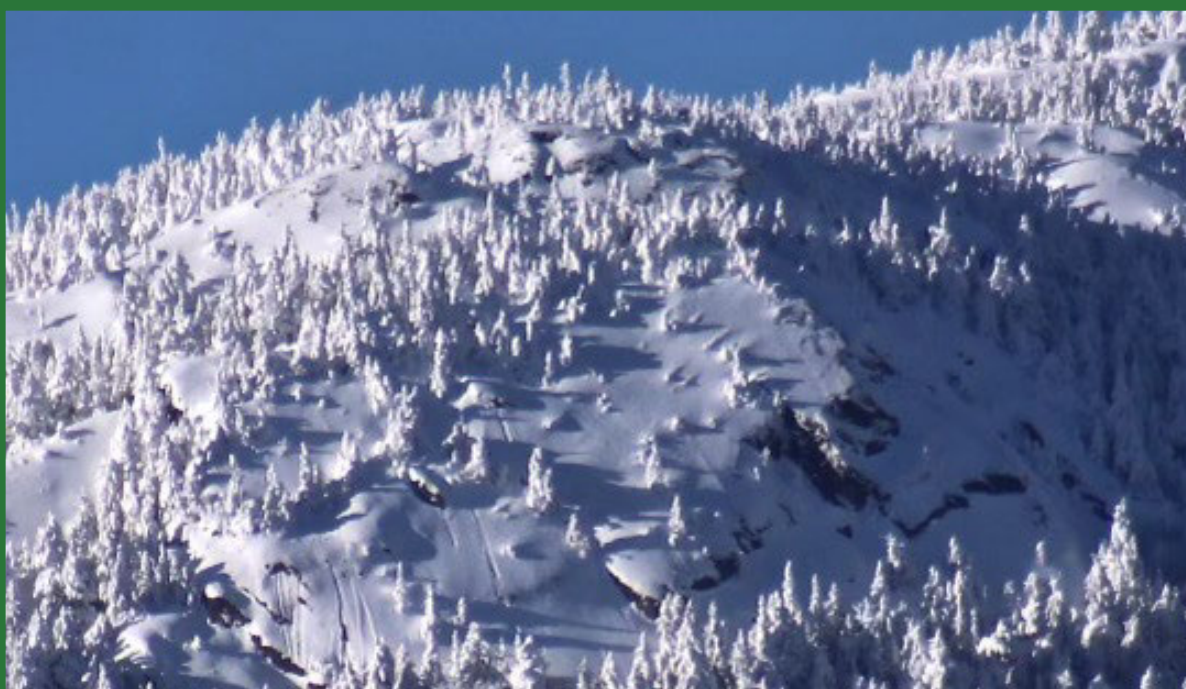


ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TOWN OFFICERS OF
FAYSTON
VERMONT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020



NOTICE OF INFORMATION MEETING IN LIEU OF TOWN MEETING
FEBRUARY 23, 2021 @ 5 P.M.

VIA ZOOM WEBINAR

MEETING ID: 832 5099 9241 PASSCODE: 492597

CALL IN #: 888-788-0099 (Toll Free)

DEDICATION TO VOLUNTEERS

A **Volunteer** can be defined as a person who voluntarily offers themselves for a service or undertaking; a person who performs a service willingly and without pay.

The Fayston Selectboard would like to dedicate the annual Town Report, and take time to say “**Thank You**”, to all the volunteers we have “working” for our town. The list includes, but is not limited to;

- Development Review Board members
- Planning Commission members
- Cemetery Commission members
- School Board members
- Constables, Grand Juror, Town Agent and Moderator
- Library Trustees
- Fayston Conservation Commission members
- Boyce Hill Town Forest Steering Committee members
- Justices of the Peace
- Camel’s Hump
- Tree Warden
- Service Officer
- Emergency Management Coordinator
- Fire Warden
- Recreation District (MRVRC) Representatives
- Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission Representative (CVRPC)
- Technical Advisory Committee Representative (TAC)
- Police Advisory Committee Representative
- Mad River Valley Planning District (MRVPD) Representatives
- Mad River Resource Management Alliance Representative
- Town Garage Committee Members, and
- Municipal Building Maintenance advisors

Plus, it should be noted that while the following positions are technically “paid” (cents per hours), they too should get a huge thank you for the immense amount of time they dedicate to our town;

- Town Selectboard members
- Animal Control Officer, and
- Ambulance and Fire Department members

Without the dedication of all these people, this Town (and many others) quite literally couldn’t function. We are forever grateful for all our amazing volunteers, and feel that the definition of “volunteer” that we provided above doesn’t quite capture the essence of what they provide to our Town. To that end we’ve tweaked that definition to read;

noun

A person who selflessly and voluntarily offers themselves in their spare time for a service or undertaking that might otherwise not be undertaken; to perform a service willingly, tirelessly and with little or no pay.

Please see this Town Report for a list of current volunteers on the Town Officials list.

The Selectboard wholeheartedly thanks all those past and present for their service.

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WARNING OF TOWN MEETING

The legal voters of the Town of Fayston are hereby notified and warned that there will be no in person Town Meeting on Tuesday March 2, 2021. There will be an informational meeting on February 23, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. via Zoom. Meeting ID 338 889 0421 & Passcode 492597. All articles and Officers will be voted by Australian ballot(s) on March 2, 2021 between the hours of 7:00 A.M to 7:00 P.M. at the Robert Vasseur Town Hall. Early/absentee voting may take place through the mail or by appointment at the Town Hall. Ballots must be requested from the Town Clerk, and returned by 3/2/21 @ 7:00 p.m., (mailed or hand delivered), in order to be counted. All Covid-19 protocols will be followed. (Masks/Sanitizer/Distancing)

Articles are to be voted are as follows:

- Article 1. To elect a Moderator for the year ensuing. Rick Rayfield's term expires.
- Article 2. To elect a Town Clerk for the year ensuing. Patti Lewis' term expires.
- Article 3. To elect a Treasurer for the year ensuing. Patti Lewis' term expires.
- Article 4. To elect a Delinquent Tax Collector for the year ensuing. Patti Lewis' term expires.
- Article 5. To elect a Selectboard Member for a three-year term. Jared Cadwell's term expires.
- Article 6. To elect a Lister for a three-year term. Doug Mosle's term expires.
- Article 7. To elect a Lister to complete a three-year term. This position is currently vacant.
- Article 8. To elect a Second Constable for a one-year term. Jim McCaffrey's term expires.
- Article 9. To elect a Cemetery Commissioner for a three-year term. Ken Amann's term expires.
- Article 10. To elect an HUUSD School Director for a three-year term. Theresa Membrino's term expires.
- Article 11. Shall the Town pay the Selectboard expenses in the amount of \$750.00 each?
- Yes _____ No _____
- Article 12. Property taxes are due 30 days from generation of the bills. Taxes not paid by November 1, 2021 (postmarks (not metered mail) accepted), will incur a one-time penalty of 8% and interest of 1% per month for the first three months and 1.5% per month thereafter shall be applied.
- Shall November 1, 2021 remain the delinquent tax date? (Yes means no change from prior years. No means taxes will be due within thirty days of mailing and delinquent thereafter.)

Yes _____ No _____

Article 13. Shall the voters authorize a sum of money (\$1,369,093.00) to pay debts and expenses of the Town of Fayston for the year ending December 31, 2021?

Yes _____ No _____

Article 14. Shall the voters authorize the sum of \$15,000.00 to be paid to the Mad River Valley Ambulance Service?

Yes _____ No _____

Article 15. Shall the voters authorize the sum of \$4,000.00 to be dedicated to the Mad River Valley Housing Coalition to fund their effort to create local housing solutions to the affordable housing challenge faced by the Mad River Valley? Contingent upon approval of same amount from Waitsfield and Warren.

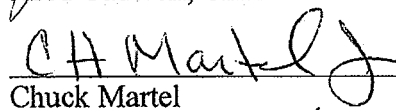
Yes _____ No _____

Article 16. Shall the Town vote to start next year's Town Meeting (March 1, 2022) at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon at the Fayston Municipal Building/Robert Vasseur Town Hall?

Yes _____ No _____

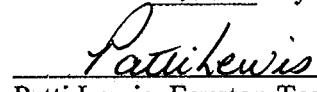
Selectboard;


Jared Cadwell, Chair


Chuck Martel


Michael Jordan

Dated this 27 day of January 2021 at Fayston, Vermont


Patti Lewis, Fayston Town Clerk

Received and recorded this 27 day of January 2021.

MINUTES OF TOWN MEETING MARCH 3, 2020

The legal voters of the Town of Fayston were notified and warned to meet at the Fayston Municipal Building/Robert Vasseur Town Hall on Tuesday March 3, 2020 at 9:30 A.M. to transact the following business:

9:32 A.M. Rick Rayfield (Rick) opened the meeting, welcomed all, went over Robert's Rules of Order, time allotted and times for voters to speak, procedures for ballot voting if called for, and asked that all registered voters show their yellow cards and asked if there were any non-voters present. There were none.

He then turned the meeting over to Jared Cadwell (Jared). Jared introduced the Selectboard, Moderator and Town Clerk. He then asked for a moment of silence for the passing of Ferris Buck, Jennifer Howard, and Renata Young.

Jared read Article 1.

Article 1. To elect a Moderator for the year ensuing. Rick Rayfield's term expires.

Sue Jefferys nominated Rick Rayfield. Brad Cook seconded. All in favor. Jared cast one ballot for the election of Rick Rayfield.

Rick noted a correction on Article 9 that should have said Selectboard member vs. just Selectboard.

He proceeded to Article 2.

Article 2. To elect a Town Clerk for the year ensuing. Patti Lewis' term expires.

Freddie Graves nominated Patti Lewis. Al Cocogna seconded. All in favor. Rick cast one ballot for the election of Patti Lewis (Patti).

Article 3. To hear and act upon the reports of the Town Officers for the year 2019.

Chuck Martel (Chuck) spoke first congratulating and thanking Jared Cadwell for his 25 years of service and noting that the Town Report was dedicated to him. Chuck spoke of the time and effort that Jared has given to the Town, other committees that Selectboard members participate in, and the graceful way Jared does it all. He joked that the Selectboard has to approve the town report and that a dummy dedication process had to be handled in order to keep it a secret from Jared.

Chuck referred to the Town Clerk Report Patti had written congratulating Sarah Stavrakys for receiving the Vermont Municipal Clerk and Treasurer Association (VMCTA) award of Assistant Treasurer of the Year. He also noted that Patti had received the Treasurer of the Year award from this same organization.

Chuck thanked the road crew for their hard work and mentioned that Mike Quenneville would be coming back as a part-time summer road crew member.

He then asked that all turn to page 15 of the town report as he reviewed: the Bragg Hill project that was completed in 2018 and 2019 with the help of G&N and S.T. Paving, culvert replacements on Airport, Phen, Sharpshooter and Big Basin Roads, ditch work completed on Kew Vasseur, Randell and Harris Hill Roads, work that may be done on Boyce Road to better access the Boyce Hill Town Forest, paving and culvert replacements on N. Fayston Road in 2020 which will cost approximately \$335,000.00 this year and another \$140,000.00 in 2021, the Sassi camp that had been removed from the Town Gravel pit, noted that Karyn Scherer's name had been omitted from the Town Garage Committee, spoke of the completion of the ADA projects at the town hall and thanked David Frank and Karyn Scherer for spearheading that project, the Boyce Hill Town Forest donation of 93 acres, other committees that Selectboard members sit on, thanked Doug, Sarah and Leo for their work as Listers, and promoted the need for volunteers to fill Planning Commission vacancies and the fact the Town could not operate without its volunteers. There is also immediate need for a Green-Up Coordinator.

Chuck thanked Carol Chamberlin for all her work over the years on the Planning Commission and Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission, and a round of applause was given in appreciation. Don Siminoni (Don) also stood to speak and thank Carol for her leadership throughout the Land Use Regulation updates and now the Town Plan.

Don further spoke to the communication network within the Valley citing the bus incident in Moretown and an icy day on Center Fayston Road. Both situations had communication issues in emergency situations. He would like to start a committee to look into better communication not only in Fayston but the Valley as a whole.

Chuck thanked Corrie Miller (Corrie), Liza Walker (VLT) and Lisa Koitzsch for their work on the interim management plan for the Boyce Hill Forest land donation.

Michael Jordan (Mike) then spoke regarding the Town Garage Committee. Over the last year Tom Clark, Ed Read, David Frank, Karyn Scherer, and himself have met and started looking at size and type of building, configuration on the property, heated and unheated areas for equipment, etc. Gunner McCain has surveyed the property and Karyn is working with Stuart on design. He also explained that this would likely be a bond situation vs. a reserve fund which the Town doesn't have.

Rebecca Baruzzi asked about the possibility of collaboration with other towns to build a central shared facility. Mike responded it had been considered and might make sense statistically but that the idea had gained no traction.

Wesley Bell stated that he hoped the plan would consider the needs now and 20 years from now and Mike responded they were and also mentioned that a new garage would need sufficient height and width to work on truck bodies in their raised position.

Shane Mullen asked how many years of gravel are left in our gravel pit. Jared responded it had been predicted as a 75-year life span when opened in the 80s. There has been talk of getting an updated core sample which would help determine that especially now with the Sassi camp area open.

Carol Chamberlin asked if the 2020 N. Fayston Road paving project is being coordinated with the Waitsfield section of that road. No definite answer on what Waitsfield is planning.

Lou Putnam asked if there were plans to do something about Route 17. Answer was yes, the State is planning to work on that road this summer.

Carol Chamberlin did not speak on the Planning Commission report but wanted to tell people that their public hearing on the revised town plan is this coming Monday night at 6:00 p.m. at this town hall.

Rick asked if any other officers wanted to speak to their reports or if there were any questions from the body.

Lister Doug Mosle spoke stating his report is self-explanatory and reviewed the CLA, sales market, and the fact that Fayston is in a good position at present and does not foresee another reappraisal in the near future. He noted Article 10 where they were going to be looking for another lister and explained the role of the third lister.

Kathy Cadwell moved to accept the Officer's reports as presented. Sue Jefferys seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Article 4. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to borrow money in anticipation of general revenue and with short term notes fund the Capital Budget.

Carol Chamberlin moved the article. Michael Quenneville seconded. No further discussion, all in favor, motion carried.

Article 5. Shall the Town pay the Selectboard expenses, and if so, how much?

Freddie Graves made a motion to pay Selectboard expenses in the amount of \$750.00. Rebecca Baruzzi seconded. Some discussion followed re: amount of time the Selectboard puts in. No further discussion, all in favor, motion carried.

Article 6. To assess a time of payment of education and municipal taxes. Property taxes are due 30 days from generation of the bills. Taxes not paid by November 1, 2020 (postmarks (not metered mail) accepted), a one-time penalty of 8% and interest of 1% per month for the first three months and 1.5% per month thereafter shall be applied. (November 1, 2020 falls on a Sunday therefore, Treasurer's office will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.)

Gussie Graves made a motion to move the article. Reed Henry seconded. Discussion followed re: changing the date if 11/1 if it lands on a weekend, percentage of taxes collected, when the eight percent penalty begins, and the BOA process for late tax payers. No further discussion, all in favor, motion carried.

Article 7. To elect a Treasurer for the year ensuing. Patti Lewis' term expires.

Freddie Graves nominated Patti Lewis. Rebecca Baruzzi seconded. No further nominations. Jodi Chamberlain made a motion to cast one ballot for Patti. Shane Mullen seconded. All in favor, Patti elected as Treasurer.

Article 8. To elect a Delinquent Tax Collector for the year ensuing. Patti Lewis' term expires.

Tony Egan nominated Patti. Sue Jefferys seconded. No further nominations. After a

unanimous voice vote Rick cast one ballot to elect Patti. All in favor.

At this point Rick explained that the state representatives were present and if there was no objection they would be allowed to speak. All agreed.

Kari Dolan (Kari) and Maxine Gadd (Maxine) spoke on their work at the State House. See attached summary.

