

# TOWN OF WOODSTOCK, VERMONT 2020 ANNUAL REPORT

Fiscal Year July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020



## Signs of the Time



Social Distancing in Vermont



## Public Informational Hearings:

Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at  
10:00 am & Monday,  
February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 pm  
on Zoom

## VOTE

Tuesday, March 2nd, 2021  
7:00 am – 7:00 pm  
Woodstock Town Hall



## DEDICATION

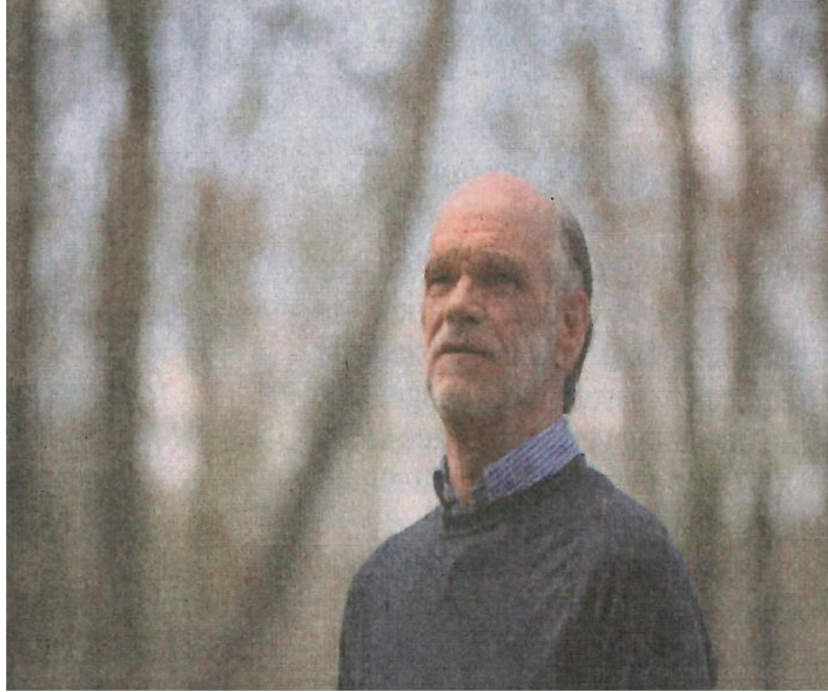


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### MICHAEL E. BRANDS

The Select Board dedicates the 2019-2020 Annual Report to Michael Brands, AICP, Woodstock's Town Planner and Administrative Officer for more than 30 years. Michael began his work in Woodstock in July 1988.

When Michael started working in Woodstock, he was impressed by the citizen engagement that was obvious as a Town Plan was being revised at the time. He had early experience with litigation. Michael came to Woodstock during a legal battle between the village and a property owner who often applied for a permit after the work had been accomplished.

After a few years as Woodstock's Planning and Zoning Administrative Officer Michael achieved membership in the American Institute of Certified Planners. This organization demands a pledge to maintain ethical standards and adherence to regulations of specific urban areas as established by governing bodies of cities, towns and villages. Michael was always attentive to regulations and maintained a commitment of fairness throughout his career.

His serious work as Woodstock's zoning ordinance enforcer did not hide his sense of humor. Michael is always ready with his quick wit and funny stories. An avid cyclist, one might find Michael riding his bicycle to a site inspection along a back road in the Town. A year-round outdoorsman, Michael's interest in the environment and conservation is obvious. Michael and Vermont go well together.

Michael is an active member of the Woodstock Fire Department. His children attended Woodstock schools. We wish Michael good health and success in his retirement and are pleased that he and his wife, Evelyne, have decided to remain in Woodstock for the foreseeable future.



## IN RECOGNITION OF



## PAUL WILDASIN

The Select Board recognizes Paul Wildasin for his service to the Town in this 2019-2020 Annual Report. Paul Wildasin came to Woodstock about 40 years ago. He operated a flower shop in the Village for several years. Paul really enjoys growing orchids and vacationing in Hawaii. Paul is an artistic designer with a flair for the unusual arrangement

From 2001 until 2009 Paul was an elected officer serving the Town of Woodstock as Justice of the Peace. Paul seemed to enjoy this work and during these years became interested in the office of Lister. When a position came open in the Lister's Office, Paul was appointed in the spring of 2005. He worked as lister until his retirement in September 2020.

