

Annual Town Report
for
Hancock, Vermont



Hancock Town Green

Town Report for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020

Town Meeting to be held via Australian ballot at the Town Office
Tuesday, March 2, 2021, from 10:00 AM – 7:00PM

AUDITORS' STATEMENT

We have examined and prepared the reports of the Town Officers for the 2019–2020 Fiscal Year as presented to us and verify them to be correct to the best of our knowledge. Many thanks to Becky Klein for her assistance with the NEMRC accounting system. We also thank Jody Jesso and Janet Jesso for their assistance.

Geraldine K. Twitchell, Chair; and Rose Juliano

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An Invitation

To All Townspeople and to Any Other Interested Parties

A Note about This Year's Meeting and Voting

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, meeting in person will not be possible in March. The Selectboard has decided to hold the vote on Town Meeting Day, Tuesday, March 2, 2021, at the Town Office. This decision was made pursuant to Act 162.

An informational meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 23, 2021, at 7pm by Zoom as required in Act 162. The informational meeting warning will be posted at least 10 days prior. Information about accessing the meeting will be available on the town's website or by calling the Town Clerk. You may either call in by telephone or join through your computer, telephone, or tablet.

Voting will be conducted by Australian ballot for all articles as allowed by Act 162. Voters may cast their ballot in person at the Town Office between 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. or by requesting an absentee ballot through the State's My Voter Page at <https://mvp.vermont.gov> or from the Town Clerk.

This change in voting is for 2021 only. We will return to meeting in person and voting from the floor and by paper ballot as soon as conditions are safe to do so.

There are two offices that have been removed from the articles because they have been eliminated or changed by the legislature:

Town Agent – Office eliminated by Act 84 as of July 1, 2020

Grand Juror – Office changed from elected to appointed by Act 93 (2018). The Selectboard MAY not MUST appoint at its organizational meeting. 24 V.S.A. § 871(b)(6)

Budget and Appropriations

PLEASE NOTE that the Appropriation requests in Article 3 are NOT included in the final budget amount in Article 7.

Town of Hancock

Informational Sheet

Town Office Hours

1-4 p.m. Monday; 9-2 Tuesday; 9-12p.m Thursday
(other times by appointment)

Selectboard Meetings

6 p.m. 1st and 3rd Tuesday at the Town Office

Contact Information

Town Clerk & Town Treasurer 767-3660

Email: townclerk@hancockvt.org

Recycling

Company: ABLE Waste Management, 802-672-3569

Location of Dropoff: Next to Hancock Building Supply/Town Sand Pile

Time/Date of Dropoff: 11 a.m.-1 p.m., 2nd and 4th Saturdays

Town Website

www.hancockvt.org

Please visit our Town Website to keep up to date with agendas, meeting minutes, contact information, and forms.

ORDINANCE FOR THE CONTROL OF DOGS

Pursuant to Article 24 V.S.A. §2291 (10) and 24 V.S.A. § 1974 (a), the Selectmen of the Town of Hancock hereby adopt the following ordinance relating to the regulation of keeping of dogs and providing for their leashing or restraint within the Town of Hancock.

1. DEFINITIONS: A dog "running at large" shall mean a dog which is not (a) on a leash, or (b) on or within a vehicle, or (c) on the property of its owners or his agent, or (d) clearly under the verbal command of its owner or his agent, or (e) hunting with its owner or his agent.
2. A person shall not allow a dog to run at-large within the limits of the Town of Hancock.
3. A person shall not permit any female dog "in heat" to be outside a building or outside a fenced enclosure.
4. A person shall not permit a dog to bark excessively, or to otherwise become a public nuisance, or to create a disturbance.
5. The Hancock Town Animal Control Officer shall be the chief enforcement officer of this Ordinance.
6. The Animal Control Officer and any law enforcement officer may use all reasonable methods for catching and impounding a dog in violation of this Ordinance, including the use of tranquilizing and marking apparatus.
7. The Animal Control Officer or any law enforcement officer may impound a dog found in violation of this Ordinance at the pound, and upon complaint, shall impound any dog found in violation of this Ordinance.
8. The procedure for claiming or releasing a dog from the pound shall be as follows:
 - A. Upon delivery to the pound, the pound attendant shall notify the dog's owner, if the dog is licensed. The dog shall be held for three (3) days after the owner is notified, unless claimed earlier.
 - B. If the dog is unlicensed, the pound attendant shall notify the radio station of the dog's description, and the dog shall be held for three (3) days after the first broadcasting of the dog's description, unless claimed earlier.
 - C. If the owner does not claim the dog within the three (3) day period, the dog shall be given to whoever pays the pound fees, rabies shots, and any other necessary fees.
 - D. If no person claims the dog, the dog may be humanely destroyed, and the Town shall pay all necessary fees.
 - E. No dog shall be release from the pound until it is properly licensed, and all pound and other charges are paid.
9. A person claiming the dog from the pound shall pay a reasonable fee for the dog's board, all fees for licensing, and all other necessary charges and expenses incurred by the pound. In addition, such person shall pay to the pound for the benefit of the Town the sum of Ten dollars (\$10) to compensate the Town for its reasonable expenses in enforcing this Ordinance.
10. A person who violates this Ordinance shall be fined not more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100).
11. If any part of this Ordinance is held to be Invalid, such holding shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance, which shall remain in full force and effect.
12. This Ordinance shall be effective as agreed May 1, 1974 and adopted by the Board of Selectmen for the Town of Hancock herein.

TOWN OFFICERS OF HANCOCK, VT 2020-2021

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Agent to Convey Real Estate (1 year)

John Ross

Auditors (3 year)

First, expires 2021

Rose Juliano

Second, expires 2022

VACANT

Third, expires 2023

Geraldine Twitchell

Budget Committee (3year)

First, expires 2021

Maurice Eaton

Second, expires 2022

Marjorie Ross

Third, expires 2023

Eva Jesso

Cemetery Commission (3 year)

First, expires 2021

Larry Bettis

Second, expires 2022

Geraldine Twitchell

Third, expires 2023

Maurice Eaton

Constable (1 year)

VACANT

Delinquent Tax Collector (1 year)

Jaime Morin

Justices of the Peace

Roger Comes

Maurice Eaton

John Ross

Marjorie Ross

Monica Collins

Library Trustees (5 year)

First, expires 2021

Eva Jesso

Second, expires 2022

Jody Jesso

Third, expires 2023

Margaret Rogal

Fourth, expires 2024

Gretchen Perera

Fifth, expires 2025

Rose Juliano

Listers (3 year)

First, expires 2021

Wendall Thurston

Second, expires 2022

Don Crickard

Third, expires 2023

VACANT

Moderator (1 Year)

James Leno

Road Commissioner (1 year)

Dan Perera (appointed)

GHUD School Board (3 year)

First, expires 2021

Sara Deering (appointed)

Second, expires 2022

Stacey Peters

Third, expires 2023

Samantha Sheehan

Selectboard (3 years)

First, expires 2021

Second, expires 2022

Third, expires 2023

Town Clerk (3 year) expires 2022***Town Treasurer (3 year) expires 2022******WRVA Board Member (1 year)***

Dan Perera

Monica Collins

Scott Gillette (appointed)

Jody Jesso

Jody Jesso

John Ross

APPOINTED OFFICIALS:***E-911 Coordinator******Asst. Treasurer******Asst. Town Clerks******Civil Defense******Emergency Management******Energy Coordinator******Fence Viewers***

John Ross

Janet Jesso

Eva Jesso and Janet Jesso

James Leno

Jacques Veilleux

Scott Gillette

Daniel Perera

John Ross

Garrett Troumbley

Jonathan Deering

John Ross

Shelley Twitchell

John Ross

Monica Collins

Daniel Perera

Inspector of Wood, Shingles & Lumber***Animal Control Officer******Septic/Sewage Officer******Solid Waste/Recycle Coordinator******Stagecoach Board Member******Town Service Member******Tree Warden******Weigher of Coal******Planning Commission
(6 years)***

Thomas Patterson

VACANT

Richard Andrews

VACANT

Wendell Thurston

VACANT

Garrett Troumbley

John Ross

Monica Collins

Forrest Patterson

VACANT

Samantha Sheehan

Scott Gillette

Monica Collins

TRORC***EC Fiber******Representatives***

Stacey Peters and Scott Gillette

**WARNING OF
TOWN OF HANCOCK, VERMONT ANNUAL MEETING
MARCH 2, 2021**

The legal voters of the Town of Hancock, VT, are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Town Clerk's Office in said town to transact the following business by Australian ballot:

Article 1: To elect a Town Moderator for the next year ensuing.

Article 2: To elect all Town Officers as required by law:

- Selectboard Member – three year term
- Selectboard Member – two year term
- Lister – three year term
- Auditor- three year term
- Auditor – 2 year term
- Constable - one year term
- Collector of Delinquent Taxes – one year term
- Cemetery Commissioner - three year term
- Road Commissioner – one year term
- Library Trustee – five year term
- Advisory Budget Committee – three year term
- White River Valley Ambulance Representative – one year term

Article 3: Shall the voters appropriate a total of \$29434.54 to the following social service agencies pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 2691:

Green-Up Vermont – Supports Green Up Day	\$50.00
Vermont Adult Learning – provides adult learning opportunities	\$115.00
WomenSafe – Provides assistance related to sexual and domestic violence for people of all genders	\$500.00
John Graham Shelter –Provides emergency shelter	\$350.00
Tri Valley Transit (Stagecoach) – Provides regional mass transit	\$556.00
Central Vermont Council on Aging – Provides services to seniors	\$800.00
Park House – Senior housing non-profit	\$500.00
Clara Martin Center – Provides mental health services	\$595.00
Visiting Nurse Alliance of VT/NH, Inc. – Non-profit that provides home healthcare and hospice services	\$1475.00
Quin-Town Senior Center – non-profit providing Meals on Wheels services to valley seniors.	\$2,716.00

White River Valley Ambulance (\$61 per capita) – provides ambulance services to valley residents	\$19,703.00
Granville Volunteer Fire Dept. First Responders Provides First Responder Services to valley towns	\$1,984.00
Addison County Restorative Justice – provides restorative justice programs to Addison County residents (court diversion, etc.)	\$90.54
TOTAL	<hr/> \$29,434.54

- Article 4: Shall the voters authorize the Town Treasurer to transfer the balance from the Road Commissioner's Money Market Account to the Highway Capital Fund.
- Article 5: Shall the voters authorize the Selectboard to apply the remaining balance in the General Fund of FY 20-21 to reducing the next fiscal year's amount to be raised by taxes.
- Article 6: Shall the voters authorize the Town Treasurer to collect current taxes pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 4791, and if so, to set the payment dates. The dates being of four equal installments dated August 16, 2021; November 15, 2021; February 15, 2022 and May 16, 2022.
- Article 7: Shall the Town of Hancock appropriate the sum of **\$375,545.00** to pay the current expenses for the general and highway funds for the ensuing twelve months, with 2021 – 2022 taxes becoming delinquent after May 15th, 2022, and with the County and State taxes to be paid from the general fund.

