

ANNUAL REPORT

TOWN OF HALIFAX, VERMONT

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
JULY 1, 2019 – JUNE 30, 2020

The Halifax School District Annual Meeting Warning will be held via teleconference on Monday, February 22, 2021 at 5:30 pm. Meeting can be accessed by dialing 1-623-600-3745, and entering conference code 673780

The Southern Valley Unified Union School District Annual Meeting Warning will be held via teleconference on Monday, February 22, 2021 at 7:00 pm. Meeting can be accessed by Google Link or dialing 1-413-398-0540, and entering pin 156954835#

The Selectboard Budget & Meet the Candidates will be held via teleconference on Tuesday, February 23, 2021, 7:00 pm. Meeting can be accessed by dialing 1-623-600-3745, and entering conference code 673780. To Self-Mute Line, 4* / Ask Permission to Speak, 5*

The Highway Budget & Warned Articles will be held via teleconference on Wednesday, February 24, 2021 7:00 pm. Meeting can be accessed by dialing 1-623-600-3745, and entering conference code 673780. To Self-Mute Line, 4* / Ask Permission to Speak, 5*

Polls will be open for in person voting on all Town and School Articles from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at Halifax Community Hall, 20 Brook Road.

You can request an Absentee Ballot by:

- Filling out the postage-paid postcard that was mailed to you and mailing it to the
Town Clerk
- Logging into MyVoterPage at www.vermont.gov and request your ballot online.
You will need your driver's license number or the last 4 digits of your social
security number.
- Call the Town Clerk's Office at 368-7390

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The VT Spay Neuter Incentive Program (VSNIP), under VT Economic Services, helps income challenged care-providers of cats & dogs neutered for \$27.00. The balance is paid ONLY by a \$4.00 fee added to the licensing of dogs, and put into a designated account.

VSNIP is now at "0" funding due to dogs not being registered at least by six months of age. Required by law, a rabies vaccination enables your dog to be licensed. While town offices may not be open to the public, dogs *can* be licensed. Call, provide the rabies certificate, include a check for that amount, and a SASE. **Rabies IS in Vermont and IS deadly.** Tractor Supply Stores are now holding monthly rabies clinics again! Call for their schedule.

Licensing a dog: **1)** identifies your dog if lost, **2)** provides proof that your dog is protected from rabies in the event your dog is bitten by a rabid animal {but would still need immediate medical attention}, **3)** bites another animal/person, which could result in the quarantine of your dog or possibly euthanasia to test for rabies if your current vaccination isn't proven, **4)** helps support VSNIP to address the over-population of cats and dogs in VT, and **5)** §3590. List of dogs and wolf-hybrids not licensed states, in part ... "the municipal clerk shall notify the owners or keepers of all dogs and wolf-hybrids named on the list that have not already been licensed or inoculated, and after May 30 shall furnish to the legislative body a list of dogs and wolf-hybrids not licensed or inoculated as required by law. Owners shall also be notified that unlicensed or uninoculated dogs or wolf-hybrids may be destroyed." (No one want this, so vaccinate & register – for the protection of your animals and people!

For an application for VSNIP, send a SASE to: VSNIP, PO Box 104, Bridgewater, VT 05034. Indicate if this is for a cat/dog or both. 802-672-5302

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VT Volunteer Services for Animals Humane Society has held a "DRIVE UP & POKE! RABIES CLINIC" for several years now. This type of clinic allows us to maintain a safe distance from people while vaccinating dogs and cats. All people stay in cars, masks are required. Pre-registration is encouraged. If you would like the paperwork we've developed to share with whomever usually does rabies clinics in your area, we'd be happy to share.

Thanks!

Sue Skaskiw, VVSA Director/ VSNIP Administrator: 802-672-5302.

RABIES CLINICS

TRACTOR SUPPLY STORES: RABIES CLINICS FOR CATS & DOGS. CALL AHEAD
TO BE SURE INFO IS CURRENT!

VERMONT

Bennington: 300 Depot St. 05201 802-440-9937 TIME: 5:00 – 7:30 12.3.20 /
1.28.21 / 2.25.21 / 3.25.21 / 4.22.21

Middlebury: 476 Foote St 05753 802-382-9292 TIME: 9:30 – 11:00 12.5.20 /
1.2.21 / 1.30.21 / 2.27.21 / 3.27.21

Montpelier: 352 River St 05602 802-223-2246 TIME: 4:00 – 5:30 12.6.20 /
1.3.21 / 1.31.21 / 2.28.21 / 3.28.21

Morrisville: 88 Center Rd 05661 802-888-2010 TIME: 1:00 -2:30 12.6.20 /
1.3.21 / 1.31.21 / 2.28.21 / 3.28.21

Newport: 124 Commerce Way 05855 802-334-2944 TIME: 9:30 – 11:00 12.6.20 /
1.3.21 / 1.31.20 / 2.28.21/ 3.28.21

No. Clarendon: 1177 US RTE 7 So. 05759 747-4759 TIME: 1:00 – 3:00 12.3.20 /
1.28.21 / 2.25.21 / 3.25.21 / 4.22.21

St. Albans: 2636 Highgate Rd 05478 802-524-0705 TIME: 4:00 – 5:30 12.5.20 /
1.2.21 / 1.30.21 / 2.27.21 / 3.27.21

Shelburne: 3708 Shelburne Rd 05482 802-985-4092 TIME: 1:00 – 2:30 12.6.20 /
1.2.21 / 1.30.21 / 2.27.21 / 3.27.21

**TELEPHONE DIRECTORY
MEETING DATES AND TIMES**

www.halifaxvt.com

Town Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday and Friday
Saturday

8:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.
9:00 A.M. – 12:00 Noon

Meeting Schedules (unless otherwise posted) During Covid19 all meetings are via telephone

Board of Selectmen	1 st & 3 rd Tuesday, monthly At Town Office, 7:00 P.M.
School Directors	3 rd Wednesday, monthly 6:00 P.M.
Planning Commission	2 nd Tuesday, monthly At Town Office, 7:00 P.M.
Zoning Commission	Meets as necessary
Halifax Community Club	2 nd Monday, monthly At Copeland's Home, 6:45 P.M. (Hanson Road)
Conservation Commission	4 th Tuesday, monthly, 7:00 P.M.

Telephone Numbers

Town Clerk's Office	368-7390	Patricia Dow
Town Clerk email:	halifax@myfairpoint.net	
Selectboard Administrative Assistant	368-2590	Robbin Gabriel
Admin Assistant email:	halifaxsecretary@gmail.com	
Lister's Office (open Wednesdays 9-3:00)	368-2080	
Listers email:	halifaxlisters@myfairpoint.net	
Highway Garage	368-2803	
Halifax Elementary School	368-2888	
Zoning Administrator	368-2792	William Moore
Health Officer	451-9363	Susan Kelly, DVM
Road Commissioner	368-2803	Bradley Rafus
Treasurer/Tax Collector	368-7390	Patricia Dow

Non-Emergency Contact Information

First Constable	380-1986	Cell (Andrew Rice)
Constable email:	halifaxconstable@gmail.com	
Second Constable	368-2948	Home (Roy Richardson)
State Police Chester/Rockinham	802/875-2112 fax 802/875-2176	
Fire Department	368-7673	

Emergency Numbers

Fire	Rescue	Ambulance	911
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Warning Annual Town Meeting March 2, 2021

The inhabitants of the Town of Halifax, Vermont who are legal voters in said Town of Halifax are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Halifax Community Hall, 20 Brook Road, in West Halifax, Vermont on Tuesday, March 2, 2021, for the purpose of voting on all the below warned articles by Australian ballot between the hours of 10:00 a.m. (at which time the polls open) and 7:00 p.m. (at which time the polls will close) on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1: To elect all Town Officers required by law to be elected at the Annual Town Meeting and to fill all vacancies. The polls will be open from 10:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. to vote for the following Town Officers:

<u>Title</u>	<u>Term</u>
Town Moderator	One year
Selectman	Three years
Lister	Three years
Auditor	Three years
Collector of Delinquent Taxes	One year
Trustee of Public Funds	Three years
Cemetery Commissioner	Three years
Cemetery Commissioner (remainder term)	One year
Halifax School Board Director	Three years
Halifax School Board Moderator	One Year
Southern Valley Unified Union School Director	Three years

ARTICLE 2: Shall the Town collect taxes for the Town and the Halifax School District as follows:
Taxes will be due on or before September 30, 2021 payable to the Town Treasurer.
Taxes will become delinquent after September 30, 2021 and payable with penalties and interest to the Collector of Delinquent Taxes.

ARTICLE 3: Shall the Town apply any budget surplus from the current fiscal year (FY21) to reduce taxes in the next fiscal year (FY22).

ARTICLE 4: Shall the Town approve Selectboard and Highway expenditures of \$1,641,457 of which \$1,449,957 shall be raised by taxes and \$191,500 by non-tax revenues to care for the expenses and liabilities of the Town for FY22.

ARTICLE 5: Shall the Town set the Treasurer's budget for salary and collection of current taxes at \$15,000 plus \$4,000 for expenses for FY22.

ARTICLE 6: Shall the Town raise and appropriate an amount not to exceed \$15,000 to fund an audit of the Town's financial records by a certified public accountant for fiscal year 2020.

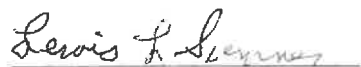
ARTICLE 7: Shall the voters of Halifax eliminate the office of auditor (currently made up of three elected officials) and appoint a Vermont-licensed certified public accounting firm to conduct annual financial audits beginning with fiscal year 2020 in accordance with 17 V.S.A. § 2651b?

ARTICLE 8: Shall the voters of the Town of Halifax expand the size of the Selectboard from three to five members, with one of the new members having a 1-year term and the other new member having a 2-year term?

ARTICLE 9: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of:

\$ 200	Brattleboro Area Hospice
\$ 550	Senior Solutions (Council on Aging for Southern Vermont)
\$ 700	Woman's Freedom Center
\$ 750	HCRS (Health Care and Rehabilitative Services)
\$ 200	Youth Services
\$ 50	Green Up Vermont
\$ 250	American Red Cross
\$ 790	Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA)
\$ 500	The Gathering Place Adult Day Program
\$ 1,900	Visiting Nurse Assn. & Hospice of Vermont & New Hampshire, Inc.
\$ 4,000	Halifax Fire Department (First Responders)
\$ 2,500	Wings Community Programs
\$ 500	Deerfield Valley Community Partnership
\$ 2,000	Halifax Community Club
\$ 500	Deerfield Valley Food Pantry
\$ 4,500	The Whitingham Free Public Library
\$ 500	Windham County Disaster Animal Response Team (WinDART)

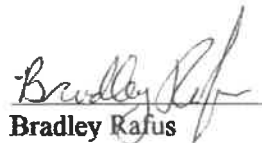
Dated at Halifax, Vermont, this 26th day of January A.D. 2021.



Lewis Sumner



Mitchell Green



Bradley Rafus

Board of Selectmen
Town of Halifax, Vermont

TOWN OF HALIFAX**MARCH 2, 2021****OFFICIAL ANNUAL TOWN MEETING BALLOT
OFFICIAL ANNUAL TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT BALLOT**

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS: To vote for a person whose name is printed on the ballot, mark a cross (X) in the square at the right of that person's name. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the person's name on the blank line in the appropriate block and mark a cross (X) in the square to the right.

TOWN MEETING ARTICLE 1

For Town Moderator, 1 Year Term
Vote for not more than one

PAUL G. BLAIS
WRITE IN _____

For Selectboard, 3 year Term
Vote for not more than one

MITCHELL GREEN
AMY G. KAMSTRA
GREG MARGUET
PETER SILVERBERG
ROBERT (BOB) TERE
WRITE IN _____

For Lister, 3 Year Term
Vote for not more than one

PATRICIA DOW
WRITE IN _____

For Auditor, 3 Year Term
Vote for not more than one

JENNY MARCHAND
WRITE IN _____

For Collector of Delinquent Taxes, 1 Year Term
Vote for not more than one

MARY BREWSTER
WRITE IN _____

For Trustee of Public Lands, 3 Year Term
Vote for not more than one

WILLIAM MOORE
WRITE IN _____

For Cemetery Commissioner, 1 Year Term
Vote for not more than one

JEFF DEFOREST
WRITE IN _____

For Cemetery Commissioner, 1 Year Term
Vote for not more than one

MICHAEL FOURNIER
WRITE IN _____

For Trustee, Whitingham Library, 3 Year Term
Vote for not more than one

CATHERINE BELL
WRITE IN _____

For Halifax School Director, 3 Year Term
Vote for not more than one

AMY KAMSTRA
WRITE IN _____

For Southern Valley School Director, 3 Year Term
Vote for not more than one

JESSICA COONEY
WRITE IN _____

For Halifax School Moderator, 1 Year Term
Vote for not more than one

PAUL G. BLAIS
WRITE IN _____

TOWN OF HALIFAX

MARCH 2, 2021

OFFICIAL ANNUAL TOWN MEETING BALLOT

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TOWN MEETING ARTICLES 2-9

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YES

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NO

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YES

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NO

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YES

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NO

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YES

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NO

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YES ☐

NO ☐

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YES ☐

NO ☐

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YES ☐

NO ☐

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\$	700.00	Woman's Freedom Center
\$	750.00	HCRS (Health Care and Rehabilitative Services)
\$	200.00	Youth Services
\$	50.00	Stand Up Vermont
\$	250.00	American Red Cross
\$	790.00	Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA)
\$	500.00	The Gathering Place Adult Day Program
\$	1,900.00	Visiting Nurse Assn. & Hospice of Vermont & New Hampshire, Inc.
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\$	2,000.00	Halifax Community Club
\$	500.00	Deerfield Valley Food Pantry
\$	4,500.00	The Whitingham Free Public Library
\$	500.00	Windham County Disaster Animal Response Team (WinDART)

YES ☐

NO ☐

TOWN OF HALIFAX SCHOOL DISTRICT

MARCH 2, 2021

OFFICIAL ANNUAL TOWN MEETING BALLOT

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TOWN MEETING ARTICLES III-IV

ARTICLE III: Shall the voters of the Halifax School District approve the School Board to expend \$1,804,279 which is the amount the School Board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$17,290 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 1.94% higher than spending for the current year.

YES

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NO

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ARTICLE IV: To see if the Halifax School District will vote to authorize the School Directors to borrow money on the notes of the Town School District or otherwise in anticipation of taxes.

YES

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NO

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OFFICIAL ANNUAL BALLOT
SOUTHERN VALLEY UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL
DISTRICT
TOWNS OF HALIFAX AND READSBORO
MARCH 2, 2021

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For **MODERATOR**, for 1 year
Vote for not more than ONE

PAUL G. BLAIS

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Write-In

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For **CLERK**, for 1 year
Vote for not more than ONE

TINA BLAIS

☐

Write-In

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For **TREASURER**, for 1 year
Vote for not more than ONE

PATRICIA DOW

☐

Write-In

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Selectboard Proposed Budget FY22 (July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022)

Acct. #	Acct. Description	Budget FY19	Spent FY19	Budget FY20	Spent FY20	Budget FY21	Proposed FY22
6110	Selectboard	\$ 5,400	\$ 5,400	\$ 5,400	\$ 5,400	\$ 5,400	\$ 5,400
6112	Selectboard Secretary	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,496	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,496	\$ 2,500	\$ 3,000
6113	Selectboard Administrative Assistant	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 13,000
6120	Town Clerk	\$ 24,000	\$ 24,000	\$ 24,000	\$ 24,000	\$ 24,000	\$ 25,000
6121	Town Clerk Assistant	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,904	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,295	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
6130	Listers, Regular	\$ 24,000	\$ 17,407	\$ 24,000	\$ 14,095	\$ 20,000	\$ 25,000
6140	Planning Comm/ZBA Sec'y	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,935	\$ 1,500	\$ 848	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500
6150	EOC Project Manager*	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
6151	EOC Procurement Manager*	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
6152	EMD	\$ 3,500	\$ 29,779	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500
6153	EOC Emg Op Center *	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
6154	EOC Logistics Fire*	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
6155	EOC Logistics*	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
6160	Auditors	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500
6170	Town Procurement Officer	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
6165	Constable	\$ 4,000	\$ 3,968	\$ 4,000	\$ 3,987	\$ 4,000	\$ 5,000
6180	Assistant Treasurer	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
6100 Total	Wages**	\$ 83,400	\$ 103,389	\$ 83,400	\$ 73,121	\$ 79,400	\$ 87,900
6210	Conferences/Training	\$ 1,000	\$ 150	\$ 1,000	\$ 421	\$ 1,000	\$ 750
6220	Health Insurance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
6240	Retirement	\$ 1,406	\$ 1,350	\$ 1,406	\$ 1,380	\$ 1,406	\$ 1,425
6200 Total	Employee Benefits	\$ 2,406	\$ 1,500	\$ 2,406	\$ 1,801	\$ 2,406	\$ 2,175
9710	Medicare						
9720	FICA						
9700 Subtotal Town	Payroll Exp.-Soc. Sec.- Town	\$ 26,259	\$ 30,582	\$ 26,259	\$ 29,980	\$ 26,442	\$ 28,963
6251	Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 1,500	\$ 781	\$ 1,500	\$ 873	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500
6252	Telephone/Internet	\$ 1,500	\$ 2,383	\$ 3,700	\$ 3,476	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500
6253	Dues & Subscriptions	\$ 4,500	\$ 3,837	\$ 4,500	\$ 3,886	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000
6254	Ad & Legal Notices	\$ 1,000	\$ 674	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
6255	Office Supplies	\$ 2,000	\$ 3,007	\$ 2,000	\$ 4,165	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
6256	Listers Supplies (& Mileage)	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,910	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,121	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,500
6257	Office Equipment Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
6258	Auditor Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
6260	Selectboard Supplies & Mileage	\$ 1,500	\$ 30,643	\$ 1,500	\$ 2,529	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500
6259	Planning Comm. Supplies & Expenses	\$ 3,000	\$ 659	\$ 1,000	\$ 68	\$ 1,000	\$ 750
6261	Planning Comm. Exp.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
6262	EOC Emergency Supplies & Exp*	\$ 10,000	\$ 8,391	\$ 10,000	\$ 3,196	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
6263	Ads & Legal Notices - SRA*	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

Selectboard Proposed Budget FY22 (July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022)

Acct. #	Acct. Description	Budget FY19		Spent FY19		Budget FY20		Spent FY20		Budget FY21	Proposed FY22
6265	Lease Agreements	\$	2,600	\$	2,765	\$	3,400	\$	2,765	\$	3,000
6267	Conservation Commission Expenses	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	500
6250 Total	Town Office Expenses	\$	30,600	\$	56,051	\$	31,600	\$	22,080	\$	31,500
6271	Street Lights	\$	2,000	\$	1,973	\$	2,000	\$	1,637	\$	2,000
6274	Stray Dogs (WCHS)	\$	300	\$	300	\$	300	\$	350	\$	350
6276	Miscellaneous Town Expense	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
6270 Total	Town Expenses	\$	2,300	\$	2,273	\$	2,300	\$	1,987	\$	2,350
6310	Accounting Services	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
6320	Legal Services	\$	5,000	\$	5,195	\$	5,000	\$	2,421	\$	5,000
6330	Computer Services	\$	1,750	\$	4,451	\$	1,750	\$	7,882	\$	1,750
6340	Law Enforcement	\$	6,000	\$	543	\$	6,000	\$	4,667	\$	6,000
6300 Total	Professional Services	\$	12,750	\$	10,188	\$	12,750	\$	14,969	\$	14,500
6410	Moderator	\$	300	\$	200	\$	300	\$	200	\$	300
6420	Ballot Clerks	\$	1,750	\$	1,296	\$	500	\$	432	\$	1,500
6425	Town Meeting Expense - Misc	\$	250	\$	491	\$	250	\$	304	\$	250
6430	Printing	\$	1,000	\$	691	\$	1,000	\$	787	\$	1,000
6435	Town Meeting Postage	\$	350	\$	77	\$	350	\$	284	\$	200
6440	Special Town Meeting Expense	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
6400 Total	Town Meeting Expense	\$	3,650	\$	2,755	\$	2,400	\$	2,007	\$	3,250
6450	Bridges - Other	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
6452	Bridge Construction	\$	50,000	\$	175,497	\$	50,000	\$	-	\$	50,000
6453	Bridge Maintenance	\$	10,000	\$	-	\$	10,000	\$	-	\$	10,000
6454	Bridge Construction - SRA*	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
6450 Total	Bridges**	\$	60,000	\$	175,497	\$	60,000	\$	-	\$	60,000
6571	<Cemetery> Other	\$	-	\$	260	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
6572	<Cemetery> Equipment Rental	\$	-	\$	1,117	\$	-	\$	1,252	\$	-
6573	<Cemetery> Wages	\$	-	\$	930	\$	-	\$	1,018	\$	-
6574	<Cemetery> Wages - Per Diem	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
6570 Total	Cemeteries	\$	5,000	\$	2,306	\$	5,000	\$	2,270	\$	5,000
6610	Dispatching Fees	\$	13,702	\$	13,702	\$	14,086	\$	14,086	\$	15,234
6620	Special Unleaded Fuel	\$	1,000	\$	736	\$	1,000	\$	-	\$	500
6630	Fire Company Fees	\$	1,000	\$	854	\$	1,000	\$	-	\$	1,000
6640	Equipment & Gear	\$	6,000	\$	6,780	\$	6,000	\$	6,000	\$	6,000
6650	Contracted Ambulance Services	\$	16,000	\$	15,571	\$	16,000	\$	15,582	\$	16,500
6600 Total	Halifax Fire Company & Ambulance	\$	37,702	\$	37,643	\$	38,086	\$	35,668	\$	39,234
6710	WSWMD	\$	6,335	\$	6,335	\$	5,003	\$	5,004	\$	4,800
6715	Contracted Recycling	\$	10,000	\$	11,059	\$	10,000	\$	14,572	\$	20,000
6720	Landfill Closure	\$	10,000	\$	5,603	\$	10,000	\$	4,192	\$	5,000

Selectboard Proposed Budget FY22 (July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022)