Woodstockers often find Paul working as host in different area restaurants. A master with accessories Paul knows just what to do with a bejeweled stick pin or another unusual piece of jewelry, and he always gets it right.

Paul would run off to the beach in Maine when he could find a free day. Paul will stay in Woodstock for now. His two children and grandchildren live in the area.

The photo above features Paul on the day of his retirement. He was honored with a socially distanced luau on his last day working at Town Hall.

Best wishes Paul. Happy Retirement!



# WOODSTOCK, VERMONT

## Town Report

FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2019 through JUNE 30, 2020

<u>Chartered:</u>	July 10, 1761	<u>Area:</u>	25,475.12 acres
2020 Grand List:	\$8,813,519.50	2010 Census:	3,048

## Tax Rate

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>
Town Highway	0.1994
Town General	0.2186
Special Articles	0.1243
Voted Exempt Education Taxes	0.0215
County Tax	0.0077
Homestead Education Tax	1.7508
Non Residential Education Tax	1.7217
Police Assessment (Non-village property)	0.0681

**Please bring this Town Report to the Public Informational Meeting  
on Saturday February 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am or Monday February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00  
pm that will be held on Zoom.**



## **Town of Woodstock Meeting Schedule**

### **Select Board**

Meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm at the Woodstock Town Hall.

### **Board of Sewer Commissioners**

Meetings are held during the regularly scheduled meetings of the Select Board.

### **Town Development Review Board**

Meetings held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm at the Woodstock Town Hall.

### **Planning Commission**

Meetings are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm at the Woodstock Town Hall.

### **Design Review Board (South Woodstock)**

Meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm at the South Woodstock Fire Station (upon application only).

### **Economic Development Commission**

Meetings are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Woodstock Town Hall.

### **Energy Committee**

Meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at 5:30 pm at the Woodstock Town Hall.

### **Recreation Board of Directors**

Meetings are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month at 8:00 am at the Woodstock Recreation Center.

### **Woodstock School Board**

The Windsor County Unified Union School Board meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at 6:00 pm at the Woodstock Union Middle/High School Teagle Library. (visit [www.wcsu.net](http://www.wcsu.net) to confirm meeting dates and locations).

### **Library Board of Trustees**

Meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at 5:00 pm at the Norman Williams Library. To confirm place and time, call 457-2295.

### **Village Development Review Board**

Meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm at the Woodstock Town Hall.



**Village Board of Trustees**

Meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Woodstock Town Hall.

**Village Design Review Board**

Meetings are held the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 4:00 pm at the Woodstock Town Hall (upon application only).

**Conservation Commission**

Meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm at the Woodstock Town Hall (To confirm call 457-7515).



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# TOWN OFFICIALS

## Elected Officials

### SELECT BOARD

	YEAR
Jill M. Davies	2021
L.D. Sutherland	2021
Mary Riley, Chair	2022
John D. Doten, Jr.	2022
Keri Cole	2023

### TOWN CLERK

F. Charles Degener	2021
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### TREASURER

F. Charles Degener	2021
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### MODERATOR

Matthew Maxham	2021
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### LISTERS

Kathy Avellino - Appointed	2021
Carol Wood	2022
Trena Tolliver	2023

### AUDITORS-3 Years

VACANT	2021
VACANT	2022
VACANT	2023

### TOWN AGENT

William C. Dagger	2021
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### TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC FUNDS-3 Years

Jill M. Davies	2021
VACANT	2022
Jack McGuire	2023

### FIRST CONSTABLE

Kelly Linton	2021
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### JUSTICES OF THE PEACE-2 Year

Fred Barr	2021
Dwight Camp	2021
Kathleen W. Camp	2021
Rick Fiske	2021
Jim Ford	2021
Susan Ford	2021
Matt Maxham	2021
Mary Riley	2021
Jane Soule	2021
Wayne Thompson	2021

### GRAND JUROR

VACANT	2021
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### CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS-3 Years

Gregory Camp	2021
Bruce Gould – Appointed	2021
Fred Barr – Appointed	2021

### W.C.M.U.U.S.D.

Julian Underwood	2021
Keri Britsow	2021
Clare Drebitko	2022
Ben Ford	2022
Samantha DiNatale	2023
Louis Piconi	2023



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## TOWN OFFICIALS

### APPOINTED OFFICIALS

#### Municipal Manager

William Kerbin Jr.

