

PITTSFIELD, VERMONT  
Annual Town & School District Report  
For the Year Ended - December 31, 2020



## STATEMENT OF THE AUDITORS

In accordance with Sections 1681 and 1682 of Title 24 V.S.A (Vermont State Article), we have inspected and reviewed bank statements, work orders, disbursements, and check details on a monthly basis for the Town of Pittsfield for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2020. Based on the material reviewed, we conclude that the figures accurately present the financial condition of the Town and the funds in the year ended.

The Auditors would like to thank the Town Clerk/Treasurer, the Assistant Town Clerk/Treasurer, the Select Board, the School Directors, and Town Officials for their professional work ethic and commitment to serving the Town of Pittsfield as well as their contributions to the Town Report.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rebecca Steward 2023  
Martha Beyersdorf 2021  
Beth Stanton 2021

## ABOUT THE COVER



Front cover: *At The Town Hall, 12 x 16, oil on canvas*

The artist, Carolyn Ann Steward, has generously donated the work to the Town Clerk's Office and it can be viewed there. To learn more about her work or purchase a painting visit [www.carolynannsteward.simplesite.com](http://www.carolynannsteward.simplesite.com). Carolyn is a local artist whose studio is located in central Vermont. She has been painting Vermont scenery and portraits for over forty years. Carolyn does commissioned work from your photograph, elevating them into a piece of art. Anyone interested in having a photograph transformed into a painting is encouraged to contact her at [carolynannsteward@gmail.com](mailto:carolynannsteward@gmail.com).

## TOWN MEETING

**Town Meeting 2021 will be done by Australian Ballot on March 2, 2021 8am-7pm at the Town Office.**

**There will be an informational meeting via TEAMS on Saturday, February 27, 2021 at 10 am.**

**For more information visit:  
[www.pittsfieldvt.com](http://www.pittsfieldvt.com)  
Or call the  
Town Clerk's Office: 802-746-8170**

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**TOWN OF PITTSFIELD  
REMOTE PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL HEARING  
NOTICE and AGENDA  
Saturday, February 27, 2021 10AM**

The Select Board for the Town of Pittsfield will hold a public informational hearing by electronic means via Microsoft Teams on **Saturday, February 27, 2021 at 10 a.m.** to discuss the Australian ballot articles on the 2021 Town Meeting Warning.

**Information on how to access the remote hearing:**

- By computer: Go to the Town website [pittsfieldvt.com](http://pittsfieldvt.com). On the homepage under 2021 Town Meeting click on "CLICK HERE TO JOIN THE MEETING". You may have to have to download the free Teams app or sign into your existing Teams account.
- By smartphone, tablet, or other device: Go to the Town website [pittsfieldvt.com](http://pittsfieldvt.com). On the homepage under 2021 Town Meeting click on "CLICK HERE TO JOIN THE MEETING". Either download the app or join the meeting if you already have the app.
- By telephone: Dial 1-323-673-4442. When prompted enter the meeting ID: 323510481

Please review our "Pittsfield Informational Meeting Participation" handout to understand how these electronic hearings will be managed. If you wish to make a public comment but do not have the ability to comment remotely during the meeting, please email your comment(s) to Tricia Fryer at [TownClerk@PittsfieldVT.com](mailto:TownClerk@PittsfieldVT.com)

To ensure smooth access, we recommend that you test your remote hearing software in advance of the meeting. **If you have difficulty accessing the hearing, please call 1-802-746-8170 or email [TownClerk@PittsfieldVT.com](mailto:TownClerk@PittsfieldVT.com)**

**AGENDA**

**Call to Order** by Select Board Chair

**Welcome & Participation Instructions**

**Agenda Modifications:**

**New Business (Moderator)**

1. **Review and discuss Article 3:** Will the voters of Pittsfield authorize all current taxes be paid to the Treasurer unless otherwise noted?
2. **Review and discuss Article 4:** Will the voters of Pittsfield authorize the Treasurer to collect taxes on real property in two installments, on or before the third Thursday of August and the third Thursday of November, by physical delivery to the tax collector before 5 pm?
3. **Review and discuss Article 5:** Will the voters of Pittsfield reallocate the Pittsfield Volunteer Fire & Rescue SCBA Reserve Fund for Equipment and deposit \$2,100 from general fund surplus in this Equipment Reserve Fund?
4. **Review and discuss Article 6:** Will the voters of Pittsfield deposit \$90,400 from general fund surplus in the PVF&R Truck Reserve Fund?
5. **Review and discuss Article 7:** Will the voters of Pittsfield deposit \$25,000 from general fund surplus in the Town Hall Reserve Fund to complete Phase One and Phase Two repairs?
6. **Review and discuss Article 8:** Will the voters of Pittsfield deposit \$67,000 from general fund surplus in the Highway Equipment Reserve Fund for a grader?
7. **Review and discuss Article 9:** Will the voters of Pittsfield establish a reserve fund to be called Town Office Maintenance and deposit \$7,500 from general fund surplus in the fund for repairs and maintenance?
8. **Review and discuss Article 10:** Shall the voters of Pittsfield withdraw from the White River Alliance Solid Waste program and approve the terms and conditions of an agreement to join the union municipal district known as the Rutland County Solid Waste District?

**TOWN OF PITTSFIELD  
REMOTE PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL HEARING  
NOTICE and AGENDA, continued**

9. **Review and discuss Article 11:** Will the voters of Pittsfield approve the proposed budget to meet the expenses and liabilities of the town?
10. **Review and discuss Article 12:** Will the voters of Pittsfield authorize the Select Board to buy and sell real estate?

**Discussion of other non-binding business  
Motion to Adjourn**

**Annual School Meeting  
AGENDA**

**Call to Order** by School Board Chair

**New Business: (Moderator)**

1. **Article 2.** To see if the Pittsfield School District will vote to pay taxes in the same manner as the Town.
2. **Article 3.** Shall the voters of the Pittsfield School District approve a total budget in the amount of \$1,014,329 for the 2021-22 school year? It is estimated that this proposed budget will result in education spending of \$14,649 per equalized pupil. This projected spending is 11% lower than spending for the current year.
3. **Article 4.** To elect a School Director for a three-year term.

**Discussion of other non-binding business**

**Motion to Adjourn**

## **PITTSFIELD INFORMATION HEARING PARTICIPATION HANDOUT**

### **Remote Public Informational Hearing**

The public informational hearing will be conducted remotely via electronic means on Microsoft Teams on Saturday, February 27, 2021 beginning at 10am. The public will also be able to access and participate in the remote hearing by dialing in through telephone, computer or device.

### **Accessing the Hearing**

Please refer to the hearing notice and agenda for information on how to access the remote hearing. Please note that whether you join by telephone, computer, or device, you may be put on hold or in a waiting “room” until granted access to the hearing. You also may be muted or restricted from using any chat function until the public comment portion of the hearing.

### **Participation**

The Select Board will follow its agenda and allow public attendees to participate through voice (audio) means where feasible or alternatively using any chat function during the public comment period after each Article is read and at other applicable times as needed.

Initially, the hearing host/organizer will mute all participants. This is necessary to control background noise. The host/organizer will then unmute participants or allow participants to unmute themselves when invited to speak by the Moderator.

### **Please review the following guidelines:**

- **The Moderator will invite comment after each Article is read.**
- **To ask a question or make a comment please state your name or click on the “raise your hand” icon on your TEAMS computer screen.**
- **When the Moderator calls on you (each and every time) please state your full name before commenting.**

When the Select Board adjourns the hearing, the host/organizer will end the electronic hearing by turning off/closing the remote hearing software. Attendees will be automatically disconnected.

Minutes and other public records that were part of the hearing will be made available in accordance with VT’s Open Meeting and Public Records Laws.

## WARNING

### TOWN OF PITTSFIELD ANNUAL TOWN MEETING AND ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING March 2, 2021

We hereby notify the legal voters of the Town of Pittsfield to meet in the Town Offices in said Town on March 2, 2021 from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. to transact the following business by Australian Ballot:

**Article 1.** To elect a town moderator for the ensuing year.

**Article 2.** To elect the following officers, as required by law, for the terms indicated and to fill any other office vacant:

	Terms (Years)
a) Select Person	3
b) Select Person	1
c) Lister	3
d) Auditor	3
e) Auditor	1
f) Trustee of Public Funds	3
g) Trustee Roger Clark Memorial Library	3
h) First Constable	2
i) Cemetery Commissioner	3
j) Cemetery Commissioner	3
k) Collector of Delinquent Taxes	1

**Article 3.** Will the voters of Pittsfield authorize all current taxes be paid to the Treasurer unless otherwise noted?

**Article 4.** Will the voters of Pittsfield authorize the Treasurer to collect taxes on real property in two installments, on or before the third Thursday of August and the third Thursday of November, by physical delivery to the tax collector before 5 pm?

**Article 5.** Will the voters of Pittsfield reallocate the Pittsfield Volunteer Fire & Rescue SCBA Reserve Fund for Equipment and deposit \$2,100 from general fund surplus in this Equipment Reserve Fund?

**Article 6.** Will the voters of Pittsfield deposit \$90,400 from general fund surplus in the PVF&R Truck Reserve Fund?

**Article 7.** Will the voters of Pittsfield deposit \$25,000 from general fund surplus in the Town Hall Reserve Fund to complete Phase One and Phase Two repairs?

**Article 8.** Will the voters of Pittsfield deposit \$67,000 from general fund surplus in the Highway Equipment Reserve Fund for a grader?

**Article 9.** Will the voters of Pittsfield establish a reserve fund to be called Town Offices Maintenance and deposit \$7,500 from general fund surplus in the fund for repairs and maintenance?

**Article 10.** Shall the voters of Pittsfield withdraw from the White River Alliance Solid Waste program and approve the terms and conditions of an agreement to join the union municipal district known as the Rutland County Solid Waste District?

**Article 11.** Will the voters of Pittsfield approve the proposed budget to meet the expenses and liabilities of the town?

**Article 12.** Will the voters of Pittsfield authorize the Select Board to buy and sell real estate?

## WARNING

### TOWN OF PITTSFIELD ANNUAL TOWN MEETING AND ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING, continued

#### ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING

**Article 1.** To elect a moderator for the ensuing year.

**Article 2.** To see if the Pittsfield School District will vote to pay taxes in the same manner as the Town.

**Article 3.** Shall the voters of the Pittsfield School District approve a total budget in the amount of \$1,014,329 for the 2021-22 school year? It is estimated that this proposed budget will result in education spending of \$14,649 per equalized pupil. This projected spending is 11% lower than spending for the current year.

**Article 4.** To elect a School Director for a three-year term.

Polls open Tuesday, March 2, 2021 from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Dated at Pittsfield, Vermont this 25th day of January 2021.

By the Select Board members of the Town of Pittsfield

S/Ann Kuendig, Chair

s/Joyce Stevens

s/Mona Colton

By the School Board members of the Town of Pittsfield

S/Kris Sperber

s/Ray Rice

s/Peter Dubos

Received for record this 26th day of January 2021 at 9:00 am.

Attest: s/Tricia L Fryer, Town Clerk

#### **Notice to Voters**

*If you are not already a registered voter in the Town of Pittsfield, please register to vote if you are eighteen or over, are a U.S. citizen, and a resident of this town. Eligible residents can register to vote at the Town Office on any day prior to the election during regular business hours.*

## ANNUAL PITTSFIELD SELECT BOARD REPORT

*“Tough times don’t last, Tough People do.”*

In a year that has seen unprecedented worldwide loss of lives, jobs, business, learning, and togetherness, our community has shown remarkable strength in overcoming hardships inflicted by the pandemic. We members of the Board hope you will agree after reading about all that Pittsfield accomplished during a year most just want to write off.

In early 2020, the Board adopted new ways to carry out our responsibilities without sacrificing our primary goals--to conduct all town business and budget deliberations in well publicized open meetings in an effort to be more transparent and accountable to you the taxpayer.

All regular and special meetings were conducted virtually with public access by telephone and electronically recorded. An easy to use link for taxpayers to listen to recordings was included in written minutes which were published on the Town Website and on social media sites.

Board members began budget deliberations early last fall with an eye on scrutinizing all line items. We set a schedule of hearings that was advertised well in advance to give taxpayers an opportunity to participate. Many budget items were cut or reduced to reflect more realistic anticipated expenditures. The Board also eliminated this year’s contributions to several reserve funds that have been building up deposits year after year and were not being utilized. The Board researched ways to reduce big ticket items such as the Solid Waste Management Program Fee. Voters will have an opportunity to eliminate the entire proposed \$6,700 membership fee by supporting the Article to join the Rutland County Solid Waste District which does not charge to become a member.

As part of our budget discussions, we requested town department heads come up with a five year look ahead for their capital improvement needs and then met with them to review their plans. Many of the Articles included in this year’s Warning indicate the Boards desire to reverse years of deferred maintenance of Town buildings and replacement of vehicles and equipment which historically results in costlier repair bills. Implementing a capital improvement plan where we can put funds away each year to pay for large expenditures will minimize fluctuations in the tax rate and reduce the need to incur additional debt.

While most are looking to 2021 to recover economic losses from the pandemic, Pittsfield withstood the assault on municipal finances and in fact, was heavily engaged in rebuilding efforts last year.

Board members are especially proud of the speed in which we worked to apply for federal mitigation funding grants, secure permits and environmental testing, and put out construction bids to finalize the FEMA buyout of 236 Lower Michigan and four town assets damaged in the April 2019 flood. Three projects were completed by mid-October and the Town has already received federal reimbursements. Installing a heftier culvert on Upper Michigan and repairing eroded riverbank in the lower cemetery is slated for this summer. Many thanks to George Deblon who put together the bids and oversaw the construction. We couldn’t have done it without you!

The Pittsfield Town Hall Building Committee moved ahead on Phase One of renovations approved at last year’s Town Meeting to re-open Town Hall by re-supporting the first-floor system. Herb Kuendig, Carl Oertel, Glenn Reinauer, Ray Colton, Mike Moran, Tim Carter and Jeremy Rayner met every other week since August to secure a structural design, break down the project into manageable contracts and hire contractors. In barn-raising style, committee members and other volunteers packed up the kitchen, prepared the downstairs for construction and hauled away debris. This is what community service is all about! Thank you.

In other capital improvements, the playground got new sand, swings and a fence and construction of the new Town Sand Shed should begin this summer and (at this writing) is currently under-budget.

Lastly, the Board updated a number of town policies, the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan and amended the Parking Ordinance to add several overnight parking spaces as well as the Dog Ordinance to address enforcement issues.

Our hope is that by mid-year, life in our community can return to some semblance of normal. But consider this. If we were able to accomplish all this under severe restrictive conditions, imagine how much more we can achieve working together face to face in 2021.

Please stay safe.

Ann Kuendig  
Chair

Mona Colton  
Vice-Chair

Joyce Stevens

## TOWN CLERK AND TREASURER REPORT

As I reflect on the year 2020, I recall what an unusual year it was for all of us. We all saw our challenges, personal and professional alike, and collectively felt the uncertainty of the world around us. I am grateful that I was able to continue my daily routine at the Town Office despite the challenges that Covid-19 presented. Thank you for your understanding when the Clerk's office was "open by appointment only" for the safety of our community.

As you are aware, the Town was tasked with much work after the Late April 2019 Flood and took out a loan which enabled us to proceed while waiting for FEMA to fund us. I am thrilled to report that FEMA has reimbursed us for all work that has been completed and funded us in advance for some of the work that will be done in the summer of 2021. The funds were immediately credited to the loan and the advance for next year's project sits in the General Fund. The loan will continue to be drawn on and paid down as there is still a permanent culvert to be installed on Upper Michigan Road.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my Board of Civil Authority and Election staff as this year Elections presented their own challenges around COVID-19. The staff came together as a strong team and helped make my job as Presiding Officer run smoothly while allowing you all as registered voter's safe options around voting this year. The Town of Pittsfield's voters turned out in record numbers this November, 80.1% of the voter checklist made their vote count!

The transition of the Pittsfield Volunteer Fire and Rescue and Roger Clark Memorial Library financials to the Town Treasurer was completed in 2020. In working alongside both departments I would like to especially thank Caleb Hawley and Cynthia Bryant for always making themselves available to me to ensure the transition was a smooth one. You will notice in the Town Report that the financials for both departments are now included with the rest of the funds I am responsible for.

During the summer of 2020 a new Assistant Clerk/Treasurer, Louis Cocci, was introduced to the office. He is dedicated, committed, and learning more each day. Louis very much enjoys recording transactions in the land records, an important responsibility of the position. Thank you to Louis for working alongside me each day!

In closing, I would like to thank you all for re-electing me last March as your Clerk/Treasurer. I appreciate the confidence you have in me and promise to continue to work hard serving the Town of Pittsfield. As I always appreciate your input, please continue to contact me with questions, comments and suggestions!

Respectfully submitted,  
Tricia L Fryer  
Town Clerk/Treasurer  
Town of Pittsfield



**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**  
**Town of Pittsfield**

Tuesday March 3, 2020-Wednesday March 4, 2020 (summarized)  
(Complete Minutes on record at the Town Office)

Moderator, George Deblon, called the Pittsfield Annual Town Meeting to order at 6:00pm. Approximately 111 people were in attendance at the Pittsfield Federated Church. George led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Article 1. To elect a town moderator for the ensuing year.** George Deblon elected.

**Article 2. Pittsfield School District warning was acted upon at this time.** (See separate minutes) The Town Meeting was reconvened at 6:15 and the articles warned by the Select Board were acted upon at this time.

**Article 3. To receive the reports of the town officers for the year of 2019.** Motion carried.

**Article 4. To elect the following officers, as required by law, for the terms indicated and to fill any other office vacant:**

- a. **Select Person for three years.** Joyce Stevens
- b. **Lister for three years.** Elizabeth Warner
- c. **Lister for two years.** Jeremy Rayner
- d. **Auditor for three years.** Rebecca Steward
- e. **Auditor for two years.** Martha Beyersdorf
- f. **Auditor for one year.** Charles Piso
- g. **Trustee of Public Funds for three years.** Henry Hotchkiss
- h. **Trustee of Roger Clark Memorial Library for three years.** Erica Hurd
- i. **Second Constable for two years.** Doug Mianulli
- j. **Grand Juror for one year.** Sandy Begin
- k. **Town Agent for one year.** AJ Ruben
- l. **Cemetery Commissioner for three years.** George Deblon
- m. **Cemetery Commissioner for three years.** Marylee Stevens
- n. **Collector of Delinquent Taxes for one year.** Janice Stumpf
- o. **Town Clerk for three years.** Tricia Fryer
- p. **Town Treasurer for three years.** Tricia Fryer
- q. **Fire Chief for two years.** Dave Colton

**Article 5. Will the voters of Pittsfield authorize all current taxes be paid to the Treasurer unless otherwise noted?** Motion carried

**Article 6. Will the voters of Pittsfield authorize the Treasurer to collect taxes on real property in two installments, on or before the third Thursday of August and the third Thursday of November, by physical delivery to the tax collector by 5pm?** Motion carried

**Article 7. Will the voters of Pittsfield authorize \$20,000.00 to be placed in the reserve fund for Highway Equipment?** Motion carried

**Article 8. Will the voters of Pittsfield authorize \$4,000.00 to be placed in a reserve fund for SCBA Equipment?** Motion carried

**Article 9. Will the voters of Pittsfield authorize \$2,500.00 to be placed in a reserve fund for a Fire Truck?** Motion carried

**Article 10. Will the voters of Pittsfield authorize \$30,000.00 for Phase One of the Town Hall Repairs as recommended by the Town Hall Committee?** Motion carried

**Article 11. Will the voters of Pittsfield approve the proposed budget to meet the expenses and liabilities of the town?** Article passed

## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, continued

**Article12. Shall the voters of Pittsfield prohibit the town constables from exercising any law enforcement authority, in accordance with 24.V.S.A§ 1936(a)(1)?** Article passed

**Article13. Will the voters of Pittsfield authorize the Select Board to buy and sell real estate?**  
Motion carried

**Article14. To discuss any non-binding business which may properly come before the meeting?** A question was raised on who can set the time for Town Meeting, Charles explained that the Select Board is able to set the time and that it was set by them this year and would remain at 6:00P.M.