Acct. #	Acct. Description	Budget FY19	Spent FY19	Budget FY20	Spent FY20	Budget FY21	Proposed FY22
6730	Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
6740	Storm Debris Removal (SRA)*	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
6700 Total	Environmental Expenses	\$ 26,335	\$ 23,027	\$ 25,003	\$ 23,767	\$ 24,800	\$ 29,800
6751	County Tax	\$ 8,200	\$ 8,603	\$ 8,603	\$ 9,142	\$ 8,700	\$ 10,000
6753	Short Term Interest	\$ -	\$ 3,961	\$ -	\$ 1,938	\$ -	\$ -
6754	Vt Education Property Tax	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
6755	Property Tax Refunds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
6750 Total	Taxes and Interest	\$ 8,200	\$ 12,564	\$ 8,603	\$ 11,080	\$ 8,700	\$ 10,000
6810	Utilities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
6820	Rent	\$ 15,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 11,000	\$ 11,000	\$ 11,000	\$ 11,000
6830	Bond Payment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
6840	Building & General Maintenance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
6800 Total	Town Share of School Exp.	\$ 15,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 11,000	\$ 11,000	\$ 11,000	\$ 11,000
6851	Empl. Practices Liability	\$ 4,279	\$ 2,416	\$ 4,279	\$ 2,501	\$ 2,309	\$ 2,117
6852	Public Official Liability	\$ 2,165	\$ 1,062	\$ 2,165	\$ 992	\$ 943	\$ 1,085
6853	Workers Comp	\$ 19,086	\$ 12,861	\$ 19,086	\$ 15,751	\$ 14,947	\$ 18,197
6854	Property & Casualty	\$ 14,322	\$ 18,674	\$ 14,322	\$ 7,974	\$ 7,420	\$ 8,420
6855	Unemployment Insurance	\$ 336	\$ 341	\$ 336	\$ 144	\$ 127	\$ 305
6857	VLCT-Property & Casualty/EMT	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 568	\$ -	\$ -
6850 Total	Insurance	\$ 40,188	\$ 35,353	\$ 40,188	\$ 27,929	\$ 25,746	\$ 30,124
6910	Service Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
6920	Returned Check Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
6930	Late Fees and Finance Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
6945	Bank Charges and Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
6900 Total	Bank Charges and Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
6000 Total	Selectboard Account	\$ 353,791	\$ 543,129	\$ 348,995	\$ 257,658	\$ 331,803	\$ 353,496
9300 Total	Reappraisal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total 7475	Supplementary Road Assistance (Audits; Town's share)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Municipal Subtotal	\$ 353,791	\$ 543,129	\$ 348,995	\$ 257,658	\$ 331,803	\$ 353,496
	Paid by Eames Fund	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500
	Fees & Interest Earned	\$ 18,000	\$ 21,261	\$ 18,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000
	Other Funding (VY Grant)	\$ 15,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Municipal		\$ 319,291	\$ 520,368	\$ 329,495	\$ 236,158	\$ 310,303	\$ 331,996
Raise & Appropriate	Highway Dept. Total (from other pg)	\$ 849,135	\$ 1,123,404	\$ 860,363	\$ 854,838	\$ 935,078	\$ 1,117,961
	Total SB and Highway	\$ 1,168,426	\$ 1,643,771	\$ 1,189,858	\$ 1,090,996	\$ 1,245,381	\$ 1,449,957

Highway Proposed Budget FY22 (July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022)

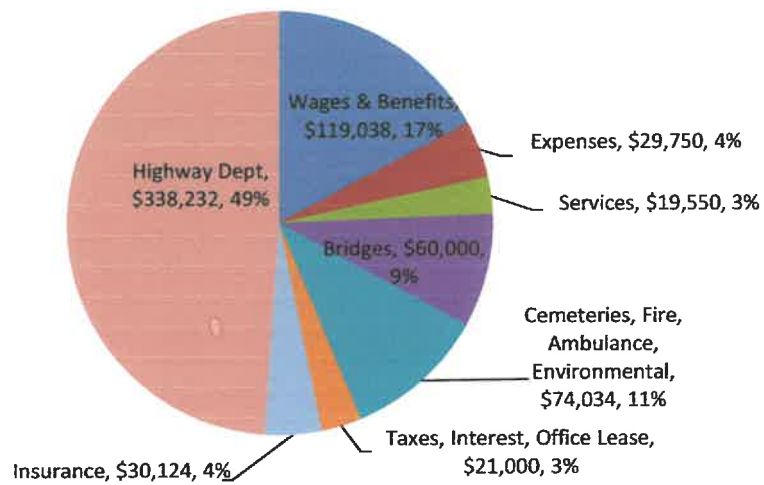
Acct #	Acct. Description	Budget FY19	Spent FY19	Budget FY20	Spent FY20	Budget FY21	Proposed FY22
7460	Resurfacing - Other	\$ 160,000	\$ 242,026	\$ 160,000	\$ 56,435	\$ 130,000	\$ 160,000
7461	Resurfacing (SRA)*	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
7462	Cold Patch & Culverts	\$ 10,000	\$ 14,996	\$ 15,000	\$ 12,880	\$ 13,000	\$ 15,000
7463	Cold Patch & Culverts (SRA)*	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
7470	Roadside Mowing	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
7475	Supplementary Road Assistant	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
7480	Road Signs	\$ 3,000	\$ 785	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,604	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,500
7481	Road Signs (SRA)*	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
7490	Safety Gear	\$ 500	\$ 955	\$ 500	\$ 1,265	\$ 500	\$ 500
7400 Total	Road Supplies & Applications	\$ 314,500	\$ 527,372	\$ 347,500	\$ 254,035	\$ 372,500	\$ 483,000
	Equipment Reserve Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ 10,000	\$ -
	Shop Equipment	\$ 3,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
7645	Shop Supplies & Tools	\$ 500	\$ 7,420	\$ 500	\$ 3,845	\$ 500	\$ 500
7665	Trucks	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Subtotal Equipment	\$ 3,500	\$ 7,420	\$ 11,500	\$ 3,845	\$ 11,500	\$ 1,500
7640	Grader (Lease)	\$ 34,232	\$ 34,232	\$ 34,232	\$ 34,232	\$ 34,232	\$ 34,232
7665	Trucks	\$ 86,756	\$ -	\$ 68,596	\$ 35,055	\$ 68,000	\$ 98,000
7655	Tractor (Lease)	\$ 14,000	\$ -	\$ 15,000	\$ -	\$ 17,000	\$ 17,000
	Equipment Lease Payments	\$ 134,988	\$ -	\$ 117,828	\$ 69,287	\$ 119,232	\$ 149,232
	(Former Equipment Fund)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
7660	All Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
7661	All Equipment (SRA)*	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Insurance- VLCT Property &						
7670	Casualty/Equip	\$ 19,029	\$ 16,093	\$ 13,156	\$ 12,412	\$ 11,688	\$ 13,000
7680	Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 60,000	\$ 220,778	\$ 60,000	\$ 171,110	\$ 60,000	\$ 105,000
7681	Tires						\$ 12,000
7682	Chains						\$ 2,500
7683	Plow/Grader Edges						\$ 5,000
7685	Diesel Fuel	\$ 50,000	\$ 62,804	\$ 50,000	\$ 48,433	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000
7690	Finance Charge	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 116	\$ -	\$ -
7695	Interest on Loan	\$ -	\$ 6,004	\$ -	\$ 3,225	\$ -	\$ -
7600 Total	Equipment & Equip. Op. Costs	\$ 267,517	\$ 307,094	\$ 252,484	\$ 305,087	\$ 252,420	\$ 338,232
6551	Garage Bond Interest	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,698	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,230	\$ 500	\$ 500
6552	Garage Bond Payment	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
6550 Total	Garage Bond * (See SlctBd)	\$ 11,000	\$ 11,698	\$ 11,000	\$ 11,230	\$ 10,500	\$ 10,500
	Highway Subtotal	\$ 1,015,601	\$ 1,278,573	\$ 1,026,363	\$ 1,025,496	\$ 1,101,078	\$ 1,287,961
	Scott Fund	\$ 14,000	\$ 14,000	\$ 14,000	\$ 14,000	\$ 14,000	\$ 14,000
Incomes	State Aid	\$ 141,000	\$ 141,169	\$ 141,000	\$ 145,658	\$ 141,000	\$ 145,000
Against	Other Funding	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,000	\$ 11,000	\$ 11,000	\$ 11,000
Expenses							
Raise and Appropriate Highway		\$ 860,601	\$ 1,123,404	\$ 860,363	\$ 854,838	\$ 935,078	\$ 1,117,961

Highway Proposed Budget FY22 (July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022)

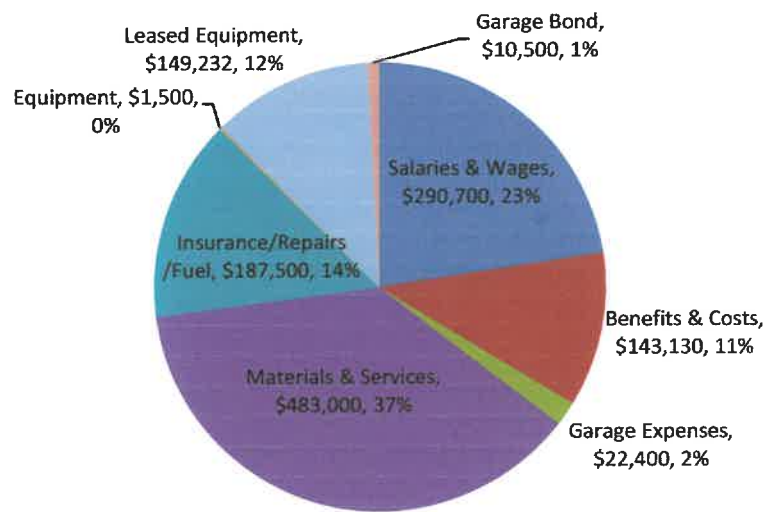
Acct #	Acct. Description	Budget FY19	Spent FY19	Budget FY20	Spent FY20	Budget FY21	Proposed FY22
7110	Road Crew Gross wages	\$ 225,749	\$ 216,407	\$ 229,085	\$ 238,056	\$ 233,667	\$ 240,000
7115	Road Crew Overtime wages	\$ 28,508	\$ 49,466	\$ 24,884	\$ 45,572	\$ 25,382	\$ 43,500
7120	Road Commissioner	\$ 5,600	\$ 7,800	\$ 7,200	\$ 7,200	\$ 7,200	\$ 7,200
7130	Road Procurement	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
7140	Road Crew Civic Duty Wages	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
7150	Road Crew Comp Time	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 555	\$ -	\$ -
7100 Total	Salaries and Wages	\$ 259,857	\$ 273,673	\$ 261,169	\$ 291,383	\$ 266,248	\$ 290,700
7210	Conferences / Training	\$ 200	\$ 30	\$ 200	\$ -	\$ 200	\$ 100
7220	Health Insurance	\$ 107,300	\$ 101,663	\$ 108,000	\$ 112,216	\$ 116,000	\$ 122,000
7230	Life Insurance	\$ 780	\$ 623	\$ 780	\$ 655	\$ 780	\$ 780
7260	Retirement	\$ 14,618	\$ 15,049	\$ 14,000	\$ 16,325	\$ 14,000	\$ 16,000
7270	Uniforms	\$ 4,500	\$ 3,819	\$ 4,500	\$ 2,828	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,000
7280	Hiring Costs / Drug Tests	\$ 250	\$ 1,328	\$ 250	\$ 95	\$ 250	\$ 250
7290	Bonus & Awards	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
7200 Total	Employee Benefits & Costs	\$ 127,648	\$ 122,513	\$ 127,730	\$ 132,119	\$ 135,730	\$ 143,130
9710	Medicare (Highway)						
9720	FICA (Highway)						
Subtotal	Medicare						
7305	FY2020 Deficit					\$ 40,000	\$ -
7310	Electricity	\$ 2,400	\$ 2,148	\$ 1,800	\$ 1,418	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,400
7320	Heating Oil	\$ 4,000	\$ 5,266	\$ 5,000	\$ 7,844	\$ 5,000	\$ 4,000
7330	Communications (Phone)	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,028	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,065	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
7340	Building Repairs & Maint.	\$ 17,000	\$ 10,602	\$ 8,000	\$ 6,077	\$ 6,000	\$ 5,000
7360	Office Cleaning & Supplies	\$ 600	\$ 1,503	\$ 600	\$ 1,111	\$ 600	\$ 500
7370	Trash Collection	\$ 1,080	\$ 1,123	\$ 1,080	\$ 1,258	\$ 1,080	\$ 1,500
7380	Shop Supplies	\$ 8,000	\$ 13,554	\$ 8,000	\$ 11,869	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000
7390	New Salt Shed Construction	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
7300 Total	Garage Expenses	\$ 35,080	\$ 36,223	\$ 26,480	\$ 31,642	\$ 63,680	\$ 22,400
7410	Sand	\$ 40,000	\$ 100,280	\$ 65,000	\$ 83,605	\$ 95,000	\$ 40,000
7420	Salt	\$ 22,000	\$ 36,582	\$ 25,000	\$ 27,464	\$ 25,000	\$ 26,000
7430	Gravel	\$ 60,000	\$ 66,986	\$ 60,000	\$ 58,742	\$ 95,000	\$ 130,000
7431	Gravel & Stone (SRA)*	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
7435	Stone	\$ 10,000	\$ 49,972	\$ 10,000	\$ 9,725	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
7436	Trucking Materials						\$ 95,000
7440	Chloride	\$ 9,000	\$ 4,624	\$ 9,000	\$ 2,314	\$ 7,000	\$ 10,000
7450	Const. - Other (salt shed)	\$ -	\$ 10,167	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
7451	Guardrails (SRA)*	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

Town of Halifax Equipment Schedule 1/2022										
Model Year	Equipment Description	Purchase Price	Purchase / Lease	Normal Life Span (Years)	Year of Replacement	Estimated Replacement Cost				
2017	International Tandem Dump Truck #1	\$197,000	L	10	2027	\$250,000				
2014	International Tandem Dump Truck #2	\$146,000	P	10	2024	\$250,000				
2013	International Tandem Dump Truck #3	\$189,000	P	10	2023	\$250,000				
2020	WesternStar Single-Axle Dump Truck #4	\$190,000	L	10	2030	\$250,000				
2014	Ford F550 Truck #5	\$79,000	L	7	2021	\$65,000				
2015	GMC Pickup #6	\$33,000	L	7	2022	\$55,000				
1994	Morbark Wood Chipper		Own	15	2016	\$30,000				
2008	Caterpillar Excavator	\$151,000	L	15	2024	\$175,000				
2009	John Deere Loader	\$106,000	L	15	2025	\$135,000				
2012	Caterpillar AWD Grader	\$288,745	L	15	2027	\$350,000				
2014	New Holland Tractor	\$78,000	L	15	2032	\$120,000				
Town of Halifax Equipment Lease and Reserve Plan 1/2022										
Lease	Description	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Lease	2014 New Holland			\$17,000	\$17,000	\$17,000	\$17,000	\$17,000		
Lease	Caterpillar AWD Grader	\$34,232	\$34,232	\$34,232	\$34,232	\$34,232	\$34,232			
Lease	2017 Int'l WorkStar Tandem		\$28,596	\$28,596	\$28,596	\$28,596	\$28,596			
Lease	2020 WesternStar Dump Truck #4					\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000
Total Lease Payments:		\$34,232	\$62,828	\$79,828	\$79,828	\$119,828	\$119,828	\$57,000	\$40,000	\$40,000

FY21 Town & Highway Proposal



FY21 Highway Expenses Breakdown



TOWN OF HALIFAX
TAX RATE
FISCAL YEAR 2021

MUNICIPAL GRAND LIST	\$1,288,091.00
+/- Tax Appeals/Abatements	
NET MUNICIPAL GRAND LIST	<u>\$1,288,091.00</u>
 MUNICIPAL BUDGET	
SELECTMEN'S BUDGET	\$1,245,381.00
TREASURER'S BUDGET	\$19,000.00
OTHER VOTED NON-PROFITS	<u>\$30,140.00</u>
TOTAL MUNICIPAL BUDGET	<u>\$1,294,521.00</u>
 STATE HOLD HARMLESS PAYMENT	(\$118,340.00)
 TOTAL MUNICIPAL BUDGET MINUS HOLD HARMLESS	<u>\$1,176,181.00</u>
 TAX on LOCAL AGREEMENTS (Town Voted Exemptions)	\$7,795.84
 TOTAL MUNICIPAL TAXES TO BE RAISED	<u><u>\$1,183,976.84</u></u>
 MUNICIPAL TAX RATE	0.9131
 LOCAL AGREEMENTS TAX RATE	0.0061
 TOTAL MUNICIPAL TAX RATE	0.9192
 SCHOOL TAX - HOMESTEAD RATE	1.4486
 SCHOOL TAX - NON-RESIDENTIAL TAX RATE	1.5701
 TOTAL HOMESTEAD TAX RATE	2.3678
 TOTAL NON-RESIDENTIAL TAX RATE	2.4893

APPROVED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN ON JULY 7, 2020



Lewis Sumner, Chairman



Mitchell Green

Bradley Rafus

MINUTES
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
March 3, 2020

Pursuant to notice the inhabitants of the Town of Halifax, Vermont, who are legal voters in the Town Meeting met at the West Halifax Elementary School multi-purpose room in West Halifax, Vermont, on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 for the 243rd Annual Meeting of the Town of Halifax.

Moderator Paul G. Blais called the meeting to order at 10:01 A.M. and announced that the polls would be open from 10:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. for voting by Australian Ballot for Town and Town School District Officers.

Moderator Blais called for a moment of silence in memory of those who had passed away.

The Board of Selectmen led the voters in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The town officers were introduced: Town Clerk - Patricia Dow; Selectmen – Lewis Sumner, Chairman; Mitch Green and Bradley Rafus and Robbin Gabriel as Selectboard Assistant. Moderator Blais stated that the meeting would be run by Roberts Rules of Order except where state law overrules and gave a brief explanation of parliamentary procedure.

A Brief Recess was taken to allow Representative John Gannon to speak.

Moderator Blais read the Warning in its entirety.

ARTICLE 1: The following Town Offices were elected by Australian ballot:

TOWN MODERATOR - one year.....	Paul G. Blais
SELECTMAN - three years.....	Lewis Sumner
TOWN CLERK – three years	Patricia Dow
TREASURER – three years	Patricia Dow
LISTER – three years.....	Tina Blais
AUDITOR – three years.....	Sarah Barnett
COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES – one year.....	Laura Sumner
TOWN AGENT – one year.....	Tina Blais
TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC FUNDS – three years.....	Paul G. Blais
CEMETERY COMMISSIONER – three years.....	Clifton Inman
CEMETERY COMMISSIONER – one year	Michael Fournier
SOUTHERN VALLEY SCHOOL DIRECTOR – three years	Paul G. Blais
SOUTHERN VALLEY SCHOOL DIRECTOR – one year	Jessica Cooney

ARTICLE 2: Voted to hear the reports of the Town Officers and to accept the Town Report as printed for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019.

ARTICLE 3: Voted to enter into a communications union district to be known as Deerfield Valley Communications Union District.

ARTICLE 4: Voted to collect taxes for the Town and the Southern Valley Unified Union School District as follows: Taxes will be due on or before September 30, 2020 payable to the Town Treasurer. Taxes will become delinquent after September 30, 2020 and payable with penalties and interest to the Collector of Delinquent Taxes.

ARTICLE 5: Voted to apply any budget surplus from the current fiscal year (FY20) to reduce taxes in the next fiscal year (FY21).

ARTICLE 6: Voted to approve Selectboard and Highway expenditures of \$1,432,881 of which \$1,245,381 shall be raised by taxes and \$187,500 by non-tax revenues to care for the expenses and liabilities of the Town for FY21.

ARTICLE 7: Voted to set the Treasurer's budget for salary and collection of current taxes at \$15,000 plus \$4,000 for expenses for FY21.

ARTICLE 8: Voted to approve the sum of \$ 10,000 to the Halifax 270th Old Home Day Celebration.

ARTICLE 9 through ARTICLE 25 were combined by no objection from the assembly to vote on as one article. The Combined Article 9 was so voted.

\$ 250	Windham County Disaster Animal Response Team
\$ 200	Brattleboro Area Hospice
\$ 550	Senior Solutions (Council on Aging for Southern Vermont)
\$ 700	Woman's Freedom Center
\$ 750	HCRS (Health Care and Rehabilitative Services)
\$ 200	Youth Services
\$ 50	Green Up Vermont
\$ 250	American Red Cross
\$ 790	Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA)
\$ 500	The Gathering Place Adult Day Program
\$ 1,900	Visiting Nurse Assn. & Hospice of Vt & NH, Inc.
\$ 4,000	Halifax Fire Department (First Responders)
\$ 2,500	Wings Community Programs
\$ 500	Deerfield Valley Community Partnership
\$ 2,000	Halifax Community Club
\$ 500	Deerfield Valley Food Pantry
\$ 4,500	Whitingham Free Public Library

ARTICLE 26: Voted to exempt the Halifax Community Club from property taxation for the ensuing five years.

ARTICLE 27: Discussed the following non-binding business:

Stephen Chait gives compliments to the Road Crew for the work they do on the roads. Andy Rice stated that the money to the Fire Company from today's Article will be used for dispatching fees, fuel, and other funding comes from the auction, clambake and the monthly 50/50 raffle.

Patty Dow spoke about the history of the Good Neighbor Pass It On Blue Plate Award and that it is time to get it back in circulation. The award was given to Gary Rand for his willingness to volunteer whenever he is needed.

Joan Courser spoke about the start of a Halifax directory.

Tristan Roberts encouraged everyone to fill out the survey.

Doug Parkhurst mentioned there is one of the blue plates kept in the Historical Society.

Parkhurst also asked if there was any undeveloped land for cemetery use. Lewis Sumner stated the Niles Cemetery has more space available, trees need to be cut. And Irene Wineburg donated an acre of land to the cemetery commission as well.

NOTE: The foregoing is a summary of the certified record of the minutes of the March 3, 2020 Annual Town Meeting which is recorded in Volume 6, Pages 210-213.

