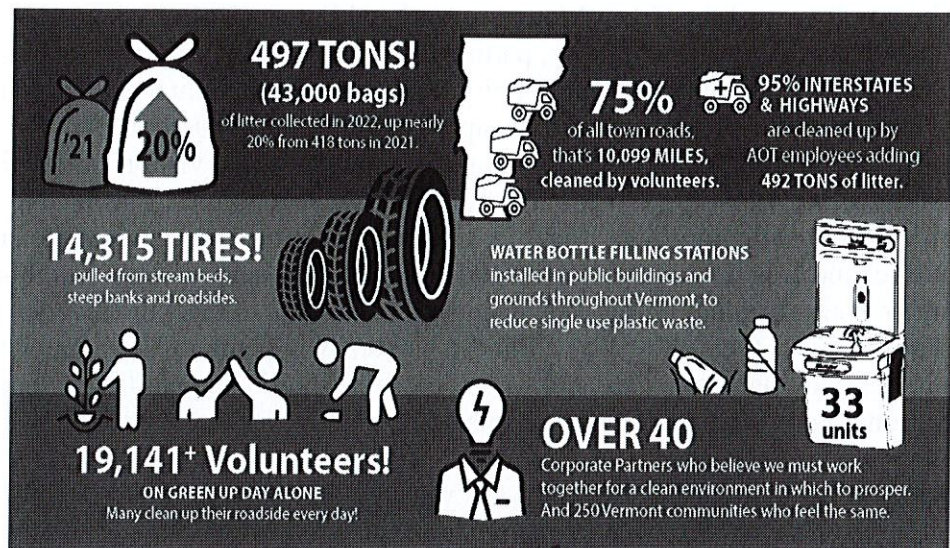
NATURE'S BOUNTY





GREEN UP VERMONT
www.greenupvermont.org

Green Up Day
May 6, 2023



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

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

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

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

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

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

MAD RIVER AMBULANCE

The Mission of the Mad River Valley Ambulance Service, Inc. is to provide the five Mad River Valley towns of Fayston, North Fayston, Moretown, Waitsfield and Warren the highest quality of Emergency Medical Services utilizing dedicated volunteers, technology and community support.

The Mad River Valley Ambulance Service is an organization fully staffed by dedicated volunteers who train as dispatchers, drivers and highly trained medical personnel.

Drivers and medical personnel are called upon to leave their workplaces or homes in all kinds of weather and at all times of day and night to come to the aid of those in need. They are called away from family celebrations and events and they leave willingly to save lives. Their dedication cannot be overstated and we salute them. Medical personnel are also called upon to complete numerous additional off-duty hours on an annual basis in order to stay certified.

We are equipped with three ambulances and recent technology that enables us to provide the highest quality of emergency medical services. We strive to acquire and utilize the latest innovations as they become available in order to communicate well and increase our efficiency.

In 2022, we responded to the residents within our service area. We also responded to calls in Middlesex, Waterbury, Duxbury and Granville when back-up support was needed. As we approach year end, we have responded to a total of 568 calls.

We are always happy to welcome new volunteers to become working members of MRVAS. We provide the training. If you feel that you would like to join our squad, please visit our website or contact us at (802) 496-8888 for further information. We also have an auxiliary organization for those who would like to offer their skills and services in other ways.

Even if you are unable to volunteer your time, you can help us by clearly marking your location so that we can find you when responding to emergencies. Give us a call if you want help in marking your home properly. We find that visitors are often unaware of their E-911 address so it is important for you to share that information when renting out your property.

As always, we are grateful for the generous support we receive from the Valley community. It continues to be our honor to serve you.

Respectfully,
Sheila M. Ware
Dispatcher, President and Head of Service

MAD RIVER PATH ASSOCIATION

The Mad River Path Association enjoyed a busy 2022 with more than two miles of new paths and trails opening. The Spaulding Greenway off Tremblay Rd in Waitsfield is now open offering a flat grassed path around a corn field with river access and beautiful views. The new trail behind the Yestermorrow Campus is a hilly single-track “lollipop loop” for hiking, biking, and running with amazing opportunities for bird watching and enjoying the forest. MRPA was also busy planning a new downtown trail connection between Irasville and more than 50 miles of trails managed by the Mad River Riders, plus the new Chamber Welcome Center. The Conservation and Recreation Visioning initiative has also been a focus of the Path’s work over the past several months.

Path maintenance continued across the Mad River Path network, including a new split-rail fence at Warren’s Riverside Park, a mended fence at the Wabenaki Conservation Area, and another new fence at Fayston’s Chase Brook Town Forest parking area. Also new in Warren along the Warren Path is a StoryWalk display, which was erected in partnership with the Warren Library. Another feature of the Path’s work in 2022 is two new path-side shelters in Waitsfield that provide shade and shelter for bird watching, lunch, or just relaxing outside. The boardwalks in Irasville will be maintained again this winter to ensure accessible use for everyone during the snowy (fingers crossed) months.

FAMILY



MAD RIVER VALLEY BEAR INITIATIVE

The Mad River Valley Bear Initiative (the Initiative) was formed in the fall of 2021 with the hope of addressing the increasing issues and conflicts between humans and black bears (*Ursus americanus*) in the Mad River Valley (MRV). Original partners included the Fayston, Waitsfield and Warren Conservation Commissions, Sugarbush SEW Committee, and Friends of the Mad River. The Moretown Recreation Committee and Stark Mountain Foundation joined in December 2021 and the Duxbury Land Trust joined in August 2022. The Initiative meets via Zoom on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Lisa Koitzsch is the Fayston Conservation Commission's representative on the Initiative.

The primary goals of the initiative are to engage MRV residents and visitors in learning about this iconic species through education and outreach to enhance the community's understanding of black bear biology and to help reduce bear conflicts that can result from human actions. We all share responsibility in keeping our MRV bears safe!

From November 2021 to December 2022 the Initiative has held 14 regular meetings; had many conversations with VT Fish & Wildlife game wardens and staff biologists, and other wildlife groups and organizations; hosted and partnered on three virtual educational presentations; tabled at the Mad River Glen Green and Gold Weekend (October 1) and Sugarbush Community Day (October 8th) events; submitted several articles to the Valley Report and Front Porch Forum; developed a logo; and worked with the Mad River Chamber of Commerce and stewardMRV to develop an online information center. We also purchased 250 "Keep Bears Wild" refrigerator magnets from *BearWise*® for distribution at community events and through our partner organizations.

2022 Presentation dates and video links

March 26, 2022 - Stark Mountain Foundation hosted "*The Bear Facts*" with the Vermont Institute of Science (VINS) at Mad River Glen.

March 30, 2022 - "Get to know the Black Bear" with Jaclyn Comeau, Wildlife Biologist, Black Bear Project Leader, VANR, Dept. of Fish & Wildlife (<https://archive.org/search.php?query=MRVTV%20Bears>)

May 10, 2022 - "Bear With Us – Living with Bears in the North Country" with Sue Morse of Keeping Track in partnership with the Northeast Wilderness Trust (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TOsBDJGedV8>)

October 19, 2022 - Presentation with Jaclyn Comeau, Wildlife Biologist, Black Bear Project Leader, Vermont ANR, Department of Fish & Wildlife (<https://mrvtv.com/753359-2/>)

In 2023 the Initiative plans to continue holding monthly meetings, host virtual and in-person presentations, table at MRV community events, submit articles and announcements to the Valley Reporter and Front Porch Forum and keep the stewardMRV "Living with Bears in the MRV" online information center updated and current.

<https://www.madrivervalley.com/stewardmrv/living-with-bears/>. In addition to these ongoing activities, we are developing a writing and story contest to give away two bear resistant waste receptacles (toters) and are working with the Warren, Waitsfield, and Moretown Libraries to add 'Critter Gitters' to their loan programs. The Critter Gitter is a wildlife motion and heat sensing device that emits a high-pitched sound and flashing LED light when it detects wildlife activity. Its purpose is to humanely deter wildlife (and domestic pets) from the control area such as chicken coops and compost piles and has been successful in deterring black bears.