The church was thanked for hosting us. Bruce spoke about how the Town Hall used to stand where the church now sits. Amanda Barrett suggested a microphone to assist the hard of hearing be taken into consideration. A question was raised about the delinquent taxes that are going up each year and it was explained that Janice was not present to remark. Charles thanked the Road Commissioner, Town Clerk/Treasurer, Assistant Town Clerk/Treasurer and Patty Haskins for all the work that was done around the April Flood. It was asked when the next Tax Reappraisal was scheduled; Betty Warner explained that they would like to see it for the 2022 Grand List year.

The 2020 Annual Town Meeting was adjourned at 7:46P.M.

Recorded by: s/Tricia L Fryer, Town Clerk

Approved by: s/Charles Piso, Select Board Chair; s/George Deblon, Moderator

## 2020 ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS

### Auditors

(3-year terms)  
 Charles Piso (resigned) 2021  
 Beth Stanton (appointed) 2021  
 Martha Beyersdorf 2021  
 Rebecca Steward 2023

### Cemetery Commissioners

(3-year terms)  
 Chuck Colton 2021  
 Steve Martin 2021  
 Connie Martin 2022  
 George Deblon 2023  
 Mary Lee Stevens 2023

### Constable, First

(2-year term)  
 Tim Hunt 2021

### Constable, Second

(2-year term)  
 Doug Mianulli 2022

### Delinquent Tax Collector

(1-year term)  
 Janice Stumpf 2021

### Fire Chief

(2-year term)  
 David Colton 2022

### Grand Juror

(1-year term)  
 Sandy Begin 2021

### Justices of the Peace

(2-year terms commencing 2/1/2021)  
 George Deblon 2023  
 A. J. Ruben 2023  
 Beth Stanton 2023  
 Peter Borden 2023  
 Brian Smith 2023

### Listers

(3-year terms)  
 Herbert Kuendig 2021  
 Martha Beyersdorf (resigned) 2022  
 Jeremy Rayner 2022  
 Elizabeth Warner 2023

### Moderator

(1-year term)  
 George Deblon 2021

### School Directors

(3-year terms)  
 Kristin Sperber 2021  
 Peter DuBois 2022  
 Raymond Rice 2023

### School District Treasurer

(3-year term)  
 Tricia Fryer 2023

### Select Board

(3-year terms)  
 Ann Kuendig 2021  
 Matt Corron (resigned) 2022  
 Mona Colton (appointed) 2022  
 Joyce Stevens 2023

### Town Agent

(1-year term)  
 AJ Ruben 2021

### Town Clerk

(3-year term)  
 Tricia Fryer 2023

### Town Treasurer

(3-year term)  
 Tricia Fryer 2023

### Trustees of Public Funds

(3-year terms)  
 Sandy Begin 2021  
 Kelly Ziegler 2022  
 Henry Hotchkiss 2023

### Trustees of the Roger Clark Memorial Library

(3-year terms)  
 Cynthia Bryant 2021  
 Coral Hawley 2022  
 Elizabeth Warner 2022  
 Amanda Barrett 2022  
 Erica Hurd 2023

**2020 APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS**  
**Appointed by the Select Board**

**Civil Defense**

David Colton 2021  
 Greg Martin 2021

**Contracting Officer**

Sarah Gray 2021

**E911 Coordinator**

Herb Kuendig (resigned) 2020  
 Michelle Hunt 2021

**EC Fibernet Delegates**

**Vacant** 2021  
 Elizabeth Warner, Alt. 2021

**Emergency Management  
 Co-Coordinators**

Doug Mianulli 2021  
 Vacant 2021  
 Herb Kuendig (resigned) 2020  
 Charles Piso (resigned) 2020

**Energy Coordinator**

Matt Corron 2021

**Green Up Coordinators**

Rebecca Steward 2021  
 Maggie Rice 2021

**Local Emergency Planning  
 Commission**

Tricia Fryer (resigned) 2020  
 Position Eliminated 6/2/2020

**Park Commissioner**

Connie Martin 2021

**Planning & Zoning Commission**

Marsha Hopkins 2021  
 Jennifer Howard 2021  
 Micheline Bissell 2022  
 Sarah Gallagher 2022  
 Charles Piso (resigned) 2023  
 Tim Carter 2023

**Road Commissioner**

George Deblon 2021

**TAC Representative**

George Deblon 2021

**Town Forest Fire Warden**

Ray Colton June 30, 2022

**Tree Warden**

Jeremy Rayner 2021

**Two Rivers Regional Planning  
 Commission Representative**

Herb Kuendig (resigned) 2020  
 Sarah Gallagher (appointed) 2021

**Unemployment Compensation  
 Coordinator**

Tricia Fryer 2021

**White River Valley Ambulance  
 Representative**

Martha Beyersdorf 2021

**Zoning Administrator**

AJ Ruben 2021

**Zoning Board of Adjustment**

Herb Kuendig 2021  
 Vacant 2021  
 Vacant 2022  
 David Larkin 2022  
 Don Bass 2023

**Appointed by Town Clerk/Treasurer**

**Assistant School District Treasurer**

Louis Cocci 2021

**Assistant Town Clerk**

Louis Cocci 2021

**Assistant Town Treasurer**

Louis Cocci 2021

**Deputy Registrars**

Gary Clifford 2021  
 Randy Garner 2021  
 Lawrence Davignon 2021  
 Connie Martin 2021

**Appointed by State Health Officer**

**Health Officer**

Rebecca Steward September 30, 2021

## PITTSFIELD BOARD OF LISTERS

The Board of Listers maintains and updates Pittsfield's Grand List while providing information and processing data as required by the VT State Tax Department. We do this while also working with both the VT State Tax Department and our own Pittsfield Town Clerk's office.

**Reappraisal:** Pittsfield has contracted with New England Municipal Resource Center (NEMRC) to conduct an appraisal of residential and commercial properties. NEMRC will begin in July 2021, with the project completing in time for the July 2022 tax season. This process includes making the results of the work visible to individual property owners in two ways in 2022. Respective property owners will be provided with access to the results of their own property appraisal online with an opportunity to give feedback to NEMRC. When the process is complete, a document/booklet will be prepared and made available to all property owners, showing the resulting values of all taxable properties in Pittsfield.

**Reappraisal funding:** There is an account, Reappraisal ICS Savings, funded annually by a state payment for each property. It has grown to an amount which will cover the contract agreement with NEMRC plus additional costs for supplies and equipment.

### *What listers will be doing over the next year (2021):*

**Ongoing thru April 30, 2021:** The usual cycle of identifying properties with additions, improvements, or deletions requiring an inspection and subsequent update of value based on collecting data, such as measurements and materials. Capturing that data and recalculating the value of the property results in a Change Notification sent to the property owner. The inspection work is typically completed by the end of April with owner notification of changes in early May. Property owners will be taxed on the value of their property as of April 1, 2021.

**Conduct Grievance Hearings requested by property owners:** This will happen in late May or early June. The hearings are followed by notifying the property owner of decisions made.

**June-July 2021:** Finalizing and then turning the Grand List over to the town followed by preparation for and creation of Tax Bills.

**Ongoing verification and processing of data affecting property taxes:** This would be processing Property Tax Transfer Reports which result from property sales, Current Use, Homestead Declarations, and State Tax Payments and running routine reports. In addition, we'll be preparing for and supporting the reappraisal project.

**Ongoing funding:** The 2021 budget request closely matches last year's approved request. The actual 2020 expenses (vs 2020 budget) were unusually low due to donated hours and less than usual inspection activities.

Respectfully submitted,  
Betty Warner, Herb Kuendig, Jeremy Rayner

## **HEALTH OFFICER**

This year has been a quiet one for the town's Health Officer with no complaints to report.

As always remember to check your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors in your home and rental properties.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rebecca Steward

## **PITTSFIELD PLANNING COMMISSION**

The Planning Commission welcomed two Select Board appointments this year, Tim Carter and Micheline Bissell. We are currently working with Two Rivers Ottauquechee Regional Commission on two projects: a grant application for a generator for the Town Office building, and the revision of the Town Plan, due in 2023. The 2015 Town Plan was a comprehensive project so this revision is much less in scope, though we are doing a thorough review and adding new sections as required. We have begun our review and you will hear more about this as we progress.

The public is always welcome at our meetings, which are held on the second Tuesday of January, April, July and October at 6:30 p.m., unless otherwise posted. Due to Covid, we are currently meeting remotely and that information is posted with the agenda.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Gallagher, Marsha Hopkins, Jennifer Howard, Micheline Bissell, Tim Carter

## **ZONING ADMINISTRATOR**

The town of Pittsfield has adopted Flood Hazard Area Regulations in order to protect you and your neighbor's property from flood damage. Copies of the regulations are available for your review at the Town office and on-line.

If your property is near any brook, stream, river or other body of water it may be within a Designated Flood Hazard Area (DFHA) because it is susceptible to flooding and severe damage. Development in a DFHA is restricted and requires review. Links to maps showing DFHA's in Pittsfield and required forms can be found at <http://www.pittsfieldvt.com/building--zoning-permits-forms--applications.html>.

In 2020 the Zoning Administrator received one Zoning Permit Application and determined that the proposed development was not in a DFHA so that no permit was required. Thank you for your consideration of this report and for abiding by our Flood Hazard Regulations. If you have questions, please contact me through our Town Office.

A.J. Ruben, Pittsfield Zoning Administrator

TOWN OF PITTSFIELD  
DELINQUENT TAX LIST  
As of December 31, 2020

	2020	2019	2018	2017 Previous	TOTAL
BEYERSDORF, JAMES B & MARTHA L	654.19				654.19
CORRON, MATTHEW S & CLAIRETTA L	178.72				178.72
MADR, JASON	620.60	593.04	568.16	2.43	1784.23
BROCKLEHURST, PAMELA D	2657.24				2657.24
ZUBKUS, MIRGA	4613.20				4613.20
SAMSON, KATI L ET AL	651.64	622.68			1274.32
GAIKO, JOSEPH & ALLISON	348.67				348.67
WIESEN, SLOAN C	1100.54	1051.66			2152.20
MINIB LLC	2941.69				2941.69
O'BRIEN LORIBETH	1142.58	576.68			1719.26
CHAMPINE, WAYNE & GARY	7.42				7.42
USHER, KRISTY S	27.93				27.93
FITZSIMMONS, MATTHEW D	1336.26				1336.26
LOTHROP, WENDY	868.84	415.13			1283.97
STEVENS, REGINALD	250.30				250.30
BERG, CHRISTOPHER R	1361.20	1300.74	43.88		2705.82
BOWEN, JACK	612.97				612.97
STAUFFER, WAYNE R	4778.70				4778.70
LIVESEY, JUDITH	139.79				139.79
NARDONE, ARDIS C TRUST	1067.45				1067.45
VAN METER KELLEY & LAUREN	4742.49				4742.49
BRIGHAM, WALTER S	0.62				0.62

I am working with our new attorney and the selectboard to find solutions to get the following properties off our delinquent tax list.

BHH ASSOCIATES	43.44	41.50	39.76	36.82	818.22	979.74
TIFFANY, PATRICIA ANN (GILL)	1245.36	1190.02	1140.12	1055.54	8938.56	13569.60
WATKINS, HARRY J ET AL	862.64	824.32	789.76	731.16	10287.01	13494.89

Respectfully submitted,  
Janice Stumpf  
Delinquent Tax Collector

32254.46    \$6,615.77    \$2,581.68    \$1,825.95    \$20,043.79    \$63,321.67

## STATEMENT OF DELINQUENT TAXES

Delinquent December 31, 2019	\$78,721.05
Adjustments	1,113.78
Abate Small amounts due	-1.22
Delinquent November 20, 2020	<u>98,478.87</u>
<b>Total Delinquent November 20, 2019</b>	<b>\$178,312.48</b>
Total Collected 2020	<u>(114,990.81)</u>
<b>Total Delinquent December 31, 2020</b>	<b><u>\$63,321.67</u></b>

**EXPLANATION OF THE 2020 GRAND LIST**

	<u>Listed Value</u>	<u>Grand List 1% of Total</u>
Real Estate	\$102,455,500.00	\$1,024,555.00
<b>Statement of Current Taxes</b>	<b>Tax Rate</b>	<b>X Grand List =</b>
Year Ended December 31, 2020		<b>Taxes Raised</b>
Municipal	0.5635	1,024,555.00
Homestead School	1.5705	332,741.00
Non-Resident School	1.5052	691,814.00
<b>Total Taxes Billed 7/15/20</b>		<b>2,141,222.14</b>
<b>2020 Taxes Accounted For</b>		
Current Taxes Collected		1,902,467.38
Delinquent November 19, 2020		98,478.87
Homestead State Payments		153,668.70
2020 Late Filed Penalties Collected		(401.17)
Municipal Portion State Tax Adjustment		(10,244.00)
State Tax Adjustment Refunded to Owner(s)		2,982.64
2020 Late Filed Tax Difference		(3,327.86)
Town Penalty Payments from State		30.00
Abate small amounts due		(1.28)
2020 Tax Abatement 8/4/2020		(1,274.83)
Eliminate Small Credits		4.01
Refund/Reverse charge to principle		(46.54)
Homestead Adjustments		(1,113.78)
<b>Total 2020 Taxes Accounted For</b>		<b>\$2,141,222.14</b>

**CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE  
AND COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEETS**

**GENERAL FUND**

<b>Fund Balance December 31, 2020</b>	
Checking	\$47,546.91
Holding Account	\$754,454.32
Petty Cash	\$102.20
<b>Total Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$802,103.43</b>

<b>Beginning Balance January 1, 2020</b>	<b>\$631,135.10</b>
Revenue for 2020	\$2,753,306.41
Expenses for 2020	<u>-\$2,582,338.08</u>
<b>Ending Balance December 31, 2020</b>	<b>\$802,103.43</b>

Reserved-2nd install. FY2019 State Education Property Tax Liability	\$221,989.09
Reserved FEMA funds for Cemetery Project	\$11,660.91
Unreserved	<u>\$568,453.43</u>
<b>Ending Balance December 31, 2020</b>	<b>\$802,103.43</b>
<b>Change in Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$170,968.33</b>

**HIGHWAY FUND**

<b>Fund Balance December 31, 2020</b>	
ICS Savings	\$324,228.81
Checking	<u>-\$6,390.29</u>
<b>Total Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$317,838.52</b>

<b>Beginning Balance January 1, 2020</b>	<b>\$320,067.42</b>
Revenue for 2019	\$252,569.85
Expenses for 2019	<u>-\$254,798.75</u>
<b>Ending Balance December 31, 2020</b>	<b>\$317,838.52</b>
<b>Change in Fund Balance</b>	<b>(\$2,228.90)</b>

**CEMETERY FUND**

<b>Fund Balance December 31, 2020</b>	
ICS Savings	\$12,934.97
Checking	<u>\$3,308.12</u>
<b>Total Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$16,243.09</b>

<b>Beginning Balance January 1, 2020</b>	<b>\$13,316.97</b>
Revenue for 2019	\$4,266.17
Expenses for 2019	<u>-\$1,340.05</u>
<b>Ending Balance December 31, 2020</b>	<b>\$16,243.09</b>
<b>Change in Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$2,926.12</b>

**CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE  
AND COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEETS,  
continued**

<b>Roger Clark Memorial Library</b>	
<b>Fund Balance December 31, 2020</b>	
Checking	<u>\$2,434.57</u>
<b>Total Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$2,434.57</b>
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<b>Beginning Balance January 1, 2020</b>	<b>\$2,439.19</b>
Revenue for 2020	\$4,800.00
Expenses for 2020	<u><del>-\$4,804.62</del></u>
<b>Ending Balance December 31, 2020</b>	<b>\$2,434.57</b>
<b>Change in Fund Balance</b>	<b>(\$4.62)</b>
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<b>Pittsfield Volunteer Fire &amp; Rescue</b>	
<b>Fund Balance December 31, 2020</b>	
Checking	<u>\$11,194.47</u>
<b>Total Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$11,194.47</b>
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<b>Beginning Balance January 1, 2020</b>	<b>\$11,340.06</b>
Revenue for 2020	\$18,850.00
Expenses for 2020	<u><del>-\$18,995.59</del></u>
<b>Ending Balance December 31, 2019</b>	<b>\$11,194.47</b>
<b>Change in Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$145.59</b>
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## REVENUES AND RECEIPTS

	2018 Actual	2019 Actual	2020 Budget	2020 Actual	2021 Proposed
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>					
Current Taxes	1,640,435.92	1,681,205.72		1,902,467.38	
Current Tax Interest	867.77	892.29		564.43	
Delinquent Taxes	78,197.15	83,177.04		114,990.81	
Delinquent Tax Interest	2,982.90	3,031.33		5,348.83	
Dog Licenses	406.00	390.00	400.00	366.00	400.00
State Rabies Fee/Neuter Surchg	600.00	585.00		525.00	
Pet Dealer Permits	25.00	-			
Breeding/Special License	30.00	-			
Liquor Licenses	460.00	460.00	460.00	350.00	350.00
Town Clerk Fees	7,187.80	8,456.45	6,000.00	11,432.50	6,000.00
Interest - General Fund	6,462.87	7,574.93	5,500.00	4,355.18	5,000.00
Interest - Restricted Funds	2,320.40	2,278.82	1,835.00	1,927.92	344.00
Photo Copies	68.35	69.15	30.00	74.10	30.00
Marriage Licenses	500.00	400.00		100.00	
Municipal Planning Grant		-			4,370.00
Miscellaneous	1,562.51	32.11			
Record Preservation	773.00	980.50		2,956.00	
State Reimbursement Prop Tax Billing	120.00				
Current Use Payment	9,615.00	11,417.00	11,417.00	12,358.00	12,457.00
Fax	2.00				
Overpayments	5,571.64	4,513.04		7,372.58	
Delinquent Tax Penalty	6,255.80	6,568.11		8,877.52	
Interfund Transfers		49,266.85		2.97	
ACH Payment error by VT	53,000.56	63,061.14		88,290.24	
Postage Reimbursement	13.40				
Town Hall Grant		500.00	250.00	250.00	
Road Fines	250.50	106.50		37.50	
Donations-Fire Truck	48.12			400.00	
Storm Damage Reimbursement					
Hurricane Irene				25,184.10	
Storm Damage Reimbursement Late					
2019 April Flood				307,508.25	
FEMA Buy-out Program			178,000.00	200,821.00	
PVFR monies toward truck note		13,191.05			
Late April Flood Note		281,641.63		55,295.00	141,000.00
Fire Truck Note		160,089.00			
Reimbursement/Refund		10,321.61		1,451.10	
Undesignated Fund Balance			46,000.00		218,000.00
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>1,817,756.69</b>	<b>2,390,209.27</b>	<b>249,892.00</b>	<b>2,753,306.41</b>	<b>387,951.00</b>

