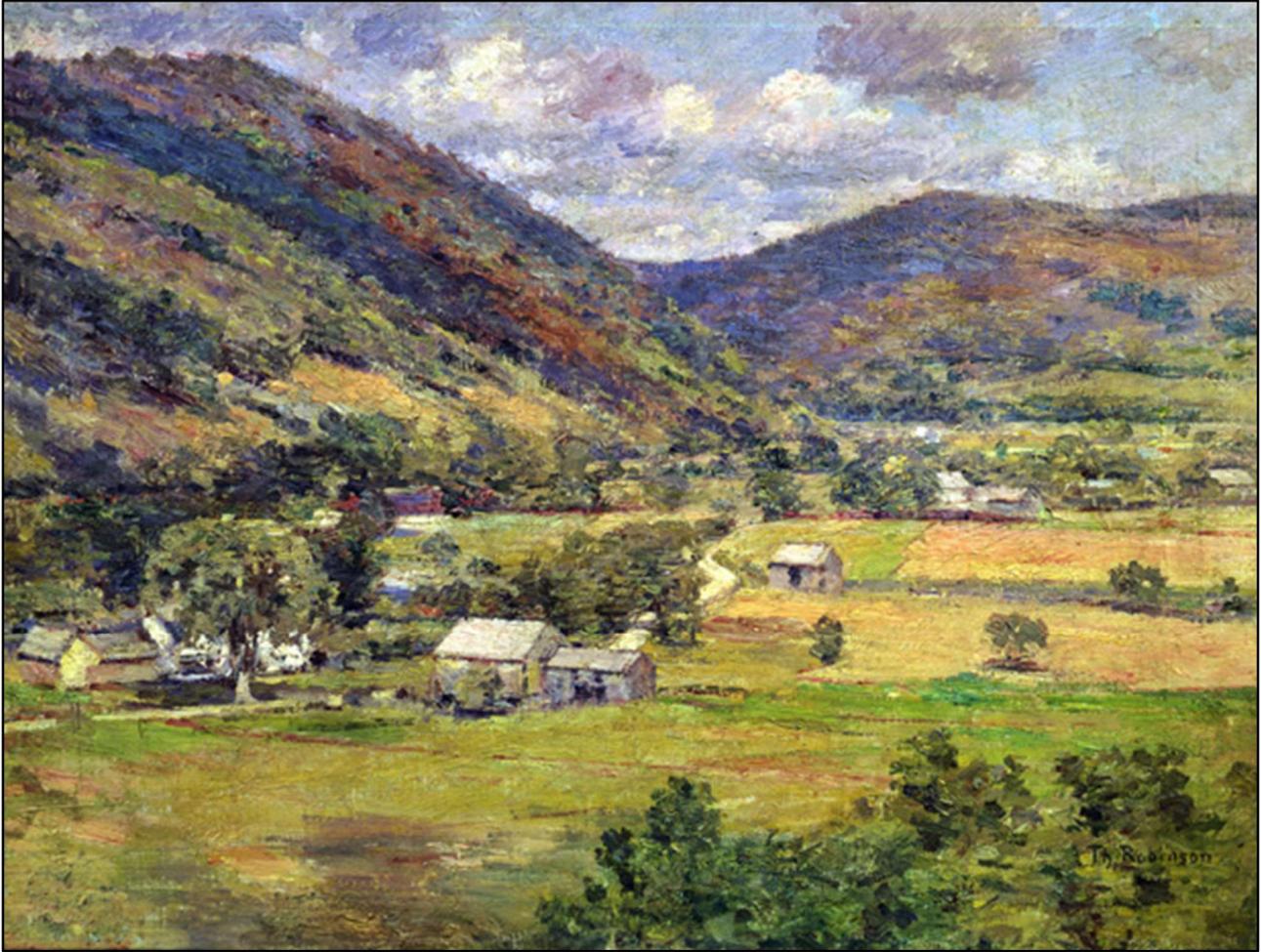


One Hundred and Sixty-fourth
ANNUAL TOWN REPORT
of the
Town of Townshend



Theodore Robinson's most ambitious work while visiting Townshend in the summer and fall of 1895 was a series of four landscapes showing the West River valley with a view looking North from a knoll across Route 30 from the present-day Riverbend Market. The tree on the bottom left mostly obscures the former Townshend Country Inn, now private residences. Today one of these paintings is part of the permanent collection of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston. (A)

please bring this report to

TOWN MEETING

Dutton Gym

March 7, 2023

9:00 am

TOWN of TOWNSHEND

Town Hall - P O Box 223 - 2006 Vermont Route 30 - Townshend, Vermont 05353

Town Hall Phone - (802) 365 - 7300

www.unofficialtownshendvt.net

Population: 1,232

Registered Voters: 1,083

Town Clerk: (802) 365-7300 x1 TownClerk@TownshendVT.gov

Town Clerk Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday – 9 am – 4 pm
2nd & 4th Tuesdays – 9 am – 6 pm

Listers: Tuesday + Friday 9 am - noon (802) 365-7300 x4 Listers@TownshendVT.gov

Treasurer & Tax Collector: M, T, W & F 9 am – 4 pm (802) 365-7300 x3 Treasurer@TownshendVT.gov

| | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Trash Compactor Hours | Tuesday + Thursday 2 pm – 6 pm | Saturday 9 am – 5 pm |
| Townshend Compactor Bags | are \$3.50 each | Available at: |
| Town Hall | Harmonyville Store | River Bend Farm Market |
| 2006 Vermont Route 30 | 1436 Vermont Route 30 | 625 Vermont Route 30 |

Highway Department (802) 365-4520 SFrisk@TownshendVT.gov

First Constable- Warren Beattie (802) 365-7334 **Second Constable-** Mike Cutts (802) 365-7393

MEETINGS at TOWN HALL

Select Board: 2nd & 4th Tuesday 6 pm CHolt@TownshendVT.gov

Planning Commission: 2nd & 4th Wednesday 7 pm Plan@TownshendVT.net

Cemetery Commission: 2nd Monday 5 pm from March - December [Charlie Marchant \(802\) 365-7937](mailto:CharlieMarchant@TownshendVT.net)

Alcoholics Anonymous Wednesday 6 pm [Dan Holt \(802\) 365-7541](mailto:DanHolt@TownshendVT.net)

OTHER TOWN MEETINGS

Fire Department: meet at FD- 208 Grafton Rd 4th Monday 6 pm 2nd Thursday 7 pm

Library Trustees: Meet at Library – 1971 Vermont Route 30 2nd Wednesday 6:30pm

| | | | |
|-----------------------|-----------|-------------|--|
| Library Hours: | Monday | 1 pm – 5 pm | (802) 365-4039 |
| | Tuesday | 9 am – 1 pm | TownshendPublicLibrary@gmail.com |
| | Wednesday | 1 pm – 7 pm | |
| | Friday | 9 am – 1 pm | |
| | Saturday | 9 am – 1 pm | |

West River Modified Union Education

District meet at Leland & Gray High School Library 3rd Monday 7 pm

Leland & Gray High School 2042 Vermont Route 30 (802) 221-2100

Townshend Elementary School 66 Common Rd (802) 365-7506

Townshend Dam 3845 Vermont Route 30 (802) 365-7703 For reservations (877) 444-6777

Townshend Post Office 1955 Vermont Route 30 **Lobby Hours** M-F 7:45am – 5 pm **Sat** 8 am - noon
(802) 365-7765 **Window Hours** M – F 8:30am – noon + 1:30pm – 4:45 pm **Sat** 9 am - noon

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**WARNING FOR THE TOWN OF TOWNSHEND
2023 ANNUAL MEETING**

The legal voters of the Town of Townshend are hereby notified and WARNED to meet at Dutton Gym, located at 2030 VT Route 30, on Tuesday, March 7, 2023, at 9:00am, to act on the following articles, viz:

ARTICLE I: To choose a moderator for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE II: To act upon the July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022 independent auditor’s report.

ARTICLE III: To see what salaries the Town will vote to pay its various officials for the ensuing year.

| | |
|---|-------------|
| Town Clerk: | \$40,180.86 |
| Town Treasurer: | \$32,301.36 |
| Selectboard: | |
| (1) Chair: | \$1,200.00 |
| (4) Members: | \$4,000.00 |
| Town Clerk Assistant(s) & Casual Labor: | \$15.90 |

ARTICLE IV: To elect all Town Officials for ensuing year(s):

| | |
|--|-----------------|
| Town Clerk: | (1) 1 year term |
| Town Treasurer: | (1) 1 year term |
| Selectboard: | (1) 3 year term |
| Selectboard: | (2) 1 year term |
| Listers: | (1) 3 year term |
| Delinquent Tax Collector: | (1) 1 year term |
| First Constable: | (1) 1 year term |
| Second Constable: | (1) 1 year term |
| West River Modified Union Educational: | (1) 3 year term |
| Cemetery Commissioner: | (1) 5 year term |
| Library Trustee: | (1) 5 year term |

ARTICLE V: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to set a tax rate sufficient to cover all monies raised for municipal entities for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, and to borrow money in anticipation of taxes?

ARTICLE VI: To see if the Town will authorize its Property Tax Collector to receive its Real Property Taxes quarterly, **August 25, 2023, November 22, 2023, February 23, 2024, and May 24, 2024.** Monthly interest will be charged at the rate of one-half percent (.05%) or fraction thereof, Interest of one percent (1%) or fraction thereof plus penalties will commence on May 30, 2023?

ARTICLE VII: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate **\$581,199** to pay for the running expenses and liabilities of the Town of which **\$392,482** to be raised in taxes?

ARTICLE VIII: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate **\$723,214** to pay for the running expenses and liabilities of maintaining the Town’s roads of which **\$610,214** to be raised in taxes?

ARTICLE IX: To see if the Town will vote to raise \$59,608.93, by taxation, for the running expenses and liabilities of the library.

ARTICLE X: To see if the Town will raise \$2,100, by taxation, for the Old Cemetery Fund?

ARTICLE XI: To see if the Town will vote to raise \$20,000, by taxation, to be placed in the capital expenditure fund fire department reserve toward a future pumper?

ARTICLE XII: To see if the Town will vote to raise \$20,866, by taxation, for the support of Social Services, as recommended by the Social Services Committee?

ARTICLE XIII: To see if the Town will vote to raise \$50,000, by taxation, to be held in a reserve account for the repair of the stone arch bridge on Back Windham Road contingent upon successful award of grant funds?

ARTICLE XIV: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to acquire land by gift or purchase for municipal forest to promote reforestation water conservation and good forestry practices?

ARTICLE XV: To transact any other non-binding business to properly come before said Meeting?

Dated at Townshend, this 10th day of January 2023.

On behalf of the Townshend Selectboard;

Sherwood Lake
Catherine Marrow

Rob Wright
Steve Frisk

Rob Swiger



Mrs. Sarah Thayer came to Townshend in 1892 and opened her boarding house ten years later, which was famous for the abundance and quality of fare at her table. Her pies (she is holding an apple pie) were particularly praised. Later in life became as famous for her energy as she was for her cooking. She celebrated her seventy-fifth birthday by hiking up Bald Mountain. She made similar trips on her birthday regularly thereafter. Mrs. Thayer was a dedicated fisherman as well as a hiker, on her eighty-third birthday she reportedly caught eighteen trout in two hours before taking her birthday hike, this time up Peaked Mountain. In 1945 on her eighty-ninth birthday, Mrs. Thayer went up Stratton Mountain. She liked Bald better, she said. **(B)**

Elected Town Officials:

(* indicates chairman)

Town Moderator:David Liebow- *1 year term to March 2023***Town Clerk:**Ellenka Wilson- *1 year term to March 2023***Town Treasurer:**Elaine Hill- *1 year term to March 2023***Select Board:**

- * Sherwood Lake- *to March 2025*
- Catherine Morrow- *1 year term to March 2023*
- Robert Swiger- *1 year term to March 2023*
- Steve Frisk- *3 year term to March 2023*
- Rob Wright- *3 year term to March 2024*

Listers:Eugene Kuch- *3 year term to March 2023*

- * Mike Bills- *3 year term to March 2024*

Helen Holt- *3 year term to March 2025***Delinquent Tax Collector:**Becky Reilly- *1 year term to March 2023***First Constable:**Warren Beattie- *1 year term to March 2023***Second Constable:**Mike Cutts- *1 year term to March 2023***Town Grand Juror:** appointed on March 19, 2021Margaret Bills- *1 year term to March 2023***Town Agent:****Library Trustees:**

- Patricia Lassoff- *5 year term to March 2023*
- Judy Slowik- *5 year term to March 2024*
- Jean McIntire- *5 year term to March 2025*
- Marilee Attley- *5 year term to March 2026*
- Katherine DeGrenier- *5 year term to March 2027*

Cemetery Commissioners:

- Carly Sanderson- *5 year term to March 2023*
- Bruce Bills- *5 year term to March 2024*
- Paula Newton- *5 year term to March 2025*
- Scott Nystrom- *5 year term to March 2026*
- Charles Marchant- *5 year term to March 2027*

Appointed Town Offices:

| Position | Expires | Appointee |
|------------------------------|---------|---------------------|
| 911 Coordinator | 2023 | Anita Bean |
| | 2023 | Helen Holt |
| 911 Fire Dept Liaison | 2023 | Brian Schmidt |
| Animal Control | 2023 | Constables |
| Board of Adjustment | 2024 | Planning Commission |
| Cell Tower | 2023 | Craig Hunt |
| DC Fiber | 2023 | Bob Desiervo |
| | 2023 | Andrew Snelling |
| Emer. Mgmt. Coord. | 2023 | Sherwood Lake |
| Energy Coordinator | 2023 | Craig Hunt |
| FEMA Admin | 2023 | Select Board |
| Fence Viewer | 2023 | Ellenka Wilson |
| | 2023 | Kristina Wright |
| Flood Plain Admin | 2024 | Joe Winrich |
| Health Officer | 2023 | |
| Howard Legacy | 2023 | Margaret Bills |
| | 2023 | Barbara Bedortha |
| | 2023 | Eileen Fahey |
| Insp. Of Shingles | 2023 | Robert Wright |
| Insp. Of Wood & Timber | 2023 | Robert Wright |
| Planning Commission | 2023 | Brandon Canevari |
| | 2024 | Robert DeSiervo |
| | 2025 | John Evans |
| | 2025 | Andrew Snelling |
| | 2027 | Elizabeth Martin |
| Pound Keeper | 2023 | Select Board |
| Recreation Comm. | 2023 | Ellenka Wilson |
| | 2023 | Kristina Wright |
| Rescue Inc Liason | 2023 | Kathy Hege |
| Senior Solutions | 2023 | Ellenka Wilson |
| Social Serv. Screening | 2023 | Kathy Greve |
| | 2023 | Meredith Kenyon |
| | 2023 | Kris Grotz-Kuch |
| | 2023 | Barbara Gurerra |
| Town Forest Fire Warden | 2024 | Roger Brown |
| Town Grand Juror | 2023 | Margaret Bills |
| Tree Warden | 2023 | Robert Wright |
| Valley Cares Board | 2023 | |
| Weigher of Coal | 2023 | Craig Hunt |
| | 2023 | Robert Wilson |
| Windham Cty. Sheriff Liaison | 2023 | Constables |
| Windham Reg. Comm. | 2023 | Will Bissonnette |
| | 2023 | Andrew Snelling |
| Windham Waste Mgmt. | 2023 | Irvin Stowell |

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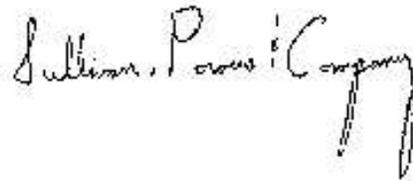
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December 1, 2022

Townshend Select Board
Town of Townshend, Vermont
P.O. Box 109
Townshend, VT 05353

We have audited the financial statements of the Town of Townshend, Vermont as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022.