ELECTED OFFICERS OF THE TOWN OF HALIFAX, VERMONT
For the Fiscal Year 2021

<u>TOWN OFFICE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>
TOWN MODERATOR (1 yr)	Paul G. Blais	2021
TOWN CLERK (3 yrs)	Patricia Dow	2023
TOWN TREASURER (3 yrs)	Patricia Dow	2023
SELECTMEN (3 yrs)	Brad Rafus	2022
	Lewis Sumner, Chair	2023
	Mitchell Green	2021
LISTERS (3 yrs)	Tina Blais	2023
	Mary L. Brewster	2022
	Patricia Dow	2021
AUDITORS (3 yrs)	April Sumner Dupuis	2022
	Diane Longe	2021
	Sarah Barnett	2023
COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES (1yr)	Laura Sumner	2021
TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS (3 yrs)	Steven M. Cohen	2022
	Paul G. Blais	2023
	William J. Moore	2021
TOWN AGENT (1 yr)	Tina L. Blais	2021
CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS (3 yrs)	Clifton Inman	2023
	Michael Fournier	2021
Appointed:	Jeff DeForest	2021
SVUUSD DISTRICT MODERATOR (1 yr)	Paul G. Blais	2021
SVUUSD DIRECTORS	Jessica Cooney	2021
	Homer "Chum" Sumner	2022
	Paul G. Blais	2023
TRUSTEE TO THE WHITINGHAM LIBRARY	Catherine Bell	2021
JUSTICES OF THE PEACE (2 yrs)	Joan Wonsey-Courser	2023
	Patricia Pusey	2023
	Kaitlin Stone	2023
	Craig J. Stone	2023
	Malcolm K. Sumner	2023

APPOINTMENTS BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN
For the Fiscal Year 2020 - 2021

BOARD OF SELECTMEN, CHAIRMAN (1 yr)	Lewis Sumner
BOARD OF SELECTMEN, VICE CHAIRMAN (1 yr)	Mitchell Green
BOARD OF SELECTMEN, SECRETARY/ADMIN. ASSISTANT (1 yr)	Robbin Gabriel
HALIFAX PLANNING COMMISSION (3 yrs) (5 members)	E. Turner Lewis – Term Expires 2022
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT (3 yrs) (5 members)	Tom Fox - Term Expires 2023
	Jason Ashcroft – Term Expires 2021
	William Pusey - Term Expires 2021
	Kaitlin Stone – Term Expires 2022
HALIFAX CONSERVATION COMMISSION (5 members)	Stephan Chait – Term Expires 2023
	Laurel Copeland – Term Expires 2023
	Jessica Cooney – Term Expires 2022
	Linda Huebner – Term Expires 2023
	David Towler – Term Expires 2021
HALIFAX CELEBRATION COMMITTEE (7 members)	Patricia Dow
	Paul G. Blais
	Tina Blais
	Joan Courser
	Gary Rand
	Andrea Rand
	(position open)
BROADBAND COMMITTEE (1 year term each) (5 members)	Tristan Roberts
	Stephan Chait
	Cara Cheyette
	David Jones
	Bob Teree
CELEBRATION COMMITTEE (1 year term each) (7 members)	Patty Dow
	Tina Blais
	Paul Blais
	Joan Courser
	Gary Rand
	Andrea Rand
	(Position Open)
ROAD COMMISSIONER (1 yr)	Brad Rafus
TREE WARDEN (1 yr)	Ross Barnett
POUND KEEPER (1 yr)	Andrew Rice
REPRESENTATIVE TO COUNCIL ON AGING (1 yr)	(position open)
WINDHAM REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS (1 yr)	Stephan Chait
	Everett Wilson
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR (4 yrs)	William Moore - Term Expires 2024
ACTING ZONING ADMINISTRATOR (4 yrs)	Rick Gay - Term Expires 2023
WINDHAM SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT REPS (1 yr)	Lewis Sumner and Cara Cheyette
LOAN REVIEW COMMITTEE (1 yr)	Allan Dacey and Andrew Rice
ADA COORDINATOR (1 yr)	Robert Leete
E-911 COORDINATOR (1 yr)	Wayne Courser
RECYCLING COORDINATOR (1 yr)	Lewis Sumner
GREEN-UP VERMONT, INC. (1 yr)	Hope Phelan & Jessica Cooney
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR (1 yr)	(resigned) Peggy Rafus
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR (1 yr)	Paul Blais

TOWN HEALTH OFFICER (3 yrs)
CITATION TICKET RESPONSIBILITY (1 yr)
ENERGY CONSERVATION OFFICER (1 yr)
FIRST CONSTABLE (1 yr)
SECOND CONSTABLE (1 yr)
FIRE WARDEN (5 yrs)
CEMETERY COMMISSIONER (1 yr)
NEWSPAPERS OF RECORD

Susan M. Kelly, D.V.M. Expires 2023
Andrew Rice
Robert Leete
Andrew Rice
Roy Richardson
Malcolm Sumner – Term Expires 2025
Jeff Deforest
Brattleboro Reformer
Deerfield Valley News
The Commons

SELECTMEN'S MEETING DATES

Bi-Monthly on 1st and 3rd Tuesdays
7:00 P.M. at Town Office

Persons interested in any appointed position, please give your name to the Select Board, Select Board Assistant or the Town Clerk. Nominations and appointments are awarded during the first and second Select Board meetings in March after Town Meeting.

Town of Halifax – Auditors Annual Report

We reviewed the records of Town Treasurer, Road Commissioner, Delinquent Tax Collector and other municipal offices provided for the period ending June 30, 2020. We closely looked at the bank accounts and analyzed activity for the trust funds and delinquent tax collections. Records appeared to be very clean with clear audit trails.

We conducted the annual Town audit for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020 in accordance with the statutory requirements identified at 24 V.S.A. § § 1681, 1682(a). This statutory requires that the elected auditors view the accounts of local officials and report the findings directly to the taxpayers for review through the annual Town Report. Auditors may make notes to bring irregularities to light, but may not change the actual reports provided by the municipal officials.

Through our review and testing of the financial documents requested of the Treasurer, Select board and other municipal officials we were able to obtain reasonable assurance that the financial records presented within this annual report are free from material misstatement. Do note that records are kept on a cash basis rather than the accrual basis, therefore income is recorded when the cash or check is received and the expenses are not counted until they are actually paid.

We were not able to attend any training this year.

We have done our best to review the records provided by municipal officials. We would like to remind you that all financial records are available upon request from Town Officials if additional questions remain.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Barnett (Chair)

April Sumner Dupuis

Diane Longe

Halifax Broadband Committee

2021 Town Meeting Report

In 2020, Halifax was one of five towns that voted to form the Deerfield Valley Communications Union District (CUD). Your Broadband Committee was active in bringing this opportunity to the town's attention. The vote at Town Meeting was unanimously in favor. The Selectboard appointed members of the Committee to serve as our Representative and Alternates on the District's Governing Board.

The CUD, now known as DVFiber, is now planning a multi-year project to bring high-speed fiber-optic Internet service to Halifax and all areas of other member towns that do not have good internet service now.

Your Broadband Committee coordinated with the Windham Regional Commission to ensure that Halifax residents and second-homeowners responded very well to two surveys of Internet needs. Our town spoke loud and clear -- Halifax had the highest response rate of any town in Windham County in the main survey, conducted in March. THANK YOU!

Building a broadband network takes a lot of work, money, and time. DVFiber is in charge of the effort and supporting the efforts of this organization is the main focus of your Broadband Committee. The Committee's primary role will be to keep the Selectboard and citizens informed and to ensure that Halifax's voice continues to be heard. When the time is right in 2021 it's likely we will reach out to you through all the various communication channels to ask whether you will subscribe, or to raise funds to support the start-up costs of the project.

Remember, the squeaky wheel gets the grease so please continue to help us show our town's continuing interest in getting good Internet now!

Please reach out to Committee Chair Tristan Roberts or other Committee members if you want to learn more or participate in our work or have any questions. The committee meets monthly on Mondays, with agendas and minutes posted on the town website and other locations. We welcome frequent visitors to our meetings.

HALIFAX CELEBRATION COMMITTEE

This was a sad and frustrating year for the Celebration Committee. This was supposed to be the 270th Old Home Day Week celebration. We spent the better part of the year planning an amazing celebration for the townspeople and guests. Through a very sad heart breaking decision the Old Home Day week celebration had to be postponed to a date to be determined.

However, on October 10, 2020 the Celebration Committee hosted a free concert on the lawn of Susan Longe featuring Ritchie Mitnik and Ethel Lee. They performed classical jazz and 50's and 60's sound stylings. Approximately 35 guests attended. There was a lot of toe tapping, singing along and a few even danced to the upbeat beautiful songs by Ethel Lee. Ethel Lee served 28 years on the West Springfield police force after retiring, Ethel decided to focus solely on her singing which we all thoroughly enjoyed. She can also be found singing at the Iron Horse in Northampton, MA. Ritchie and his wife, Kathy have been sharing their musical interests since 1980. They bring the great standards and Broadway hits to life. We would like to thank Susan Longe for her generous use of her lawn for our entertainment afternoon.

We still have the Old Home Day Celebration event lineup in the works. We are hopeful to pull together this celebration of small town life in 2021. If anyone has any ideas or would like be involved, please contact one of the committee members. Stay tuned.

HALIFAX CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS REPORT

This last year there was a variety of work done in several cemeteries. In the Pennel Hill Cemetery a large tree was taken down that was a potential threat to several large head stones. In the Niles Cemetery there are plans to clear and expand the cemetery. Bascom Cemetery had a lot of maintenance done this year. A lot of brush clearing so head stones could be visible. In the Clark Cemetery we searched around for head stones that have fallen over. This was a hard task to find them and uncover them. This spring the plan is to stand most of them back up. Plans for this year include working on clearing Niles Cemetery to make extra room. We hope to be able to work in the West Halifax Cemetery this year doing some clearing and making room for new plots. This cemetery was recently enlarged by a generous donation and we look forward to expanding. Thank you to everyone who volunteered and was involved in uncovering the head stones in Clark Cemetery. We are doing our best with our limited resources, if anyone is interested in volunteering or working in the cemeteries your help is always welcome.

REPORT FOR FY2020 (July 2, 2019 - June 30, 2020)

	Parcel ID	Beginning Balance	Del. Taxes Collected	Ending Balance
TAX WARRANTS ISSUED BY TOWN TREASURER				
Tax Warrant for FY 2016 (07/01/15-06/30/17)		\$112.12	\$112.12	\$0.00
Tax Warrant for FY 2017 (07/01/16-06/30/17)		\$1,545.87	\$1,095.46	\$450.41
Tax Warrant for FY 2018 (07/01/17-06/30/18)		\$9,199.85	\$7,717.85	\$1,482.00
Tax Warrant for FY 2019 (07/01/18-06/30/19)		\$35,498.55	\$27,454.77	\$8,043.78
Tax Warrant for FY2019 (07/01/19-06/30/20)		\$137,280.59	\$93,634.65	\$43,645.94
TOTAL DELINQUENT TAXES --- FY17, FY18, FY19 and FY20		\$183,636.98	\$130,014.85	\$53,622.13
Delinquent Taxes Collected				\$130,014.85
Tax Commission Collected				\$10,401.23
Interest Collected				\$10,101.85
Miscellaneous Costs Collected				\$0.00
TOTAL DEL. TAXES, COMMISSION, INTEREST & MISC. COSTS COLLECTED				\$150,517.93
TOTAL UNCOLLECTED DELINQUENT TAXES				\$53,622.13
DELINQUENT TAX LIST				
FY2017 (07/01/16-06/30/17)				
Anderson, Aaron	mcm.0062			
SUB-TOTAL FOR FY2017		450.41		
FY2018 (07/01/17-06/30/18)				
Anderson, Aaron	mcm.0062			
SUBTOTAL FOR FY2018		1,482.00		
FY2019 (07/01/18-06/30/19)				
Anderson, Aaron	mcm.0062			
Crosby, Gary F.	gxx.0080			
Crosby III, Frederick A. and Melanie L.	brn.0195			
Dupuis, Aaron	brn.0022			
Gutierrez, Dafne C.	whl.0180			
Pike, Mary E.	hub.0501			
Valin, Gaston and Susan Charnok	vtr.6649			
TOTAL FOR FY2019		8,043.78		
FY2020 (07/01/19-06/30/20)				
Anderson, Aaron	mcm.0062			
Betit, John F.	vtr.3072			
Blaine, William	whl.0015			
Boyd, Jr. Kenneth William & Cassandra Ivanovsky Boyd	bro.0104			
Brittain, Lillian	flx.0168			
Crosby, Gary F.	gxx.0080			
Crosby, III, Frederick A. and Melanie L.	brn.0195			
Dickinson III, Ralph	pen.1749			
Dupuis, Aaron	brn.0022			
Farrington, Harry and Patricia	cln.1950			
Gutierrez, Dafne C.	whl.0180			
Hohl Jr, Edward H. and Hohl, Tracey Lynn	whl.0149			
Hohl Jr, Edward H. and Hohl, Jennifer E.	whl.0198			
Pike, Mary E.	hub.0501			
Valin, Gaston and Susan Charnok	vtr.6649			
TOTAL FOR FY2020		43,645.94		
TOTAL FOR FY17, FY18, FY19 and FY20		53,622.13		



Report of the Halifax Conservation Commission

Mission Statement

The Halifax Conservation Commission, through education, advocacy, and action, is dedicated to the preservation, protection and restoration of the natural environment and wildlife in balance with the surrounding cultural resources.

Meetings

The Conservation Commission meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm by video and teleconference until in person meetings can be held. Agendas and minutes are available on the Town website, halifaxvt.com. The Conservation Commission's email address is halifaxvtconserv@gmail.com. All are welcome to attend and participate in our meetings.

Signage for Recycling and Information on Managing Food Waste

With the assistance of the Windham Solid Waste Management District, the Conservation Commission working with the Road Commissioner has improved the signage at the Town Garage recycling location. The purpose is to assist residents with putting materials in the correct bin and to reduce the contamination in the bins.

With the new state law banning food waste from disposal in Vermont, the Conservation Commission is supporting the grant application by Windham Solid Waste Management District aimed at providing towns with technical assistance about the easy, cost effective and local handling of organic waste.

Importance of Wetlands and Beavers, A Keystone Species

In cooperation with the Green River Watershed Alliance, the Conservation Commission is developing materials on the crucial role wetlands play in achieving flood resiliency and maintaining biodiversity. The benefits of the wetlands are to 1) decrease damaging floods, 2) recharge drinking water aquifers, 3) remove pollutants from surface and ground water, 4) protect against drought, and 5) decrease erosion. In addition, wetlands provide opportunities for wildlife observation, canoeing, fishing, bird watching, and hunting.

Beavers play an essential role in creating and maintaining wetlands. Innumerable species rely partly or entirely on beaver-created habitat, and many of these species are threatened or endangered. Beaver dams catch sediment that would otherwise be washed downstream; this protects downstream fish spawning areas. Animals supported by wetlands include minks, otters, songbirds, ducks, great blue herons, grebes, frogs and toads, salamanders, and turtles. Therefore, when we coexist with beavers, we are improving water management and supporting the habitat necessary for many other species.

By understanding and appreciating what beavers do, we learn how our physical environment works as a complex system. We are dependent on this complex system for our health, well-being, and survival.

Stephan Chait, Chair

Halifax Fire Co, Inc.

The Fire Dept is doing fine. In 2020 we had 79 calls, a lot of them were medical. We thank rescue from other towns as well as ambulances for transport. The Fire Dept itself was unable to have the auction, but we had a drive thru clambake at the station and made about half as much profit, but are thankful. We bought some new fire gear like helmets, gloves, pants, and coats. Thanks to the nice donations from you all, we were able to keep responding.

Halifax Fire Co, Inc.
Wayne Courser Chief

Halifax Listers' Report

2020

In 2020 there were very few grievances, and all were satisfactorily resolved, with no Board of Civil Authority appeals. We continue to follow up zoning permits with site visits and respond to requests for re-evaluations. It is always our goal to maintain timely and accurate property records, participate in continuing education, and respond to the needs of our community.

In September of 2019 we began a two-year town wide reappraisal project. The Listers have been working closely with the outside auditing company to answer any questions. Interior inspections have been conducted over the phone because of the COVID 19 Pandemic. The resulting assessments are published at the end of this process and will be reflected in the 2021 tax base, having completed the reappraisal by April 1, 2021. Therefore, your 2021 property tax bill will reflect these reappraisal property values. Please carefully review your new property values upon receipt and feel free to contact us with any question or concerns.

It is always our intent to be open, fair, and consistent during the assessment process. The Listers invite all property owners to call upon them to address any questions they might have. Property Cards are always accessible to the public at the Town Office and we encourage property owners to review their property assessment.

Lister office hours are Wednesdays from 9am to 3pm; our phone number is 802-368-2080; email: halifaxlisters@myfairpoint.net. We are always willing to accommodate alternative appointment times to meet the needs of the community.

Mary L. Brewster

Tina Blais

Patricia Dow

PLANNING COMMISSION AND ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT REPORT

The Planning Commission had four regular meetings, five meetings cancelled due to no quorum, and three meetings not scheduled due to no new business in fiscal year 2019-2020. (July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020). The PC & ZBA welcomed new Commissioner/board member Tommy Fox. It was a slow year for the Commissioners.

The zoning Board of Adjustment held no regular meetings in Fiscal year 2019-2020 and one public hearing.

Regular Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Adjustment meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. The ZBA meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. immediately followed by the PC Meeting. Due to COVID-19 all meetings are being held by Teleconference until further notice. The number to call in to attend meetings is 1 (623) 600-3745, Conference code, 673780. Agendas and minutes are available on the town web site, www.halifax.vt.com, and citizens are encouraged to attend and contribute their comments and ideas.

Turner Lewis, Chair

ZBA and Planning Commission

Road Commissioner's Report FY20

6551 Garage Bond Interest	\$ 1,230.00				
6552 Garage Bond Payment	\$ 10,000.00	Total	\$		11,230.00
7000 Highway					
7110 Road Crew Gross Wages	\$ 238,056.11				
7115 Road Crew Overtime Wages	\$ 45,572.02				
7120 Road Commissioner Salary	\$ 7,200.00	Total	\$		290,828.13
7200 Employee Benefits and Expenses					
7210 Training and Education	\$ -				
7220 Health Insurance	\$ 112,216.39				
7230 Life Insurance	\$ 654.87				
7260 Retirement Town Share	\$ 16,324.72				
7270 Uniform Clothing Allowance	\$ 1,818.11				
7280 Hiring Cost/Drug Test	\$ 95.00	Total	\$		131,109.09
7300 Garage Expenses					
7310 Electric	\$ 1,417.57				
7320 Heating Fuel	\$ 7,844.42				
7330 Telephone	\$ 2,065.07				
7340 Building Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 6,076.98				
7360 Office and Cleaning Supplies	\$ 1,110.97				
7370 Trash Collection	\$ 1,258.00				
7380 Shop Supplies	\$ 11,869.44	Total	\$		31,642.45
7400 Road Supplies and Applications					
7410 Sand	\$ 83,605.20				
7420 Salt	\$ 27,463.87				
7430 Gravel	\$ 58,742.10				
7435 Stone	\$ 9,725.00				
7440 Chloride	\$ 2,314.00				
7450 Construction	\$ -				
7460 Resurfacing	\$ 56,435.17				
7462 Cold Path and Culverts	\$ 12,880.34				
7480 Road Signs	\$ 1,603.76				
7490 Safety Gear	\$ 1,265.32	Total	\$		72,184.59
7600 Equipment Expense Account					
7696 Lease Payments	\$ 135,345.00				
7680 Repairs and Maintenance	\$ 171,110.26				
7645 Shop Supplies/Tools	\$ 3,844.86				
7685 Diesel Fuel	\$ 48,433.14				
7670 VLCT Property & Casualty/Equipme	\$ 12,412.00	Total	\$		371,145.26
Highway Total				\$	908,139.52

Town of Halifax Selectboard Report for FY 2020

The Halifax Selectboard met 30 times in FY19 (July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020), and conducted one public hearing, in July 2019, to hear testimony on the reclassification of portions of Thurber Road. The Board's subsequently published decision reclassified the section of Thurber Road from the McCrea/Roberts boundary to the eastern junction with Green River Road from Legal Trail to Class 4, while the section between the McCrea (formerly Ray) driveway and the McCrea/Roberts property line continues unchanged, as Class 4.

The Selectboard addressed several junk code violations in town during the summer and fall of 2019, entered into a contract with the Windham County Sheriff's Office to provide law enforcement coverage for Halifax, warned a special town meeting for a vote on withdrawal from the Southern Valley Unified Union School District, and made appointments to the newly-created Halifax Celebration Committee and the re-established Broadband Committee. One appointment was made to the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Adjustment to fill a vacancy left by a resignation. The Selectboard signed an agreement with Brad and Peggy Rafus to purchase 10 acres of land adjacent to the Town Garage property, for the purpose of acquiring a local source of gravel. The FY21 Town budget was unanimously approved at March 2020 town meeting, but subsequent citizen protests over a lack of transparency in the land purchase process prompted the landowners to decline an extension on the purchase closing date, effectively voiding the contract and terminating the purchase plan.

After State emergency order restrictions were issued in March, the Board began experimenting with new ways of holding open meetings. Several open-air meetings were held in the Town Garage yard, several more by teleconference, and ultimately Board members gathered in the Town Office, with Paul Blais acting as Moderator and host, while the public attended by telephone.

The Selectboard encourages citizens to attend meetings, and stay informed about and participate in town affairs. Under current emergency order restrictions, public access to meetings is by teleconference; instructions for attending are included in each meeting agenda. Until further notice, regular meetings, normally held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month, are being held once each month, on the first Tuesday, at 7:00 p.m. in the Halifax Town Offices. Special meetings, as needed, are warned on the town web site (halifaxvermont.com), the town's bulletin boards, and in the Brattleboro Reformer. Anyone who wishes to receive Selectboard meeting agendas by email should send a request to the secretary at halifaxsecretary@gmail.com. If you are interested in any of the town's appointed positions, listed in this Town Report, please submit a letter to the Selectboard or email the secretary at halifaxsecretary@gmail.com. Appointments are made during the first two meetings following Town Meeting.

Lewis Sumner, Chair

Mitchell Green, Vice Chair

Bradley Rafus

TOWN CLERK REPORT

This year has been full of challenges and successes for the Town Clerks Office. The new addition of wonderful large plexi-glass safety dividers for the front counter has been very comforting in this time of uncertainty. The dividers also double as shields for the Ballot Clerks during elections.

The two elections we conducted during Covid19, the Primary and the General Election were challenging and a rewarding experience all in one. It was fun coming up with ways to ensure the safety of all the voters and workers. The use of the Community Hall was great to perfect the new safety protocols. Traffic cones and social distancing signs with one way direction within the polls proved to be a huge success. Thank you to everyone for wearing masks, face coverings and shields. The Secretary of States' office provided each town with personal protection equipment by means of masks, gloves and hand sanitation which helped to keep our expenses down.

I applied for a grant from the Center for Tech and Civic Life Covid19 response and was awarded \$ 5,000.00 to spend on making our election process run more smoothly. I was able to purchase items such as air purifiers', sandwich board, better signs, equipment to transport election materials and many other items which were covered at 100%.

Another grant I applied for and received was from Act 137 of 2020 which provides Coronavirus Relief Funds to various entities in Vermont for necessary expenses incurred due to the Covid-19 public health emergency. The Local Government Expense Reimbursement Grant (LGER) covered expenses including but not limited to supplies and equipment, sanitation, facility alterations, redirection of staff, and other expenses as well. Through a long process and many many hours of compiling expenses incurred due to Covid19 response we were awarded \$30,852.35.