#### Administrative Officer

Neal Leitner 2023

#### Fire Chief

David Green

#### Fire Warden – 5 Years

David Green 2021

#### Deputy Fire Warden

Emo Chynoweth 2021

#### Tree Warden

Don Wheeler 2021

#### Health Officer

David Green 2021

#### Inspector of Lumber

Fred Barr 2021

#### Recreation Department

Gail Devine, Rec Director

#### Delinquent Tax Collector

William Kerbin Jr. 2021

#### Truant Officer

Jessica Ryan-Leblanc 2021

#### Two Rivers Ottauquechee

#### Regional Planning

#### Commission Representative

Don Bourdon 2021

#### Greater Upper Valley Solid Waste Management District Representative

William Kerbin Jr. 2021

#### Design Review Board (So. Woodstock)

Glenn Soule 2021

Charles Humpstone 2022

Paul Kendall 2023

#### Development Review Board

Kimberly French 2021

Don Bourdon, Chair 2022

Wade Treadway 2022

Brad Prescott 2023

Vacancy 2023

#### Conservation Commission

Byron Quinn, Vice Chair 2021

Barbara Gibbs 2021

Bethany Powers 2021

Al Alessi, Chair 2023

Cyndy Kozra 2023

Howard Krum 2024

Lynn Peterson 2024

#### Planning Commission

Sam Segal, Vice Chair 2021

Sara Stadler 2021

Mary Margaret Sloan 2022

Ben Jervey 2022

Sally Miller, Chair 2023

Susan Silberberg 2023

Susan Boston 2024

#### Fence Viewers

Fred Barr 2021

Richard Roy 2021

Joseph Lucot 2021

#### Economic Development Commission

Joe DiNatale 2021

Courtney Lowe 2021

Mica Seely 2021

Larry Niles 2022

Julia Cooke 2022

Michael Malik 2023

Elizabeth Reaves 2023

Jon Spector, Chair 2023

Alita Wilson 2023

#### Billings Park Commission

Alison Clarkson, Chair 2021

Christopher Lloyd 2021

Donald R. Wheeler 2022

Sam Segal 2022

Rebecca Williams 2023

Julian Underwood 2023

Randy Richardson 2023

#### Recreation Board of Directors

Dave Doubleday, Chair

Tom Emery

Jim Giller, Treasurer,

Kent McFarland, Vice Chair

Emma Schmell, Secretary

Chuck Vanderstreet

Barry Mangan

L.D. Sutherland, Select Board

Rep.



Photo by Carrie Bivins

## REPORT OF THE SELECT BOARD

It has been a privilege to serve as Select Board Chair and I herewith submit my report for the year, which has been challenging at times and certainly unprecedented. Shortly before Town Meeting 2020 we heard about COVID-19. I am proud of Woodstock people for their response, cooperation, and the determination all have demonstrated.

On March 23, 2020 Bill Kerbin joined us as Woodstock Town Manager although his welcome to Woodstock was marred by the pandemic as businesses, schools, restaurants, and other gathering places were shutting down. Bill joined us as “meeting by Zoom” came into vogue. He picked up the pace in Zoom meetings, our new wave in life, and now it seems Zoom is here to stay. Fortunately Zoom has increased attendance at Meetings.

In early April Bill established a limited access policy at Town Hall. Employees were able to work remotely to follow state guidelines and eventual mandates to stay home, stay safe.

After more than 30 years as Woodstock’s Planning and Zoning Administrative Officer, Michael Brands retired at the end of April. We wish Michael all good things in his well-deserved retirement.

Outdoor dining is very popular in good weather and the Economic Development Commission stepped up to increase our village picnic table inventory. Thank you, EDC. Additionally, restaurants and coffee shops have become very creative in transforming outdoor space to dining areas. Thank you to the Planning Commission for their cooperative considerations during this time.