The financial statements and our report thereon are available for public inspection at the Town Office.





TOWN OF TOWNSHEND
Selectboard
PO Box 121 Townshend, Vermont 05353

SELECTBOARD REPORT

The past year has been eventful for the board we welcomed two new members in March, Catherine Marrow and Robert Swiger, rounding out the 5 person panel. We have continued identifying structural issues in our funding and accounts thereof, a process that will need to continue for the foreseeable future.

One example of this process and how it benefited the town was moving to a single heating fuel supplier. During the review it was identified that of the 4 town buildings, which require heating, there were 4 different companies servicing that need. Correcting the issue required bid specification to be sent to the fuel suppliers and awarding the bid to the lowest bidder. At this time 3 of the 4 buildings are covered by the heating contract and the 4th will be on board during the FY24 heating season.

This year's budget process the Selectboard was able to find significant departmental savings in the General Fund. The General Fund savings of \$23,016 over last year's General Fund budget was the result of evaluating the budget line item by line item. We analyzed the expected cost and compared it to last year's budget. The savings were the result of a more realistic look at the cost over the past two years.

The Highway Department has faced a very difficult year in unforeseen increases in almost all areas of its budget. The Highway Department has done an incredible job of putting together a budget that has moderate increases. In a time of high inflation and escalating cost of materials, the highway department is being frugal with taxpayer dollars.

In FY2023 we had surplus dollars in both the General Fund and the Highway fund to bring down the amount that needed to be raised in taxes. The lack of surplus this year is the result of the July 2022 storm in which we spent \$204,000 on repairs. The Federal Emergency Management Agency reimbursement wasn't received until the beginning of this fiscal year 2023. So, we will have a surplus at the end of this fiscal year.

It is incumbent on all departments within town government to stay within the FY2024 budget and manage the taxpayer dollars with great restraint. By doing so, we can come out of the economic downturn no worse than we entered it.

The town was awarded funds from the American Rescue Plan (ARPA) which was originally identified as funding to assist communities recovering from the aftermath of Covid19. When it was clear that the majority of communities in the country could not utilize these funds, as envisioned by the federal government, the rules governing the use of the funds were expanded to allow other projects to be considered.

The Selectboard identified 3 areas ,that ARPA funds could be used, that would have the greatest overall impact. The three projects include digitization of public records in the town clerk's office, cyber security equipment and software upgrades to the town infrastructure and supporting the short fall in the replacement of a fire engine / "pumper".

Project 1 Town Clerk Records: In the event of loss of access to the town clerk's office either by pandemic, fire, or other disasters, a great number of the town clerk's records would be in-accessible. The project along with Project 2 will help to keep the office open from any location.

Project 2. Based on a review and systems audit of the town hall computers, a cyber-attack and external operability, in the event of disaster, need to be addressed. The steps taken here will allow town government to be operable in most any location as long as there is internet access.

Project 3. The shortfall in the Fire Truck Reserve Fund, to replace a fire truck, is the result of not saving enough money over the past 23 years. The town has roughly \$290,000.00 in a reserve account. The minimum cost of a vehicle of this type, at the present time, is roughly \$650,000.00. Rather than finance the difference, requiring the town to add another long-term debt, the decision of the Board is to move forward with ARPA funding to fill the gap. We view this as the wisest option.

The utilization of ARPA funds will aid the town and benefit the taxpayer by not passing along further costs. All three projects are well underway with completion expected in the near future.

We hope to see you at our first town meeting post pandemic on **Tuesday March 7, 2023**, in the **Dutton Gym beginning at 9:00AM**.

Respectfully,

Sherwood Lake
Chair

Rob Wright
Clerk

Catherine Marrow
Member

Steven Frisk
Vice Chair

Rob Swiger
Member



The house that sits on the corner of Grafton & Common Roads once housed not one, but two of Townshend's most famous daughters. Clarina Howard Nichols, a journalist, lobbyist and public speaker involved in all three of the major reform movements of the mid-19th century: temperance, abolition, and the women's movement that emerged largely out of the ranks of the first two. Before graduating from Leland and Gray in 1903, Esther Dale starred in the musical and dramatic productions. Dale took went on to have an international career as a concert singer before becoming the head of the voice department at Smith College. In the 1930's she appeared on Broadway before starting her career in Hollywood, where she went on to make about 100 movies. Throughout her life she spent her summers in Townshend. (C)

| <u>General Fund Revenue</u> | Budget FY2022 | Actual FY2022 | Voted FY2023 | Proposed FY2024 |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Property Taxes | | | | |
| Property Tax - Current | 324,346 | 203,636 | 338,563 | 392,482 |
| Property Tax - Delinquent | - | 174,419 | - | - |
| Tax Collector Late Intere | 500 | 1,708 | 500 | 500 |
| Delinquent Collector Int | 7,000 | 15,635 | 7,000 | 7,000 |
| Del Tax Penalty Revenue | - | 4,717 | - | - |
| Education Billing Fee | 6,205 | 6,266 | 6,284 | 5,712 |
| Abated Taxes | - | (2,107) | - | - |
| Property Taxes Total | 338,051 | 404,275 | 352,347 | 405,694 |
| Intergovernmental Revenue | | - | | |
| US Dam Tax-Loss Payment | 5,656 | 5,656 | - | 5,656 |
| PILOT VT & USA | 10,000 | 24,587 | 29,743 | 29,743 |
| STVT Current Use | 55,000 | 64,530 | 64,530 | 74,083 |
| Civil/Local Fines | 4,000 | 786 | 864 | 300 |
| Intergovernmental Revenue Total | 74,656 | 95,558 | 95,137 | 109,782 |
| Licenses | | - | | |
| Town Interest Earned | 1,000 | 936 | 466 | 3,000 |
| Town Hall/Common Rental | 500 | 320 | 100 | 100 |
| Reimbursement | - | - | - | 2,000 |
| Misc Revenue | - | 2,399 | 239 | - |
| SOVEREN Land Lease | 2,000 | 2,000 | 2,000 | 2,000 |
| Liquor Licenses | 400 | 440 | 70 | 70 |
| Licenses Total | 3,900 | 6,095 | 2,874 | 7,170 |
| Town Clerk's Office | | | | |
| TC Office Fees/OTC | 4,000 | 4,986 | 2,690 | 3,000 |
| TC Recording Fees | 7,000 | 15,492 | 11,750 | 12,000 |
| TC Marriage License | 50 | 90 | 40 | 40 |
| TC Dog License | 700 | 1,052 | 202 | 1,000 |
| TC Fish & Game | 150 | 158 | 36 | 150 |
| TC Vehicle Registration | - | 108 | 51 | 100 |
| Election Reimbursement | - | 511 | - | - |
| FD Grant \$\$ | - | 5,000 | 5,000 | - |
| Fire Pond Grant \$\$ | - | 8,120 | - | - |
| Trash Bag Sales | 30,000 | 37,791 | 27,221 | 30,000 |
| Town Clerk's Office Total | 41,900 | 73,307 | 46,989 | 46,290 |
| General Fund Revenue Total | 458,507 | 579,235 | 497,347 | 568,936 |

| <u>General Fund Expenses</u> | Budget FY2022 | Actual FY2022 | Voted FY2023 | Proposed FY2024 |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|
| TOWN GOVERNMENT | | | | |
| <u>Selectboard</u> | | | | |
| Wages-SB | 5,200 | 5,200 | 5,200 | 5,200 |
| Wages-Admin | 30,000 | 15,896 | 27,040 | 22,062 |
| Bene-Admin-Ins | 15,819 | - | 6,000 | 6,696 |
| Bene-Admin-Eye | 90 | - | - | 85 |
| Bene-Admin-Dental | 700 | - | 50 | 350 |
| VLCT/PACIF-SB | 5,400 | 3,463 | 5,000 | 4,000 |
| Bene-Admin-Retire | 1,500 | - | - | - |
| Legal Exp-SB | 5,000 | - | 5,000 | 5,000 |
| Zoom & R Hege (Domain) | 250 | 216 | 250 | 250 |
| Annual Support/Licenses | 100 | 233 | 400 | 3,000 |
| Notices - SB | 1,000 | 269 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| Town Report Print | 2,500 | 2,947 | 3,000 | 2,500 |
| Dues-Windham Regional | 3,200 | 3,015 | 3,500 | 3,500 |
| Dues-VLCT | 2,700 | 2,600 | 3,000 | 3,000 |
| Travel/Meetings - SB | 200 | 123 | 200 | 200 |
| Travel-Admin | 200 | - | - | - |
| Supplies - SB | 250 | 499 | 300 | 300 |
| Tax Bill Expense - SB | 2,500 | 148 | 2,500 | 1,500 |
| Town Meeting Lunch | - | - | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| SOVEREN SOLAR | - | 6,532 | - | - |
| Equip-SB | 500 | 163 | 1,200 | 600 |
| Selectboard Total | 77,109 | 41,304 | 64,640 | 60,243 |
| <u>Municipal Land Management</u> | | | | |
| Taft Meadows | 1,000 | - | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| Tree Management | - | - | 3,500 | 3,500 |
| Tree Care Common | 3,000 | 2,910 | 3,000 | 3,000 |
| Fountain Care Common | 300 | 581 | 300 | 300 |
| Repair/Maintenance Gazebo | 200 | 18 | 200 | - |
| Municipal Land Management Total | 4,500 | 3,510 | 8,000 | 7,800 |
| <u>Elections</u> | | | | |
| Wages-Elections | 1,500 | 412 | 500 | 500 |
| Supplies - Elections | 200 | 42 | 1,000 | 500 |
| Elections Total | 1,700 | 455 | 1,500 | 1,000 |
| <u>Town Clerk's Office</u> | | | | |
| Wages-TC | 37,878 | 37,878 | 39,393 | 40,181 |
| Wages-Clerical | 6,500 | 3,987 | 5,500 | 6,000 |
| Bene-TC-Ins | 15,819 | 15,247 | 16,000 | 16,100 |
| Bene-TC- Eye | 90 | - | 90 | - |
| Bene-TC-Dental | 700 | - | 700 | - |
| Bene-TC-Retire | 2,200 | 2,367 | 2,660 | 2,725 |
| VLCT/PACIF-Bond TC | 100 | 96 | 100 | 100 |
| Training/PD - TC | 300 | 115 | 300 | 300 |
| Cloud/Disaster Recovery | 500 | 1,233 | 500 | 240 |
| Annual Support/Licenses | - | - | - | 2,752 |
| Repair/Maint-TC | 500 | - | 500 | 500 |

| <u>General Fund Expenses</u> | Budget FY2022 | Actual FY2022 | Voted FY2023 | Proposed FY2024 |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| Copier Lease CIT | 1,400 | 1,935 | 2,100 | 2,500 |
| Supplies - TC | 1,500 | 2,077 | 1,500 | 2,000 |
| Equipment TC | 500 | - | - | 500 |
| COTT - digital records | - | - | - | 2,040 |
| Town Clerk's Office Total | 67,987 | 64,936 | 69,343 | 75,938 |
| <u>Finance Office</u> | | | | |
| Wages-Treasurer | 30,450 | 30,450 | 31,668 | 32,301 |
| Wages-Tax Collector | 5,000 | 3,791 | 5,000 | 5,000 |
| Bene-FO-Insurance | 2,400 | 2,152 | 2,400 | 2,219 |
| Bene-FO-Eye | 85 | - | 85 | - |
| Bene-FO-Dental | 350 | - | 350 | - |
| VLCT/PACIF-Bond Treasurer | 1,800 | 949 | 900 | 1,000 |
| Training - Finance Office | 2,500 | 20 | 500 | 500 |
| Contract-Audit | 10,000 | 21,674 | 19,300 | 19,300 |
| Annual Support | - | 1,233 | - | 4,504 |
| Cloud Recovery | 1,500 | 1,378 | 2,000 | 240 |
| Technical Support | 1,000 | 145 | 1,000 | 500 |
| Copier Lease/Kyocera | - | - | 500 | 725 |
| Supplies - FO | 750 | 561 | 500 | 600 |
| Copier Lease-Finance | 500 | 709 | - | - |
| Miscellaneous | - | 1,771 | - | - |
| Finance Office Total | 56,335 | 64,830 | 64,203 | 66,889 |
| <u>Delinquent Tax Collector</u> | | | | |
| Wages-Del Taxes | - | 5,292 | - | - |
| Del Tax Emplr Exp | 700 | 1,026 | 700 | 1,000 |
| VLCT/PACIF-Bond Delinq | 600 | 380 | 450 | 400 |
| Legal Exp-Del Tax | 1,000 | - | 1,000 | - |
| Cloud/AnSprt/DisasterRec | 250 | 1,120 | 1,300 | 1,300 |
| Supplies - Del Tax | 200 | 407 | 500 | 500 |
| Delinquent Tax Collector Total | 2,750 | 8,225 | 3,950 | 3,200 |
| <u>Listers</u> | | | | |
| Wages-Listers | 18,270 | 17,220 | 19,000 | 19,380 |
| Marshall Swift/APEX | 500 | 493 | 1,000 | 530 |
| Legal Exp-Listers | 3,000 | - | 3,000 | 3,000 |
| CAMA | 1,000 | 756 | 1,000 | 750 |
| Cloud/Disaster Recovery | 2,500 | 233 | 2,000 | 240 |
| Annual Support/Licenses | 1,250 | 1,000 | 1,250 | 4,504 |
| Copier Lease Kyocera | - | - | 775 | 760 |
| Notices - Listers | 150 | 9 | 150 | - |
| Dues-Listers | 100 | 50 | 100 | 50 |
| Travel/Meetings - Listers | 500 | 72 | 250 | 150 |
| Supplies - Listers | 350 | 526 | 800 | 360 |
| Map Exp - Listers | 2,500 | 3,154 | 3,500 | 4,040 |
| Copier Lease | 775 | 798 | - | - |
| Equip-Listers | - | - | 250 | - |
| Listers Total | 30,895 | 24,311 | 33,075 | 33,764 |
| <u>Planning Board</u> | | | | |
| PB Technical | 800 | 159 | 800 | 400 |