All of the new purchases from the above grants will be utilized by my office for every election to come. Now....where to store it all....I would like to extend a thank you to our amazing Halifax residents that helped keep each other safe. I wish everyone good luck and safety in 2021.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020

Appointments Made By Town Clerk

Assistant Town Clerk	William Moore
Assistant Town Clerk	Tina Blais
Deputy Registers	Mark Shea, James Curley, Tom Robinson, Lewis Sumner

Vital Records Filed

Marriages	10
Deaths	6
Births	6

Land Records Recorded

Articles of Conversion	1
Administrators Deed	1
Certificate of Trust	3
Current Use	7
Delegation of Authority	1
Findings & Decision	1
Recorded Death Certificates	1
Drilled Well	1
Foreclosure Complaint	1
Judgment Order	2
Land Use Withdrawal	2
License to sell	1
Mobile Home Bill of Sale	3
Mortgage Assignment	1
Mortgage Deed	32
Mortgage Discharge	28
Driveway Permit	4
Permit Denial	1
Permit Violation	1
Permit renewal	6
Zoning Permits	22
Power of Attorney	31
Property Transfer Tax Return	43
Quit Claim Deed	5
Release of Tax Lien	1
Resolution	2
Road Reclassification	1
Subordination Agreement	2
Supplemental Indenture	1
UCC Financing	1
Variance/Conditional Use	1
Warranty Deed	33
Wastewater & Potable Water Supply	2
Wastewater Installers Certificate	1

Total Documents Recorded:	244	Total Pages Recorded:	686
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Town Clerk Fees Turned Over to Town Treasurer

Recording Fees	\$ 11,530.00
Examination of Records & Copies	\$ 1,778.55
Notices for Posting of Land	\$ 100.00
Fish & Wildlife Licenses	\$ 73.50
Map Sales	\$ 20.00
Marriage Licenses	\$ 90.00
Green Mountain Passports	\$ 6.00
Dog Licenses (Town Clerk Fees)	\$ 326.00
Certified Copies of Vital Records	<u>\$ 400.00</u>
TOTAL TOWN CLERK FEES	\$ 14,324.05

Total Dogs Licensed in 2020	167 Dogs	Total Fees Collected	\$ 1,615.00
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Accounting of All Dog License Fees Collected 2020

State Rabies Fund	167 Dogs @ \$ 1.00 per dog	\$ 167.00
State Neutering & Spaying Fund	167 Dogs @ \$ 4.00 per dog	\$ 668.00
Town Clerk Fees	167 Dogs @ \$ 2.00 per dog	\$ 334.00
Balance Remitted to Town Treasurer		<u>\$ 446.00</u>
Total Dog License Account		\$ 1,615.00

\$ 4.00 of every \$ 15.00 recorded item is split between the Restoration of Records Fund and the Office Equipment Fund each year.

Restoration of Records Funds for Fiscal year 2019-2020	\$ 1,537.33
Office Equipment Fund for Fiscal year 2019-2020	\$ 1,537.33

TREASURER'S TOWN ACCOUNT
Fiscal Year 7/1/19 - 6/30/20

Prepared by:
 Patricia Dow, Treasurer

CASH BALANCES

	<u>June 30, 2019</u>	<u>June 30, 2020</u>
1100 General Account	-137,504.12	137,098.42
1110 Scott & Eames Fund - New Town Garage	27,643.18	14,647.11
1120 Equipment	-41,198.35	-94,053.14
1125 Resurfacing Fund	27,500.51	27,500.51
1130 Record Restoration Fund - TC fees funded	10,030.20	11,567.53
1135 Halifax Celebration Fund	5,788.00	0.00
1140 Niles	2,453.62	2,453.62
1150 Municipal Planning Grant	-1,550.00	0.00
1160 ReAppraisal Project - outside funding	79,920.71	50,866.44
1170 Office equipment Fund - TC fees funded	5,116.79	6,654.12
1180 Cemetery	14,221.22	17,144.83
1190 Vt Emergency Mgmt - Reserved Funding	9,294.39	0.00
1191 New Town Garage - Reserved Funding	7,806.14	7,806.14
1192 Bridge Fund - Reserved Funding	0.00	11,500.00
TOTAL CASH BALANCES	9,522.29	193,185.58
 Peoples Line of Credit	 -283,319.20	 -261,680.40
Accounts Payable	-78.30	0.00
Payroll Liabilities	-1,998.36	-3,026.53
	-275,873.57	-71,521.35

SUMMARY OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES

REVENUE

Selectboard & Highway Revenues

5100 Property Taxes (Town Share)	1,240,696.64
5200 Licenses, Permits and Fees	7,222.55
5600 Interest Income	10,956.05
5400 Special Project Funding	16,000.00
5700 Miscellaneous Income	11,939.09
5800 Highway Department	263,513.57

Self Funded & Independent Accounts

5650 Cemetery	193.61
5501 Self Funding Accounts	13,032.20
5300 Annual Projects	7,253.50

TOTAL REVENUE

1,570,807.21

EXPENDITURES

6000 Selectboard Account	244,388.64
7000 Highway Account	1,030,590.29
8000 Self Funding & Independent Accounts	91,476.06

TOTAL EXPENSES

1,366,454.99

Surplus/(Deficit) 204,352.22

CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE

Beginning Cash Balance 7/1/19	-275,873.57
Plus Surplus(Deficit)	204,352.22
Ending Cash Balance 6/30/20	-71,521.35

TREASURER'S TOWN ACCOUNT
Fiscal Year 7/1/19 - 6/30/20

Prepared by:
 Patricia Dow, Treasurer

REVENUES - Selectboard & Highway	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
5100 · PROPERTY TAXES		
5110 · Residential & Land Property Tax	2,465,530.49	
9910 · Vermont Education Property Tax	-251,461.61	
9900 · School Portion/Taxes pd school - Other	-1,259,384.00	
6951 · Property Tax Overpayments	-28,788.50	
5120 · Delinquent Tax Payments	139,415.11	
5130 · Current Use Reimbursement	118,387.00	
5140 · HS-122 State tax adjustment	56,341.15	
5180 · Equalization Study	657.00	
Total 5100 · PROPERTY TAXES		1,240,696.64
5200 · LICENSES, PERMITS, FEES		
5280 · Special License, Permit, & Fees	115.00	
5230 · Town Clerk Fees	6,957.55	
5250 · Driveway, Right of Way permit	150.00	
Total 5200 · LICENSES, PERMITS, FEES		7,222.55
5400 · SPECIAL PROJECT FUNDING		
5430 · SCOTT or EAMES FUND		16,000.00
5600 · INTEREST INCOME		
5622 · Delinquent Tax Interest	10,199.59	
5611 · General Account	756.46	
Total 5600 · INTEREST INCOME		10,956.05
5700 · MISCELLANEOUS		
5750 - Insurance premium reimbursement	11,500.00	
5740 · Refunds	184.59	
5730 · Miscellaneous	6.00	
5720 · Bank Charge Recovery	50.00	
5710 · Fines	198.50	
Total 5700 · MISCELLANEOUS		11,939.09
5800 · REVENUE TO HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT		
5890 - Grants	15,266.26	
5840 - Emergency Response	102,488.95	
5810 · State Highway Aid	145,658.36	
5830 · Excess Weight Permits	100.00	
Total 5800 · REVENUE TO HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT		263,513.57
5501 · SELF FUNDING		
5590 · Delinquent Tax Penalty	11,332.20	
5210 · Zoning	1,700.00	
Total 5501 · SELF FUNDING		13,032.20
5650 · CEMETERY INCOME		
5616 - Cemetery Income		193.61
5300 · ANNUAL PROJECT FUNDING		
5310 · Planning Grant	1,669.00	
5320 · Reappraisal	5,584.50	
Total 5300 · ANNUAL PROJECT FUNDING		7,253.50
COMBINED REVENUES		<u><u>1,570,807.21</u></u>

TREASURER'S TOWN ACCOUNT
Fiscal Year 7/1/19 - 6/30/20

Prepared by:
Patricia Dow, Treasurer

SELECTBOARD EXPENSES	EXPENSE	TOTALS
6100 · SALARIES & WAGES - Town		
6113 · Selectboard Assistant	12,000.00	
6180 · Assistant Treasurer	1,000.00	
6152 · EMD Compensation	3,500.00	
6121 · Town Clerk Assistant	2,295.00	
6112 · Selectboard Secretary	2,496.00	
6110 · Selectboard Salary	5,400.00	
6120 · Town Clerk Salary	24,000.00	
6130 · Lister Wages/ Regular	14,095.00	
6140 · Plan/Zone Secretary Wage	848.00	
6160 · Auditor Wages	3,500.00	
9410 · Constable Salary	2,800.00	
Total 6100 · SALARIES & WAGES		71,934.00
6200 · EMPLOYEE BENEFITS		
6210 · Workshops/Conferences/Training	421.25	
6240 · Retirement-Town Share-Town Clerk	1,380.00	
Total 6200 · EMPLOYEE BENEFITS		1,801.25
9700 - Payroll Expenses		29,979.89
6250 · TOWN OFFICE EXPENSES		
6265 · Lease Agreements	2,765.24	
6262 · EOC Emergency Supplies & Exp	3,196.19	
6251 · Repairs & Maintenance	872.65	
6252 · Telephone	3,475.75	
6253 · Dues & Subscriptions	3,885.70	
6255 · Office Supplies	4,165.43	
6256 · Lister Supplies	1,121.20	
6261 · Planning Commission Expense	68.20	
6260 · Selectmen Expenses	2,529.18	
9420 · Constable Expenses	1,186.50	
Total 6250 · TOWN OFFICE EXPENSES		23,266.04
6270 · TOWN EXPENSES		
6271 · Street Lights	1,637.39	
6274 · Stray Dogs	350.00	1,987.39
6300 · PROFESSIONAL SERVICES		
6340 · VT Law Enforcement Services	4,666.69	
6320 · Legal Services	2,420.70	
6330 · Internet & Computer Services	7,881.79	
Total 6300 · PROFESSIONAL SERVICES		14,969.18
6400 · TOWN MEETING/ELECTIONS EXPENSE		
6425 · Town Meeting Expense - Misc	304.42	
6435 · Town Mtg Postage	284.10	
6410 · Moderator	200.00	
6420 · Ballot Clerks	432.00	
6430 · Printing	786.65	
Total 6400 · TOWN MEETING/ELECTIONS EXPENSE		2,007.17
6600 · FIRE COMPANY		
6650 · Contracted Ambulance Services	15,582.28	
6640 · Equipment & Gear	6,000.00	
6610 · Dispatching Fee	14,086.00	
Total 6600 · FIRE COMPANY		35,668.28

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6850 · INSURANCE		
6855 · VLCT-Unemployment Insurance	144.00	
6851 · VLCT-Employment Practices Liabi	2,500.50	
6852 · VLCT-Public Officials Liability	992.00	
6853 · VLCT-Workers Comp	15,750.50	
6854 · VLCT-Property & Casualty	7,973.50	
6857 · VLCT-Property & CasualtyEMT	568.00	
Total 6850 · INSURANCE		27,928.50
6700 · ENVIRONMENTAL EXPENSES		
6715 · Contracted Recycling	14,572.19	
6710 · WSWMD	5,003.56	
6720 · Landfill Closure	4,191.69	
Total 6700 · ENVIRONMENTAL EXPENSES		23,767.44
6750 · TAXES & INTEREST EXPENSES		
6751 · County Tax	9,142.00	
6753 · Short Term Interest	1,937.50	
Total 6750 · TAXES & INTEREST EXPENSES		11,079.50
Total 6000 · SELECTBOARD ACCOUNT		<u>244,388.64</u>
7000 · HIGHWAY ACCOUNT		
6550 · NEW TOWN GARAGE		
6551 · BOND INTEREST PAYMENT	1,229.89	
6552 · BOND PAYMENT	10,000.00	
Total 6550 · NEW TOWN GARAGE		11,229.89
7100 · Salaries & Wages		
7150 · Road Crew Comp Time	555.00	
7115 · Road Crew Overtime Wages	45,572.02	
7110 · Road Crew Gross Wages	238,056.11	
7120 · Road Commissioner Salary	7,200.00	
Total 7100 · Salaries & Wages		291,383.13
7200 · Employee Benefits & Expenses		
7220 · Health Insurance	112,216.39	
7230 · Life Insurance	654.87	
7260 · Retirement-Town Share	16,324.72	
7270 · Uniform Town Contribution	2,828.11	
7280 · Advertisements	95.00	
Total 7200 · Employee Benefits & Expenses		132,119.09
7300 · Garage Expenses		
7310 · Electric	1,417.57	
7320 · Heating Fuel	7,844.42	
7330 · Telephone	2,065.07	
7340 · Building Repair & Maint	6,076.98	
7360 · Office & Cleaning Supplies	1,110.97	
7370 · Trash Collection	1,258.00	
7380 · Shop Supplies	11,869.44	
Total 7300 · Garage Expenses		31,642.45

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7400 · Road Supplies & Applications		
7435 · Stone	9,725.00	
7410 · Sand	83,605.20	
7420 · Salt	27,463.87	
7430 · Gravel	58,742.10	
7440 · Chloride	2,314.00	
7450 · Construction	1,753.54	
7462 · Cold Patch & Culverts	12,880.34	
7460 · Resurfacing - Other	56,435.17	
7480 · Road Signs	1,603.76	
7490 · Safety Gear	1,265.32	
Total 7400 · Road Supplies & Applications		255,788.30
7600 · EQUIPMENT EXPENSE ACCOUNT-FUND		
7696 · Equipment Lease Payments	34,231.56	
7695 · Interest on loan	3,224.69	
7690 · Finance Charge	115.92	
7685 · Diesel Fuel	48,433.14	
7680 · Repairs & Maintenance	171,110.26	
7670 · VLCT Property & Casualty/Equip	12,412.00	
7645 · Shop Supplies & Tools	3,844.86	
7665 · Trucks	35,055.00	
Total 7600 · EQUIPMENT EXPENSE ACCOUNT-FUND		308,427.43
Total 7000 · HIGHWAY ACCOUNT		<u>1,030,590.29</u>
 9000 · INDEPENDANT FUNDED ACCOUNTS & FUNDS VOTED ON AT TOWN MEETING		
9500 · TREASURER		
9510 · Salary	15,000.00	
9520 · Expenses	2,630.75	
Total 9500 · TREASURER		17,630.75
8200 · COMMISSIONS & EXPENSES		
8210 · Delinquent Tax Collector	10,466.91	
8310 · Delinquent Tax Coll Expense	1,081.63	
8220 · Zoning Admin/Permit Fees	1,585.00	
Total 8200 · COMMISSIONS		13,133.54
9300 · REAPPRAISAL PROJECT		
9310 · Wages	2,860.00	
9320 · Expenses	29,153.77	32,013.77

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9600 · SPECIAL FUNDS-voted at town mtg		
9637 · Halifax Celebrations	5,788.00	
9636 · Deerfield Valley Food Pantry	500.00	
9635 · Deerfield Valley Community Part	500.00	
9632 · American Red Cross	250.00	
9631 · Green Up Vermont	50.00	
9630 · The Gathering Place	500.00	
9629 · SEVCA So.East VT Comm Act	790.00	
9627 · Halifax Community Club	2,000.00	
9626 · Youth Services	200.00	
9625 · Halifax EMS/Fire Company	4,750.00	
9623 · Wings Community Program	2,500.00	
9612 · VISITING NURSE ALLIANCE	1,900.00	
9614 · Brattleboro Area Hospice	200.00	
9615 · Council on Aging for SE Vt	550.00	
9617 · Healthcare & Rehab Services	750.00	
9618 · Whitingham Free Library	4,500.00	
9619 · Women's Crisis Center	700.00	
Total 9600 · SPECIAL FUNDS-voted at town mtg		26,428.00
6570 · CEMETERY ACCOUNT		
6572 · Equipment Rental	1,252.50	
6573 · Wages	1,017.50	
Total 6570 · CEMETERY ACCOUNT		2,270.00
TOTAL EXPENSES		<u>91,476.06</u>
TOTAL COMBINED EXPENSES		<u>1,366,454.99</u>

Cael Scholarship Fund and School Awards Funds 2019-2020

Cael Fund

The Cael Fund, established in 1968 by Donald D. Cael provides scholarships to Halifax residents pursuing post-secondary education. The interest from the Fund is awarded to eligible students by the Scholarship Committee, comprised of Halifax representatives on the Southern Valley Unified Union School District board and the Board of Selectmen of Halifax. Awards are based on the criteria established by Donald C. Cael in his Last Will and Testament.

Funds are held in four certificates of deposit at Brattleboro Savings and Loan. Interest from these CD's is accumulated in a money market account.

School Funds

School Funds are donations from Halifax residents which provide monetary awards for excellence in various areas by Halifax Elementary Students. They are given out at the end of the school year. These funds are held in the CD accounts and the interest accumulated in the money market account with Brattleboro Savings and Loan. Currently, the School Fund is responsible for five awards: Mary P. Butterfield for Citizenship; Hank Wonsey for Outstanding Poet; Elizabeth Stott for Willingness; Sam Maltese for Writing; and William Ashcroft for Academic Progress. Due to the Covid 19, awards were not given out for the 2019-2020 school year.

Steven M. Cohen, Town of Halifax Public Trustee

Cael Fund (& School Funds)

July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020

<u>Cael Fund</u>		<u>School Accounts</u>	
July 1, 2019		<u>Mary P. Butterfield (Citizenship \$10.00)</u>	
Brattleboro S/L CD #900021802	\$30,500.00	Bratt. S/L CD #21802	\$200.00
Brattleboro S/L CD # 900019972	\$27,000.00	Bratt. S/L Money Market	\$7.28
Brattleboro S/L CD # 900019980	\$10,000.00	July 1, 2019 Total	\$207.28
Brattleboro S/L CD # 900021799	\$24,300.00	Interest Earned	\$3.92
Brattleboro S/L Money Market	\$4882.36	June 30,2020	\$211.20
Subtotal	\$96,682.36		
Interest Earned	\$1,584.54	Hank Wonsey (Outstanding Poet)	\$10.00
Subtotal	\$98,266.90	Bratt. S/L CD #21802	\$200.00
Checks Cashed	\$1,000.00	Bratt. S/L Money Market	\$20.55
Total	\$97,266.90	July 1, 2019 Total	\$220.55
		Interest Earned	\$3.92
		June 30, 2020	\$224.47
June 30, 2020		<u>Elizabeth Stott (Willingness Award \$5.00)</u>	
Brattleboro S/L CD #900021802	\$30,500.00	Bratt. S/L CD #21802	\$100.00
Brattleboro S/L CD #900021799	\$24,300.00	Bratt. S/L Money Market	\$12.58
Brattleboro S/L CD #900019972	\$27,000.00	July 1, 2019 Total	\$112.58
Brattleboro S/L CD #900019980	\$10,000.00	Interest Earned	\$1.96
Brattleboro S/L Money Market	\$5,466.90	June 30,2020	\$114.54
Total	\$97,266.90		
		<u>Sam Maltese (Writing Award \$10)</u>	
		Bratt. S/L CD #21799	\$300.00
		Bratt. S/L Money Market	\$11.18
		July 1, 2019 Total	\$311.18
		Interest Earned	\$6.00
		June 30,2020	\$317.18
		<u>William Ashcroft (Academic Progress Award \$50.00)</u>	
July 1, 2018 Bratt. S/L MM \$400.00; Bratt. S/L MM June 30, 2019, \$400.00 - \$50 = \$350.00, 06,2020 = \$350.00			

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Accrual Basis

Town of Halifax Cemetery Fund

Balance Sheet

As of June 30, 2020

	Jun 30, 20
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
10000 · TD Bank North	10,729.14
10001 · TD Bank Savings	6,345.37
Total Checking/Savings	17,074.51
Other Current Assets	
18700 · Stock Investment	4,080.00
Total Other Current Assets	4,080.00
Total Current Assets	21,154.51
TOTAL ASSETS	21,154.51
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
30000 · Opening Balance Equity	14,634.50
32000 · Unrestricted Net Assets	6,120.28
Net Income	399.73
Total Equity	21,154.51
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	21,154.51

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Accrual Basis

Eames Fund

Balance Sheet

As of June 30, 2020

	Jun 30, 20
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Brattleboro S&L - Savings	432.13
Brattleboro S&L CD	70,104.83
BS&L 5yr StepUp CD	59,419.44
Total Checking/Savings	129,956.40
Total Current Assets	129,956.40
TOTAL ASSETS	129,956.40
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	126,211.44
Unrestricted Net Assets	3,071.37
Net Income	673.59
Total Equity	129,956.40
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	129,956.40



American Red Cross
Northern New England Region

Windham County Service Delivery

July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020

Disaster Response

In the past year, the American Red Cross has responded to **15 disaster cases**, assisting **40 residents of Windham County**. Most commonly, these incidents were home fires. Red Cross workers were on the scene to provide food, clothing, lodging, emotional support, and more to families during their hours of greatest need. Our teams also provide Mass Care to first responders. Things like food, water, and warm drinks strengthen the brave men and women of your local Fire and Police Departments as they answer the call to keep your residents safe.

Town/City	Disasters	Individuals
Bellows Falls	1	6
Brattleboro	3	10
Brookline	1	1
Grafton	1	3
Rockingham	5	13
Vernon	4	7

Home Fire Campaign

Last year, Red Cross staff and volunteers worked throughout **Windham County** to educate residents on fire, safety and preparedness. We installed **72 free smoke alarms** in homes and helped families develop emergency evacuation plans.

Service to the Armed Forces

We proudly assisted **23 of Windham County's Service Members, veterans and their families** by providing emergency communications and other services, including counseling and financial assistance.

Blood Drives

During the last fiscal year, we collected **1,345 pints** of lifesaving blood in **Windham County**.

Training Services

Last year, **271 Windham residents** were taught a variety of important lifesaving skills such as First Aid, CPR, Babysitting Skills and Water Safety.

Volunteer Services

Windham County is home to **17 American Red Cross Volunteers**. We have volunteers from all walks of life, who are trained and empowered to respond to disasters in the middle of the night, to teach safety courses, to help at our many blood drives, and so much more. The American Red Cross is proud that 90% of its staff is made up of volunteers; they are truly the heart and soul of our organization.





Brattleboro Area Hospice respectfully requests that the Town of Halifax support our program for the next fiscal year of 2021/2022 in the amount of \$200.

Brattleboro Area Hospice has provided volunteer-staffed programs to dying and grieving community members throughout Windham County and nearby towns since 1979 based on the belief that no one should die alone. We work in four key program areas.

- Our Hospice Care Program's trained volunteers and staff provide practical and emotional support to clients and their families leading up to and following end of life.
- Our Advance Care Planning project, Taking Steps Brattleboro, helps people in the Brattleboro area navigate the entire Advance Directive planning process, from introductory informational sessions to witnessing forms and registering completed ADs with the State of Vermont.
- Our Bereavement Care Program is the largest in Vermont and the only one that trains and places volunteers. We offer bereavement groups and individual counseling (currently via Zoom and phone) for those who are grieving, and publish a bi-monthly bereavement e-newsletter. We present an annual service of remembrance at the Hospice Memorial Garden at Brattleboro's Living Memorial Park. The garden is available year-round.
- Our Community Education Programs maintain a lending library for general public use, including books to help children understand death and dying. Throughout the year we present a variety of events to the public on topics of death and dying.

*Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, we are providing most of our Bereavement and Advance Care services online and by phone as of December 2020. Earlier in the year, we met clients outdoors, and secured a meeting space with adequate space and ventilation to use for small meetings and support groups into the colder weather. We are currently limiting in-person contact in accordance with state guidelines, and providing our hospice care volunteers with safe-practices training and PPP. We plan to resume offering end-of-life-related educational programs and volunteer training at a variety of locations in Windham County when safe to do so.

All of our services are offered free of charge to residents of your town. We are very grateful for the financial assistance provided by the towns we serve.

Sincerely,

Susan Parris

Susan Parris
Executive Director

Deerfield Valley Community Partnership

The Deerfield Valley Community Partnership (DVCP) is celebrating its 26th year of working on preventing alcohol, tobacco and other drug use among our youth. We have sponsored the following programming and activities in our schools and communities:

Community Activities:

**Parent Education:* Informational mailings/newsletters, speaker events, and presentations.

**Policy work:* Smoke free parks & business entrances, legislative advocacy (conversations with state legislators about substance use and health issues), substance free community events.