Valerie Welter asked them if there was any talk in the State House for changes to Act 46 and Freddie Graves further asked if either of them were leading a bill that would make some movement to change Act 60 or 46. Answer no but that there were ongoing discussions.

Rebecca Baruzzi asked if there was an education funding caucus. Answer no.

Raymond Schenk asked what the State was doing to prepare for the Covid-19 virus and has the State or Town thought through the potential unemployment, quarantine, food supply, emergency services, etc. Kari said the State is preparing.

All thanked the Representatives for their presence and presentations.

Article 9. To elect a Selectboard for a three-year term. Mike Jordan's term expires.

Casey Murphy nominated Mike Jordan. Reed Henry seconded. No further nominations. After a unanimous voice vote Rick cast one ballot for Mike Jordan. All in favor.

Article 10. To elect a Lister for a three-year term. Leo Crain's term expires.

No nominations for Lister came forth. The position for Lister remains open.

Article 11. To elect a Second Constable for a one-year term. Kevin Vanschaick's term expires.

Patti Martley nominated Kevin Van Schaick. Matt Howes seconded. No further nominations. All in favor. Rick cast one ballot for Kevin Van Schaick.

Article 12. To elect a Cemetery Commissioner for a three-year term. Zelda LaVanway's term expires.

Jared Cadwell nominated Zelda LaVanway. Gussie Graves seconded. No further nominations. All in favor. Rick cast one ballot for Zelda LaVanway.

Article 13. To elect a Grand Juror for a one-year term. Matt Howes' term expires.

Jared Cadwell nominated Matt Howes. All in favor. Rick cast one ballot for Matt Howes.

Article 14. To elect a Town Agent for a one-year term. Lindsay Browning's term expires.

Shane Mullen nominated Lindsay Browning. All in favor. Rick cast one ballot for Lindsay.

Article 15. Shall the Town establish a reserve fund to be called the Town Forest Reserve Fund, to be used for maintenance/care of Town forest lands, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 2804?

Rebecca Baruzzi made the motion to move the article. Theresa Membrino seconded.

Discussion followed with Corrie Miller explaining the gift of 93 acres now called the Boyce Hill Town Forest, its history, the interim management plan and the two-year process for a long term management plan. She explained the reserve fund will help maintain the land but they will also be doing private fundraising.

Reed Henry asked why the Town keeps taking land off the grand list and in this case where 3600 usable acres of State land is 2 miles away. He also cited the Bragg Hill and Tenny farm lands that have recently been conserved. He stated it's money out of his pocket and wanted to know the reasoning behind this. Jared replied the very simple answer was that it was donated to the Town and that the Selectboard had considered the \$1325 in lost municipal revenue but felt the recreation value was worth it.

Rebecca Baruzzi replied that she loved the Boyce Hill property but thought Reed had a great point and asked if a mechanism could be put in place that the voters have more input to any future Town land acquisition. Jared replied that was a great idea and does speak to the Town plan that is currently being revised and that more public vetting could be done in the future. Chuck noted that this had been discussed at various Selectboard meetings and they were doing their best to make these decisions in these public forums. Karrie Thomas commented that it was a wonderful parcel and that a lot of people use it and that there is more than one way to attract revenue such as those people's properties next to this land would go up in value. Wendy Bridgewater thanked the Selectboard for taking the parcel. She noted it was going to be given to the State or the Town and glad the Town has control vs. the State. Jack Corliss stated he was not for or against the land but that taking on land was not free, that he too would like more of the body of the Town have a say when asked to take on land, not just those that use it, the stewardship for all time, and the burden of more taxes for everyone. Peter Forbes acknowledged appreciation for the comments but wanted to clarify that the farms in our community that are protected pay their full freight on taxes and that as a taxpayer and farmer protecting the land and having it available should not be looked at as an expense. Wesley Bell stated that as one who has managed public land if it had gone to the State, we would have lost local control. Local control means creativity for the Town. (Talked about an increase of taxes of more than \$1300). Paul Sipple stated he was happy it will not be developed but that he hoped we would not overdo it - that there should not be a ton of paths, signs, list of rules, etc. Don Siminoni spoke of communication using the MailChimp system that has been set up in order that the public be informed about what is on the meeting agendas. Liz Levey asked how much funding the Town needs to maintain the parcel over time, Corrie replied that she thinks it will cost \$10,000.00 to \$20,000.00 and hopes to seek private funding.

Brad Cook made a motion to move the question. Hearing no objection, a voice vote was taken. All in favor. Article passed.

Article 16. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$3,500.00 to fund the Town Forest Reserve Fund?

Freddie Graves made a motion to move the articles. Jodi Chamberlin Cook seconded. Freddie Graves called the question.

No further discussion, all in favor, motion carried.

Article 17. Shall the voters authorize a sum of money (\$1,302,482.00) to pay debts and expenses of the Town of Fayston for the year ending December 31, 2020?

Casey Murphy made a motion to move the article. Tony Egan seconded.

Rick noted that article 18 will be passed over and Mike Jordan then explained that the reserve thought to be remaining in the municipal building reserve fund was no longer available due to a late arriving invoice.

Mike reviewed several things re: the budget. Including but not limited to; reserve transfers, highway salaries and supplies, 10-20 more years of gravel at the gravel pit, staffing, state requirements re: road maintenance and reporting, stone lining ditches and ongoing maintenance, including replenishing the stone when it fills in with no great way to get rid of that material and the cost of stone/trucking. Paul Sipple asked how long stone lining lasts and the answer was 5-7 years. Reed Henry asked if the State was mandating stone lining ditches. Corrie Miller as FMR rep. said that some places could work with check dams but it all depends on the steepness. She also said that what one can do on their private land to help with runoff to the Town ditches could make the ditches last longer. Bill McDonnell asked about the cost to improve Boyce Road. Mike Jordan said the Selectboard had evaluated that prior to acquiring the land and that there is a decent subgrade, there are culverts to be replaced next summer, and with material from the gravel pit it would not be a huge cost. Bill also asked if anyone had been to the gravel pit and seen the devastation up there and what the \$50,000.00 road construction reserve fund was for. Mike replied paving and general road maintenance.

Chuck made a motion to amend this article from \$1,302,482.00 to \$1,312,482.00 to accommodate Article 18 which must be passed over. Liz Levey seconded. Chuck explained that while setting the budget it was thought that there would be \$10,000.00 left from the municipal building ADA project but that was not the case when the final bill came in. This increase would fund the fire equipment reserve fund. Wesley asked if we had the revenue to cover that and the answer was yes when the tax rate is set. Larry Consenstein asked if the ADA project was done and the answer was yes.

Gussie Graves made a motion to approve the amended budget of \$1,312,482.00. Tony Egan seconded. No further discussion, all in favor, motion carried.

Article 18. Shall the voters authorize the Selectboard to move funds in the amount of \$10,000.00 from the established Municipal Building Maintenance Reserve Fund to the Fire Equipment Reserve Fund?

Jared made a motion to lay this article on the table as previously discussed. Chuck seconded. No further discussion, all in favor, motion carried.

Article 19. Shall the voters approve a contribution to support the Mad River Valley Ambulance Service in the amount of \$15,000, contingent upon the voters of Warren, Waitsfield and Moretown each also authorizing appropriations to support the Service in the same amount?

Freddie Graves made a motion to approve this article. Rebecca Baruzzi seconded.

Kevin Van Schaick made a motion to amend the article to remove Moretown from the list of Towns that would need to approve to pass the article. Theresa Membrinio seconded. Paul Sipple asked why we would tie our contribution to other towns at all.

Carol Chamberlin made a motion to amend the amendment by removing all other towns from the contingency. Abbey Dyer seconded. Discussion followed. By voice vote amendment carried. This left some awkward language referring to no towns in the remaining amended motion. Theresa made a substitute motion that removed from the article the related wording concerning other towns participating. "The voters approve a contribution to support the Mad River Valley Ambulance Service in the amount of \$15,000." Rebecca seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Kevin spoke briefly about volunteers needed and applications he had in hand. Carol Chamberlin thanked the ambulance service for their service. A round of applause by all.

Article 20. Shall the voters authorize an additional appropriation to support the Mad River Valley Recreation District in the amount of \$15,000, contingent upon the voters of Warren and Waitsfield each also authorizing additional appropriations to support the District in the same amount?

Sue Jefferys moved that the other towns be removed from this article as well.

This was out of order as Rick Swanson noted the article had to be moved and seconded first. John Stokes said that he believed the towns had to move together on this one or not at all.

Casey Murphy made a motion to move the article. Kathy Cadwell seconded. Body voted not to move the article and continue discussion.

Tony asked if the other towns had the same article and Jared replied yes. Waitsfield had the exact language while Warren included it as a budget line item. Gerri Procaccini asked what the money was for. John Stokes said that since the Mad River Park had been purchased one person had been handling all the ADA compliance, water runoff, parking lot and permitting issues. They need a manager to apply for grants, take care of the fields, etc. He compared our Recreation District with Bristol and Waterbury. Rebecca Baruzzi noted alternative revenue sources that were spoken of when the land was purchased. If this article passes, she could like to see measures of what is done with the money and judge next year if this will be a year after year request. John explained the position would be part time. David Koeple asked then if the total the Town would give to the Rec District is \$30,000.00 this year and year after year. Answer yes. Matt Howes spoke that he was not sure this district needed the extra \$15,000 as they already get \$45,000.00. Likened to the Skatium that makes their own money and does not feel the taxpayers need to donate to a private business. Brad Cook spoke of coordination between all the recreation entities in the Valley. Rebecca Baruzzi replied that coordination would be great but not sure this is the place for that. Valerie Welter agreed with the coordinating but that this should cook a bit, let them have the money this year and see what happens.

Rick Swanson called the question, without objection.

Rick reread the article. All in favor, motion carried.

Article 21. Shall the voters authorize the Selectboard to set the necessary tax rate after the Grand List has been completed and lodged in the Office of the Town Clerk?

Sue Jefferys made a motion to move the article. Ned Kelley seconded. No discussion, all in favor, motion carried.

Article 22. Shall the Town vote to start next year's Town Meeting (March 2, 2021) at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon at the Fayston Municipal Building/Robert Vasseur Town Hall?

Jodi Chamberlain made the motion to move the article. Kathy Cadwell seconded.

Darlene put a plug in to move the town meeting to a night meeting.

Rebecca Baruzzi made a motion to amend the article to meeting March 2, 2021 at 6 p.m. Peter Forbes seconded.

Matt Howes explained that, for anyone running the elections on that day and ballot counters, this would not work as polls close at 7p.m. Jared agreed that elected officials would be absent at such a meeting. Some discussion was had about another night and Theresa Membrino noted the HUUSD meeting held on the Monday night prior. Jodi Chamberlain said Waitsfield had tried this a couple years ago and moved back to morning as it did not work to bring in more participation. Doug said that those adversely affected by the time of the meeting are not here to speak for themselves and suggested a survey be sent out via the new email system to see what opinions might be. Other dates/times/location/ideas were discussed.

Brad Cook asked to call the question.

Rick restated the amendment to change next year's meeting from 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. By voice vote, the motion to amend was denied.

Rick restated the original article. No further discussion, all in favor, motion carried.

Article 23. To transact any other business which may properly come before the meeting?

Corrie asked that funding for the rec district next year be an article that includes total funding not just increased funding as it was this year. Don Simonini commented that how can they hire someone if they don't know if that position will be funded.

Rick Swanson made a motion to adjourn. Sue Jefferys seconded. Voice vote was unable to determine but by division of the house the motion failed.

Bev McMullin noted on pages 24 & 31 in the town report the use of term Selectman and requested change to Select Board. Patti responded that the Town Clerk's office will continue its efforts along the lines of that request.

Theresa Membrino and Tim Jones, representatives to the HUUSD spoke.

Tim apologized for the profound failure in leadership and respect the people expect in the School Board. He has no explanation for the division that has been wrought on this community. He hopes when voters speak today, and some turn over on the board, that they can get back to work and regain some trust. He stated he is grateful and impressed with the teachers in our community and that his kids come home from school happy every day and that our children are in the best hands that can be.

Theresa said she had voted no in the 6 to 7 minority to the budget as well, based on binary decisions and long-term cost. Theresa and Tim received an appreciative round of applause for

their work.

Raymond Schenk wanted to know if they had settled on a bus contract and what was the board doing re: the coronavirus on buses.

Lou Putnam expressed her opposition to closing the Fayston School. Someone noted that the Fayston School enrollment was driven down by the white paper and talk of closing the school. Question was asked what happens if the budget is voted down and would the lights go out and would that be a telling rebuke. Rebecca Baruzzi thanked the school board members for doing the worst job in the Valley, stated the challenge is retention of our kids in our school system, and noted the 45 houses built in Fayston in the past five years and the number in Moretown as well. John Stokes spoke to class size and does not believe more is better. Jill Ellis thanked both the members for their work and spoke of teacher RIFs even before the budget passed. She is concerned about this. Al Cocagna asked when the Superintendent's contract was up. Answer June 2021. But if not renewing she has to be notified by 9/1/20. And this is a decision by the HUUSD Board by a majority vote. Karrie Thomas asked both our representative to vote against renewal. Valerie Welter also thanked our representatives. She noted that the superintendent works for the Board and the Board works for us and would like them to rein in the rampant, political poise and smoke and mirrors from the superintendent. Slap her ears so to speak. Gail Breslauer asked if there could be a straw ballot that this community would entertain a vote of lack of confidence/vote of no confidence in the superintendent.

Rick said this could happen at the will of the body but that anything under other business was nonbinding.

Gail Breslauer made a motion for a straw poll on a vote of no confidence in the superintendent Brigid Nease. Jill Ellis seconded.

Leigh Michel wondered if her contract could be bought out/terminated early. Wesley Bell said he had heard comments from those working in the system that disgusted him with this whole plan/leadership.

Theresa Membrino noted that as a citizen we have to be thoughtful and mindful how such a straw vote might be uncomfortable from some of those in the room that work in the system. Someone suggested a paper ballot procedure, but no motion was made.

Jill Ellis made a suggestion that the camera be turned off during the vote. The MRVTV camera turned away from the body of the meeting.

Rick restated the non binding motion for a straw poll on a vote of no confidence in the district superintendent Brigid Nease. No further discussion, all in favor, motion carried.

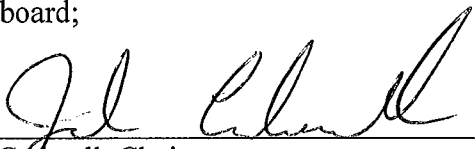
Zelda Lavanway spoke re: the Fayston Historical Society and the need for help. A President and Secretary are needed and people to get involved to preserve the history of the Town.

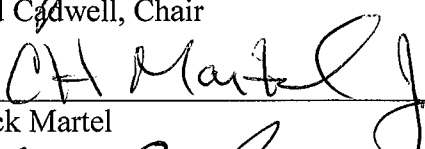
Kevin VanSchaick encouraged people to read page 38 of the town report to better understand the MRVAS request for 2020 and 2021.

Wesley Bell spoke of his desire to have a Town/Valley-wide initiative that would require a wage ordinance addressing living vs. minimum wage. This would begin by a study of wages and living expenses in the Valley. Motions were started but not seconded and after much discussion Wesley was referred to the Mad River Valley Planning District to begin his investigation of those numbers as they already work on those statistics.

1:26 p.m. – Brad Cook made a motion to adjourn. Cynthia Seckler seconded. No further discussion, all in favor, motion carried.


Selectboard;


Jared Cadwell, Chair


Chuck Martel



Michael Jordan

Dated this 30 day of March 2020 at Fayston, Vermont


Patti Lewis, Fayston Town Clerk

Received and recorded this 31 day of March 2020.

Someone suggested a paper ballot procedure, but no motion was made.