Polls open March 2, 2021, from 10AM to 7PM

Dated this 28th day of January, 2021

By the Selectboard of the Town of Hancock



Monica Collins, Chair



Daniel Perera



Scott Gillette

TOWN OF HANCOCK GENERAL FUND - SELECTBOARD BUDGET

	FY 20		FY 21	FY 22
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget
GENERAL FUND CHECKING BAL FORWARD		43,089.54		
REVENUE				
10-4-00-011.00 Current Property Taxes		198,201.90		
10-4-00-011.01 Current Property Tax Interest		639.32		
10-4-00-012.00 Delinquent Property Taxes	50,000.00	77,705.80	40,000.00	40,000.00
10-4-00-012.01 Delinquent Tax Interest		10,333.28		
10-4-00-014.00 Delinquent Tax Penalty		7,198.81		
10-4-00-032.00 Current Use		15,908.00		
10-4-01-051.00 Money Market Interest	100.00	160.27	130.00	65.00
10-4-01-061.00 Town Savings Interest		0.03		
10-4-11-021.00 Dog Licenses	500.00	178.00	200.00	150.00
10-4-11-022.00 Liquor Licenses	440.00	140.00	325.00	325.00
10-4-11-023.00 Marriage Licenses		50.00		
10-4-11-041.00 Town Clerk Fees	5,000.00	4,551.89	5,000.00	4,500.00
10-4-19-090.00 Quin Town Rent	3,000.00	3,250.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
10-4-19-090.01 Town Hall Rentals	400.00	350.00	300.00	150.00
10-4-19-090.02 Miscellaneous		6,641.31		
10-4-22-031.00 Police Patrol Income	6,000.00	5,469.32	8,000.00	5,000.00
10-4-96-085.00 Forestry Receipts			45,000.00	45,000.00
TOTAL REVENUE:	65,440.00	373,867.47	101,955.00	98,190.00
GENERAL FUND EXPENSES				
10-5-00-101.00 Select Board	3,600.00	3,200.00	3,600.00	3,600.00
10-5-00-101.01 Select Board Clerk Wages	600.00	645.00	700.00	700.00
10-5-00-101.02 Auditors	3,000.00	2,382.50	2,500.00	2,500.00
10-5-00-101.03 Laborers	5,000.00	3,903.60	5,000.00	5,000.00
10-5-00-101.04 Listers	2,000.00	611.25	3,000.00	2,500.00
10-5-00-101.05 Animal Control	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
10-5-00-101.06 Flood Plain Administrator	200.00	86.25	100.00	100.00
10-5-00-101.07 Emergency Mgmt Coordinator	500.00	0.00	250.00	250.00
10-5-00-101.08 Health Officer	50.00	0.00	50.00	50.00
10-5-00-101.09 Delinquent Tax Collector		6,228.20		
10-5-00-101.10 Land & Vital Record Organizer	5,000.00	1,830.00	3,000.00	2,500.00
10-5-00-101.11 Road Comm Stipend				1,500.00
10-5-10-220.00 Payroll Taxes - FICA	9,000.00	5,360.74	6,000.00	6,000.00
10-5-10-220.01 Unemployment Tax	0.00	431.42	200.00	400.00
10-5-10-313.00 Short Term Interest	0.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
10-5-10-331.00 Legal Fees	3,000.00	4,605.65	3,000.00	3,000.00
10-5-10-332.01 Professional Audit	5,000.00	920.82	5,500.00	5,500.00
10-5-10-340.00 Service Contracts/Tech	4,500.00	3,790.80	2,500.00	3,000.00
10-5-10-350.00 Training	500.00	392.38	100.00	300.00
10-5-10-400.00 Town Winter Roads	70,000.00	62,362.02	70,000.00	70,000.00
10-5-10-431.00 Summer Mowing Contract	4,200.00	4,200.00	4,200.00	4,200.00
10-5-10-432.00 Sand Pit Rental	1,500.00	1,850.00	1,500.00	1,850.00
10-5-10-540.00 Postage	1,600.00	1,077.00	1,300.00	1,300.00
10-5-10-550.00 Printing	700.00	541.00	750.00	600.00
10-5-10-583.00 Mileage Reimbursement	150.00	155.44	200.00	200.00
10-5-10-610.00 Office Supplies/Records Rest	2,000.00	1,646.79	1,700.00	1,700.00
10-5-10-731.00 Office Equipment	2,000.00	85.01	1,000.00	500.00
10-5-11-101.00 Town Clerk/Treasurer Wages	23,500.00	22,520.91	23,500.00	24,500.00
10-5-11-101.01 Asst. TC/TR Wages	3,000.00	2,752.50	3,000.00	3,000.00
10-5-11-101.02 Ballot Clerks	300.00	532.50	900.00	300.00
10-5-18-410.00 Trash	100.00		300.00	300.00
10-5-18-410.01 Recycling	7,200.00	7,200.00	9,000.00	9,000.00
10-5-18-422.00 Copier Lease	1,500.00	1,341.34	1,500.00	1,500.00
10-5-18-540.00 Advertising	600.00	1,404.29	2,000.00	2,000.00

TOWN OF HANCOCK GENERAL FUND - SELECTBOARD BUDGET

	FY 20		FY 21	FY 22
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget
10-5-18-650.00 Computer	1,000.00		500.00	500.00
10-5-19-810.00 Bethel/Royalton Landfill	3,600.00	3,578.79	3,600.00	4,100.00
10-5-19-811.00 County Taxes	2,000.00	1,382.72	1,500.00	1,575.00
10-5-19-812.00 VLCT Dues	1,408.00	1,408.00	1,355.00	1,475.00
10-5-19-812.01 VMCTA Dues	70.00	0.00		100.00
10-5-19-812.02 Two Rivers Ottaquechee	481.00	481.00	468.00	495.00
10-5-19-812.03 Addison County Humane Soc	400.00	450.00	450.00	450.00
10-5-22-360.00 Sheriff Patrol	8,000.00	12,130.82	10,000.00	15,000.00
10-5-61-431.00 Maintenance/Repairs/Water T	15,000.00	4,480.02	6,200.00	6,500.00
10-5-61-530.00 Telephone	2,000.00	2,140.99	2,400.00	3,300.00
10-5-61-622.00 Electricity	6,300.00	4,855.42	6,000.00	6,000.00
10-5-61-622.01 Street Lights	4,200.00	3,884.81	4,000.00	4,000.00
10-5-61-624.00 Fuel Oil	10,000.00	9,991.74	10,000.00	10,000.00
10-5-61-700.00 USDA Access Grant		4,351.03		
10-5-65-521.00 Insurance	20,000.00	11,678.31	15,000.00	15,000.00
10-5-65-526.00 Workers Comp Insurance	2,800.00	1,959.19	2,200.00	2,200.00
10-5-70-313.00 Flood Loan - Princippal	25,000.00	20,337.10	25,000.00	25,000.00
10-5-70-313.01 Flood Loan - Interest		4,662.90	5,500.00	5,500.00
10-5-70-313.02 Fire Station - Principal	20,000.00	15,080.74	15,000.00	15,000.00
10-5-70-313-03 Fire State - Interest		3,919.26	5000	5000
Appropriations				
10-5-95-950.00 Green Up Vermont	50.00	50.00	50.00	
10-5-95-950.01 Vermont Adult Learning	115.00		115.00	
10-5-95-950.02 Women Safe	500.00	500.00	500.00	
10-5-95-950.03 John Graham Shelter	350.00	700.00	350.00	
10-5-95-950.04 Valley Food Shelf	500.00	1,000.00	500.00	
10-5-95-950.05 Tri-Valley Transit	508.00	508.00	558.00	
10-5-95-950.06 Capstone		300.00		
10-5-95-950.07 CVCOA	800.00	800.00	800.00	
10-5-95-950.08 Park House	500.00	500.00	500.00	
10-5-95-950.09 Clara Martin Center	595.00	595.00	595.00	
10-5-95-950.10 VNA of Vermont/New Hamp	1475.00	1,475.00	1475.00	
10-5-95-950.11 Quin Town Senior Center	2716.00	5,303.00	2716.00	
10-5-95-950.12 White River Valley Ambulan	20349.00	19,864.50	19380.00	
10-5-95-950.13 Granvill Volunteer Fire Depa	1280.00	1,280.00	1834.64	
10-5-95-950.14 VT Rural Fire Protection	100.00	200.00	100.00	
10-5-95-950.15 Addison Restorative Justi		120.00	90.54	
Transfers Out				
10-5-96-815.00 Cemetery Commission	5,500.00	5,500.00	6,100.00	6,100.00
10-5-96-815.01 Fire Department	12,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00
10-5-96-815.03 Library Fund	19,900.00	19,900.00	17,500.00	17,500.00
10-5-96-815.04 Building Maint. Capital Fund	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
10-5-96-815.06 Reappraisal Fund	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
10-5-96-815.07 Highway Capital Project	3,000.00	3,000.00	5,000.00	3,000.00
10-5-96-815.08 Tax Mapping				700.00
Road Comm Budget (Forestry Receipts)	45,000.00	0.00	45,000.00	45,000.00
Town Road Basic Maint. Taxes to be raised			10,000.00	
TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITUI	409,897.00	334,525.75	407,887.18	375,545.00

Approval of Set Tax Rate for Town of Hancock FY21

	Grand List:	Tax Rate:	Total:
Municipal	\$357,834.00	0.7296	\$261,075.69
Local Agree. Vets Exemption	\$357,834.00	0.0029	\$1,037.72
School Homestead	\$136,498.00	1.7046	\$232,674.49
School- Non Homestead	\$203,885.70	1.5225	\$310,415.98
Total Taxes to be Raised			\$805,203.88

Total 20-21 Tax Rate:	\$2.44	Homestead
Total 20-21 Tax Rate:	\$2.25	Non-Homestead

Monica Collins

Select Board, Dated Sept 22, 2020

LIBRARY REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 01, 2019 - JUNE 30, 2020

BEGINNING BALANCE:	\$	8,596.45
Income Received:		
Town Of Hancock (Budgeted)	\$	17,500.00
Transfer from Restricted Account		
Total Income:	\$	26,096.45
Total Expenses:	\$	<u>15,908.08</u>
ENDING BALANCE:	\$	10,188.37

RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT - NOT TOWN FUNDED

BEGINNING BALANCE	\$601.73
Income Received	
Donations	\$466.00
Fundraisers	\$297.95
Total Income	\$763.95
Total Expenses	\$610.61
ENDING BALANCE	\$755.07

CEMETERY TRUST FUND REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 2019 - JUNE 2020

Certificate of Deposit:

Beginning Balance 07/01/19	\$ 13,367.93
Interest Accumulated	<u>\$ 134.73</u>
Ending Balance 06/30/2020	\$ 13,502.66

Savings Account:

Beginning Balance 07/01/19	\$ 3,993.36
Perpetual Care	\$ -
Cemetery Lot	\$ -
Interest Accumulated	\$ 6.25
Ending Balance 06/30/19	\$ 3,999.61

ROAD COMMISSIONER MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT FOR FISCAL YEAR**JULY 01, 2019-JUNE 30, 2020**

BEGINNING BALANCE:	\$	56,011.10
Income Received:		
Forestry Receipts FY 19/20		57,610.00
State of VT Trans. Aid		13,748.17
Better Back Roads Grant		4,688.00
Interest		60.73
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Total Income:		76,106.90
Expensed out:		
Labor		165.00
Equipment rentals		523.40
Road Commission Salary		1,125.00
Equipment and Supplies		96.67
Road Maintenance		23,363.95
Road improvements		6,466.14
Transferred to Highway Capital Project		43,000.00
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Total Expenses:		74,740.16
ENDING BALANCE:	\$	57,377.84

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 01, 2019 - JUNE 30, 2020

Income Received:		
Town of Hancock (Budgeted)	\$	12,000.00
Total Income:		
	\$	12,000.00
Expenses:		
911 Phone Charges	\$	53.75
Gas/Repairs		616.09
Equip/Supplies		2,068.65
Radio/Radio Repairs		1,305.94
Misc.		272.00
Sub Total		4,316.43
Fire Dept. Bldg./Equip. Fund Transfer Out		7,683.57
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Total Expenses		12,000.00
ENDING BALANCE	\$	-

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 01, 2019-JUNE 30, 2020

Beginning Balance:		(\$789.56)
Income: Interest Earned	\$	1.37
Expenses:	\$	-
Ending Balance:	\$	(789.56)

HONOR ROLL REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 01, 2019-JUNE 30, 2020

Beginning Balance:	\$	1,935.15
Income: Interest Earned	\$	3.68
Deposit	\$	140.00
Expense Withdrawal	\$	(82.13)
Ending Balance:	\$	1,996.70

LIBRARY FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 01, 2019-JUNE 30, 2020

Beginning Balance:	\$	3,562.53
Income: Interest Earned	\$	1.47
Summer Reading Grant	\$	200.00
Expenses:		
Ending Balance:	\$	3,764.00

SANCTUARY ACCOUNT FOR FY JULY 1, 2019-JUNE 30, 2020

Beginning Balance:	\$	2,607.30
Income: Interest Earned	\$	5.57
Expenses:	\$	-
Ending Balance:	\$	2,612.87

RESTRICTED ACCOUNTS for FISCAL YEAR JULY 01, 2019 - JUNE 30, 2020

Highway Capital Project Fund:

Beginning Balance 07/01/19	\$	234,290.62
Interest Accumulated	\$	449.80
Town Contribution	\$	3,000.00
Capital Project	\$	(19,320.56)
RD Comm drawoff	\$	43,000.00
Withdrawl	\$	-
Ending Balance 06/30/20	\$	261,419.86

Hancock Reappraisal Money Market:

Beginning Balance 07/01/19	\$	10,692.21
Interest Accumulated	\$	3.63
Town Contribution	\$	2,000.00
Deposit	\$	2,218.50
Ending Balance 06/30/20	\$	14,914.34

Building Maintenance Fund:

Beginning Balance 07/01/19	\$	23,918.61
Interest Accumulated	\$	61.29
Town Contribution	\$	-
Transfer in	\$	24,725.00
Ending Balance 06/30/20	\$	48,704.90

Hancock Scholarship Fund:

Beginning Balance 07/01/19	\$	660.58
Interest Accumulated	\$	0.91
Ending Balance 06/30/20	\$	661.49

Fire Dept. Building/Equipment Fund

Beginning Balance 07/01/19	\$	2,589.15
Drawoff from FD Maintenance Budget	\$	7,683.57
Interest Accumulated	\$	4.78
Ending Balance 06/30/20	\$	10,277.50

Hancock Tax Mapping

Beginning Balance 07/01/19	\$	266.00
Expenses	\$	-
Ending Balance 06/30/20	\$	266.00

GOVERNMENT BONDS REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 2019-JUNE 2020

Series HH Bonds:

D3963456HH	\$ 500.00
D3963457HH	\$ 500.00
Currency:	\$ 7.50

As authorized by the selectboard the principal amount of the matured bonds has been reinvested into a CD at the Randolph National Bank. The interest earned being deposited into the Money Market Account.

Hancock's U. S. GOVERNMENT BONDS: a short history

Up until 1965 the following paragraph was included with the bonds report giving a short explanation of how they came into being -

"Because all, or parts, of various lease lots have been sold to the federal government to be incorporated in the Green Mt. National Forest, the selectmen have seen fit to set up the following trust fund. The revenue received from this fund is expected to reimburse the town for the loss of the annual lease money."

The funds began around 1940. The cash balance shown above also comes from the sale of the lease lots.

SURETY BONDS FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 2019-JUNE 2020

Through the Town's insurance policy with the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, all town officials and town employees are covered under a blanket policy for up to \$500,000.00 for the fiscal year of July 2019 through June 2020.

Parcel	Name	Tax Year	Payment 1	Payment 2	Payment 3	Payment 4	Interest	Penalty	Other	Total	
01-1060-200	DZHUASHVILI JANKI	2019-2020	0.00	0.00	0.00	573.97	5.74	45.92	0.00	625.63	
01-1095-	BOUTWELL STEVEN	12-13	71.10	71.10	71.10	71.10	145.55	22.76	0.00	452.71	
		13-14	67.50	67.50	67.50	67.50	123.08	21.60	0.00	414.68	
		14-15	63.54	63.54	63.54	63.54	105.60	20.32	0.00	380.08	
		15-16	70.17	70.17	70.17	70.17	99.40	22.44	0.00	402.52	
		16-17	85.78	85.78	85.78	85.78	115.24	27.44	0.00	485.80	
01-1100-	BROWN TIMOTHY	17-18	95.30	95.30	95.30	95.30	103.55	30.48	0.00	515.23	
		18-19	92.58	92.58	92.58	92.58	57.66	29.64	0.00	457.62	
		2019-2020	78.76	78.76	78.76	78.76	18.17	25.20	0.00	358.41	
01-1120-	BUKER JERRY	12-13	624.73	624.73	624.73	624.73	768.25	199.88	0.00	3467.05	
		13-14	0.00	42.40	285.82	285.82	49.12	0.00	0.00	663.16	
		14-15	0.00	0.00	0.00	121.26	1.21	9.70	0.00	132.17	
		15-16	0.00	42.40	285.82	407.08	50.33	9.70	0.00	795.33	
		16-17	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.66	0.99	0.00	0.00	11.67	
01-1145-	COWEN RICHARD	18-19	0.00	0.00	0.00	257.08	30.84	20.57	0.00	308.49	
		2019-2020	273.25	273.25	273.25	273.25	62.79	87.44	0.00	1243.23	
01-1175-	COGLEY BEULAH	12-13	273.25	273.25	273.25	273.25	330.33	93.63	108.01	0.00	1551.72
		13-14	273.25	273.25	273.25	273.25	330.33	93.63	108.01	0.00	1551.72
		14-15	537.84	558.84	558.84	558.84	452.70	0.00	0.00	2967.06	
		15-16	727.62	727.62	727.62	727.62	1150.24	232.84	0.00	4293.56	
		16-17	686.28	686.28	686.28	686.28	974.12	219.60	0.00	3938.84	
01-1215-	CROSSGROVE CHRISTO	17-18	762.39	762.39	762.39	762.39	891.54	243.96	0.00	4185.06	
		18-19	741.41	740.68	740.68	740.68	312.48	178.34	0.00	2720.27	
		2019-2020	486.33	486.33	486.33	486.33	111.78	155.64	0.00	2212.74	
		14-15	3207.87	4062.14	4062.14	4062.14	3892.86	1030.38	0.00	20317.53	
		15-16	1858.55	2377.08	2377.08	2377.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	8989.79	
01-1225-	CURTIS ISLAND LIFE	16-17	686.28	686.28	686.28	686.28	974.12	219.60	0.00	3938.84	
		17-18	762.39	762.39	762.39	762.39	891.54	243.96	0.00	4185.06	
01-1250-	DEERING JON	18-19	72.27	448.72	448.72	448.72	0.00	0.00	0.00	1418.43	
		2019-2020	81.88	381.88	381.88	381.88	54.86	98.20	0.00	1380.58	
		17-18	0.00	0.00	0.00	51.34	12.24	0.00	0.00	63.58	
		18-19	0.00	163.55	170.92	170.92	70.70	40.42	0.00	616.51	
		2019-2020	154.15	830.60	830.60	830.60	54.86	98.20	0.00	2799.01	
01-1275-	DOYLE HOWARD	2019-2020	0.00	0.00	202.54	347.17	5.50	0.00	0.00	555.21	
		18-19	72.27	448.72	448.72	448.72	0.00	0.00	0.00	1418.43	
		2019-2020	81.88	381.88	381.88	381.88	54.86	98.20	0.00	1380.58	
		17-18	0.00	0.00	0.00	51.34	12.24	0.00	0.00	63.58	
		18-19	0.00	163.55	170.92	170.92	70.70	40.42	0.00	616.51	
01-1310-	BROWN TIMOTHY	2019-2020	0.00	0.00	0.00	573.97	5.74	45.92	0.00	625.63	
		18-19	0.00	0.00	0.00	573.97	5.74	45.92	0.00	625.63	
		2019-2020	0.00	0.00	0.00	573.97	5.74	45.92	0.00	625.63	
		17-18	0.00	0.00	0.00	573.97	5.74	45.92	0.00	625.63	
		18-19	0.00	0.00	0.00	573.97	5.74	45.92	0.00	625.63	
01-1330-	COLLINS, MONICA	2019-2020	0.00	0.00	0.00	573.97	5.74	45.92	0.00	625.63	
		18-19	0.00	0.00	0.00	573.97	5.74	45.92	0.00	625.63	
		2019-2020	0.00	0.00	0.00	573.97	5.74	45.92	0.00	625.63	
		17-18	0.00	0.00	0.00	573.97	5.74	45.92	0.00	625.63	
		18-19	0.00	0.00	0.00	573.97	5.74	45.92	0.00	625.63	
01-1363-	FOURNIER DAVID	2019-2020	0.00	0.00	0.00	573.97	5.74	45.92	0.00	625.63	
		18-19	0.00	0.00	0.00	573.97	5.74	45.92	0.00	625.63	
		2019-2020	0.00	0.00	0.00	573.97	5.74	45.92	0.00	625.63	
		17-18	0.00	0.00	0.00	573.97	5.74	45.92	0.00	625.63	
		18-19	0.00	0.00	0.00	573.97	5.74	45.92	0.00	625.63	