Sidewalk work and the resetting of curbing along Elm Street was addressed last summer to prepare for work to be done on Routes 4, 12, and 106 by VTrans. We are expecting this to be done sometime in the spring of this year.

In May we welcomed Neal Leitner as Planning and Zoning Administrative Officer.

From East End Park you can now take a comfortable stroll along the Ottauquechee River Walk Trail which opened in the spring of 2020. The trail starts at East End Park and follows the curve of the river, this work was coordinated and completed with tremendous volunteer cooperation.

Faulkner Park continues to be one of the most popular outside venues for families and visitors. This park even provided outdoor space for small meetings on good weather days. Bring a chair, bring your lunch, and keep a safe distance.

Butch Sutherland has decided to retire from the Select Board and will not be seeking reelection to the Board in March. I am sure you join me in thanking Butch who has served Woodstock for many years and in many ways. His stewardship of Woodstock has always been exemplary.

In closing, I would like to thank the Board of Village Trustees for their cooperation whenever business of the town and village brings us together. Special thanks to my Select Board Colleagues Jill Davies, Keri Cole, Butch Sutherland and John Doten for their dedication to Woodstock, along with all Town Employees and Woodstock officials for their commitment to Woodstock. Finally, thank you to Woodstock’s wonderful people for their support as we move Woodstock forward.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Riley



## **ANNUAL REPORT OF TOWN MANAGER**

I am pleased to present my report of the Town Manager for the fiscal year 2019-2020. Of course, I must begin with noting the difficult challenges the Town has faced over the past year including the passing of Phil Swanson, the transition from one town manager to another, the COVID-19 pandemic, and the resulting economic downturn. Through all of this, Woodstock residents have persevered and continued to work together to move Woodstock forward.

I want to provide a note that Total spending on municipal operations that were voted at town meeting was \$6,038,50 of which taxes were \$3,920,138 with the balance coming from other revenues. The tax rate for this fiscal year for municipal services not including Special Articles, that were voted on separately was .4466 cents per one hundred dollars of property value. Taxes for police services added another .0654 cents for those living outside of the Village. These taxes were approximately 25 % of the total taxes you paid last year. The remainder was your state and local education taxes. As you know, a considerable amount of our local education taxes is sent to the State of Vermont to be shared with other towns. The financial records are audited by the firm of Mudgett, Jennett and Krogh-Wisner which are available on our municipal website, [www.townofwoodstock.org](http://www.townofwoodstock.org) or by mail on request.

### **Town Hall**

The last major renovation of Town Hall occurred in 1985. To address the gaining infrastructure, a group of concerned citizens including select board members, Pentangle Arts members and other private individuals formed a team to develop a plan for making repairs to Town Hall. The first part of these repairs began in late 2020 with the removal of the ramps, the start of brick work repair on the west-facing side of the building, and reconfiguration of the air conditioning on the second floor to include the town manager's office.

### **Energy Savings in all Town Buildings**

The Select board continued its efforts in improving energy efficiency in all town buildings this year and the Town continues to save money year in and year out in fuel consumption costs.

### **Economic Development Commission and the 1% Rooms, Meals and Alcohol Tax**

On July 1, 2016, all purchases of rooms, meals and alcohol became subject to a 1% tax. The revenues from the local option tax are dedicated to being spent on economic development efforts.

The Economic Development Commission continues to do an outstanding job of managing the income from the local option tax. The commission is very frugal in the grants that it awards and requires the grant applicant to fund a portion of their project with other contributing revenues. The goal of the projects that are funded is to increase economic development and promoting Woodstock as a place to visit, live, shop, open a business and contribute to a more vibrant local economy.

In the Spring, 2020, the EDC developed a grant program to aid businesses struggling from the economic downturn resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.

All grants and projects that are funded by the EDC are approved by the Select board, upon a recommendation by the EDC.

### **Taxes**

**Resident status must be reported to the State of Vermont ANNUALLY**, whether or not you receive any property tax breaks.

- Reporting must be completed by April 15 of each year.

- Extensions are **not** available, regardless of filing an extension to file your income taxes late.
- Reporting must be done by the State of Vermont from HS-122

You may file online at [www.tax.vermont.gov](http://www.tax.vermont.gov). The link is on the right side of your screen in the middle of the screen. The form is also available for pick up at the Lister's office in Town Hall, which you can fill out and then mail to the Vermont Department of Taxes.