| <u>General Fund Expenses</u> | Budget FY2022 | Actual FY2022 | Voted FY2023 | Proposed FY2024 |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| Notices - PB | 500 | - | 500 | 250 |
| Printing - PB | 450 | - | 450 | 225 |
| Supplies - PB | 250 | - | 250 | 125 |
| Map Expense - PB | 750 | - | 750 | 375 |
| Planning Board Total | 2,750 | 159 | 2,750 | 1,375 |
| <u>Board Of Civil Authority</u> | | | | |
| Supplies - BCA | 25 | - | 25 | 25 |
| Appeals Exp - BCA | 50 | - | 50 | 50 |
| Board Of Civil Authority Total | 75 | - | 75 | 75 |
| <u>Municipal Town Hall</u> | | | | |
| Wages-Janitorial | 1,500 | 1,353 | 2,432 | 1,250 |
| Contract-Clock | 125 | - | 125 | 125 |
| Computer Exp - TH | 800 | - | 800 | - |
| Alarm - TH | 450 | 538 | 500 | 550 |
| Repair/Maint-TH | 10,000 | 2,639 | 10,000 | 5,000 |
| VLCT/PACIF-TH | 15,000 | 6,649 | 15,000 | 10,319 |
| Phone/Internet-TH | 7,000 | 7,150 | 7,500 | 7,500 |
| Supplies - TH | 2,500 | 3,134 | 2,500 | 3,000 |
| Office Exp - TH | 2,000 | 122 | 2,000 | 1,000 |
| Fuel Oil-TH | 5,500 | 4,614 | - | - |
| Equip-TH | - | 1,297 | - | - |
| Municipal Town Hall Total | 44,875 | 27,495 | 40,857 | 28,744 |
| TOWN GOVERNMENT TOTAL | 288,976 | 235,224 | 288,393 | 279,028 |
| <u>TOWN SAFETY</u> | | | | |
| <u>Constable</u> | | | | |
| VLCT/PACIF-Bond Constable | 300 | 188 | 300 | 200 |
| VLCT/PACIF-Police | 900 | 579 | 900 | 600 |
| Supplies-Constable | 200 | - | 200 | 100 |
| Constable Total | 1,400 | 767 | 1,400 | 900 |
| <u>Emergency Mgmt</u> | | | | |
| Emergency Mgmt | 2,500 | - | 2,500 | 2,500 |
| Emergency Mgmt Total | 2,500 | - | 2,500 | 2,500 |
| <u>Fire House/Department</u> | | | | |
| VLCT/PACIF-WC FD | 3,000 | 1,422 | 3,500 | 1,500 |
| Repair/Maint-FH | 3,000 | 773 | 3,000 | 1,500 |
| VLCT/PACIF-FD | 3,800 | 1,947 | 4,200 | 2,000 |
| Phone/Internet-FH | 600 | 615 | 600 | 600 |
| Communications - FH | 2,500 | 4,323 | 2,500 | 3,000 |
| Dues-District Mutual Aid | 21,000 | 21,472 | 21,700 | 22,500 |
| Dues-FH | 250 | - | 250 | 100 |
| Supplies - FH | 500 | 280 | 500 | 500 |
| Fuel Oil-FH | 5,000 | 4,171 | - | - |
| Equip-FH | 1,000 | - | 500 | 250 |
| New FH Contingency Funds | 5,000 | - | 5,000 | 5,000 |
| Grant Exp-Fire Pond | - | 10,521 | - | - |
| Grant Exp-Fire Training | 600 | - | - | - |
| Fire House/Department Total | 46,250 | 45,524 | 41,750 | 36,950 |
| <u>Fire Vehicles</u> | | | | |

| <u>General Fund Expenses</u> | Budget FY2022 | Actual FY2022 | Voted FY2023 | Proposed FY2024 |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| Repair/Maint-FT | 14,000 | 22,551 | 14,000 | 14,000 |
| VLCT/PACIF-FT | 7,250 | 4,030 | 7,500 | 4,000 |
| Supplies - FT | 1,200 | 700 | 1,200 | 1,000 |
| Equip-FT | 3,300 | 3,322 | 2,000 | 1,500 |
| Fire Vehicles Total | 25,750 | 30,603 | 24,700 | 20,500 |
| Rescue Inc | 36,344 | 36,344 | 38,500 | 38,859 |
| Law Enforcement | 20,000 | 2,733 | - | - |
| Poundkeeper | 350 | 350 | 350 | 350 |
| TOWN SAFETY TOTAL | 132,594 | 116,321 | 109,200 | 100,059 |
| <u>PUBLIC WORKS</u> | | | | |
| <u>Municipal</u> | | | | |
| Municipal Electric | 11,100 | - | 10,000 | 9,000 |
| Electric-TH | - | 569 | - | - |
| Electric-Garage | - | 2,921 | - | - |
| Electric-FH | - | 188 | - | - |
| Electric-Common | - | 112 | - | - |
| Electric-Streetlights | - | 4,198 | - | - |
| Town Hall | - | - | 6,000 | 8,177 |
| Fire House | - | - | 5,000 | 5,000 |
| Garage | - | - | 5,200 | 5,070 |
| Municipal Total | 11,100 | 7,987 | 26,200 | 27,247 |
| <u>Town Barn/garage</u> | | | | |
| Internet/phone COMCAST | 1,080 | 1,498 | 1,300 | 1,500 |
| Annual Support/Licenses | - | - | - | 1,752 |
| Repair/Maint-Garage | 1,000 | - | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| VLCT/PACIF-Garage | 5,200 | 4,408 | 5,200 | 4,500 |
| Phone Garage 1st Light | 600 | 650 | 600 | 600 |
| Supplies - Garage | 100 | - | 100 | 100 |
| Propane-Garage | 5,000 | 6,948 | - | - |
| Town Barn/Garage Total | 12,980 | 13,504 | 8,200 | 9,452 |
| <u>Waste/recycling/compactor</u> | | | | |
| Wages-Attendant | 12,600 | 12,236 | 12,970 | 13,230 |
| Contracts-Recycling | 12,000 | 20,653 | 18,000 | 19,000 |
| Repair/Maint-Compactor | 2,500 | 1,303 | 2,500 | 2,500 |
| VLCT/PACIF-Compactor | 250 | 119 | 200 | 200 |
| Dues-WSWMD | 8,200 | 8,108 | 8,100 | 8,906 |
| Supplies - Compactor | 5,000 | 4,403 | 5,000 | 5,000 |
| Tipping Fees Paid | 28,000 | 22,080 | 28,000 | 29,400 |
| Green-Up Day Expenses | 350 | 25 | 200 | 200 |
| Waste/Recycling/Compactor Total | 68,900 | 68,926 | 74,970 | 78,436 |
| <u>Common</u> | | | | |
| Tree Care-Common | 3,000 | - | - | - |
| Fountain Care-Common | 300 | - | - | - |
| Repair/Maint-Gazebo | 200 | - | - | - |
| Common Total | 3,500 | - | - | - |
| PUBLIC WORKS TOTAL | 96,480 | 90,417 | 109,370 | 115,135 |
| <u>Appropriations Expense</u> | | | | |
| Appropriations Expense | - | 16,780 | - | - |

| <u>General Fund Expenses</u> | Budget FY2022 | Actual FY2022 | Voted FY2023 | Proposed FY2024 |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| Appropriations Expense Total | - | 16,780 | - | - |
| <u>Employer/debt</u> | | | | |
| FICA - Town | 12,000 | 9,831 | 10,000 | 11,053 |
| Unemployment - Town | 300 | 974 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| WC - Town | 1,000 | - | 1,000 | - |
| Misc Employer Expense | - | 135 | - | - |
| Employer/Debt Total | 13,300 | 10,940 | 12,000 | 12,053 |
| <u>Other Expenses</u> | | | | |
| Contract-BCTV | 1,200 | 1,200 | 1,200 | 1,200 |
| Windham County Tax | 14,000 | 16,536 | 16,000 | 16,750 |
| Principal Paid-Long Term | 40,000 | 40,000 | 40,000 | 40,000 |
| Interest Paid: Notes | 15,000 | 14,858 | 16,500 | 15,000 |
| Radar Control Signs | - | - | 10,000 | - |
| Memorial Day Expense | 300 | - | 300 | 300 |
| Miscellaneous Expense | - | 1,675 | - | 1,675 |
| Other Expenses Total | 70,500 | 74,269 | 84,000 | 74,925 |
| Total General Fund Expenses | 601,850 | 543,951 | 602,963 | 581,200 |
| Less: General Fund Revenues | | | | (176,454) |
| Less: ARPA Funding | | | | (12,264) |
| Net to be Raised in Taxes - General Fund | | | | 392,482 |



For years Carl & Eloise Steiner raised Bison on their East Hill Bison farm. You could get a Townshend-raised Bison Burger at our beloved Dam Diner. Here is Carl feeding an apple to Henry, who was then 2 ½ years old! (D)

| <u>Highway Revenues</u> | Budget FY2022 | Actual FY2022 | Voted FY2023 | Proposed FY2024 |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| Taxes Raised: Highway | | | | |
| Taxes Raised: Highway | 565,852 | 565,852 | 598,925 | 610,214 |
| Taxes Raised: Highway Total | 565,852 | 565,852 | 598,925 | 610,214 |
| Aid & Supplements | | | | |
| STVT Hw State Aid | 110,000 | 129,546 | 110,000 | 110,000 |
| Aid & Supplements Total | 110,000 | 129,546 | 110,000 | 110,000 |
| Other Highway Revenue | | | | |
| Plow: Other Towns | 3,000 | 4,800 | 3,000 | 3,000 |
| Grants & Aid | - | 20,340 | - | - |
| VTrans BB Roads Grant | - | 20,000 | - | - |
| Misc. Highway Receipts | - | 31 | - | - |
| Other Highway Revenue Total | 3,000 | 45,171 | 3,000 | 3,000 |
| Total - Highway Revenues | 678,852 | 740,569 | 711,925 | 723,214 |
| | | | | |
| <u>Direct Highway Expense</u> | | | | |
| General Maintenance | | | | |
| Wages - GM | 208,000 | 198,936 | 215,500 | 212,000 |
| Hired Services - GM | 10,000 | 7,450 | 7,500 | 6,500 |
| Road Signs - GM | 500 | 51 | 500 | 500 |
| Mrgp State Fee | 2,000 | 1,590 | 2,000 | 2,000 |
| Materials & Supplies - GM | 105,000 | 84,738 | 105,000 | 137,000 |
| Contract - Retreatment | 100,000 | 99,313 | 100,000 | 100,000 |
| Grants & Aid Expenses | - | 32,900 | - | - |
| Better Back Roads Expense | - | 4,130 | - | - |
| VTrans BB Roads Expenses | - | 20,650 | - | - |
| Windham Regional Grant Ex | - | 6,256 | - | - |
| Gravel Crushing | 40,000 | 40,000 | - | 40,000 |
| JAW Crushing | - | - | 25,000 | - |
| All Special Projects | 29,000 | 14,973 | 60,000 | 17,000 |
| General Maintenance Total | 494,500 | 510,987 | 515,500 | 515,000 |
| <u>Indirect Highway Expense</u> | | | | |
| Ancillary Highway Expense | | | | |
| Uniforms - Highway | 4,900 | 4,797 | 4,900 | 4,900 |
| VLCT/Pacif-Highway | 4,200 | 3,791 | 4,200 | 4,000 |
| Misc Ancillary Exp - Hwy | 400 | 541 | 400 | 400 |
| Ancillary Highway Expense Total | 9,500 | 9,129 | 9,500 | 9,300 |
| Employer Expense: Highway | | | | |
| Bene-Hwy Ins | 51,000 | 49,050 | 47,300 | 43,950 |
| Bene-Hwy Eye | 330 | 248 | 320 | 320 |
| Bene-Hwy Dental | 2,100 | 2,019 | 2,600 | 2,600 |
| FICA Tax - Highway | 16,500 | 14,970 | 13,330 | 13,144 |
| Bene-Hwy Retirement | 12,600 | 12,439 | 14,440 | 14,310 |
| Unemployment - Highway | 1,300 | - | 1,000 | 1,230 |
| VLCT/Pacif-WC Hwy | 22,500 | 11,998 | 12,500 | 11,500 |
| Misc. Employers Exp - Hwy | 400 | 160 | 400 | 400 |
| Employer Expense: Highway Total | 106,730 | 90,885 | 91,890 | 87,454 |
| FEMA 072921 Flood | | | | |
| FEMA 072921 Flood | - | 204,652 | - | - |

| Highway Revenues | Budget FY2022 | Actual FY2022 | Voted FY2023 | Proposed FY2024 |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| FEMA 072921 Flood Total | - | 204,652 | - | - |
| Total Indirect Highway Expenses | 116,230 | 304,665 | 101,390 | 96,754 |
| Total - Highway Expenses | 610,730 | 815,652 | 616,890 | 611,754 |