**Social Norms Campaigns:* ParentUP Campaign (parent education & tips), Lock Your Meds—prescription drug misuse prevention campaign, Do Your Part statewide campaign.

**Trainings:* Department of Liquor Control Responsible Beverage Service annual training for local retailers to prevent sales of alcohol and tobacco to minors and False ID trainings for local alcohol servers and retailers.

**Community Events:* Choose sNOW (collaboration with Mount Snow for student/parent educational presentations and student season passes). Note: annual events such as Blueberry Family Night, Parents Night Out, February Fun Event, Halloween Event were cancelled due to COVID-19.

**Sticker Shock-* Collaboration with local retailers to inform the public about Vermont laws and penalties for providing alcohol to minors.

**Monthly Community Meetings on Addiction/Recovery:* Facilitated the start of the Opioid Task Force that evolved into the Voices of Hope Group and now participating as a partner. Work includes education on stigma around substance abuse disorders; information regarding addiction and opioids; support for those suffering from substance use disorder and their families, support for those in recovery, and access to resources.

School Activities:

**School Policy Work:* School alcohol, tobacco and other drug policy, wellness policy.

**Youth Empowerment Programming:* High school community service group (Wildcat Club), high school prevention groups (PRIDE & OVX), middle school Vermont Kids Against Tobacco (VKAT), and middle school prevention group (Above the Influence).

**Substance Abuse Prevention Curriculum* for all students in grades 5-8.

**Student Assistance Program:* Screening and referrals for substance abuse and mental health issues, in addition to support for students whose personal issues may interfere with their capacity to function effectively in the educational process.

**Smoking/Vaping Cessation:* Virtual program to support students to quit vaping or smoking.

**School Presentations/Speakers:* Virtual presentations on a variety of topics including substance use prevention, risk-taking, peer pressure, making healthy choices, etc.

**School Staff Trainings* on alcohol, tobacco and other drugs.

COVID-19 Response:

**Outreach to Families and Youth:* Connection and positive engagement including: sharing information on local resources; gathering and sharing information on healthy, fun family

activities; sending information through school food delivery program; sending yoyos home with food delivery with a positive message: "Life is full of ups & downs. The trick is to enjoy the ups and have courage during the downs".

* *Hello Campaign*: Hello signs to let folks know we are thinking of them.

* *Community Service*: Mask making to distribute to the community and raising funds for the food pantry.

Most DVCP initiatives are funded by state and federal grants. Town funds assist in paying for our direct programming with youth and parents.

Prior to COVID-19, DVCP held meetings once a month with all (adults and youth) encouraged to attend. Partnership meetings included dinner, hearing reports of activities that have happened over the past month, brainstorming new ideas, and making decisions on use of grant funds. We hope to start up meetings again soon! The office is located at the Old School Community Center at 1 School Street, Wilmington.

We thank you for your past support.

For more information: please check our website at www.DVCP.org or find us on Facebook or call 802-464-2202.

Respectfully submitted, Cindy Hayford, DVCP Coordinator

What is DVFiber?

DVFiber exists because of advocacy. For years, Vermonters around the state have decried the lack of reliable internet mixed with disinterested corporate provider response. Because Vermont is largely rural, financial incentives to serve every home and business simply do not exist for large or small corporate providers.

Communications Union Districts (CUDs) were first authorized under Vermont law in 2015. ECFiber became the first CUD in 2016, after operating as an association of towns since 2008. In June 2019, Gov. Scott signed H.513, which significantly expanded state support for CUDs, including planning grants, loan guarantees, and technical assistance from the Public Service Department. At Town Meeting 2020, the Deerfield Valley Communications Union District (DVCUD) sprang to life after strong yeas in Halifax, Marlboro, Stratton, Whitingham, and Wilmington. Work began immediately. Since March, fourteen more towns have expanded the district. Across the State, eight other CUDs are functioning at this point.

Each town sends one representative and one or more alternates to the governing board, which meets monthly. The governing board oversees all development, plans, and operations. Three committees, comprised of board members and community residents, move the work forward. They are our Vendor, Finance, and Communications Committees. Everyone involved volunteers time and energy.

DVFiber is the name of the service organization that DVCUD is creating. DVFiber is a municipality that functions like a not-for-profit business that is rapidly transforming into a regional service organization to secure reliable, affordable high speed access to the Internet. To date, DVFiber is powered by grants received from the Vermont Public Service Department, the federal government, Vermont Community Foundation, the Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation, and a number of private funders. We are guided by a business plan produced by the Windham Regional Commission. This plan includes an engineering plan, market analysis, sequence and schedule of work, finance models, and estimated construction costs, which will be considerable. Many who read this report may become disheartened when they understand the likely time it will take to bring broadband to their homes and businesses. But for the first time we have a path to the possible when there was none before.

Because DV Fiber cannot use tax money, we will undertake a continuous effort to fundraise, write grants, and advocate with State and Federal Legislatures for continued build-out financing until we are delivering high speed internet service to all home and business customers and our revenue streams are sufficient to offer municipal bonds.

Please visit our web site at dvfiber.net for a more complete description of our work. We are actively looking for volunteers to add to our already talented pool. If you have even a few hours per month and like to write, have a technology background, financial or organizational support experience, we would welcome you to join with your town representative David Jones and alternates Tristan Roberts and Stephan Chait to continue our work.

Thanks to everyone as we construct this increasingly essential service.

Ann Manwaring, Chair
Wilmington Representative
dvfiber.net

2020 Deerfield Valley Food Pantry Annual Report

The Deerfield Valley Food Pantry continues to provide supplemental food assistance to our neighbors in need. Every month enthusiastic volunteers serve approximately 100 families, representing around 250-300 people from local towns. Supplying our desired offerings can be challenging, but we continue to provide our customers with at least a week's worth of foods, including non-perishable staples, meats, eggs, dairy items, fresh produce and bread at every distribution.

Our many sources of foods allow us to be very efficient in the spending of the funds generously donated to us. All the behind the scenes efforts by the Board of Directors and dedicated volunteers are greatly appreciated. Volunteer staffing is well coordinated and shifts are as short or long as a person can commit to. Any interested volunteers are urged to contact a current Board Member to join.

Although we have had to temporarily suspend donated food collection due to the pandemic, we have received generous monetary donations and grants to help us supplement this loss. In addition, we have lost all three of our major fundraisers this year due to Covid 19. So, no Annual Bike Ride in August, no Holiday Concert at Memorial Hall and no Fill the Bus at Shaw's this year. Fortunately, our Valley neighbors have stepped up their financial contributions and we have received significant grants and donations from charitable foundations, local associations and businesses. Our website and Paypal account have helped to encourage this very welcome generosity!

Our last "normal" distribution took place in February of 2020. Then the pandemic dramatically changed our ways of distribution. A set of procedures was written to address Covid 19 and to prevent infection. No shoppers can enter the building now and instead have bags of food placed directly into their vehicles. Limited numbers of volunteers prepare for distributions in order to comply with social distancing directives. New bags have been purchased and are being used to give out food for sanitary reasons.

Using the additional monetary donations received as a result of the pandemic, we added a second monthly distribution for a few months to share those extra funds. This additional distribution started on May 30 and people were given meats, dairy products and fresh vegetables. As demand waned, we discontinued this extra event, but stand ready to implement it again if needed.

Local volunteers provide food to local needy customers each month. Your monetary support is needed as we continue this valuable service.

Respectfully submitted,
Evon Mack
On behalf of the Board of Directors

DEERFIELD VALLEY RESCUE

Deerfield Valley Rescue has been in existence for 47 years. Made up of 5 full time staff and 25 volunteers providing around the clock service to the Valley and covering over 35,000 miles. From October 1, 2019 to October 1, 2020, DVR has responded to 753 **Emergency** calls and 8 **Non - Emergency** calls. Our well trained Emergency Providers have committed to over 16,000 on call hours so that we could make sure to give our Valley the best quality pre hospital care it deserves.

This past year has **once again** been a very challenging year for us. Although the volunteer ranks are shrinking, the current volunteers continue to rise to meet the many challenges, not only by putting in extra on call hours but also putting extra training hours in as well. Have you ever thought about becoming a volunteer? Do you think you have what it takes to become a volunteer? Now is the time to join our agency so that together **WE** can make a difference in the lives of others. We offer extensive in house training for all positions including a Ride Along Program at no cost to you. **DEERFIELD VALLEY RESCUE IS HERE WHEN YOU NEED US, NOW HELP US HELP YOU!!** Go to dvrescue.org to help make a difference **TODAY** or call the office at 464-5557 to set up a time to visit our new location at [22 Stowe Hill Road Wilmington.](#)

Deerfield Valley Rescue moved to 22 Stowe Hill Road Wilmington in November 2017. Over the next several years we have continued our efforts to raise money for this location. We have sent out 10,000 letters for our Annual Appeal and Subscription Drive but have only received 700 in return. This does not help us reach our goal of \$625,000. The Annual Subscription Drive continues to be a large source of our funding. With your generous support we could easily meet our goal so please, if you HAVE NOT sent

back your subscription letter, please do so soon and consider making an extra donation towards our new facility in Wilmington. **WE NEED YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT, YOUR VOCAL SUPPORT AND YOUR PHYSICAL SUPPORT!!**

Another way to help support DVR is through the Propane Dover Group. For an Annual donation of \$50.00, you can gain access to the negotiated group pricing with Suburban Propane. For more info on this, go to <https://propanedover.com>.

We would like to thank all those that support and continue to support us for it would not be possible for DVR to operate over the years without our local community. Our membership looks forward to another year of committed service to the residents of the Deerfield Valley and the visitors that come our way!!

Respectfully Submitted,

Deerfield Valley Rescue Board of Directors



GREEN UP VERMONT
www.greenupvermont.org

Green Up Vermont celebrated its 50th Anniversary of Green Up Day on May 30, 2020. Although 99% of all events were cancelled due to Covid-19, Green Up Day was successfully executed with social distancing by 14,000+ volunteers, cleaning up over 241 tons of litter, and 9,000 tires statewide. It is imperative for all of us to keep building awareness and stewardship for a clean Vermont environment. 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 engagement.

Support from municipalities is essential to our program. Funds help pay for administration, supplies (including 65,000 Green Up trash bags), promotional outreach, and educational resources including activity books, poster and writing contests, and a \$1,000 scholarship.

Early awareness initiatives for Green Up Day tripled the number of submissions to our annual poster art and writing contests and produced 184 applicants for our first scholarship. We were able to offer "Greener" bags made with 70% post-consumer waste; add a Green Scuba team to clean in Lake Champlain; and had over 100 editorial stories in the news as well as a national mention in the *Washington Post*.

Donations can be made to Green Up Vermont on Line 23 of the Vermont State Income Tax Form or anytime online at [**www.greenupvermont.org**](http://www.greenupvermont.org).

Visit our website and follow us on Facebook (@greenupvermont) and Instagram (greenupvermont).

Green Up Day, May 1, 2021

Thank you!

Health Care & Rehabilitation Services
Narrative Report for FY20 for Town of Halifax

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

During FY20, HCRS provided 205 hours of services to 11 residents of the Town of Halifax. The services provided included all of HCRS' programs resulting in a wide array of supports for the residents of Halifax.

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

Town Report 2020

As we continue to address the ongoing and evolving pandemic, we are grateful for community support. This has been a trying time for everyone, and we cannot overstate the pain suffered by COVID-19 patients and family members. We share in the stress of isolation, canceled events, and daily challenges.

Our amazing staff has adjusted to changing recommendations and new working conditions, all while managing online learning for children at home and enhanced restrictions. Our providers have been called upon to provide COVID testing and specialized transport of COVID patients. Our daily activities focus on use of protective equipment and decontamination of our ambulances and buildings. These activities help to minimize the spread of the disease. We know that keeping ourselves healthy will let us better serve the community.

As front-line health care workers, our staff has been receiving vaccinations that will likely bring an end to the pandemic. We are hopeful and stand ready to assist the health department in vaccinating all those that wish to receive the vaccine in our communities.

I am pleased to report that even with the immense challenges of 2020, Rescue has been able to provide consistent quality EMS services to all our member towns. In fact, we have been able to respond to every request for emergency response in our area and have been able to help our neighbors from time to time. Rescue was awarded the 2020 Advanced Life-Support Service of the Year award as well as an award from the American Heart Association for outstanding cardiac care. We also started a first of its kind ultrasound program in Vermont. We are extremely proud of our accomplishments as an organization and the amazing EMTs and Paramedics that provide exceptional care.

We know that the year to come will continue to be difficult for our staff and communities we serve. As we enter our 55th year as the regions' ambulance service provider we remain committed to providing the service you have come to expect. We stand ready to respond with skill and expertise to your medical or traumatic emergency, to flooding or lost persons, to test for COVID or vaccinate the community. Please follow us on Facebook for pandemic response updates.



Drew Hazelton



ANNUAL REPORT

Senior Solutions-- Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont offers support services to elders and their families. Our mission is to promote successful aging. This is a summary of services provided to Halifax in the last year (2019-2020).

Information and Assistance: Our toll-free Senior Helpline at 1-800-642-5119 answered 27 calls from your town. Callers were assisted with applying for benefits, health insurance problems, housing needs, fuel assistance and many other services. Extensive resources are also detailed at www.SeniorSolutionsVT.org

Health Insurance: We helped 11 residents with Medicare Part D or Advantage Plan enrollment and other Medicare-related questions.

Senior Nutrition: In partnership with local volunteers, 1626 meals were delivered to seniors at home. Congregate community meals are offered monthly at the Halifax Community Hall.

Transportation: Special arrangements are made for non- Medicaid seniors who require medical transportation.

Case Management & Advocacy: We provided 10 elder residents with 71 hours of in-home case management to enable them to remain living safely in the setting they prefer. Often a few well-chosen support services can prevent premature institutionalization.

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

Your contribution generates Federal matching funds to support our services. We do not charge for any of our services. Your town's support is greatly appreciated.

Submitted by Carol Stamatakis, Executive Director



ANNUAL REPORT

SENIOR SOLUTIONS (COUNCIL ON AGING FOR SOUTHEASTERN VERMONT, INC.)

Senior Solutions -- Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont, Inc. -- has served the residents of Halifax and Southeastern Vermont since 1973. We have offices in Springfield (main office), White River Junction and Brattleboro. Our mission is to promote the well-being and dignity of older adults. Our vision is that every person will age in the place of their choice, with the support they need and the opportunity for meaningful relationships and active engagement in their community.

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

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

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

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

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

Information and Assistance: 27 Calls and Office Visits. Our HelpLine (1-802-885-2669 or 866-673-8376 toll-free) offers information, referrals and assistance to seniors, their families and caregivers to problem-solve, plan, locate resources and obtain assistance with benefits and completing applications.

Callers were assisted with applying for benefits, health insurance problems, housing needs, fuel assistance and many other services. Extensive resources are also on our web site at www.seniorsolutionsVT.org.

Medicare Assistance: 11 Calls and Office Visits. Halifax residents received assistance with Medicare issues through our State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP). Our SHIP program provides Medicare education and counseling, “boot camps” for new Medicare enrollees and assistance in enrolling in Part D or choosing a drug plan.

In-Home Social Services: We provided 10 elder residents with in-home case management or other home-based assistance for 71 hours to enable them to remain living safely in their homes. Often minimal services can prevent nursing home placement. A case manager works with an elder in their home to create and monitor a plan of care, centered on the elder’s personal values and preferences. Many people would not be able to remain in their homes but for the services of Senior Solutions. Senior Solutions also investigates reports of self-neglect and provides assistance to those facing challenges using a community collaboration approach.

Nutrition services and programs: 9 Halifax seniors received 1,626 home-delivered meals through The Dumaine House. We also supported community meals available to Halifax residents through Joan Courser at Halifax Community Hall, The Dumaine House and other meal sites in our region. Senior Solutions administers federal and state funds that are provided to local agencies to help operate senior meals programs, and provides food safety and quality monitoring and oversight. Unfortunately, these funds do not cover the full cost of providing meals, so local agencies must seek additional funding. Senior Solutions does not use Town funds to support the senior meals program or benefit from any funds given by the Town to support local Meals on Wheels. Senior Solutions provides the services of a registered dietician to older adults and meal sites. Assistance is also provided with applications for the 3SquaresVT (food stamp) program.

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

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

Volunteer Visitors: Senior Solutions recruits, screens, trains and supports volunteers of all ages who visit with isolated older adults and veterans and assist with shopping and chores. 1 Halifax resident received services from a volunteer.

Special Assistance: Senior Solutions provides flexible funds that can help people with one-time needs when no other program is available. 2 Halifax residents received special assistance.

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

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

Submitted by Carol Stamatakis, Executive Director.



ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Senior Solutions Advisory Council, established pursuant to the Older Americans Act, advises the agency on matters relating to older adults in our region, which includes most of Windsor and Windham counties and a few surrounding communities. As the designated Area Agency on Aging, Senior Solutions (Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont, Inc.) has served older adults since 1973.

To assist us in fulfilling our mission of promoting the well-being and dignity of older adults, Advisory Council members provide feedback on such issues as healthcare, transportation and housing needs; help identify resources and suggest ideas for improvement in services; assist with community meetings, focus groups, and other agency activities; and suggest ways that the agency can best serve older adults and caregivers.

The Advisory Council is comprised of individuals representing towns, community organizations and interests concerned with older adults. We welcome representatives from all towns in our service region.

Meetings are usually held monthly on the **last Wednesday of each month from 1:00 to 3:00 PM**. Due to current COVID restrictions, all meetings are currently held via ZOOM. In the past the Council met at the Bellows Falls Senior Center, and will likely resume in-person meetings in the future. Typically, the Executive Director and a representative of the Board of Directors attend the meetings. Other staff and interested members of the community also attend.

Meetings feature educational speakers, updates on legislative issues and agency services. Members are encouraged to share information so that staff and other members can learn more about issues impacting older adults in our communities, promising practices and unmet needs.

Advisory Council members can advocate for older adults by learning more about the issues that impact their quality of life, reporting back to their community and reviewing and commenting on policies, programs and actions that affect them.

**To learn more about our Advisory Council,
call our office at 802-885-2655 or email
Info@SeniorSolutionsVT.org.**

*38 Pleasant Street, Springfield, VT 05156
Phone: (802) 885-2655
www.seniorsolutionsvt.org*

August, 2019

Southeastern Vermont Community Action

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

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

Emergency Heating System Replacement: 1 home (1 person) received a heating system repair or replacement at a cost of \$3,606

Emergency Home Repair: 1 home (2 people) received services to address health and safety risks, repair structural problems, and reduce energy waste, valued at \$6,084

Family Services: 4 households (10 people) received 15 services valued at \$180 (crisis resolution, financial counseling, nutrition education, forms assistance, referral to and assistance with accessing needed services)

Fuel & Utility Assistance: 3 households (5 people) received 5 assists valued at \$3,067

Housing Assistance: 1 household (5 people) received 1 assist valued at \$1,784

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

Stephen Geller, Executive Director
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I would like to begin by thanking you once again for your support of The Gathering Place— it means so very much to us and our shared community.

The Gathering Place (TGP) is a 501c3 not-for-profit organization that has proudly served adults with disabilities and elder residents of Windham County and border towns since 1989. TGP is conveniently located on 30 Terrace Street in Brattleboro with a satellite location in West Dover. Seniors and adult disabled individuals of a variety of ages, races, religions and socioeconomic status enjoy the benefits of the Center and its services. The Gathering Place is both a cost-effective way to minimize the stress of providing care at home and an affordable alternative to nursing facility placement. The centers are open Monday through Friday from 8:00AM to 5:00PM and 2% of those we serve are from Halifax, Vermont.

TGP's myriad of services and activities are designed to bring health, fun, laughter and companionship to the lives of our participants and peace of mind to their families. Our enhanced services include:

- nursing oversight
- access to on-site counseling, and occupational and physical therapies, podiatry and hairdresser.
- daily exercise program including tai-chi
- recreation and social activities including expressive arts, poetry and crafts
- nutritious meals and snacks
- personal care
- outreach services
- companionship
- special events
- access to transportation and coordination of medical appointments

There are many different ways that program participants may pay for their services, including:

- Private pay refers to those participants who pay TGP's stated fee.
- TGP offers scholarships for those who exhibit financial need, to help cover the cost of attendance. For those program participants whose income falls within TGP's Sliding Fee Scale range, an adjusted fee is calculated according to the scale.
- Vermont Medicaid
- Dementia and Respite Grants
- American Parkinson's Disease Association

In the last Fiscal Year, cut short by our COVID-19 closure in March 2020 for a loss of 15,567 hours of service, TGP provided services to a total 92 families. The services offered included:

30 Terrace Street Brattleboro, VT 05301
Phone: 802-254-6559 ~ mlewis@gatheringplacevt.org



37959 hours of service
30972 hours of planned activities
15063 breakfasts, lunches and snacks
15486 hours of exercise per year

The following represents an approximation of services provided to Halifax residents:

825 hours of service
673 hours of planned activities
327 breakfasts, lunches and snacks
337 hours of exercise per year

As part of our fundraising program, we ask local towns for financial support so that we can continue to provide an excellent program and stand ready to meet the future demand for our services, including the ability to fund our income sensitive sliding fee scale for those folks that need our support. The Gathering Place is asking for your help and is requesting funding in the amount of **\$500**.

Requested Appropriation for 2021-2022:	\$500.00
Amount Requested in 2020-2021:	\$500.00

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to your response. If you have any questions or require additional information please contact me at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Margaret S. Lewis

Maggie Lewis
Executive Director

30 Terrace Street Brattleboro, VT 05301

Town of Halifax

The MOOVer

We celebrated our 24th anniversary in 2020. We're so fortunate to have the support of the town of Halifax, the Vermont Agency of Transportation, the Federal Transit Administration, Senator Patrick Leahy, and the businesses, residents, and guests in the Deerfield Valley. Few people thought we'd survive the first year, but with the support of those above we have provided over five million rides since. Thanks also to our staff and Board of Directors.

As with everyone, the pandemic impacted our lives and services. Ridership was reduced to mostly locals from March-December. We appreciate everyone's cooperation in wearing a mask while on the bus and maintaining social distancing.

Each week we provide rides for Valley seniors to shopping, meal sites, adult day care, the doctors', and social events. This service has improved the quality of life for over 60 Valley residents by getting them out regularly and allowing them to live at home longer in life.

We thank the residents of Halifax for their support. Please call us with questions/ comments at 464-8487, and thanks for riding the MOOVer!!!

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Schoonmaker



VISITING NURSE AND HOSPICE FOR VT AND NH
Home Health, Hospice and Skilled Pediatric Services in Halifax, VT

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

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

Between July 1, 2019 and June 30, 2020 VNH made 301 homecare visits to 8 Halifax residents. This included approximately \$5,256 in unreimbursed care to Halifax residents.

- **Home Health Care:** 62 home visits to 6 residents with short-term medical or physical needs.
- **Hospice Services:** 238 home visits to 1 resident who were in the final stages of their lives.
- **Skilled Pediatric Care:** 1 home visits to 1 resident for well-baby, preventative and palliative medical care.