### **Property Tax Break for Moderate Income Homeowners**

There is one redeeming element of the Act 60 – Act 68 Education Financing Law that is of benefit to many Woodstock residents. That is, the Legislature recognized that when they target communities of high property values to generate income to be shared with the rest of Vermont, the burden on middle income residents is too great.

The Legislature did adopt a program of limiting a moderate-income person's property tax to approximately 3% of income for education expenses for Woodstock residents. The program is called the Property Tax Adjustment program and the form, **HI-144**, must be filed with your tax return to prove residency and income. If a household income is below the threshold, the State of Vermont pays a modest amount to the town to help pay those taxes.

### **Tax Collections**

Woodstock collects property taxes twice each year. Given the high tax bills, and the difficulty that some people have in paying this bill twice a year, I want all of our property owners to know that everyone is welcome to make partial payments toward their next tax bill. To do so, please send a check to the Municipal Manager's Office, P.O. Box 488, Woodstock, VT 05091 and include the name the property is held in and the tax parcel I.D. number. If you do not have this information, please call the office at 457-3456, before mailing your check.

### **Highways**

The State of Vermont has adopted rules and regulations that severely regulate the installation of new culverts and the replacement of existing culverts. All culvert replacements must be in conformance with VTTrans Hydraulic Manual. Culverts greater than 3 feet in diameter, require a Hydraulic analysis be performed and the replacement structure installed in accordance with the design flow of a 25-year storm along with aquatic life protection measures. In most cases the structure will be either a concrete box culvert or a small bridge.

The Legislature has passed a law that requires towns to construct road improvements such as stone lined ditches to trap fine gravels and keep them from entering the streams and rivers. One of these projects was completed on Dunham Hill Road during this fiscal year. The implementation of this law will be over many years.

These grants are very important to enable us to maintain our infrastructure without creating a burden on our local taxpayers. We continue to apply for and receive grants from the State for culvert work, bridge maintenance and repaving of our busier town roads.

We constantly read about our Nation's aging infrastructure and our infrastructure here in Woodstock is also aging. Therefore, more focus will need to be placed on revising and redeveloping our current capital plan, seeking out additional grants and reaching out to our federal delegation to inquire about upcoming or current legislation that may have funding for infrastructure.

### **Salt and Sand for Residents**



During the winter months, residents of the Town and Village of Woodstock can pick a bucket of sand or salt at the Town Garage for personal use on private driveways. In the summer we keep a supply of gravel outside of the gate that is available for your use in small quantities.

### **Fire/EMS**

The Select board decided at its 2018 annual town meeting to include a full time Chief of Emergency Services to oversee both the Fire Department. David Green assumed this role after serving as both the fire chief and the supervisor of the Woodstock Ambulance Service. This was the second full year of this model. Thanks to the voters the town now has a full time EMS staff and a planned building remodel and addition.

We are always looking for volunteers. If you have an interest in checking out joining the fire department, please give Chief Green a call at 457-2337. We thank the residents of Woodstock for your generous support of the Woodstock Fire Department. We thank the firefighters for their dedication to Woodstock and their individual and collective efforts to make Woodstock safer.

The South Woodstock Fire Protection Association operates a fire department under the leadership of Paul C. "Chip" Kendall, III. The South Woodstock department is staffed with members who live in the South Woodstock community. The two departments have undertaken training together at all monthly drills and have arranged for the South Woodstock Fire Department to be called out for response to all calls when the main station is called.

The individuals who volunteer to be part of our ambulance service are highly trained, dedicated emergency personnel. The COVID 19 crisis was a real challenge to our personnel and our crew performed with courage and dedication in responding to these calls. I want to commend these individuals for their unwavering service in spite of this pandemic. Please join me in thanking them for their service to our community.

### **Communications Dispatch Center**

The Communications Dispatch Center provides 24-hour phone and radio communications for the ambulance service, constable, fire department, highway department, sewer department and the police department. In addition, the communications center provides dispatch services to the Bridgewater Fire Department and Fast Squad and to the Pomfret/Teago Fire Department and Fast Squad. Our dispatchers work with the State of Vermont E-911 dispatchers to arrange for emergency personnel to arrive at the scene when residents call 9-1-1. Our dispatch center is open seven days a week, twenty-four hours a day and dispatchers also assist citizens in person when they come to the Emergency Services Building lobby.