Parcel	Name	Tax Year	Payment 1	Payment 2	Payment 3	Payment 4	Interest	Penalty	Other	Total
01-1900-	RIBAUDO SOZANKE	2019-2020	0.00	0.00	0.00	13.73	0.14	1.10	0.00	14.97
01-2000-	HARVEY HARVIN C	2019-2020	0.00	299.07	299.07	299.07	35.88	71.79	0.00	1004.88
01-2020-	MILLARD RONALD W	2019-2020	0.00	0.00	0.00	42.43	0.42	0.00	0.00	42.85

Tax Year	Payment 1	Payment 2	Payment 3	Payment 4	Interest	Penalty	Other	Total
04-05	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.41	0.59	0.00	0.00	2.00
05-06	0.00	0.00	0.00	20.02	12.00	0.00	0.00	32.02
07-08	41.22	41.22	41.22	41.22	127.92	13.20	0.00	306.00
08-09	0.00	5.50	44.33	44.33	64.96	0.00	0.00	159.02
09-10	134.15	140.96	140.96	140.96	328.63	0.00	0.00	885.66
10-11	120.81	120.81	120.81	284.35	38.64	0.00	0.00	806.23
11-12	103.33	103.33	103.33	214.24	33.08	0.00	0.00	660.64
12-13	198.15	198.15	198.15	416.06	63.40	0.00	0.00	1,272.06
13-14	186.11	186.11	186.11	351.77	60.20	0.00	0.00	1,164.41
14-15	714.92	835.92	835.92	755.52	56.64	0.00	0.00	4,034.84
15-16	923.18	923.18	923.18	1447.14	295.40	0.00	0.00	5,435.26
16-17	2202.95	2328.93	2328.93	2876.69	277.28	0.00	0.00	12,343.71
17-18	4027.03	4545.56	4545.56	2541.20	693.92	0.00	0.00	20,950.17
18-19	2557.64	3873.31	5144.10	5830.57	2306.06	617.37	0.00	20,329.05
2019-2020	2226.04	3112.82	3315.36	5852.56	469.41	766.15	0.00	15,742.34
TOTALS	13437.53	16417.60	17929.96	21226.40	12196.44	2915.28	0.00	84,123.41

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Select Board
Town of Hancock, Vermont

We have audited the accompanying modified cash basis financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Hancock, Vermont, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting described in Note 1; this includes determining that the modified cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of these financial statements in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our unmodified and qualified audit opinions.

Basis for Qualified Opinions on Governmental Activities and General Fund

The Town's fire department maintains a separate bank account. The beginning and ending balances of this account and related activity are not included in the Town's financial statements. The amount by which this account would affect the assets, liabilities, fund balances, revenues and expenditures of the governmental activities and General Fund has not been determined.

Qualified Opinions

In our opinion, except for the effects of the matter discussed in the "Basis for Qualified Opinions on the Governmental Activities and General Fund" paragraph, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the governmental activities and General Fund of the Town of Hancock, Vermont as of June 30, 2020, and the changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting described in Note 1.

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P.O. Box 603 - Montpelier, VT 05601
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The Select Board
Town of Hancock, Vermont

Unmodified Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of each major fund other than the General Fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Hancock, Vermont, as of June 30, 2020, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting described in Note 1.

Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 of the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinions are not modified with respect to this matter.

Other Matters

Other information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Hancock's basic financial statements. The combining schedules of nonmajor governmental funds and budgetary comparison information, which are the responsibility of management, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The combining schedules of nonmajor governmental funds are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining schedules of nonmajor governmental funds are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

The schedule of budgetary comparison information has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated, January 7, 2021, on our consideration of the Town of Hancock, Vermont's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Town of Hancock, Vermont's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Pace & Hawley, LLC

Berlin, Vermont
January 7, 2021

TOWN OF HANCOCK, VERMONT
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Modified Cash Basis - Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

	General Fund	Highway Capital Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues				
Property taxes	\$ 275,908	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 275,908
Penalties and interest on delinquent taxes	18,171	-	-	18,171
Intergovernmental	34,344	-	2,218	36,562
Licenses, permits and fines	5,647	-	-	5,647
Charges for services	65,952	-	913	66,865
Interest on cash deposit	221	450	224	895
Donations	-	-	904	904
Miscellaneous	6,641	-	-	6,641
Total revenues	<u>406,884</u>	<u>450</u>	<u>4,259</u>	<u>411,593</u>
Expenditures				
Current:				
General government	124,386	-	-	124,386
Highways, streets and bridges	100,152	19,321	-	119,473
Public safety	16,447	-	-	16,447
Culture and recreation	-	-	16,519	16,519
Cemetery	-	-	3,320	3,320
Appropriations	33,196	-	-	33,196
Debt service - principal	35,418	-	-	35,418
Debt service - interest	8,582	-	-	8,582
Total expenditures	<u>318,181</u>	<u>19,321</u>	<u>19,839</u>	<u>357,341</u>
Excess of revenues or (expenditures)	<u>88,703</u>	<u>(18,871)</u>	<u>(15,580)</u>	<u>54,252</u>
Other financing sources (uses)				
Transfers in (out)	<u>(91,084)</u>	<u>46,000</u>	<u>45,084</u>	<u>-</u>
Net change in fund balances	(2,381)	27,129	29,504	54,252
Fund balances, beginning of year	<u>248,210</u>	<u>234,291</u>	<u>87,198</u>	<u>569,699</u>
Fund balances, end of year	\$ <u>245,829</u>	\$ <u>261,420</u>	\$ <u>116,702</u>	\$ <u>623,951</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

TOWN OF HANCOCK, VERMONT
Balance Sheet - Modified Cash Basis - Governmental Funds
June 30, 2020

	General Fund	Highway Capital Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Assets				
Cash	\$ 247,662	\$ 261,420	\$ 103,987	\$ 613,069
Cash - restricted Cemetery Fund	-	-	13,503	13,503
Due from other funds	788	-	-	788
Total assets	<u>\$ 248,450</u>	<u>\$ 261,420</u>	<u>\$ 117,490</u>	<u>\$ 627,360</u>
Liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balances				
Liabilities:				
Other liabilities	\$ 2,621	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,621
Due to other funds	-	-	788	788
Total liabilities	<u>2,621</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>788</u>	<u>3,409</u>
Fund balances:				
Nonspendable	-	-	13,503	13,503
Restricted	-	-	33,166	33,166
Committed	-	261,420	60,543	321,963
Assigned	-	-	10,278	10,278
Unassigned	<u>245,829</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(788)</u>	<u>245,041</u>
Total fund balances	<u>245,829</u>	<u>261,420</u>	<u>116,702</u>	<u>623,951</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balances	<u>\$ 248,450</u>	<u>\$ 261,420</u>	<u>\$ 117,490</u>	<u>\$ 627,360</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

SELECTBOARD REPORT

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

This has been quite a year. The challenges brought on by this difficult time make us more thankful to live in a small community where tough times bring us together. Thank you all those who serve as elected officials and who volunteer their time to the town. This year, more than ever, you have had to work hard, adapt, and be ready meet new challenges. Thank you for all you do.

Highlights of the year include

- We have continued to work with local auditors and an outside auditing firm to ensure best practices as we learn the new accounting system.
- Thanks to Dan Perera for taking over the role of Road Commissioner and to Jim Leno for providing advice when needed.
- Thanks to Jack Ross for all his years of service to the town and welcome to Scott Gillette appointed as a new Select Board member in the spring.
- The USDA grant work of improving the parking lot and entry to the Town Offices to meet Americans with Disabilities Act requirements was completed in the fall. Many thanks to Vermont Integrated Architecture of Middlebury, TR Fellows Engineering of Rochester, and Avery Construction for all their work in making this project successful.
- Thanks to Scott Gillette for helping to set up a new community WIFI hot spot at the Town Offices. ECFiber is the new provider for this hotspot. The labor to install the equipment was donated by Scott Gillette.
- Work on the Hazard Mitigation Plan will begin after Town Meeting and we would like 1 or 2 volunteers to help with this project. Developed following Irene, this plan must be revised every 10 years. This plan is required for better FEMA funding in the event of a disaster and ensures that we have a plan of action in place in the event of another emergency, natural or otherwise. If you are interested in emergency planning, the environment, and health and safety, contact a select board member.

Once again, we need volunteers to fill open positions – particularly the **Planning Commission**, a **Health Officer**, and **Animal Control**. Currently the select board and our members are filling many open roles in addition to the other work we do. We are all busy and these positions do not necessarily pay but they do contribute significantly to making this town a community. We hope you will join us.

Select board meetings are open to all and take place on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of every month at 6pm. Due to COVID-19, we are meeting via Zoom, accessible by computer and telephone. Meeting information is available on the town website – www.hancockvt.org or by calling the town offices. We look forward to having you share your concerns and ideas with us. If you cannot make the meeting, please contact us to share your thoughts.

Respectfully submitted,

Hancock Select Board — Monica Collins, Chair, Daniel Perera, and Scott Gillette

Town Clerk's Report

It's been a challenging and eventful year! Thank you to everyone for their patience and understanding as we thought of creative ways to keep in touch and serve the town during the pandemic. I certainly miss seeing you in person and seeing your smiling faces that are hidden beneath your masks!

Thank you to our dedicated selectboard members, committee members, trustees, and community members for working together to navigate business this year.

A special thank you to Janet Jesso, Eva Jesso, Roger Comes, and Becky Klein. I appreciate your insight and thoughtfulness as you offer guidance and consultations!

The office is open by appointment during regular business hours: Monday 1PM–4PM, Tuesday 9AM–2PM, Thursday 9AM–12PM. Please call 767-3763 for an appointment.

Respectfully submitted,

Jody Jesso

Town Clerk/Treasurer

Road Commissioner's Report

The past twelve months included ditch work and culvert maintenance on most roads in Hancock. A ditch project on Tucker Brook Road was completed with a grant that covered 80% of construction costs. This project was part of an ongoing effort to keep the town compliant with stormwater runoff regulations so that we are eligible for funding in the event of future stormwater damage events.