Direct Equipment Expenses

| | Budget FY2022 | Actual FY2022 | Voted FY2023 | Proposed FY2024 |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| OTHER EQUIP FUND REVENUE | | | | |
| Equip fund Interest Earne | - | 3 | - | - |
| Misc. Equip Fund Income | - | 2,461 | - | - |
| OTHER EQUIP FUND REVENUE Total | - | 2,464 | - | - |

DIRECT EQUIPMENT EXPENSE

| | | | | |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| TK#4:Western Star 2020 | | | | |
| Outside Repairs | - | 253 | - | - |
| Ins/Registration | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| Supplies/Parts | 2,000 | 8,243 | 4,000 | 5,000 |
| TK#4:Western Star 2020 Total | 2,050 | 8,546 | 4,050 | 5,050 |
| BACKHOE: 2008 JD 410 | | | | |
| Outside Repairs: Backhoe | - | 223 | - | - |
| Ins/ Reg: Backhoe | - | - | - | - |
| Supplies/ Parts: Backhoe | 3,000 | 2,001 | 5,500 | 5,000 |
| BACKHOE: 2008 JD 410 Total | 3,000 | 2,225 | 5,500 | 5,000 |
| TK#03: 2015 International | | | | |
| Outside Repairs: TK#03 | - | 2,072 | - | - |
| Ins/Reg: TK#03 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| Supplies/Parts: TK#03 | 4,000 | 6,046 | 4,000 | 5,000 |
| TK#03: 2015 International Total | 4,050 | 8,168 | 4,050 | 5,050 |
| Western Star 2022 TK5 | | | | |
| Outside Repairs Tk#5 | - | - | - | - |
| Ins/Reg Tk#5 | - | - | 50 | 50 |
| Tk#5 Supplies Parts | - | 2,146 | 1,500 | 4,000 |
| Western Star 2022 TK5 Total | - | 2,146 | 1,550 | 4,050 |
| TK#09 2011 International (Retired) | | | | |
| Outside Repairs: TK9 | - | 487 | - | - |
| TK#09 2011 International Total | - | 487 | - | - |
| TK1: 2012 Freightliner | | | | |
| Outside Repairs: TK1 | - | - | - | - |
| Ins/Reg: TK1 | 50 | - | 50 | - |
| Supplies/Parts: TK1 | 6,000 | 1,931 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| TK1: 2012 Freightliner Total | 6,050 | 1,931 | 1,050 | 1,000 |
| 2018 Dodge 550 | | | | |
| Out. Repairs: Dodge 5500 | - | 342 | - | - |
| Ins/Registration Dodge | 50 | - | 75 | 50 |
| Supplies/Parts: Dodge 550 | 2,500 | 6,947 | 2,500 | 3,500 |
| 2018 Dodge 550 Total | 2,550 | 7,290 | 2,575 | 3,550 |
| MISC EQ:YORKRAKE/SAWS/ETC | | | | |
| Misc Equip Purchased | - | 740 | - | - |
| Ins/Reg: Misc EQ | - | - | - | - |
| Supplies/Parts: Misc EQ | 1,500 | 35 | 1,000 | 1,000 |

| Direct <u>Equipment</u> Expenses | Budget FY2022 | Actual FY2022 | Voted FY2023 | Proposed FY2024 |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| MISC EQ:YORKRAKE/SAWS/ETC Total | 1,500 | 775 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| TRACTOR: Kubota | | | | |
| Outside Repairs: Kubota | - | - | - | - |
| Ins/Reg: Kubota | - | - | - | - |
| Supplies/Parts: Kubota | 500 | - | 500 | 500 |
| TRACTOR: Kubota Total | 500 | - | 500 | 500 |
| GRADER: JD 772 | | | | |
| Outside Repairs: JD Grade | - | - | - | - |
| Ins/Reg: JD Grader | - | - | - | - |
| Supplies/Parts: JD Grader | 5,000 | 6,217 | 5,000 | 6,000 |
| GRADER: JD 772 Total | 5,000 | 6,217 | 5,000 | 6,000 |
| Loader 524 | | | | |
| Outside Repairs | - | - | - | - |
| Loader 524: Registration | - | - | - | - |
| Supplies/Parts: Loader 52 | 1,500 | 297 | 1,500 | 1,500 |
| Loader 524 Total | 1,500 | 297 | 1,500 | 1,500 |
| ALL EQUIPMENT | | | | |
| VLCT/PACIF-Equip | 7,500 | 6,259 | 8,000 | - |
| Supplies/Parts: AQ | 3,500 | 3,966 | 4,000 | 4,500 |
| Diesel: AQ | 30,000 | 44,603 | 32,000 | 50,000 |
| Unleaded Gas: AQ | 500 | 275 | 500 | 500 |
| ALL EQUIPMENT Total | 41,500 | 55,102 | 44,500 | 55,000 |
| DIRECT EQUIPMENT EXPENSE Total | 67,700 | 93,181 | 71,275 | 87,700 |
| OTHER EQUIPMENT EXPENSE | | | | |
| Equipment Purchased | - | 186,992 | - | - |
| Equ. Principal Payments | 23,760 | 22,000 | 23,760 | 23,760 |
| Interest PD-EQ Financing | - | 1,320 | - | - |
| OTHER EQUIPMENT EXPENSE Total | 23,760 | 210,312 | 23,760 | 23,760 |
| Total Direct <u>Equipment</u> Expense | 91,460 | 305,957 | 95,035 | 111,460 |
| Direct Highway Expense | 610,730 | 815,652 | 616,890 | 611,754 |
| Net Department Expenses | 702,190 | 1,121,609 | 711,925 | 723,214 |
| Less: Revenue | | (2,464) | | (113,000) |
| Amount to be Raised in Taxes - Highway & Equipment Funds | | | | 610,214 |

Reserve Funds

| | as of 6/30/2021 | as of 06/30/2022 | |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| ARPA Funding | - | \$178,568 | |
| Cemetery CD | \$70,593 | \$70,896 | |
| Cemetery Perpetual Care CD | \$115,044 | \$116,443 | |
| Common Fund | \$5,757 | \$5,760 | |
| Fire Pond | (\$1,585) | \$1,011 | |
| Fire Truck Capital Fund | \$280,929 | \$281,480 | |
| FogLine Painting Reserve Fund | \$2,775 | \$2,775 | |
| GC Sewer Fund | \$42,283 | \$42,534 | |
| Mosley Fund | \$62,397 | \$62,468 | |
| Planning Commission Reserve Fund | \$6,619 | \$6,619 | |
| RDAG MM | \$68,951 | \$69,029 | |
| Restoration Fund | \$39,089 | \$44,762 | |
| Sidewalk Project Fund | \$6,830 | \$6,834 | |
| Stone Arch Bridge Reserve Fund | \$139,585 | \$189,585 | |
| Town Equipment Fund | \$5,204 | \$5,206 | |
| Reappraisal Fund | \$142,618 | \$153,251 | |
| | State Reappraisal | State Equalization | |
| | Pmt | Pmt | Combined Total |
| | FY2021 | \$1,041 | \$9,890 |
| | FY2022 | \$1,035 | \$9,833 |



The Legend of the Devil in Scott Bridge

“Many years ago Seth Allen of West Townshend was hired to reshingle part of the bridge. Allen was given to doing things somewhat differently from anyone else, and he decided to do part of his work by moonlight. He used no stagings, and unless one happened to see him on the roof there was no sign of activity. Late on moonlit night, Leslie Lowe, who lived on the west hill, drove back from Townshend Village behind his old horse Jerry. All was silent as he entered the darkness of the bridge. Suddenly, when he was about halfway across, hammering began above his head. What it was Lowe could not imagine, and Jerry gave him no time to puzzle it out; the old horse decided that the devil was after him and took off at top speed. There ensued one of the wildest rides that Leslie Lowe ever took, and had not the hilly road finally slowed Jerry down, he would have been running until morning.” (From Victor Morse, *Windham County’s Famous Covered Bridges*, Brattleboro, Vermont, The Book Cellar, 1960) (E)

| Library Fund | Budget FY2022 | Actual FY2022 | Voted FY2023 | Proposed FY2024 |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| <u>Library Fund Revenue</u> | | | | |
| Library Town Appropriation | 55,750 | 54,900 | 57,719 | 59,609 |
| State Library Grant | - | 300 | - | - |
| ARPA Funds | - | 2,528 | - | - |
| Bequests | - | 189,224 | - | - |
| Library Fund Drive | - | 11,055 | - | - |
| Library Donations | - | 1,200 | - | - |
| Reimbursements/petty cash | - | 259 | - | - |
| Book of Month Club | - | 1,000 | - | - |
| Book Sale | - | 30 | - | - |
| Library Interest Revenue | - | 27 | - | - |
| Miscellaneous | - | 50 | - | - |
| Total Library Fund Revenue | 55,750 | 260,573 | 57,719 | 59,609 |
| <u>Library Fund Expenses</u> | | | | |
| Payroll Expenses | | | | |
| Wages-Librarian | 29,850 | 30,296 | 31,400 | 32,350 |
| Wages-Asst Librarians | 9,200 | 7,874 | 9,200 | 9,300 |
| Wages- Library Custodian | 1,650 | 668 | 1,650 | 1,600 |
| VLCT/PACIF-Library | 2,200 | 1,189 | 2,200 | 1,500 |
| Library FICA Tax | 3,150 | 2,971 | 3,225 | 2,675 |
| Retirement Library | - | 1,894 | 2,100 | 2,184 |
| Payroll Expenses Total | 46,050 | 44,892 | 49,775 | 49,609 |
| Operational Expenses | | | | |
| Website | 400 | 144 | 200 | 200 |
| Telephone | 800 | 595 | 800 | 800 |
| Travel/Meetings | 400 | 113 | 400 | 400 |
| Supplies | 1,000 | 1,033 | 500 | 1,000 |
| Postage | 1,000 | 553 | 500 | 1,000 |
| Equipment | 600 | 612 | 400 | 400 |
| Maintenance | 2,500 | 2,123 | 2,500 | 2,800 |
| Snow Removal | 1,200 | 1,080 | 1,200 | 1,400 |
| Oil | 1,800 | 1,800 | 1,800 | 2,000 |
| Operational Expenses Total | 9,700 | 8,053 | 8,300 | 10,000 |
| Total Library Fund Expenses | 55,750 | 52,944 | 58,075 | 59,609 |
| Library Trustees Expenses | | | | |
| Bequest Expenses | - | 150,000 | - | 15,000 |
| Professional | 450 | 153 | 450 | 450 |
| Performance | 450 | - | 450 | 450 |
| ARPA Expenses | - | 1,701 | - | - |
| Technical | 1,200 | - | 1,200 | 1,200 |
| Audio Visual | 1,800 | 1,505 | 1,800 | 1,800 |
| Newsletter | 200 | 109 | 250 | 250 |
| Subscription | 700 | 656 | 700 | 700 |
| Supplies | 1,000 | 852 | 1,500 | 1,500 |
| Programs | 2,000 | 1,348 | 2,000 | 2,000 |
| Fundraisers | 800 | 915 | 900 | 1,500 |
| Books | 10,000 | 4,295 | 10,000 | 10,000 |
| Book of Month Club | - | 989 | - | - |
| Trustees EE Gifts | 500 | 440 | 500 | 500 |
| Trustees Misc | 200 | 1,770 | 200 | 200 |
| Total Library Trustees Expenses | 19,300 | 164,734 | 19,950 | 35,550 |

| Cemetery Fund | Budget FY2022 | Actual FY2022 | Voted FY2023 | Proposed FY2024 |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|
| <u>Cemetery Fund Revenue</u> | | | | |
| Old Cem General Fund Rev. | - | - | 2,100 | 2,100 |
| Old Cem Town Approp Rev. | 1,800 | 1,800 | - | - |
| Cem Interest-to be D Rev | - | 996 | - | - |
| Misc Income Revenue | - | 75 | - | - |
| Oakwood Ann Care Rev. | - | 560 | - | - |
| Oakwood Perp Care Rev. | - | 617 | - | - |
| Oakwood Gen. Revenue | - | 1,035 | - | - |
| Oakwood Lot Sales Rev. | - | 3,093 | - | - |
| Oakwood Fees Revenue | - | 330 | - | - |
| Oakwood-GC Field Use Rev | - | 800 | - | - |
| Round Hill Ann Care Rev. | - | 35 | - | - |
| Round Hill Misc Rev | - | 10 | - | - |
| Total Cemetery Fund Revenues | 1,800 | 9,351 | 2,100 | 2,100 |
| <u>Cemetery Fund Expenses</u> | | | | |
| Old Back Cemetery | | | | |
| Old Back Cemetery Labor E | - | 805 | - | - |
| Old Cem FICA Tax Exp. | - | 62 | - | - |
| Old Back Cem Use of Equip | - | 119 | - | - |
| Old Back Cem Mileage Reim | - | 179 | - | - |
| Old Cemetery Expense | - | 147 | - | - |
| Cemetery Miscellaneous | - | 40 | - | - |
| Old Back Cemetery Total | - | 1,352 | - | - |
| Oakwood Cemetery Exp. | | | | |
| Oakwood Wages Exp. | - | 3,807 | - | - |
| Oakwood FICA Tax Exp. | - | 291 | - | - |
| Oakwood Use of Equip Exp. | - | 580 | - | - |
| Oakwood Maint/Repairs Exp | - | 423 | - | - |
| VLCT/PACIF Oakwood | - | 115 | - | - |
| Oakwood Equip. Purchase | - | 7,000 | - | - |
| Oakwood Supplies Exp. | - | 420 | - | - |
| Oakwood Postage Exp. | - | 17 | - | - |
| Oakwood Deed Fees Exp. | - | 160 | - | - |
| Oakwood Electricity Exp. | - | 65 | - | - |
| Oakwood Water Elect Exp. | - | 65 | - | - |
| Oakwood Cemetery Exp. Total | - | 12,942 | - | - |
| Round Hill Cemetery Exp. | | | | |
| Round Hill Wages Exp. | - | 412 | - | - |
| Round Hill FICA Tax Exp. | - | 32 | - | - |
| Rnd Hill Use of Equip Exp | - | 97 | - | - |
| Round Hill Supplies Exp. | - | 25 | - | - |
| Round Hill Cemetery Exp. Total | - | 565 | - | - |
| Maple Grove Cem Exp. | | | | |
| Maple Grove Wages Exp. | - | 112 | - | - |
| Maple Grove FICA Tax Exp. | - | 9 | - | - |
| Maple Grove Cem Exp. Total | - | 121 | - | - |

| | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---|---------------|---|---|
| Total Cemetery Fund Expenses | - | 14,981 | - | - |
|-------------------------------------|---|---------------|---|---|