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

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

Sincerely,



Hilary Davis, Director External Relations and Service Excellence

888-300-8853



Whitingham Free Public Library 2020 Year in Review

Our Mission

The mission of the Whitingham Free Public Library is to promote the benefits of life-long learning and to expand the horizons of the community by filling its educational, recreational, and technological needs.



2020 gave us all challenges never before imagined and put us to the test.

This is our story.....

- * Saturday, March 7th, it was business as usual, we had seen our average of 40 patrons that day and circulated 60 books.
- * Monday, March 9th, we closed due to a possible exposure with-in the community and in the Municipal Center. We disinfected the library, washed and put away toys and stuffed animals.
- * Wednesday, March 11th, we reopened to business as usual. Not knowing the worst was yet to come.
- * Saturday, March 14th, with guidance from The VT Department of Libraries' and Kristine Sweeter, Library Director, the Trustees closed the library to the public with remote and curbside services available and to reassess on April 1st. A draft pandemic preparedness plan was written.
- * Monday, March 16 — Saturday, March 28th, we offered remote services as well as curbside pick-up and home delivery service. During this time 30 patrons were served, 8 deliveries were made and 112 books and dvds were circulated.
- * Monday, March 30th, our curbside and delivery service was suspended as a non-essential service during lock down.
- * Monday, March 30th — Friday, May 8th, we continued to offer remote reference services. We added additional e-book and audio services through the Dept of Libraries and RB Digital. We continued to share resources, up to date information and assistance through direct email, phone calls, social media and on the town website. Kristine was in contact with patrons and staff daily, and checked in with trustees and the town clerk regularly. During this time we sent bi-weekly email news letters and Front Porch Forum posts, we reached nearly 5000 people through daily and weekly Facebook posts. Staff attended virtual trainings and meetings with the VT Department of Libraries. Kristine assisted several patrons with e-books and audio books, the U.S. Census completion, and other reference questions and necessities. 1 Patron was connected to the Windham Humane Society, for assistance in the event she was hospitalized and needed pet care assistance.
- * Saturday, May 9th — Saturday, July 25th, we reopened for curbside and delivery service following the VT reopening guidelines. During this time Library updates were completed including new window installation, the carpeting was professional deep cleaned, a new copier was installed, 2 sneeze guards were installed and a staff laptop was upgraded.
- * Monday, July 27th, we reopened to allow the public inside the building following state guidelines. At this time Whitingham Library was only 1 of 35 libraries fully open.
- * Nearly 2,000 Wifi log-ins were reported March—July. Patrons were able to work, continue school and connect with family.
- * Our Summer Reading Program was re-imagined into weekly take home kits including free books, crafts, snacks and other activities. Our program participation increased by 8% and is continuing once a month throughout the school year.
- * Partnering with WINGS Community Programs we offered 3 successful drive-in theater movies with up to 35 people and 12 cars attending.
- * Through-out September we hosted a Community Healing Art Project featuring colorful handmade prayer flags. 22 Flags were created by participants and displayed at the Library. We would like to thank Martha Phelps for organizing this event and for Laverne McIntyre who sewed all the flags for our display.
- * Along with the Deerfield Valley Lions Club was we gave away 70 pumpkins to families for carving and hosted our first Jack-o-lantern Walk and Trick or Treat Event. We displayed 40 Jack-o-Lanterns and gave away 80 treat bags.
- * Kids Club Thanksgiving & Christmas Kits featured fun holiday projects and books, including gingerbread ornaments.
- * Kristine applied for and received a generous donation from Harbor Freight to build a tool lending library for our community.
- * Giant indoor/outdoor games and puzzles were added to our collection, including giant Jenga, Yahtzee, Checkers and Uno.
- * We became a Wifi Hotspot through a Grant with VT Dept. of Public Service.

July 2019 — June 2020

6,045 Patron visits. 5,725 WiFi sessions. 5,040 items circulated. 1,812 children and adults attended 117 programs



WINDHAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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Halifax Report

Each year as we prepare town reports, we get to reflect on the time gone by. I don't think anyone will argue that this was a bizarre year, but with the closing 2020, we continue our tradition of sharing with you what's going on. One of the focal points of this year was SARS-CoV-2 (COVID19), which like similar hardships brought our community together, despite the words "socially distant." We were grateful to receive donations of personal protective equipment from area businesses and non-profits when emergency services faced shortages in the supply chain. We coordinated with community groups to ensure people received food and that our neighbors were okay. Our deputies created the "Bring Birthdays Back" program to celebrate the birthdays of children isolated from their friends and families by the lockdown, raising over \$1020 and countless toy donations. In short, the community came forward to support our department and we worked to support the community during this trying time.

COVID-19 brought about numerous changes for us. While we continued to provide policing, service of civil process, and emergency dispatching services, we suspended non-essential activities such as civilian fingerprinting, evictions as required by Act 101, prisoner transports, extraditions, and traffic control for construction, as well as closed our facility to public access. We implemented protocols for safe contacts between the public and our personnel. Foregoing many of these services resulted in a significant financial burden as our expenses remained largely the same, though our non-tax funded revenue sources dropped. Through the efforts of Windham County's Legislative delegation and with the support of the Assistant Judges Barnett and Duff, we were able to obtain emergency funding through the Local Government's Emergency Response grant which diminished the financial impact and allowed our essential services to continue. While several of our services were reinstated over the Summer and Fall, we monitor daily and adjust as the environment changes.

Another important issue brought about this year was regarding police reform and racial justice. Many of us stood in horror as we watched the homicide of George Floyd which sparked conversation and debate nationally and locally. Historically, Vermont has done a lot of work toward better policing initiatives, but we must acknowledge that this isn't a conversation with a finish line. We continuously improve. I am thankful of the many people willing to share their experiences, perspectives, and time to help the Windham County Sheriff's Office measure itself and identify what changes it needed. We reviewed policies, training, data and engaged in community dialogue. As part of our introspection, I established the Windham County Sheriff's Advisory, a group of citizens to help provide community input toward the policies and operations of the Sheriff's Office. We engaged with individuals, organizations, researchers, and public bodies, to listen candidly. We worked with 40 agencies in Vermont to uniformly share traffic stop and race data reporting of all traffic stops. We obtained a grant-funded study from an independent researcher to evaluate us.

Since 2007, we've engaged in various forms of training on de-escalation of force, explicit/implicit bias, fair and impartial policing, and interacting with persons suffering from mental illness. The department has long prohibited the use of chokeholds. We declined to deploy tools such as tasers, acknowledging the power of de-escalation through dialogue and our low occurrences of use-of-force techniques by deputies. We've captured race data on our traffic stops to help us monitor for deputies engaged in biased policing. While many action items of the President's 21st Century Policing Task Force report have been accomplished, we continue to address other areas. You can follow our progress on our website at windhamcountyyt.gov

The Sheriff's Office continues to support the interdisciplinary Consortium on Substance Use, working to resolve the opioid and substance use issues that have affected Windham County. This year, we welcomed a Police Liaison social worker through a partnership with HCRS, Dover PD, and Wilmington PD. The Sheriff's Office continues to support the following programs and initiatives: coordination with the Windham County Highway Safety Task Force; daily Are You Okay? welfare check phone calls; Work Zone Safety Enforcement; Toys for Kids; and snow mobile patrols. We continue to maintain secured anonymous drug disposal bin in our lobby to help the citizens of our community safely dispose of unwanted/unused prescription medications. It is the continued support of Halifax and other towns which help contribute to our ability to provide these no-cost services to Windham County as a whole.

For the 2020 fiscal year (July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020), Halifax contracted with the Sheriff's Office to provide a total of 117.64 hours of service throughout the year. The Sheriff's Office was able to provide 121.25 hours of service, at no additional cost to the town. The services provided included motor vehicle enforcement and response to calls for service, or calls where response would not be provided by the town's primary law enforcement agency. During the contract period, we issued a total of 6 tickets with the potential net revenue for Halifax of \$245.60. Additionally, deputies have issued 6 warnings and responded to 18 calls for service.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sheriff Mark R. Anderson



The Windham Disaster Animal Response Team 2020 Annual Report

In February, the Windham Disaster Animal Response Team's (WinDART) board chair Joanne Bourbeau was a featured presenter at a day-long *Emergency Animal Sheltering* workshop in Woodstock, hosted by the Lucy Mackenzie Humane Society.



Volunteers from across the state assembled for this mandatory training (including WinDART board member Lesley Pollitt). Attendees were trained in best practices for sheltering pets during emergencies using a real-life emergency



situation, and broke out into groups to practice protocols for admitting and sheltering pets. Hands-on workshops on dog, cat and rabbit behavior were also popular features.



Thanks to generous donations of disaster supplies from our friends at State Farm, Greater Good Charities, and the Humane Society of the United States, WinDART assembled 200 starter "disaster go-kits" for cats and dogs to be distributed to pet families here in Windham County. The Windham County Humane Society will be providing these supplies to adoptive families, and WinDART also gave the kits away during food pantry events.

WinDART is grateful to voters and municipal officials in Newfane, Halifax, Wilmington, Whitingham and Dover, who each appropriated \$250 from their town budgets at Town Meeting Day to support our vital programs and activities.

In March, WinDART, along with other affiliated disaster animal response teams in Central Vermont, the Upper Valley, and Chittenden County, turned our full attention to helping pet families stay together through the pandemic. Because no one should ever have to choose between feeding themselves, and feeding their pets, WinDART's parent organization, the Vermont Disaster Animal Response Team (VDART) quickly created an Emergency Assistance Fund and raised over \$10,000 through private donations and grants in order to provide pet food directly to families in need. Our volunteers went door-to-door in some cases, and hand-delivered thousands of pounds of pet food to local human food pantries and animal shelters. We worked in partnership with the Windham County Humane Society to deliver \$500 worth of pet food to the Vermont Food Bank initially, and later distributed another \$3,000 worth of pet food to local food pantries here in Windham County.





The Windham Regional Commission

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

The Commission is a political subdivision of the state composed of and governed by town-appointed Commissioners. After Town Meeting each Selectboard appoints up to two representatives to serve on the Commission for one-year terms. Halifax is currently represented by Stephan Chait and Everett Wilson. Each Commissioner represents their town's interests within a regional context before the Commission, brings information back and forth between the Commission and their town, and serves on at least one of a number of WRC committees that address regional and municipal issues and concerns. Committees and meeting schedules can be found on our website www.windhamregional.org. All WRC meetings are open to the public and subject to open meeting law.

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

We help towns, both individually and collectively, make the most of the financial and human resources they have, assisting with projects in and among towns, building and augmenting the capacity of volunteer-based town boards and commissions, and providing professional services to towns that may want to take on projects that are beyond what they can comfortably manage with their own staff and volunteers. Our relationship with towns is inherently collaborative. For instance, towns may choose to have their plans reviewed by the Commission; town plan review and approval by the WRC is not mandatory, but is a requirement of some state programs (Designated Downtowns and Village Centers) and municipal grant programs. The regional plan, which was updated in 2014 following a two-year process, is developed in consultation with member towns, reflects town plan policies, and is ultimately approved by our towns.

In 2020 we were able to continue to function with minimal disruption, and transition to remote operations, to serve the towns and people of the Windham Region. As the realities of the pandemic became evident, we organized training for towns on continuity of operations planning. We worked with the legislature, state agencies, and the Vermont League of Cities and Towns to make changes to statute to enable towns to continue with their operations while still conducting business in a publicly transparent manner. We arranged for a regular conference call for town emergency management directors and Selectboard chairs with local Vermont Emergency Management, Department of Health, and Agency of Human Services staff. Our website hosts a comprehensive COVID-19 resource guide for individuals, which was developed and maintained by local service organizations and other volunteers. Municipal applications to the Local Government Expense Reimbursement program were and continue to be supported by the WRC. Performance of our normal responsibilities and projects never ceased. Among these was the development of a regional broadband feasibility study and subsequent business plan to provide broadband internet access to the unserved and underserved in the region. The Deerfield Valley Communications Union District organized itself to implement this plan. We are here to support the towns of the region to meet the needs of their residents, conduct their business, and engage in looking forward through and beyond the pandemic.

Funding for the WRC is provided through contracts with state agencies, federal grants, and town assessments. Town assessments make up approximately 5 percent of our total budget for FY 2021, and is the only funding we receive that has no conditions placed upon it by entities beyond the WRC's borders. Each town's individual assessment makes it possible for us to leverage the resources to serve all towns. The town's assessment for this year is \$1,675.73. To see our detailed Work Program and Budget for FY 2021, visit our website and click on the heading "About Us."



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2020
ANNUAL REPORT TO MEMBER TOWNS
BY BOB SPENCER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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Putney

Readsboro

Somerset

Stratton

Townshend

Vernon

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Westminster

Wilmington

History and Current Status: The Windham Solid Waste Management District (WSWMD) was formed in 1988 with eight member towns. These towns cooperatively managed a 30-acre landfill on Old Ferry Road, Brattleboro, which closed in 1995. A regional materials recycling facility (MRF) was constructed adjacent to the closed landfill, and processed dual-stream recyclable materials for 20 years until it stopped operating in 2017. The recycling roll-off containers that WSWMD had provided to all of its member towns were no longer hauled and processed by WSWMD, and the towns assumed responsibility for complying with state recycling mandates. The roll-off containers are currently on loan to member towns at no charge. Besides the WSWMD transfer station, there are 7 towns that operate their own transfer station, three towns that provide residential curbside trash and recycling, three towns with 24-7 recycling drop-off areas, and five towns with no municipal trash or recycling services.

Financial Report: WSWMD finished fiscal year 2020 with a budget surplus of \$52,596, with total revenues of \$1,125,679 off-setting total expenses of \$1,025,025.

Transfer Station: The COVID-19 pandemic has demonstrated that WSWMD provides "essential services," and has continued full-scale operation. A comparison of the six-months from January - June in 2019 versus 2020 documented \$49,000 more revenue in 2020.

The staff stepped up to keep the transfer station operating with significant new safety protocols. Only the ever-popular Swap Shop suspended operation. The transfer station is a regional drop-off center for landfill materials, recyclables, organics/food scraps, construction & demolition debris, scrap metal, and appliances. The transfer station diverts 76% of all materials to recycling and composting, including electronics, fluorescent tubes, ballasts, lead-acid and household batteries, waste oil and oil filters, oil-based paint and other paint products, sharps, textiles, books, and tires. Use of the transfer station is limited to residents and businesses from member communities and requires the purchase of an access sticker for \$40/year. The cost for trash disposal is \$3.00 per 33-gallon bag, or \$155/ton.

Materials Recovery Facility (MRF): The WSWMD MRF closed in July 2017 but continues to accept cardboard from commercial sources. Cardboard is baled (no sorting required) and sold. Eight towns continue to utilize the District's recycling roll-off containers and offer drop-off recycling services in their communities. Towns contract with private haulers to provide recycling services.

Trucking: Since closure of the MRF in 2017, WSWMD no longer collects recyclable materials from member towns, but retained a driver with a Class A CDL license that allows WSWMD to self-haul recyclables from our transfer station, scrap metal, and wood chips for the composting operation.

Composting Facility: Of all recyclable materials handled by the District, the only ones that are kept local are food scraps and yard debris. The food scrap composting facility is in its 7th year of operation and is the 2nd largest food scrap composting facility in Vermont. As the food scrap composting mandates of Act 148 have been phased in, the total quantity of food scraps

processed at the site in 2020 approached 2,000 cubic yards per year, the maximum allowed by the state permit. The District is evaluating options to process additional quantities of organics. About 50% of the food waste is from the Town of Brattleboro curbside collection program, and the balance from commercial and institutional sources brought to the compost site by private trash haulers. The District sold more than 3,000 cubic yards of "Brattlegrow" compost in 2020 through retail distributors, as well as for construction projects. WSWMD donates compost for town projects, school, and community gardens.

Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP): Household hazardous waste collection, education and outreach, as well as numerous other requirements, are mandated by State Law and contained in the District's SWIP. Membership in WSWMD makes towns compliant with state recycling mandates. On behalf of member towns, WSWMD submitted an amended SWIP this fall, and once approved by VT Agency of Natural Resources, it will be valid for 5 years.

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

Household Hazardous Waste Collections: Due to the pandemic, WSWMD held just two household hazardous waste collection events, as mandated by VT ANR Materials Management Plan. Collections were held in Brattleboro and in Wilmington on October 24th, with 230 households from 17 District towns participating.

New HHW Depot: Due to the high costs of HHW event collections, WSWMD applied for a state grant to construct a permanent HHW collection facility at Old Ferry Road, and following approval of a state permit, it will open in Spring of 2021 for certain hours each week to serve all District residents. Small businesses will also be able to use the site by appointment.

Backyard Composting Demonstration Area: A new teaching area has been installed at the District demonstrating five different systems for composting food scraps at homes, schools, and community gardens. The District held an open house in October and will be offering workshops starting in the spring of 2021. The facility will be available for use by schools and community organizations as well. The District also conducts composting workshops in District towns as we did in Vernon this fall.

Business Outreach & Technical Assistance: The District continues to promote its business resources and free technical assistance, including food scrap diversion.

School Outreach & Technical Assistance: The District continues to promote its school resources and free technical assistance, including food scrap diversion.

Special Event "Zero Waste" Outreach and Technical Assistance: WSWMD owns 20 event-sorting stations that are available to towns, businesses, residents, and institutions for use at fairs, festival, etc. In addition, WSWMD offers free technical assistance to help make events "Zero Waste."



Windham & Windsor Housing Trust (WWHT) is a non-profit organization founded in 1987, serving the residents of Windham and southern Windsor County. We provide housing for residents of low and moderate incomes, preserve and revitalize neighborhoods, help residents acquire their own homes, and generally improve the social, economic, and cultural health of communities of Windham and southern Windsor County.

WWHT's mission is to strengthen the communities of Southeast Vermont through the development and stewardship of permanently affordable housing and through ongoing support and advocacy for its residents.

The organization applies mission to practice through three branches: Homeownership, Housing Development, and Property Management. In 2020, the **Homeownership**'s Home Repair Program assisted 43 homeowners by providing low cost loans to make critical repairs. The one-to-one counseling assisted 54 clients by navigating them through the purchase process to closing on their new home. The Shared Equity program has 135 homes currently and provides grants to income-eligible homebuyers to subsidize the purchase of single-family homes which lowers the cost to the homebuyer. Beyond these standard programs, the Homeownership department has acted quickly to administer the State's COVID Relief Funded Rehousing Recovery Program. This program granted funding for the rehab of 60 privately owned apartments which were formerly offline to bring them back on the market before the close of the year to provide safe and affordable housing. The newly rentable apartments are spread across the whole of Windham and Windsor Counties.

Housing Development: In order to meet the diverse housing needs of a community, WWHT develops affordable rental housing opportunities. This takes the form of both rehabilitation of existing housing and the construction of new apartments. 2020 brought progress towards the planned development in downtown Bellows Falls. This project, the Bellows Falls Garage, will introduce 27 new apartments to Downtown Bellows Falls, and contribute to the revitalization of this historic Vermont village. In 2021, WWHT is planning the rehabilitation of 26 apartments in Brattleboro and Windsor, comprising some of the oldest buildings in our portfolio. Breathing new life into these apartments will allow us to serve our residents into the coming decades. Alongside these projects, with the help of COVID Relief Funds, the Housing Trust has purchased the former Dalem's Chalet in West Brattleboro. In partnership with Groundworks Collaborative, the Chalet will provide permanent supportive housing to people in our community experiencing chronic homelessness.

Property Management: WWHT owns 867 residential properties and 16 commercial properties with rental apartments housing over 1500 tenants. We manage the rental properties in and near Brattleboro and contract with Stewart Property Management Services for the properties in northern Windham and Windsor Counties. WWHT takes pride in the appearance of our multi-family housing and is committed to providing the staff and financial resources necessary to ensure long-term health and safety for our residents as well as preservation of property values. This includes helping tenants access rent relief funding through the State. This year, over \$107,000 of rental relief was accessed. Although WWHT is a non-profit, we pay local property taxes on our rental properties and our shared-equity homeowners pay property taxes to the Towns and Villages.

For more information, please visit us on the web at www.homemattershere.org

Windham & Windsor Housing Trust



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Wings' Vision Statement: Wings will actively engage students in experiences to help them be successful in school and in life as they grow into productive adults.

Wings' Mission Statement: Wings provides creative academic, enrichment, and physical/wellness programming to all children and their families within the Windham Southwest Supervisory Union.

Despite the challenges posed by COVID-19 this year, Wings Community Programs had another successful year serving the youth within our communities. The Halifax Wings staff, including co-site coordinators Merritt Youmell and Sandy Crowningshield, as well as our dedicated and talented program leaders, have been remarkably flexible, adaptable, innovative and creative. Wings was able to continue providing programming including virtual and remote, academic, enrichment, physical activity, & wellness opportunities to the youth in our communities. Wings has found creative ways to engage all of our families through a wide variety of programming and outreach efforts.

Program highlights include:

- Across the 19-20 school year, students at Halifax engaged in a wide variety of exciting, high-quality programs, such as Lego robotics, Math Olympiads, Taekwondo, and of course, the infamous P.A.W.S. (Proactive Academic Wings Support).
- Halifax featured their two Jr. Iron Chef teams: Des Burritos and Halifax Saplings at the local Jr. Iron Chef competition in February 2020. The Halifax Saplings placed second overall at the local competition for their "Kickin' Maple Teriyaki Tofurific Hot Pockets."
- During this spring's remote learning period, Wings reached out to families and youth across Halifax by sending out birthday cards to students that were not able to celebrate their birthdays at school with friends; posting a "Hello" sign in town and giving out free ice cream to youth who posed for a "hello" picture; as well as, sending out enrichment and creativity packs loaded with supplies for summer learning and recreation!
- This spring and summer, Halifax students had a blast traveling the world, dancing, juggling, acting, building with legos, video editing, writing & blogging creatively, building fairy houses, becoming trained babysitters through the Red Cross, and practicing leadership skills through our Virtual Student Leadership Team during our April Blast and Celebrate Summer virtual camps.
- Thanks to Shelley Park, the Wings & DVCP Hike 100 Community Challenge was a tremendous success with over 200 participants across the supervisory union. This program encouraged youth, families, and community members to get outside to explore, enjoy, and hike all summer long! Halifax families and community members hit the trails and hiked 350+ cumulative miles!

Wings is deeply appreciative of the support of the town, school district, parents, administrators, teachers, building support staff, and the community at large. In addition, Wings is especially grateful for the dedicated and committed professionals who share their own talents and passions with the children of Halifax.

Halifax Co-Site Coordinators - Merritt Youmell and Sandy Crowningshield

Respectfully submitted,
Maria Stewart & Katie Boyd, Project Co-Directors

Women's Freedom Center's
Statement of Services
And
Report to the Town of Halifax

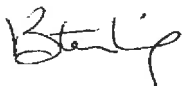
The mission of the Women's Freedom Center is to work to end physical, sexual and emotional violence against the women and children of Windham County. The Freedom Center works to fulfill its mission by educating the community regarding the root causes of violence against women, challenging the systems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

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

During the fiscal year July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020, the Women's Freedom Center responded to over 1,900 crisis telephone calls, sheltered 125 people and provided thousands of hours of individual and group support, advocacy, emergency financial and housing assistance, access to legal representation, transportation and childcare to **1,163 people** (711 women, 34 men, and 418 children) who had been abused. These figures include 5 survivors and 2 children from Halifax. In addition, we provided 24 community outreach activities including school presentations and workshops to over 650 people throughout Windham and southern Windsor County.