We wish to thank our partner organizations for their financial support!

Sincerely,

Lisa Koitzsch, Fayston Conservation Commission

Bob Cook, Waitsfield Conservation Commission

Carolynn Schipa & Amy Polaczyk, Warren Conservation Commission

Joel Rhodes & Margo Wade, Sugarbush Safety Environment and Wellness Committee

Ira Shadis, Friends of the Mad River

Chris Stephenson, Moretown Recreation Committee & Stark Mount Foundation

Janet Bisbee, Duxbury Land Trust

Lexi Leacock, Warren resident

MAD RIVER VALLEY COMMUNITY FUND

Since 1989, the Mad River Valley Community Fund has been helping to provide resources and financial assistance to community members in need. We have been able to help individuals and families with housing, transportation, heating, food security, and medical care costs. We work with partner organizations in the Mad River Valley to offer programs that enables us to help as many members of our community as possible.

In 2022 the Mad River Valley Community Fund assisted 73 local households with \$125,800 direct payments to help with childcare, housing, utilities, transportation, and medical care costs.

Board of Directors:

Ashley Woods, *President*

Tom Mehuron, *Treasurer*

John Williams, *Secretary*

Whitney Doenges

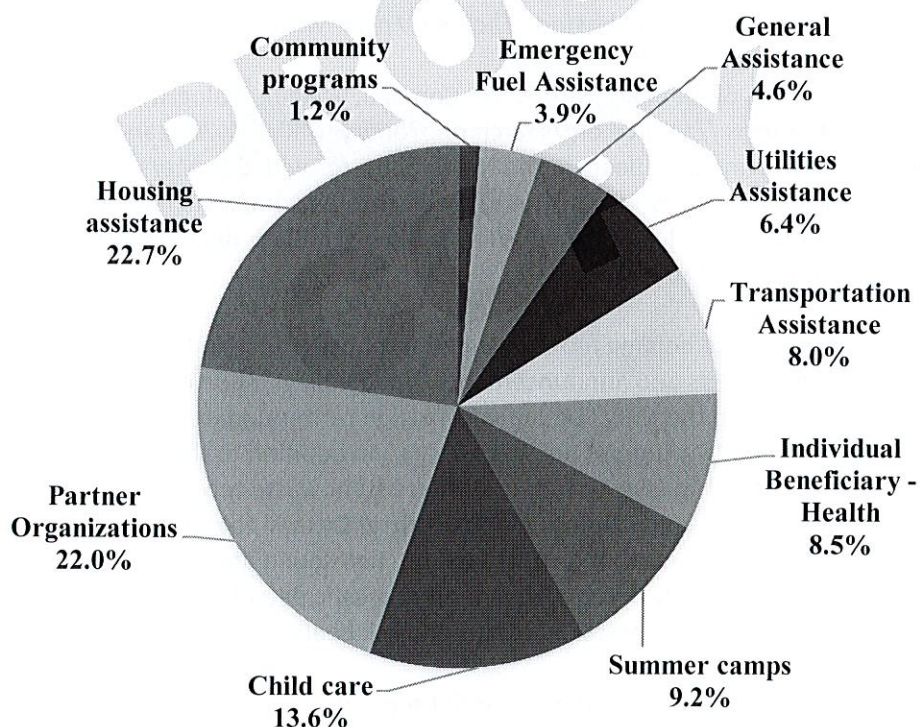
Alison Hobart

Catherine Kalkstein

Troy Kingsbury

Charlotte Robinson

Grant Allocations 2022



MAD RIVER VALLEY HEALTH CENTER

The Mad River Valley Health Center (MRVHC) is a non-profit corporation managed by a Board of Directors for the purpose of insuring high quality, local health care services in the MRV. The Mad River Valley Health Center was incorporated in 1981. In 2004, with the support of many Valley residents, the Health Center moved into its current two story building at the intersection of VT Route 100 and Old County Road in Waitsfield.

In accordance with its mission, space in the Health Center is fully leased by a variety of health care related providers. The majority of the space is occupied by the Mad River Family Practice (CVMC). The remainder of the space is utilized by organizations and individuals providing individual and family mental health support and oriental medicine treatments. These include Hannah's House (mental health services), Three Moon's Wellness (alternative medicine), and Dr. Richard Davis (psychologist).

The Health Center is governed by an all-volunteer board of directors. The current board includes Don Murray, President, Polly Bednash, Vice President, Bill Zekas, Treasurer, Steve Fried, Secretary, Suzanne Peterson, Tom Emory, Dick Valentinetti, Mike Kelley, and Danielle Hampton.

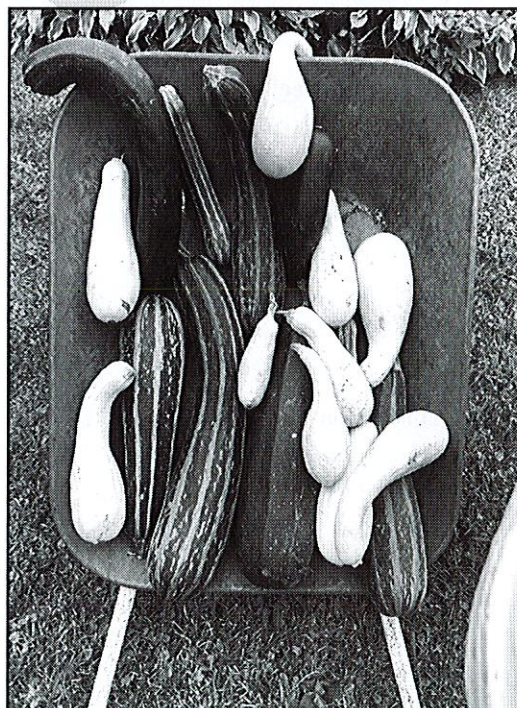
During 2022 the Board continued to collaborate with the VT Department of Health, the Waterbury Ambulance Service and the Waitsfield United Church of Christ, to make COVID testing and vaccinations available in Waitsfield, obviating the need of Valley residents to travel to Waterbury or Barre. The Board in 2022 also established a scholarship to be awarded to a high school senior or current college student who is or will be enrolled in an accredited program leading to a degree in health care. Typical majors are nursing, physical therapy or occupational therapy. Other health related programs will be considered.

Normal maintenance activity has been undertaken during the year. Additionally, painting of the entire exterior was completed in early summer. That project included some siding repairs. The facility continues to be in excellent condition, however given that it is now 19 years old, we can expect increased maintenance in future years. Overall, the financial situation remains solid with few surprises. Sufficient reserves are available to fund reasonably expected repairs.

The Board also celebrated 50 years of existence in 2022 with an article in the Valley Reporter reflecting on the long history of the organization.

Respectfully Submitted,
MRVHC Board of Directors

FALL BOUNTY



MAD RIVER VALLEY PLANNING DISTRICT

The Mad River Valley Planning District (MRVPD) was created in 1985 by the towns of Fayston, Warren, & Waitsfield to carry out a program of planning for the MRV directed toward its physical, social, economic, fiscal, environmental, cultural, and aesthetic wellbeing. To this end, MRVPD provides professional planning, leadership, coordination, awareness, execution, and grant support to the broad MRV and its member towns. MRVPD focused on a broad range of activities during the past year including, but not limited to, increased pedestrian safety measures, resource and coordination support for housing affordability, undertaking the *MRV Short-Term Rental Survey*, helping create the *MRV Dog Park*, collaborating on the *MRV Recreation Hub*, co-sponsoring *Community Climate Chats*, and executing the *Boyce Hill Education Project*. Here are a couple of highlights from 2022:

MRV Community Wellbeing Survey: The 2022 MRV Wellbeing Survey was developed to provide our community with a deeper understanding of how the MRV's people, environment, and local economy are doing. It serves as a tool for taking the pulse of the community, providing an avenue for community members' voices to be incorporated in data-driven decisions focused on improving Valley-wide wellbeing & resilience. The survey was conducted by MRVPD with support from the MRV Community Dashboard Advisory Committee as part of the MRV Community Dashboard project. 2022 marks the survey's second year. This year's survey received 500 total responses, representing 10% of the MRV population and a 20% increase from the 2021 response rate. Final results, a summary, and more can be found at <https://mrvpd.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/2022-MRV-Wellbeing-Survey-Results.pdf>.