In addition to this work, a large portion of the town's gravel pile was spread on town roads. This work will continue in 2021, with the goal of eliminating the gravel pile. Repairs and patching work were also completed on some of the town's paved roads.

Efforts will continue in 2021 to secure grant funding to supplement road maintenance and repair costs.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Perera

Road Commissioner

Hancock Free Public Library Report

This past year was a challenging one for all of us. The Hancock Free Public Library has worked to adapt so we can continue to serve the needs of our patrons. We're most recently still doing curbside pick ups for requests. In addition, we have free Wi-Fi in the parking lot outside the library. No password is needed.

Even though the library hasn't been open for browsing, our Librarian has been in the process of weeding the collection of 3,000 books to make room for new books and materials. This is being done so the collection can be digitized. This entails barcoding all of the books. When the project is complete, patrons will be able to search our collection electronically.

While the programs were limited due to the pandemic, the library still participated in the Story Walk for Halloween and handed out Family Game Kits at the holidays.

New books from board books, children's picture books, chapter books, junior books, graphic novels, adult fiction and non-fiction and biographies are continually being added to the collection.

Books by the following authors have been added to the collection through the Adopt an Author program, Chris Bohjalian, Janet Evanovich and John Grisham.

Please feel free to contact the HFPL at 767-4651 for requests, questions or curbside pick up.

Hancock Library Trustees:

Eva Jesso – Chair

Gretchan Perera – Secretary

Margi Rogal – Treasurer

Rose Juliano

Jody Troumbley

Caroline Meagher – Librarian

Friends of the Hancock Free Public Library - 2020 Report

The Friends of the Hancock Free Public Library formed in 2012 to support the Hancock Free Public Library (HFPL). During this time, we've shown that support in a variety of ways including holding programs and events and buying books and materials.

Of course, 2020 didn't turn out like we had planned due to a worldwide pandemic. Despite this, the Friends group has been able to adapt and still offer ways for the community to get involved.

Mary-Ann Schulze led two well attended card making workshops in January and early March before COVID-19 made it necessary to cancel workshops and events for the remainder of the year.

In May of 2020, the Friends had planned for their annual spring lecture event to be a robust workshop on composting to give information on the impending July 1 food scraps law. The format changed to Zoom, but was still a success and the recording was shared over the Friends Facebook page.

If you'd like to help support the Friends, there are many ways to do so:

- There is a book discussion group, Valley Readers, which has been going strong for eight years. The group meets the second Thursday of the month at 6:30pm and anyone is welcome to join. Currently the meetings take place over Zoom, so please reach out if you'd like to be included.
- Our Adopt an Author program is in its fourth year and is a fun way to expand the collection. Ask at the HFPL how you can take part.
- A nice way to remember a loved one, or honor a friend or family member, is to donate to the Friends. The money is used for books and programs to support the HFPL. Friends is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.
- Friends of the Hancock Free Public Library has a Facebook page with information on events and activities so please "like" the page to keep up with the latest happenings.
- Consider joining the Friends group. Donation levels start as low as \$10/year.

If you'd like more information on the Friends, please contact Jill Jesso-White, President, at 767-4128.

Hancock Town Pride - Annual Report for 2020

As we all know, Covid had a big impact on all aspects of our lives in 2020 and it will carry over into 2021. Hancock Town Pride has been working consistently for nine years on these three goals: beautifying the town, holding events and activities and fostering community spirit. This past year made it challenging to hold events and activities but we were still able to do some things to meet our goals.

In January we worked with the Huntington House Inn to hold a very successful Silent Auction. A big thanks to all the area businesses and individuals who donated items for people to bid on and a thanks to those who attended and bid on items to help with our fundraiser.

We continued our annual tradition of distributing sunflower seeds to anyone interested on Memorial Day. Thanks to Ross Parker and Denise Chapin for the donation of seeds. We also handed out sunflower seedlings planted and donated by Meg Brown, so a big thanks to her as well. We planted the beautiful planters at the base of the bandstand and the wooden barrels with flowers at various locations around town. Thanks to all our volunteer waterers who helped with the flowers all summer. All the sunflowers around town looked great.

Unfortunately we weren't able to have our annual summer concert series on the Hancock Town Green in 2020. We will monitor the situation in the spring to see if we will be able to have summer concerts in 2021.

In early December we purchased sprays to hang on our municipal buildings and the bandstand. They looked very festive through the holiday season.

We always welcome new members to join us! We have a Facebook page where we post announcements. Please "like" our page! We would love to hear your ideas and feedback as we work toward adding to the beauty and community spirit of our town.

Respectfully Submitted,
Hancock Town Pride
Jill Jesso-White, President

Hancock Historical Society Report

After a long absence from the Town of Hancock, the Hancock Historical Society revived and reorganized in July of 2016. Getting registered with the State of VT and the State of VT Historical Society we were ready to go.

The Town of Hancock was in the process of moving the Town Clerk's office and the Hancock Public Library down to the renovated 2 room school that many of us attended in our youth. The Trustees of the Library were gracious and let us move into their building, moving all the file cabinets and boxes that contained historical information in them.

We have had an open house to kick off our opening and a couple themed open houses. One being about school and the other being military. We had been busy sorting through many newspaper, magazine articles, books and photos that had been collected through the years. To raise money we had also issued a Calendar with historical pictures and received donations at our open houses. Then COVID-19 hit and halted us getting together to get more stuff sorted and organized. We have also stopped our bimonthly board meetings until we can get together. Hopefully this pandemic will see an end in sight so that we can get things going at the Historical Society again.

We don't have a website, but we do have a Face Book page and email address hhs1781@yahoo.com where you can ask questions, make comments, or relay some historical information if you so wish. We are located a 47 VT Rte 125 in Hancock, VT 05748. Thank you.

The Hancock Historical Society



Vermont Adult Learning

a member of *Learning Works*
Vermont's Adult Education Association
MIDDLEBURY, VT

TOWN FUNDS REQUEST

AGENCY NAME:

Vermont Adult Learning ~ Addison

ADDRESS:

John V. Craven Community Services Center
282 Boardman Street
Middlebury, Vermont 05753

CONTACT PERSON:

Natalie Reigle, Interim Regional Director

CONTACT INFORMATION:

nreigle@vtadultlearning.org
802-388-4392, ext. 1008

BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

We provide adults with basic skills instruction in reading, writing and math, GED prep and testing, a high school diploma program, and classes for English Language Learners.

AMOUNT REQUESTED FY16: \$115.00

AMOUNT REQUESTED FY17: \$115.00

HANCOCK RESIDENTS SERVED: 1

TOTAL SERVED STATEWIDE (FY20): 1143

SOURCES OF INCOME/EXPENSES IN PERCENT AGES* (Fiscal Year 2020: July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020):

Income:	\$ 417,254	Expenses:	\$ 423,254
Sources of Income	14		
From federal taxes	11.7%	Salaries and benefits	85.6%
From state taxes	63.1%	Office Expenses	0.7%
From municipal tax	2.9%	Total Facilities	9.6%
From donations	0.0%	Total Programs	3.7%
From United Way	0.8%	Total Other	0.4%
From grants & other	21.4%		
Total Sources of Income	100.0%	Total Expenses	100.0%

*This data pertains to the Middlebury site only, not VAL as a whole.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

Vermont Adult Learning (VAL) offers a variety of learning opportunities to help adults achieve their educational goals and enhance their quality of life. We work with each student to develop an individualized learning plan that includes a transition to further education or employment. We offer GED testing, programs for completing a high school diploma, basic skills instruction in reading, writing, and math and classes for English Language Learners (ELL). Instruction is also available to students who need skill preparation for college or employment purposes.

In addition, we are contracted by the Vermont Department of Children and Families to place and support Reach-Up participants in unsubsidized work experiences. Our programs are free and confidential.

We are grateful to the townspeople of Hancock for supporting the services we provide.



GREEN UP VERMONT
www.greenupvermont.org

Green Up Vermont celebrated its 50th Anniversary of Green Up Day on May 30, 2020. Although 99% of all events were cancelled due to Covid-19, Green Up Day was successfully executed with social distancing by 14,000+ volunteers, cleaning up over 241 tons of litter, and 9,000 tires statewide. It is imperative for all of us to keep building awareness and stewardship for a clean Vermont environment. Green Up Vermont is a private nonprofit organization that relies on your town's support to execute the tradition of cleaning up our roads and waterways, while promoting civic pride and engagement.

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

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

Donations can be made to Green Up Vermont on Line 23 of the Vermont State Income Tax Form or anytime online at www.greenupvermont.org.

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

Green Up Day, May 1, 2021

Thank you!

WomenSafe, Inc.
Kerri Duquette-Hoffman, Executive Director
 24-hour Hotline: 802-388-4205
 Business: 802-388-9180
info@womensafe.net
www.womensafe.net

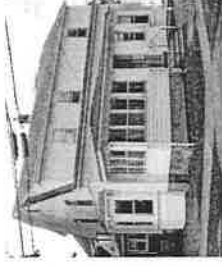
For the fiscal year ending 6/30/20, **WomenSafe** staff and volunteers provided the following total services:

- o 555 total people served.
- o 5,055 in-person meetings and phone calls through advocacy services.
- o 202 supervised visits and monitored exchanges for 17 children.
- o Worked with the caregivers of 407 children exposed to violence.
- o Prevention Programming reached:
 - o 1,664 adults and youth through 326 presentations and workshops.
 - o 582 adults and youth through 5 outreach events.
- o 93 volunteers donated 8,507 hours of services.

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In Hancock, WomenSafe provided advocacy services to at least **5*** residents including the parents and caregivers of **2** children.

** For safety, some people do not share their town of residence.*



JOHN GRAHAM HOUSING AND SERVICES

69 Main Street, Vergennes, VT
 802-877-2677

November 2, 2020

Dear Hancock Selectboard,

This year the John Graham Shelter, located on Main Street in Vergennes, marks 40 years of service to Addison County's homeless families and individuals. We are writing to ask for your continued support at Town Meeting 2020 in the form of a \$350,00 allocation. Mindful of the impact on property taxes, we have not increased our request for many years.

In 2020, with generous help from Addison County municipalities the John Graham Shelter:

- Provided more food, shelter, services and hope to more than 300 people, many of whom were children;^{1,2}
- Provided rapid rehousing to families at our own buildings in Vergennes, Middlebury and Bristol and at many scattered sites;
- Helped dozens of households find permanent housing and employment;^{3,4}
- Provided counseling, case management and support services that help people take the next step in their lives.