FAYSTON TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE
RECEIVED FOR RECORD
DATE 03/31/2020 TIME 11:36 AM
RECORDED IN BOOK VOL 7 PAGE TOWN PROCEEDINGS
ATTEST  ASST. TOWN CLERK

ELECTED AT TOWN MEETING									
2020								Term Length	Term Ends
Selectboard	Jared Cadwell (Chair)	V/S	496-3295	P.O. Box 691	Waitsfield	Vermont	05673	3 year	2021
Selectboard	Chuck Martel	V/S	496-5932	713 Randell Road	Fayston	Vermont	05660	3 year	2022
Selectboard	Mike Jordan	V/S	496-4929	563 Big Basin Rd	Fayston	Vermont	05660	3 year	2023
Town Clerk	Patti Lewis	P	496-2454 x 1	866 N. Fayston Rd.	Fayston	Vermont	05660	1 year	2021
Town Treasurer	Patti Lewis	P	496-2454 x 1	866 N. Fayston Rd.	Fayston	Vermont	05660	1 year	2021
Delinquent Tax Collector	Patti Lewis	P	496-2454 x 1	866 N. Fayston Rd.	Fayston	Vermont	05660	1 year	2021
HUUSD School Director	Timothy Jones	V	496-7855	3195 N. Fayston Rd.	Fayston	Vermont	05660	3 year	2022
HUUSD School Director	Theresa Membrino	V	496-2681	152 Mansfield Road	Fayston	Vermont	05673	3 year	2021
Lister	Doug Mosle	P	496-2454 x 3	866 N. Fayston Rd.	Fayston	Vermont	05660	3 year	2021
Lister	Sarah Stavsky	P	496-2454 x 3	866 N. Fayston Rd.	Fayston	Vermont	05660	3 year	2022
Lister	Vacant	P			Fayston	Vermont	05660	3 year	2023
Second Constable	Jim McCaffrey	V	496-3512	2572 North Fayston Road	Fayston	Vermont	05660	1 year	2021
Cemetery Commissioner	Ken Amann	V	496-4111	P.O. Box 875	Waitsfield	Vermont	05673	3 year	2021
Cemetery Commissioner	Zelda La Vanway	V	496-4201	2913 N. Fayston Rd.	Fayston	Vermont	05660	3 year	2023
Cemetery Commissioner	David Koepele	V	496-1799	3400 Center Fayston Road	Fayston	Vermont	05660	3 year	2022
Joslin Library Trustee (elected by Library Board)	Sally Reisner	V	496-7010	P.O. Box 1299	Waitsfield	Vermont	05673	5 year	2021
	Trish Read	V	496-3052	92 Fire Pond Lane	Fayston	Vermont	05673	5 year	2023
Moderator	Fredrick Rayfield	V	496-5667	P.O. Box 819	Waitsfield	Vermont	05673	1 year	2021
APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS									
Road Foreman	Stuart Hallstrom	P	496-8827	41 Town Garage Road	Fayston	Vermont	05660	1 year	2021
Assistant Town Clerk & Treas	Sarah Stavsky	P	496-2454 x 2	866 N. Fayston Road	Fayston	Vermont	05660	1 year	2021
Assistant Town Clerk & Treas	Lisa Koitzsch	P	496-9419 x 2	968 Bragg Hill Road	Fayston	Vermont	05673	1 year	2021
Assistant Town Clerk/Elections	Ken Scott/Elections	V/P	496-5373	P.O. Box 539	Waitsfield	Vermont	05673	1 year	2021
Selectboard Assistant	Patti Lewis	P	496-2454 x 1	866 N. Fayston Road	Fayston	Vermont	05660	1 year	2021
Zoning Administrator	John Weir	P	496-2454 x 4	866 N. Fayston Road	Fayston	Vermont	05660	1 year	2021
First Constable	Kevin Vanschaick	V	496-5378	78 Hoffman Road	Fayston	Vermont	05660	1 year	2021
Animal Control Officers	Jeremiah Rutledge	P	496-4424	483 Smith Road	Fayston	Vermont	05673	1 year	2021
Shingle Inspector		V				Vermont		1 year	
Tree Warden	Michael Quenneville	V	496-8827	866 N. Fayston Rd.	Fayston	Vermont	05660	1 year	2021
Service Officer	Rick Swanson	V	760-7787	533 Millbrook Road	Fayston	Vermont	05673	1 year	2021
Health Officer	John Weir	V	496-2454 x 4	866 N. Fayston Road	Fayston	Vermont	05660	1 year	2021

Energy Coordinator	David Frank	V	496-666		c/o 866 N. Fayston Road	Fayston	Vermont	05660 1 year	2021
Emergency Management	Craig Snell	V	496-3677		2410 Center Fayston Road	Fayston	Vermont	05660 1 year	2021
Grand Juror	Matt Howes	V	496-9107		78 Ward Hollow Road	Fayston	Vermont	05660 1 year	2021
Fire Warden	Dan Beede	V/S	923-6928		2333 N. Fayston Road	Fayston	Vermont	05660 1 year	2022
Planning Commission	Carol Chamberlin	V	496-4611		21 Randell Road	Fayston	Vermont	05660 4 year	2022
Planning Commission	Don Siminoni	V	496-4183		414 Deer Run Lane	Fayston	Vermont	05660 4 year	2023
Planning Commission	Doug Day (Chair)	V	496-4374		406 Deer Run Lane	Fayston	Vermont	05660 4 year	2022
Planning Commission	Peter Ludlow	V	496-5193		P.O. Box 574	Waitsfield	Vermont	05673 4 year	2021
Planning Commission	Jennifer Hammond	V	496-2174		P.O. Box 58	Waitsfield	Vermont	05673 4 year	2022
Planning Commission	Karen Sauther	V	496-7997		347 Glen View Road	Fayston	Vermont	05673 4 year	2024
Planning Commission	Rick Swanson	V	760-7787		533 Millbrook Road	Fayston	Vermont	05673 4 Year	2024
Development Review Board	Ky Koitzsch	V	279-3237		968 Bragg Hill Road	Fayston	Vermont	05660 3 year	2022
Development Review Board	Peter Ludlow	V	496-5193		P.O. Box 574	Waitsfield	Vermont	05673 3 year	2023
Development Review Board	Shane Mullen (Chair)	V	496-7997		347 Glen View Road	Fayston	Vermont	05673 3 year	2021
Development Review Board	Michael Quenneville	V	496-2190		353 Murphy Road	Fayston	Vermont	05660 3 year	2022
Development Review Board	Lindsay Browning	V	496-5603		38 Nelson Farm Road	Fayston	Vermont	05660 3 year	2023
Development Review Board	Nicholas Skwira, Alternate	V			2945 N. Fayston Road	Fayston	Vermont	05660 1 year	2021
Development Review Board	Jared Alvord, Alternate	V	595-2115		P.O. Box 672	Waitsfield	Vermont	05673 1 year	2021
Conservation Commission	Corrie Miller (Co-Chair)	V	802-999-2213		Confidential	Fayston	Vermont	05660 3 year	2021
Conservation Commission	Vacant							3 year	2022
Conservation Commission	Vacant							3 year	2023
Conservation Commission	Ned Kelley	V	496-9420		576 Smith Road	Fayston	Vermont	05660 3 year	2023
Conservation Commission	Akhil Kaplan	V	279-9272		3531 Center Fayston Road	Fayston	Vermont	05660 3 year	2021
Conservation Commission	Vacant							3 year	2022
Conservation Commission	Lisa Koitzsch (Co-Chair)	V	279-2173		968 Bragg Hill Road	Waitsfield	Vermont	05673 3 year	2022
Boyce Hill Steering Committee	Lisa Koitzsch	V	279-2173		968 Bragg Hill Road	Waitsfield	Vermont	05673 2 year	2022
Boyce Hill Steering Committee	Corrie Miller	V	802-999-2213		Confidential	Fayston	Vermont	05660 2 year	2022
Boyce Hill Steering Committee	Chuck Martel	V	496-5932		713 Randell Road	Fayston	Vermont	05660 2 year	2022
Boyce Hill Steering Committee	Woody Dugan	V	498-4405		3370 N. Fayston Road	Fayston	Vermont	05660 2 year	2022
Boyce Hill Steering Committee	Pete Colgan	V	781-771-5568		1864 Airport Road	Fayston	Vermont	05660 2 year	2022
Boyce Hill Steering Committee	Karrie Thomas	V	Confidential		68 Glen View Road	Fayston	Vermont	05660 2 year	2022
Boyce Hill Steering Committee	Sally Dwyer	V	496-2889		705 Dunbar Hill Road	Fayston	Vermont	05660 2 year	2022
MRVPD	Jared Cadwell	V	496-3295		P.O. Box 691	Waitsfield	Vermont	05673 1 year	2021
MRVPD	Chuck Martel- Alternate	V	496-5932		713 Randell Road	Fayston	Vermont	05660 1 year	2021
Recreation District	Vacant	V				Fayston	Vermont	05673 3 year	2021
Recreation District	John Stokes	V	496-2170		916 Phen Basin Road	Fayston	Vermont	05660 3 year	2023
Cntrl. Vt. Regional Planning	Russ Bowen	V	496-3770		488 Farm Road	Fayston	Vermont	05673 1 year	2021

TAC	Vacant	V				Fayston	Vermont	05660	1 year	2021
Police Advisory Committee	James McCaffrey	V	496-3512	2572 North Fayston Road		Fayston	Vermont	05660	1 year	2021
Camel's Hump	Doug Wilson	V	496-3836	1169 Kew Vasseur Road		Fayston	Vermont	05673	1 year	2021
MR Resource Mngmt Alliance	Chuck Martel	V	496-5932	713 Randell Road		Fayston	Vermont	05660	1 year	2021
MR Resource Mngmt Alliance	Mike Jordan, Alternate	V	496-4929	563 Big Basin Rd		Fayston	Vermont	05660	1 year	2021
ELECTED AT GENERAL ELECTION										
Justice Of The Peace	Peter Forbes	V	496-5685	700 Bragg Hill Road		Fayston	Vermont	05673	2 year	Feb-23
Justice Of The Peace	Jared Cadwell	V	496-3295	P.O. Box 691		Waitsfield	Vermont	05673	2 year	Feb-23
Justice Of The Peace	Lisa Koitzsch	V	279-2173	P.O. Box 953		Waitsfield	Vermont	05673	2 year	Feb-23
Justice Of The Peace	Fredrick Rayfield	V	496-5667	P.O. Box 819		Waitsfield	Vermont	05673	2 year	Feb-23
Justice Of The Peace	Elizabeth McCaffrey	V	496-3512	2572 N. Fayston Road		Fayston	Vermont	05660	2 year	Feb-23
V=VOLUNTEER										
P=PAID										
V/S=VOLUNTEER/STIPEND										
V/P=VOLUNTEER/MAY PAY										



SELECTBOARD REPORT

We've been living in interesting times. The fact that our 2020 Town Meeting was held in person is a small miracle and seems so long ago. As we write our 2020 report we look back on the many challenges that the Covid-19 pandemic has presented and we are so grateful for the hard work and resourcefulness of our town employees and citizen volunteers. The main theme of our response to the Covid-19 pandemic has been "Adapt and Deliver". The Town Office has remained open and has provided all needed town records and administrative services. We moved to remote/virtual meetings for almost all town business meetings and safely conducted the August 2020 primary and the November 2020 election.

The Selectboard and front office staff reviewed and approved Covid-19 protocols for public access to the Town Office per the Governor's directives. The same process applied to protocols for the Town Road Crew. The Selectboard with the assistance of the Vermont League of Cities and Towns and town staff updated the Personnel Handbook for all town employees.

The Town Road Crew has worked throughout the pandemic and completed a number of important projects. Among them are the following:

- Boyce Road Class 3 extension (.3 mile) to Boyce Hill Town Forest entrance/parking lot
- Culvert replacement/road upgrade on Dunbar Hill road
- Culvert replacement/road upgrade on Airport Road
- Road upgrade on .1 mile section of Kew-Vasseur Road
- Shim paving on German Flats Road and Hill #9 Road
- Significant re-graveling and grading of many sections of town roads
- Re-routing Sassie Spring to the Town Gravel Pit lower entrance
- Gravel and Sand refining at the Town Gravel Pit

Road projects for 2021 include continued culvert replacement at various locations around town including the paved portion of North Fayston Road, gravel road upgrades where needed, replacement of traffic signs, brush-hogging roadsides and ditching and grading work. The Selectboard will also conduct soil tests to determine the lifespan of the town owned Sharpshooter's Road gravel pit. The pit has provided top-grade gravel for our town roads for forty years. It is important to determine how many more years of good gravel is accessible.

The Selectboard held public hearings for and approved the 2020 Town Plan. The Selectboard thanks the Planning Commission for their diligence and public outreach as they prepared the document. It is the Selectboard's intention in 2021 to engage the members of the Planning Commission, Development Review Board, Conservation Commission, Town support staff and public in a dialogue regarding the goals and intent of the Town Plan.

The Fayston and Waitsfield Selectboards are working closely with the Waitsfield-Fayston Fire Department to provide the necessary funding for a new chassis for their equipment van, new protective gear and a uniform cleaner-extractor. Fayston resident and firefighter, Craig Snell and John Weir, Fayston Administrative Assistant, are writing a FEMA grant that would offset a significant portion of the aforementioned items. In addition, the Selectboard strongly supports increasing the Fire Equipment Reserve Fund. The proposed 2021 budget is the first year of a 10 year funding program that will meet the replacement costs of fire equipment and repairs at the fire station.

Selectboard members serve on several Mad River Valley organizations that are dealing with various relevant concerns: affordable housing (MRV Housing Coalition), conservation (Boyce Hill Town Forest), recreation (Mad River Riders), planning and development (Mad River Valley Planning District); recycling and hazardous waste (Mad River Resource and Management Alliance). Selectboard members keep in close contact with their colleagues on the Waitsfield and Warren Selectboards as there are so many concerns and opportunities that cross town lines. We look forward to serving you in 2021!

Sincerely,
Fayston Selectboard
Jared Cadwell, Chair
Chuck Martel
Michael Jordan

LISTER REPORT

Like everything in 2020, the work of the Lister's office was not made easier by the pandemic. Much of what we do requires physical visits to properties, and that process all but ceased this year. However, the work must go on, and that meant getting creative. Exterior inspections were conducted when we could do so safely and distantly, and email surveys were sent out to gather preliminary interior data on properties under construction. We will rely heavily on cooperation this spring and summer to complete the work that was left undone this past year. During the course of the spring we will visit as many properties as possible that have zoning permits outstanding. If you would like to schedule a visit, please contact the Listers at 496-2454 x23 or by email at faystonlister@madriver.com. Otherwise we will call and schedule a time. If you are uncomfortable with us visiting, please let us know and we can make reasonable accommodations.

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

New Lister – as of the date of this publication, we are still in search of a 3rd Lister. This is an elected position that can be filled by appointment if no candidate is elected at town meeting. The time commitment is about 40-60 hours per year and is paid, and there are opportunities for advancement. Please contact us if you are interested in more information.

This is an historic look at CLA and COD, including reappraisal years (RA):

Year	CLA	COD
2010	100.33%	7.18% (RA)
2011	100.98%	6.15%
2012	101.57%	6.13%
2013	105.84%	8.06%
2014	104.65%	12.09%
2015	105.27%	11.47%
2016	105.21%	13%
2017	100.54%	4.59% (RA)
2018	99.76%	5.84%
2019	97.15%	7.62%
2020	92.63%	11.61%

The **Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)** represents the average ratio (shown as a percentage) of sales in the town during the past three years, as compared to their assessed value. Therefore a CLA of 100% indicates that, on average, homes over the past three years sold for their assessed value. A lower CLA indicates that properties are selling above the town's assessment; a higher CLA indicates the opposite. The **Coefficient of Dispersion (COD)** represents the average absolute difference of each property's sale ratio from the median sales ratio, an indicator of how fairly the property tax burden is distributed within the town. Therefore a higher COD indicates greater disparity and a lower COD indicates greater parity.