Fiscal Year 2022 Salaries & Wages

Cemetery

| | |
|------------------|---------|
| Doug Ballantine | \$60 |
| Michael Cutts | \$3,515 |
| Charlie Marchant | \$1,379 |
| Delano Schmidt | \$183 |

Delinquent Tax Collector

| | |
|--------------|----------|
| Becky Reilly | \$13,414 |
|--------------|----------|

Finance Office

| | |
|-------------|----------|
| Anita Bean | \$3,144 |
| Elaine Hill | \$31,700 |

Highway Department

| | |
|------------------|----------|
| Steve Frisk | \$59,075 |
| Robbie Germon | \$47,522 |
| Billy Roberts | \$52,304 |
| Jeremy Zumbruski | \$40,128 |

Library

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| Rachel Boyden | \$380 |
| Christine Chandler | \$647 |
| Jennifer Clary | \$473 |
| Elizabeth Etman | \$2,036 |
| Karen LaRue | \$30,296 |
| Jodie Masterman | \$2,715 |
| Pamela Russo | \$2,291 |

Listers

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| Mike Bills | \$7,667 |
| Helen Holt | \$8,859 |
| Gene Kuch | \$693 |

Select Board

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| Allison Dercoli | \$1,000 |
| Haley Felker | \$1,000 |
| Steve Frisk | \$1,000 |
| Connie Holt | \$15,555 |
| Sherwood Lake | \$1,200 |
| Karla Lumbra | \$165 |
| Rob Wright | \$1,000 |

Town Hall

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| Anita Bean | \$899 |
| Kurt Tietz | \$3,500 |
| Ellenka Wilson | \$37,878 |

Town Hall & Garage Janitor

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| Eddie Benoit | \$1,019 |
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Transfer Station

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| Eddie Benoit | \$11,055 |
| Arnold Cole | \$480 |
| Delano Schmidt | \$127 |

TOWNSHEND SOCIAL SERVICES – Fiscal Year 2024

American Red Cross of Vermont and NH Upper Valley Region

2023 appropriation: \$500

2024 request: \$500

www.redcross.org/local/me-nh-vt.html

2024 recommendation: \$500

Brattleboro Area Hospice, Inc.

provides non-medical, volunteer-staffed programs for dying and grieving community members.

2023 appropriation: \$300

2024 request: \$300

www.brattleborohospice.org

2024 recommendation: \$300

Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation (SoVEDS)

promotes regional economic development, improving wages and fosters job creation.

2023 appropriation: \$3,696

2024 request: \$3,696

www.brattleborodevelopment.com

2024 recommendation: \$3,696

Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital

Local health care provider

2023 appropriation: \$1000

2024 request: \$1,000

www.gracecottage.org

2024 recommendation: \$1,000

Green Mountain Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)

Supports and develops programs for seniors who wish to volunteer within the community.

2023 appropriation: \$275

2024 request: \$275

www.rsvpvt.org

2024 recommendation: \$275

Green Up Vermont

Sponsors Green Up Day

2023 appropriation: \$100

2024 request: \$100

www.greenupvermont.org

2024 recommendation: \$100

Groundworks Collaborative

Is a merger of the Brattleboro Area Drop-In Center and Morningside Shelter, providing emergency food, housing and case management services.

2023 appropriation \$1,200

2024 request \$1,200

www.groundworksvt.org

2024 recommendation \$1,200

Health Care and Rehabilitation Services (HCRS)

Provides a broad range of community mental health services.

2023 appropriation: \$1,100

2024 request: \$1,100

www.hcrs.org

2024 recommendation: \$1,100

MOOver

Provides transportation for the elderly, the disabled, and children and families who receive Medicaid.

2023 appropriation: \$750

2024 request: \$750

www.moover.com

2024 recommendation: \$750

Project Feed the Thousands

An all-volunteer group provides food to food shelves including Townshend food shelf for families & individuals facing food insecurity. Our donation be used to serve the Townshend Community

2023 appropriation to TFS \$700

2024 request \$700

www.projectfeedthethousands.org

2024 recommendation \$700

Senior Solutions Southeastern VT

Supports aging seniors in Townshend with information and assistance, senior nutrition programs, transportation, case management and caregiver respite.

2023 appropriation: \$775

2024 request: \$800

www.seniorsolutionsvt.org

2024 recommendation: \$800

Southeastern Vermont Community Action, Inc. (SEVCA)

Provides weatherization, emergency heating repair, tax preparation services, thrift store vouchers and fuel assistance.

2023 appropriation: \$1,500

2024 request: \$1,500

www.sevca.org

2024 recommendation: \$1,500

TOWNSHEND SOCIAL SERVICES – Fiscal Year 2024 (continued)

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| Southern Vermont Therapeutic Riding Center | | www.sovtrc.org |
| Improves disabled clients’ coordination, balance, cognitive, emotional, and behavioral skills while developing equestrian skills. | | |
| 2023 appropriation: \$750 | 2024 request: \$750 | 2024 recommendation: \$750 |
| The Gathering Place | | www.gatheringplacevt.org |
| Provides a safe, supportive environment, a full array of services and activities for elders and adults with disabilities | | |
| 2023 appropriation: \$500 | 2024 request: \$500 | 2024 recommendation: \$500 |
| Vermont Center for Independent Living | | www.vcil.org |
| A statewide non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for people with disabilities & supports Townshend residents | | |
| 2023 appropriation: \$255 | 2024 request: \$255 | 2024 recommendation: \$255 |
| Vermont Family Network | | www.vermontfamilynetwork.org |
| Provides the state’s largest children’s integrated services early intervention program, and provides family support consultants throughout the state | | |
| 2023 appropriation: \$250 | 2024 request: \$250 | 2024 recommendation: \$250 |
| Vermont Independent Media/The Commons | | www.commonnews.org/site/sitenext/index.php |
| Publishers of The Commons, “Windham County’s Independent Source for News and Views”, is a non-profit (501c3) organization | | |
| 2023 appropriation: \$250 | 2024 request: \$1,000 | 2024 recommendation: \$1,000 |
| Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice of VT and NH | | www.vnhcare.org |
| Makes homecare visits | | |
| 2023 appropriation: \$2,700 | 2024 request: \$2,700 | 2024 recommendation \$2,700 |
| Windham County Humane Society | | www.windhamcountyhumane.org |
| Their mission is to “ensure the safety and well-being of animals as well as enhancing the relationship between individuals and pets” | | |
| 2023 appropriation: \$500 | 2024 request: \$500 | 2024 recommendation: \$500 |
| Winston Prouty Center for Child & Family Development | | www.winstonprouty.org |
| Provides services for preschool children with special needs | | |
| 2023 appropriation: \$250 | 2024 request: \$250 | 2024 recommendation: \$250 |
| Women’s Freedom Center | | www.womensfreedomcenter.net |
| Works to end physical, sexual and emotional violence against the women and children of Windham County | | |
| 2023 appropriation: \$1,200 | 2024 request: \$1,200 | 2024 recommendation: \$1,200 |
| Youth Services | | www.youthservicesinc.org |
| Provides in-home parent education and support, and a 24/7 crisis hotline and other services for area youth | | |
| 2023 appropriation: \$1,540 | 2024 request: \$1,540 | 2024 recommendation: \$1,540 |
| 2023 Approved Total: \$20,951 | | 2024 recommendation total \$20,866 |

DEPARTMENT of PUBLIC WORKS 2021 – 2022

This past year The Town Of Townshend was very fortunate to receive several grants.

In regards to Act 64 work we received 2 grants, one from Vtrans Grants in Aid and one from Vtrans Better Roads Program. This allowed us to complete 10 additional segments.

There are 7 segments left listed as very high priority that have to be completed by 12/2025. These remaining segments will be completed in 2023.

Jay Rd. culvert #8 was an old boiler pipe that failed over a year ago. ANR gave the town a permit to install a temporary 60" culvert until a hydraulic study could be done to recommend the proper replacement. That replacement was a 6'x10' concrete box culvert. That box was installed this past summer with 90% being funded by Vtrans small structures grant.

Paving, the remaining 1.67 miles of Windham Hill Rd. was paved this past summer. Windham Hill now has fresh pavement from VT Rte 30 to the Jamaica town line. A Vtrans paving grant funded 50% of this project.

Transfer Station: A reminder that the Transfer Station operates under a permit from The State of Vermont ANR. Recyclables and garbage can only be dumped off during the posted hours of operation. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Respectfully,
DPW Super Steven Frisk

ROAD DITCHING



BEFORE



AFTER

TOWNSHEND VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT

As we end our reporting year, the Department has responded to more calls than at any other time in the history of the Fire Department. These calls have followed a common trend over the past few years. The dominant categories continue to be in motor vehicles incidents, various alarms, DHART security, and issues around trees and wires.

We ask property owners who have alarm systems to please ensure that your key holder is available if the building is not occupied. A Knox box is a secure alternative to a key holder. If interested in this feature, please contact the Fire Department. It is also important that property owners are aware of what caused the alarm, when the building is unoccupied, and try to correct the situation.

The TFD continues to participate in the training sessions of the West River Training Group. These sessions allow us to have up to date information and be able to work cooperatively with members of our Mutual Aid partners.

We have an active truck committee making plans to order a new pumper. This is necessary to ensure that our front-line pumper is up to date. When these plans are ready, the information will be made available through the Selectboard.

We have been fortunate recently to have some new members. We continue to solicit additional members. To help us out it is not necessary to have to do all the tasks required of a firefighter. The Department has many jobs suitable for helpers. Contact Chief Beattie if you are interested in helping.

If you have a child that would like a safety packet, we have some available for distribution. Please contact any member to receive one. Finally, please check your alarms.



Fire Chief Glen Beattie

TOWNSHEND PLANNING COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT

2022

The Planning Commission is authorized by VSA 24 § 4321 with the primary responsibility of preparing a Town Plan. Additional statutory functions of Planning Commissions are undertaking capacity studies and making recommendations on matters of land development, urban renewal, transportation, economic and social development, urban beautification, historic preservation, scenic preservation, conservation of energy, development of renewable energy resources, and wetland protection. The Planning Commission consists of five citizen volunteers who are appointed by the Select Board for five-year terms.

The Planning Commission's efforts in 2022 were concentrated on exploring and procuring several Radar Speed Feedback Signs, obtaining state Village Center Designation for West Townshend, and investigating how to upgrade the Town Hall.

The Planning Commission noted that the State Police and Sheriff's Department weren't available to provide speed enforcement and began investigating alternative methods for traffic calming through the village. This effort resulted in obtaining several Radar Speed Feedback Signs for the approaches to Townshend Village funded by Article XIV at the 2022 Town meeting.

Village Center Designation is a state program to support the revitalization efforts of small historic centers. The designated area is eligible for a number of types of financial and technical assistance, including loans and grants. The Village of Townshend was previously awarded Village Center Designation in 2019.

The Town Hall is a central part of the Townshend community, but the building is in need of updating to meet the needs of the town today. The Planning Commission has been investigating different approaches to improve the building and continue its role into the future.

Meetings of the Planning Commission are held on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Watch for agendas at the post office, Town Clerk's Office, library, and on the unofficial town website. The meetings are open to the public and participation is welcome.

John Evans, Chair

Brandon Canevari

Bob DeSiervo, Vice Chair

Andy Snelling, Clerk

Liza Swenn Martin



Grace Cottage Fair

TOWN TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR ANNUAL REPORT
Fiscal Year 2022 (7/1/2021 – 6/30/2022)

The town audit had its fourth successful year with Sullivan & Powers with minimal corrections and adjustments. Per Sullivan & Powers, Fiscal Year 2022 ends with a surplus in the General Fund of \$70,273.00 and deficit spending in the Highway & Equipment Fund of \$60,714.00. The Fiscal Year 2022 Audit booklet is available for viewing at the Town Clerk's office.

The responsibilities of making bank deposits and managing the Town's various CD's has remained transparent. M&T's buyout of People's United Bank at the beginning of September 2022 was quite overwhelming as most Townshend's residents can attest to. All CD's over 100K were switched over to jumbo CD's and new numbering had to be set up for all of M&T's banking accounts.

The ongoing administrative processes with the Library Trustees and Cemetery Commission continues to go well. Town of Townshend is responsible for handling payroll, accounts payable and CD maintenance for those two organizations.

I continue to work closely with Sherwood Lake to administer the Fire Department and the Fire Pond Grants, and with Steve Frisk regarding Grants & Aids and Better Back Roads grants for the Highway Department. All FEMA reimbursements have been received for the 7/29/21 storm damaged and repair. ARPA funds received through 6/30/22 are **\$178,568.23** and another \$186,823.88 through 12/16/2022, for a total of \$364,882.11.