During the pandemic your support also helped us to:

- *Deliver 3 meals a day* to hundreds of people at four motels and numerous scattered sites;
- *Newly renovate our shelter spaces and apartments* for Covid-19-related safety;
- *Develop three new zero energy modular homes* that will come online this December.

This crisis is not over. We are on the front lines each day helping vulnerable families find permanent housing, as infection rates climb and winter approaches. John Graham needs your support now more than ever before in our 40 years of operation.

With your help, we will be able to provide housing to the people of Addison County one household at a time during these difficult times.

Elizabeth Ready For the Residents, Board and Staff of the John Graham Shelter

PS: Please visit our website at www.johngrahamshelter.org for more information.

REPORT TO HANCOCK TRI-VALLEY TRANSIT (TVT), FORMERLY STAGECOACH, SERVICES October 2020

Thank you for the Town of Hancock's generous support last year. During the past four years, your support helped us provide an annual average of 935 free trips for Hancock residents either by volunteer drivers or on wheelchair accessible vehicles. An additional 983 trips on our fixed route bus system originated at stops in the Town of Hancock last fiscal year. Hancock residents also have access to commuter routes with stops in nearby Rochester. Tri-Valley Transit's Dial-A-Ride and Bus Systems provided a total of 226,281 rides for the year. All our transportation programs enable community members to maintain their independence, gain and keep employment and access critical healthcare and quality-of-life services.

The COVID-19 crisis has emphasized the incredible importance of our work. Public transportation has been on the frontlines of providing essential service to many of the most vulnerable members of our communities. Healthcare staff get to work; dialysis, cancer and methadone patients get to treatment, and at-risk residents get food delivered. Services have been revamped to protect riders, the general public, and our staff. At first, we focused on trips to riders with no other means of transportation but whose trips were essential; and then we safely increased capacity to meet growing demand by:

- installing physical barriers between seats and directing riders to use window seats,
- waiving fares to reduce contact,
- ensuring all buses are frequently sanitized and hand sanitizer is available,
- requiring facemasks, even prior to the statewide mandate, and
- implementing screening techniques to ensure riders are not COVID risks.

The state and local grants through which we provide these services require us to raise 20% "local match" dollars. TVT's requests from towns account for approximately 5% of the 20% requirement. TVT seeks the other 15% from other sources including businesses, institutions, individuals, and grants.

Please include this in your town report as space allows. Thank you!

Central Vermont Council on Aging Report of Services to Hancock FY20 November 27, 2020

Central Vermont Council on Aging is a private, nonprofit organization that is dedicated to the mission of supporting elders and family caregivers in leading self-determined, healthy, interdependent, meaningful and dignified lives in their homes and communities.

For more than 40 years, CVCOA has assisted older Vermonters aged 60 and up to remain independent for as long as possible. We connect the elders in our communities to the network of benefit programs and services that they need to thrive. All services are made available to our clients at no charge without regard to health, income or resources.

Some of the options we make available include:

- Senior Help Line - (800) 642-5119 - has the answers to hundreds of common questions from elders, families and caregivers.
- Information & Assistance staff counsel elders and families on the many available benefit programs and services, such as 3SquaresVT, seasonal fuel assistance, and more.
- Case Managers work with clients in their homes to assess needs and develop, implement and coordinate individualized long-term care plans.
- Nutrition Services oversees the menu development for home-delivered and community meals and provides the largest source of funding for the 14 meal sites that prepare and deliver these meals.
- State Health Insurance Program (SHIP) provides personalized Medicare counseling, group training, and enrollment assistance for Medicare Part D plans.
- Family Caregiver Support promotes the well-being of the family members who help to make it possible for seniors to remain in their home.

During the last year, Central Vermont Council on Aging provided one or more of the above services to 31 Hancock residents. Case Manager Kathryn Schenkman is designated to work directly with the seniors in Hancock.

All of us at CVCOA extend our gratitude to the residents of Hancock for their ongoing commitment to the health, independence, and dignity of those who have contributed to making the Central Vermont communities what they are today.



Hello to our neighbors in Hancock!

Can you believe what a year 2020 has turned into? Last year we were happily holding Brown Bag Lunches, Discussions and Demonstrations within our communities. Then along came Covid. Our last Bag Lunch was in February, and as of March 10th, Park House restricted all visitors other than caregivers for an extended period. We moved from family style meals to singly serving our residents and setting up tray tables so all could be socially distanced. Needless to say, it's been hard for everyone, but I'm so proud of how well all our residents are handling this.

We were able to get the living room windows replaced thanks to a very generous donation from our local Lions Club last year. This will make the living room a much cozier place this winter. As always, our beautiful old building is always in need of repairs and should be painted soon.

Thank you, Hancock friends for your support over the years, and we ask that you consider contributing \$500 again in 2021-2022.

Sincerely,
Joanne McDonnell
Executive Director

16 Park Row, #4 (802) 767-3416 director@parkhousevt.org

CLARA MARTIN CENTER

Child and Family Services
35 Ayers Brook, Randolph, VT 05060
(802) 728-4466

Community Support Services
1740 Lower Plain Rd., Bradford, VT 05033
(802) 222-4477

Safe Haven
4 Highland Ave., Randolph, VT 05060
(802) 728-5233

Community Support Services
24 South Main St., Randolph, VT 05060
(802) 728-6000

East Valley Academy
579 VT Rte. 14 So., East Randolph, VT 05041
(802) 728-3896

Adult Outpatient and Emergency Services
11 N. Main Street, Randolph, VT 05060
(802) 728-4466

Adult and Children Outpatient Services
1483 Lower Plain Rd., Bradford, VT 05033
(802) 222-4477

Central VT Substance Abuse Services (CVSAS)
100 Hospitality Drive, Berlin, VT 05601
(802) 223-4156

Wildier
PO Box 816, Wildier VT 05088
(802) 955-1311

Clara Martin Center is your local community mental health agency and one of the 10 Designated Agencies in Vermont, providing behavioral health and substance abuse services to the greater Orange County area for over 50 years. Clara Martin Center provides a multitude of services throughout greater Orange County to best meet the needs of community members in a holistic approach. These include individual, couples, and group therapy and services for co-occurring mental health and substance abuse. We also offer psychiatric consultations and evaluations and medication management services. Services are confidential and include:

- Outpatient Counseling
- Primary Care Integration
- Psychiatric Services
- Short-term crisis intervention
- School and Home-based services
- Education for families
- Community resource assistance
- Hospital Diversion
- Walk-in Clinic
- Vocational Services
- Alcohol and other drug treatment
- Respite Care
- 24-hour emergency system

Clara Martin Center's broad range of programs serve children, families, couples and individuals. Services are confidential and include counseling, psychiatric services, consultations, short term crisis intervention, school and home-based services, education for families related to emotional and behavioral challenges, community resource assistance, hospital diversion, respite care, housing, vocational services, alcohol and other drug treatment, a walk-in clinic and 24-hour emergency services.

With 50+ years of experience and leadership under our belt, Clara Martin Center remains positioned to rise to meet the needs and challenges of the communities we serve. During the current COVID pandemic, Clara Martin Center and it's dedicated workforce, have remained committed to the mission of service to all individuals and have worked tirelessly to make sure that essential needs of those we serve were met, including assisting in food delivery to individuals isolating in their homes, providing for technology devices to allow services to continue uninterrupted through telemedicine, helping to acquire appropriate PPE for staff and community members in need, and maintaining ongoing distance learning opportunities for students enrolled at East Valley Academy to name a few.

The agency continues to work with a wide variety of local partners to enhance community health and wellness including Tri-Valley Transit, local police departments, primary care providers, schools and supervisory unions, Gifford Medical Center and Little Rivers Health Care.

For more information about Clara Martin Center services, visit our website at www.claramartin.org.

FY20 TOTAL SERVED AT CMC		TOTAL SERVED Hancock	
Children & Family Services	532	Children & Family Services	3
School Services	61	School Services	0
JOBS	59	JOBS	0
Adult Services	668	Adult Services	0
CSP Services	155	CSP Services	0
Supportive & Transitional Housing	22	Supportive & Transitional Housing	0
Substance Abuse Services	459	Substance Abuse Services	1
Corrections Services	85	Corrections Services	0
Emergency Contacts/Walk-in Clinic	328	Emergency Contacts/Walk-in Clinic	1
Access	1,025	Access	1
Total Served - unduplicated	2,063	Total seen:	5
CVSAS	456	CVSAS	1

VISITING NURSE AND HOSPICE FOR VT AND NH

Home Health, Hospice and Skilled Pediatric Services in Hancock, VT

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

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

Between July 1, 2019 and June 30, 2020 VNH made 320 homecare visits to 15 Hancock residents. This included approximately \$9,855 in unreimbursed care to Hancock residents.

- **Home Health Care:** 135 home visits to 10 residents with short-term medical or physical needs.
- **Hospice Services:** 180 home visits to 3 resident who were in the final stages of their lives.
- **Skilled Pediatric Care:** 5 home visits to 2 residents for well-baby, preventative and palliative medical care.

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

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

Sincerely,



Hilary Davis, Director External Relations and Service Excellence

888-300-8853

Quin-Town Center for Senior Citizens

PO Box 113
1097 Route 100
Hancock, VT 05748

802-767-3763
quintownsnrcr@myfairpoint.net

Nov. 11, 2020

To the Town of Hancock Select Board/Budget Committee and Community Members:

Quin-Town Center for Senior Citizens is based in Hancock and since 1972 has given senior citizens in our valley a place to go for on-site meals each Monday, Wednesday and Friday at noon. We also provide nutritionally balanced meals delivered to homebound members through our Meals on Wheels Program.

The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted our senior center. To keep our clients safe, we have had to suspend our on-site dining. However, we continue to provide nutritionally balanced meals to help meet the dietary requirements of our seniors by offering our new To-Go Meals Program and continue delivering Meals on Wheels each Wednesday and Friday. Our Meals on Wheels Program not only provides healthy meals to seniors, but also provides us with an opportunity to perform a wellness check for our senior neighbors. Additionally, we have organized our new Virtual Bingo Game Program in order to help meet our seniors' social needs during this time of social distancing.

The Quin-Town Center for Senior Citizens is requesting a donation from each of the surrounding towns that are supported by our senior center. Our request from Hancock is \$2716.00 for the coming year. The donation is well spent. We have supplied nearly 5,000 meals this past year to seniors at the center including our new To-Go Meals Program and our Meals on Wheels Program.

Your donation will cover a portion of our operating budget not reimbursed by our contract with the Central Vermont Council on Aging. Therefore, each contributing town and its citizens become participants in the successful operation of our program that provides quality meals and social enrichment for our aging neighbors and relatives.