	2018 Actual	2019 Actual	2020 Budget	2020 Actual	2021 Proposed
<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>					
State Aid	22,440.19	22,602.20	23,176.00	29,309.75	23,372.00
Green Mountain National Forest	20,674.00	21,133.00	21,000.00	21,590.00	21,000.00
Interest	2,830.86	3,033.77	2,000.00	1,947.06	2,000.00
General Fund Tax Disbursement	125,588.00	190,204.00		150,865.00	
Better Back Roads Grant	4,946.47	-	16,020.00	12,201.00	-
Grants in Aid Pilot Project	5,300.00	6,100.00	6,710.00	9,919.54	6,300.00
Sand Shed Grant		-	39,450.00	26,632.51	
Reimbursement from Sand Shed Fund		5,863.93			
Undesignated Fund Balance			70,000.00		92,000.00
TOTAL HIGHWAY FUND	<b>181,779.52</b>	<b>248,936.90</b>	<b>178,356.00</b>	<b>252,464.86</b>	<b>144,672.00</b>
<b>CEMETERY FUND</b>					
General Fund Tax Disbursement	3,839.00	1,045.00		3,106.00	
Perpetual Care	454.64	-	-		
Interest	160.87	427.62	150.00	873.88	900.00
Dividends		347.58	600.00	286.29	300.00
Sale of Lots		-	-		
Interfund Transfers		322.29			
Undesignated Fund Balance			3,000.00		9,000.00
TOTAL CEMETERY FUND	<b>4,454.51</b>	<b>2,142.49</b>	<b>3,750.00</b>	<b>4,266.17</b>	<b>10,200.00</b>
<b>PITTSFIELD VOLUNTEER FIRE &amp; RESCUE</b>					
General Fund Tax Disbursement				18,850.00	
Undesignated Fund Balance					
TOTAL PVFR FUND				<b>18,850.00</b>	
<b>ROGER CLARK MEMORIAL LIBRARY</b>					
General Fund Tax Disbursement				4,800.00	
Undesignated Fund Balance					
TOTAL RCML FUND				<b>4,800.00</b>	

## 2021 BUDGET

	2018 Actual	2019 Actual	2020 Budget	2020 Actual	2021 Proposed
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>					
FICA Social Security	4,955.46	5,199.89	5,932.00	5,464.27	5,522.00
FICA Medicare	1,158.87	1,216.05	1,387.00	1,277.92	1,292.00
Federal Excise Tax	4.78	4.90	5.00	4.90	5.00
Rutland County Tax	7,345.68	7,337.78	8,214.00	7,977.98	6,765.00
Subtotal	13,464.79	13,758.62	15,538.00	14,725.07	13,584.00
<b>Insurance and Bonds</b>					
VLCT Unemployment Trust	614.00	200.00	100.00	355.00	764.00
VLCT Insurance Package	28,484.00	25,821.00	22,801.00	23,233.00	22,279.00
Subtotal	29,098.00	26,021.00	22,901.00	23,588.00	23,043.00
<b>Dues and Contributions</b>					
VLCT	1,636.00	1,675.00	1,743.00	1,743.00	1,743.00
Two Rivers Regional Planning	792.00	814.00	835.00	835.00	835.00
Vt Clerk's & Treasurer's Assoc.	55.00	55.00	70.00	70.00	70.00
Quin Town Seniors	3,420.00	4,116.00	4,116.00	4,116.00	3,500.00
Visiting Nurse Alliance VT/NH	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Park House/Community Care	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Rutland Cnty Women's Shelter	300.00	-	-		
New Story Center	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
Central VT Council on Aging	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00
VT Center For Independent Living	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00
Green Up Vermont	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
Rutland County Mental Health	588.00	588.00	588.00	588.00	588.00
NeighborWorks	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
Stagecoach	230.00	230.00	230.00	230.00	230.00
Child First Advocacy Center	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	400.00
VT Rural Fire Protectn Tsk Force	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
The Preservation Trust					50.00
RedCross					250.00
Subtotal	9,946.00	10,403.00	10,507.00	10,507.00	10,391.00
<b>Refuse</b>					
SW Management/Program Fee	6,049.59	6,049.59	6,050.00	6,082.92	
Refuse Removal	288.00	347.00	400.00	728.00	725.00
Subtotal	6,337.59	6,396.59	6,450.00	6,810.92	725.00

	2018 Actual	2019 Actual	2020 Budget	2020 Actual	2021 Proposed
<b>General Fund continued</b>					
<b>Other Services</b>					
Local Hazard Mitigation				1,500.00	
Legal	375.00	2,737.50	5,000.00	4,361.25	5,000.00
Ambulance	34,398.00	34,398.00	33,760.00	32,760.00	33,306.00
Printing	1,768.84	2,400.01	1,900.00	1,697.00	1,900.00
Advertising	677.27	729.48	1,000.00	335.01	500.00
Miscellaneous Services		-	-		-
Financial Audit	6,500.00	-	-		
Rutland County Sheriff				200.00	
Subtotal	43,719.11	40,264.99	41,660.00	40,853.26	40,706.00
<b>Maintenance and Repairs</b>					
Town Office Building	2,618.65	4,126.87	4,500.00	3,472.71	4,500.00
Town Office Drop box				882.00	
Town Hall	3,114.36	3,021.70	2,500.00	3,466.61	2,500.00
Band Stand		-	-		
Sandshed		200.00	300.00		-
Garage	1,621.75	70.00	600.00	858.11	600.00
Fire Alarm Yearly Inspection	216.25		420.00	720.89	650.00
Subtotal	7,571.01	7,418.57	8,320.00	9,400.32	8,250.00
<b>Utilities - Town Hall</b>					
Electricity	1,084.96	652.19	1,150.00	714.98	1,150.00
Fuel	1,406.10	376.48	1,500.00	1,036.16	1,500.00
Subtotal	2,491.06	1,028.67	2,650.00	1,751.14	2,650.00
<b>Utilities - Town Office Building</b>					
Electricity	2,165.93	2,142.61	2,200.00	2,134.94	2,200.00
Fuel	2,756.41	3,375.56	2,800.00	1,927.95	2,800.00
Phone/Internet	1,431.35	1,468.80	1,600.00	1,584.74	1,600.00
Subtotal	6,353.69	6,986.97	6,600.00	5,647.63	6,600.00
<b>Utilities - Highway Garage</b>					
Electricity	1,014.03	934.15	1,100.00	974.71	1,100.00
Phone/Internet	672.25	687.11	720.00	764.63	720.00
LP Gas	1,149.50	1,416.37	1,200.00	808.62	1,200.00
Subtotal	2,835.78	3,037.63	3,020.00	2,547.96	3,020.00
<b>Utilities - Street Lights</b>					
Electricity	1,804.51	1,778.74	2,100.00	1,921.85	2,100.00
Subtotal	1,804.51	1,778.74	2,100.00	1,921.85	2,100.00

	2018 Actual	2019 Actual	2020 Budget	2020 Actual	2021 Proposed
<b>General Fund continued</b>					
<b>Parks and Grounds</b>					
Labor	1,842.05	1,800.12	2,500.00	460.32	2,000.00
Fuel	214.66	126.87	200.00	91.95	200.00
Portable Toilet	660.00	720.00	660.00		-
Equipment Maintenance	117.15	353.70	300.00	21.16	300.00
Trees and Bedding Plants	143.60	104.24	150.00		150.00
Supplies	87.94	325.23	100.00	171.99	100.00
Signs	538.64	-	100.00		-
Line Painting	43.00	-	-		
Hired Equipment		-	150.00		150.00
New Equipment			250.00		250.00
Subtotal	3,647.04	3,430.16	4,410.00	745.42	3,150.00
<b>Office Expense</b>					
Software	49.97	813.60	1,032.00	986.50	
Copier Lease	1,151.40	1,151.40	1,200.00	1,151.40	1,200.00
NEMRC Support		316.69	1,084.00	1,083.09	1,116.00
Tech Support & Software (combined 2021)	1,290.92	1,146.71	1,608.00	2,473.08	3,950.00
Website Maintenance	155.34	39.34	160.00	166.27	160.00
Hardware		198.24	-		
Office Supplies	1,363.59	2,391.02	2,500.00	1,736.09	2,000.00
Postage	1,251.98	1,281.25	1,300.00	1,780.51	1,650.00
Subtotal	5,263.20	7,338.25	8,884.00	9,376.94	10,076.00
<b>Planning Commission</b>					
Printing, Copies, Typing, Adv.			100.00		150.00
Misc./Assistance from Two Rivers			150.00		4,870.00
Subtotal			250.00		5,020.00
<b>Board of Listers</b>					
Postage	52.20	47.04	200.00		200.00
Supplies	74.49	173.22	500.00	115.51	500.00
Computer	213.98	1,079.99	500.00	344.66	1,800.00
Miscellaneous	180.00	100.00	100.00		100.00
NEMRC Support	-	316.70	1,084.00	1,228.10	1,116.00
License Fees	736.50	235.00	116.00	285.00	300.00
Mapping Annual Support			1,000.00		
Subtotal	1,257.17	1,951.95	3,500.00	1,973.27	4,016.00

	2018 Actual	2019 Actual	2020 Budget	2020 Actual	2021 Proposed
<b>General Fund continued</b>					
<b>Salaries</b>					
Auditors	2,167.51	2,106.50	1,500.00	2,362.25	2,500.00
Election Officials	477.75	75.46	1,000.00	676.78	200.00
Custodial-Shovel	150.00	525.00	1,500.00	330.00	1,000.00
Custodial	845.00	750.00	1,000.00	920.00	1,000.00
Fire Chief	915.00	915.00	915.00	915.00	915.00
Listers	6,608.17	4,556.52	5,500.00	1,231.54	5,500.00
Listers-Training		758.47	1,660.00		1,660.00
Select Board	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,500.00
Health Officer	159.50	-	300.00		300.00
Selectboard Secretary	2,253.05	2,068.51	2,500.00	3,041.61	2,500.00
Transition and Training	4,770.60	1,924.24	1,728.00	1,080.00	325.00
Town Clerk	18,032.78	19,002.62	18,942.00	18,583.40	19,188.00
Town Treasurer	18,032.78	19,002.62	18,942.00	18,583.40	19,188.00
Emergency & Unusual Circumstances		392.19		196.19	-
Asst. Town Clerk & Treasurer	13,769.11	14,660.45	14,976.00	11,690.87	15,085.00
Librarian		3,896.25	15,850.00	14,252.64	13,208.00
Subtotal	72,681.25	75,133.83	90,813.00	78,363.68	87,069.00
<b>Employee Benefits</b>					
Town Officer Education	1,160.00	1,190.00	1,200.00	332.00	500.00
Town Officer Mileage	1,100.23	1,527.31	1,100.00	454.56	500.00
VT Mun. Emp. Retirement Fund	2,179.39	2,184.87	2,226.00	2,194.79	2,351.00
Medical Insurance	8,271.12	8,598.48	9,415.00	9,414.24	9,579.00
Administrative charge for HRA					30.00
Health Reimbursement Account	3,500.00	1,899.27	1,750.00	1,750.00	1,750.00
Subtotal	16,210.74	15,399.93	15,691.00	14,145.59	14,710.00
<b>Other</b>					
Service Charge		35.82		53.80	
Miscellaneous	163.20	28.11	300.00	97.38	300.00
Subtotal	163.20	63.93	300.00	151.18	300.00

	2018 Actual	2019 Actual	2020 Budget	2020 Actual	2021 Proposed
<b>General Fund continued</b>					
<b>Budget Disbursements</b>					
Fire Department	18,850.00	18,850.00	18,850.00	18,850.00	21,875.00
Fire Truck Note		48,580.14	44,425.00	44,825.13	44,425.00
Fire Department SCBA Fund(Fire Department Equipment Fund 2021)		8,000.00	Article	4,000.00	Article
Fire Department Extrication Equip		15,000.00	-		
Fire Department Truck Fund		5,000.00	Article	2,500.00	Article
Late April 2019 Flood Note				299,809.03	3,808.00
Library	2,840.00	4,705.00	4,800.00	4,800.00	8,145.00
Librarian Salary		15,600.00	15,850.00	see salaries	see salaries
*Highway Fund	125,588.00	190,204.00		150,865.00	
*School Fund	978,551.00	865,359.00		986,225.00	
*Cemetery Fund	3,839.00	1,045.00		3,106.00	
Highway Equipment Fund	30,000.00	45,000.00	Article	20,000.00	Article
Parks & Grounds Equipment Fund	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
Sandshed Fund	44,000.00	-	-		
Bond Debt Service Payment	43,770.71	47,891.90	38,202.00	38,622.79	45,385.00
Recreation Fund	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Recreation Area Upgrades	5,000.00		-		
Town Hall Phase One 2020, Phase 2 2021			Article	30,000.00	Article
Contingency Fund					43,184.10
Village Green Paving Reserve	5,000.00	10,000.00	-		
Town Office Building					Article
Computer Equipment Fund	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	-
Subtotal	1,259,738.71	1,277,535.04	124,427.00	1,605,902.95	167,122.10
<b>*Funds Disbursed</b>					
Marriage Licenses	500.00	300.00		100.00	
State Rabies Fee/Neuter Surcharge	600.00	585.00		525.00	
Record Preservation	773.00	980.50		2,956.00	
Refund of Overpayments	4,916.30	4,757.48		6,624.55	
Property Tax Adjustment Refund	568.56	177.49		2,982.64	
Refund overpayment of recording fees				25.00	
Overpayment Dog License		2.00		4.00	
Interfund Transfers	53,000.66	49,147.58		88,290.24	
FEMA Buyout		-	248,000.00	201,411.86	
2019 Late April Flood Expenses				49,595.00	
Town Hall Grant			750.00	750.00	
Donation Disbursement-Fire Truck	48.12	48.02			
Delinquent Tax Penalty	5,404.40	6,987.94		9,309.09	
Subtotal	65,811.04	62,986.01	248,750.00	362,573.38	-

	2018 Actual	2019 Actual	2020 Budget	2020 Actual	2021 Proposed
<b>General Fund continued</b>					
<b>Capital Expense</b>					
Fire & Rescue Equip/Vehicles	38,569.00	160,089.00			
Late April 2019 Flood		329,102.77			156,548.00
Subtotal	38,569.00	489,191.77		-	156,548.00
<b>*State Education Fund</b>					
Statewide Prop. Tax Liability	180,748.27	312,570.20		391,352.52	
Subtotal	180,748.27	312,570.20	-	391,352.52	-
<b>Miscellaneous Expense</b>					
Subtotal	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$1,767,711.16	\$2,362,695.85	\$616,771.00	\$2,582,338.08	559,080.10
**TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$413,173.85	930,531.64	\$368,021.00	\$688,216.18	559,080.10

\*\* This is the "Total General Fund" less the \*Highway, \*School, \*Cemetery Funds "Budget Disbursements", the \*Funds Disbursed category, and the \*State Education Fund-Statewide Property Tax Liability. This line allows for a more accurate comparison of the 2020 Budget, 2020 Actual and the 2021 Proposed.

	2018 Actual	2019 Actual	2020 Budget	2020 Actual	2021 Proposed
<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>					
<b>Wages</b>					
Road Commissioner	53,866.42	57,167.60	55,921.00	52,388.41	55,921.00
Temporary Help	1,357.27	1,824.70	2,200.00	1,060.00	2,200.00
Subtotal	55,223.69	58,992.30	58,121.00	53,448.41	58,121.00
<b>Taxes</b>					
FICA Social Security	3,423.57	3,668.96	3,604.00	3,313.80	3,604.00
FICA Medicare	800.65	858.09	843.00	775.00	843.00
Subtotal	4,224.22	4,527.05	4,447.00	4,088.80	4,447.00
<b>Fuel</b>					
Gasoline	55.19	-	100.00	129.82	100.00
Diesel	7,981.12	8,583.56	10,000.00	5,434.25	10,000.00
Lubricants	216.14	245.35	300.00	323.60	300.00
Subtotal	8,252.45	8,828.91	10,400.00	5,887.67	10,400.00
<b>Hired Equipment</b>					
Rochester Road Maintenance	2,200.00	3,001.00	2,200.00	2,200.00	2,200.00
Backhoe	3,570.00	1,107.50	7,000.00	4,115.00	7,000.00
Roadside Mowing	3,000.00	2,400.00	3,000.00	2,509.00	3,000.00
Trucks	-	5,142.50	2,500.00	4,515.00	2,500.00
All Other	1,500.00	-	2,000.00	1,144.00	2,000.00
Subtotal	10,270.00	11,651.00	16,700.00	14,483.00	16,700.00

	2018 Actual	2019 Actual	2020 Budget	2020 Actual	2021 Proposed
<b>Highway Fund continued</b>					
<b>Materials</b>					
Gravel	18,537.71	12,264.09	20,000.00	25,903.67	20,000.00
Sand	28,537.18	35,430.23	35,000.00	25,294.35	35,000.00
Salt	-	-	1,000.00	-	1,000.00
Chloride	3,535.00	2,968.20	7,000.00	5,649.28	7,000.00
Culverts	20,754.80	2,211.10	8,000.00	7,956.50	8,000.00
Guardrail/Signs	299.87	466.25	1,000.00	4,504.56	1,000.00
Subtotal	71,664.56	53,339.87	72,000.00	69,308.36	72,000.00
<b>Employee Benefits</b>					
Medical Insurance	8,271.12	8,598.48	9,414.00	9,414.24	9,579.00
Health Reimbursement Account	1,750.00	1,750.00	1,750.00	1,750.00	1,750.00
VT Mun. Emp. Retirement Fund	2,994.52	3,251.94	3,361.00	3,075.21	3,424.00
Administrative fee for HRA					30.00
State & Fed Tax held from voided check		3.12			
Uniform Allowance	401.46	424.94	500.00	79.98	500.00
Subtotal	13,417.10	14,028.48	15,025.00	14,319.43	15,283.00
<b>Other</b>					
Maintenance Upper Michigan Rd		4,569.00	28,650.00	33,128.50	
Garage Supplies	756.14	1,360.54	500.00	719.21	2,000.00
Employee Ed-MSHA annual refresher	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00
MRGP-Annual Fee		1,750.00	1,750.00	1,590.00	1,350.00
Mileage		58.00			
Miscellaneous	1,180.49	1,893.85	1,000.00	982.73	2,500.00
Purchase of F550 Truck					103,388.00
Subtotal	2,011.63	9,706.39	31,975.00	36,495.44	109,313.00
<b>Repairs</b>					
International 4900	9,765.87	6,826.28	8,000.00	4,965.26	8,000.00
Ford F-550	3,639.38	2,105.14	4,500.00	7,630.11	4,500.00
Loader	2,481.91	2,007.58	2,500.00	579.77	2,500.00
Grader		1,594.17	4,500.00	748.34	4,500.00
Rake		-	100.00		100.00
Chainsaw	27.00	-	100.00		100.00
Chloride Spreader		-	400.00	859.97	400.00
Sander - International		94.24	750.00	15.48	750.00
Sander - Ford		-	750.00	15.48	750.00
Plow - International		-	450.00	50.00	450.00
Plow - Ford	105.09	-	450.00	34.93	450.00
Trimmer	11.99	-	100.00		100.00
Pressure Washer	299.82	67.00	200.00		200.00
Debris Blower		81.97			
Plow Wing - Ford	958.93	290.19	450.00	1,911.79	450.00
Subtotal	17,289.99	13,066.57	23,250.00	16,811.13	23,250.00