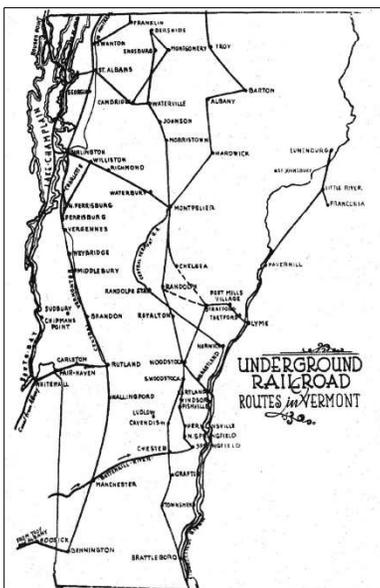
Since the Tax Collector is only a part-time position with the Town, I have, to the best of my ability, processed payments and answered questions from both taxpayers as well as mortgage companies. Property taxes have consistently come in.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO INCLUDE YOUR TAX PAYMENT COUPON WHEN MAKING A PAYMENT. If your property taxes are escrowed with a mortgage company or bank, it is your responsibility to make sure they receive a copy of the current tax bill. The Town of Townshend only sends a copy to companies that make a request. When paying taxes, Townshend accepts checks, money orders, or cash (in the exact amount).

DELINQUENT TAXES are handled by: Becky Reilly who can be reached at 802-282-3827, or nystrombecky@yahoo.com.

Additional Note: It is important that every Vermont resident file their Homestead Declaration each year by April 15th. Not doing so results in the state assessing a penalty which can result in a sizeable dollar amount added to your tax bill.

Please do not hesitate to call or email me at 802-365-7300, ext.103 or at treasurer@townshendvt.gov



Townshend has long been rumored to have been a stop on the Underground Railroad, and while the exact houses that provided refuge for runaway slaves are unknown to historians, it is clear that Southerners were irked by Vermont's stance. A famous speech recommended that Vermont be cut away from the continent and floated out to sea. One rumored stationmaster was Judge William Shafter. In addition to serving as a Judge in Newfane, Shafter was a trustee of Leland Seminary and lived on Grafton Road near the Second Chance Shoppe. Shafter was assisted in helping fugitive slaves by his son, Oscar, who went on to become a supreme court justice in California. (F)

DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR 2021-2022 REPORT

After receiving the warrant in June of 2022 for \$216,765.21, the total in delinquent taxes owed to the Town of Townshend was \$295,880.94. Prior to receiving the warrant, the total due was \$95,191.38. There was no tax sale in 2022 due to the COVID 19 pandemic. I am currently in the process of a tax sale.

The tax sale that I am working on right now consists of thirty properties and about \$91,000 in delinquent taxes. The tax sale date has not been scheduled yet but will likely be in early-2023. The struggle remains with deceased property owners with delinquent taxes where there is no estate or death certificate on file which are needed to enter the properties into probate court. I currently have two properties that account for \$19,140.98 in delinquent taxes which the select board has advised me to hold off on pursuing to avoid up front legal fees. The remaining dollars on my list are under monthly payment arrangements with me to pay their balances off within 12 months.

I do my best to work with everyone as much as I can while sticking to my policy that I implemented when I began collecting delinquent taxes. I would be happy to serve the Town in this position for another year.

*Note - All of the figures mentioned above are principal only and do not include interest and penalty.

BECKY REILLY

| | <u>7/1/2021</u> | <u>Collected</u> | <u>Adjusted</u> | <u>6/30/2022</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|
| 2010-2011 | 1,752.76 | | | 1,752.76 |
| 2011-2012 | 2,003.48 | | | 2,003.48 |
| 2012-2013 | 1,963.04 | | | 1,963.04 |
| 2013-2014 | 1,516.23 | | | 1,516.23 |
| 2014-2015 | 3,178.63 | | | 3,178.63 |
| 2015-2016 | 5,735.87 | | | 5,735.87 |
| 2016-2017 | 5,241.91 | | | 5,241.91 |
| 2017-2018 | 6,750.59 | 372.90 | | 6,377.70 |
| 2018-2019 | 11,025.57 | 1,859.41 | (650.96) | 8,515.18 |
| 2019-2020 | 34,212.61 | 24,965.90 | (1,386.67) | 7,860.04 |
| 2020-2021 | 194,128.34 | 134,630.54 | (8,459.33) | 51,038.47 |
| 2021-2022* | 216,765.21 | 12,590.37 | (3,477.20) | <u>200,697.64</u> |
| | 484,274.04 | | | <u>295,880.95</u> |
| *Warrant | | 6/10/2022 | <u>\$216,765.21</u> | |

Amounts from 2020-2021 Annual Report



A traditional stone culvert. Still in use on Deer Ridge Road, off of Route 35. (G)

2021-2022 Delinquent Tax Report (Tax Only)

| <u>2021-2022</u> | <u>2020-2021</u> | <u>Previous Years</u> | <u>2021-2022</u> | <u>2020-2021</u> | <u>Previous Years</u> |
|------------------|------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| \$1,986.66 | | | \$127.99 | | |
| \$1,891.63 | | | \$3,740.81 | | |
| \$585.71 | | | \$5,490.50 | | |
| \$694.18 | | | \$913.94 | | |
| \$726.72 | \$704.40 | \$183.36 | \$252.59 | \$147.63 | \$209.95 |
| \$17.86 | | | \$288.52 | \$280.49 | \$397.69 |
| \$544.50 | | | \$229.94 | | |
| \$132.33 | | | | \$295.26 | |
| \$17.15 | | | \$2,653.05 | | |
| \$480.21 | | | \$292.86 | | |
| \$1,985.26 | | | \$977.60 | \$534.26 | |
| \$1,032.02 | | | \$147.52 | \$146.33 | |
| \$190.89 | | | \$56.15 | \$216.31 | |
| \$1,143.03 | | | \$818.79 | \$2,227.88 | |
| \$327.57 | | | \$195.24 | \$189.81 | |
| \$605.24 | | | \$1,078.14 | \$183.34 | |
| \$1,453.88 | | | | | \$288.98 |
| \$429.52 | \$417.58 | \$816.08 | \$36.86 | | |
| \$2,353.69 | \$572.05 | \$3,671.10 | \$2,659.56 | \$2,585.63 | \$645.48 |
| \$5,604.48 | | | \$67.25 | 65.38 | 65.74 |
| \$258.14 | \$250.97 | \$1,957.57 | \$2,926.46 | | |
| \$2,229.41 | | | | | |
| \$169.20 | | | | | |
| \$1,160.58 | | | | | |
| \$1,334.12 | \$1,297.04 | \$14,043.14 | | | |
| \$250.48 | \$68.67 | | | | |
| \$22,131.57 | | | | | |
| \$138.84 | \$134.97 | 131.65 | | | |
| | | | \$125,791.81 | \$42,492.20 | \$20,891.24 |
| | | | 1,148.32 | * | |
| | | | \$199,768.77 | \$52,810.20 | \$43,301.98 |

TOTAL = \$295,880.95

= *Collected in full before report printed*
 * = *Adjusted after 6/30/22*

CEMETERY COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT

This has been a busy year for the Commission. There have been a number of lot sales particularly in Oakwood Cemetery. This has caused the Commission to begin looking at expanding into the adjacent field. If anyone has ideas on how this should be done, please contact any member of the Commission. Some ideas presented are the following: a veteran's section with a flag and service area, a space for "green" burials, a columbarium area, and sections for cremations only. We are just in the beginning stages of this planning.

The Commission bought a new mower for Oakwood. We want to thank the members of the Cutts Family for their good work in maintaining Oakwood and Maple Grove Cemeteries. Thanks to Delano Schmidt, Doug Ballantine, and Wyatt Beattie for their hard work in Round Hill, Wiswell, Fisher, and Acton Cemeteries. The other seven cemeteries that the Commission takes care of were maintained by various members of the Commission.

We want to thank Davis Gale for his generous donation for the continued care of Taft Cemetery. Many of his family members are buried there.

The Commission purchased a replacement marker for Octavus Wood in the Maple Grove Cemetery. The old stone had completely disintegrated. The Commission has a "stone fund" for this purpose. If anyone would like to donate to it, contact any member of the Cemetery Commission. We are proud to say there are very few broken or damaged stones in any of the Town's cemeteries. As you drive around and look at other town's cemeteries, take note on how well Townshend's cemeteries are maintained.



In the early 1960's Esther Peterson served as President Kennedy's assistant secretary of labor. The next president, Lyndon B. Johnson, brought Esther into the White House as the country's first special assistant to the president for consumer affairs. As journalist Molly Sinclair later said of Esther Peterson's consumer advocacy in government,

'You can thank her for the stores that offer unit pricing on your canned tomatoes; for the shirts that feature laundry-care labels; for the federal safety rules intended to protect you from dangerous equipment at work; and for the laws meant to ensure equal pay for equal work.'

Esther herself said, "You don't do things because of the rewards or because someone may remember you after you are gone. The satisfaction is in the doing. Whether or not someone remembers really doesn't matter." In 1935 she and her husband, Oliver Peterson, a U.S. Foreign Service officer, bought a farm on Acton Hill, spending summers and other times away from their work there for most of sixty years. The farm is still in the Peterson family. **(H)**

Townshend Historical Society Report – 2022

The Townshend Historical Society is working on a hiking and biking trail from the Townshend State Forest to the Townshend Dam. We would also like to mention the great success the Pumpkin Festival was. We talked with a lot of people, shared a lot of information and in general had a terrific event.

We want to express our gratitude for the support and encouragement the people of Townshend have given to the West Townshend Stone Arch Bridge project in past years. This is the financial update of this historic endeavor. Townshend Historical Society has been awarded a grant of \$221,000 from the Save America's Treasures program through the Historic Preservation Fund as administered by the National Park Service, Department of the Interior. Together with a matching sum raised by the Historical Society and Town of Townshend, the grant will partly fund restoration of the West Townshend Stone Arch Bridge. The total cost of the project, slated to begin in spring of 2024, is estimated at \$ 800,000. \$550,000 has been raised to date. We ask for the Town's support with the Article we have in the Warrant petitioning for an additional \$50,000 to be raised this year.

We also would ask you to visit our website: We have fabulous pictures, plus a lot of information about Townshend's past. The site also tells you who we are and some of our accomplishments. In addition to that, it has links to the items we have for sale to continue fundraising. www@townshendvt.org or email us at: info@townshendvt.org

Charlie Marchant, President
Katie Marrow, Secretary

Robert Dugrenier, Vice President
Heidi Clawson, Trustee
Eileen Fahey, Trustee

Helen Holt, Treasurer
Lee Petty, Trustee



The West Townshend Stone Arch Bridge carries Round Hill Road across Tannery Brook. Built around 1910 by self-educated mason James Otis Follett, it was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1977. Of the thirteen bridges built by Follett in Townshend, only six survived, and were especially noteworthy, as it was produced at a time when most bridges were built with iron and steel. (I)

TOWNSHEND LISTERS REPORT

Except for being busier than ever not too much has changed in the Townshend Listers office. The increased property sales and transfers has been challenging, but we're doing our best to stay current.

We continue to take classes to keep up with the changes mandated from the state and learn the best ways to fulfill our duties.

We want to thank all the Townshend property owners who continue to be so gracious and helpful throughout the year and we're always grateful to the owners of the Bald Mountain and Camperama campsites for their ongoing assistance.

Please remember to file your Homestead Declaration (HS-122) every year and give us a holler if you have any questions.

Our scheduled hours are Tuesday and Friday mornings and that's the best time to reach us by phone, but we always keep an eye on our email so that's often the quickest way to hear back from us

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family and friends of our beloved Dick Lucier- he passed away on January 8, 2023. Dick served as both a member and the Chairman of the Townshend Selectboard for a good 10 years. He then became a Townshend Lister for around 12 years where his knowledge of the geography and the history of the area was invaluable. His commitment to the Townshend community he lived in and loved all his life will be sorely missed.

Please note our new Email address-

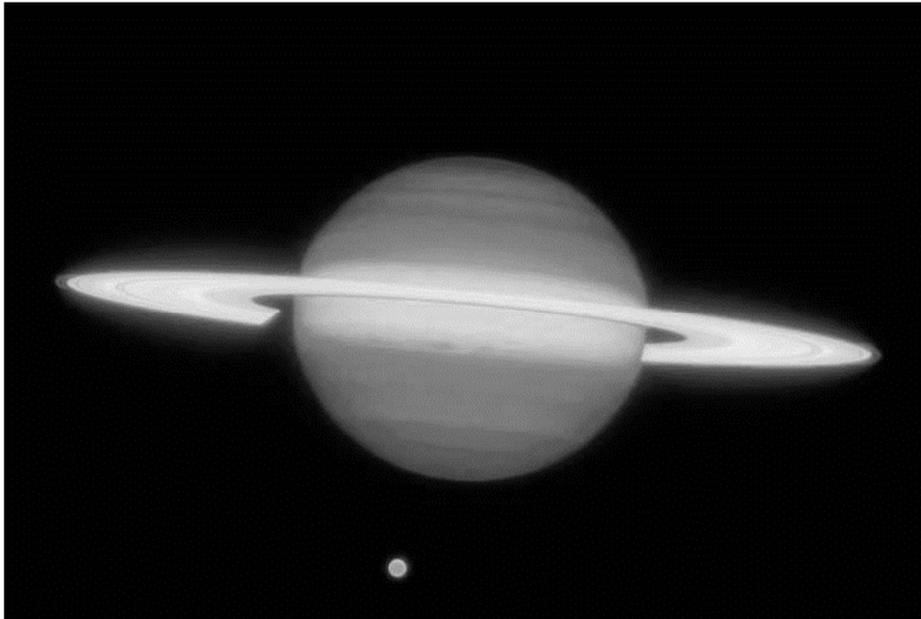
Listers@TownshendVT.gov

802-365-7300 X4

Mike Bills

Helen Holt

Gene Kuch



Saturn and one of its moons, Titan

The building just south of the Town Garage, currently Green Mountain Tent Rentals & Peaked Mountain Psychiatry, was built in 1974 by Janos Szappanos, a Hungarian who fled his country in 1956 revolt against Soviet Rule. He was an M.I.T. trained engineer with degrees in physics and chemistry and opened Janos Optical Company. By the 1990's the firm, renamed Janos Technology, Inc., employed up to ninety-seven people, making highly specialized lenses and other optical components for the aerospace and defense industries and for medical laser applications. While Janos did some work for the Hubble Telescope, they were most instrumental in manufacturing the critical infrared imaging lenses for the Telescope at the Gemini North Observatory located on the Mauna Kea peak in Hilo, Hawaii. **(J)**