### **Town Police Services**

The Town contracts with the Woodstock Village Police to provide 40 hours a week of patrol coverage and 24/7 emergency response. The 40 hours of weekly patrol coverage is dedicated to areas outside of the Village. The patrol times are scheduled randomly to avoid establishing a routine pattern of patrol times. The emergency response is provided by an officer that is assigned to be on call during times that a Town Patrol Officer is not on duty. Town residents are still able to contact the Police Department and speak to a police officer even if a Town Officer is not on duty.

Calls for service in the Town are screened by the dispatcher and Village Officer on duty. Not all calls requesting service in the town receive an immediate response. If it is determined that the request for service can be attended to when the Town Duty Officer is on duty, then the response will be delayed, unless the Village Duty Officer is able to assist without a physical response. If it is determined that the situation demands an immediate response, the on-call Town officer will be called in to respond.

The taxes to finance these police services outside of the village are paid for by a property tax on all property located outside of the village.

### **Solid Waste**

The Town of Woodstock belongs to the Greater Upper Valley Solid Waste Management District (GUVSWMD) for the management of our waste stream. To those who dispose of their trash at the Hartford Transfer Station: the maximum weight that one card punch is good for is thirty pounds. It is in your best interest to squeeze as close to thirty pounds in each bag that you dispose of as you possibly can. Remember to purchase a permit and disposal punch card in advance. Each bag of trash you dispose of will cost you one "punch" on the card.

### **Recycling**

The town of Woodstock has a mandatory recycling ordinance that requires all property owners in Woodstock to recycle glass, paper, newspaper, cardboard, steel cans and aluminum cans. Your trash disposal contractor is obligated to collect and recycle these materials for you, and you are obligated to separate them out for collection. If you choose to dispose of your own trash at the transfer station in Hartford, you must dispose of the recyclable materials in the recycling center.

As a reminder, the Vermont legislature has passed Act 148. The law prohibits discarding recyclable materials in a landfill and began mandating the composting of many organic materials. As of July 1, 2016, leaf and yard waste were mandated to be composted and, as of July 1, 2014, food scrap composting began for generators that produce over 2 tons per week of food waste. As of July 1, 2020, all food waste, from a tiny kitchen in a small apartment to a large grocery store or commercial kitchen must be composted.

### **Septic Rules**

Regulations governing septic systems for single family residences and subdivided lots have changed significantly. More innovative/alternative systems are acceptable and failed system replacement is possible through a variance from the rules if compliance is not possible.

Since June 2, 2007, all septic systems built in Woodstock require a state septic permit regardless of when the lot was created. Also, since June 2, 2007 all new residential connections to the municipal sewer system must obtain a state water and wastewater permit in addition to a town connection permit.

The nearest office of environmental conservation is located in Springfield, VT at 100 Mineral Street. Their telephone number is 802-289-0603.

### **Sewer Department**

Last, but not least, I would like to report on operations at the three wastewater treatment facilities owned and operated by the town. They are located in South Woodstock, Taftsville and the main plant is in the village.

The Wastewater Treatment facilities are licensed by the State of Vermont and each is given its own five-year permit to discharge treated wastewater to the waters of the State of Vermont. Based on engineering evaluation of the Taftsville plant, the aeration tank was repaired.

Thanks to the voters the South Woodstock Wastewater Treatment plant will be receiving a significant upgrade over the next couple of years. This plant has not been upgraded since 1966. The Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation redundancy requirements for the treatment elements such as the aeration tank and secondary clarifier are not met.

I want to express my sincere appreciation to the residents of Woodstock, the Select board and the municipal employees for such a warm welcome to Woodstock. My wife, Karen and I are very happy to



call Woodstock home! I look forward to continuing to work with all involved to truly make Woodstock a great place to live, work and play.

Thank you to the people of Woodstock and including our public officials for your dedication and hard work.