	2018 Actual	2019 Actual	2020 Budget	2020 Actual	2021 Proposed
<b>Highway Fund continued</b>					
Inter Fund Transfer (pay back Sand shed account)				26,632.51	
John Deere	19,576.67	19,576.67	19,577.00		
Fireproof cabinet for flammables	715.55	-			
VT Better Roads Grant	6,183.09		20,025.00	13,324.00	
Aid Pilot Grant			8,388.00		
Sand Shed Grant		<u>5,863.93</u>	<u>49,313.00</u>		
Subtotal	26,475.31	25,440.60	97,303.00	39,956.51	-
<b>TOTAL HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>\$208,828.95</b>	<b>\$199,581.17</b>	<b>\$329,221.00</b>	<b>\$254,798.75</b>	<b>\$309,514.00</b>

	2018 Actual	2019 Actual	2020 Budget	2020 Actual	2021 Proposed
<b>CEMETERY FUND</b>					
FICA Social Security	190.62	214.44	248.00	60.40	186.00
FICA Medicare	44.57	50.18	58.00	14.12	44.00
Fuel	155.63	170.21	200.00	100.24	200.00
Equipment Maintenance	117.14	734.67	400.00	-	400.00
Flags	610.22	-	600.00	34.99	600.00
Hired Equipment		-	200.00	-	200.00
Wages	3,074.39	3,458.93	4,000.00	974.22	3,000.00
Stone Cleaning		-	350.00	-	350.00
Top Soil		-	300.00	-	300.00
Tree Removal		-	500.00	-	500.00
Misc. (Batteries/oil, should be under maintenance)				156.08	
<b>CEMETERY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,192.57</b>	<b>\$4,628.43</b>	<b>\$6,856.00</b>	<b>\$1,340.05</b>	<b>\$5,780.00</b>

	2018 Actual	2019 Actual	2020 Budget	2020 Actual	2021 Proposed
<b>Pittsfield Volunteer Fire &amp; Rescue</b>					
<b>Communications</b>					
Communications-Equipment			1,000.00	1,397.50	1,000.00
<b>Facilities and Equipment</b>					
Equipment			7,200.00	4,941.49	7,200.00
<b>Fire house</b>					
Refuse removal				18.00	
Maintenance			2,000.00	440.47	2,000.00
<b>Fuel (truck)</b>				652.93	800.00
<b>Vehicle Maintenance</b>					
1990 International				1,150.37	1,000.00
2019 Kenworth Tanker				638.66	1,000.00
1994 International				1,713.87	1,000.00
Ford F-150				1,973.71	1,000.00
Vehicle Maintenance			2,000.00		

	2018 Actual	2019 Actual	2020 Budget	2020 Actual	2021 Proposed
<b>Pittsfield Volunteer Fire &amp; Rescue continued</b>					
<b>Utilities</b>					
Electricity			900.00	1,000.28	1,000.00
Heating			2,200.00	1,758.07	2,200.00
Annual Furnace Cleaning				58.70	100.00
Telephone			1,400.00	1,627.74	1,650.00
<b>Operations</b>					
Postage, Mailing service				78.35	25.00
RCMA Dues			1,400.00	1,200.00	200.00
Dispatching fees					1,200.00
Supplies			250.00	10.45	
Training/Certificates			500.00	335.00	500.00
<b>PVFR FUND TOTAL</b>			<b>18,850.00</b>	<b>\$18,995.59</b>	<b>\$21,875.00</b>

	2018 Actual	2019 Actual	2020 Budget	2020 Actual	2021 Proposed
<b>Roger Clark Memorial Library</b>					
<b>Operations</b>					
Capital Expense			300.00	263.34	2,600.00
Books, DVD's, CD's			600.00	413.12	1,000.00
GMLC			210.00	244.32	250.00
Periodicals			70.00	60.40	75.00
Supplies (Office/cleaning)			450.00	714.93	300.00
Telephone/Internet			1,250.00	1,227.34	1,200.00
Postage			-	9.95	
<b>Programs/Events</b>					
Programs/Events			1,200.00	1,256.91	1,500.00
<b>Services</b>					
Domain name			20.00	7.77	20.00
KOHA DB Support			500.00	500.00	500.00
Social Media/Advertising			100.00	14.89	100.00
Interlibrary loan carrier					500.00
Technical Services			100.00		100.00
<b>Travel and Meeting</b>					
Mileage			-	91.65	100.00
<b>RCML FUND TOTAL</b>			<b>4,800.00</b>	<b>\$4,804.62</b>	<b>\$8,245.00</b>

## BUDGET SUMMARY

	2018	2019	2020	2021
<b>Anticipated Expenses</b>				
General Fund	454,936.00	444,911.00	673,271.00	559,080.10
Highway Fund	209,088.00	277,223.00	329,221.00	309,514.00
Cemetery Fund	8,144.00	6,795.00	6,856.00	5,780.00
School Fund	1,290,559.00	1,136,492.00	1,144,825.00	1,014,329.00
<b>(Anticipated Expenses) Total</b>	<b>1,962,727.00</b>	<b>1,865,421.00</b>	<b>2,154,173.00</b>	<b>1,888,703.10</b>
<b>Anticipated Revenue</b>				
General Fund	86,500.00	89,345.00	249,892.00	387,951.00
Highway Fund	83,500.00	86,519.00	178,356.00	144,672.00
Cemetery Fund	4,305.00	5,750.00	3,750.00	10,200.00
School Fund	1,290,559.00	1,136,492.00	1,144,825.00	1,014,329.00
<b>(Anticipated Revenue) Total</b>	<b>1,464,864.00</b>	<b>1,318,106.00</b>	<b>1,576,823.00</b>	<b>1,557,152.00</b>
<b>Municipal Total To Be Raised</b>				
<b>By Taxes to Meet Budget</b>	<b>\$ 497,863.00</b>	<b>\$ 547,315.00</b>	<b>\$ 577,350.00</b>	<b>\$ 331,551.10</b>

## ANTICIPATED TAX RATE

	2018 Actual	2019 Actual	2020 Actual	2021 Estimated
<b>Grand List</b>	<b>\$1,014,074.00</b>	<b>\$1,022,430.00</b>	<b>\$1,024,555.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,032,457.00</b>
<b>Municipal</b>	<b>0.4910</b>	<b>0.5353</b>	<b>0.5635</b>	<b>0.3211</b>
With Warned Item #7 PVFR Equip. Fund	\$ 2,100.00			0.3232
With Warned Item #8 PVFR Truck Fund	\$ 90,400.00			0.4107
With Warned Item #9 Town Hall Fund (Phase 2)	\$ 25,000.00			0.4349
With Warned Item #10 Highway Equip. Fund	\$ 67,000.00			0.4998
With Warned item #11 Town Office Building Fund	\$ 7,500.00			0.5071
Total Warned Items	\$ 192,000.00			
<b>School</b>				
Homestead Education	1.2655	1.1708	1.5705	1.247 Proposed
Non Residential Education	1.4029	1.4415	1.5052	**1.73
<b>Resultant Tax Rate</b>				
Homestead	1.7565	1.7061	2.1340	
Non Residential	1.8939	1.9768	2.0687	

\*The Resultant tax rate is unknown until the budget and articles have been approved.

## STATEMENT OF TOWN INDEBTEDNESS as of December 31, 2020

### Long Term Debt

The Town of Pittsfield received a \$670,000.00 twenty year General Obligation Bond dated July 1, 2010 through the Vermont Municipal Bond Bank with an interest rate of 2.973561%. Payments are due twice a year. An interest payment of \$5,866.60 was made March 31, 2020. A principal payment of \$35,000.00, interest payment of \$5,650.76, and a federal sequestration payment of \$272.05 was made October 13, 2020. A total of \$46,789.41 was paid in 2020. Bonds outstanding total \$320,000.00. The debt is scheduled to be fully retired in 2030.

### Short Term Debt

The Town of Pittsfield took a Promissory Note for \$1,000,000.00 dated May 21, 2019 through Mascoma Bank with an interest rate of 2.000% to cover expenses from the Late April 2019 Flood. The note came due May 21, 2020. The Town resigned the Promissory Note for \$1,000,000.00 on May 15, 2020 with an interest rate of 2.5%. To date we have expended \$336,936.63. The following payments have been made in 2020: An interest payment of \$3,961.69 was made on May 21, 2020, 2 principal payments were made, the first on July 21, 2020 in the amount of \$43,755.96, the second on November 11, 2020 in the amount of \$252,091.38. The payments were made with monies reimbursed to the Town from FEMA. The Note will come due on May 21, 2021.

The Town of Pittsfield took a Governmental Certificate Promissory Note for \$200,000 dated October 2, 2018 through Mascoma Bank with an interest rate of 3.600% to purchase a new Fire Truck. Payments are due once per year beginning October 2, 2019, with the last payment being due October 2, 2023. Two principal payments were made by the PVFR the first on September 24, 2019 for \$10,500.00 the second on December 17, 2019 for \$1,479.09. A principal payment of \$33,910.00 and interest payment of \$2,691.05 was made by the Town on September 24, 2019. A principal payment of \$40,361.12 and an interest payment of \$4,064.01 was made on October 5, 2020.



## ADDITIONAL ASSETS

	<b>Bridge MMA</b>	<b>Civic Sign and Bench ICS Savings</b>	<b>Computer Fund ICS Savings</b>	<b>Contingency Fund ICS Savings</b>
Beginning Balance January 1, 2020	\$1,099.71	\$2,267.86	\$3,684.87	\$12,005.17
Deposits	0.00	1,842.36	1000.00	
Interest	0.12	26.80	25.89	85.60
Withdrawals	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>(85.60)</u>
Ending Balance December 31, 2020	\$1,099.83	\$4,137.02	\$4,710.76	\$12,005.17

	<b>Federal Tax Deposit Fund</b>	<b>Health Reimburse- ment Fund</b>	<b>Highway Equipment ICS Savings</b>	<b>Land Trust CD 662</b>
Beginning Balance January 1, 2020	\$6,411.37	\$4,198.03	\$81,965.44	\$109,957.22
Deposits	30,973.02	3,500.00	20,000.00	
Interest		0.00	575.59	1,506.81
Withdrawals	<u>(31,012.75)</u>	<u>(3,270.14)</u>	<u>(5,000.00)</u>	<u>(1,842.32)</u>
Ending Balance December 31, 2020	\$6,371.64	\$4,427.89	\$97,541.03	\$109,621.71

	<b>Lister Education ICS Savings</b>	<b>Office Building ICS Savings</b>	<b>Parks &amp; Grnds Equip ICS Savings</b>	<b>Paving Reserve ICS Savings</b>
Beginning Balance January 1, 2020	\$928.40	\$8,119.87	\$3,764.09	\$25,415.33
Deposits	0.00	0.00	300.00	0.00
Interest	5.77	51.61	26.35	182.36
Withdrawals	<u>0.00</u>	<u>(8,171.48)</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Ending Balance December 31, 2020	\$934.17	\$0.00	\$4,090.44	\$25,597.69

	<b>PVFR Extrication Equipment Fund</b>	<b>PVFR Fire Truck Reserve Fund</b>	<b>PVFR SCBA Equipment Fund</b>	<b>Reappraisal ICS Savings</b>
Beginning Balance January 1, 2020	\$15,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$57,299.07
Deposits		2,500.00	4,000.00	4,854.50
Interest	10.70	27.85	25.94	430.27
Withdrawals	<u>(15,010.70)</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>(7,104.80)</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Ending Balance December 31, 2020	\$0.00	\$7,527.85	\$4,921.14	\$62,583.84

	<b>Record Preservation ICS Savings</b>	<b>Recreation ICS Savings</b>	<b>Robert S. Dumas</b>	<b>Sand Shed ICS Savings</b>
Beginning Balance January 1, 2020	\$9,890.60	\$15,178.70	\$669.78	\$93,053.90
Deposits	2,956.00	1,000.00	0.00	26,632.51
Interest	68.91	106.42	0.12	617.42
Withdrawals	(594.71)	(1,752.69)	0.00	(23,879.48)
Ending Balance December 31, 2020	\$12,320.80	\$14,532.43	\$669.90	\$96,424.35

	<b>Town Hall Reserve ICS Savings</b>	<b>Wray Park Beautifica- tion MMA</b>
Beginning Balance January 1, 2020	\$10,280.17	\$110.16
Deposits	30,047.94	0.00
Interest	83.34	0.00
Withdrawals	(208.37)	(110.16)
Ending Balance December 31, 2020	\$40,203.08	\$0.00

**PETTY CASH REPORT**  
**Year Ended December 31, 2020**

Cash on Hand January 1, 2020	\$105.50
Deposits	228.10
Disbursements	(231.40)
Cash on Hand December 31, 2020	\$102.20

## LICENSE REPORT

Year Ended December 31, 2020

Dog Licenses			
Females (Spayed)	on/before April 1st	12 @ \$9.00	\$ 108.00
Females (Spayed)	after October 1st	0 @ \$7.00	\$ -
Males (Neutered)	on/before April 1st	10 @ \$9.00	\$ 90.00
Males (Neutered)	after October 1st	0 @ \$7.00	\$ -
Females	on/before April 1st	1 @ \$13.00	\$ 13.00
Males	on/before April 1st	3 @ \$13.00	\$ 39.00
Late Females (Spayed)	after April 1st	10 @ \$9.00	\$ 90.00
Late Males (Neutered)	after April 1st	15 @ \$9.00	\$ 135.00
Late Females	after April 1st	4 @ \$17.00	\$ 68.00
Late Females	after April 1st	20 @ \$11.00	\$ 220.00
Late Males	after April 1st	3 @ \$17.00	\$ 51.00
Late Males	after April 1st	22 @ \$11.00	\$ 242.00
Late Males	after April 1st	5 @ \$13.00	\$ 39.00
Misc. overpayments			<u>\$6.00</u>
Total Collected			\$ 1,101.00
Credited to Clerk Fee Account - 105 @ \$2.00			(210.00)
Credited to State Spay/Neuter/Rabies Program - 105 @ \$5.00			(525.00)
Total Credited			\$ (735.00)
Balance			\$ 366.00

### A Note About Dog Licenses

Any dog that is more than six months old must be registered and licensed annually, on or before April 1st, by the Clerk of the Municipality in which the dog is kept. (20 VSA § 3581(a))

To obtain a license the dog's owner must pay a fee, present the Clerk with a current vaccination certificate, and in the case of a spayed female or neutered male dog, provide a certificate of sterilization from a licensed veterinarian. (20 VSA § 3581(b), (d))



**Liquor Licenses**

<b>First Class</b>	2 @ \$115.00	\$ 230.00
<i>Clear River Tavern</i>		
<i>Vermont Farms Catering</i>		
<b>Second Class</b>	2 @ \$70.00	<u>140.00</u>
<i>Clear River Inn</i>		
<i>Swiss Farm Market, Inc.</i>		
	Total	\$ 370.00
Credited to Clerk Fee Account		<u>(20.00)</u>
	Balance	\$ 350.00

**Marriage Licenses**

2 issued @ \$60.00 (State Treasurer's Fee, Victim's Compensation Fund, Clerk Fee)	\$ 120.00
Credited to Clerk Fee Account - 2 @ \$10.00	<u>(20.00)</u>
	Balance \$ 100.00

**VITAL STATISTICS 2020**

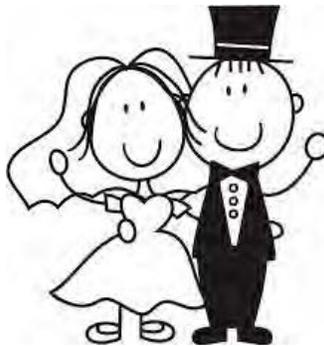
**Births**

Please note that we no longer receive notice of out of state births.  
 If you'd like your child's birth listed in the town report, please provide us with the name.

**Marriages**

Cassandra Leigh Denefrio  
 Samantha Ellen Warner

Brian Ramon Benvenuti  
 Brandon Michael Morais



**The New Vital Records Law (Act 46) and What It Means for You**

The Vermont Legislature passed Act 46 in May 2017, which significantly changes the state laws that govern vital records –namely, birth and death certificates. The new law and rules will enhance the safety and security of birth and death certificates, provide better protection against misuse of these legal documents, and reduce the potential for identity theft. Additionally, the changes streamline the entire statewide system for creation, storage and tracking of birth and death certificates. Act 46 will impact anyone who seeks a copy of a Vermont birth or death certificate. **The changes went into effect on July 1, 2019.**



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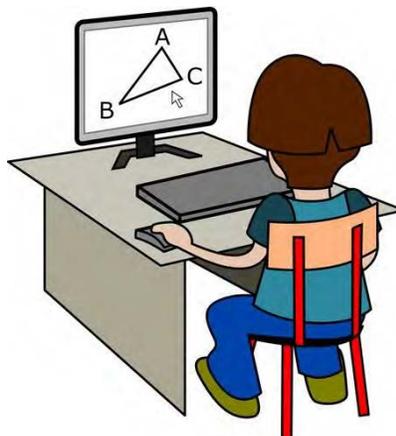
## **ECFiber and the Town of Pittsfield**

Pittsfield 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 5,300 premises in 23 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.

In Pittsfield, ECFiber has completed construction of its network. As of November, 2020, there were 229 customers with service and 57 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.

Elizabeth Warner, Pittsfield's delegate to the ECFiber Governing Board  
Pittsfield@ECFiber.net



## ENHANCED 9-1-1

**Did you know that the Vermont Enhanced 9-1-1 Board** is one of the first to implement a next generation statewide 9-1-1 system that delivers 9-1-1 calls from the Public Switched Telephone Network (PSTN) to a Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) using Voice Over Internet Protocol (VoIP) over its Emergency Services Network (ESINet)? Too much information? Probably, but if needed, your call will be initially routed to one of six Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) throughout the state based on the originating caller's location using this system.