As you can see, the strong year of real estate sales caused our CLA to dip by 5 points this year and our COD to climb by 4 pts. If the CLA drops below 85% a reappraisal will be required.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Doug Mosle and Sarah Stavraky
Fayston Board of Listers

ZONING & PLANNING REPORT

The Fayston Planning Commission is currently a seven-member volunteer board which over time seeks out new members. If you are interested in taking part in Fayston's planning process, contact J.B. Weir, Planning & Zoning Administrator, at faystonzoning@madriver.com.

In February of 2020, the Planning Commission completed updating the Town Plan, as the next iteration of the Plan was due to be finalized. The 2020 Plan includes updated data and survey results, and strengthens consistency with the following goals: (1) provide a strong and diverse economy; (2) encourage the efficient use of energy and the development of renewable energy resources; (3) maintain and enhance recreational opportunities; (4) encourage and strengthen agricultural and forest industries; and (5) encourage flood resilient communities.

The Planning Commission has begun the work of revising the land use regulations. With a new timeframe of Town Plan updates being required every eight years, the PC will be able to focus more on following through with completion of some of the goals and objectives outlined in the Plan. These goals guide planning, budgeting, and policy decisions made by local boards and officials, and there will be potential for involvement of Fayston's residents as plans for working on these goals and objectives is outlined by the Commission in the coming months.

The Fayston Zoning & Planning Administrator (ZA) and the Development Review Board (DRB) charge is to enforce the LURs. As part of the ZA's job is the responsibility to attend to all Zoning Permit activities, issue permits, keep detailed records of permit activity, to interpret the LURs and provide guidance to permit applicants. The ZA also provides administrative support to the Planning Commission and to the Development Review Board for all Conditional Use and Subdivision applications.

In 2020, the ZA and the Development Review Board worked closely to review a grand total of 63 applications, as follows:



ZONING & PLANNING REPORT

<u>Type of Zoning Permit:</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Subdivision & Amend.	4	3	5	7	5	7	3
Single-Family Homes	6	12	8	8	6	9	8
Additions/Other Structures	37	19	31	20	28	18	21
Certificates of Occupancy	6	7	7	8	11	2	4
Conditional Use	8	9	8	3	5	3	5
Home Occupation	2	0	0	1	0	1	3

Wastewater applications are reviewed by the State of Vermont Agency of Natural Resources Wastewater Management Division, which implements the state-wide Wastewater Permit Program. The state issued 5 permits to Fayston landowners in 2019, down 11 from the previous year. Fayston continues to require that a Certificate of Occupancy be applied for once a new residence is constructed. This certificate is applied for through the Zoning & Planning office. Forms can be obtained by mail or on the Town of Fayston Website under Permits.

Fayston Zoning Permits are required for all new buildings, additions, decks, sheds, barns, garages, accessory buildings, home occupations, accessory apartments, ponds, subdivisions, and other uses detailed in the Land Use Regulations. Applications, minutes of public hearings, zoning regulations, agendas, and Notices of Decisions are all available at the Town Office and Town of Fayston website. Residents with questions are encouraged to contact the ZA Mondays - Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Weir

Fayston Zoning and Planning Administrator/E-911 Coord./THO

802-496-2454 ext. 4

faystonzoning@madriver.com

TOWN CLERK STATEMENT & VITALS

TOWN CLERK INFORMATION & STATEMENT OF FEES COLLECTED 2020

Town Meeting March 2, 2021

Wow, where to start with the year 2020. What a chaotic, scary, challenging year it has been. Between Covid-19 and a year full of elections, it was constant shifting to keep up with executive orders and guidelines. Through it all we managed to keep the office open, working split shifts and from home, allowing access for researchers, notary services, answering calls and questions, providing all manner of documents. We held meetings under strict guidelines at first and then via zoom, to protect each other and anyone coming in to the office out of necessity, and of course running three election cycles. Who would have thought we would need six people on deck to safely allow two voters at a time vs. the historical two people to handle six.

However, many volunteers stepped up to help with elections and for that we are so grateful. And within the office I can only say as always what a great team we have. Zoning, Listers, Assistants, Selectboard, have all been invaluable in keeping this office open for the public needs while looking out for each other at the same time. And a thank you to our Road Crew who continue to work hard every day to keep us all between the lines.

Here's to hope for 2021!

Cheers,

Patti Lewis
Town Clerk & Treasurer

LIQUOR LICENSES	\$1035.00
DOG LICENSES (NET OF STATE FEES)	\$974.00
MARRIAGE/CU LICENSES (NET OF STATE FEES)	\$120.00
RECORDING/SEARCH/FEES/COPIES	\$30,645.31

VITAL RECORDS: BIRTHS 4 –DEATHS 3– MARRIAGES 6

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

Please remember all owners or keepers of domestic dog and wolf-hybrids who are 6 months of age or older must obtain a license on or before April 1, 2021. To obtain a license the animal must have a valid rabies vaccination and a copy of the certificate filed with the town clerk. Due to ongoing Covid-19 delays we have not received the animal tags as of this writing. Please send in your information via mail, or drop slot in the front door of the Town Office, with the correct fee and self-addressed return envelope and we will mail you the tag as soon as they become available.

CEMETERY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

INCOME

6 LOT SALES	\$ 4,925.00
GRAVE OPENINGS	\$ 1,200.00
INT.Perpetual CARE	\$ 1,000.00
DONATION	\$ 150.00
CK.BOOK BAL. 12/31/2019	\$ 4,579.04
	<u>\$ 11,854.04</u>

EXPENSE

GROUNDS MAINTENANCE	\$ 6,000.00
12 SETS CORNERSTONES	\$ 2,380.00
SETTING CORNERSTONES	\$ 360.00
GRAVE OPENINGS	\$ 300.00
PERPETUAL CARE ACCT.	\$ 875.00
	<u>\$ 9,915.00</u>

ASSETS

CK.BOOK BAL. 12/31/2020	\$ 1,939.04
PERPETUAL CARE PRINCIPAL	\$ 28,950.00
PERPETUAL CARE INT.	\$ 3,820.03
RESTRICTED FUND	\$ 162,862.96
	<u>\$ 197,572.03</u>

SOUTH FAYSTON CEMETERY

4 CREMATIONS
3 HEADSTONES
4 GROUND STONES
6 LOTS SOLD

NORTH FAYSTON CEMETERY

1 HEADSTONE
1 GROUND STONE AFTER 114
YEARS

KEN AMANN

DAVE KOEPELE ZELDA LA VANWAY

FAYSTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Chase Brook Town Forest (German Flats Road across from Fayston Elementary School)

Work was completed on a new walking trail that provides people and their dogs with a loop within the Chase Brook Town Forest without having to turn around at the 'No Dogs Allowed' signs at the boundary of the Marble Hill Farm. Signs will soon be installed, and the trail will be dedicated in this Spring or Summer to Fred Gilbert, long-time member of the FCC.

Boyce Hill Town Forest (Top of Boyce Road)

In 2020, we began a long-term management planning process for Fayston's newest Town Forest. Members of the public were invited to apply to join a Steering Committee and a seven-member committee of volunteers – with representatives from the Select Board, the FCC, and the Vermont Land Trust – got to work in September and meets by Zoom twice a month. Management planning was originally imagined as a two-phase process, in which the first phase focused on learning and sharing about the property and its cultural and natural resources, while the second phase focused on gathering public input and ideas. COVID-19 impeded our ability to host public walks and educational forums, but we made significant progress! To learn about the valued natural and cultural resources, we completed a Natural Resources Inventory, an Invasive Species Report, a Forest Bird Survey, and coordinated technical input from the Mad Birders, Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife, Audubon Vermont, the Washington County Forester, a pond embankment expert, a local team of Vermont Master Naturalists, and the Vermont Land Trust. To keep long-term management options open, the Steering Committee identified portions of the property where the vegetation would likely be too dense to mow next year if not mown this year, and then Sugarbush helped the Town by mowing these portions of the property. We plan to hold a series of topic-specific Zoom workshops for sharing information and gathering input over Zoom this Spring and Summer, provide opportunities for public input including surveys, and produce a draft long-term plan for public review by the end of 2021. In advance of the 2020 summer season, the Town of Fayston upgraded Boyce Road from Class IV to Class III and created a parking area for 10 cars. We understand from its users that this new town forest has served as a site for respite and rejuvenation during this challenging year and we are ever grateful to the donor that gifted this property to the Town.

Green-Up Day

The FCC coordinated Green-Up Day activities for our Town. Volunteers spread out across Fayston on May 30th to pick up trash along roadsides and streams and make our home more beautiful. Many thanks to the families that participated and to the Fayston Road Crew for removing all the waste.

Composting

The FCC worked with Warren and Waitsfield to study the feasibility of a community compost system at Lareau Farm because many people identified in the 2020 Town Meeting survey that they were looking for ways to compost off their homesite. Due to flood zoning restrictions, this project was not possible, but the FCC continues to look for ways to educate the public about composting opportunities in the Mad River Valley.

Invasive Species – Japanese Knotweed

The FCC expanded its knotweed removal efforts in 2020. Several sites were designated across Fayston and volunteers diligently dug and cut knotweed on a regular basis to attempt to eradicate the persistent species. We are currently working on creating a way to allow Fayston residents to Adopt-a-Knotweed site that will allow interested volunteers to help and help us tackle more patches especially along roads and stream tributaries.

Randell Road Beavers

A family of beavers built a dam across a culvert on Randell Road. The culvert is just below a wetland complex containing several beaver ponds and a lodge and is important for slowing down water and filtering sediment running off Center Fayston Road. FCC worked with wildlife biologists from the State to install a "beaver baffle", a device that looks like a large cage, in front of the culvert that serves to prevent the beavers from blocking the culvert. While the baffle deterred the industrious rodents, it suffered damage in a high-water event in December and will have to be replaced with a sturdier model in the spring.

Forests & Wildlife Habitat

Together with Waitsfield and Warren Conservation Commissions, the FCC hosted an interactive webinar that provided landscape data specific to the Mad River Valley about our forests, wildlife, and communities and information about how that science can inform planning, conservation, and land management efforts. The three Conservation Commissions are now discussing other ways to share the data and better integrate it into town efforts.

Thank you to our Fayston community for your continued dedication and support. Please contact us at faystonconservation@madriver.com.

FCC 2020 Members:

*Lisa Koitzsch, Co-Chair
Corrie Miller, Co-Chair & Treasurer
Geri Procaccini, Secretary
Ned Kelley, Akhil Kaplan, and Gene Fialkoff*

Boyce Hill Steering Committee Members:

*Lisa Koitzsch and Corrie Miller, FCC Representatives
Chuck Martel, Select Board Representative
Karrie Thomas, Woody Dugan, Pete Colgan, and Sally Dwyer
Caitlin Cusack & Liza Walker, Vermont Land Trust*

GENERAL FUND: BUDGET

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GENERAL FUND: BUDGET

		HIGHWAY SUPPLIES					
		5070 · Calcium	12,615.04	8,500.00	4,115.04	148.41%	12,000.00
		5075 · Sand	15,483.60	17,000.00	-1,516.40	91.08%	17,000.00
		5080 · Other supplies	1,107.96	1,500.00	-392.04	73.86%	1,500.00
		5085 · Salt	27,635.00	35,000.00	-7,365.00	78.96%	30,000.00
		Total HIGHWAY SUPPLIES	56,841.60	62,000.00	-5,158.40	91.68%	60,500.00
		INSURANCE					
		5400 · Property and Casualty	6,202.00	12,667.00	-6,465.00	48.96%	12,720.00
		5410 · Public Officials	1,795.00	1,795.00	0.00	100.0%	1,842.00
		5430 · Workers' comp	12,509.00	12,509.00	0.00	100.0%	12,931.00
		5435 · Employment Practices	1,735.00	1,735.00	0.00	100.0%	1,667.00
		5440 · VLCT Unemployment	300.00	674.00	-374.00	44.51%	733.00
		Total INSURANCE	22,541.00	29,380.00	-6,839.00	76.72%	29,893.00
		MUNICIPAL BUILDING					
			Jan 1 - Nov 10, 20	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget	Budget 2021
		5450 · Cleaning	1,740.00	1,900.00	-160.00	91.58%	1,900.00
		5455 · Electricity	2,358.04	3,000.00	-641.96	78.6%	3,000.00
		5460 · Heat	1,925.17	3,500.00	-1,574.83	55.01%	3,500.00
		5470 · Maintenance	4,141.99	5,000.00	-858.01	82.84%	5,000.00
		5475 · Telephone	3,163.29	3,200.00	-36.71	98.85%	3,200.00
		Total MUNICIPAL BUILDING	13,328.49	16,600.00	-3,271.51	80.29%	16,600.00
		OFFICE					
		5600 · Computer expenses	7,106.16	10,000.00	-2,893.84	71.06%	10,000.00
		5605 · Equipment purchase	130.96	3,000.00	-2,869.04	4.37%	3,000.00
		5610 · Listers-expenses	346.40	750.00	-403.60	46.19%	750.00
		5611 · 911 Wages	1,456.68	1,000.00	456.68	145.67%	1,500.00
		5612 · Tax Mapping	750.00	2,500.00	-1,750.00	30.0%	2,500.00
		5615 · Selectmen	2,250.00	2,250.00	0.00	100.0%	2,250.00
		5625 · Postage	2,466.52	2,250.00	216.52	109.62%	2,500.00
		5630 · Equipment rental	2,143.97	2,000.00	143.97	107.2%	2,000.00
		5635 · Supplies	3,894.08	3,000.00	894.08	129.8%	3,500.00
		5650 · Seminars/dues	468.00	3,500.00	-3,032.00	13.37%	1,000.00
		Total OFFICE	21,012.77	30,250.00	-9,237.23	69.46%	29,000.00
		PLANNING					
		5700 · Advertising	1,530.61	2,000.00	-469.39	76.53%	2,000.00
		5705 · CVRPC	1,668.75	1,668.75	0.00	100.0%	1,702.40
		5706 · FCC	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	100.0%	1,000.00
		5710 · ZA Exp/Misc	0.00	250.00	-250.00	0.0%	250.00
		5711 · Planning-supplies	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.0%	500.00
		5714 · MRVPD	45,317.00	45,317.00	0.00	100.0%	44,067.00
		5720 · Planning/DRB Resources	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.0%	500.00
		5830 · Zoning Administration	30,614.19	25,000.00	5,614.19	122.46%	30,000.00
		Total PLANNING	80,130.55	76,235.75	3,894.80	105.11%	80,019.40
		SALARIES					
		5810 · Clerk,Treasurer & Tax Collector	59,364.85	59,365.00	-0.15	100.0%	60,849.13
		5811 Selectboard Assistant & Minute Taker	11,948.89	12,523.00	-574.11	95.42%	12,751.00
		5815 · Listers	19,276.20	25,000.00	-5,723.80	77.11%	25,700.00
		5838 · Asst TC & Asst Treasurer	31,006.76	37,000.00	-5,993.24	83.8%	43,302.00
		Total SALARIES	121,596.70	133,888.00	-12,291.30	90.82%	142,602.13
		TAXES					
		5900 · Joslin Library Donation	25,448.00	25,672.00	-224.00	99.13%	26,084.00
		5925 · Washington County	30,255.00	30,255.00	0.00	100.0%	31,021.00
		5930 · Donations	17,788.00	18,088.00	-300.00	98.34%	16,388.00
		5935 · Recreation District	30,000.00	30,000.00	0.00	100.0%	30,000.00
		5937 · MRV Ambulance	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00	100.0%	0.00
		Total TAXES	118,491.00	119,015.00	-524.00	99.56%	103,493.00
		TRANSFERS					
		8001 · Transfer Road Retreatment	80,000.00	80,000.00	0.00	100.0%	90,000.00
		8002 · Transfer Equipment	125,000.00	125,000.00	0.00	100.0%	125,000.00
		8003 · Transfer Bridge	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	100.0%	5,000.00
		8004 · Transfer Fire Equipment	30,000.00	30,000.00	0.00	100.0%	65,000.00
		8006 · Transfer Road Construction	50,000.00	50,000.00	0.00	100.0%	50,000.00
		8008 · Transfer Re-Appraisal Reserve	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00	100.0%	0.00
		8011 · Transfer FCC Conser Fund	3,500.00	3,500.00	0.00	100.0%	3,500.00
		8012 · Transfer Town Garage Reserve	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	100.0%	5,000.00
		8013 · Transfer Record Preservation	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00	100.0%	0.00
		8014 · Transfer - Culvert Reserve	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00	100.0%	15,000.00
		8016 · Transfer Town Forest Reserve	3,500.00	3,500.00	0.00	100.0%	9,000.00
		Total TRANSFERS	322,000.00	322,000.00	0.00	100.0%	367,500.00
		Waitsfield & Fayston Fire Dept.	50,961.27	48,712.00	2,249.27	104.62%	50,156.00
		602 Covid Election Funds	3,196.47				
		Total Expense	1,255,031.80	1,332,482.00	-77,450.20	94.19%	1,369,092.53
	**	Fund Balance For 2020 Not Confirmed					
		As of Date of Printing					