Respectfully submitted,

William H. Kerbin Jr.  
Town Manager



**WARNING**  
**TOWN OF WOODSTOCK, VERMONT**  
**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING/INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS**  
**February 20, February 22, and March 2, 2021**

The legal voters of the Town of Woodstock, County of Windsor, State of Vermont are hereby notified and warned to meet on Zoom on February 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am and/or February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 pm., for the Annual Meeting which will be in the form of an informational Zoom meeting, and on Tuesday the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March 2021 between the hours of 7:00 am until 7:00 pm to act on the following:

The legal voters of the Town of Woodstock are further notified that voter qualifications, registration, and absentee voting relative to said meeting shall be as provided in Chapters 43, 51 and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated. You must be registered to vote in the Town of Woodstock in order to vote.

The legal voters of the Town of Woodstock are further notified that the informational hearings that will be held are for the purpose of explaining the articles that will be voted on by Australian Ballot. No changes to the articles can be made during these meetings. Due to COVID-19, all articles will be voted on by Australian Ballot.

**FEBRUARY 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM & FEBRUARY 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 PM**  
**PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING/ANNUAL MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, MARCH 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2021: AUSTRALIAN BALLOT – 7:00 AM TO 7:00 PM**

**ARTICLE 1:** To see if the Town will receive and act upon reports submitted by the Town officers.

**ARTICLE 2:** To see if the Town will vote to collect the Town General, Highway, School Taxes and State Education Taxes on real property and all other taxes levied through the Treasurer under the provisions of Title 32 VSA Chapter 133 and fix the dates of payments as November 5, 2021 and May 6, 2022.

**ARTICLE 3:** To see if the Town will vote to pay the Town Officers in accordance with Title 24 VSA, Section 932 as follows:

Town Treasurer	\$12,000 per year
Listers	\$25.76 per hour
Constable	\$25.76 per hour
Town Clerk	\$32.47 per hour
Moderator	\$100.00 each time serves

**ARTICLE 4:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board to borrow money, if necessary, in anticipation of taxes for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 to defray current expense and debts of the Town and Sewer Departments.

**ARTICLE 5:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of six million seven hundred thirty-one thousand and sixty-eight dollars (\$6,731,068) which includes the specified sums of money to

operate each department; and to raise by taxation the amount of five million eighteen thousand ninety-four dollars (\$5,018,094) which is the necessary sum to defray operating costs for FY 2021-2022.

**Operating Costs:**

Culture and Recreation	\$450,558
Town Hall Building	\$110,758
General Government	\$585,424
Planning and Zoning	\$109,595
Town Clerk	\$187,168
Highway Department	\$2,020,222
Maintaining Cemeteries	\$18,500
Sanitation – GUVSWMD	\$33,528
Welcome Center	\$72,201
Ambulance Department	\$1,232,835
Health Officer	\$7,440
Fire Department	\$320,250
Emergency Services Building	\$159,974
Communications – Dispatch	\$375,650
Town Constable	\$10,600
Town Police	\$418,475
Select Board Contingency	\$260,250
Capital Reserve Spending	\$19,295
Tropical Storm Irene Expense	\$58,346
Community Fireworks	\$10,000
Economic Development Commission	\$270,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,731,068</b>

**ARTICLE 6:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of one million three hundred forty-six thousand three hundred ninety-seven dollars and fifty cents (\$1,346,397.50), which includes one million eighty-two thousand three hundred ninety-seven dollars and fifty cents (\$1,082,397.50) from user fees and two hundred sixty-four thousand dollars (\$264,000) from other revenues, to pay the current expenses and debt of the sewer department for FY 2021-2022.

**ARTICLE 7:** To see if the Town of Woodstock will vote to exempt the Norman Williams Public Library from paying taxes on their parking lot. Specifically, through either or both of the exemptions listed below for the Parking Lot of the Norman Williams Public Library for a period of five years.

- A. Exemption from all local property taxes including local education, highway, and town general.
- B. Exemption from the education property taxes and to raise by property taxation a sum of money to pay the exempted amount to the appropriate entity.

**ARTICLE 8:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) for the purpose of having the Public Trust Funds audited and approve the expenditure of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) from income of the Trust Funds to pay for the Annual Audit.

**ARTICLE 9:** Shall the Town of Woodstock raise, appropriate, and expend the sum of eighty-six thousand dollars (\$86,000) for the purpose of paving the town and village roads.