MRV Housing Summit: Over 200 community members attended the MRV Housing Summit on October 12, 2022, at Lareau Farm Pavilion, Waitsfield. Through a keynote presentation, a panel highlighting a variety of perspectives, discussion groups, interactive displays, and tabling by local resources, this MRVPD-led event served as a focal point to explore data, ideas, methods, and conversation necessary to enable the community to move forward on the urgent issue of sustainable and equitable housing for current and future Valley residents. 2022 MRV Housing Summit presentations, posters, a video recording, photos, discussion group results, and key takeaways are available at <https://mrvpd.org/housing/2022-mrv-housing-summit/>.

Budget: For FY24, MRVPD once again requests level funding at \$45,317 from each of its four funders, Fayston, Waitsfield, Warren, and Sugarbush Resort.

MRVPD's activities are overseen by a 7-voting member Steering Committee, consisting of a representative from the Selectboard and Planning Commission from each of its member towns, and a representative from the MRV Chamber of Commerce. Additionally, representatives from Sugarbush Resort and the Central VT Regional Planning Commission (CVRPC) serve as non-voting members. MRVPD Steering Committee meetings are open to the public and are usually held on the third Thursday of each month, 7 pm, at the Waitsfield Town Office. Meeting details at mrvpd.org. Staffing consists of Joshua Schwartz, Executive Director, & a Community Planner.

Mad River Valley Planning District Steering Committee

Bob Ackland, Warren Selectboard (Chair)
Christine Sullivan, Waitsfield Selectboard (Vice-Chair)
Jared Cadwell, Fayston Selectboard (Secretary & Treasurer)
Dan Raddock, Warren Planning Commission
Brian Voigt, Waitsfield Planning Commission
Donald Simonini, Fayston Planning Commission
Margo Wade, Sugarbush Resort
Eric Friedman, MRV Chamber of Commerce
Clare Rock, Central VT Regional Planning Commission

Respectfully Submitted, Joshua Schwartz, Executive Director
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Mad River Valley TV 2022 HIGHLIGHTS: MRVTV increases live streaming of municipal meetings and expands access from MRVTV.com.

Mad River Valley Television, the Valley's public access management organization (AMO), is charged with providing public, educational and governmental content (PEG) to the Mad River Valley. As a PEG channel, it receives support from Waitsfield and Champlain Valley Telecom and is delivered on channels 44/244 and 45/245. Its mission is to keep the community informed about the actions by their towns, schools and elected officials, provide a connection to school and local activities and enable local producers to express themselves through informational and education content. Its programming has is available to all within the Waitsfield Cable service coverage area.

MRVTV's Channels 44/244 (Community) and 45/245 (Municipal) are included in Waitsfield Cable's basic tier of service. MRVTV also streams the channel in real-time from MRVTV.COM so that anyone with or without a cable subscription and anywhere in the world can now watch the content as it appears on our cable channels. To stream, visit MRVTV.com and click the "watch live" link. This supports the station's goal of providing local programming for all the Mad River Valley, not only those who subscribe to cable television.

The station celebrated its 23rd year on the air during 2022 and covered nearly every meeting of the Fayston Select Board, Boyce Hill Town Forest meetings, ARPA and budget meetings. In addition, it covers valley wide meetings of the Mad River Valley Planning District, the Mad River Valley Recreation District and most meetings of the Harwood Unified Union School District board and subcommittees.

The pandemic, while not over in 2022, is increasingly managed and meetings were again open to the public. Many meetings continued to offer virtual connections for those who chose not to attend in person. MRVTV captured these meeting from the collaborative feed. Many in the valley benefited from the ability to watch meetings on MRVTV Channel 45/245 or in replay on MRVTV.com.

Throughout the 2022 election, MRVTV hosted interviews with candidates for state representative as well as congressional candidate Peter Welch. The station also showed a candidate forum of state representative candidates and leveraged candidate interviews from around the state.

In 2022, the station, with the help of the Mad River Valley Rotary, purchased a new easy-to-use wireless streaming device. The station now livestreams Waitsfield, Warren and Fayston Select Board meetings, streamed shows from Waitsfield and Warren elementary schools, and concerts from Harwood High School. The Warren July 4 Parade is a very popular event that is streamed live to viewers.

MRVTV initiated a project to extend WIFI service at Harwood High School to reach the lower playing field. This will enable the streaming of sporting events on that field. Funding for the project is coming from MRVTV as well as town ARPA funds.

MRVTV is primarily funded by Waitsfield Cable as required by state and federal regulations with 5% of cable subscription fee collected to support local PEG stations. In addition, the towns of Fayston, Waitsfield, Warren and Moretown and the HUUSD provided MRVTV monetary support to help to defray the cost of municipal and school meetings, sporting events and activities. MRVTV makes the web storage of our municipal programming available for all, anytime, even without cable service.

Cable cord-cutting and growth of streaming services continues to reduce the stations cable funding. In 2022, the station's leadership worked with the Vermont Access Network (VAN) to lobby the statehouse for a new funding model. To help in the interims, the legislature provided special funding, recognizing the importance of community television. MRVTV also raises funds through sponsorships, donations, production fees, duplication and fundraising activities.

MRVTV has equipment available to the community so the public can produce shows, capture events and get them on the broadcast. MRVTV also has a full studio available for taping shows and welcomes new users and producers for non-commercial community interest programs.

In 2022 MRVTV made use of many hours of statewide programming available on the Vermont Media Exchange (VMX). MRVTV showed hundreds of programs produced by other public access centers around the state such as GMAV lectures, Vermont Master Naturalist, Energy Week, candidate interviews and other programs highlight the vastness of Vermont in natural beauty and intellectual depth.

MRVTV is a leader in connecting through social media and has continued growth of its YouTube channel which now has nearly 14,000 subscribers. The Waitsfield Covered Bridge livecam has over 2 million views per year with viewers ranging from Vermont to Japan and beyond!

Station personnel remains unchanged in 2022 with Rob Perry serving as Executive Director and Tony Italiano keeping the station's programming going as Program/Media Manager, a role he has ably filled for over 15 years. The board of directors changed slightly with the retirement of Brian Shupe and the addition of Genevieve Knight. Members of the MRVTV board are: Lisa Loomis, Rob Williams, Liz Levey, John Daniell, Ilse Sigmund, Ian Sweet, Ned Farquhar and Genevieve Knight. We meet quarterly and actively welcome public input to our meetings or to any board member.

To learn more how you can be involved with MRVTV, please contact us at 583-4488 (44TV) or by email at rob@mrvtv.com. You also can just stop by our studio offices at the north end of the Village Square Shopping Center. And you can find us, all local programs, our schedules, and lots of affiliated information on the web at <https://mrvtv.com>.