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT 2022

The resiliency and persistence of Townshend residents has shown in many ways this past year. It's really good to see. We're glad to be able to report that our annual visitor numbers are once again in the thousands, instead of the hundreds, and we checked out about 1,800 more items than last year. People searched our card catalog on more than 220 days of the year, a total of 1367 searches were done. I'm not sure if everyone found what they were looking for, but I hope so! Please let me know if you didn't. Here are some of the most popular books with our local readers

| | | | |
|--|--------------|------------------------------------|---------------|
| <i>Painting the Light</i> | by S Gunning | <i>Forest of Vanishing Stars</i> | by K Harmel |
| <i>Nothing to Lose</i> | by JA Jance | <i>It's Not Summer Without You</i> | by J Han |
| <i>When Pigs Fly</i> | by R Harrell | <i>Kiss the Cow</i> | by P Root |
| <i>Hope at Sea</i> | by D Miyares | <i>Finding the Mother Tree</i> | by S Simard |
| <i>Women in White Coats: How the First Women Doctors Changed the World of Medicine</i> | | | by O Campbell |

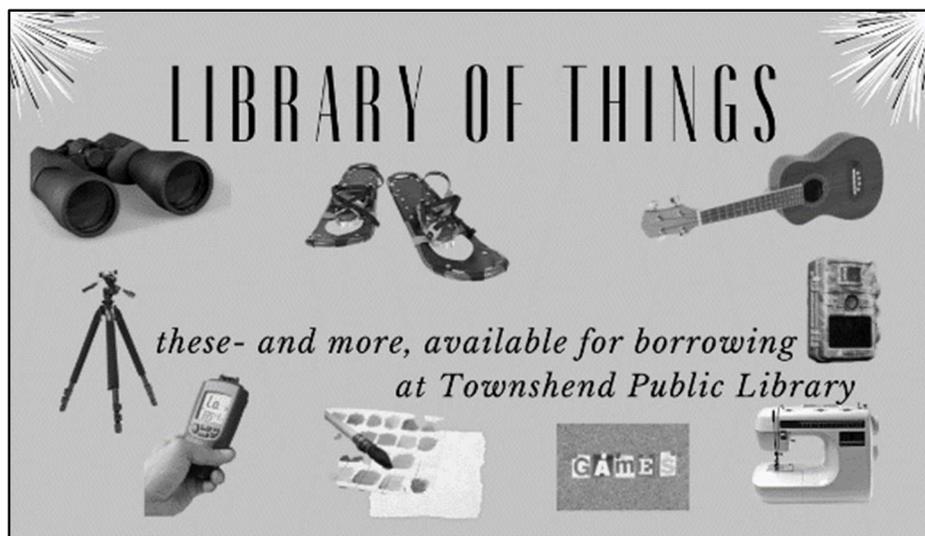
We've been lending unusual items such as snowshoes for a while. This past year we've used grant funds to grow our "Library of Things" collection. Our patrons' access to downloadable books has also grown to nearly 47,000 downloadable titles.

Because of the library, residents save money on items they borrow instead of buy, access the internet, make use of computers and inexpensive print services, access online resources, take free classes online, and access other library collections with interlibrary loan services. The library is a safe space for people to gather, learn new things, meet new people, attend programs and spend time with friends (for toddlers through adults).

We're always striving to do better. The strategic planning project that the trustees and I have begun has us talking with residents about their hopes, dreams, and needs related to living here. We're looking forward to sharing the results and seeing how the library can fulfill those needs in the future.

I am very grateful for the hard work of the trustees, volunteer Jean Danilow, and staff members Beth Etman, Pam Russo, and our new team addition, Christine Chandler. Christine and her daughter are adjusting to life in New England and enjoy living in Vermont. I'm also thankful for the help that Kate Harris and Sean & Jen Meagher provide!

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen LaRue



TOWNSHEND PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD of TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

If you drove past the Townshend Common last July 22, you might have noticed something unusual. A young man stood near the fountain with a barred owl perched on his gloved left hand as a crowd of more than one hundred hung on his every word. As children and adults watched in awe, he pointed out the features of eyesight and hearing that make owls such feared hunters.

This chance to see Vermont wildlife up close was part of the Summer Reading Program, just one of the many opportunities for learning, growth, and just plain fun brought to you by the Townshend Public Library.

Every year Librarian Karen LaRue strives to find materials and programs that will be of special interest to Townshend residents. This year was no exception. In addition to the Summer Reading Program, there were community scavenger hunts, preschool playgroups, adult book groups, knitting classes, cookie decorating and more. Karen continued to improve the library collection with hundreds of new books, movies, TV, and audiobooks as well as increased access to downloadable books and audiobooks. She also expanded the offerings with unexpected items such as sewing machines, binoculars, and musical instruments. Stop by and check it out – there really is something for everyone.

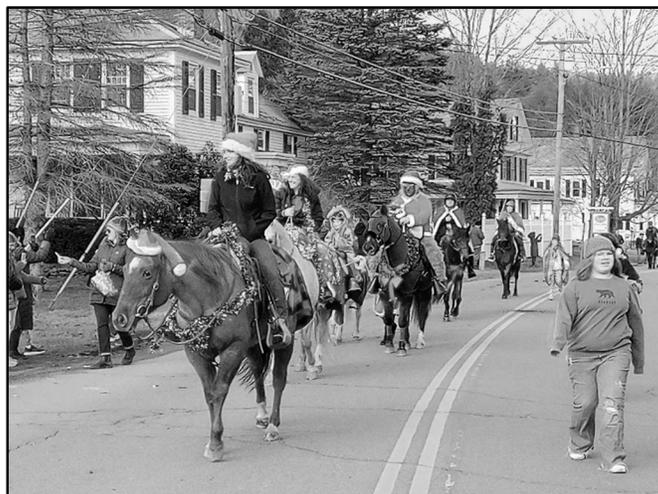
The library could not function without the hard work and dedication of Karen and her assistants Beth Etman, Christine Chandler and Pam Russo as well as our wonderful volunteer Jean Danilow. We also want to acknowledge the many contributions of Trustee Pat Lassoff, who stepped down this fall, and welcome Elizabeth Brown to the board.

This year the Townshend Library embarked on an exciting new initiative. We are in the process of collecting input from community members on the kind of town they would like to live in. What are your aspirations for Townshend? What are the changes that need to happen to make those aspirations possible? Our goal is to find that shared vision and then determine what the library can do to help make it happen. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Marilee Attley

Townshend Library Board of Trustees:

Marilee Attley
Kathy DuGrenier
Judy Slowik
Jean McIntire
Elizabeth Brown



Annual Horse Parade

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Thank you all again for the opportunity to serve as your Town Clerk, following in the footsteps of many fine Townshend folks. I was also like to thank Kurt Tietz and Anita Bean for serving as Assistant Town Clerks and answering my many questions while livening up the office! Kurt is also responsible for the humorous signs in front of Town Hall, we welcome suggestions and thank him for giving us all a good laugh.

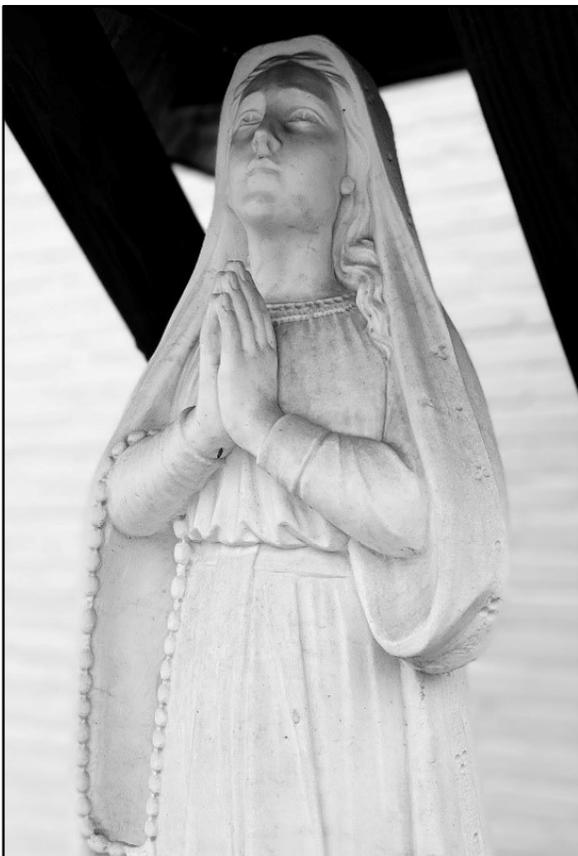
The Clerk's Office continues to accept credit cards for over-the-counter purchases, there is a small transaction fee that goes to the company. A secure drop box has been installed in the door to the Clerk's Office, so you can drop off tax payments, absentee ballots and other town business. On the nights of the second and fourth Tuesdays, the Clerk's office remains open until 6 pm. Please feel free to schedule an appointment if you cannot make it during our usual hours, as I am often here a little early, or stay a bit later and live just two miles up the road.

We hope to revive the Town Newsletter that the church (Linda Sperry) put together for so many years. If you would like to join us or have ideas, please reach out to me. I am also hoping to work on a resource packet for new homeowners and that might be helpful for some of us old timers too. If there is anything I can do to assist you or you have no idea who else to ask, please do not hesitate to call and I can at least point you in the right direction.

I would also like to remind any Vermonters who are 62 years of age or older and/or veterans about the GREEN MOUNTAIN PASSPORTS, a program offering free day-use passes to Vermont State Parks and Historic Sites. The one-time fee of \$2 might just be the best deal around!

I wish you a healthy coming year, filled with many moments of joy!

Ellenka Wilson



The baptismal font and statue of the Virgin at Our Lady of the Valley are the work of Oronzio Maldarelli, a widely honored and exhibited sculptor and professor of sculpture who was a summer resident of Harmonyville for 25 years. Born in Naples, Italy, Maldarelli studied at Cooper Union and was later on the arts faculty of Columbia University. **(K)**

Town Clerk's Office Fees Collected

| | | | |
|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| Green Mountain Passes | \$16 | Vermont Fish & Wildlife | |
| Land Posting | \$25 | Town | \$74 |
| Burial Transits | \$50 | State | \$1,442 |
| DMV Registrations | \$123 | Marriage & Civil Licenses | |
| Title Search Hours | \$359 | Town | \$110 |
| Road Permits | \$373 | State | \$550 |
| Liquor Licenses | \$385 | Animal Licenses | |
| Certified Copies | \$1,300 | Town | \$1,032 |
| Copies | \$2,515 | State | \$922 |
| Trash Bags | \$3,989 | subtotal Town | \$1,216 |
| Recording & Filing | \$19,100 | Total State | \$2,914 |
| | subtotal \$28,235 | Total Collected | \$32,364 |

Animal Licensing

All dogs 6 months or older must be licensed on or before April 3rd. An up-to-date Certificate of Vaccination for Rabies is required for licensing. If you are moving or your dog passed away, please contact the Town Clerk's office.

Fees: \$9 for spayed or neutered dog \$13 for un-sprayed or un-neutered dogs
 Late Fees: \$2 for spayed or neutered dog \$4 for un-sprayed or un-neutered dogs

Fire Permits

Fire Permits for burning must be obtained from the Town Clerk's Office or from Roger Brown (our Fire Warden) unless there is snow covering the ground. **Individuals must notify Keene Mutual Aide prior to burning at 603-352-1291.** *This permit does not relieve you from any liability related to damage caused by the fire.* Permits are to BURN BRUSH ONLY and remember that burning household trash, treated/painted wood and construction materials is against the law.

Green Mountain Passports

The passport holder is eligible statewide for reduced prices on goods or services of Vermont's private businesses and for free admission to state parks, museums, and fully state sponsored events. Available to Vermont residents, 65 years or older or totally disabled or injured serving in the armed forces or residents of Vermont Veterans Home in Bennington.

Town Clerk's Office Resources

Information: Past & Present for public review
 Certified copies: Birth, marriage & death certificates \$10
 Meetings: Times & minutes- posted & warned
 Compactor: Rules & regulations & automobile tags
 Licenses: Civil marriage, animal & Vermont Fish & Wildlife
 Auto: Registration renewals (must be within 2 months of expiration) & forms
 Permits: Outside burning & driveway access
 Property: Location, taxes, appraisal, deeds, etc

If you change your address for any reason, please be sure to notify the Town Clerks office so that notices, publications and tax bills can get to you in a timely manner.