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

Regards,



Vickie Sterling
Executive Director
Women's Freedom Center

Report to the Town of Halifax

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

- Intervention and support services to teens running away from home or at-risk for running away with counseling, family mediation, and housing
- Transitioning youth in foster care to independent living as young adults
- Court Diversion for youth and adults, an alternative to the traditional court system using a restorative justice approach to repair the harm to victims and the community while addressing the underlying issues of the people who violated the law
- Full substance abuse counseling services for young adults
- Therapeutic case management services for youth and young adults
- Career development programs with one-on-one mentoring for high school students and young adults
- Substance abuse prevention for youth and adults
- Supervised visitation services for families

This year, we respectfully request \$200 from the Town of Halifax to help fund our agency's services. We served five residents from Halifax during Fiscal Year 2020 and remain available to provide services in the future. Your continued support is beneficial to the children, youth and families in your town.

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

Russell Bradbury-Carlin
Executive Director

Transforming Lives, Inspiring Futures

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Dear WSWSU Families and Friends,

I am pleased to offer my third letter to you, the community members that comprise Windham Southwest Supervisory Union. It is a privilege to continue to serve as your Superintendent. It is a pleasure to know the many wonderful people that work and volunteer for our supervisory union. We have such a capable and caring team of staff, board members and community partners who demonstrate a deep and long commitment to our schools.

As we navigate these unprecedented times, our staff has shown tremendous flexibility and compassion. They have pivoted all aspects of normal schooling to accommodate the required mitigation measures as directed by the Agency of Education and the Department of Health. They have risen to this challenge and have demonstrated bravery and diligence. Their commitment and passion for the wellbeing of our students has translated into a level of safety and social-emotional stability within our schools.

While we at WSWSU are proud of our people and their accomplishments, we also know that there will be much recovery work ahead. Windham Southwest will work hard to provide every child exactly what they need to succeed. We will move steadily forward on this path with a sense of urgency. We take the responsibility of every child's learning seriously and understand that every moment counts for our children.

Our Continuous Improvement Goals are evolving to reflect how we believe we can best meet the needs we identify. We believe that they will relate to the following:

1. Multi-tiered System of Supports (MTSS): academic and social emotional learning intervention for all learners to help them reach proficiency.
2. Rigor, Relevance and Engagement in all instructional practices and pathways.

All WSWSU professionals are invested in this important work. We will reach these goals through continuous professional development at all organizational levels. We aim to foster environments where all students are prepared to learn and master proficiencies. We are committed to offering the best education for our students and help every child reach their full potential.

Lastly, and most importantly, I want to express my appreciation to the residents and taxpayers for your continued support of the students in our districts. We can not do the important work that we have ahead of us without you. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Barbara Anne

Southern Valley Unified Union School District at Halifax School Report

This last year, has been one of many changes. Parents, students and staff have had to demonstrate great patience and flexibility due to COVID -19, which entered our lives in 2020. Although COVID has posed quite a challenge our goal is to keep our educational standards high, with dedicated teachers and staff working toward the best interests of all of the students. Staff were asked to change their instruction dramatically, to learn new skills and techniques to teach students remotely. Parents, family members and friends were asked to take on the roles of teacher, support staff and supervisor. We were all asked to utilize technology in ways we never thought of, and to be creative and innovative in accessing broadband to its fullest capacity within our homes

Last June's graduation looked a bit different as school had been closed, and remote learning had been happening across the state. Our 8th graders had a graduation to remember like no other, as we took graduation on the road with decorated cars, balloons and masks! We visited each of our graduates' homes, both in Readsboro and in Halifax. Our School Board Chair- Homer Sumner presented every graduate with their diploma, Joel Howes, Francesca Palumbo and I shared a few words, and staff celebrated with cheers and applause. It was quite an adventure, families welcomed us with grace, gratitude and even refreshments. The Principals Academic Award was given out as every year one of our 8th graders is honored and the award was granted to Hannah Boisvert for her excellence in both math and english language arts. We are not sure what this year's graduation will look like, however we hope that we might once again celebrate together, no matter what we will send our 8th graders off in style.

Some of the changes have been helpful, some continue to be challenging. I thank all of you who have supported the Halifax teachers and staff during this uncertain time. I will be forever grateful to have worked with the current group of teachers and staff who show up everyday with energy, compassion and commitment. This current years staff includes: Angelina Read our Kindergarten teacher, Merritt Youmell 1st grade teacher, Na'alie Humphrey our 2nd and 3rd grade teacher, Dayle Sherman our 4th, 5th and 6th grade teacher, Joel Howes our 7th and 8th grade teacher, Layne Leary our Special Education teacher, Judy Anyan our Math Mentor/Para-educator, Joe Moss our Technology Support Staff, Jakob Trautwein our Physical Education, Jennifer Parker our Librarian, Rhonda Wainshilbaum our Art Teacher, Kathy Inman our Speech Pathologist, and Leslie Leff our Guidance Counselor, Keith Anyan who oversees all of our school maintenance, and Jane Higley our Administrative Assistant.

Our school is not just a place, I view it as an intricate fabric, woven of relationships among individuals, students, school staff, parents/guardians, and the community at large. We are held together with the strength of all. We are learning to repair areas that are worn, with new knowledge, compassion and trust. We are all part of a learning process, that is always changing, evolving and emerging for the better. Our goals are steadfast; to provide an educational experience for all students, which emphasises a life-long basis for kindness, courtesy, cooperation, educational curiosity, and the pursuit of excellence. We act to ensure that our school maximizes student learning, thinking, and problem solving skills in order that children who attend the Halifax School will be responsible citizens capable of meeting their own needs, the needs of their community, and the needs of society.

This will be the last annual Southern Valley Unified Union School report presented to the Halifax town residents. Southern Valley Unified Union School, which had been established July 1, 2018, will be dissolved as of June 31, 2021. Approval of the dissolution was approved by the State Board of Education this past fall.

I thank you for your continued support of our school and the children of Halifax.

Respectfully submitted by,

Sandra Pentak-Cohen
Principal
SVUUSD at Halifax

**WARNING
ANNUAL TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
HALIFAX, VERMONT**

The inhabitants of the Town of Halifax, Vermont who are legal voters in the Town School District Meeting in said Town of Halifax, Vermont are hereby notified and warned to attend a public informational hearing by electronic means on February 22, 2021 at 5:30 pm to discuss the Australian ballot articles on the 2021 Halifax School District Annual Meeting Warning. Meeting can be accessed by dialing **1-623-600-3745**, and entering conference code **673780**

The meeting will then be adjourned until Tuesday, March 2, 2021 for voting on the articles by Australian Ballot. For this purpose, the polls will open at 10:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m.

- ARTICLE I: To elect a Halifax School Director for (3) years.
- ARTICLE II: To elect a Southern Valley Unified Union School Director for (3) years
- ARTICLE III: Shall the voters of the Halifax School District approve the School Board to expend \$1,804,279 which is the amount the School Board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$17,290 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 1.94% higher than spending for the current year.
- ARTICLE IV: To see if the Halifax School District will vote to authorize the School Directors to borrow money on the notes of the Town School District or otherwise in anticipation of taxes.

Dated at Halifax, Vermont, this 27th day January 2021.

Homer Sumner

Paul Blais

Jessica Cooney

Halifax School Directors

**SCHOOL WARNING
SOUTHERN VALLEY UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT**

The legal voters of the Southern Valley Unified Union School District are hereby notified to attend a public informational hearing by electronic means on February 22, 2021 at 7:00 pm to discuss the Australian ballot articles on the 2021 SVUUSD Annual Meeting Warning. Meeting can be accessed by ([GOOGLE Link](#)) and/or ((US) +1 413-398-0540 PIN: 156 954 835#)

The meeting will then be adjourned until Tuesday, March 2, 2021 for voting on the articles by Australian Ballot. For this purpose, the polls will open at 10:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m.

ARTICLE I

To elect a Moderator, by Australian Ballot.

ARTICLE II

To elect a Clerk, by Australian Ballot.

ARTICLE III

To elect a Treasurer, by Australian Ballot

Homer Sumner

Paul Blais

Jessica Cooney

Helyn Strom-Henriksen

James Irace

Cindy Florence

**Southern Valley Unified Union School
Directors**

Dated at Readsboro and Halifax, Vermont
this 28th day of January 2021

**HALIFAX SCHOOL DISTRICT
BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS**

	Actual SVUUSD 2019-2020	Budget SVUUSD 2020-2021	Budget HALIFAX 2021-2022	% of Budget
PERSONNEL COSTS:				
Salaries	838,296.20	1,081,859	546,640	
FICA	60,805.28	78,775	41,820	
Hospitalization	131,050.16	202,299	114,244	
Teacher's Retirement Plan	1,393.74	3,901	2,509	
VSTRS OPEB	11,091.84	11,961	6,923	
Non-professional Retirement	3,001.41	2,879	1,143	
Workmen's Compensation	8,255.66	8,077	4,315	
Unemployment Compensation	2,586.00	13,250	6,896	
Credit Reimbursement	9,361.10	14,825	7,863	
HRA	16,416.50	41,960	15,280	
Dental	8,499.44	11,023	6,500	
Life & Disability Insurance	3,098.44	4,399	2,379	
Subtotal	1,093,855.77	1,475,308	756,512	41.9%
INSTRUCTIONAL RELATED COSTS:				
Athletics (Salaries)	0.00	0	0	
Professional Services	40,537.01	45,743	250	
Repairs & Maintenance	394.25	4,700	3,133	
Field Trips	0.00	3,875	0	
Travel	591.53	3,400	1,300	
Supplies	9,924.95	19,350	10,484	
Books & Periodicals	1,179.60	7,650	5,050	
Software/AV	325.00	1,289	6,710	
Equipment	6,942.21	20,900	12,983	
Dues & Fees	2,393.59	6,125	3,633	
Misc. Expense	6,550.00	3,000	9,980	
Postage	601.80	1,000	650	
Inservice/Prof. Development	0.00	3,000	211	
Subtotal	69,439.74	120,032	54,384	3.0%
TRANSPORTATION:				
(ES & MHS)	129,491.29	151,742	66,890	3.7%
WSWSU ASSESSMENT: Regular Ed	120,415.00	128,887	111,102	6.2%
WSWSU ASSESSMENT: Special Ed	69,733.00	93,428	61,737	3.4%
WSWSU ASSESSMENT: Special Ed District	151,705.52	119,888	99,771	5.5%
DEBT SERVICE & LOAN INTEREST:				
	0.00	40,275	20,138	1.1%
TUITION	971,195.66	993,737	521,424	28.9%
SCHOOL BOARD EXPENSE:	8,169.87	10,000	10,963	0.6%
HOT LUNCH PROGRAM:	20,907.09	36,000	22,000	1.2%
PROPERTY MANAGEMENT:				
Custodian	61,116.34	70,778	30,308	
Water/sewer Maintenance	12,761.42	13,624	2,500	
Multi-peril/prop Insurance	6,212.00	6,300	3,550	
Garbage Removal	2,078.60	2,200	1,125	
Utilities	55,975.68	62,700	24,450	
Repairs & Maintenance	35,531.22	13,600	12,850	
Custodian Travel	0.00	150	75	
Supplies	10,711.01	8,000	4,000	
Equipment-Outlays	255.96	500	500	
Subtotal	184,642.23	177,852	79,358	4.4%
TOTAL	2,819,555.17	3,347,149	1,804,279	

**HALIFAX SCHOOL DISTRICT
BUDGET FY 2021-2022**

	Actual FY - 2020 SVUUSD	Budget FY - 2021 SVUUSD	Budget FY - 2022 HALIFAX
DEFICIT LOAN	0	38,000	19,000
INTEREST ON LOAN	0	2,275	1,138
INSTRUCTION			
LATERAL MOVES		-	1,637
M YOUPELL	48,693.00	-	52,947
R RICHARDSON	53,605.00	-	-
A READ	45,418.00	-	49,673
D SHERMAN	51,968.00	-	56,221
J HOWES	66,707.94	-	70,954
S LAKE	45,418.00	-	-
B SPRAGUE	53,605.00	-	-
HORTON	14,980.00	14,980	-
PE .4	22,270.00	23,321	17,250
ART - READSBORO	5,033.00	10,066	-
ART - WAINSHILBAUM .2	13,977.00	13,977	14,846
JUDY ANYAN .5	27,622.00	-	29,748
M NAVEDO	45,418.00	-	-
N HUMPHREY	53,605.00	-	57,858
MUSIC .2 /TBH	6,835.00	13,670	11,244
HALIFAX TEACHERS	-	294,014	-
READSBORO TEACHERS	-	251,651	-
READSBORO COACH	-	65,070	-
SUBSTITUTES H	8,617.45	5,000	5,800
SUBSTITUTES R	5,003.94	5,000	-
HOSPITALIZATION	104,656.98	153,192	81,390
LATERAL MOVES	0.00	-	125
M YOUPELL FICA	3,390.18	-	4,050
R RICHARDSON	3,942.01	-	-
A READ FICA	3,274.32	-	3,800
D SHERMAN FICA	3,602.48	-	4,301
J HOWES FICA	5,004.11	-	5,428
S LAKE FICA	3,012.96	-	-
B SPRAGUE FICA	3,791.66	-	-
HORTON FICA	1,145.84	1,146	-
PE .4 FICA	1,700.80	1,784	1,320
ART - READSBORO	385.05	770	-
ART - WAINSHILBAUM .2 FICA	1,069.13	1,069	1,136
J ANYAN .5 FICA	2,105.01	-	2,276
M NAVEDO FICA	3,353.60	-	-
N HUMPHREY FICA	3,910.65	-	4,426
MUSIC .2/TBH FICA	522.87	1,046	860
HALIFAX TEACHERS FICA	-	22,492	-
READSBORO TEACHERS FICA	-	19,251	-
READSBORO COACHES FICA	-	4,978	-
SUBSTITUTES H FICA	647.57	383	444
SUBSTITUTES R FICA	350.27	383	-
VSTRS OPEB	11,091.84	11,961	6,923
TEACHERS RETIREMENT	1,393.74	3,901	2,031
WORKMENS COMP	5,602.63	5,511	2,886
UNEMPLOYMENT COMP	2,586.00	13,250	6,896
CREDIT REIMBURSEMENT	9,361.10	12,000	6,614
HRA	12,348.37	31,850	8,480
DENTAL	5,855.48	7,499	3,857
LIFE AND DISABILITY	2,516.30	3,465	1,673
HRA FEES	490.03	750	-
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	-	3,000	-

**HALIFAX SCHOOL DISTRICT
BUDGET FY 2021-2022**

	Actual FY - 2020 \$VUUSD	Budget FY - 2021 \$VUUSD	Budget FY - 2022 HALIFAX
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	394.25	3,200	2,133
FIELD TRIPS	-	3,875	-
SUPPLIES	5,318.64	12,000	5,200
ACHIEVEMENT TESTS	-	300	-
BOOKS & PERIODICALS	274.50	4,250	2,800
BOOKS FOR COVID	34.60	-	-
EQUIPMENT	4,188.72	7,800	5,200
DUES AND FEES	-	2,150	1,433
WINTER SPORTS	2,150.00	3,000	-
TRANSITION EXPENSES	4,400.00	-	-
TOTAL INSTRUCTION	782,648.02	1,033,005	533,860
TECHNOLOGY			
TECH CONSULTANT-READSBORO	12,192.38	11,851	-
TECH CONSULTANT-MOSS	8,763.77	11,851	11,972
TECH CONSULTANT-READSBORO FICA	932.69	907	-
TECH CONSULTANT-MOSS FICA	670.41	907	916
WORKMENS COMP	209.73	190	97
TECH COORDINATOR	215.30	500	250
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	-	1,500	1,000
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	2,806.66	5,100	2,550
SUPPLIES	1,077.05	3,000	2,000
SUPPLIES COVID	1,194.00	-	-
SOFTWARE	325.00	1,000	667
EQUIPMENT	2,207.31	9,800	6,533
DUES & FEES	640.53	600	400
TOTAL TECHNOLOGY	31,234.83	47,206	26,385
STUDENT ACTIVITIES			
AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM	14,034.55	18,105	9,605
TOTAL STUDENT ACTIVITIES	14,034.55	18,105	9,605
ATHLETICS			
EQUIPMENT	151.84	400	267
TOTAL ATHLETICS	151.84	400	267
GUIDANCE			
L LEFF .4/.2	12,191.00	19,618	14,518
L LEFF .4/.2 FICA	932.62	1,501	1,111
HOSPITALIZATION	-	-	3,015
HRA	-	-	1,680
WORKMENS COMP	189.24	166	116
CREDIT REIMBURSEMENT	0.00	850	211
LIFE AND DISABILITY	0.00	-	73
SUPPLIES	195.31	400	267
TOTAL GUIDANCE	13,508.17	22,535	20,991
HEALTH SERVICES			
L JANOVSKY .3	-	-	17,357
NURSE SUB	-	3,000	1,500
L JANOVSKY .3 FICA	-	-	1,328
NURSE SUB FICA	-	230	115
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	26,287.16	27,138	-
WORKMENS COMP	-	-	151
DENTAL	-	-	881
LIFE AND DISABILITY	-	-	87
SUPPLIES/EQUIPMENT	1,086.65	1,200	1,100
TOTAL HEALTH SERVICES	27,373.81	31,568	22,519

**HALIFAX SCHOOL DISTRICT
BUDGET FY 2021-2022**

	Actual FY - 2020 SVUUSD	Budget FY - 2021 SVUUSD	Budget FY - 2022 HALIFAX
LIBRARY/MEDIA SERVICES			
LIBRARIAN .4	6,317.04	-	-
LIBRARIAN READS .2	4,048.54	15,191	-
J PARKER .4/.2	-	9,739	13,536
LIBRARIAN .4 FICA	483.26	-	-
LIBRARIAN READS .2 FICA	309.71	1,162	-
J PARKER .4/.2 FICA	-	745	1,036
WORKMENS COMP	208.53	204	108
LIFE AND DISABILITY	-	-	68
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	-	-	211
SUPPLIES	31.38	900	600
BOOKS & PERIODICALS	670.20	2,400	1,600
SOFTWARE	-	289	193
EQUIPMENT	-	-	-
DUES & FEES	727.50	1,200	800
TOTAL LIBRARY/MEDIA SERVICES	12,796.16	31,830	18,152
SCHOOL BOARD SERVICES			
SB SALARIES	5,500.08	7,800	3,900
TREASURER SALARY	3,000.00	3,000	1,500
CLERK SALARY	340.00	375	-
FICA	420.76	803	413
CLERK FICA	26.01	29	-
CONTINGENCY	-	51,850	-
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	45.56	500	250
LEGAL FEES	2,488.69	1,500	1,500
SB LIABILITY INSURANCE	3,515.00	3,900	1,950
ADVERTISING	112.50	200	250
DUES & FEES	1,483.98	2,000	1,200
MISC EXPENSES	303.07	1,000	-
GRADUATION EXPENSES	221.07	900	-
	17,456.72	73,857	10,963
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE			
SU ASSESSMENT	120,415.00	128,887	111,102
	120,415.00	128,887	111,102
OFFICE OF PRINCIPAL			
PRINCIPAL HALIFAX	97,250.00	94,556	95,506
PRINCIPAL READSBORO	-	92,250	-
DEAN OF STUDENTS	10,000.06	-	-
DEAN OF STUDENTS	10,000.00	-	-
L SWANSON	28,380.00	27,926	-
J HIGLEY	25,284.89	23,837	24,073
HOSPITALIZATION	23,302.62	45,619	29,839
PRINCIPAL HALIFAX FICA	7,042.39	7,234	7,306
PRINCIPAL READSBORO FICA	-	7,057	-
L SWANSON FICA	2,045.40	2,136	-
J HIGLEY FICA	1,926.81	1,824	1,842
DEAN OF STUDENTS FICA	749.35	-	-
DEAN OF STUDENTS FICA	765.14	-	-
RETIREMENT	-	-	478
VT MUNIC RETIRE'T	2,241.70	2,329	1,143
WORKMENS COMP	1,565.79	1,908	957
CREDIT REIMBURSE'T	-	2,075	1,038
HRA	2,282.57	8,480	5,120
DENTAL	2,643.96	3,524	1,762
LIFE & DISABILITY	464.22	934	478
PROF DEVELOP'T	0.00	-	-
POSTAGE	546.60	1,000	650
POSTAGE COVID	55.00	-	-
TELEPHONE	6,177.36	5,000	3,300