MAD RIVER VALLEY RECREATION DISTRICT

<p style="text-align: center;">Mad River Valley Recreation District Annual Report</p> <p>Mad River Valley Recreation District (MRVRD) is a Union Municipal District formed by the towns of Waitsfield, Warren and Fayston in 1994. The MRVRD seeks to facilitate, enhance and create recreational opportunities throughout the Mad River Valley that promote community vitality, physical fitness, appreciation for the outdoors and a high quality of life. The MRVRD owns and manages the Mad River Park Recreational Fields, operates a recreation grant program and supports diverse recreation opportunities important for community health and economic vitality in the Valley.</p> <p>In 2022, 13 non-profits requested \$50,594 in grants and the MRVRD awarded 11 grants providing \$34,212 in financial support to the organizations listed on the right. For 2023, the MRVRD considered 13 grant requests and allocated \$45,400 in grants to these non-profits. These investments will increase access to diverse recreational opportunities for all members of our community, as well as visitors.</p> <p>Our accomplishments in 2022 included: launching a new website; a \$15 bike helmet event; an E-bike lending program partnering with Local Motion; raising more than \$44,000 in private funds for an irrigation project at Mad River Park; installing a non-potable well, pump and electricity at Mad River Park (an above ground irrigation system will be purchased and installed in 2023); helping to lead the MRV Dog Park initiative, located at Brooks Field to be built in 2023 with the help of funds raised through a Better Places grant; continued participation in stewardMRV, an initiative to increase the cleanliness and environmental quality of recreation sites; leadership of the Trails Collaborative including addressing concerns of the towns, conservation commissions and other groups on balancing trails and environmental priorities.</p> <p>Our single biggest 2022 achievement was collaborating with six partners to get a Vermont Outdoor Recreation Economic Collaborative (VOREC) grant to create the MRV Recreation Hub. MRVRD received the largest grant statewide, 408K. Managing and administering that grant will be a main focus of our work in 2023 and 2024. We are helping to lead the Community Recreation Visioning (CRV) project, a sub-component of the VOREC grant, that will establish a path forward for balancing environmental health and recreation, safeguarding natural resources, and planning for long-term stewardship. During 2023, the community will be brought into this process.</p> <p>MRVRD is once again requesting \$40,000 from each member town in the fiscal year 2023 to continue the recreation grant program, provide for operations and improvements at Mad River Park and enable our Executive Director, Laura Arnesen, to advance the MRVRD's strategic organizational goals.</p> <p>The MRVRD Board encourages groups and individuals who are interested in creating recreational opportunities in the Mad River Valley to visit mrverd.org or contact any member of the Board. The board meets the third Tuesday of each month and seeks involvement and input from the community. The volunteer MRVRD board members have been appointed by the Select Boards of their respective towns and serve 1 or 3 year terms. Contact any of us if you are interested in joining the team.</p> <p>Executive Director: Laura Arnesen, Warren</p> <p>Board: Alice Rodgers, Warren - Chair; Mary Simmons, Waitsfield - Vice Chair & Secretary; Doug Bergstein, Warren - Treasurer; Molly Bagnato, Fayston; Luke Foley, Waitsfield; Shevonne Travers, Waitsfield - MRP Field Manager; Peter Oliver, Warren; John Stokes, Fayston; Corey Ayotte, Fayston</p>	Beginning Balance (Jan 1, 2022)		\$2,904
	Income		
	Funding from Towns		\$90,000
	Moretown		\$2,250
	Expenditures		
	Bill Koch League		\$2,000
	Couples Club		\$3,000
	Harwood Youth Basketball		\$3,816
	Mad River Lacrosse		\$2,696
	Mad River Little League		\$4,300
	Mad River Park		\$9,000
	Mad River Path		\$4,000
	Mad River Riders		\$4,000
	Mad River Ridge Runners		\$3,000
	Mad Valley Sports, Inc.		\$2,900
	Vermont Adaptive		\$1,000
	Warren SkatePark		\$3,500
	Trail Counters		\$2,000
	VOREC		\$2,319
	Executive Director Salary/Benefits		\$40,020
	Memberships		\$1,088
	Website		\$586
	Miscellaneous		\$839
	Total Expenditures		\$89,961
	Ending Balance (Dec. 31, 2022)		\$5,189
	Irrigation Project Balance		\$9,070
	Trailhead Kiosk Project Balance		\$3,491
	Mad River Park Balance		\$2,260
	Projected Grants Awarded for 2023		\$45,400

Mad River Seniors

Mad River Valley Senior Citizens, Inc.

5308 Main Street, Waitsfield, VT 05673

802-496-2545

The Mad River Valley Senior Citizens Board of Directors sincerely appreciates the continued support of the Town of Fayston. With that support, we have been successful in our mission to provide nutritional meals, opportunities for social connections, and access to health and wellness resources for Seniors in our community for over 35 years. In the addition to three part-time staff, we are fortunate to have many caring volunteers who are central to this success. In FY2022 we served 11,0573 meals, an increase over previous years, at the Mad River Seniors dining room in Evergreen Place in Waitsfield and to our Meals On Wheels (MOW) clients in the four towns within our Valley. We serve weekly community meals for seniors and one community breakfast each week, and deliver daily dietician-approved lunches for MOW clients five days a week and frozen meals for weekends. All meals are by donation except for breakfast, which is a fundraiser.

The beginning of the year was a challenge with COVID, which made it difficult to consistently provide in-person meals and events. This has made our MOW program even more important to those seniors living alone. We have maintained contact with them throughout the year by phone, offering and delivering take-out meals and increasing our delivery to many who haven't received MOW before. Our in-house lunches resumed in late spring.

In addition to donations from patrons and clients, MRVSC receives financial support from the Central Vermont Council On Aging, the four Valley towns, Vermont Center for Independent Living, the Warren United Church, The Mad River Valley Rotary, Mehuron's, Lawson's Finest Liquids, Green Rabbit Bakery, The Village Grocery, and other local businesses and individuals that provide us with generous donations, attendance at our fundraisers, and coin collection cans at area retailers. We thank you all for your support.

Respectfully Submitted:

MRVSC Board of Directors

Gretchen Hernandez, President; Bill Zekas, Treasurer; Joanne Fitzgerald, Secretary; Susan Stoehr, Lisa Jenisen, Dave Goldstein and Patty Pasley, member-at-large.

MAD RIVER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ALLIANCE

P.O. Box 210, Waterbury Center VT 05677

(802) 244-7373 / fax (802) 244-7570

January 2, 2023

The Mad River Resource Management Alliance (MRRMA) includes the Towns of Fayston, Moretown, Waitsfield, Warren and Waterbury. The Alliance was formed through an Interlocal Agreement that began in 1994. We changed our name in 2008 to reflect the fact that we are managing resources not wastes.

2022 was the first time in three years that the MRRMA was able to hold both a Spring and Fall Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day event at the Harwood Union High School in Duxbury. Our Spring event was held on April 2, 2022 and the "Fall" event was held on August 20, 2022. A total of 424 households participated in these events. We collected 12.22 tons of household hazardous waste at the events. Residents within the Alliance communities were able to bring all their architectural paints, waste pesticides, alkaline batteries and up to 10 additional gallons of hazardous waste to each event for disposal at no charge. The Alliance will swap your mercury fever thermometer for a digital thermometer at no charge at these events. Bring your mercury thermostats to the Household Hazardous Waste Collection and you will receive a coupon that can be redeemed for a \$5.00 rebate by the Thermostat Recycling Corporation which will process the thermostats. We are planning two collection day events in 2023 at Harwood Union High School. They are scheduled for May 13, 2023 and October 14, 2023. We are working with US Ecology our new contractor.

A total of 300 gallons of used crankcase oil was collected within the Alliance at our Used Oil Collection Tank during 2022. The tank is located in Waitsfield at the Earthwise Transfer Station.

In 2022 textiles were collected at Rodney's Rubbish Transfer Station and the Earthwise Transfer Station. The textiles are collected by Helpsy, a textile recycling company with facilities in New York and Massachusetts. They take clothing, footwear, linens, and accessories in any condition that are clean, dry and odorless at no charge. A total of 24.45 tons of textiles were collected in 2022.