We continue to supplement our funds with a very successful annual appeal each fall and have increased our search for grants and other fundraising events. We would be glad to meet with you if you have any questions. Thank you for your generous support in the past and for considering our current request.

Sincerely,

Quin-Town Board of Directors

Board of Directors

~ Michael Perkowski, President ~ Kent Butterfield, Vice President & Treasurer ~ George Carr, Secretary ~

Members: Natalie Clook, Bev Allen
Staff

~ Jody Jesso, Executive Director ~ Margaret Brown, Cook ~ Garvi Jesso-White, Assistant Cook ~

WHITE RIVER VALLEY AMBULANCE

Thank you, neighbors, for your continued support of White River Valley Ambulance. We are a non-profit, professional emergency medical service and ambulance transport agency serving the towns of Barnard, Bethel, Braintree, Brookfield, Granville, Hancock, Pittsfield, Randolph, Rochester and Stockbridge, an area of over 500 square miles. We are designated as a Vermont Critical Care Paramedic service, the highest licensed skill level that the state recognizes. With our 10 full-time staff and a number of part time staff we maintain two Paramedic level staffed ambulances 24/7, 365 days a year. From January 1, 2020 through November 20, 2020 White River Valley Ambulance responded to 1,342 emergency calls and transfers. This includes Advanced Life Support transfer between hospitals.

Training in emergency medical response is also an important part of our mission. We are a regional American Heart Association Training Center, providing CPR and First Aid courses to community members across central Vermont. We also provide advanced practice training to emergency response professionals and volunteers from throughout the state.

Funding for WVA comes primarily from billed insurance and budget allocations from the towns we serve. Every town pays the same amount per capita. In 2021, the per capita amount will increase by \$1.00 to \$61.00, or 1.67%.

Looking back on 2020 and ahead to 2021, we are ever grateful for the numerous first responders and fire departments who we work with and who volunteer their time to help a neighbor in need. Your dedication and commitment to serve makes a difference in the lives of those who call for help. For that, we can never thank you enough. **3190 Pleasant St., Bethel, VT 05032 802-234-6800 www.wvra.org**

**Matt Parrish,
Executive Director**

GRANVILLE VOL. FIRE DEPARTMENT

5051 VT Route 100
Granville, VT 05747
Tel.: (802) 767-3033



"Proudly serving Granville, Vermont and the surrounding communities since 1951"

Re: Fiscal Year Ending 2020

To: Hancock Residents and Taxpayers

January 10, 2021

Greetings:

The 2019 through 2020 fiscal year has been filled with challenges like none before in the history of the department. Early in 2020, we faced the first known structure fire related death in the history of the department. The Spring of 2020 brought about a worldwide pandemic which forced everyone to take pause.

On a brighter note, late Summer brought back our Independence Day celebration with a fireworks display lasting more than an hour. Granville VFD also continued to answer emergency calls totaling 164 for the year across Granville, Hancock, and Rochester. The current mutual aid and emergency medical service systems continue to prove effective in emergency response. We also have our first member certified at the Advanced EMT level. This addition will improve the level of treatment to our patients prior to the arrival of an ambulance.

This year we will be reopening the fire station building project that was placed on pause during the pandemic. We will be incorporating a carbon monoxide meter which will monitor the level of carbon monoxide in a person's blood stream. This will help detect a life-threatening emergency that could otherwise go undetected and untreated. Recruiting also remains a high priority for us with many openings for emergency responders of all types.

As always, we appreciate your support in the ever-changing world of emergency response. If you have any questions about the operations of the department or are interested in serving or helping in some way, please feel free to contact us.

Stay safe,

D. Sargeant

Daniel Sargeant, Fire Chief;
Granville Volunteer Fire Department

Email: danielsargeant@gmail.com
Cell phone: (802) 349-5774

Current Members

Daniel Sargeant, Fire Chief/EMR	Jonathan Lambert	Nancy Shaw, EMT
Brian Sargeant, Asst. Chief	Lisa LeBlanc	Kerin Vadnais, EMT
Harley Vadnais, 2nd Asst. Chief	Sophia Kwiatkowski	Brennan Bordonaro, A-EMT
Theodore Smith, Captain	Wesley Sargeant	Lynne Smith
Kira Sargeant, Lieutenant	Rebecca Yon, EMT	Cheyenne Smith, Cadet



Addison County Restorative Justice Services
A Community Approach to Repairing Harm and Restoring Relationships
 P. O. Box 381, 282 Boardman Street, Middlebury, VT 05753
 Phone: 802-388-3848 Fax: 802-388-5754 Website: www.acris.org

September 15, 2020

Addison County Restorative Justice services is requesting \$90.54 in support from the Town of Hancock in the 2021/2022 budget.

ACRIS provides community restorative justice responses focusing on the "balanced approach" in meeting the needs of the victim, the community and the program participant. The goal is to help the program participant develop empathy and accept responsibility while providing compensation of loss for the victims and compensation of resources for the community. Anyone given the opportunity to participate in our programs is supported to take responsibility for their actions, connect with the community in a positive way, and learn from their experience so as not to reoffend and cause harm to yet another person.

We have expanded our programs beyond Court Diversion and the Youth Substance abuse safety Program to include the Driving with License Suspended Program, Safe Driving Program, Reparative Restorative Panels, Reentry Navigation and Circles of Support and Accountability for those reentering the community from incarceration, Pretrial Monitoring and Tamarack for those community members who have committed a crime and have a mental illness or substance use problem. All programs have the goal for the participant of instilling a sense of belonging and commitment to contribute to the Addison County Community as positive, proactive member and to not create any more victims, essentially decrease crime in the county.

The following is a breakdown of the number of individuals from the Town of Hancock who were provided services through our agency in FY 2019/2020

Court Diversion Adult:	Court Diversion Youth: 0
Youth Substance Abuse Safety Programs:	Reparative Restorative Panels: 0
Driving With License Suspended: 0	Cosa: 0
Reentry Navigation:0	Pretrial Services: 0
Tamarack: 0	Safe Driving: 0
Reparative Pretrial:0	

Thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely,

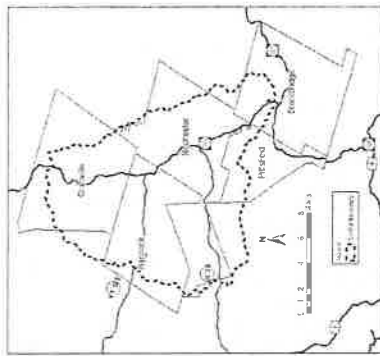
Jean A. Stone

Jean A. Stone B.A.
 Executive Director

Addison County United Way Member Agency

Upper White River Cooperative Weed Management Association 2020 Report to the Town of Hancock

2020 was the eighth year that the Upper White River Cooperative Weed Management Association conducted non-native invasive plant surveys, outreach and control projects along town roads and trails located in the Upper White River watershed. See map showing the project area boundary, below.



CWMA partners include the Green Mountain National Forest, US Fish & Wildlife Service, Vermont Department of Forests, Parks, and Recreation, Town of Rochester, and White River Partnership. The members are working together to raise awareness about and manage non-native invasive plants.

Non-native invasive plants are plants that are not originally from this area that have exhibited invasive tendencies, spreading rapidly and taking away habitat that native plants need to thrive. They have the potential to negatively impact land and water resources, recreational opportunities, biodiversity, wildlife, and property values. However, the community at large can play a hand in controlling invasive plants on their own properties and community roads through early detection and rapid response activities.

2020 Summary:

CWMA Coordination:

Grant funding was received, and despite the pandemic, a coordinator was hired, and several tasks were accomplished.

Monitoring and Control:

No new infestations were reported by either the CWMA Coordinator or Green Mountain National Forest staff in 2020, and no infestations were controlled. This was largely because National Forest staff were not able to work with the Vermont Youth Conservation Corps. in 2020, due to the pandemic. They hope to continue working with them in 2021 and expect that work to involve infestations in Hancock.

While the infestations that had been and continue to be slated for control represent only a fraction of known infestations, and many more are unmapped, they were chosen because they are either in strategic locations, or are relatively more feasible to control than others, or are part of an ongoing effort in those locations.

Education & outreach:

In late spring staff provided wild chervil management direction to landowners, towns, and road crews via Front Porch Forum. The CWMA Coordinator reached out to a few landowners, but no volunteer events were held due to the pandemic. Instead, the Coordinator is planning a virtual event for late winter, and an in-person event for late spring in 2021.

Interested landowners are encouraged to take action to control non-native invasive plants on their own properties, or to get involved with the Cooperative Weed Management Association. To get involved locally, contact MaryBeth Deller at the Green Mountain National Forest at mary.deller@usda.gov. To learn more about invasive plants in Vermont, visit the Vermont Invasives website: <http://vtinvasives.org>



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ECFiber and the Town of Hancock

Hancock is a member of the East Central Vermont Telecommunications District, a Vermont municipality whose mission is to provide internet service to homes and businesses in its area. During the past year ECFiber added almost 1,200 new customers and now serves over 5,400 premises in 30 towns via 1,200 miles of fiber-optic cable. In recent months, the district approved applications from eight municipalities, and now consists of 31 member towns. Taken together, there are about 31,500 premises in the district located on almost 2,000 miles of roads.

ECFiber, the East Central Vermont Telecommunications District, is a joint venture of 31 Vermont towns seeking to build and operate a municipally-owned universal, open access, fiber-optic telecommunications network. ECFiber is owned by its 31 member towns, and is self-sustaining through the issuance of municipal revenue bonds. Local taxpayer funds cannot be used to subsidize the District's operations.

In Hancock, ECFiber completed construction of its network in 2018. As of November, 2020, there were 67 customers with service and 38 awaiting installation.

The global pandemic has, of course, proven beyond any doubt that rural Vermonters need access to world-class broadband. ECFiber is funded entirely by customer revenues, which in turn back tax-free municipal bonds issued by the district that provide capital to build our infrastructure. We invite you to visit our website to learn more about ECFiber, and encourage you to subscribe. You won't be charged anything until we start service.

Scott Gillette and Stacey Peters, Hancock's delegates to the ECFiber Governing Board
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TRORC 2020 YEAR-END REPORT

The Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Commission is an association of 30 municipalities in east-central Vermont that is governed by a Board of Representatives appointed by each of our member towns. As advocates for our members, we seek to articulate a vision for building a thriving regional economy while enhancing the Region's quality of life. The following are highlights from 2020.

Technical Assistance on Planning Issues

Our staff provided technical services to local, state and federal levels of government and to the Region's citizens, non-profits, and businesses. TRORC staff assisted numerous towns with revisions to municipal plans, bylaws and studies.