GENERAL & CAPITAL BUDGET SUMMARY

	ACTUAL 2019	BUDGET 2020	ACTUAL 2020	BUDGET 2021
GENERAL FUND BUDGET				
ADMINISTRATIVE	\$27,689.64	\$35,822.25	\$28,817.00	\$27,322.00
BENEFITS	\$133,419.72	\$148,579.00	\$135,009.14	\$156,757.00
ELECTIONS	\$3,842.41	\$9,500.00	\$5,841.81	\$9,500.00
FIRE	\$44,748.43	\$48,712.00	\$50,961.27	\$50,156.00
HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT	\$84,918.54	\$100,500.00	\$86,139.16	\$93,750.00
HIGHWAY GARAGE	\$14,050.00	\$16,000.00	\$14,295.21	\$14,000.00
HIGHWAY SALARIES	\$181,810.46	\$184,000.00	\$174,829.63	\$188,000.00
HIGHWAY SUPPLIES	\$70,911.39	\$62,000.00	\$56,841.60	\$60,500.00
INSURANCE	\$27,957.14	\$29,380.00	\$22,541.00	\$29,893.00
MUNICIPAL BUILDING	\$19,978.05	\$16,600.00	\$13,328.49	\$16,600.00
OFFICE SUPPLIES/EXPENSES	\$22,560.76	\$30,250.00	\$21,012.77	\$29,000.00
PLANNING	\$75,148.94	\$76,235.75	\$80,130.55	\$80,019.40
OFFICER SALARIES	\$114,617.41	\$133,888.00	\$121,596.70	\$142,602.13
TAXES	\$88,039.50	\$119,015.00	\$118,491.00	\$103,493.00
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$909,692.39	\$1,010,482.00	\$929,835.33	\$1,001,592.53
CAPITAL FUND BUDGET				
ROAD CONSTRUCTION	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
ROAD RETREATMENT	\$80,000.00	\$80,000.00	\$80,000.00	\$90,000.00
EQUIPMENT RESERVE	\$125,000.00	\$125,000.00	\$125,000.00	\$125,000.00
FIRE EQUIPMENT RESERVE	\$20,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$65,000.00
BRIDGE RESERVE	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
REAPPRAISAL	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00
TOWN RECORD PRESERVATION	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00
CULVERT RESERVE	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
CONSERVATION RESERVE	\$2,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
TOWN GARAGE RESERVE	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
TOWN FOREST RESERVE	\$0.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$9,000.00
MUNICIPAL BUILDING	\$34,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL CAPITAL FUND	\$341,500.00	\$322,000.00	\$322,000.00	\$367,500.00
GENERAL & CAPITAL FUND TOTALS	\$1,251,192.39	\$1,332,482.00	\$1,251,835.33	\$1,369,092.53

REVENUE ESTIMATES

	ACTUAL 2016	ACTUAL 2017	ACTUAL 2018	ACTUAL 2019	BUDGET 2020	ACTUAL 2020	BUDGET 2021
4010 - STATE AID - HIGHWAY	\$67,426.21	\$67,406.46	\$67,390.90	\$67,993.86	\$68,000.00	\$70,004.27	\$70,000.00
4700 - CURRENT USE	\$44,329.00	\$39,876.00	\$38,178.00	\$41,822.00	\$40,000.00	\$44,443.00	\$40,000.00
4075/4065 - INTEREST GENERAL FUND & CD	\$4,764.16	\$5,581.70	\$6,739.20	\$8,923.45	\$6,200.00	\$4,113.66	\$6,200.00
4052 - INTEREST DELINQUENT TAX	\$14,471.76	\$22,258.32	\$12,041.45	\$11,995.33	\$12,000.00	\$12,580.12	\$12,000.00
4805 - PILOT (PMT IN LIEU OF TAXES)	\$16,139.94	\$15,891.16	\$15,642.38	\$15,393.60	\$15,000.00	\$15,393.60	\$15,000.00
4050- WAITSFIELD ROAD WORK	\$7,400.00	\$7,400.00	\$8,140.00	\$8,140.00	\$11,500.00	\$11,500.00	\$11,057.71
4020/4025/4035 - LICENSES (LIQUOR/MARRIAGE/DOG)	\$2,433.00	\$2,327.00	\$2,155.00	\$3,222.71	\$2,600.00	\$2,129.00	\$2,600.00
4043/4048 - PERMITS (EW & ZONING)	\$5,477.00	\$11,747.60	\$7,885.00	\$10,224.39	\$9,400.00	\$9,536.00	\$9,400.00
4042 - FEES (RECORDING/COPIES)	\$22,364.93	\$22,577.22	\$18,043.50	\$26,152.15	\$20,000.00	\$30,645.31	\$20,000.00
4040/4041 - MISCELLANEOUS (OTHER/HALL RENTAL)	\$11,914.60	\$25,548.56	\$28,709.74	\$6,465.97	\$7,000.00	\$1,426.39	\$3,500.00
4054 DELINQUENT TAX PENALTIES	\$9,686.00	\$8,694.99	\$10,339.01	\$11,792.12	\$10,000.00	\$12,210.79	\$10,000.00
4015 - GMVS	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,500.00
4036 - RECORD RESTORATION FUNDS**	\$1,832.00	\$1,731.00	\$1,426.00	\$4,938.00	\$2,000.00	\$8,628.00	\$2,000.00
Total Budgeted Income	\$212,238.60	\$235,040.01	\$220,690.18	\$221,063.58	\$207,700.00	\$226,610.14	\$206,257.71
4049 - ZONING FINES	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$29,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
STATE AID - REAPPRAISAL *	\$9,979.00	\$10,005.00	\$10,038.50	\$10,055.50	\$0.00	\$10,072.50	\$0.00
4012/4013 - GRANT FUNDS***	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$21,609.01	\$0.00	\$12,205.00	\$0.00
4601 - CTCV COVID Elections Grant	\$9,979.00	\$10,005.00	\$10,038.50	\$60,664.51	\$0.00	\$3,196.47	\$1,803.53
Total Un-Budgeted Income	\$222,217.60	\$245,045.01	\$230,728.68	\$281,728.09	\$207,700.00	\$252,084.11	\$1,803.53
TOTAL REVENUE	\$1,168,599.98	\$1,228,988.00	\$1,230,200.30	\$1,275,397.05	\$1,302,482.00	\$1,332,482.00	\$1,369,092.53
TOTAL REVENUE NEEDED (Capital and General Funds)	\$172,800.50	\$232,456.00	\$166,566.99	\$79,048.00	\$15,998.91	\$45,000.00	\$46,000.00
FUND BALANCE USED TO REDUCE TAXES NEEDED	\$783,560.88	\$761,491.99	\$842,943.13	\$975,285.47	\$1,078,783.09	\$1,035,397.89	\$1,115,031.29
TAXES NEEDED TO BE RAISED****							
*	Designated For Reappraisal Reserve Only						
**	Designated For Record Preservation Only						
***	Grant Funds Offset By Grant Expenses #5087						
****	Does Not Take Into Account Un-Budgeted Income						

CAPITAL BUDGET & PROGRAM 2021 - 2026

PURPOSE:

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

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

PROCESS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A CAPITAL BUDGET AND PROGRAM:

1. Identification of Capital Projects

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

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

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

2. Financial Analysis

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

Based on past trends, as adjusted, projections were made of the Town's future revenue base and operating expenditures to the year 2026. Capital project costs and grand list growth (the major revenue base) and given in today's dollar. Debt service already committed to by the Town was factored into the projections as well. A tax rate was applied to the projected grand list to estimate future revenues. By subtracting projected operating costs, and estimate of revenue available for capital expenditures was derived. These calculations are contained in the Appendix.

3. Budget and Program

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

ADOPTION OF THE CAPITAL BUDGET AND PROGRAM:

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

PROCESS FOR USE AND UPDATING A CAPITAL BUDGET PROGRAM:

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

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

FORMAT FOR THE CAPITAL BUDGET AND PROGRAM:

The chart on the following page represents the Fayston Capital Budget and Program for the period 2019-2024. The chart lists capital projects which is a list of the Town's anticipated capital needs, including various road equipment, road and bridge improvements, town buildings, and reserve accounts. A cost is listed for each item in columns representing the years within the program period. A total dollar amount for capital expenditures is provided by year. Contributions to depreciation accounts and reserve funds present the timing and amount of proposed "deposits" to reserve funds for various anticipated capital projects.

The capital projects for 2021 in the Town report will show the Total total amount of capital expenditures proposed and represent in the year's capital expenditures, minus revenues taken from existing reserve funds, plus revenues deposited in reserve funds.

PURCHASES & EQUIPMENT	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>
FCC CONS AA TION FD	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500
ROAD CONSTRUCTION	,, 000	,, 000	,, 000	,, 000	,, 000	,, 000
AD E TREATMENT	,, 000	,, 000	,, 000	,, 000	,, 000	,, 000
EQUIPMENT E S RVE	2 5,000	2 5,000	2 5,000	2 5,000	2 5,000	2 5,000
FIRE QUIPMENT RES RVE	,, 000	,, 000	,, 000	,, 000	,, 000	,, 000
BDG E E S RVE	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
TOWN A RAGE E S RVE	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
REAPPRAISAL RES RV	0	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
MUNICIPAL BUILDING E S RVE	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOWN E CORDS STAA TION	0	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
TOWN FE ST E S RVE	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000
CULVERT E S RVE	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
	367,500	372,500	372,500	372,500	372,500	372,500

FIXED ASSETS

REAL PROPERTY		2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
MUNICIPAL BUILDING & LAND (6.7AC)		\$589,200.00	\$589,200.00	\$647,500.00	\$647,500.00	\$647,500.00	\$647,500.00
N. FAYSTON & AIRPORT ROADS (.10AC)		\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
TOWN GARAGE & LAND (7.2AC)		\$316,700.00	\$316,700.00	\$342,300.00	\$342,300.00	\$342,300.00	\$342,300.00
GRAVEL PIT & CAMP (40.6AC)		\$390,400.00	\$390,400.00	\$395,900.00	\$395,900.00	\$395,900.00	\$395,900.00
BASSETT HILL ROAD (12.4AC)		\$95,900.00	\$95,900.00	\$106,600.00	\$106,600.00	\$106,600.00	\$106,600.00
MILL BROOK ROAD STORE (1AC)		\$50,400.00	\$50,400.00	\$50,400.00	\$50,400.00	\$50,400.00	\$50,400.00
MILL BROOK ROAD (.30AC)		\$7,100.00	\$7,100.00	\$7,100.00	\$7,100.00	\$7,100.00	\$7,100.00
HENRY'S WAY (7.5AC)		\$78,500.00	\$78,500.00	\$78,500.00	\$78,500.00	\$78,500.00	\$78,500.00
SCHOOL (7AC)		\$1,465,000.00	\$1,465,000.00	\$1,614,300.00	\$1,614,300.00	\$1,614,300.00	\$1,614,300.00
GERMAN FLATS ROAD (.25AC)		\$9,300.00	\$9,300.00	\$9,300.00	\$9,300.00	\$9,300.00	\$9,300.00
GERMAN FLATS ROAD (73.34AC) CHASE BROOK		\$274,700.00	\$274,700.00	\$274,500.00	\$274,500.00	\$274,500.00	\$274,500.00
CEMETERIES (3)		\$4,800.00	\$4,800.00	\$4,800.00	\$4,800.00	\$4,800.00	\$4,800.00
TOWN FOREST (92AC) BOYCE ROAD							\$500,200.00
TOTAL		\$3,282,200.00	\$3,282,200.00	\$3,531,400.00	\$3,531,400.00	\$3,531,400.00	\$4,031,600.00
ROAD DEPARTMENT		2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
2018 JOHN DEER TRACTOR/MOWER					\$103,500.00	\$93,150.00	\$83,835.00
2017 DODGE 5500				\$65,577.00	\$59,019.30	\$53,117.37	\$47,805.63
2017 HYDRO SEEDER				\$12,840.00	\$11,556.00	\$10,400.40	\$9,360.36
2016 LOADER			\$136,400.00	\$122,760.00	\$110,484.00	\$99,435.60	\$89,492.04
2015 WESTERN STAR TRUCK		\$128,853.00	\$115,967.70	\$104,370.93	\$93,933.84	\$84,540.45	\$76,086.41
2013 WESTERN STAR TRUCK		\$85,406.67	\$76,866.00	\$69,179.40	\$62,261.46	\$56,035.31	\$50,431.78
2009 INTERNATIONAL TRUCK		\$62,235.51	\$56,011.96	\$50,410.76	\$45,369.69	\$40,832.72	\$36,749.45
2004 GRADER		\$45,328.20	\$40,795.38	\$36,715.84	\$33,044.26	\$29,739.83	\$26,765.85
2009 GMC PICKUP		\$14,259.94	\$12,833.95	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2003 LOADER		\$29,637.67	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2011 BACKHOE		\$58,458.51	\$52,612.66	\$47,351.39	\$42,616.25	\$38,354.63	\$34,519.17
MISC. TOOLS & EQUIPMENT		\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$18,000.00	\$16,200.00	\$14,580.00	\$13,122.00
2006 INTERNATIONAL TRUCK		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL		\$444,179.50	\$511,487.65	\$527,205.33	\$577,984.80	\$520,186.32	\$468,167.69

REQUEST FOR FUNDS

Request For Funds
2021

NAME	Approved 2016	Approved 2017	Approved 2018	Approved 2019	Approved 2020	Requested 2021	Approved 2021
AMERICAN RED CROSS	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
CENTRAL VT. ADULT BASIC EDUCATION				\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$300.00
CENTRAL VT. COUNCIL ON AGING	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
CENTRAL VT. HOME HEALTH & HOSPICE	\$2,700.00	\$2,700.00	\$2,700.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
CIRCLE (FKA Battered Women's Service)	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
FAMILY CTR. OF WASHINGTON COUNTY	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
GOOD BEGINNINGS OF CENTRAL VERMONT					\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
GREEN MOUNTAIN TRANSIT AGENCY	\$588.00	\$588.00	\$588.00	\$588.00	\$588.00	\$588.00	\$588.00
GREEN UP VERMONT	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
MAD RIVER SENIORS	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00
MOSAIC (FKA Sexual Assault Crisis Team)	\$100.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
MRV PUBLIC ACCESS TV - CHANNEL 44	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00
PEOPLE'S HEALTH & WELNESS CLINIC	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$200.00	\$100.00
VT. ASSOCIATION FOR BLIND & VISUALLY IMPAIRED	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
VT. CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
VT. FAMILY NETWORK						\$250.00	\$250.00
WASHINGTON COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
YOUTH SERVICE BUREAU/BOYS & GIRLS CLUB	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
SUB TOTAL	\$15,238.00	\$15,288.00	\$15,288.00	\$16,188.00	\$16,388.00	\$16,738.00	\$16,338.00
JOSLIN LIBRARY	\$22,552.00	\$22,666.00	\$24,591.00	\$25,224.00	\$25,672.00		\$26,084.00
MAD RIVER RECREATION DISTRICT	\$12,500.00	\$15,000.00	\$23,500.00	\$15,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
SUB TOTAL	\$35,052.00	\$37,666.00	\$48,091.00	\$40,224.00	\$55,672.00	\$30,000.00	\$56,084.00
TOTAL	\$50,290.00	\$52,954.00	\$63,379.00	\$56,412.00	\$72,060.00	\$46,738.00	\$72,422.00

FRIENDS OF MAD RIVER



Healthy LAND. Clean WATER. Vibrant COMMUNITY.