Grow Compost of Vermont in Moretown and Casella collected food scraps and food processing residuals from the Washington West Supervisory Union waste streams, from other large generators in the MRRMA and in collection totes at the Moretown facility. A total of ~327 tons of food scraps were collected by Grow Compost of Vermont and Casella in 2022 in the MRRMA. Visit our web site at madriverrma.org. You will find information on solid waste issues on this web site.

The twenty sixth truckload sale of compost bins resulted in the distribution of 29 compost bins and 3 Green Cones. It is estimated that each compost bin can compost 650 pounds of garden and kitchen waste annually. This means rich soil to add to your garden and less waste to go to the landfill. We held two composting workshops for Alliance residents this year and expect to hold two more in 2023. The Alliance held a car and pickup truck tire and metal collection event at the Earthwise Transfer Station with additional collection at Rodney's Rubbish Transfer Station in conjunction with Green Up Day on May 7, 2022. A total of 10.26 tons of tires and ~1 ton of metal were collected during this event. We are planning to hold a spring tire and metal collection in conjunction with Green Up Day on May 6, 2023.

Alliance residents can bring their mixed paper, glass bottles and jars, metal cans and plastics #1 through #7, except for plastic film wrap, plastic bags, black plastic and beaded styrofoam for single stream recycling to the Earthwise Transfer Station and Rodney's Rubbish Transfer Station and Redemption Center. There are also local haulers and Saturday Fast Trash Collections available in the Mad River Resource Management Alliance. Currently the recyclables are taken to the Chittenden County Materials Recovery Facility for processing. There is a charge for collecting and processing recyclables. Computers, printers, monitors and televisions can be recycled at no charge at the Earthwise Transfer Station or the State Surplus Property Office on Route 2 in Waterbury. Other e-waste can be brought to the State Surplus Property facility in Waterbury and recycled at a small per pound fee. During 2022, a total of 17.89 tons of e-waste was collected. Additional information on this program is found on our web site. The Alliance is a member of the Northeast Resource Recovery Association which helps us market some recyclable commodities such as tires, propane cylinders other materials and assists with educational programs. The Alliance is also a member of the Product Stewardship Institute (PSI). As a stakeholder in the PSI we work with other entities to reduce the environmental and health impacts of a variety of consumer products. This is accomplished by looking at the life cycle impacts of products and their packaging. Things like energy and materials consumption, emissions during manufacturing, toxicity, worker safety and waste disposal are among the issues reviewed. The objective of product stewardship is to rethink the way things are created in order to have more sustainable products in the future. We are also a member of the Vermont Product Stewardship Council which provides a local focus on legislative initiatives and other stewardship issues.

Our Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP) is updated every five years. The update is available for review at our website, www.madriverrma.org.

Backyard burning of trash is illegal and causes air pollution problems. Be a good neighbor and don't burn trash. If you know of any illegal dumping sites within your town that would benefit from an Adopt a Site Program give John Malter, Alliance Administrator a call at 802-244-7373 and let's see what we can do to help eliminate these types of problems together. The FY23 assessment for the administration and programs remains at \$7.00 per capita.

The representatives of the Alliance include: Fayston, Chuck Martel; Moretown, Jonathan Siegel; Waitsfield, Sal Spinosa; Warren, Margo Wade; Waterbury, Alec Tuscany and John Malter from Waterbury is the Administrator for the Alliance.

SKATIUM

SKATIUM is a Mad River Valley community outdoor ice skating facility located in Irasville Center. It is owned and operated by Skatium, Inc., a local non-profit corporation. The current facility operates with natural ice made on a crushed stone surface, zambonies and other pertinent equipment and several ancillary structures on 5.4 acres owned by SKATIUM.

In an effort to expedite realizing future planned improvements, a new Board of Advisors has been formed that is comprised of local officials, local business persons, individuals experienced in the development of multi-functional recreation facilities, and individuals experienced in fundraising. The Board is revisiting some of SKATIUM'S future plans with the goal of providing a wider range of seasonal recreational activities and spectator events within a partially enclosed structure that is both architecturally attractive and financially feasible. In the meantime, the new Advisors have added new energy to maintaining and improving the existing facility. Principal among these improvements are new goals for regulation and stick time hockey, modifications to dasher boards, a renewed campaign for local business board advertising, and a new website with point of sale capability that allows the use of credit cards for passes and donations, made possible by a grant from the MRVRC. Driveway improvements were made with the assistance of Lawsons Finest Liquids. This year Skatium celebrated its 30th anniversary by opening during Christmas week and holding a celebratory skating party that was highly attended by local residents and tourists alike.

Typical activities at SKATIUM include public skating, stick time, adult hockey, and group and party rentals. In addition, SKATIUM continues to offer ice time free of charge to people with physical and cognitive disabilities. For this, SKATIUM is partnering with VERMONT ADAPTIVE SKI and SPORTS and the CENTRAL VERMONT PIONEERS sled hockey organization. The rink is also made available at no charge to valley elementary school programs. SKATIUM can make its facilities available for summer usage upon request.

SKATIUM typically operates with a \$25,000.00 - \$30,000.00 annual budget. Approximately half of the budget expenses are for payroll for its 2 employees. A very significant amount of the labor requirement is provided by volunteers at no charge. Major expenses in addition to payroll include electricity, propane, property taxes, insurance, municipal water, and snow removal. SKATIUM derives its income from revenues from ice use, skate rentals, and board advertising. However, donations will likely be the major source of funding for its multi-million dollar plans for the future. Donations can be made by visiting our website: skatiumvt.org.

We thank you for your support.

SKATIUM BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Local Health Office Annual Report 2022

Twelve Local Health Offices around the state are your community connection with the Vermont Department of Health. Your district office is at the address and phone number above. We provide essential services and resources to towns in Washington and Orange counties in order to protect and promote the health and well-being of people in Vermont. For example, in the past year and beyond, the Barre Local Health Office:

Protected communities from COVID-19: Since the pandemic began three years ago our doors have remained open, and we've been able to serve communities thanks to individuals, families, schools, businesses, first responders, and countless others that worked with us to meet the needs of local towns. We provided vaccine, testing, and information, along with other key public health services.

Worked to prevent and control the spread of disease: In collaboration with community partners, since response efforts began, we hosted over 100 COVID-19 vaccination clinics and provided over 7,900 COVID-19 doses. Since August 2021, all local health offices have also documented and helped manage 8,125 COVID-19-related situations, including 1,271 COVID-19 outbreaks.

Ensured local preparedness for future emergencies: We worked with partners like schools, skilled nursing facilities, shelters, and emergency personnel to ensure effective pandemic response and support preparedness to distribute medicine, supplies, and information during public health emergencies. This year, we responded to the emergence of human monkeypox virus by sharing information and providing vaccine to community members. As of November 15, 2022, 25 hMPXV vaccine doses have been administered locally.

Stayed attentive to people and communities most underserved: We provided services and resources to people who are more likely to experience adverse health outcomes due to health inequities. For example, we provided vaccine at schools, shelters, senior housing, farms, food distribution sites, and more.

Collaborated with Town Health Officers around environmental health: To help Vermonters better understand the relationship between their environment and their health, we collaborated with towns and other local partners. Find information about environmental health including lead, cyanobacteria (blue-green algae), food safety, drinking water, climate change, healthy homes, healthy schools, and more at www.healthvermont.gov/environment.

Provided WIC services and resources to families and children: Provided WIC nutrition education and support to 1,337 individuals between July 1, 2021 and June 31, 2022, while enabling them to save on groceries so they can have more to spend on other things their family needs. WIC also empowers families with breastfeeding/chestfeeding support and provides referrals to other health and nutrition services. Learn more at www.healthvermont.gov/wic.