### Things Everyone Needs to Know to Be 911 Ready

In an emergency, seconds matter; being prepared can make a difference! Talking through scenarios with other family members can help you Be 911 Ready!

**Know when to use 911** - Call or text 911 in an emergency: to save a life, stop a crime, or to report a fire. If you or someone else is hurt or very sick, call 911. If you're not sure if your situation is an emergency, err on the side of safety and call 911. The call-taker can assess the event and guide you.

**Know your location** - Emergency responders can't help you if they don't know where you are. Train yourself to pay attention to your surroundings. Make a mental note of streets you're travelling on and addresses you visit. Make sure everyone in your home knows your street address.

**Know your phone** - Not all phones and devices provide the 911 call-taker with your location information. Landline phones will provide your location to the call-taker, but cell and VoIP phones may not. Contact your service provider for more information about the capabilities of your phone.

**Remain calm** - It may be hard to remain calm during an emergency, but when you do so, you make it easier for the call-taker to gather your information and get the right help on the way.

**Don't hang up** - If you have placed an emergency call to 911, stay on the line until the call-taker tells you it's ok to hang up. They can dispatch help even when you are still on the line and they may require more information or be able to provide you with assistance.

If you've called 911 by accident, it's important to let the call-taker know. If you hang up suddenly, the call-taker may call you back or may even send someone to your home to check on your safety.

**Have you posted your house number in a visible location?** If not, please take the time to obtain numbers and make sure that the house number is placed in a spot that can be easily seen by emergency personnel. Here are some helpful guidelines:

- Mark your mailbox with your house number.
- If the structure is not visible and there is no mailbox, a sign or number post should be erected to display the number where it can be seen by responders.
- Numbers should be at least 3 inches high x 2.5 inches wide and be reflective.
- Shared driveways should be marked at the beginning of the driveway where it meets the main road **and** where the driveway splits.
- In Vermont, it is also very important that the address number be placed high enough that it will not be obscured by snow during the winter.

**You can find out more information about Vermont 911 by visiting their website: [e911.vermont.gov](http://e911.vermont.gov)**  
**If you need assistance with your street address, please email the E911**  
**Coordinator for the town of Pittsfield Michelle Hunt: [michelle.c.hunt@vermont.gov](mailto:michelle.c.hunt@vermont.gov)**



## **PITTSFIELD COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS (PCC)**

Last winter, the wonderful Susie Martin, on behalf of the Pittsfield Women's Alliance, asked RCML (Roger Clark Memorial Library) Board of Trustees to take over some of the work done by the Alliance over the years. Specifically RCML Trustees were asked to re-create a bazaar that has been occurring on the green the last Saturday in September each year as well as ensure our green is decorated for major holidays.

RCML Board of Trustees were happy to agree to continue these long standing Pittsfield traditions. Recognizing that these efforts were separate from running the library, the board created a new entity, Pittsfield Community Connections, subordinate to RCML. Better known as PCC, it is envisioned as an umbrella organization that can encompass people working in small groups on a variety of events or projects for the benefit of our community.

To honor the request of the former Pittsfield Women's Alliance group, our first event was PCC: Maker Place held on Saturday, Sept. 26, 2020. The day was a bright, sunny fall day and everyone was pleased. The purpose of the event was to highlight local artists and craftspeople and do some fundraising while bringing people from the community and surrounding area together. While wearing masks, social distancing, and following a pathway through the event over 250 people safely attended, fifteen vendors exhibited and sold products and three organizations, RCML, Pittsfield Volunteer Fire & Rescue (PVF&R), and Woodstock Ski Team had booths for fundraising. Several individuals and businesses donated items for silent auctions. Volunteers assisted RCML Board of Trustees in managing traffic flow and assisting vendors during the event. Some folks offered additional goods and services. Pittsfield businesses helped Sarah Gallagher create a Pittsfield Business Directory which PCC intends to update and reprint periodically. Also, at Ann Kuendig's community table, volunteers signed up to be part of the Pittsfield Volunteer Corp with the hope of being called upon for help with projects as they arise.

The next PCC opportunity was the Quinn Town Halloween Reverse Parade. PCC represented Pittsfield in the planning meetings communicating how we could integrate previously planned RCML activities as well as accommodate community concerns for keeping everyone safe. Together with RCML, Pittsfield Volunteer Corp folks, led by Ann Kuendig, decorated the green with a hale bale monster covered with Jack-O-Lanterns created by our community. Pittsfield Volunteer Corp also decorated the gazebo for the Christmas holiday with a tree, wreaths, garlands and lights. To offer cheer, we kept it up from Thanksgiving weekend through New Year's Day.



2020 began like any other year with all the normal excitement and anticipation of what the New Year would bring. I guess we all know how that turned out.

COVID-19 affected us all, but we were able to continue service to the Town of Pittsfield. We suspended in-person meetings and training for a period of time, and resumed them when we felt it was safe to do so. As of the writing of this report, with a resurgence of the virus, we have suspended our meetings; but we are still responding to all calls.

The big news in the Department this year is that we were able to purchase the “jaws of life” rescue tools. Last year we had a very generous donation of \$5,000 and that, coupled with the money in the capital plan, made it feasible for us to make this purchase. We have had numerous training sessions using the new tools, and they are performing great!



The summer of 2020 was extremely dry, and with that came the danger of wildfires. Doug and Kathy Ann Mianulli were on their deck when they saw a massive lightning strike. Moments later, Doug observed smoke coming from a hillside on Lower Michigan Road. Doug called 911, and the Department was dispatched. The lightning had struck a tree on the former Brad Turnbull property; and when we arrived, the fire was progressing up the mountain. With the assistance of the Stockbridge Volunteer Fire Department, we contained the fire to roughly a 100-foot circle. If not for Doug’s quick response, the outcome could have been catastrophic. A huge thank you goes out to Doug!

In closing, I would like to say that it is the Department’s pleasure to serve Pittsfield and the residents of our Town. Please remember to check the batteries/functioning of your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors regularly, and have a Safe, Healthy, and Happy 2021!

Respectfully submitted,

Fire Chief David H. Colton



## GREATER PITTSFIELD WOMEN'S ALLIANCE

This has been a hard year for all of us. The Woman's Alliance has decided to disband. We have passed on our projects and any other business to the library. They did a wonderful job decorating the gazebo for Christmas. In these hard times they even had a version of the bazaar.

Thank you to all who have helped us over the years, and we wish the members of the library many thanks, and the best of luck.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Deborah Picarello



Roger Clark Memorial Library continues to grow in its mission to be “a multigenerational community center fostering traditional, cultural, creative, and technical literacy.” The library is made stronger by all of you and we extend a sincere thank you for your support.

Our current hours are Mondays and Saturdays from 9 until 1 and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12 until 6. (Since COVID, we have been closing one half-hour at the end of the day to perform necessary cleaning.)

Visit our website, [www.pittsfieldlibrary.com](http://www.pittsfieldlibrary.com), to view our catalogue, check out upcoming events, download audio books through Listen Up Vermont!, register for a Universal Class, or sign up to receive our newsletter. Please be sure to “like and follow us” on Facebook. Our monthly board meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month at 5:30. Due to COVID the meetings were held remotely via Google Meet.

Currently, our collection includes 4209 books, 19 audiobooks, 450 DVDs, 12 games, and 10 pairs of snowshoes (two men’s w/poles, two women’s and six children’s). Library cards necessary for access.

From January thru March, our programming included:

- Weekly story time for our youngest patrons
- Job-search skills seminar
- Valentine’s Day craft party for school-aged children
- Drop-in tech help from a local expert
- Stuffed Animal Sleepover (postponed due to COVID)
- Weekly yoga class
- Monthly book club meetings

In March, state mandates were put in place due to COVID. The following programs creatively engaged the community remotely:

- Summer Reading Program Beanstalk was created in the bandstand. Patrons attached leaves with the titles of the books they read. Approximately four dozen books were read by all ages!
- Fairy tale scavenger hunt on the Village Green
- Recorded stories for families to enjoy at home
- Weekly craft and activity bags picked up via curbside
- Decorating the front of the building for the Quintown Reverse 4th of July Parade
- Community Scavenger Hunts
- Story Walk books

## ROGER CLARK MEMORIAL LIBRARY, continued

- Wisdom Cafe Meet - discussions about gratitude
- Gratitude Tree Meet - sharing ways to count our blessings
- Homeschooler Moms Meet
- Vermont Humanities Council - remote talk with Author Rebecca Rupp, "Soup to Nuts: An Eccentric History of Food"

### Additional programming highlights:

- The RCML Book Club contained five members from January-August and literally doubled in size for the September meeting. In October, two more members joined bringing our year-end total to 12 with further growth anticipated. After the Governor suspended in person meetings in October, we met via Zoom in November and December instead of at the Clear River Tavern. The Book Club meets on the 3rd Wed of each month at 6pm. Updates can be found on Facebook and on our website.
- In October, RCML met its main goal, after many years of requests, to once again, become an active participant of the Inter-Library Loan program. This statewide service expands our ability to meet our community's reading and materials requests. Allowing our patrons to place orders with us for books not in our collection to be borrowed from other member library's collections. Once activated we witnessed immediate activity, showing this service to be of great value to the community.
- Also, amidst the statewide COVID mandates in place, we creatively brought our Halloween Book give-away to the outside. Under a beautiful full moon, we welcomed close to 100 masked trick-or-treaters and their families to enter one side of a lighted spooky tent to choose their new book and exit the other. This was close to on par with past years' attendees and remains our largest yearly program.
- In December, our beloved Gingerbread House Program and second largest yearly program had to be rebooted too. Take home kits were created by Dana Decker. On the last day to RSVP, we received an overwhelming email response for 17 additional kits, which caused us to run out of supplies. After the year we have had, we did not want to spoil any child's Christmas wish. Our amazing Board pulled together with Dana to run out for more supplies. Dana built additional houses and kits to pull off a COVID Christmas Miracle! What an amazing end to such a challenging programming year! Just under 60 kits were picked up at the library, by incredibly happy new and longstanding families from our community. (In a normal year, approximately 30 houses are created for this program.)

### Capital Improvements:

- Three Barrister bookshelves donated by Judy and Terry Manley were assembled into one unit and casters were installed by Carl Oertel.
- Carl also installed casters beneath the DVD shelving.

Many thanks to all for supporting the library. We wish you well and look forward to continued growth in 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

RCML Board of Trustees  
Amanda Barrett ('21)  
Cynthia Bryant ('21)  
Coral Hawley ('22)  
Betty Warner ('22)  
Erica Hurd ('23)



**TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS**  
2020 Financial Statement

<b>PEOPLE'S UNITED BANK ACCOUNT - CHECKING (Cemetery)</b>		
<b>Beginning Balance – January 1, 2020</b>		<b>\$ 783.58</b>
Receipts:		
Interest from People's United Bank	\$ 0.07	
Dividends from George Putnam Balanced Fund-A (Mutual Fund)	\$ 107.85	
Expenses:		
Town of Pittsfield Cemetery Fund	\$ 782.21	
Service Charges -	\$ 5.17	
<b>Closed Account (Transferred to Mascoma Bank – March 13, 2020)</b>		<b>\$ 104.12</b>
<b>MASCOMA BANK - CHECKING (Cemetery)</b>		
<b>Open Account (Transferred from Mascoma Bank) - March 13, 2020</b>		<b>\$ 104.12</b>
Receipts:		
Dividends from George Putnam Balanced Fund-A (Mutual Fund)	\$ 250.63	
<b>Ending Balance - December 31, 2020</b>		<b>\$ 354.75</b>
<b>GEORGE PUTNAM BALANCED FUND-A MUTUAL FUND (Cemetery)</b>		
<b>Fund Share Value as of January 1, 2020</b>		<b>\$31,534.50</b>
Share Price = \$20.76		
Share Balance = 1,519.003		
November 25, 2020 – Long Term Capital Gain (\$1,341.28, \$21.91 share, 61.218 shares)		
November 25, 2020 – Short Term Capital Gain (\$536.21, \$21.91 share, 24.473 shares)		
<b>Fund Share Value as of December 31, 2020</b>		<b>\$35,993.29</b>
Share Price = \$22.43		
Share Balance = 1,604.694		
<b>VANGUARD TOTAL STOCK MARKET INDEX ADMIRAL CL FUND (Cemetery)</b>		
<b>Fund Share Value as of January 1, 2020</b>		<b>\$16,083.59</b>
Share Price = \$79.69		
Share Balance = 201.827		
<b>Fund Share Value as of December 31, 2020</b>		<b>\$19,121.08</b>
Share Price = \$94.74		
Share Balance = 201.827		
<b>VANGUARD MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT (Cemetery)</b>		
<b>Beginning Balance – January 1, 2020</b>		<b>\$ 286.29</b>
Receipts:		
Dividends from Vanguard	\$ 270.33	
Interest from Vanguard Money Market	\$ 0.46	
Expenses:		
Town of Pittsfield Cemetery Fund	\$ 286.29	
<b>Ending Balance – December 31, 2020</b>		<b>\$ 270.79</b>
<b>BAR HARBOR BANK &amp; TRUST ACCOUNT - CHECKING (Jean Colver Sofield Scholarship)</b>		
<b>Beginning Balance – January 1, 2020</b>		<b>\$ 864.72</b>
Receipts:		
Dividends – Putnam Equity Income Fund-A	\$ 845.30	
Expenses:		
2019 Scholarship Award	\$ 746.26	
New Plaque	\$ 181.00	
<b>Ending Balance – December 31, 2020</b>		<b>\$ 782.76</b>

**TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS**  
**2020 Financial Statement, continued**

**PUTNAM EQUITY INCOME FUND-A MUTUAL FUND (Jean Colver Sofield Scholarship)**

**Fund Share Value as of January 1, 2020** **\$56,819.60**

Share Price = \$26.46

Share Balance = 2,147.377

December 28, 2020 – Long Term Capital Gain (\$2,527.46, \$26.06 shares, 96.986 shares)

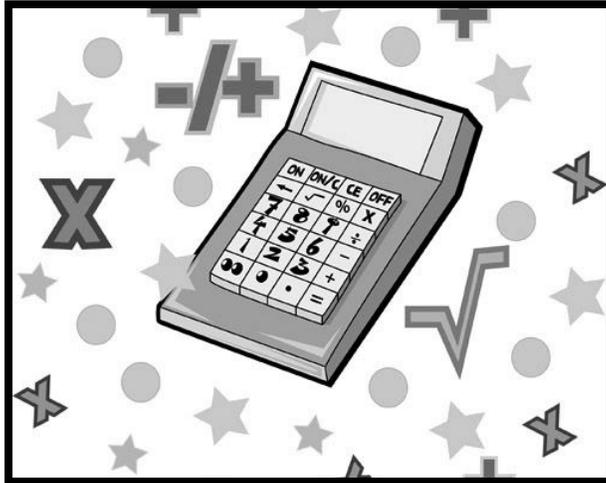
**Fund Share Value as of December 31, 2020** **\$59,116.52**

Share Price = \$26.34

Share Balance = 2,244.363

Respectfully submitted,  
Henry Hotchkiss

- Estimate of Share Price (No price per share given by fund.)



## BETHEL/ROYALTON SOLID WASTE PROGRAM

FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2020

The towns of Bethel and Royalton jointly own a 22 acre parcel of land on Waterman Rd in Royalton which has been improved to provide facilities for aggregation and shipment of municipal solid waste, recyclables, and a variety of hazardous waste materials. The site also contains the now-closed landfill which served area towns from 1970 to 1993. By contractual agreement, other member towns also use the waste management program, these towns being Barnard, Stockbridge, Pittsfield, Rochester, Hancock and Granville.

Administration of the program has historically been managed by staff of the town of Bethel, under the direction and oversight of the Bethel and Royalton Select Boards. In August 2013, a new Inter-local Contract was approved and endorsed by the Bethel and Royalton Select Boards. This new agreement for administration of the solid waste program shifts management accountability and oversight from Bethel to the White River Alliance Board and the Alliance Manager.

In May 2016, the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation approved the program's new "Solid Waste Implementation Plan" (SWIP) for purposes of managing solid waste and recyclables in accordance with the objectives of current local/state/national priorities. The new SWIP which began July 1, 2020 will run through June 2025.

Our facility operates under a license (or "Certification") which is renewed every 10 years. An application to renew was submitted to the Vermont Solid Waste Management Division in February 2014, and approval was issued May 7, 2014. The certification is valid until March 31, 2024. The former Bethel/Royalton landfill is also "operated" under a certification, which was renewed for an additional 5 year term to end November 9, 2021. This certification provides for adequate monitoring of any residual effects stemming from the landfill use.

From July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 a total of 5,015.00 tons of solid waste was collected at the transfer station "tipping floor". This material was loaded into trailers for shipment to an in state lined landfill. Materials received for recycling totaled 741.58 tons. These materials were directed to various facilities for processing. Various special wastes are regularly collected in addition to the usual recyclables. These include paint, fluorescent bulbs, used motor oil, antifreeze, lead acid batteries and electronic waste. All fees vary depending on the material involved and the current expenses to the program for handling the materials.

Collection events for **Household Hazardous Wastes** were held in July 2020 at the Bethel Royalton Transfer Station and in August 2020 at the Rochester Town Hall Parking lot. A total of 182 families participated in the 2 events. These events provided a means for citizens of the member towns to safely dispose of materials, particularly those not normally taken at the facility such as pesticides, various cleaning compounds, acids, bases, contaminated fluids etc. The events are open to all member towns at no cost for up to 10 pounds or 10 gallons of material. Small quantities of materials generated by businesses are also acceptable at collection events, but a fee corresponding to program costs is assessed on business participants and an appointment must be made in advance. There will be 2 events in 2021. One at the Bethel Royalton Transfer Station in April and one in Rochester in September. This will allow access for those towns not located near the transfer station. The public is encouraged to inquire at the facility for exact dates and schedule.

We consider the solid waste program to be comprehensive in the services provided to the public, and the program staff is well trained to provide advice or assistance.

**This facility is open to the public on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 7am-1pm. It is closed on Sunday, Monday and Wednesday.**



Central Vermont Council on Aging is the primary agency serving older Vermonters aged 60 and over as well as their families and caregivers throughout the 54 towns of Central Vermont. We are a private nonprofit that assists these elders to remain independent for as long as possible. All services are made available to our clients at no charge, without regard to health, income or other resources.

The funding provided by the 54 Central Vermont towns we serve is essential to Central Vermont Council on Aging, and directly serves its mission of supporting elders and family caregivers in leading self-determined, healthy and dignified lives in their homes and communities. We accomplish this by connecting seniors to a wide array of benefit programs and services that they need to thrive.

The financial support from the town of Pittsfield helps to ensure that the resources are available to support the well-being of older Vermonters in the town of Pittsfield. Please review the report of services that accompanies this request for a list of some of the many services that we make available to the seniors in your town.

All of us at CVCOA thank the residents of Pittsfield 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.