2020 Report to Watershed Towns

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

In 2020, with the help of municipal, agency, and non-profit partners, Friends of the Mad River sustained our 30 year commitment to the Mad River Valley community by:

- Working with more than 20 property owners to 'spongify' their homes and yards, absorbing the impact of storms and reducing costly erosion at over 100 homes since 2018, while also expanding the **Storm Smart** program to the broader Winooksi River Watershed;
- Planting 570 trees and shrubs at three sites to build **Riparian Restoration** benefits like clean water, flood resilience, and wildlife habitat;
- Facilitating community dialogue in two well-attended online workshops, and planning for a deeper dive in 2021 with 25 community members;
- Adapting to pandemic challenges and collecting 75 water samples from 10 swimhole sites across the watershed, analyzing the samples for *E. coli* bacteria as part of our **Mad River Watch** program;
- Consulting with a researcher to draft a report that will describe the impacts our community can expect from a changing climate, as well as the opportunities we have for building strength and resilience;
- Supporting the **Ridge to River** taskforce of municipal and community leaders as they advance their 2017 action plan for keeping water clean and reducing flood vulnerabilities by tackling stormwater runoff problems;
- Inviting neighbors near and far to celebrate life in the MAD River Valley and the waterSHED that connects us by sharing their **#madshedLOVE** across the digital ether with photos and videos, stories and poetry that inspire in challenging times;
- And, providing technical assistance to Mad River Valley select boards, conservation commissions, road crews, and individual landowners as they carefully steward watershed resources.

"We all cherish elements of the Mad River Valley for unique reasons. The natural beauty, recreational opportunities, abundant local food production, and the community supported by this landscape are the reasons my family is still here. I value the Friends of the Mad River for their ongoing stewardship and service that helps these elements flourish."
-Moretown resident

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

Corrie Miller, Executive Director • Ira Shadis, Stewardship Manager • Lisa Koitzsch, MRW Coordinator | **Board of Directors:** Ned Farquhar, President • Matt Williams, Vice President • Sucosh Norton, Treasurer • Kinny Perot, Secretary • Richard Czaplinski • Jeannie Nicklas • Brian Shupe • Katie Sullivan

More information at: FriendsOfTheMadRiver.org.

JOSLIN MEMORIAL LIBRARY

It is a daunting task to think back over a year such as we've just had, a year that saw the Library forced to close its doors. Due to a willingness to adapt & 'think outside the box', the Library managed to remain a community resource during this time, offering augmented but reliable services to its patrons.

Despite the limited operating hours the Library has run since April (15 hours per week), despite being totally shut down for a month, we still managed to circulate 9,423 items, which is actually an increase from last year! Much of our circulation for the last year was facilitated by our Curbside Pick-Up service.

Looking closely at our circulation numbers, the bulk of our circulation continues to be adult fiction, though we've seen a significant increase in children's & juvenile fiction books. While, yes, this tells me that our patrons were likely stocking up on materials not knowing the next time they'd want--or be able to--leave their homes & venture into town, I'd also like it to tell me that even in a pandemic, the Library is an essential place. In an extraordinary time as in normal times, we all need to be able to escape into a good book!

In addition to adding many new books to the collection this year, I also worked on increasing our online services. One of the services I was excited to offer most was Kanopy, a movie streaming site. Included in its offerings are critically acclaimed movies, inspiring documentaries, award-winning foreign films & more. All that is required is a patron's Library account number to get started. Since launching the service in April, we have had over 300 plays. Kanopy can be found on the Library's website, listed under 'Online Services'.

The Library continues to foster a sustainable relationship with the Moretown Memorial & Warren Public Libraries to offer the Mad River Valley the widest possible selection of materials & services. It has been helpful to be able to pool together our resources & ideas, especially with regards to virtual programming.

In the end, though it may be hard to believe, there are some positive takeaways from this pandemic: to know our resilience, our adaptability, & to be reminded of our value in this community. We so greatly look forward to being able to open our doors again soon.

Respectfully Submitted, Jason Butler,
Library Director.

CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

2020 ANNUAL REPORT -- TOWN OF FAYSTON

The Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission is a consortium of 23 towns and cities in Washington County and western Orange County. The Commission provides planning, development, and project implementation assistance to communities. All municipalities in the region are entitled to equal voting representation by a locally appointed member to the governing Board of Commissioners.

2020 Fayston Activities

- ❖ Updated conserved lands and housing resources maps.
- ❖ Assisted with Local Emergency Management Plan update.
- ❖ Provided comments and final review of the *Town of Fayston, Vermont 2020 Town Plan*.
- ❖ Researched potential funding sources to resolve stormwater and flooding challenges for the school driveway on German Flats Road.
- ❖ Discussed river corridor and flood hazard bylaws with Planning Commission and provided mapped layers.

Regional Commissioner

Russ Bowen

Transportation Advisory Committee

Matt Lillard

CVRPC Projects & Programs

- ❖ *Municipal plan and bylaw updates:* Focus on predictable and effective local permitting through education, bylaw modernization, and plan updates.
- ❖ *Brownfields:* Complete environmental site assessments so properties can be sold, developed or redeveloped to benefit the community, stimulate the economy, create/protect jobs and increase housing opportunities.
- ❖ *Transportation planning:* Coordinate local involvement in transportation decisions through the Transportation Advisory Committee and provide studies, plans, data collection, and counts.
- ❖ *Emergency planning:* Better prepare our region and state for disasters by coordinating with local volunteers and the state on emergency planning, exercises, and training.
- ❖ *Energy conservation and development:* Foster projects that support energy conservation to save energy and tax dollars and identify opportunities for renewable energy generation.
- ❖ *Natural resource planning and projects:* Implement activities to protect water resources/supplies, enhance recreational opportunities, maintain the forest products industry, and enhance environmental health.
- ❖ *Regional plans:* Coordinate infrastructure, community development, and growth at the regional level through the development, adoption, and implementation of a regional plan.
- ❖ *Geographic Information System services:* Provide municipalities, state agencies, and regional groups with mapping and data analysis in support of their projects.
- ❖ *Special projects:* Complete special projects, such as downtown revitalization, recreation paths, farmland preservation, economic development, and affordable housing projects.
- ❖ *Grants:* Identify appropriate grant sources, define project scopes, write applications, and manage projects.

The Commission has no regulatory or taxing authority; each year, we request a per capita assessment from our members in support of local and regional planning activities and to help offset costs and provide local matching funds needed for state and federal funding.

Your continued support for local and regional planning is appreciated! CVRPC is your resource -- please contact us at 802-229-0389 or cvrpc@cvregion.com for assistance.

CENTRAL VERMONT HOME HEALTH & HOSPICE

Please accept this as Central Vermont Home Health & Hospice's (CVHHH) written request to be listed on the March 2021 ballot for town funding in the amount of \$3,000.

As we prepare to submit town funding requests for 2021, I cannot help but reflect on the past 12 months. Shortly after Town Meeting Day in 2020, the coronavirus hit the United States, causing a total disruption of life as we knew it. Almost immediately, CVHHH responded. I convened an internal COVID-19 task force made up of senior and clinical leadership, which met every other day. We also updated operations organization-wide to ensure the health and safety of our clients and staff, and provided support, as needed, to our community and the broader healthcare system to keep individuals out of the hospital and in their homes, which allowed our communities to remain intact.

I am proud to share that we never closed our doors or denied care to Central Vermonters during the pandemic. Instead, we adapted. When in-person visits were not possible, we brought in telemonitors or iPads and incorporated phone and video visits to a person's plan of care. This allowed us to put eyes on our clients and to continue to provide care, including skilled nursing, rehab therapy, and case management, and to check in with people to make sure their needs were met. We were reminded during the pandemic of the value of a simple 'Hello' and 'How are you?' During quarantine, we knew how important it was to help people feel less isolated and to let them know we were there for them. When conducting in-person visits, staff followed rigorous infection control measures and wore personal protective equipment, or PPE, to prevent viral spread. To this day, we continue to temperature-check and screen patients and staff and wear face masks and face shields for all in-person visits.

Beyond caring for our clients, we trained our staff to administer COVID-19 tests to CVHHH patients and residents of assisted living facilities, and we partnered with CVMC and the State of Vermont to facilitate referrals for COVID-19 tests that came through the CVMC COVID Call Center. I am particularly proud of the work we did to bring care to individuals, including pregnant women and young families, in transitional living settings.

In so many ways, the virus changed how we live and how CVHHH provides care. It did not change our commitment to the communities and people we serve. We don't know how the virus will evolve over the next six to twelve months. I do know that CVHHH will continue to bring hospital-level care, education, and support to Central Vermonters at home, just as we have for over 100 years. Town funding is more important than ever. It makes it possible for CVHHH to evolve as the needs of Fayston residents evolve and as the world around us continues to change. If we have learned anything from the pandemic, it's that we must be nimble and prepared. Town funds ensure that we have the resources we need to adapt and add programming when we see a need, especially to residents who are uninsured, underinsured, or otherwise unable to pay.

Please call me or Kim Farnum, Director of Community Relations & Development, at 223-1878, with any questions about this request or our services.

Thank you very much for your past support and your attention to our request this year for level funding.

Sincerely,



Sandy Rousse
President & CEO

MAD RIVER VALLEY AMBULANCE

Mad River Valley Ambulance Service Request for Donation in 2021

Background

This request is the follow-on to the request made at town meeting in March 2020.

At the March 2020 town meetings, MRVAS requested that Fayston, Moretown, Waitsfield and Warren donate \$15,000 each in 2020 and 2021 to help cover the cost of current capital expenditures. MRVAS had to invest \$1.2 million in capital equipment over the past ten years to maintain its EMS response readiness. In early 2021, MRVAS plans to replace its oldest ambulance, Mad River 2, which was purchased in 2006 and is now well past its useful life. The ambulance and gurney will require an additional outlay of at least \$300,000.

MRVAS does not anticipate approaching the towns for additional donations in the foreseeable future. The next ambulance replacement is slated for 2026 and with continued operational discipline, the hard work of its volunteers, and the generosity of valley businesses, residents, and visitors, MRVAS hopes to return to its tradition of self-funding.

Request

Shall the voters approve a contribution to the Mad River Valley Ambulance Service in the amount of \$15,000 to help cover the cost of replacing its oldest ambulance in 2021 and to ensure MRVAS has adequate financial resources to maintain its EMS readiness?



Phen Road 1947

MAD RIVER PATH ASSOCIATION



Get Into the Valley's Great Outdoors!

Recreation. Health. Connections.

Mad River Path
P.O. Box 683
Waitsfield, VT 05673
info@madriverpath.org

2020 Annual Report

In 2020, MRPA completed a new path section, many small projects, regular maintenance and extensive planning for future path sections. The pandemic caused a late start but we were fortunate that our work continued without a hitch once we got the green light from the state.

We would like to acknowledge that the work we accomplish each year is thanks to the generous and enthusiastic Mad River Valley community. More than 330 households and 30 businesses supported MRPA in 2020 with financial gifts. Plus dozens of individuals contributed to our successes through volunteering, in-kind contributions and donated construction materials.

Below is a list of projects and accomplishments from 2020:

Projects & Programs

- Completed new path section on Yestermorrow's land continuing north from the Kingsbury Farm Greenway. Trail easement is donated to protect this section in perpetuity.
- Began a new 1-mile side-trail at Yestermorrow stemming from the path to be completed in 2021).
- Built new boardwalk between the Wanson Inn and Mad River Veterinary Services on the Mill Brook trail.
- Restored and improved several bridges and stretches along the Mill Brook trail.
- Repaired a bridge at Riverside area.
- Fixed the stairs behind the arrondissement.
- Replaced a culvert with a flood resilient bridge and rebuilt two new picnic tables up south of Bridge in Waitsfield.
- Installed new wayfinding placards across the path network.
- Continued mowing and vegetation management program across the path network.
- Organized and began year two of Ira'sville winter maintenance with KMK Property Management and Wanson's assistance.
- Reaired the gaps along the Sugarbush snowmowing and the West Greenway.
- Dedicated invasive honey suckle along the Osford Highway Boardwalk.
- Continued invasive weed management on the station parcel with the ends of the Mad River the town of Waitsfield and Vermont Masteraturalist program.
- Set up two temporary stations in partnership with MRV libraries.
- Launched the Biggest Tree in the MRV challenge.
- Made the MRV's first Bird Bingo game available for free to everyone.
- Built and launched a new modern website with an interactive path sections map.

MAD RIVER PATH ASSOCIATION

Planning & Assessments

- Determined priority maintenance and trail resiliency projects for 2021.
- Continued discussions with landowners and Vtrans to complete important gas line in the area between Moretown and the Irasville to Long Trail.
- Met with artists to strengthen collaborations on trail building and maintenance in the MRV
- Applied for grant funding to complete planned projects.
- Began permitting processes for 2021 projects.



Yestermorrow staff and a student enjoy the new path section on the Yestermorrow campus on a sunny fall day in 2020.

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MAD RIVER HOUSING COALITION



The Mad River Valley Housing Coalition

The Mad River Valley Housing Coalition (MRVHC) is a registered 501(c)(3) organization. The Coalition was created to support the planning and production of a wide variety of housing options within the Mad River Valley (MRV) through education, information, advocacy, endorsement and direct action.

In 2020 the MRVHC bolstered its efforts to provide local solutions to the MRV's lack of housing options. We worked with partners to identify impediments to affordable housing. We created a strategic plan that included community outreach; forging stronger partnerships with local and statewide housing organizations, the MRV Planning District (MRVPD) and the MRV Towns; assisting MRV Towns with Land Use Regulation updates; and encouraging the creation rental units through new funding programs and free professional assistance.

Through generous funding from the MRV Community Fund, the Warren United Church, and St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church, we created an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Program which exchanges professional support and a \$10,000 construction grant to homeowners in exchange for creating a long-term, affordable rental ADU. The program created 3 new affordable rentals in the first year. We hope to increase this by an additional 6 units in 2021 through the expansion of our program and funding options. In the coming year, we hope to co-create similar grants for home weatherization.

With funding from AARP and in partnership with MRVPD, we organized an affordable housing talk series that shared recent MRV housing data and provided potential housing solutions from local and state experts. This transitioned into creating housing related recommendations for the Tri-Town Leadership meeting and researching the creation of a MRV Housing Trust Fund to support a broader range of housing opportunity.

Our board meets monthly to discuss progress and explore ideas. Our meetings are open to the public. We encourage attendance. Please find 2021 Meeting Information on our Facebook Page, on our website at www.MRVHousing.org or inquire by email, mrvhousing@gmavt.net.



MAD RIVER VALLEY HEALTH CENTER

The Mad River Valley Health Center (MRVHC) is a non-profit corporation managed by a Board of Directors for the purpose of insuring high quality, local health care services in the MRV.

The Mad River Valley Health Center was incorporated in 1981. In 2004, with the support of many Valley residents, the Health Center moved into its current two story building at the intersection of VT Route 100 and Old County Road in Waitsfield.

In accordance with its mission, space in the Health Center is fully leased by a variety of health care related providers. The majority of the space is occupied by the Mad River Family Practice (CVMC). The remainder of the space is utilized by organizations and individuals providing individual and family mental health support and oriental medicine treatments.

In addition to rental income, the Health Center has relied on contributions from the Valley towns to offset operating expenses. Per agreement with the Valley Select Boards, 2020 was the last year that the MRVHC Board requested public financial support for Health Center operations. The MRVHC board appreciates the support the Valley towns have provided in the past.