Supported student health and youth empowerment: According to the Vermont Youth Risk Behavior Survey, only 58% percent of students in Washington County, and only 54% in Orange County, agree or strongly agree that they "believe they matter to people in their community." Regionally, efforts like mentoring and after-school enrichment programs help to ensure youth feel valued and included.

Promoted health in all policies: Health is not just individual behaviors and access to care, it's also housing, transportation, food access, education, natural resources, and other social determinants of health. We worked with towns, schools, worksites, healthcare providers, and other community organizations to establish plans, policies, and programming that improve health and wellness. To achieve health, we must continue to work together to improve opportunities for health across all sectors and periods of our lives.

EQUALIZATION STUDY RESULTS FOR FAYSTON

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Agency of Administration

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December 23, 2022

Chair, Selectboard
Town of Fayston
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AMENDED 2022 Equalization Study Results

Please use this letter to replace the Equalization Study results dated December 22, 2022 or December 23, 2022. This amendment includes Cable Personal Property in the Education Grand List (From 411). This amendment does not change your CLA, COD, or Equalized Education Grand List (EEGL). Every year we are required to certify the equalized education property value (EPPV or EEGL) and coefficient of dispersion (COD) for each Vermont town (32 V.S.A. § 5406). This letter also communicates the Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) for your town and explains how it will impact your homestead and nonhomestead education tax rates.

Education Grand List (from 411):	\$382,951,600
Equalized Education Grand List (EEGL):	\$473,644,787
Common Level of Appraisal (CLA):	80.85 % or 0.8085
Coefficient of Dispersion (COD):	19.65%

For a copy of your town final computation sheet and final certified sales report, please see:

tax.vermont.gov/municipal-officials

The **education grand list** listed here is what was reported by your town to the state on the 411 form with your town's cable (if applicable) and tax increment financing (TIF) amounts (if any) included. This number represents the town's total property value that is subject to the education property tax (from the most recent grand list available) and serves as the numerator in the computation of the CLA. Please note tax revenue from any TIF property value is subject to allocation (32 V.S.A. § 5404a).

The **equalized education grand list (EEGL)** represents PVR's statutorily-mandated estimate of total fair market value of the education grand list in your town and serves as the denominator in the computation of the CLA. To find out more about how the equalization study is conducted, how to read the certified sales report, and additional instructions on how to appeal your results, please see the "Introduction to Vermont's Equalization Study" document at:

tax.vermont.gov/municipal-officials

The **common level of appraisal (CLA)** is determined by dividing the education grand list by the equalized education grand list (32 V.S.A. § 5401). A number over 100% indicates that property in your town is generally listed for more than its fair market value. A number less than 100% indicates that property is generally listed for less than its fair market value. A CLA below 85% or over 115% necessitates a reappraisal (32 V.S.A. § 4041a). The homestead and nonhomestead tax rates in your town will be adjusted by your town's CLA (32 V.S.A. § 5402).



EQUALIZATION STUDY RESULTS FOR FAYSTON

The nonhomestead rate in your town will be the statewide nonhomestead rate divided by your CLA. The homestead rate will be the town homestead rate (which is determined by the per-pupil spending of any school district(s) to which your town belongs) divided by the CLA. A CLA greater than 100% will result in a downward adjustment of tax rates, and a CLA less than 100% will result in upward adjustment.

To get answers to many common questions about tax rates and how they are determined and to see how the current year property tax rates for your town were calculated, please see the department's education tax resources at:

tax.vermont.gov/education-tax-rates

The **coefficient of dispersion (COD)** is a measure of how fairly distributed the property tax is within your town. It is calculated as the average of the (absolute) difference of each sales ratio (list price divided by sales price) in the study from the median ratio. That result is then divided by the median ratio to get the COD, which is expressed as a percent (32 V.S.A. § 5401). A high COD means that within your town many taxpayers are paying more than their fair share, and many are paying less than their fair share. A COD over 20% necessitates a reappraisal (32 V.S.A. § 4041a).

Appeals: A municipality may petition the director of Property Valuation and Review for a redetermination of its EEPV and/or COD (32 V.S.A § 5408). All petitions must be in writing and signed by the chair of the municipality's legislative body. Petitions should contain a plain statement of matters being appealed and a statement of the remedy being sought. **Petitions must be received by PVR by the close of business on the 35th day after mailing of this letter.**

Additional instructions on appeals can be found in the "Introduction to Vermont's Equalization Study" document at:

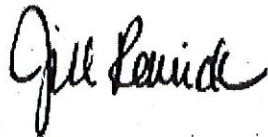
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We at PVR are aware that many towns are concerned about the change in the market due to the effects of Covid-19 over the past few years. Sales have increased generally in price and some towns have seen this more than others. This is a typical real estate market reaction which is seen when conditions in the world change such as economy, politics etc.

As a result, there are more towns experiencing large drops in their CLA. This is to be expected in a market shift. There will also be many more reappraisal orders going out to towns than in a typical year as a result. If you have concerns about your results you should talk with your District Advisor about what the best plan of action might be for your town.

If you have any questions, please contact your **district advisor**, or call 802-828-5860.

Sincerely,



Jill Remick, Director
Property Valuation and Review

cc: Chair, Board of Listers
Chair, School Board
Superintendent of Schools
Town Clerk

PRELIMINARY EDUCATION CASH FLOW

FY2023 Education Funding Cash Flow for Municipality, Phase I Based on PRELIMINARY Education Grand Lists sent to PV&R as of 09-Sep-22

District: **Fayston**
S.U.: **Harwood SU**

LEA ID: **T075**
County: **Washington**

FY2023 Education Spending Summary

Local Harwood USD

1. Total Education Grant Owed to the School Districts	Line 19, Page 2	-	35,042,477.00	-	1.
4. Percent of equalized pupils at school district(s) from Fayston		0%	8.69%	0.00%	4.
5. Education spending Fayston is responsible for	Line 1 x line 2	-	3,045,191.25	-	5.

	Reference	Municipal Treasury	School District Treasury	State Treasury	
6. Homestead Education Grand List	1,463,320.00				6.
7. Homestead tax rate (base rate is \$1.00, adjusted by district spending per pupil and CLA)	1.6978				7.
8. Homestead education property tax liability	Homestead EGL x Homestead tax rate	2,484,425.00			8.
9. Total tax credit for tax bills	32 V.S.A. § 6066(a)	499,828.92			9.
10. Municipal portion of tax credit		5,188.00			10.
11. Education portion of homestead tax credit		494,630.92			11.
12. Subtotal	Line 8 - line 11	1,989,794.08			12.
14. Late Fee Retained			315.00		
15. Amount raised on homestead properties	Line 12 - line 14	1,989,479.08			15.
16. 0.225 of 1.0% of homestead liability retained by municipality	32 V.S.A. § 6402(c)		4,477.04		16.
17. Net homestead education taxes available for school districts & Education Fund		1,985,002.04			17.
18. Local amount of homestead tax liability for education spending plus categorical grants		0.00%			18.
19. Harwood USD amount of homestead tax liability for education spending plus categorical grants		100.00%	1,985,002.04		19.
20. Homestead education tax liability to the State Treasury					20.
21. Subtotals		1,989,479.08	4,477.04	1,985,002.04	21.
22. Subtotals		1,989,479.08	4,477.04	1,985,002.04	22.
23. Non-Residential Education Tax		2,368,198.00			23.
24. Non-Residential education grand list		1.6336			24.
25. Non-Residential tax rate (base rate is \$1.466, adjusted by the CLA)		3,865,418.00			25.
26. Non-residential education liability	Non-residential EGL x non-residential tax rate				26.
27. Amount Raised on Non-Residential properties		3,865,418.00			27.
28. 0.225 of 1.0% of non-residential liability retained by municipality	32 V.S.A. § 6402(c)		8,697.00		28.
29. Net non-residential education taxes available for school districts & Education Fund	Line 27 - line 28	3,856,721.00			29.
30. Local amount of non-residential tax liability for education spending plus categorical grants		0.00%			30.
31. Harwood USD amount of non-residential tax liability for education spending plus categorical grants		100.00%	1,060,189.96		31.
32. Non-residential education liability to the State Treasury					32.
33. Subtotals		3,865,418.00	8,697.00	1,060,189.96	33.
34. Subtotals		3,865,418.00	8,697.00	1,060,189.96	34.
35. Totals	Line 22 + line 34	5,854,897.08	13,174.04	3,045,192.00	35.