Central Vermont Council on Aging is a private, nonprofit organization that is dedicated to the mission of supporting older Vermonters to live with dignity and choice.

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:

- CVCOA 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 and technical assistance 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, Medicare & You workshops, and enrollment assistance for Medicare Part D plans.
- Family Caregiver Support promotes the well-being of the family members serving as caregivers to loved ones, including administration of the Dementia Respite Grant.

During the last year, Central Vermont Council on Aging provided one or more of the above services to 4 Pittsfield residents. Case Manager Kathryn Schenkman is designated to work directly with the seniors in Pittsfield. Central Vermont Council on Aging devoted a total of 21 hours of service to Pittsfield seniors.

All of us at CVCOA extend our gratitude to the residents of Pittsfield 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.



The Child First Advocacy Center (CFAC) serves as a central agency through which reports of suspected child abuse can be channeled for investigation and victim recovery. CFAC was established in 1995 and became a fully Accredited Member of the *National Children's Alliance (NCA)* in 2004. We share with NCA the passion to minimize the traumatic effect of child abuse upon the children and families of our community. CFAC is a non-profit organization serving Rutland County to assist family's in the discovery, intervention, treatment and prevention of child sexual abuse, severe physical abuse and children affected by violence.

We provide a safe comfortable environment for the forensic quality and child appropriate interviews, training for professionals and collateral referral services for victims and their non-offending family members. Our agency serves families of all socio-economic levels and is committed to providing quality services regardless of the ability to pay.

In calendar year 2019, The Child First Advocacy Center served 224 clients and 205 family members. As of November 1, 2020, we provided services to 190 clients and 138 of their family members. **We were able to provide wrap around services and support to at least five Pittsfield families as they began their recovery from the effects of trauma.** In addition, we continue to provide community awareness and education at no cost, in an effort to provide adults with the ability to recognize, react and respond appropriately to child sexual abuse and increase each school districts ability to complete the legislatively mandated ACT 1 initiative also known as Child Sexual Abuse Awareness training for Educators, Community Members and Student's grades K-12.

Sincerely,  
Wendy Loomis, Executive Director  
802-747-0200 or [wendy.loomis@partner.vermont.gov](mailto:wendy.loomis@partner.vermont.gov)



In the year 2020, 28 towns in Rutland County supported the work of Rutland Mental Health Services through town giving. Our agency is committed to providing quality services regardless of an individual's ability to pay. The generous support of towns such as the Town of Pittsfield assures that quality services are available for their families, friends and neighbors. Services provided to town residents include:

- Individual Counseling for Children, Adults and Families
- Substance Abuse Treatment Services
- Emergency/Crisis Services
- Developmental Disability Services

During fiscal year 2020, Rutland Mental Health Services provided 46 hours of services to 4 Pittsfield residents. We value our partnership with the Town of Pittsfield in providing these much needed services and thank you for your continued support.

**Office (802)775-2381 or [www.rmhscn.org](http://www.rmhscn.org)**



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

Here is a brief summary of what happened in your National Forest throughout the past year:

**Forest Facility Improvements & Maintenance:** The GMNF initiated construction of a new administrative headquarters facility on US Route 4 in Mendon, Vermont. Work this year included acquiring all necessary state and federal permits and starting construction of the site including roads and parking. The Forest will continue in 2021 with the site construction and initiate the building with an anticipated move in 2023.

**Recreation Programs:** The GMNF provides a great diversity of outdoor recreation opportunities, connecting people with nature in a variety of settings. Outdoor recreation is valued as both an important part of Vermont's economy and a crucial component of many Vermonters' and visitors' physical and mental well-being. The value and importance of recreation became increasingly evident in 2020 as recreation use increased exponentially during the COVID-19 pandemic. Recreation staff on the GMNF worked closely with partners and volunteers to balance the requirements of public health with the growing demand, and impacts, associated with increased visitation. The Forest Service encourages participation in outdoor recreational activities and asks users to recreate responsibly by: packing out all trash you bring in; adhering to site or trail closures; seeking alternative locations when encountering packed parking lots or sites; and following Center For Disease Control (CDC), local and state guidelines for public health and safety.

**Forest-wide Activity:** In partnership with the Velomont Trail Collective and Vermont Huts Association, the Forest Service continues to analyze opportunities to construct an end-to-end mountain biking trail and hut network in Vermont. Partner efforts to secure over \$500,000 will enable construction of approximately 10 miles of the Velomont Trail on National Forest System land in the towns of Chittenden, Rochester and Hancock, as well as contribute towards funding a proposed year-round ADA accessible backcountry hut in Chittenden, if approved. The long-term vision for the Velomont Trail and Vermont Hut network is to connect 23 communities from Canada to Massachusetts with huts strategically located along the trail for overnight use. Also, the GMNF worked with the Town of Killington to provide for winter parking and use of the Sherburne Trails on US Route 100.

**Botany Program:** Botanical inventory for rare plants and non-native invasive plants was completed as part of the Telephone Gap Integrated Resource Project: 6,456 acres in the towns of Chittenden, Goshen, Killington, Mendon, and Pittsfield. Additionally, the public was invited to join a virtual BioBlitz, hosted via iNaturalist. In support of the Upper White River Cooperative Weed Management Association (UWR CWMA), of which the GMNF is a founding member, staff and the CWMA coordinator controlled non-native invasive plant infestations. In Pittsfield 1.7 acres of wild chervil on the Spikehorn Trail and 0.3 acres within five small infestations of wild chervil in Mayo Meadow, a short distance outside of the CWMA boundary were managed.

## GREEN MOUNTAIN NATIONAL FOREST, continued

### Forest Vegetation Management accomplishments

- Timber sales were prepared in Chittenden, Hancock, Mount Holly, Pittsfield, Peru, Pownal, Stamford, Sunderland, Rochester, Weston and Winhall. These sales are associated with the Early Successional Habitat Project, the South of Route 9 Integrated Resource Project, and the Robinson Integrated Resource Project.
- Staff sold one timber sale and prepared two additional sales as part of the Robinson Integrated Resource Project. This project includes restoration activities and timber harvest on nearly 10,000 acres in Rochester, Hancock, Goshen, Pittsfield and Chittenden.
- Staff collected forest inventory data and conducted landscape assessment in support of vegetation management for the Telephone Gap project in Chittenden and Pittsfield.
- Permits were sold for approximately 67 cords of firewood, 750 (estimated) Christmas trees, and 840 pounds of wild apples. Additionally, over 200 cords of firewood were made available through free use permits as part of COVID-19 pandemic relief.



**Fisheries Improvement:** Forest staff monitored fish populations throughout the GMNF in 2020. This monitoring is part of a long-term data collection effort to understand fish populations on the forest. Additional sites were sampled to support the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation. Streams in the following towns were sampled during the 2020 field season: Rochester, Lincoln, Chittenden, Pittsfield, Pittsford, Hancock, Ripton, Granville, Warren, Landgrove, Weston, and Peru.

**Wildlife Habitat Improvement and Monitoring:** Wildlife habitat was improved and maintained through the creation and maintenance of early successional habitat. Approximately 200 acres of permanent upland openings were maintained by mowing, or mastication in the towns of East Dorset, Goshen, Granville, Hancock, Hartford, Lincoln, Manchester, Mount Holly, Mount Tabor, Pittsfield, Pomfret, Ripton, Rochester, Warren, Stockbridge, Salisbury, Readsboro, Weston, Stratton, Woodford, and Winhall.

**Research Activities:** The ongoing year-long virtual Telephone Gap BioBlitz was initiated to document biodiversity in an area including portions of the towns of Chittenden, Goshen, Pittsfield, Killington, Mendon, Pittsford, and Brandon using the iNaturalist platform (iNaturalist.org). To date, citizen scientists have collectively compiled documentation of more than 700 species in this interesting and diverse area. The virtual BioBlitz will continue through May 2021.

Again, thank you for your support of your National Forest. Together, we will continue to maintain and improve this valuable treasure for generations to come. Our offices are open Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM until 4:30 PM. Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, we ask that people call ahead of time (see office phone numbers below) to make an appointment for in-person services. You can also visit us and learn more about the GMNF at our website [www.fs.usda.gov/gmfl](http://www.fs.usda.gov/gmfl)



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

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

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

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

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

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2020 has been quite a year for everyone, and we are glad to report that during this difficult time we were able to help many Vermonters through loans and grants. We have provided a look at the specific services we were able to provide to the residents of your town as well as state-wide. In the last fiscal year, our services in the area of Addison, Bennington, and Rutland counties comprised of:

**152 Low-cost, Comprehensive HEAT Squad Energy Audits** were completed on homes

- **44 Home Energy Improvement Projects** were completed and homeowners received a rebate check from Efficiency Vermont
- **30 Energy Loans** were issued, a total of \$397,823.00 to help homeowners make energy improvements
- **66 Down Payment Assistance Loans**, a total of \$1,494,097.00 were made to help homebuyers make it over the 20% down payment barrier
- **13 Rehab Loans**, a total of \$159,798.00 were made to homeowners to make health and safety upgrades to their homes
- **168 families attended Homebuyer Education** and of those, **87 became Home Owners**
- **154 households participated in Financial Coaching**

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For 41 years NewStory Center has been the single agency in Rutland County supporting survivors of domestic and sexual violence by working to end the cycle of violence through support, education, prevention, and collaboration.

During FY20, NewStory Center served 734 women, men, and children through direct services such as emergency shelter, medical advocacy, legal advocacy, case management, clinical services, and the 24/7 crisis hotline. Additionally, we provide training and technical assistance to our community partners, including local law enforcement, to ensure a more effective community response to domestic and sexual violence.

Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, NewStory Center services including emergency shelter, the 24/7 crisis line, supportive case management, medical and legal advocacy remained available although they looked a little different. Staff provided care packages that included food, personal care items, and household supplies for survivors who requested them.

The Board and Staff of NewStory Center thank the voters of Pittsfield for their support of our agency. Thanks to you, we are able to continue to provide comprehensive services for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault from your town.

**NewStory Center, Inc.**  
**P.O. Box 313, Rutland, VT 05702 • www.nscvt.org**  
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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 brown bag lunch was in February, and as of March 10<sup>th</sup>, 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, Pittsfield friends for your support over the years.

Joanne McDonnell, Executive Director

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## **QUIN-TOWN CENTER FOR SENIOR CITIZENS**

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. 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.

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.

Sincerely,

Board of Directors Michael Perkowski, President, Kent Butterfield, Vice President & Treasurer, George Carr, Secretary Natalie Clook, Bev Allen, Staff, Jody Jesso, Executive Director, Margaret Brown, Cook, Garvi Jesso-White, Assistant Cook

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The Rutland County Humane Society provides shelter and care to companion animals while finding loving families for those at risk or homeless.

We also serve our community by providing information and referral services to people dealing with animal issues.

The RCHS shelter is the largest program of the agency, taking in more than one thousand animals in 2020.

Our agency is funded through fees for service, town funding, donations and special events. No funding comes from the state or federal government or national organizations. We sincerely thank those who support our operations. We can only save lives with your help.

The Rutland County Humane Society took in 0 animals from Pittsfield in the past year.

Please call 483-9171 or visit our website at RCHSVT.org if you would like more information about the Rutland County Humane Society.

## **RUTLAND COUNTY RESTORATIVE JUSTICE CENTER**

Rutland County Court Diversion and Restorative Justice Center (dba Rutland County Restorative Justice Center) is a 501(c) (3) non-profit agency.

We strive to make Rutland County a healthier and safer community for all residents. Our mission is to engage community members in responding to the needs of crime victims, the community, and those who violate the law, holding the latter accountable in a manner that promotes responsible and restorative behavior. We provide services to juveniles and adults who are at risk of future adverse involvement with the legal system. Our programming is designed for a range of individuals, such as at-risk and truant youth and individuals with mental health and substance abuse treatment needs. Our services are available to all Pittsfield residents. The enclosed document shares more information about each program.

### **In support of this mission, we offer the following programs:**

**Diversion:** Diversion is open to juveniles and adults charged with delinquencies or crimes. Referrals to this program are made at the discretion of the State's Attorney's office (the prosecution). Often those referred to this program do not have a lengthy criminal history and need an opportunity to fix a poor decision. We give participants, victims, and community volunteers the ability to participate in the restorative process, particularly in the development of participants' contracts. Through this process, we aim to (1) foster participant accountability, (2) repair the harm caused to direct harmed parties and the community, and (3) reduce the likelihood of re-offense.

**Tamarack:** Tamarack is a diversion-like program that accepts referrals from the State's Attorney's office. This program is open to adults charged with crimes, regardless of their criminal histories, and is specifically designed for individuals who appear to have a mental health or substance use disorder. Tamarack uses a restorative approach to develop participants' agreements to: (1) connect participants with mental health and/or substance use treatment quickly and appropriately, (2) repair the harm caused by participants' illegal actions, (3) reduce the likelihood of re-offense.

**Driving License Suspended (DLS):** This program is open to anyone with outstanding fines that has lost or is in jeopardy of losing their license. We work with people who self-refer and those charged with a criminal Driving with License Suspended (DLS) charge. We work closely with DMV and the Vermont Judicial Bureau to help participants address their license reinstatement requirements. Through

## **RUTLAND COUNTY RESTORATIVE JUSTICE CENTERr (RCRJC), continued**

this program, we hope to (1) inform participants' of their obstacles to regaining or acquiring their license, (2) assist participants in the payment of outstanding tickets, and (3) reduce the number of drivers on the roads without licenses or with suspended licenses.

**Youth Substance Awareness Safety Program:** This program is designed for youth and young adults aged 16 to 20 that have been cited for underage drinking and/or marijuana possession. Referrals to this program are made by the law enforcement officer who issued the citation. YSASP aims to (1) hold youth accountable for their violation, (2) educate youth about the consequences and risks of substances, and (3) identify youth with potential substance use problems so that they may receive appropriate treatment during this early stage of their lives.

**Balanced & Restorative Justice (BARJ):** The BARJ program works with youth and young adults for a variety of reasons, including truancy, delinquency, or being at-risk. We accept at-risk referrals from any person or agency. We also accept truancy and adjudicated referrals from DCF or directly from Family Court. Additionally, we have a "pre-charge" option for youth who are adversely involved with our legal system for delinquency. For delinquency cases, we use a restorative approach to hold youth accountable, take steps to reduce the likelihood of further adverse involvement with our legal system, and repair the harm caused during the incident.

**Pretrial Services:** This program is designed for adults in the pretrial stage of the court process. These individuals are not diverted from the traditional court process, but instead engage with us as they continue through court proceedings. These defendants are required to complete a treatment needs screening with our agency, complete a mental health and/or substance use assessment, and/or engage in our programming. We also support them in adhering to their conditions of release.

**Screening (a Pretrial Services program):** We offer mental health and/or substance use needs screenings to defendants at all pretrial points of the criminal justice system. These screenings aim to identify the need for a formal clinical assessment. We also offer risk assessments to inmates who have been unable to post bail for more than 24 hours.

**Emotional Intelligence Mentoring:** We partner with Mentor Connector to offer a course in Rutland County schools. We use an evidence-based curriculum to help youth develop skills in the following areas: conflict resolution, emotional regulation, interpersonal relationships, effective communication, perspective-taking, decision making, and problem solving. Based on our work with youth in schools, we collaborate with school staff to identify youth who may benefit from long-term mentoring. From there, we make referrals to Mentor Connector as appropriate.

In fiscal year 2019, our Diversion and Tamarack programs diverted 31% of all new misdemeanor charges from our traditional justice system. In fiscal year 2018, we collected approximately \$16,000 in restitution for victims. Participants in our Driving with License Suspended Program completed over 1350 hours of community service in just two years. Rutland County community members volunteered over 500 hours to our program in just six months of fiscal year 2019. For our fiscal year 2020, we handled hundreds of cases and completed 200 screenings. We also offer an emotional intelligence skills development course to students throughout the county.

### **For more information contact:**

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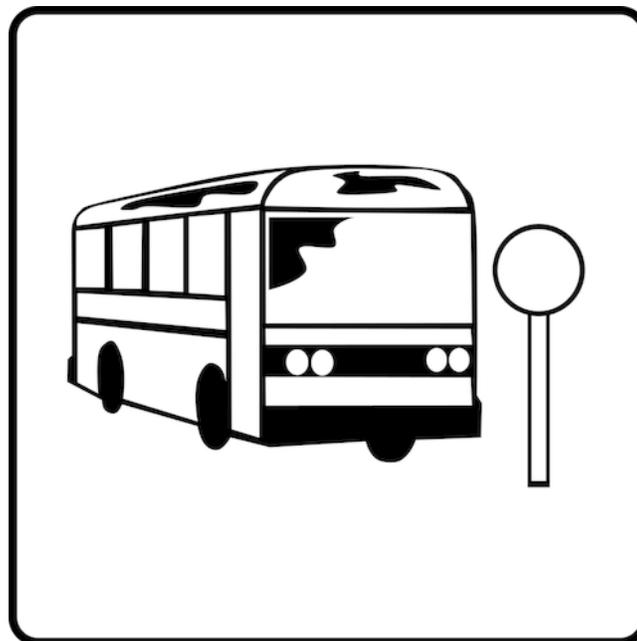
TVT provides free door-to-door trips for qualifying Pittsfield residents with volunteer drivers or on wheelchair accessible vehicles. Pittsfield residents also have access to commuter routes with stops in nearby Stockbridge. Tri-Valley Transit's Dial-A-Ride and Bus Systems provided a total of 226,281 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.

**Information:** For information on transportation services, being a volunteer driver or making a donation please visit [www.stagecoach-rides.org](http://www.stagecoach-rides.org), call (802) 728-3773 or send an email to [info@trivalleytransit.org](mailto:info@trivalleytransit.org)





The Two Rivers-Ottauquechee Regional Commission (TRORC) 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.

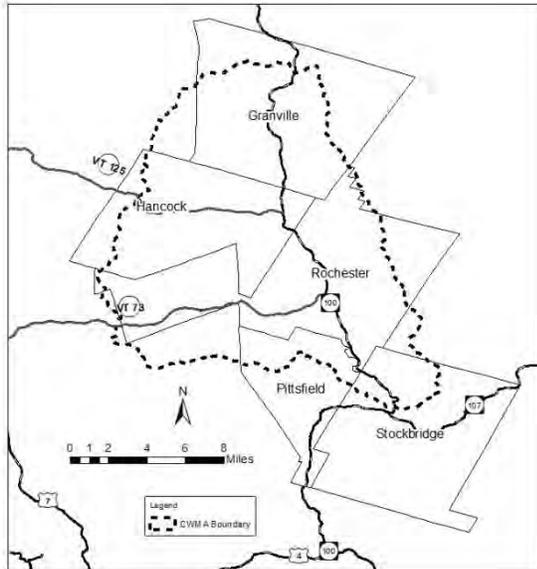
Specifically, this past year, TRORC helped complete Pittsfield's Local Emergency Management Plan, worked on the local hazard mitigation plan, and prepared a Municipal Planning Grant application. Staff assisted the town on closing out a Better Roads grant to improve ditching and culverts on Liberty Hill Road. Staff assisted the town on the Grants in Aid Year 3 program to complete ditching and culvert improvements on Tozier Hill Road and assisted with an equipment grant to purchase a leaf blower. Staff is also assisting the town on managing the Salt Shed project.