VITAL STATISTICS

Filed in the Town Clerk's Office during the year 2022

CIVIL MARRIAGES

| SPOUSE | RESIDENCE | SPOUSE | RESIDENCE | DATE | PLACE |
|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|----------------|------------|
| Seiler-Barr, Lisa | Portland, CT | Dodge, Jonathan | Portland, CT | January 13th | Chittenden |
| Guida-Dailey, Skylar | West Townshend | Dyer, Zachariah | West Townshend | April 23rd | Windham |
| Slessarev, Alexandra | Somerville, MA | Janson, Lucas | Somerville, MA | May 6th | Townshend |
| Johnson, Olivia | Townshend | Bumps, Tucker | Townshend | June 18th | Grafton |
| Richardson, Clifford | Tavernier, Florida | Silberman-Sanchez, Marcie | Tavernier, Florida | June 21st | Townshend |
| Holden, Jason | Townshend | Wyman, Sarah | Townshend | June 25th | Jamaica |
| Sanderson, Raena | West Townshend | Sanderson, Nathaniel | Newfane | July 9th | Brookline |
| Pugh, Peter | Townshend | Palacios, Sarah | Townshend | August 6th | Dummerston |
| Large, Alicia | Townshend | Carey, Jake | Townshend | August 30th | Townshend |
| Brodie, Jillian | Brooklyn, NY | Rawson, Christopher | Brooklyn, NY | August 27th | Dorset |
| Wedro, Aleaxandra | Madison, WI | Stenger, Auston | Madison, WI | September 17th | Townshend |
| Jackson, James Jr. | West Townshend | Warren, Jay | West Townshend | December 19th | Townshend |

BIRTHS

| NAME OF CHILD | DATE | NAME OF MOTHER | NAME OF FATHER | RESIDENCE |
|------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Randall, David Nathaniel | February 8th | Randall, Minerva | Randall, Robert | West Townshend |
| Wright, Taylor Grace | April 20th | Wilkins-Donna, Gabrielle | Wright, Tyler | West Townshend |
| Hecht, Hazel Marie | April 30th | Hecht, Kayla | Hecht, Tyler | Townshend |
| Gage, Emily Summer-Marie | May 15th | Mautner, Carly | Gage, Michael | Townshend |
| Sobota, Hartford Leon | June 15th | Kozlowski, Karla | Sobota, William | Townshend |
| Powell, Emily Michelle | June 16th | Petersen, Nicole | Powell, Corey | Townshend |
| Lott, Jaela June | August 15th | Olson, Laura | Lott, Kailen | Townshend |
| Osborne, Remington Nathanael | August 26th | Osborne, Shelly | Osborne, Joshua | Townshend |
| Myers, Audrey Cynthia | October 13th | Myers, Julicia | Myers, Kyle | West Townshend |
| Sochin, Vera Aurore | December 28th | Post, Tammy | Sochin, Demetri | West Townshend |

Deaths

| NAME | AGE | DATE | RESIDENCE |
|---------------------|------------|----------------------------|----------------------|
| Price, Tom | 74 | 29-Dec-21 | West Townshend |
| Toleno, Joseph | 90 | January 6 th | Townshend |
| Nagahiro, Alice | 90 | January 14 th | Townshend |
| Tabell, William | 83 | February 1 st | Townshend |
| Banning, Irving | 89 | February 17 th | Townshend |
| Long, Edith | 98 | February 20 th | Townshend |
| Shannon, Geraldine | 83 | February 21 st | Jamaica |
| Cantwell, Craig | 61 | February 26 th | Townshend |
| Davis, Judith | 86 | March 6 th | West Townshend |
| Boulton, David | 75 | March 6 th | Townshend |
| Brooks, Scott | 59 | March 8 th | Townshend |
| Hull, Ursula | 57 | March 22 nd | Wardsboro |
| Thalin, Karen | 62 | March 31 st | Saxtons River |
| Devens, Thomas | 59 | April | Townshend |
| Largess, Brian | 62 | April 16 th | Townshend |
| Teeke, Gerald | 89 | May 21 st | Jamaica |
| Anderson, Mary | 91 | May 29 th | Townshend |
| Berube, Scott | 46 | June | West Townshend |
| Ernst, Kathleen | 70 | June 22 nd | West Brattleboro |
| Rush, Frances | 92 | July 22 nd | Townshend |
| Parsons, Richard | 92 | July 23 rd | Townshend |
| Smith, Jane | 82 | August 24 th | Townshend |
| Curchin, Margret | 86 | September 12 th | Keene, New Hampshire |
| Crowninshield, Carl | 62 | October 14 th | Jamaica |
| Aiken, Dale | 80 | October 28 th | Brattleboro |
| Eliseo, Ralph Jr. | 73 | November 29 th | Townshend |
| Bloom, Beverly | 101 | December 1 st | Townshend |
| Robinson, David | 79 | December 2 nd | Naples, Florida |
| Harrington, Bruce | 89 | December 26 th | Newfane |
| Knight, Brian | 88 | December 28 th | Townshend |

OFFICIAL RESULTS
FROM THE 2022 ANNUAL MEETING/AUSTRALIAN BALLOT VOTE
March 1, 2022

ARTICLE I: To choose a Moderator for the ensuing year. **David Liebow**

ARTICLE II: To act upon the July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021 independent auditor's report. **YES**

ARTICLE III: To see what salaries the Town will vote to pay its various officials for the ensuing year;

| | Election Results |
|---|-------------------------|
| Town Clerk: | \$39,393.00/yr |
| Town Treasurer: | \$31,668.00/yr |
| Selectboard: | |
| (1) Chair: | \$1,200.00/yr |
| (4) Members: | \$1,000.00/yr |
| Town Clerk Assistant(s) and Casual Labor: | \$15.59/hour |

ARTICLE IV: To elect all Town Officials for ensuing year(s):

| | Election Results |
|---|-------------------------|
| Town Clerk: Ellenka Wilson | (1) 1 year term |
| Town Treasurer: Elaine Hill | (1) 1 year term |
| Selectboard Chairman Sherwood Lake | (1) 3 year term |
| Selectboard Member Katherine Marrow | (1) 1 year term |
| Selectboard Member Robert Swiger | (1) 1 year term |
| Listers: Helen Holt | (1) 3 year term |
| Delinquent tax Collector Becky Reilly | (1) 1 year term |
| West River Modified Education District Director: Joe Winrich | (1) 3 year term |
| First Constable: Warren Beattie | (1) 1 year term |
| Second Constable: Mike Cutts | (1) 1 year term |
| Library Trustees: Katherine DuGrenier | (1) 5 year term |
| Cemetery Commissioner: Charles Marchant | (1) 5 year term |

ARTICLE V: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to set a tax rate sufficient to cover all monies raised for municipal entities for the period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, and to borrow money in anticipation of taxes? **YES**

ARTICLE VI: To see if the Town will authorize its Property Tax Collector to receive its Real Property Taxes quarterly, August 26, 2022, November 18, 2022, February 24, 2023, May 19, 2023. Monthly interest will be charged at the rate of one-half percent (.05%) or fraction thereof. Interest of one percent (1%) or fraction thereof plus penalties will commence on May 30, 2023? **YES**

ARTICLE VII: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$592,963.00, to pay for the running expenses and liabilities of the Town of which \$338,563.00 to be raised in taxes? **YES**

ARTICLE VIII: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$711,925.00, to pay for the running expenses and liabilities of maintaining the Town's roads of which \$598,925.00 to be raised in taxes? **YES**

ARTICLE IX: To see if the Town will vote to raise \$57,719.00 by taxation, for the running expenses and liabilities of the Library? **YES**

ARTICLE X: To see if the Town will raise \$2,100.00, by taxation, for the Old Cemetery Fund? **YES**

ARTICLE XI: To see if the Town will vote to raise \$10,000.00, by taxation, to be placed in the Capital Expenditure Fund Fire Department Reserve toward a future pumper? **YES**

ARTICLE XII: To see if the Town will vote to raise \$20,000.00 by taxation for law enforcement services?
YES

ARTICLE XIII: To see if the Town will vote to raise \$50,000.00, by taxation, to be held in a reserve account for the repair of the stone arch bridge on Back Windham Road contingent on upon successful award of grant funds?
YES

ARTICLE XIV To see if the Town will vote to raise \$10,000.00 by taxation to purchase Radar Speed Control signs to be placed on Route 30 or other locations as recommended by the Planning Commission?
YES

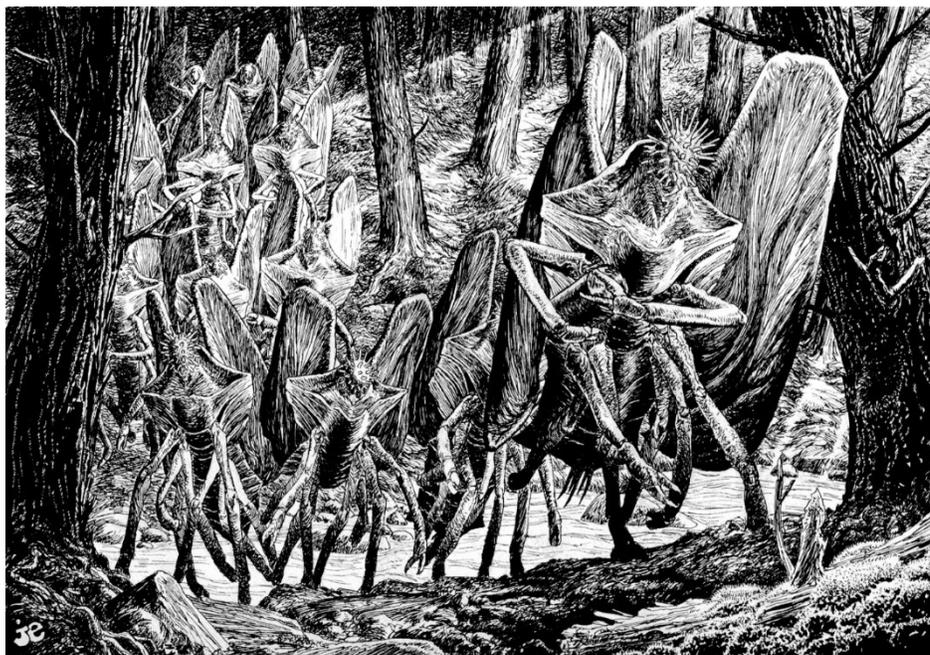
ARTICLE XV: To see if the Town will vote to raise \$16,655.00 by taxation, for the support of Social Services, as recommended by the Social Services Committee?
YES

ARTICLE XVI: To see if the Town will vote to raise \$3,696.00 by taxation for the support Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation (SeVEDS) as recommended by the Social Services Committee? SeVEDS promotes regional economic development, improving wages and fosters job creation.
YES

ARTICLE XVII: To see if the Town will vote to raise \$600.00 by taxation for the support of the Vermont Bar Foundation as recommendation by the Social Services Committee? The VT Bar Foundation funds legal services for low-income Vermonters. These services include representation at eviction and domestic violence hearings.
YES

ARTICLE XIII: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to acquire land by gift or purchase for municipal forest to promote reforestation water conservation and good forestry practices?
YES

ARTICLE XIV: To see if the Town will vote to set the first Tuesday in March 2023 as the date for the 164th Town of Townshend Annual Meeting?
YES

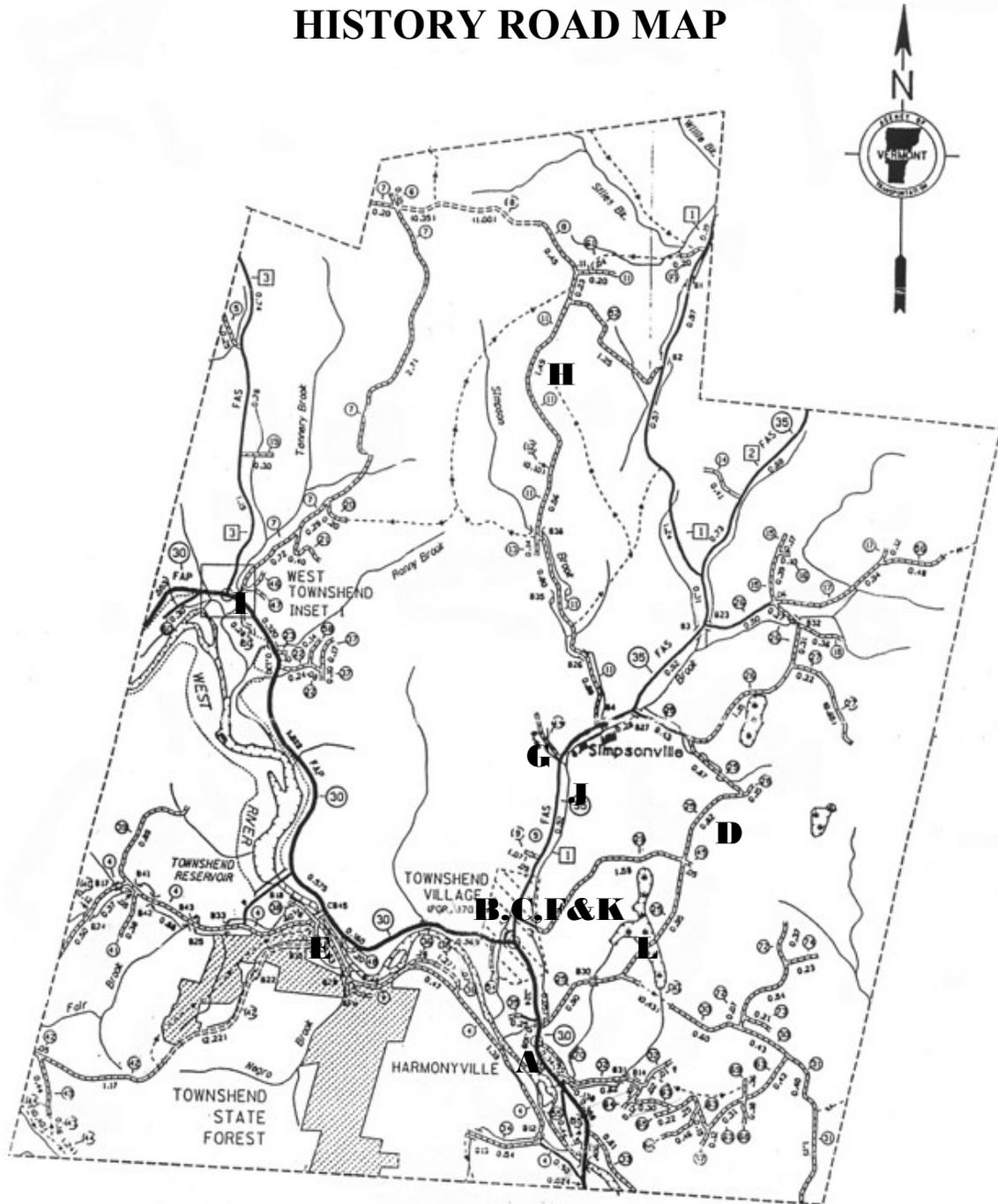


H.P. Lovecraft set his famous horror-science fiction novella, *The Whisper in Darkness*, in Townshend. While some areas like Ruby's corners are obvious, see if you can figure out where the inspiration for the Akeley farm might be. (?)



Winifred Chapman looking out over Townshend from the top of Peaked Mountain. (L)

TOWN of TOWNSHEND HISTORY ROAD MAP



Most of the photos and information came from the Townshend Historical Society's 2003 Publication, *A Stitch in Time*. Copies are available for purchase at Town Hall & through the Historical Society for \$25. A special thank you to the current historians, those that recorded the past and those that will in the future, for they know, as Charles Angoff said, "that history is a symphony of echoes heard and unheard. It is a poem with events as the verses."

A West River Painting cover

B Mrs. Thayer & apple pie page 3

C Singer & Actress Esther Dale page 7

D Steiner's Bison page 13

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