FY2023 Municipality Payment Schedule TO the State Treasury (Homestead payments are based on line 22, non-residential payments on line 34)

	September 10, 2022	December 1, 2022	December 10, 2022	April 30, 2023	June 1, 2023
Homestead taxes		0.00			0.00
Non-residential taxes		1,398,265.00			1,398,265.04

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Payments to the School District by the Town Treasurer

16 V.S.A. §§ 426(a)(b); 32 V.S.A. § 6066a(a)

School District
Subtotals

36. Homestead taxes to the local school district	Line 14	-		36.
37. Non-residential taxes to the local school district	Line 28	-		37.
38. Homestead taxes to Harwood USD	Line 15	1,985,002.04		38.
39. Non-residential taxes to Harwood USD	Line 27	1,060,189.96		39.
			3,045,192.00	
40.	Line 16	-		40.
41.	Line 28	-		41.
42. Act 144 local construction property tax sent to the school district by Fayston		-		42.
43. Total education tax dollars sent to the school district by Fayston	Total	3,045,192.00		43.

If you have any questions about these data, please contact Julie Robinson at Julie.Robinson@vermont.gov
If she cannot be reached, contact Brad James at Brad.James@vermont.gov

PRELIMINARY EDUCATION CASH FLOW

Summary Data

			Rev Codes	
1. Budgeted expenditures as reported by School District		-		1.
2. Capital costs excluded from local education spending	Act 144, amended by Act 150 of the 2002 Legislative session	-		2.
3. Revenues dedicated to excluded capital costs		-		3.
4. Netted capital costs to be raised by local construction tax	line 2 - line 3	-		4.
5. Net budgeted expenditures, less eligible Act 144 costs	line 1 - line 2	-		5.
6. Net Budgeted local revenues as reported by School District (less Act 144 revenues)		-		6.
7. Preliminary education spending	line 5 - line 6	-		7.
8. Hold-harmless aid for pre-existing eligible capital debt	Sec. 23(a), Act 60, 1997 amended by Sec. 99(a), Act 71, 1998	-		8.
9. Education Spending	line 7 - line 8, 16 V.S.A. § 4001(f)	-		9.
10. 87% of base education payment to tech center paid by the State for the district	16 V.S.A. § 1551(b)	-	3114	10.
11. Adjusted Education Spending	line 9 - line 10	-		11.

School District Cash Flow

Categorical Grants

		Required Funding	
12. Hold-harmless aid for pre-existing eligible capital debt	Sec. 23(a), Act 60, 1997 amended by Sec. 99(a), Act 71, 1998	-	12.
13. Small schools support grant	16 V.S.A. § 4015(b)	-	13.
14. Small schools financial stability grant	16 V.S.A. § 4015(c)	repealed	14.
15. Transportation aid	16 V.S.A. § 4016(a)	na	15.
16. Extraordinary transportation aid	16 V.S.A. § 4016(b)	na	16.
17. Subtotal of categorical grants		-	17.
18. Adjusted Education Spending plus categorical grants	line 11 + line 17	-	18.
19.		-	19.
20. Total education grant from the Ed Fund owed to the School District	Line 18 - Line 19	-	20.

Education Fund sources

	Reference	Sources	
21. Payment to school district by town on behalf of State from homestead education taxes	Page 1, line 18	-	21.
22. Balance of education spending after homestead taxes	line 20 - line 21	-	22.
23. Payment to school district by town on behalf of State from non-residential education taxes	Page 1, line 30	-	23.
24. Balance of education spending after non-residential taxes	line 22 - line 23	-	24.
25. Subtotal of education property taxes	line 21 + line 23	-	25.
26. Additional funding required from the Education Fund, including categorical grants	16 V.S.A. § 4026(a)	-	26.
27. Total of funding sources	lines 25 + 26	-	27.

Revenue Codes

		Coding		
28. Adjusted education grant owed the school district by the Ed Fund	line 11	-	3110	28.
29. Hold-harmless aid for pre-existing eligible capital debt	line 12	-	3160	29.
30. Small schools support grant	line 13	-	3145	30.
31. Small schools financial stability grant	line 14	repealed	3146	31.
32. Transportation aid	line 15	na	3150	32.
33. Extraordinary transportation aid	line 16	na	3152	33.
35. Subtotal of funding sources		-		35.

Summary of School District Cash Flow

36. Total funds required by school district	line 20	-		36.
37. Total funding from the Education Fund	line 35	-		37.
38. net Act 144 funds required by school district		-		38.
39. net Act 144 tax dollars from municipality		-		39.
40. Total of funding sources		-		40.

No Net Payment Due from the State Treasury (based on line 26)

	September 10, 2022	December 1, 2022	December 10, 2022	April 30, 2023	June 1, 2023
Receipts from the Ed Fund	0.00		0.00	0.00	

If you have any questions about these data, please contact Julie Robinson at Julie.Robinson@vermont.gov

If she cannot be reached, contact Brad James at Brad.James@vermont.gov

PRELIMINARY EDUCATION CASH FLOW

Calculation of Homestead Tax Rate

The FY2023 Homestead tax rate is based on the local school district budget and each union district budget of which it may be a member. A rate is calculated for each budget and pro-rated, based on the number of equalized pupils that belong to each district (Local & Union) from the municipality. The pro-rated tax rates are divided by the CLA and summed to determine the municipality's homestead education tax rate. (Line 10)

	Local School District	Harwood USD
1 Education spending per equalized pupil	-	20,284.89
2 Net offsets per equalized pupil for excess spending calculation	-	348.30
3 Amount per equalized pupil over excess spending threshold, if any	-	-
4 Education spending per equalized pupil plus any excess spending for tax rate	-	20,284.89
5 District spending as a percent of education property yield (line 4 + 13,314)	0.000%	152.358%
6 District equalized tax rate (line 5 x base rate of \$1)	-	1.5236
7 Percent of equalized pupils from Fayston at school district(s)	0.00%	100.00%
8 Equalized tax rate from school district (line 6 x line 7)	-	1.5236
9 Actual tax rate from the school district (line 8 / CLA)	CLA 89.74%	1.6978
10 Actual homestead tax rate on municipal tax bills	-	1.6978

Calculation of Education Tax Dollars

	Homestead	Non-Residential
11 Education grand list	1,463,320.00	2,366,196.00
12 Education tax rate	1.6978	1.6336
13 Education tax liability	2,484,425.00	3,865,418.00
14 Homestead education tax credit	494,630.92	-
15 Prior year education tax credit, if applicable	1,989,794.08	-
16 Education property taxes raised	1,989,479.08	3,865,418.00
17 Education property taxes retained by town (0.225 of 1.0%)	4,477.04	8,697.00
18 Education property taxes available for education spending & Education Fund	1,985,002.04	3,856,721.00

Calculation of the Distribution of Education Fund Taxes

This section distributes the education taxes raised by the municipality to the municipality's school district(s). The education taxes are apportioned by the equalized pupil ratios for the municipality (line 19). The municipality's equalized pupils at a union(s) as a percent of the union total is used for calculating the amount the municipality owes to the union school district (lines 23 & 24).