**HALIFAX SCHOOL DISTRICT
BUDGET FY 2021-2022**

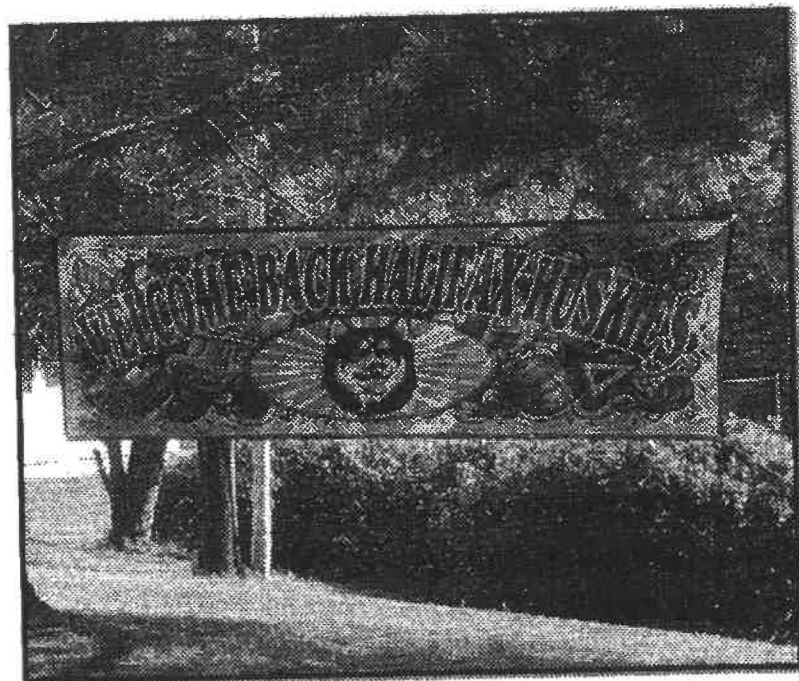
	Actual FY - 2020 SVUUSD	Budget FY - 2021 SVUUSD	Budget FY - 2022 HALIFAX
TRAVEL	514.26	2,500	1,250
SECRETARY TRAVEL	77.27	150	50
CONFERENCES	0.00	750	375
SUPPLIES	387.76	600	200
EQUIPMENT	173.98	2,500	1,250
DUES & FEES	825.56	1,650	1,000
TOTAL OFFICE OF PRINCIPAL	224,702.69	335,839	177,617
MAINTENANCE OF PLANT-HALIFAX			
CUSTODIAN .75	21,217.53	26,128	20,873
PLAYGROUND MAINT	5,000.00	-	5,000
SUMMER HELP	-	1,000	1,000
CUSTODIAN SUB	-	-	-
HOSPITALIZATION	6,181.02	6,103	-
CUSTODIAN .75 FICA	1,504.86	1,999	1,597
PLAYGROUND MAINT FICA	382.50	-	382
SUMMER HELP	-	77	77
CUSTODIAN SUB	-	-	-
VT MUNIC RETIRE'T	1,095.18	1,176	1,164
WORKMENS COMP	255.54	218	215
HRA	-	1,760	-
GARBAGE REMOVAL	1,104.00	1,100	1,125
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	9,510.21	6,700	12,850
WINDOW REPLACEMENT	14,963.00	-	-
ASBESTOS	45.00	100	100
CONTRACTED SERVICES	-	-	4,650
PROPERTY INSURANCE	2,789.00	2,800	3,550
TRAVEL	-	75	75
SUPPLIES	5,656.60	4,000	4,000
ELECTRICITY	8,577.60	10,400	9,200
FUEL OIL	13,939.86	15,000	10,500
EQUIPMENT	255.96	-	500
WATER TEST	2,250.00	3,100	2,500
TOTAL MAINTENANCE OF PLANT	94,727.86	81,736	79,358
MAINTENANCE OF PLANT-READSBORO			
CUSTODIAN .5	23,417.22	24,154	-
CUSTODIAN .13	-	4,645	-
SUBSTITUTE	-	1,000	-
CUSTODIAN .5 FICA	1,791.27	1,848	-
CUSTODIAN .13 FICA	-	355	-
SUBSTITUTE FICA	-	77	-
VT MUNIC RETIRE'T	-	-	-
WORKMENS COMP	271.22	238	-
WATER RENT	5,500.00	5,544	-
SEWER FEES	5,011.42	4,980	-
GARBAGE REMOVAL	974.60	1,100	-
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	7,813.01	5,800	-
GROUND'S UPKEEP	3,200.00	-	-
ASBESTOS	-	1,000	-
PROPERTY INSURANCE	3,423.00	3,500	-
TRAVEL	-	75	-
SUPPLIES	5,054.41	4,000	-
ELECTRICITY	10,245.02	11,800	-
KEROSENE	-	500	-
FUEL OIL	14,229.18	14,900	-
EQUIPMENT	-	500	-
MISC FEES	-	-	-
RESERVE FUND MAINTENANCE	-	-	-
TOTAL MAINTENANCE OF PLANT (2)	80,930.35	86,016	0

**HALIFAX SCHOOL DISTRICT
BUDGET FY 2021-2022**

	Actual FY - 2020 SVUUSD	Budget FY - 2021 SVUUSD	Budget FY - 2022 HALIFAX
TRANS ASSESSMENT HALIFAX	54,404.99	75,639	66,890
TRANS ASSESSMENT READSBORO	26,636.43	37,195	0
PRESCHOOL SERVICES			
PRE-K PRIVATE TUITION	26,920.00	41,340	28,288
DUES & FEES	200.00	525	0
TOTAL PRESCHOOL SERVICES	108,161.42	154,699	95,178
HS TUITION			
TUITION VT LEAS	339,794.10	299,750	297,450
TUITION OUTSIDE VT LEAS	254,688.10	143,785	18,285
PRIVATE SCHOOL TUITION	143,397.00	162,510	66,232
TOTAL HS TUITION	737,879.20	606,045	381,967
VOCATIONAL TUITION			
VOCATIONAL TUITIONAL	14,434.64	18,470	12,255
ST OF VT VOC TUITION	16,568.00	15,198	10,064
VOC TUITION OUTSIDE STATE	175,393.82	312,684	88,850
TOTAL VOCATIONAL TUITION	206,396.46	346,352	111,169
HS TRANS ASSESSMENT-READSBORO	48,449.87	38,908	0
SPECIAL ED			
SUPPLIES	863.56	1,000	650
BOOKS & PERIODICALS	200.30	550	350
SPECIAL ED SU ASSESSMENT	69,733.00	93,428	61,737
SPECIAL ED SERVICES ASSESS'T	151,705.52	119,888	99,771
	222,502.38	214,866	162,508
REMEDIAL SUPPORT			
K BENSON .5	34,173.00	-	-
REMEDIAL PARA	12,079.11	12,266	-
HOSPITALIZATION	3,090.56	3,488	-
K BENSON .5 FICA	2,493.31	-	-
REMEDIAL PARA FICA	799.51	938	-
NON PROF RETIREMENT	759.71	550	-
WORKMENS COMP	470.10	98	-
HRA	1,295.53	880	-
LIFE AND DISABILITY	117.92	-	-
SUPPLIES	-	350	200
BOOKS & PERIODICALS	-	450	300
TOTAL REMEDIAL SUPPORT	55,278.75	19,020	500
FOOD SERVICE SUPPORT	20,907.09	36,000	22,000
TOTAL	2,900,596.6	3,459,983	1,871,169

HALIFAX SCHOOL DISTRICT ANTICIPATED REVENUE

FUND BALANCE	\$	6,139.61
Balance of funds 6/30/20		
TUITION INCOME	\$	-
Tuition received for non-resident students		
PLAYGROUND RESERVE	\$	5,383.00
INTEREST	\$	300.00
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	\$	1,200.00
VOCATIONAL TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	\$	15,300.00
State reimbursement for out of state vocational high school tuition costs		
MERGER SUPPORT GRANT (Formerly Small Schools Support Grant)	\$	77,068.00
State support for small schools with an enrollment of less than 100 or an average grade size of 20 or fewer students		
TOTAL SCHOOL ANTICIPATED REVENUES	\$	105,390.61
FY '2022 PROPOSED BUDGET	\$	<u>1,804,279.00</u>
EDUCATION SPENDING (BUDGET minus REVENUES)	\$	1,698,888.40
EQUALIZED PUPILS	\$	98.26
EDUCATION SPENDING PER PUPIL	\$	17,289.73



**SOUTHERN VALLEY UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
REVENUES AND TAX RATE**

	SVUUSD Actual FY - 20	SVUUSD Budget FY - 21	HALIFAX Budget FY - 22
<u>Local Revenues:</u>			
Interest Income	1,357.17	-	300
Playground Interest Income	0.00	-	5,383
Reserve Interest	6.31	-	-
Tuition	24,000.00	12,000	-
Building Rental	0.00	-	-
Misc Receipts	377.06	-	1,200
<u>Federal Revenues:</u>	0.00	-	-
Title I School Improvement	0.00	78,171	-
<u>Fund Balance</u>	0.00	-	6,140
<u>Playground/Maint. Reserve</u>	0.00	-	-
<u>Other State Revenues:</u>	0.00	-	-
Transition Funds	0.00	-	-
State Safety Grant	0.00	-	-
Small Schools Grant	154,137.00	154,137	77,068
Vocational Tuition	58,509.00	55,000	15,300
Forestry Grant -Readsboro	5,242.15	5,500	-
Total Revenues	243,629	304,808	105,391
 Actual Expenditures	 2,819,555.17	 -	 -
Budget		3,347,149	1,804,279
 Less: Revenues		304,808	105,391
State Support Grant	2,350,604.00		
State Tech Center Payment	16,568.00		
Fund Balance Applied to FY 21	202,382		
Fund Balance Applied to FY 22	12,279.21		
Playground/Maint. Reserve Fund Balan	109,593.11		
 Education Spending (Act 68)		\$ 3,042,341	\$ 1,698,888
Equalized Pupils		179.38	98.26
Per Pupil Penalty		\$ -	
Education Spending Per Pupil		16,960.31	\$ 17,289.73
Equalized Union Tax Rate (ETR)		\$ 1.558	\$ 1.519
Union ETR w/ .04 incentive		\$ 1.518	\$ -
		Halifax	Halifax
Estimated Tax Rate for FY'2022		Estimated****	
		FY' 2021	FY '2022
School Tax		\$ 1.4640	\$ 1.3990
Town Tax (Level Funded)		\$ 0.8689	\$ 0.8689
Total Tax		\$ 2.3329	\$ 2.2679
CLA %		108.02%	108.55%

* Tax Commissioner recommendation, based on current information, of \$1.00/\$1.636

* Residential & Non-residential base rate and Base amount to be determined by Legislature.

* Yield per equalized pupil to be finalized by Legislature

**FINANCIAL SUMMARY OF WINDHAM SOUTHWEST SUPERVISORY UNION
GENERAL FUND**

	Actual 2019-2020	Budget 2020-2021	Proposed Budget 2021-2022
Revenues:			
Interest	1,787.93	500	500
Misc Income	10.00	0	0
Spec. Ed Services Assessments	1,046,017.67	1,227,639	0
Spec. Ed State Reim/Grants	2,193,999.89	1,943,930	1,968,461
Transition Funds		0	0
Prior Year Adjust	58,297.87	0	0
Assessments	<u>1,167,303.00</u>	<u>1,277,294</u>	<u>2,652,962</u>
General Fund Revenues:	4,467,416.36	4,583,628	4,621,923
Fund Balance -Special Ed	202,729.00	(37,022)	
Fund Balance WSSU	<u>41,797.00</u>	<u>156,992</u>	<u>92,652</u>
Total Gen Fund Revenues:	4,711,942.36	4,828,154	4,714,575
Expenditures:			
Superintendent's Office	312,282.30	343,191	349,626
Fiscal Services	371,960.74	461,765	588,223
Curriculum Specialist	87,563.67	93,044	98,956
Contingency	.00	53,708	00
Special Education:			
Special Education Teachers/Staff	1,408,990.92	1,582,781	1,634,493
Special Education Services-Districts	1,359,119.16	1,083,080	907,733
Special Education Transportation	189,679.95	175,240	193,955
Speech Services	254,689.27	261,952	272,287
Occupational Therapy Services	73,304.57	82,701	86,890
School Psychologist/Evaluations	60,525.13	63,536	65,403
Alternative Special Ed Program	258,516.88	272,619	303,802
EEE Program	85,671.38	88,503	95,832
Special Education Administration	<u>113,245.03</u>	<u>115,068</u>	<u>117,375</u>
Total Gen Fund Expenditures	4,575,549.00	4,677,187	4,714,575
Excess/(Deficiency)	136,393.36		

Revenue & Expense to record State of Vermont payments on behalf teacher retirement contributions are not included in the above figures.

The Windham Southwest Supervisory Union expects the financial budget for the (2021-2022) to be as budgeted.

Assessment Breakdown by District:

	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022
Southern Valley UUSD	190,148	222,325	0
Halifax			172,840
Readsboro			119,489
Searsburg	35,020	38,319	44,041
Stamford	154,072	158,260	165,973
Twin Valley	<u>788,063</u>	<u>858,400</u>	<u>965,688</u>
Total Assessment	1,167,303	1,277,294	1,468,031
Special Ed District Assessment			
Southern Valley UUSD	151,706	119,888	
Halifax			99,771
Readsboro			53,134
Searsburg	49,165	64,219	60,876
Stamford	125,332	161,209	118,812
Twin Valley	<u>719,815</u>	<u>882,323</u>	<u>852,372</u>
	1,046,018	1,227,639	1,184,965

**FINANCIAL SUMMARY OF WINDHAM SOUTHWEST SUPERVISORY UNION
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**

	Actual	Budget
<u>State Funds</u>	<u>2019-2020</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>
Act 230/BEST Grant Revenues:	16,485.00	0
State Transportation Aid	270,661.10	250,893
State Hot Lunch Revenues:	12,043.95	12,043
<u>Other State Revenues:</u>	<u>14,127.87</u>	<u>0</u>
Total State Revenues:	313,317.92	262,936
Act 230/BEST Grant Expenditures	16,485.00	0
State Transportation Aid Expenditures	270,661.10	250,893
State Hot Lunch Transfers to Towns	12,043.95	12,043
<u>Other State Grant Expenditures</u>	<u>14,127.87</u>	<u>0</u>
Total State Expenditures	313,317.92	262,936
Excess/(Deficiency)	0	0

	Actual	Budget
<u>Federal Funds:</u>	<u>2019-2020</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>
Special Programs Fund Revenues:	574,395.80	574,395
Hot Lunch Revenues:	343,392.77	0
Local & Private Funds:	51,879.68	0
Total Revenues:	969,668.25	574,395
Special Programs Fund Expenditures:	553,341.32	
Hot Lunch Expenditures:	343,392.77	0
Total Expenditures:	896,734.09	574,395
Excess/(Deficiency)	72,934.16	0
Title I Fund Revenues:	363,081.16	248,143
Title I Fund Expenditures:	26,910.75	46,255
Title I Transfer to Schools:	336,170.41	201,889
Excess/(Deficiency)	0	0
21st Century Fund Revenues:	172,251.31	228,201
Local & Private Funds:	90,772.81	208,121
Total Revenues:	263,024.12	436,322
21 st Century Fund Expenditures:	172,251.31	228,201
Local & Private Expenditures:	90,772.81	208,121
Total Expenditures:	263,024.12	436,322
Excess/(Deficiency)	0	0

Federal Revenues for 2019-20 include carryover from 2018-2019. Budgeted Federal Revenues for 2020-2021 include carryover from 2019-2020 and are restricted for use in those programs only.

**Windham Southwest Supervisory Union
Assessment**

	ACTUAL ASSESSMENT <u>2020-2021</u>	BUDGETED ASSESSMENT <u>2021-2022</u>	ASSESSMENT <u>DIFFERENCE</u>	% INCREASE/ <u>DECREASE</u>
HALIFAX REG ED		111,102		
HALIFAX SPECIAL ED SU		61,737		
HALIFAX SPECIAL ED DISTRICT		99,771		
READSBORO REG ED		76,807		
READSBORO SPECIAL ED SU		42,683		
READSBORO SPECIAL ED DISTRICT		53,134		
SVUUSD REG ED	128,887			
SVUUSD SPECIAL ED SU	93,428			
SVUUSD SPECIAL ED DISTRICT	119,888			
TOTAL HALIFAX		272,610		
TOTAL READSBORO		172,624		
TOTAL SVUUSD	342,203			
SEARSBURG REGULAR ED	22,215	28,310	6,095	21.53%
SEARSBURG SPECIAL ED SU	16,104	15,731	(373)	-2.37%
SEARSBURG SPECIAL ED DISTRICT	64,219	60,876	(3,343)	-5.49%
TOTAL SEARSBURG	102,538	104,917	2,379	2.27%
STAMFORD REGULAR ED	91,751	106,689	14,938	14.00%
STAMFORD SPECIAL ED SU	66,509	59,285	(7,224)	-12.19%
STAMFORD SPECIAL ED DISTRICT	161,209	118,812	(42,397)	-35.68%
TOTAL STAMFORD	319,469	284,786	(34,683)	-12.18%
TVES REGULAR ED	220,643	268,179	47,536	17.73%
TVES SPECIAL ED SU	159,941	149,024	(10,917)	-7.33%
TVES SPECIAL ED SU DISTRICT	414,692	408,431	(6,261)	-1.53%
TOTAL TVES	795,276	825,634	30,358	3.68%
TVMHS REGULAR ED	277,013	352,567	75,554	21.43%
TVMHS SPECIAL ED SU	200,803	195,918	(4,885)	-2.49%
TVMHS SPECIAL ED DISTRICT	467,631	443,941	(23,690)	-5.34%
TOTAL TVMHS	945,447	992,425	46,978	4.73%
TOTAL REGULAR ED	740,509	943,653	203,144	21.53%
TOTAL SPECIAL ED SU	536,786	524,378	(12,408)	-2.37%
TOTAL SPECIAL ED DISTRICT	1,227,639	1,184,965	(42,673.67)	-3.60%

**HOT LUNCH PROGRAM
2019-2020**

Fund Balance FY '2020	\$ 1,129.89
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Food Sales	\$ 8,461.96
Misc. Sales/Rebates	\$ 1,177.75
Fresh Fruit & Vegetables	\$ 3,780.73
State Reimbursement	\$ 699.64
Federal Reimbursement	\$ 20,608.07
Commodities	\$ 3,809.39

Total Receipts	\$ 38,537.54
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SVUUSD General Fund	\$ 20,907.09
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Total Expenditures	\$ 59,444.63
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Fund Balance FY '2020	\$ 1,129.89
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ENROLLMENT AS OF DECEMBER 2020

SVUUSD-HALIFAX CAMPUS

	<u>GRADES</u>		<u>TOTAL</u>
ELEMENTARY:	K	(1 remote, 4 in person)	5
	1		8
	2	(5 remote, 6 in person)	12
	3		7
	4	(2 remote, 5 in person)	7
	5		6
	6	(1 remote, 2 in person)	3
	7	(2 remote, 11 in person)	13
	8	(1 remote, 4 in person)	5
Total Elementary:			<u>66</u>

SECONDARY:	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Twin Valley Middle High School	5	1	4	1	11
Franklin Tech.		1	2		3
Brattleboro H.S.	2	2	2	2	8
Mohawk Regional			1		1
McCann Tech				1	1
Private/Independent School	1	3		1	5
Total Secondary:	<u>8</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>29</u>

TOTAL HALIFAX ENROLLMENT: 95



HALIFAX SCHOOL DISTRICT **FACULTY AND STAFF**

Teachers	Campus	Position	Degree
Sandra Pentak-Cohen	Halifax	Principal	
Joel Howes	Halifax	100% FTE MS Teacher	B+30
Angelina Read	Halifax	100% FTE Elementary	M
Dayle Sherman	Halifax	100% FTE ES/MS	B+30
Naalie Humphrey	Halifax	100% FTE Elementary	M
Merritt Youmell	Halifax	100% FTE Elementary	M
Rhonda Wainshilbaum	Halifax	20% FTE Art	M
Layne Leary	Halifax	100% FTE Special Education (WSWSU)	B+30
Judy Anyan	Halifax	50% Math Teacher	B+15
Jennifer Parker	Halifax	20% FTE Librarian	M+30
Lisa Janovsky	Halifax	30% FTE School Nurse	B
Jakob Trautwein	Halifax	40% Physical Education	B

Staff	Campus	Position
Keith Anyan	Halifax	Custodian
Elizabeth Roberts	Halifax	Cook
Joe Moss	Halifax	Technology
Jane Higley	Halifax	Secretary
Allison Corey	Halifax	Paraprofessional (WSWSU)
Tyffani Felisko	Halifax	Paraprofessional (WSWSU)

The VT Agency of Ed has set new standards and HQT as a stand-alone term no longer exists under ESSA new requirements. Teachers providing pK-12 instruction in Vermont's public schools need to be "appropriately licensed" under Education Quality Standards.

**MINUTES
TOWNS OF HALIFAX AND READSBORO
SOUTHERN VALLEY UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING**

Pursuant to notice the inhabitants of the Town of Halifax and the Town of Readsboro, Vermont, who are legal voters in the Southern Valley Unified Union School District (SVUUSD) met at the Twin Valley Middle High School Auditorium in Whitingham, Vermont, on the evening of Thursday, February 27, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. for the 3rd Annual Meeting of the Southern Valley Unified Union School District.

Moderator Paul G. Blais called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Homer Sumner, Chairman to the Board led the voters in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The town officers were introduced: Clerk of the Board – Tina Blais, Chairman of the Board, Homer Sumner; Helyn Strom-Henriksen, Cindy Florence, Jessica Cooney, and James Irace. At this time Principal, Sandy Pentak-Cohen; Superintendent Of Schools, Barbara Anne Komons-Montroll; and WWSU Business Manager, Karen Atwood were also introduced. Moderator Blais gave the guidelines for the conduct of the meeting and read the Southern Valley Unified Union School District Warning in its entirety.

The following business was transacted:

- ARTICLE I** To elect a Moderator, by Australian Ballot.
- ARTICLE II** To elect a Clerk, by Australian Ballot.
- ARTICLE III** To elect a Treasurer, by Australian Ballot.
- ARTICLE IV** To elect all Southern Valley Unified Union School Directors as required, by Australian Ballot.
- ARTICLE V** To see if the voters of the SVUUSD will authorize the school board to pay the School District Clerk \$20 per hour not to exceed \$375 annually for his/her duties with the School District, by Australian ballot.
- ARTICLE VI** To see if the voters of the SVUUSD approve the School Board to expend ~~\$3,387,021~~ which is the amount the School Board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year. It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$16,960 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 23.6% higher than spending for the current year. To be voted on by Australian Ballot.
- ARTICLE VII** Paul N Blais moved that the towns hear the reports of the SVUUSD Officers and act thereon. Sandy Pentak seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion Moderator Blais moved on to Article IX.
- ARTICLE VIII** Patricia Dow moved that the SVUUSD will vote to authorize the School Directors to borrow money in anticipation of taxes. Steven Cohen seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion Article VIII was so voted and Moderator Blais declared Article VIII so passed.
- ARTICLE IX** Patricia Dow moved to see if the Southern Valley Unified Union School District will vote to authorize the school Directors to deposit into a reserve fund, anticipated surplus funds at June 30, 2020, for the purpose of

maintaining the facilities and/or emergency repairs, pursuant to 24 VSA §2804. Sandy Pentak seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion Article IX was voted on and Moderator Blais declared Article IX so passed.

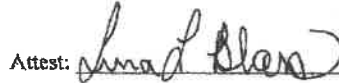
ARTICAL X

Patricia Dow moved to transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting. Steven Cohen seconded.

Sarah Barnett stated that there were 18, 3 year olds in Halifax and asked if the school was considering adding a preschool. Sumner said that the board had looked into it in the past but there were not enough children to have it be cost effective. He stated that with 18 students' it warrants another look now to see if it is a more feasible option. They would discuss it at a future meeting.

Patricia Dow moved to adjourn this meeting until Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. to vote on the remaining Australian Ballot Questions. Steven Cohen seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

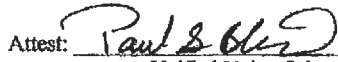
Attest:



Town Clerk

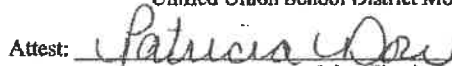
We, the undersigned, approve and attest that the record of the Southern Valley Unified Union Annual School District Meeting of the Towns of Halifax and Readsboro held at the Twin Valley Middle High School in the Auditorium on Thursday, February 27, 2020 is a true record of all action taken at that meeting.

Attest:



Unified Union School District Moderator

Attest:



Other Election Official

Mudgett
Jennett &
Krogh-Wisner, P.C.
Certified Public Accountants #435

January 7, 2021

Board of Directors
Southern Valley Unified Union School District

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATION

The financial statements of the Southern Valley Unified Union School District for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020 were audited by Mudgett, Jennett & Krogh-Wisner, P.C. of Montpelier. The financial statements will be available, with our independent auditor's reports, at the Windham Southwest Supervisory Union office once the final statements are issued.

Mudgett, Jennett & Krogh-Wisner, P.C.



John H. Mudgett, CPA
Principal