2020 was a challenging year for all the tenants of the Health Center. Covid-19 precautions have limited access to the facility throughout the majority of the year. Despite the financial impact on the MRVHC tenants, rental fees are current.

Normal maintenance activity has been undertaken during the year. The facility continues to be in excellent condition, however given that it is now 17 years old, we can expect increased maintenance in future years. Sufficient reserves are available to fund reasonably expected repairs.

Without a clear end to the pandemic in sight and recent increases in infections in Washington County, the Board made the costly decision to upgrade the HVAC air filtration system. New air filters were installed which are able to capture Covid-19 airborne droplets.

As we begin 2021, we are optimistic for the future of the MRVHC. To help insure our success, a small team of Board members are developing a financial plan to guide our decisions. The plan will be completed this spring.

Respectfully Submitted,
MRVHC Board of Directors

MAD RIVER PLANNING DISTRICT

Mad River Valley Planning District - 2020 Annual Report

The Mad River Valley Planning District (MRVPD) met a major milestone this year with 35 years carrying out a program of planning for the MRV directed toward its physical, social, economic, fiscal, environmental, cultural and aesthetic wellbeing. MRVPD is honored to provide professional planning, leadership, coordination, awareness, implementation and grant support to the broad MRV and its member Towns of Fayston, Waitsfield & Warren. Below are a few highlights from 2020; a more detailed year in review can be found at www.mrvpd.org.

Housing: The long-awaited Mad River Valley Housing Demand & Market Analysis was released in February, detailing the significant mismatch between housing supply and demand. MRVPD Staff collaborated with the MRV Housing Coalition (MRVHC) in presenting the study findings to the three towns and additional interested organizations. In October, MRVPD supported the MRVHC in presenting a 5-part virtual MRV affordable housing talk series. The well attended events covered topics ranging from smart growth to accessory dwelling units (ADUs). The conversation continued into November, when MRVPD hosted the 16th Annual MRV Tri-Town Leadership Meeting. This year's event focused on a selectboard discussion about affordable housing in the MRV. As a next step, MRVHC and MRVPD Staff drafted a plan for the three selectboards to consider four action steps: development of a MRV Housing Trust Fund; municipal contribution toward a MRVHC "Housing Coordinator" position; multi-town support for the Irasville growth center; and a Valley-wide approach to short-term rentals.

Recreation: 2020 marked the completion of the MRV Unified Trailhead Kiosk & Mapping Project. MRVPD served as project manager through the duration of the effort, which resulted in updated paper trail maps, inclusion in an online interactive trail viewer, and a total of 47 trailhead kiosks utilizing a unified design and incorporating maps, trail information, uses, and highlighting the work of trail stewards. Seed funding from the three towns to the MRV Recreation District in 2018 made this work possible, leveraging additional financial support from the State of VT. The MRV's trail stewards and various public and private property owners collaborated to make this project a reality. This project implements a portion of the MRV Moves Active Transportation Plan, a 2016 public involvement process that articulated a unified, multi-town, watershed-wide vision for recreational trails and non-motorized transportation facilities.

Data: MRVPD recently launched the MRV Community Dashboard Project to engage the community in a process of determining the data that matters most to gauge wellbeing in the Valley, and then share that data through a new, accessible online platform. Staff are excited to share the new online platform in Spring 2021.

Budget: For FY22, MRVPD requests \$44,067 from each of its four funders, Fayston, Waitsfield, Warren, and Sugarbush Resort, representing a 3% decrease over the previous year.

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

Mad River Valley Planning District Steering Committee

Bob Ackland, *Warren Selectboard (Chair)*
Jon Jamieson, *Waitsfield Selectboard (Vice Chair)*
Jared Cadwell, *Fayston Selectboard (Secretary & Treasurer)*
Dan Raddock, *Warren Planning Commission*
Brian Voigt, *Waitsfield Planning Commission*

Donald Simonini, *Fayston Planning Commission*
Margo Wade, *Sugarbush Resort*
Eric Friedman, *MRV Chamber of Commerce*
Bonnie Waninger, *Central VT Regional Planning Commission*

Respectfully Submitted, Joshua Schwartz, Executive Director
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PUBLIC ACCESS TELEVISION CHANNEL 44

Mad River Valley TV 2020 HIGHLIGHTS: Pandemic changed station operations and increased importance of public access communications.

Mad River Valley TV is The Valley's public access management organization (AMO) dedicated to keeping the community informed about the actions of their towns, schools and elected officials. Also known as a PEG channel, it communicates Public, Educational and Governmental content to the Waitsfield Cable service area. The station celebrated its 21st year on the air during 2020 and covered nearly every meeting of the Fayston Select Board, special joint meetings, meetings of the Mad River Valley Planning District, and most meetings of the Harwood Unified Union School District board and subcommittees. Since attending meetings in person has been discouraged or prohibited, availability through the MRVTV channel 45/245 and [MRVTV.com](https://mrvtv.com) has been important to the community.

MRVTV's Channels 44 (Community) and 45 (Municipal) are included in Waitsfield Cable's basic tier of service. In 2018 MRVTV added two High Definition (HD) Channels, 244 (Community) and 245 (Municipal), which are also part of Waitsfield Cable's basic tier of HD channels. MRVTV is one of the few public access TV stations in Vermont broadcasting in high definition. In fact, it is also one of the very few to do so in the U.S., with less than 10% of all public access TV stations in the country broadcasting in HD.

Since the beginning of the pandemic we've adjusted our work to continue providing access to government meetings and local events. Many of these have moved from live to Zoom and we've added the capabilities to capture the Zoom and broadcast through cable, maintaining access for our cable subscriber base. We've also worked to include as much COVID-19 related information as we can. We show every press conference on the pandemic held by Governor Scott and we've provided updates on local activities related to the pandemic. For example, a recent legislative update hosted by the Mad River Valley Planning District provided information on pandemic relief efforts and legislative priorities.

MRVTV produced and aired a wide range of community-based shows in 2020, from award winning THE MEND, to interview shows, theater reviews, presentations on local topics such as affordable housing in the Mad River Valley and information on modern wood heating options. With limited in-person attendance allowed, our capture of high school sporting events has been important to many in the community.

All locally produced programming, from meetings to school and community events is also on the MRVTV website, <https://mrvtv.com>, within a few days of its recording. For example, the MRV Leadership meeting which included Fayston, Waitsfield and Warren had 360 views from our YouTube Channel. School board meetings had over 1350 viewings and town governmental meetings had nearly 1000 views from [MRVTV.com](https://mrvtv.com). (Note viewing data from the cable channels is not available from Waitsfield Telecom.)

MRVTV is primarily funded by Waitsfield Cable as required by state and federal regulations. Cable subscribers see a 5% PEG access surcharge on their cable bills. Additionally, the towns of

Fayston, Waitsfield, Warren and Moretown grant MRVTV sponsorship funds, which help to defray the cost of municipal meeting coverage and makes the web storage of our municipal programming available for all, anytime, even without cable service. The continuation of cable cutting is reducing cable funding which the station is making up through sponsorships and fundraising activities.

To capture more events, the station encourages nonprofits to find a member in their organization who can become a "media person" for coverage. MRVTV has equipment available to the community so the public can

produce shows and access the airwaves. MRVTV also has a full studio available for taping shows and welcomes new users and producers for non-commercial community interest programs.

In 2020 MRVTV made use of many hours of statewide programming available on the Vermont Media Exchange (VMX). MRVTV showed 336 VMX programs produced by other public access centers around the state, with many timely governmental programs coming from the Vermont Statehouse. MRVTV contributed 255 programs to the exchange enabling viewing of our content across the state.

On the digital side, MRVTV experienced significant growth on its social media platforms. YouTube subscribers grew from 5,292 to 8,935 by the end of the year. On Facebook MRVTV more than tripled its following, with page likes increasing from 6,769 to over 10,000. MRVTV now has more YouTube subscribers and Facebook likes than any other public access television station in Vermont.

YouTube

Launched 6/30/17

8,935 Subscribers

Total Hours Viewed: 214,880 Views: 2,061,144

Facebook

10,004 likes

Instagram

Launched 8/14/17

540 Followers

Twitter

298 Followers

To connect with viewers in real-time, MRVTV live-streamed a number of public events, including the Mad River Valley Town Leadership meeting and a retrospective of the Warren 4th of July Parade.

Regarding personnel, Keith Berkelhamer, Executive Director for the past three and a half years, left the station in September, and was replaced by Rob Perry. Rob moved full time to Warren 3 years ago but has been a regular in the Mad River Valley for decades. Tony Italiano is the station's Program/Media Manager, a role he has ably filled for nearly 14 years.

To learn more how you can be involved with MRVTV, please contact us at 583-4488 (44TV) or by email at rob@mrvtv.com. You also can just stop by our studio offices at the north end of the Village Square Shopping Center. And you can find us, all local programs, our schedules, and lots of affiliated information on the web at <https://mrvtv.com>. Members of the MRVTV board are: Lisa Loomis, Rob Williams, Liz Levey, Brian Shupe, Dan Eckstein, John Daniell, Ilse Sigmund, Ian Sweet and Ned Farquhar. We meet quarterly and actively welcome public input to our meetings or to any board member.

MAD RIVER VALLEY RECREATION DISTRICT

<p style="text-align: center;">Mad River Valley Recreation District Annual Report</p> <p>Mad River Valley Recreation District (MRVRD) is a Union Municipal District formed by the towns of Waitsfield, Warren and Fayston in 1994. The MRVRD seeks to facilitate, enhance and create recreational opportunities throughout the Mad River Valley that promote community vitality, physical fitness, appreciation for the outdoors and a high quality of life. The MRVRD owns and manages the Mad River Park Recreational Fields, operates a recreation grant program and supports diverse recreation opportunities important for community health and economic vitality in the Valley.</p> <p>Despite the pandemic, in 2020, the MRVRD awarded 11 grants, providing \$43,639 in financial support to the organizations listed in the financial report in addition to another 3 grants that were unable to be fulfilled due to covid. In January 2021, the MRVRD considered 12 grant requests and allocated approximately \$50,000 from funds approved by voters in 2019 and 2020 for new initiatives as well as long-standing programs. These investments will increase access to diverse recreational opportunities for all members of our community, as well as visitors.</p> <p>MRVRD is again requesting \$30,000 from each member town. These funds will enable the continuation of the recreation grant program, provide operating expenses for Mad River Park, and continue to support our new Recreation Coordinator and Facility Manager, Laura Arneson, to advance the MRVRD's strategic organizational goals through recreation trails, events, programming, parks and facilities management and recreation planning.</p> <p>The MRVRD Board encourages groups and individuals who are interested in creating recreational opportunities in the Mad River Valley to visit mrvrd.org or contact any member of the Board. The board meets the third Tuesday of each month and seeks involvement and input from the community. Board meetings are currently being held remotely, but will resume at the General Wait House when it is safe to do so.</p> <p>The volunteer MRVRD board members have been appointed by the Select Boards of their respective towns and serve 1 or 3 year terms. Contact any of us if you are interested in joining the team.</p> <p>Liza Walker, Waitsfield – Co-Chair Alice Rodgers, Warren - Co-Chair Doug Bergstein, Warren – Treasurer Jeff Whittingham, Waitsfield - Secretary Chrissy Bellmyer, Fayston Luke Foley, Waitsfield Michael Nucci, Waitsfield Whitney Phillips, Warren John Stokes, Fayston</p> <p>We say goodbye to board members Jeff Whittingham, Chrissy Bellmyer and Whitney Phillips. Their energy and ideas helped push forward the goals of the Recreation District.</p>	Beginning Balance (Jan 1, 2020)	\$54,962
	Income	
	Funding from Towns	\$45,000
	Donation	\$1,000
	Expenditures	
	Administrative	\$2,218
	Brooks Field	\$2,920
	Couples Club	\$3,000
	Mad River Lacrosse	\$2,878
	Mad River Little League	\$2,040
	Mad River Park	\$4,500
	Mad River Path	\$6,000
	Mad River Riders	\$6,000
	Mad River Ridge Runners	\$4,100
	Pump Track	\$4,000
	Safety Vests	\$975
	Skatium	\$2,680
	Warren SkatePark	\$4,545
	Total Expenditures	\$45,857
	Ending Balance (Dec. 31, 2020)	\$55,105
	Funding from Towns	\$30,000
	Recreation Coordinator Expenses	\$7,201
	Balance for R. C.	\$22,799
	Kiosk Project Balance	\$3,491
	Mad River Park Balance	\$1,632
	Grants Requested for 2021	\$80,694
	Projected Grants for 2021	\$50,000

MAD RIVER VALLEY SENIOR CITIZENS

Senior Citizens (MRVSC) Board of Directors sincerely appreciates the continued support of the Town of Fayston. With that support, we have been successful in our mission to provide nutritional meals, opportunities for social connection, and access to health and wellness resources for seniors in our community for over 30 years. In addition to three part-time staff, we are fortunate to have so many caring volunteers who are central to this success. In FY2020 we served 10,081 meals to our Meals On Wheels (MOW) clients in four towns. We prepare daily dietician-approved lunches for MOW clients five days a week and frozens delivered for weekends. All meals are by donation except for breakfast.

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

Respectfully Submitted:

MRVSC Board of Directors

Nancy Emory, President

Sue Stoehr, Treasurer

Joanne Fitzgerald, Secretary

Marise Lane; Spencer Potter, Bill Zekas, Candace Porter and Michael Bransfield.



MAD RIVER VALLEY RESOURCE ALLIANCE

Mad River Resource Management Alliance

P.O. Box 210, Waterbury Center VT 05677

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

January 14, 2021

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

2020 was certainly a very challenging year in many areas. Due to the pandemic the Alliance cancelled our Spring Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day event at the Harwood Union High School in Duxbury. Our Fall event was held on October 3 2020. A total of 354 households participated in this event. We collected 11.36 tons of household hazardous waste at the event. Residents within the Alliance communities are able to bring all their architectural paints, waste pesticides, alkaline batteries and up to 10 additional gallons of hazardous waste to each event for disposal at no charge. The Alliance will swap your mercury fever thermometer for a digital thermometer at no charge at these events. Bring your mercury thermostats to the Household Hazardous Waste Collection and you will receive a coupon that can be redeemed for a \$5.00 rebate by the Thermostat Recycling Corporation which will process the thermostats. Residents can also bring all their compact fluorescent bulbs(CFLs) and up to ten or fewer non-CFL general purpose mercury containing lamps at no charge. We are planning two collection day events in 2021, at Harwood Union High School. They are scheduled for May 8 and October 2, 2021.

A total of 219.7 gallons of used crankcase oil was collected within the Alliance at our Used Oil Collection Tank during 2020. The tank is located in Waitsfield at the Earthwise Transfer Station.

Grow Compost of Vermont in Moretown collected food scraps and food processing residuals from the Washington West Supervisory Union waste streams, from other large generators in the MRRMA and in collection totes at their Moretown facility. A total of 270 tons of food scraps were collected by Grow Compost of Vermont in 2020 in the MRRMA. Visit our web site at madriverrma.org. You will find information on solid waste issues on this web site.

The twenty fourth truckload sale of compost bins resulted in the distribution of 56 compost bins and 8 Green Cones. It is estimated that each compost bin can compost 650 pounds of garden and kitchen waste annually. This means rich soil to add to your garden and less waste to go to the landfill. We held four composting workshops for Alliance residents this year and expect to hold more in 2021. We will hold our twenty fifth Compost Bin Sale this spring. The Alliance held a car and pickup truck tire and metal collection event at the Earthwise Transfer Station in conjunction with Green Up Day on May 30, 2020 due to the Pandemic. A total of 11.55 tons of tires and a ton of metal were collected during this event. The Wheels for Warmth Program was cancelled last year due to Covid-19. We are planning to hold a spring tire and metal collection in conjunction with Green Up Day on May 1, 2021.