*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*

## UPPER WHITE RIVER COOPERATIVE WEED MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

2020 was the seventh year that the Upper White River Cooperative Weed Management Association (CWMA) 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 invasives 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:** The CWMA Coordinator controlled one small infestation of wild chervil along Corporation Road in Pittsfield. Forest Service staff controlled another wild chervil infestation on the Spikehorn Trail. No new inventory was completed. While the infestations controlled 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](mailto:mary.deller@usda.gov).

To learn more about invasive plants in Vermont, visit the Vermont Invasives website: <http://vtinvasives.org>

*People with disabilities working together for dignity, independence, and civil rights*

The Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL), a statewide, non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for people with disabilities, respectfully requests funding from the Town of Pittsfield for our fiscal year 2019.

Annual support from over 150 cities and towns across the State helps VCIL assist Vermonters with disabilities achieve dignified and self-determined lives. VCIL works to serve individuals who can benefit from our direct services as well as to educate and inform members of the community about disability related issues and independent living. Direct services are available to residents of Pittsfield in a number of ways. Peer counselors work with residents in their homes; small grants for adaptive equipment; Meals on Wheels for people under the age of 60; Home Access modifications; individual and systems advocacy and programs for youth. Information, Referral and Assistance is available to all residents by calling VCIL's I-Line, at 1-800-639-1522 (Voice and TTY).

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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: [www.healthvermont.gov/local](http://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

- 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 213,000\* 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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**About the League.** The Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, owned by its member municipalities, with a mission to serve and strengthen Vermont local government. It is directed by a 13-member Board of Directors elected by the membership and comprising municipal officials from across the state. The most recent audited financial statements are posted on our website, [vlct.org/about/audit-reports](http://vlct.org/about/audit-reports), and show that our positive net position continues.

**Member Benefits.** All 246 Vermont cities and towns are members of VLCT, as are 139 other municipal entities that include villages, solid waste districts, regional planning commissions, and fire districts. Members have exclusive access to a wide range of specialized benefits, expertise, and services, including:

- **Legal, consulting, and education services**, including prompt responses to member questions that often involve how to comply with state and federal requirements. In 2020, VLCT's timely legal and technical assistance included answering more than 4,000 legal questions and publishing guidance, templates, research reports, and several new groups of FAQs explaining how municipalities can implement the state's COVID-19 requirements. To support Vermont's towns and cities in responding to the pandemic, VLCT quickly researched, assembled, and distributed important information about fiscal impacts, grant opportunities, and how to adapt town operations and hold public meetings remotely.
- **Trainings and timely communications on topics of specific concern to officials** who carry out their duties required by state law, as well as pertinent statewide topics. In response to the pandemic, the League provided online trainings, a virtual week-long conference, and timely announcements and information from state officials about how to comply with requirements and access to funding and assistance.
- **Representation before the state legislature and state agencies**, ensuring that municipal voices are heard collectively and as a single, united voice. VLCT's recent legislative efforts have helped provide cities and towns additional resources to achieve tangible results on pressing issues such as responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, road and bridge repair, cybersecurity, housing and economic growth, renewable energy, emergency medical services, equity and inclusion, and ensuring the quality of our drinking water. Members are also represented at the federal level to Vermont's Congressional delegation and through our partner, the National League of Cities.
- **Access to two exceptional insurance programs.** The Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund (PACIF) provides comprehensive and cost-effective property, liability, and workers' compensation insurance coverage, programs, and services that protect the assets of your community. The VLCT Employment Resource and Benefits (VERB) Trust provides unemployment insurance, life, disability, dental, and vision insurance products to members at a competitive price. Both programs offer coverage and products that members need and ask for, help Vermont municipalities stretch their budgets, and are *only* available to VLCT members.
- **Access to a host of educational and informative materials and member conferences**, including a news magazine, handbooks, reports, articles, and events that all focus on the needs of local government and provide additional educational and networking opportunities.

At the heart of all these activities is VLCT's commitment to serving as a good steward of member assets, and we are proud of the progress we continue to make in that effort. Members are welcome to contact VLCT anytime to ask questions, and to access resources that can help each official and employee carry out the important work of local government. For a comprehensive list of member benefits and services, please visit [vlct.org/memborguide](http://vlct.org/memborguide) to download the VLCT Member Guide.

**To learn more about the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, visit the VLCT website at [vlct.org](http://vlct.org).**



The **VERMONT RURAL FIRE PROTECTION(RFP) PROGRAM**, formerly called the Dry Hydrant Grant Program, helps Vermont communities protect lives, property and natural resources by enhancing fire suppression resources. Program Manager and Engineering Technician Troy Dare helps local fire departments identify appropriate sites for dry hydrants and other rural water supply systems, design installations, and find financial support to support the costs of construction. During the **23+ years** of the program, almost **1200 grants** totaling **\$2.6 million** have been provided to Vermont towns for installation of new rural fire protection systems, as well as for replacements and repairs.

The Rural Fire Protection Program has made a successful transition from the Northern Vermont and George D. Aiken Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Councils to the Vermont Association of Conservation Districts (VACD). VACD is the membership association of Vermont's fourteen Natural Resources Conservation Districts, whose mission is to work with landowners and communities to protect natural resources and support the working landscape throughout the state.

We have made several adjustments to the Rural Fire Protection Grant Program, including changing the name from Dry Hydrant Grant Program to Rural Fire Protection Program to better reflect the diverse range of projects we support. We have increased the maximum grant award amount from \$5,000 to \$10,000 per project. New rural fire protection systems, along with repair, replacement, relocation, upgrades of existing systems, and drafting site development, are eligible for grant funding on an ongoing basis. And we now consider applications from Vermont towns and fire departments on a revolving basis throughout the year rather than just once a year.

The annual expense of the Rural Fire Protection Program in FY 2020 was \$200,432, of which \$107,524 was paid in grants to Vermont communities for construction costs. The remaining budget covered site assessments, project design and program oversight. Most of our funding comes from the Vermont Department of Public Safety through annual appropriations by the Vermont Legislature. In addition, the program receives support from the US Forest Service through the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation. Since last year's appropriation request, we have received nearly **\$10,000** in town appropriations from almost **100** towns, with contributions still coming in. We are deeply grateful for your ongoing support.

**215** Vermont communities have benefitted from the Rural Fire Protection program. Our goal is to extend this support to all Vermont towns and continue to assist local fire departments in reducing the risk of injury, loss of life, and damage to property and natural resources, thereby improving the safety and welfare of Vermont communities.

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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 64 homecare visits to 2 Pittsfield residents with short-term medical or physical needs. This included approximately \$1314 in unreimbursed care to Pittsfield residents.

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.

Pittsfield'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





# WHITE RIVER VALLEY AMBULANCE, INC

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 WRVA 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](http://www.wvra.org)**

**Matt Parrish,  
Executive Director**



## 2021 PITTSFIELD SCHOOL BOARD DIRECTORS' ANNUAL REPORT

Since last March, the Pittsfield School Board (PSB) met regularly, with some appropriately noticed exceptions, on the second Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. in or around the basement of the Town Office building. Agendas and minutes of meetings were also produced and posted as required by law. The PSB wishes to thank Trish Fryer for the invaluable and excellent work she does to make the School Board function and help assure a great education for our children.

Board members continued their core functions of producing a budget for your vote, paying the bills of the School District in a timely fashion after reasonable scrutiny to assure that Pittsfield pays only our fair share, attending and participating on our Supervisory Union Board and with Windsor Central Unified Union School District (WCUUSD) board meetings (Thank you Ray Rice!), and awarding the Jean Colver Sofield Award. In 2020 the award, granted to a Pittsfield student who is college bound and has demonstrated a commitment to community service, was split between Alice Sperber and Magnolia Rice. Congratulations ladies, your applications were incredible!

As always, given our status as a district/town that does not operate a school but retains choice to pay tuition at the schools our children attend, Pittsfield's school budget is based on the number of children attending school, which school they attend, and costs of additional support our children may require. This upcoming school year we expect to have 50 pre-K–12 students. This year the PSB continued the process by which parents of students provided documentation of their legal address to the schools their children attended and the school board paid tuition based on that documentation. Thank you to those parents who completed the documentation.

For FY2022 the board proposes a total budget of \$1,014,329. Our average per-pupil expenditure is \$14,650. This results in a homestead tax rate of \$1.2470.

The PSB wishes to thank the Town for the opportunity to serve and we look forward to another challenging year assuring our students get a great education with efficient, responsible fiscal oversight.

Respectfully submitted,

Kris Sperber

Ray Rice

Peter DuBois

**Pittsfield School Board of Directors  
Town Meeting Day  
March 4, 2020  
The Pittsfield Federated Church**

School portion called to order at 6:05 P.M.

**Article 1. To elect a moderator for the year ensuing.** Motion to accept article made by Charlie, seconded by Jerry, passes unanimously. Charlie nominates George Deblon and it passes unanimously.

**Article 2. To hear and act upon the auditor's report.** Sarah motions to act, Charlie seconds, and it passes unanimously.

**Article 3. To see if the Pittsfield School District will vote to pay taxes in the same manner as the town.** Motion made by Jerry to accept and it was seconded by Terry, no discussion. Jennifer makes the motion to close, seconded by Sue and it passes unanimously.

**Article 4. To hear reports of the School Directors.** Charlie motions to hear, seconded by terry. Jennifer motions to accept it, is seconded by Cynthia, it passes unanimously.

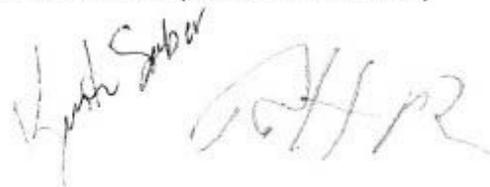
**Article 5. Shall the voters of the Pittsfield School District approve a total budget in the amount of \$1,144,825 for the 2020-21 school year? It is estimated that this proposed budget will result in education spending of \$17,185 per equalized pupil. This projected spending is 0.7% higher than spending for the current year.** Charlie motions to accept, Laretta seconds. Questions about how the surplus changed the tax rate last year. A question about the new high school and if it affects us. Motion to accept the article made by Verna, seconded by Jennifer, and it passes unanimously.

**Article 6. To elect a School Director for a three year term.** Ray Rice was nominated by Jennifer and seconded by Jerry. Charlie motions that we vote for Ray, it's seconded by Jennifer and the vote passes unanimously.

**Article 7. To do any other proper and necessary business.** Sarah motions to accept the article, Jerry seconds.

Jennifer motions to end the school board meeting, Charlie seconds and it passes unanimously at approximately 6:35 P.M.

Recorded by: Peter DuBois  
Approved By:



**SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENSES**  
**Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2020**

<b>Receipts</b>	
Town of Pittsfield General Fund (taxes)	865,359.00
Interest Income	5,517.86
Prior Year Income	<u>429.12</u>
<b>Receipts Total</b>	<b>\$871,305.98</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Special Education Assessment	13,845.63
SU Assessment	30,000.00
Special Education Excess Cost	131,534.00
Tax Expense - FICA SS & Medicare	95.61
School Board Salaries	1,050.00
Treasurer Salary	200.00
Insurance Assessment -Liability Insurance	2,460.00
Audit - Windsor Central Supervisory Union	1,200.00
Service Charge	0.05
Prior Year Expense	<u>9,932.74</u>
<b>Expenses Subtotal</b>	<b>\$190,318.03</b>
<b>Tuition Pre-K</b>	
Killington Pre-K	<u>7,551.00</u>
<b>Tuition Pre-K Subtotal</b>	<b>\$7,551.00</b>
<b>Elementary Tuition</b>	
Killington	294500.00
Bethel	<u>34374.50</u>
<b>Elementary Tuition Subtotal</b>	<b>\$328,874.50</b>
<b>Secondary Tuition</b>	
Woodstock	414,000.00
Sharon Academy	47,799.00
Randolf Tech. Career Center	9,753.29
Killington Mountain School	62,963.50
Addison Central School District	500.19
Bethel	<u>8,204.25</u>
<b>Secondary Tuition Subtotal</b>	<b>\$543,220.23</b>
<b>Vocational Tuition</b>	
Rutland City Public School	
Hartford School District	<u>2562.00</u>
<b>Vocational Tuition Subtotal</b>	<b>\$2,562.00</b>
<b>Expenses Total</b>	<b>\$1,072,525.76</b>

**SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER'S REPORT, continued**

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE**

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2020

<b>Assets</b>	
Checking - Mascoma	10,052.39
Holding Account - Mascoma	<u>98,845.10</u>
Total Assets June 30, 2020	<b>\$108,897.49</b>

Actual Fund Balance June 30, 2019	310,117.27
Revenue for FY 2019-2020	<u>871,305.98</u>
Expenses for FY 2019-2020	<u>(1,072,525.76)</u>
Ending Balance, June 30, 2020	<b>\$108,897.49</b>

Increase in Fund Balance **(\$201,219.78)**

**STATEMENT OF SCHOOL INDEBTEDNESS**

**As of June 30, 2020**

**None**



Pittsfield School District Proposed Budget 2021-2022

	Approved Budget 2018-2019	Unaudited Actual 2018-2019	Approved Budget 2019-2020	Unaudited Actual 2019-2020	Approved Budget 2020-2021	Proposed 2021-2022
<b>REVENUES</b>						
Prior Year Surplus	202,097	202,097	188,412	188,412	75,000	75,000
State Support	986,234	978,551	871,440	865,359	986,225	868,129
Interest Income	1,200	9,722	1,200	5,518	8,000	7,000
Miscellaneous	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tech Grant	10,500	7,625	10,500	10,500	8,000	8,000
Mainstream Block Grant	0	0	0	0	0	0
Special Ed Expenditure Reimbursement	85,527	41,487	59,940	74,606	67,600	56,200
Special Ed EEE	0	0	0	0	0	0
Green Mountain Forest	5,000	0	5,000	0	0	0
Other Receipts	0	0	0	0	0	0
	1,290,559	1,239,482	1,136,492	1,144,395	1,144,825	1,014,329
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>						
<b>BOARD OF EDUCATION</b>						
Stipends - Board of Education	1,050	1,050	1,050	970	1,050	1,050
FICA - Board of Education	95	99	95	191	100	100
Liability Insurance	3,000	2,460	3,000	2,460	3,000	3,000
Legal Fees	0	0	0	0	0	0
Advertising	0	0	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dues/Fees	275	0	275	0	275	0
	4,420	3,609	4,420	3,621	4,425	4,150
<b>FISCAL SERVICES</b>						
Stipend - Treasurer	200	200	200	185	200	200
Audit	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200
	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,385	1,400	1,400
<b>SUPERINTENDENTS OFFICE</b>						
WCSU - Central Office Assessment	30,000	30,000	35,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
WCSU - Special Education Assessment	21,000	13,500	18,000	12,000	18,000	12,000
Special Education - Excess Costs	137,384	79,783	93,000	131,534	130,000	102,000
EEE Assessment	0	0	5,000	0	0	0
	188,384	123,283	151,000	173,534	178,000	144,000
<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>						
Interest/Bank Fees	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>SCHOOL INSTRUCTION</b>						
Tuition Pre-K	16,335	9,801	0	7,551	20,000	20,000
Tuition Elementary	510,000	324,543	358,820	336,841	384,000	337,313
Tuition Secondary	547,220	539,577	573,052	511,738	543,000	493,466
Prior Year Tuition Expense	0	14,872	0	12,066	0	0
Tuition - Vocational	12,300	4,661	12,300	25,361	6,000	6,000
Tuition - Vocational On Behalf DOE	10,500	7,625	10,500	10,500	8,000	8,000
Contract service - 504/EST	0	0	25,000	0	0	0
	1,096,355	901,079	979,672	904,057	961,000	864,779
<b>PREVIOUS YEAR(S) DEFICIT(S)</b>						
Accumulated Deficit	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,290,559</b>	<b>1,029,371</b>	<b>1,136,492</b>	<b>1,082,597</b>	<b>1,144,825</b>	<b>1,014,329</b>
Suplus/(Deficit)		210,111		61,798		

District: <b>Pittsfield</b> SU: <b>Windsor Central</b>		T153 Rutland County		Property dollar equivalent yield <b>10.763</b>	Homestead tax rate per \$10,763 of spending per equalized pupil <b>1.00</b>
				<b>12.825</b>	Income dollar equivalent yield per 2.0% of household income
Expenditures		FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022
1.	Budget (local budget, including special programs, full technical center expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures)	\$1,290,559	\$1,136,492	\$1,144,825	\$1,014,329
2.	plus Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting	-	-	-	-
3.	minus Act 144 Expenditures, to be excluded from Education Spending (Manchester & West Windsor only)	-	-	-	-
4.	Locally adopted or warned budget	\$1,290,559	\$1,136,492	\$1,144,825	\$1,014,329
5.	plus Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any	-	-	-	-
6.	plus Prior year deficit repayment of deficit	-	-	-	-
7.	<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$1,290,559</b>	<b>\$1,136,492</b>	<b>\$1,144,825</b>	<b>\$1,014,329</b>
8.	minus S. U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-
9.	minus Prior year deficit reduction (included in expenditure budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-
<b>Revenues</b>					
10.	Offsetting revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)	\$304,325	\$265,052	\$158,600	\$146,200
11.	plus Capital debt aid for eligible projects pre-existing Act 60	-	-	-	-
12.	minus All Act 144 revenues, including local Act 144 tax revenues (Manchester & West Windsor only)	-	-	-	NA
13.	<b>Offsetting revenues</b>	<b>\$304,325</b>	<b>\$265,052</b>	<b>\$158,600</b>	<b>\$146,200</b>
14.	<b>Education Spending</b>	<b>\$986,234</b>	<b>\$871,440</b>	<b>\$986,225</b>	<b>\$868,129</b>
15.	Equalized Pupils	67.71	63.21	57.39	59.26
<b>Education Spending per Equalized Pupil</b>		<b>\$14,565.66</b>	<b>\$13,786.43</b>	<b>\$17,184.61</b>	<b>\$14,649.49</b>
17.	minus Less ALL net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil	-	-	-	-
18.	minus Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$50,000 for an individual (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-
19.	minus Less amount of deficit if deficit is SOLELY attributable to tuitions paid to public schools for grades the district does not operate for new students who moved to the district after the budget was passed (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-
20.	minus Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer equalized pupils (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-
21.	minus Estimated costs of new students after census period (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-
22.	minus Total tuitions if tuitioning ALL K-12 unless electorate has approved tuitions greater than average announced tuition (per eqpup)	Exempt	Exempt	Exempt	EXEMPT
23.	minus Less planning costs for merger of small schools (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-
24.	minus Teacher retirement assessment for new members of Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System on or after July 1, 2015 (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-
25.	plus Excess spending threshold	Threshold = \$17,816 \$17,816.00	Threshold = \$18,311 \$18,311.00	Threshold = \$18,756 \$18,756.00	Threshold = \$18,708 \$18,789.00
26.	plus Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)	-	-	-	-
27.	plus Per pupil figure used for calculating District Equalized Tax Rate	\$14,566	\$13,786	\$17,185	\$14,649.49
28.	District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%)	142.520% based on yield \$10,763	129.474% based on yield \$10,763	157.903% based on \$10,763	136.110% based on yield \$10,763
<b>Prorating the local tax rate</b>					
29.	Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate (to be prorated by line 30) (\$14,649.49 ÷ (\$10,763 / \$1.00))	\$1.4252 based on \$1.00	\$1.2947 based on \$1.00	\$1.5790 based on \$1.00	\$1.3611 based on \$1.00
30.	Percent of Pittsfield equalized pupils not in a union school district	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
31.	Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town (100.00% x \$1.38)	\$1.4252	\$1.2947	\$1.5790	\$1.3611
32.	<b>Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)</b>	112.62%	110.58%	108.16%	109.15%
33.	Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (\$1.3611 / 109.15%)	\$1.2855 based on \$1.00	\$1.1708 based on \$1.00	\$1.4589 based on \$1.00	\$1.2470 based on \$1.00
<p>If the district belongs to a union school district, this is only a PARTIAL homestead tax rate. The tax rate shown represents the estimated portion of the final homestead tax rate due to spending for students who do not belong to a union school district. The same holds true for the income cap percentage.</p>					
34.	Anticipated income cap percent (to be prorated by line 30) ((\$14,649.49 ÷ \$12,825) x 2.00%)	2.35% based on 2.00%	2.11% based on 2.00%	2.57% based on 2.00%	2.28% based on 2.00%
35.	Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (100.00% x 2.28%)	2.35%	2.11%	2.57%	2.28%
36.	#N/A	-	-	-	-
37.	#N/A	-	-	-	-

- Following current statute, the Tax Commissioner recommended a property yield of \$10,863 for every \$100 of homestead tax per \$100 of equalized property value. The Tax Commissioner also recommended an income yield of \$13,396 for a base income percent of 2.0% and a non-residential tax rate of \$1.654. New and updated data will likely change the proposed property and income yields and perhaps the non-residential rate.  
 - Final figures will be set by the Legislature during the legislative session and approved by the Governor.  
 - The base income percentage cap is 2.0%.