Creative Economy and Public Health

This year, TRORC obtained Federal grant funding to support the marketing of the Region's creative economy sector. Staff hosted informational and networking events to enhance business promotion. TRORC also worked on public health projects with local hospitals and worked on including incorporating health-related goals and policies into town plans.

Emergency Management and Preparedness

TRORC staff continued to serve on the State Emergency Response Committee, providing state officials with key local information to assist emergency planning. Our Local Emergency Planning Committee efforts with local emergency responders, organizations, and town officials continued meeting the needs of our first responders. TRORC assisted several communities with updating their Local Hazard Mitigation Plans.

Energy

TRORC assisted six towns on Enhanced Energy Plans to save money for communities and further the State energy goals to meet 90% of Vermont's energy needs from renewable sources by 2050. TRORC has continued working to support town Energy Committees on energy efficiency outreach and education with funding from Efficiency Vermont.

Transportation

TRORC managed the Municipal Roads Grants-In-Aid program in our Region. This provides funding for towns to implement Best Management Practices (BMP) on municipal roads ahead of the state's forthcoming Municipal Roads General Permit provisions. Funding provides for projects including grass and stone-lined ditches, upsizing and replacement of culverts, and stabilizing catch basin outlets.

Specifically, this past year, TRORC helped complete Hancock's Local Emergency Management Plan and worked with them on the Town Plan. Staff assisted the town on the Grants in Aid Year 3 program for ditching and culvert improvements on Tucker Brook Road. Staff also provided grant application assistance for funding to replace Shampeny Hill Road.

We are committed to serving you, and welcome opportunities to assist you in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter G. Gregory, AICP, Executive Director
Jerry Fredrickson, Chairperson, Barnard

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Vermont Department of Health Local Report

Middlebury District, 2021

At the Vermont Department of Health our twelve Local Health District Offices around the state provide health services and promote wellness for all Vermonters. More info on your local health office can be found here: <https://www.healthvermont.gov/local>

COVID-19

2020 has been a challenging year for Vermonters. However, the Vermont Department of Health has been recognized as a national leader in managing the virus. This is what the Health Department has done in your community:

- COVID-19 Testing:
 - Since May 2020, the Health Department has provided no-cost Covid-19 testing. Through November 17, 2020, the Vermont Department of Health has held 509 testing clinics, testing 40,796 Vermonters. This important work helps to identify the spread of Covid-19 and is just one of the many ways your Health Department is promoting and protecting the health of Vermonters.
 - Statewide, 224,284 people have been tested as of November 30, 2020
- COVID-19 Cases:
 - As of November 25, 2020, Vermont had the fewest cases of COVID-19 and the lowest rate of cases per 100,000 population of all 50 states.
 - Statewide, as of November 30, 2020, there have been 4,172 cases of COVID-19
- Even more up-to-date information can be found on the Health Department's website: <https://www.healthvermont.gov/currentactivity>

Additional Programs

In addition to the COVID-19 response, the Health Department has programs such as influenza vaccinations and WIC.

- Flu Vaccinations: Protecting people from influenza is particularly important in 2020, as the flu may complicate recovery from COVID-19. (Data is as of November 17, 2020)
 - Approximately 213,00* Vermonters have been vaccinated against the flu this season *(Due to technology outages, flu vaccinations given are underreported by approximately 25%-33%.)
- WIC: The Women, Infants, and Children Nutrition Education and Food Supplementation Program remains in full effect, though much of the work that was done in person is now being done remotely through TeleWIC. (Data is as of October 20, 2020)
 - 11,308 infants, children, and pregnant, postpartum, and breastfeeding people were served by WIC in Vermont, either in traditional format or TeleWIC

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MINUTES OF
ANNUAL MEETING
TOWN OF HANCOCK, VERMONT
MARCH 3, 2020

Before the meeting is called to order, Senator Ruth Hardy spoke to the townspeople about the committees she's working on and things that are happening in the senate. Addison Representative Peter Colon spoke about the house representative activities, things that the house works to accomplish each year, and bills coming out of the house this year.

James Leno opens the meeting at 10:26 a.m. and reads the Warning:

The legal voters of the Town of Hancock, VT, are hereby warned to meet at the Town Hall in said town on Tuesday March 3, 2020 AD at 10:00 a.m. to act on the following business, viz.

The Pledge of Allegiance is recited before voting begins.

Article 1: To elect a moderator for the next year ensuing.

Geraldine Twitchell nominates James Leno. No further nominations. So voted.

Article 2: To elect all officers as required by law:

Selectboard Member—three-year term (by ballot)

Marge Ross nominates John Ross. Ricky Andrews nominate James Leno. James declines. Clerk casts one ballot for John Ross as Selectboard member.

Lister—three-year term (by ballot)

Emma Patterson nominates Geraldine Twitchell. Geraldine declines. Vacant

Auditor—three-year term (by ballot)

Marge Ross nominates Geraldine Twitchell. No further nominations. Clerk casts one ballot for Geraldine Twitchell as auditor.

Auditor—2-year term (by ballot)

Janet Jesso nominates Eva Jesso. Eva declines. Vacant

Constable—one-year term

Cindy Leno nominates Joe Shaw. Joe declines. Vacant

Collector of Delinquent Taxes—one-year term

Marge Ross nominates Jaime Morin. Keith Jesso nominates Jody Troumbley. Jody declines. No further nominations. So voted.

Grand Juror—one-year term

Marge Ross nominates John Ross. No further nominations. So voted.

Town Agent—one-year term

Monica Collins nominates Dan Perera. No further nominations. So voted.

Cemetery Commissioner—three-year term

Geraldine Twitchell nominates Maurice Eaton. No further nominations. So voted.

Road Commissioner—one-year term (by ballot)

Marge Ross nominates James Leno. James declines. Scott Twitchell nominates Ricky Andrews. Ricky declines. Vacant.

Library Trustee—five-year term (by ballot)

Eva Jesso nominates Rose Juliano. No further nominations. Clerk casts one ballot for Rose Juliano as library trustee.

Advisory Budget Committee—three-year term

Marge Ross nominates Eva Jesso. No further nominations. So voted.

Agent to Convey Real Estate—one-year term

John Ross nominates James Leno. No further nominations. So voted.

White River Valley Ambulance Representative—one-year term

Marge Ross nominates John Ross. No further nominations. So voted.

Article 3: Shall the voters appropriate a total of \$27,783.54 to the following social service agencies pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 2691:

Green-Up Vermont	\$50.00
Vermont Adult Learning	\$115.00
WomenSafe	\$500.00
Valley Food Shelf	\$500.00
Stagecoach	\$558.00
Central Vermont Council on Aging	\$800.00
Park House	\$500.00

Clara Martin Center	\$595.00
Visiting Nurse Alliance of VT/NH, Inc.	\$1475.00
Quin–Town Senior Center	\$2,797.00
White River Valley Ambulance (\$63 per capita)	\$19,380.00
Granville Volunteer Fire Dept. First Responders \$--- per capita)	\$323.00
Vermont Rural Fire Protection task Force	\$100.00
Addison County Restorative Justice	\$90.54
TOTAL	<u>\$27,783.54</u>

Dick Robson moves to approve article 3. Samantha Sheehan seconds. Wendell Thurston says the Granville FD appropriation should have been \$1,835. Discussion. Jim says we can amend or vote the amount listed. Moderator orders a 10-minute break; Monica Collins and Janet Jesso leave to look for the request. Reconvened at 10:49 a.m. Monica states that the request was for \$1,834.64. Geraldine Twitchell moves to amend the Granville Fire Department amount to \$1,834.64. Wendell Thurston seconds. So voted.

The new appropriation amount is \$29,295.18 Jake mentions that some appropriations were not paid out. Janet states that organizations have to submit an invoice per accountant. Jim states that the town has no legal obligation to pay by June 30 of the fiscal year. So voted.

Article 4: To hear and act upon the reports of the Hancock Town Officers.

John Ross makes a motion to accept the article. Geraldine Twitchell seconds. Discussion.

Monica speaks about a survey and corona virus info received by Two Rivers. Also census takers are needed.

Geraldine Twitchell speaks as chair of the auditors and thanked Roger and Elsie. Geraldine Twitchell speaks of report using new reporting system and learning to audit new system. She thanks Becky Klein for the help with auditing.

Dan Perera says the selectboard has started discussing the possibility of giving the upper 6/10 of a mile of Texas Falls road beyond any private property to the forest service.

Jeannette Bair comments on the format of the financial report. Geraldine responds.

Winona Walker asks about the recycling and trash fees. Monica Collin responds.

Jim says these questions would normally come up at the end.

James Leno steps out of his moderator position and asks several questions about the financial report.

Stacy Peters comments that she likes the new financial report format. She also stated that the Annual School Meeting will be May 12, 2020, at 6PM at the Granville Town Hall.

So voted.

Article 5: Shall the voters authorize the Selectboard to apply the remaining balance in the General Fund of FY 19–20 to reducing the next fiscal year’s amount to be raised by taxes.

Geraldine Twitchell makes a motion. Wendell Thurston seconds. So voted

Article 6: Shall the voters authorize the Town Treasurer to collect current taxes pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 4791, and, if so, to set the payment dates. The dates being of four equal installments dated August 15, 2020; November 15, 2020; February 15, 2021; and May 15, 2021.

Geraldine Twitchell moves. Scott Gillette seconds. So voted.

Article 7: Shall the voters authorize the Selectboard to borrow funds in anticipation of taxes to be received to meet the expenses of said town.

Wendell Thurston makes a motion. Geraldine Twitchell seconds. So voted.

Article 8: Shall the Town of Hancock appropriate the sum of \$378,323 to pay the current expenses for the general and highway funds for the ensuing twelve months, with 2020—2021 taxes becoming delinquent after May 15th, 2021, and with the County and State taxes to be paid from the general fund.

Wendell Thurston makes a motion to amend the amount to \$407,618.18. Geraldine Twitchell seconds. Discussion. Marge asks about figure. Eva Jesso clarifies. So voted.

Article 9: To transact any other non-binding business that may legally come before said meeting.

Winona Walker asks about school meeting. Stacy Peters clarifies that the Annual School Meeting is May 12, 2020, at 6PM at the Granville Town Hall.

Linda Anderson speaks for Capstone about a Working Communities planning grant.

Dorothy Robson speaks for Hancock Town Pride, reminding people about their summer concert series.

Scott Gillette speaks about a proposed cell phone tower at the Snow Bowl to be put up by First Net.

Monica Collins and Scott Gillette attended a Regional Energy Committee meeting and share information about the meeting.

John Ross moves to close the meeting. Geraldine Twitchell seconds. Meeting adjourns at 11:30 a.m.

Attest:

Judy Froumley
March 4, 2020