Alliance residents can bring their mixed paper, glass bottles and jars, metal cans and plastics #1 through #7, except for plastic film wrap and bags and beaded styrofoam for single stream recycling to the Earthwise Transfer Station, Rodney's Rubbish Transfer Station and Redemption Center. There are also local haulers and Saturday Fast Trash Collections available in the Mad River Resource Management Alliance. Currently the recyclables are taken to the Chittenden County Materials Recovery Facility for processing. Due to market conditions there is now a charge for collecting and processing recyclables. Computers, printers, monitors and televisions can be recycled at no charge at the Earthwise Transfer Station or the State Surplus Property Office on Route 2 in Waterbury. Other e-waste can be brought to the State Surplus Property facility in Waterbury and recycled at a small per pound fee. During 2020, 45.69 tons of e-waste was collected. Additional information on this program is found on our web site. The Alliance is a member of the Northeast Resource Recovery Association which helps us market some recyclable commodities such as tires, propane cylinders other materials and assists with educational programs. The Alliance is also a member of the Product Stewardship Institute(PSI). As a stakeholder in the PSI we work with other entities to reduce the environmental and health impacts of a variety of consumer products. This is accomplished by looking at the life cycle impacts of products and their packaging. Things like energy and materials consumption, emissions during manufacturing, toxicity, worker safety and waste disposal are among the issues reviewed. The objective of product stewardship is to rethink the way things are created in order to have more sustainable products in the future. We are also a member of the Vermont Product Stewardship Council which provides a local focus on legislative initiatives and other stewardship issues.

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

Backyard burning of trash is illegal and causes air pollution problems. Be a good neighbor and don't burn trash. If you know of any illegal dumping sites within your town that would benefit from an Adopt a Site Program give John Malter, Alliance Administrator a call at 244-7373 and let's see what we can do to help eliminate these types of problems together. The FY21 assessment for the administration and programs remains at \$7.00 per capita.

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

SKATIUM

SKATIUM is a Mad River Valley community outdoor ice-skating facility located in Irasville Center. It is owned and operated by Skatium, Inc., a local non-profit corporation with 501.c. 3 status under the IRS code. The current facility operates with natural ice made on a crushed stone surface, zambonies and other pertinent equipment and several ancillary structures on 5.4 acres owned by SKATIUM.

In the recent past, typical activities at SKATIUM have included public skating, stick time, adult hockey, and group and party rentals. In addition, SKATIUM has offered ice time free of charge to people with physical and cognitive disabilities. For this, SKATIUM has partnered with VERMONT ADAPTIVE SKI and SPORTS and the CENTRAL VERMONT PIONEERS sled hockey organization. The rink is also made available at no charge to valley elementary school programs. SKATIUM has made its facilities available for summer usage upon request.

SKATIUM typically operates with a \$25,000.00 - \$30,000.00 annual budget. Approximately half of the budget expenses are for payroll for its 3 employees. A very significant amount of the labor requirement is provided by volunteers at no charge. Major expenses in addition to payroll include electricity, propane, property taxes, insurance, municipal water, and snow removal. SKATIUM derives its income from revenues from ice use, skate rentals, board advertising, and a limited amount from fundraising events and donations. Last year the Mad River Valley Recreation District committed \$4,500.00 to help fund rink improvements. Seasons passes for families, individuals and students are offered in addition to day passes.

After careful consideration and with great reluctance, the Board of Directors has decided to suspend operations for the 2020/2021 winter season due COVID-19 and particularly the identification of skating rinks as potential super spreaders. The Board fully recognizes the importance of SKATIUM as a winter recreation option and will reopen for the winter of 2021/2022. It will be available for use this summer if Vermont lifts its restrictions regarding social distancing.

Remaining closed for the winter allows the Board to focus on plans for replacing the existing facility. Most permits are already in place to construct a new concrete ice surface with refrigeration that can also provide a functional surface for a variety of other activities, and plans are evolving to construct an open sided wood roof structure that will be extremely attractive and offer visibility to ongoing activities while still providing protection from the weather.



Roof structure by Nordic Structures, Montreal, QC, Canada

To expedite realizing future planned improvements, a Board of Advisors was formed in 2019 that is comprised of local officials, local businesspersons, individuals experienced in the development of multi-functional recreation facilities, and individuals experienced in fundraising. The Board will be reconvening to discuss the above concept's ability to be a viable first step for satisfying the Board's previous directive to construct a partially enclosed facility that can accommodate a wide range of seasonal recreational activities and spectator events and be both architecturally attractive and financially feasible. The estimated cost for such a facility is \$3.5 million. Fundraising plans anticipate that these funds will almost entirely be derived from donations, both large and small. Inquiries concerning the project and fundraising can be directed to SKATIUM at skatiumrink@gmail.com.

We thank you for your support.

SKATIUM BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Zeke Church
Mike Eramo
Bill Moore
Debbie Smith
Don Swain

WAITSFIELD-FAYSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

Calls by Type 2020

Call Type	Waitsfield	Fayston	Moretown	Warren	Duxbury	TOTAL:
Structure Fire	6					6
Chimney Fire	1	1	3			5
Rekindle	1					1
Vehicle Fire		2		1		3
Smoke/Fire Alarm Activation- No Fire	34	8				42
CO Alarm Activation- No CO	5	2				7
CO in Building	3					3
Motor Vehicle Accident	18	4	2			24
Appliance Smoking/ On Fire	2					2
Down Power lines/ Tree on Lines	4	4				8
Blown Transformer	1					1
Propane/ Fuel Leak	2		1			3
Chemical Smell/ Propane Odor	2		1			3
Smoke in Building		1	1		1	3
Smoke Smell		2				2
Spreading Burn Pile- Wildland Fire		3				3
Mutual Aid Standby			2	1		3
HAZMAT	1					1
Service Call						
Good Intent	4	1	2	1		8
DHART Emergency Helicopter Landing Zone			1			1
Extinguish Unpermitted/ Unattended Fire	2	1				4
TOTAL:	86	29	13	3	1	132

Waitsfield Fayston Fire Department Annual Report – January 2021

The Waitsfield-Fayston Fire Department (WFFD) responded as volunteers to an unprecedented number of serious Fire/Rescue incidents in 2020, fully testing the availability and professionalism of our members and equipment. Add the duress of the COVID-19 pandemic and 2020 surely distinguishes itself in challenging our department to serve our community and surrounding area.

The attached summary of calls highlights the exceptional frequency and severity of serious incidents such as eight Structure Fires (residences, business, and industrial), Vehicle fires and Road Accidents, and unusual rescues (in River, HAZMAT). In all cases there was no loss of life and whenever possible the protection of property or mitigation of loss was achieved with a high degree of success.

This success attests to the outstanding level of commitment, training, and support our volunteer members represent and receive. WFFD counts 22 active members led by Chief Johnson and seven officers, many long-serving and experienced firefighters, four trucks, and mostly modern updated equipment. We benefit in particular from some very highly qualified and experienced members who evolve and maintain standards, equipment, and vehicles. They come from all corners and aspects of our community and serve as one cohesive and respected unit. Morale and performance of the Department are high.

In 2020 we celebrated another long-service milestone of over 60-years for Gordie Eurich, the same astonishing achievement for Paul Hartshorn in recent years. These exceptional members continue the tradition of selfless and humble service displaying the qualities and ethics doing their utmost to protect their neighbors and visitors. We could not ask for better examples of service and competence.

The support of the community and our elected officials and town employees has likewise been outstanding. The WFFD enjoys a close relationship with those we serve, participating in many community events and projects as well as a solid link to our Select Board and Town Officials. This cooperation, respect and support allow for better planning, budget management, concise goals, improved morale, and is again reflected in the success of every incident response.

Budget, equipment, and recruitment challenges remain. These are being discussed constructively and transparently with all stakeholders but as for most rural volunteer departments are a constant challenge. Notable accomplishments include increased membership (recruiting) and retention, the replacement of a vital breathable air-compressor for air tank refills, crucial improvements and maintenance of trucks and equipment, a reevaluation and improvement of our radio communication systems, and ongoing planning and partnership with our adjacent Towns' Departments and MRVAS.

The COVID-19 reality has increased the personal risk and complexity of even the most basic efforts for our members. It affects the heart of our training efforts, the cornerstone of our service. As of this report no cases of the virus have penetrated our service and we remain dedicated to keeping it that way.

Goals for 2021 and beyond include

Replacement of our aging Rescue Van which is key to our response protocols (it carries all our firefighter gear to the scene).

Improve the radio deficiencies we encounter in the Valley because of topographical challenges.

Develop even better cooperation and training with our neighboring Fire Departments and partners.

Reduce the number and impact of major incidents through prevention and education in the community.

Being a Volunteer Firefighter is particularly rewarding in Waitsfield/Fayston because of the people and support. Our members, community, and elected officials that make all this possible share in the success. 2020's challenges and responses highlight what we have built together, and we look forward to answering the call whenever and whatever it entails.

Submitted with respect and appreciation

ACTUAL TAXES AND TAX RATE COMPARISON

2020 ACTUAL Taxes and Tax Rates							
Washington							
Town Name	Education Homestead Taxes	Education Nonhomestead Taxes	Municipal Taxes	Education Homestead Tax Rate	Education Nonhomestead Tax Rate	Municipal Tax Rate	Local Agreement Tax Rate
Barre City	3,319,249	4,596,025	9,674,219	1.4190	1.6893	1.9141	0.0234
Barre Town	7,480,152	3,741,957	6,522,212	1.6381	1.9502	0.9792	0.0039
Berlin	3,014,494	4,649,012	3,031,265	1.7227	1.5792	0.5962	0.0012
Cabot	1,489,295	1,198,720	1,149,853	1.6814	1.6127	0.6498	0.0037
Calais	2,469,366	1,217,542	1,519,721	1.8574	1.7028	0.7476	0.0065
Duxbury	1,916,078	1,008,753	1,319,439	1.7623	1.7568	0.7952	0.0019
East Montpelier	3,928,883	1,733,738	1,976,331	1.8929	1.7352	0.6422	0.0030
Fayston	2,311,953	4,008,616	1,079,741	1.6810	1.6758	0.2816	0.0002
Marshfield	1,502,480	759,572	927,420	1.8870	1.8174	0.7662	0.0065
Middlesex	2,844,601	1,182,022	1,204,598	1.7951	1.6456	0.5245	0.0024
Montpelier	7,281,394	7,957,400	10,282,428	1.7257	1.8743	1.1769	0.0012
Montpel Swr Separat	0	0	589,019	0	0	0.0700	0
Montpel Swr Benefit	0	0	168,291	0	0	0.0200	0
Moretown	2,397,726	1,491,345	1,130,247	1.7214	1.7160	0.5000	0
Northfield	2,813,103	2,424,902	3,372,027	1.5149	1.7177	1.0443	0.0184
Plainfield	1,445,799	626,969	909,200	1.8008	1.7343	0.7826	0.0043
Roxbury	642,622	605,128	755,544	1.6095	1.6673	0.9923	0
Waitsfield	2,937,818	3,276,869	1,707,611	1.6509	1.6458	0.4535	0.0035
Warren	2,661,478	9,556,480	3,019,803	1.6814	1.6761	0.4100	0.0002
Waterbury	7,445,976	5,789,442	3,890,672	1.7368	1.7314	0.5100	0.0019
Woodbury	1,013,860	1,148,809	699,899	1.6915	1.6011	0.5330	0
Worcester	1,170,420	446,440	571,663	1.7697	1.6223	0.6114	0.0005
County Totals	60,086,746	57,419,740	55,501,202				

EQUALIZED EDUCATION GRANT LIST COMPARISON

Equalized Education Grand List Effective January 1, 2021 Washington						
Town Name	Most Recent Reappraisal	Total Taxable Parcel Count	Education Grand List	Education CLA	COD	Total Equalized Education Grand List
* Barre City	2006	3,145	5,119,782	94.97	12.2	5,390,830
Barre Town	2004	3,545	6,485,114	79.47	15.3	8,159,980
Berlin	2008	1,471	4,693,769	108.77	13.3	4,315,140
Cabot	2020	851	1,629,047	97.25	7.7	1,675,150
Calais	2015	974	2,044,498	93.93	14.8	2,176,630
Duxbury	2015	726	1,661,459	90.25	10.6	1,840,960
East Montpelier	2009	1,193	3,074,747	94.18	11.7	3,264,780
Fayston	2017	1,172	3,767,405	92.63	11.6	4,067,180
Marshfield	2006	793	1,214,171	87.95	15.1	1,380,550
Middlesex	2017	908	2,302,940	95.89	12.0	2,401,580
Montpelier	2010	2,927	8,464,917	84.44	10.3	10,025,050
Moretown	2012	928	2,261,975	92.94	16.3	2,433,910
Northfield	2015	1,880	3,268,670	91.96	16.7	3,554,420
Plainfield	2009	595	1,164,376	91.16	13.3	1,277,330
Roxbury	2010	577	762,207	102.19	18.3	745,840
Waitsfield	2006	1,086	3,770,574	96.09	16.8	3,923,930
Warren	2012	3,155	7,284,511	92.40	16.3	7,883,680
Waterbury	2014	2,243	7,630,974	91.80	12.2	8,312,470
Woodbury	2007	861	1,316,897	98.33	17.3	1,339,200
Worcester	2007	474	936,556	99.55	15.1	940,780
County Totals		29,504	68,854,589			75,109,390

* Municipality has active TIF district. For more information, refer to introduction preceding this report.

EQUALIZATION STUDY RESULTS FOR FAYSTON

State of Vermont
Department of Taxes
133 State Street
Montpelier, VT 05633-1401

Agency of Administration

Phone: (802) 828-5860
Fax: (802) 828-2239

December 21, 2020

Town Clerk
Town of Fayston
866 North Fayston Road
North Fayston, VT 05660

2020 Equalization Study Results

This letter serves as notification of the results of Property Valuation and Review (PVR)'s 2020 equalization study. Every year we are required to certify the equalized education property value (EEPV or EEGL) and coefficient of dispersion (COD) for each Vermont town (32 V.S.A. § 5406). This letter also communicates the Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) for your town and explains how it will impact your homestead and nonhomestead education tax rates.

Education Grand List (from 411):	\$376,740,524
Equalized Education Grand List (EEGL):	\$406,718,495
Common Level of Appraisal (CLA):	92.63 % or 0.9263
Coefficient of Dispersion (COD):	11.61 %

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

tax.vermont.gov/municipalities/reports/equalization-study

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

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

tax.vermont.gov/municipalities/reports/equalization-study

The **common level of appraisal (CLA)** is determined by dividing the education grand list by the equalized education grand list (32 V.S.A. § 5401). A number over 100% indicates that property in your town is generally listed for more than its fair market value. A number less than 100% indicates that



HUUSD FY2020 BUDGET AVAILABILITY

"The HUUSD Annual Report, which includes the 2021-2022 school budget, will be available February 11, 2021.

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



MEETINGS

Selectboard

2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 5:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building

Planning Commission

1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building

Development Review Board

2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. or on call of Chairman

Board of Civil Authority

On call of Town Clerk

HUUSD Board of School Directors

2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at Harwood Library

Municipal Phone Numbers

Town Clerk & Treasurer - 496-2454 x 21, Email: faystontc@madriver.com & faystontres@madriver.com

Asst. Town Clerk & Asst. Treasurer - 496 -2454 x. 23, Email: assttc@gmail.com

Asst. to Selectboard - Email: faystonsb@madriver.com or patti@madriver.com

Listers - 496-2454 x 24, Email: faystonlisters@madriver.com

Town Garage - 496-8827, Email: faystontowngarage@madriver.com

Office Hours:

Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Friday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

ZONING ADMINISTRATORS HOURS:

Monday through Friday 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. or by appointment

Zoning Administrator	496-2454 x25
Fax	496-9850
E-mail	faystonzoning@madriver.com
Town Garage	496-8827
Elementary School	496-3636
Fax	496-5297
Harwood Union High School	244-5186
	1-800-639-1094
Fax	882-1199

Emergency Telephone Numbers

Ambulance	496-3600 or 911
Fire	496-2400 or 911
State Police	496-2262 or 911
Valley Health Center	496-3838
Central Vermont Hospital	229-9121
Poison Control Center	1-802-658-3456

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