Bethel-Royalton Solid Waste Facility  
122 Waterman Road  
Royalton, VT 05068  
802-763-2232  
[whiteriveralliancesolidwaste.org](http://whiteriveralliancesolidwaste.org)

Open to the public Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 7am-1pm

### Pricing Effective January 1, 2021

Bulk Waste                    **\$170.00/ton.     \$20.00 minimum**  
Per Bag     **\$8.00/45 gallon     \$5.00/30 gallon     \$3.00/gallon**

**Recycling     \$3.00 per visit**  
**Food Scraps     \$2.00/gallon     1 gallon minimum**

Yard Waste (small branches, grass, leaves) **\$50.00 cubic yard**  
**1/2 yard minimum. 1.5" maximum on branches. NO stumps**  
Christmas Trees **\$20.00** must be free of tinsel and all decorations.

Bulk Items such as **mattresses, couches, sofas, rugs, chairs, desks, end tables, carpet, computer desks, etc.** must use the scale.

Freon Appliances (refrigerators, freezers, water coolers dehumidifiers)     **\$25**  
Scrap Metal **\$5.00 cubic yard     See attendant before you dump !**  
Vehicle batteries            **\$1.00 each**  
Waste Oil                    **\$1.25/quart**  
Antifreeze                  **\$1.25/quart**  
Grill Size Propane Tanks        **\$8.00**  
Small Camping Size            **\$1.00**  
**DO NOT PUT PRESSURIZED TANKS IN THE SCRAP METAL !!**

Fluorescent Bulbs            **No Charge-Limit 10 per day**  
Latex/Oil Based Paint        **No Charge-Limit 10 gallons per day**

#### Tires

Car and Light Truck 16" and under     **no rim     \$6.00     with rim     \$8.00**  
Truck tires over 16" with                **no rim     \$20.00     with rim     \$30.00**  
Loader, tractor, heavy equipment        **no rim     \$75.00     with rim     \$125.00**

Computers, TVs, Tabletop Printers, Keyboards, Monitors **FREE** for VT households, charities and businesses with up to 10 employees.

Microwaves, Stereos, Game Consoles, Record Players, DVDs, VCRs, Cordless Phones, Fax Machines     **\$5.00** Large Printers/Copiers **\$25-75**

## BETHEL/ROYALTON SOLID WASTE 2021 Holiday Schedule

Saturday May 29, 2021 CLOSED (Memorial Day weekend)  
Saturday July 3, 2021 CLOSED (July 4 weekend)  
Saturday September 4, 2021 CLOSED (Labor Day weekend)  
Saturday October 9, 2021 OPEN (Columbus Day Weekend)  
Thursday November 11, 2021 OPEN (Veteran's Day)  
Thursday November 25, 2021 CLOSED (Thanksgiving)  
Friday December 24 and Saturday December 25, 2021 CLOSED (Christmas)

## BETHEL/ROYALTON SOLID WASTE FOOD SCRAP COMPOSTING

### ACCEPTED MATERIAL:

Meat and Bones  
Fruit and Vegetables  
Milk, Cheese, Dairy  
Condiments and Dressings  
Coffee Grounds  
Shells and Fish  
Spices  
Oils and Fats

### NOT ACCEPTED MATERIAL:

Bags (even if labeled "Compostable")  
Paper Products  
Milk Cartons  
Dishware/Silverware  
Ketchup, Mustard, Mayo or Relish Packets  
Packaging/Recyclables  
Florist Flowers  
Fruit Stickers (please remove these stickers)

## CONTACTS FOR FURTHER ASSISTANCE

<b>Department</b>	<b>Phone Number</b>
Vermont Environmental Assistance Office Email - <a href="mailto:Vermont.gov/environmental-assistance">Vermont.gov/environmental-assistance</a>	1-800-974-9559
Efficiency Vermont	1-888-921-5990
VT. Agency of Natural Resources	1-802-272-4529
<b>Hazardous Waste:</b>	
Safety Kleen	1-802-479-1200
Clean Harbors Environmental	1-860-583-8917
Enpro Services	1-802-923-1970
Heritage Environmental Services	1-518-452-7301

## Universal Recycling Food Scrap Ban Guidance

### Background

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On July 1, 2020, Vermont state law bans disposal of food scraps in the trash or landfills.

*Food scraps include pre- and post-consumer food waste that is derived from processing or discarding of food and that is able to be used through one of the following options: food donation for people in need, animal feed, composting, or anaerobic digestion.*

On July 1, 2020, trash haulers must offer food scrap collection services to non-residential customers and apartments with 4 units or more, unless another hauler is willing to provide that service.

**Why?** Keeping food scraps out of the trash saves landfill space and reduces greenhouse gas emissions. Reducing food waste saves resources. Food donation has nearly tripled since the law was passed.

#### What will enforcement look like for the food waste ban?

The Vermont Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) prioritizes outreach and compliance efforts on the largest producers of food waste and on complaints we receive. ANR has enforcement authority under 10 V.S.A. Section 8003(a) for solid waste laws and all of Vermont's 11 landfill disposal bans, which includes the food waste ban. ANR has consistently prioritized education and outreach on the food waste ban and has worked to ensure options exist for food scrap collection and drop-off. ANR has supported grant funding for low-cost/subsidized residential composting bins as a way to encourage cost savings through home composting. ANR does not sort through residential trash bags looking for recyclables or food scraps.

### Residents

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Residents are separating their food scraps into buckets or bins and either using local food waste drop-offs (like transfer stations) or curbside food scrap haulers, or composting at home.

Vermont state law allows residents who compost at home to dispose of meat and bones in the trash even after July 1, 2020.

Residents are NOT required to compost at home and can choose to bring food scraps to drop-off facilities or use curbside food scrap haulers. Residents can ask their trash hauler if they provide food scrap collection. Residents can find drop-off facilities and food scrap haulers at [VTrecycles.com](http://VTrecycles.com) or by contacting their local solid waste management entity at [802recycles.com](http://802recycles.com).

To learn how to prevent food waste and manage your food scraps, visit [VTrecycles.com](http://VTrecycles.com).

Material	YES 	NO 	Preparation
<b>Class</b> Glass bottles & jars	Food and beverage containers only.	No light bulbs, dishes, Pyrex, drinking glasses, window panes, or ceramics.	<b>Rinse clean.</b> Remove all lids. Labels OK. Recycle plastic lids over 2" in diameter in blue bin; discard smaller plastic lids. Neck rings OK. Recycle metal lids as scrap metal at Drop-Off Centers.
<b>Metal</b> Aerosol cans	Cans must be completely empty. <b>Non-hazardous product cans only.</b>	<b>Empty containers only.</b> No cans from paint, cleansers, automotive sprays, or other hazardous fluids.	<b>Empty.</b> Do not puncture. Separate caps from container. Recycle plastic caps over 2" in blue bin. Discard smaller caps.
<b>Metal</b> Aluminum Metal cans	Cans, foil, and pie plates. Food and beverage cans only.	<b>No stuck-on food or grease.</b> <b>No</b> oil filters, propane tanks, batteries, bottle caps, or scrap metal (recycle these at Drop-Off Centers).	<b>Rinse clean.</b> Labels OK. Lids OK placed inside cans for safety.
<b>Plastic</b> Rigid plastic packaging & containers labeled through  . <b>NOTE: Not everything with a number on it is recyclable! Not everything without a number isn't recyclable!</b>	<b>Minimum 2" on any 2 dimensions.</b> <b>Maximum 2' on any one dimension.</b> Bottles, jugs & trays for foods, beverages, beauty, and cleaning products, detergents, dairy tubs (yogurt, sour cream, etc.), 5-gallon pails, take-out containers, flower pots and trays.	<b>No flimsy or pliable plastic</b> (grocery bags, bubble wrap, etc.). <b>No Styrofoam</b> (e.g. cups, take-out containers, packaging blocks, peanuts). No laundry baskets, housewares, office products, etc. No containers for hazardous products (motor oil, pesticides, etc.). No electronics housing. No biodegradable plastics (PLA).	<b>Rinse clean.</b> Labels OK. <b>IMPORTANT: Remove paper inserts for recycling. Caps &amp; lids under 2" recycled only if attached to container.</b> Remove handles from pails and recycle as scrap metal at Drop-Off Centers.
<b>Plastic</b> Boxboard	Shoe & clothing boxes, 6- & 12-pack soda & beer carriers, paper egg cartons, dry-food boxes (pasta, rice, cereal, grains, etc.), tissue boxes, paper towel and toilet paper cores, etc.	<b>No</b> laundry detergent boxes; refrigerated- or frozen-food boxes; drink boxes; aseptic packaging; or milk, juice, or other beverage cartons. No paper plates or cups.	<b>Empty and flatten.</b> Remove and discard plastic liners. Recycle metal pour spouts as scrap metal at Drop-Off Centers.
<b>Plastic</b> Corrugated cardboard	Boxes with a wavy center layer.	<b>No</b> oil-, paint-, or chemical-stained; wet; unclean; or wax-coated cardboard. No strapping or string. No plastic, filmy, or foam packing materials.	<b>Empty and flatten.</b> Up to one cubic yard of up to 4-ft. sections accepted at Drop-Off Centers (2-ft. sections for curbside pickup). Staples, tape, and labels OK.
<b>Paper (NOTE: Must be clean &amp; dry.)</b> Envelopes & opened mail	White, manilla, colored, gummed, and window envelopes.	<b>No</b> Tyvek or plastic envelopes. No mailers padded with bubble wrap.	Remove nonpaper enclosures (e.g., CDs, plastic cards, etc.) and strings. Labels OK. Must be clean and dry. Phone books OK.
<b>Paper (NOTE: Must be clean &amp; dry.)</b> Magazines, catalogs, & soft-cover books	Glue- or staple-bound publications, paperback books, phone books, etc.	<b>No</b> plastic wrapping, non-paper inserts, spiral or 3-ring notebooks, or plastic covers.	Must be clean and dry. Remove from plastic bags. Do not tie with string.
<b>Paper (NOTE: Must be clean &amp; dry.)</b> Newspaper	All sections and inserts.	<b>None</b> that are soaking wet or contaminated with food, paint, oil, pet waste, etc. No plastic bags.	Must be clean and dry. Remove twine and plastic handles.
<b>Paper (NOTE: Must be clean &amp; dry.)</b> Paper bags	All colors.	<b>No</b> plastic-coated or -lined bags. No animal food or kitty-litter bags.	Must be clean and dry. Remove twine and plastic handles.
<b>Paper (NOTE: Must be clean &amp; dry.)</b> Shredded paper	Confidential documents.	<b>No</b> shredded plastic or pressure-sensitive paper.	Place in clear plastic bag and tie bag shut.
<b>Paper (NOTE: Must be clean &amp; dry.)</b> White & colored paper	Printed, letterhead, copier paper, glossy flyers & brochures, file folders, kraft paper, manilla folders, index cards, construction paper, non-metallic wrapping paper, tissue paper & cards.	<b>No</b> pressure-sensitive duplication forms. No foil paper. No paper towels, facial tissue, napkins, paper plates, or cups. No stickers or sticker backing material.	Must be clean and dry. Remove plastic tabs, paper clips & metal hanging-file strips. Staples OK.



# Recycle these materials



**rigid plastic bottles, tubs, trays & jugs**

**Some items are NOT recyclable in your blue bin!**

- NO propane or gas cylinders • NO dishes
- NO wet or soiled paper • NO pill bottles
- NO biodegradable plastics (PLA)
- NO wood-pellet or feed bags
- NO items less than 2" on any 2 dimensions



**aluminum/steel/tin cans & foil**



**glass food & drink containers**



**cardboard**



**paper packaging, mail, catalogs, soft-cover books, magazines, newspapers & bags (no handles)**



- NO paper plates, cups or napkins
- NO household items or toys
- NO Styrofoam
- NO hazardous product containers
- NO beverage cartons & boxes

## TOWN COMPENDIUM

### Useful Information

#### Town of Pittsfield

[www.pittsfieldvt.com](http://www.pittsfieldvt.com) Phone/Fax: 802-746-8170

40 Village Green - P.O. Box 556, Pittsfield, VT 05762  
[townclerk@pittsfieldvt.com](mailto:townclerk@pittsfieldvt.com)  
Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Current and archived Select Board minutes are available on the website, as well as other information. Please email the Town Clerk with information or events appropriate for the town website.

#### Roger Clark Memorial Library

[www.pittsfieldlibrary.com](http://www.pittsfieldlibrary.com) Phone: 802-746-4067  
40 Village Green, Pittsfield, VT 05762  
[pittsfieldvtlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:pittsfieldvtlibrary@gmail.com)  
Hours: Monday & Saturday, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
Tuesday & Thursday 12 – 6 p.m.

#### Voter Checklist

The Town's current checklist has 423 registered voters. To be added to the checklist, contact the Town Clerk or visit the Vermont Secretary of State's website (<https://www.sec.state.vt.us/elections/voters/registration>).

#### Dog Licenses

Dogs must be licensed by April 1 each year. A late fee is charged after April 1. Rabies shots must be kept up to date and the certificate filed with the Town Clerk.

#### Property Taxes

Tax bills are mailed by July 15 with installments due on the third Thursday of August and November each year. **Payments must be in the Town Office before 5:00 p.m. or the closing of the office on the date that they are due. Postmarks are not accepted as timely payment.**

#### Refuse and Recycling

Property owners and residents are responsible for refuse removal/recycling and may contract with a hauler of their choice or take their refuse and recycling to the Bethel/Royalton Transfer Station.

#### Bethel-Royalton Transfer Station

<http://royaltonvt.com/about-royalton/transfer-station/>  
Phone: 802-763-2232  
122 Waterman Road, South Royalton  
Tues., Thurs., Fri., 7 a.m. - 3 p.m. Sat. 7 a.m. – 1 p.m.

#### Quintown Senior Center

<http://hancockvt.us/quintown/> Phone: 802-767-3763  
1097 Vermont Route 100, Hancock, VT 05478  
[quintownctrnsr@myfairpoint.net](mailto:quintownctrnsr@myfairpoint.net)

Pittsfield residents are eligible for the various services the Quintown Center provides: meals at the center,

home-delivered meals, transportation, and advocate services.

#### Flood Plain Management

To promote proper flood plain management and also to be accepted into the National Flood Insurance Program, the Town of Pittsfield adopted Flood Hazard Area Regulations on February 4, 2014. Contact the Zoning Administrator before building or working within a flood plain area.

#### Regular Meetings

##### Select Board

6:00 p.m. on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month in the Town Office, unless otherwise posted.

##### Planning Commission

6:30 p.m. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of January, April, July, and October at the Town Office, unless otherwise posted.

##### School Board

7:00 p.m. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at the Town Office Building.

##### Library Trustees

3:00 p.m. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at the Roger Clark Memorial Library.

##### Historical Society

6:00 p.m. on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month (Apr – Oct) in the Town Hall. Contact Susie Martin, 746-8098.

##### Pittsfield Volunteer Fire & Rescue

Business meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at the Fire House, 7:30 p.m.  
Work meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month at the Fire House, 6 p.m.

##### Annual Events

Town Meeting (March)  
Memorial Day Parade (May)  
Trick or Treating in the Village (October)

##### VT Alert

VT-ALERT is used by state and local responders to notify the public of emergency situations, including evacuation information; chemical spills; shelter-in-place alerts; severe weather advisories; boil water advisories, and roadway interruptions. Residents can tailor the alerts to specific locations, types of alerts and on which devices they will be notified.

Register here: <https://vem.vermont.gov/vtalert>

**EMERGENCY NUMBERS**  
**FIRE, POLICE, AMBULANCE: 9-1-1**

**VERMONT POISON CENTER: 1-877-658-3456**

**HOSPITALS**

Gifford Medical Center, Randolph	728-4441
Rutland Regional Medical Center	775-7111
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, Lebanon, NH	1-603-646-5000

**TOWN OFFICE**

Clerk & Treasurer: Tricia Fryer	746-8170
Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	
Copier, fax and Notary services available.	

**TOWN GARAGE**

Road Commissioner: George Deblon	746-8406
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**CONSTABLES**

First Constable:	Tim Hunt	746-8586
Second Constable/Dog Officer:	Doug Mianulli	746-8514

<b>HEALTH OFFICER:</b> Rebecca Steward	746-9043
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**GAME WARDEN**

Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department: Keith Gallant	
Contact through the Rutland State Police Dispatcher	773-9101

**FIRE WARDEN**

Burn Permits: Ray Colton	
Contact at Colton Enterprises	746-8033

**VERMONT STATE POLICE**

For questions and non-emergencies, call the Rutland Barracks	773-9101
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**Town Meeting**

Town Meeting 2021 will be done by Australian Ballot on March 2, 2021 8am-7pm at the Town Office.

There will be an informational meeting via TEAMS on Saturday, February 27, 2021 at 10 am.