	Local School District	Harwood USD
19 Municipal equalized pupil ratios	0.00%	100.00%
20 Homestead education taxes for education spending & Education Fund <small>line 19 x line 18</small>	-	1,985,002.04
21 Non-Residential education taxes for education spending & Education Fund <small>line 19 x line 18</small>	-	3,856,721.00
22 Subtotal: Total education property taxes available for education spending & Education Fund	-	5,841,723.04
23 Fayston's equalized pupils at union(s) as a percent of union total	-	8.69%
24 Total amounts owed local and union school districts from Education Fund	-	35,042,477.00
25 Fayston's share of education spending	-	3,045,192.00
26 Municipal homestead tax transfers to school districts	-	1,985,002.04
27 Municipal non-residential tax transfers to school districts	-	1,060,189.96
28 Additional funds paid to the school district by the State from the Education Fund	-	-
29 Amount of homestead education taxes municipality owes Education Fund	-	-
30 Amount of non-residential education taxes municipality owes Education Fund	-	-
	2,796,531.04	
31 Net amount owed to Education Fund	2,796,531.04	

Estimated payments to:			
Number of education property tax due dates	Education tax source	Local School District	Harwood USD
1	Homestead	-	1,985,002.04
	Non-Residential	-	1,060,189.96
2	Homestead	-	992,501.02
	Non-Residential	-	530,094.98
3	Homestead	-	661,667.35
	Non-Residential	-	353,396.65
4	Homestead	-	496,250.51
	Non-Residential	-	265,047.49

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The Central Vermont Career Center School District (CVCCSD) was born last year when voters in our 18 sending towns approved - by a significant margin - our transition from the Barre Unified Union School District to a standalone career and technical center district. What that transition did, first and foremost, was open up seats at the table for representatives from each of our member towns. For the first time, every member town now has a voice in what programs we offer; in setting our budget; and in our day-to-day operations. You are no longer sending your students to a host district - the district belongs to you.

At the Central Vermont Career Center (CVCC), we are training students to become the next generation of mechanics, graphic designers, chefs, plumbers, contractors, hairstylists, EMTs, nurses, and much more. These are high-demand, well-paying careers. But just as important, we are giving them the opportunity to find those rewarding careers right here in Vermont. Many go on to earn college or graduate degrees before returning to the communities that raised them, while others enter their chosen careers directly. But regardless of the paths they choose, CVCC students see the real possibilities beyond what they're learning. Each day they acquire new skills that bring them closer to the career or degree programs they can't wait to embark on. In the past, career and technical education has often been an afterthought, but we are seeing more and more that it is a critical part of a high quality PreK - 12 education - especially in the middle and high school grades.

We kicked off the school year at CVCC on August 30th with 220 students in 13 programs and Coop after our final round of acceptances on August 29th. In addition, we opened with two new programs: Emergency Services 2 (Advanced EMT), taught in collaboration with Vermont Technical College's (VTC) paramedic program, and Design & Fabrication (Including Stone Trades) located at the Vermont Granite Museum. In addition, due to staffing needs, we developed a collaboration with Vermont Heating and Ventilation (VHV) allowing our Plumbing program to move forward.

There are no town lines or boundaries at CVCCSD. We all make up the Central Vermont Career Center School District. And that's important because it impacts how our annual budget is approved. While our district is technically a new entity, our budget is still embedded in each town's annual school district spending just as it has been in the past. This year you will have the ability to vote on the CVCC budget and we are seeking your continued support for the expenses you have been providing for years. The only difference is that you now have a direct voice in setting our annual budget.

Jody Emerson
CVCC Director
CVCCSD Superintendent

Jill Remick
CVCCSD Board Chair

HUUSD FY2023 BUDGET AVAILABILITY

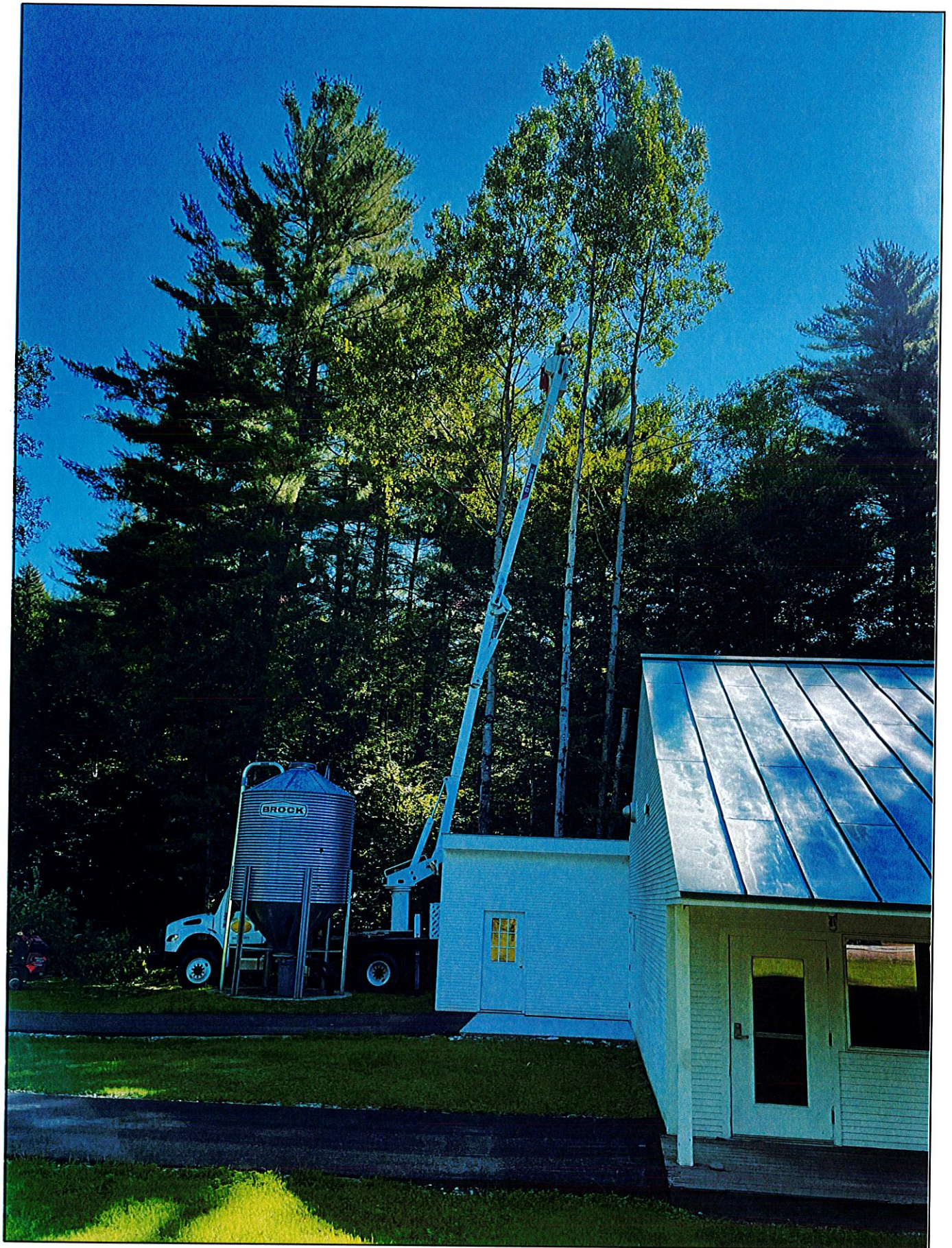
The HUUSD Annual Report, which includes the proposed 2023-2024 school budget, will be available February 17, 2023.

The report will be available online at HUUSD.org. You may also request a copy by calling 802-583-7953. We can mail the copy or you may arrange pickup at the HUUSD Central Office.

The board will hold an annual meeting and informational budget meeting at Harwood Union High School and via Zoom on March 6, 2023 at 6PM. See the HUUSD website for instructions on joining the meeting.



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