**ARTICLE 10:** The election of Town Officers for the ensuing year as required by law including:

- Select Board (3-year term)
- Select Board (2-year term)
- Town Treasurer (1-year term)
- Moderator (1-year term)
- Lister (3-year term)
- Auditor (1-year term)
- Auditor (2-year term)
- Auditor (3-year term)
- Cemetery Commissioner (1-year term)
- Cemetery Commissioner (2-year term)
- Cemetery Commissioner (3-year term)
- Trustee of Public Funds (1-year term)
- Trustee of Public Funds (3-year term)
- Grand Juror (1-year term)
- First Constable (1-year term)
- Town Agent (1-year term)
- Windsor Central Unified Union School District (3-year term)
- Windsor Central Unified Union School District (3-year term)

**ARTICLE 11:** Shall the Town of Woodstock appropriate the sum of five hundred (\$500) to Green Mountain RSVP & Volunteer Center of Windsor County to develop opportunities for people age 55 and older to positively impact the quality of life in the community of Woodstock through volunteer service.

**ARTICLE 12:** Shall the Town appropriate the sum of three thousand two hundred forty-seven dollars (\$3,247) to help support outpatient mental health, and substance abuse services by the staff of Health Care and Rehabilitation Services, Inc. (HCRS).

**ARTICLE 13:** Shall the Town vote to appropriate and raise by property taxes, the sum of fifty-one thousand two hundred and fifty dollars (\$51,250) for the Norman Williams Public Library to help support the operations and maintenance of the library. These funds are over and above the budgeted support that the Town provides to this library Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

**ARTICLE 14:** Shall the Town of Woodstock appropriate the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) for the Ottawaquchee Health Foundation (OHF). OHF is a nonprofit community resource that

provides funding and support for individuals with limited financial means to help meet critical health and wellness needs such as medical and dental care, eyeglasses, hearing aids, dentures, prescription copayments and short-term caregiver services.

**ARTICLE 15:** Shall the Town of Woodstock vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of forty-two thousand dollars (\$42,000) for the support of Pentangle Arts to provide services to the residents and students of the Town of Woodstock.

**ARTICLE 16:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) for the support of Senior Solutions (formally Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont) for help to support seniors and their families who are trying to remain at home and not be placed in a nursing home.

**ARTICLE 17:** Shall the Town appropriate the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) to Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA) to assist Woodstock in responding to the emergency needs of the community and providing all available and applicable services to families and individuals in need.

**ARTICLE 18:** Shall the Town appropriate the sum of one thousand two hundred fifty dollars (\$1,250) to support programming of the Spectrum Teen Center. Our objective is to engage teens in healthy activities and make youth feel supported, welcomed, and included. There is no charge to attend our program.

**ARTICLE 19:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand four hundred sixty-six dollars (\$1,466) for the support of The Public Health Council of the Upper Valley to help continuing public health coordination for residents in the areas of Substance Misuse, Elder Care, Oral Health, Emergency Preparedness, and Healthy Living.

**ARTICLE 20:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate from the general fund the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to help support the home health, maternal and child health, and hospice care provided in patients' homes and in community settings by the Visiting Nurse and Hospice for VT and NH.

**ARTICLE 21:** Shall the Town of Woodstock appropriate the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) for Windsor County Mentors, for youth mentoring services provide to the children in Windsor County.

**ARTICLE 22:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) to support the mission of WISE (Women's Information Services, Inc.) in providing free crisis intervention and support services to victims of domestic and sexual violence and stalking.

**ARTICLE 23:** Shall the Town of Woodstock vote to appropriate the sum of forty thousand four hundred dollars (\$40,400) as the Town's share of service for the Woodstock Area Council on Aging to run the Thompson Senior Center. The Thompson Senior Center is an important community

resource – providing daily meals, medical and area transportation, and an array of health, educational and social services that assist residents to age well.

**ARTICLE 24:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand eight hundred dollars (\$2,800) for the support of the Woodstock Area Job Bank to connect individuals and businesses with members of our community who are seeking work and volunteer opportunities.

**ARTICLE 25:** Shall the Town of Woodstock vote to appropriate the sum of six thousand dollars (\$6,000) for Woodstock WCTV8 Public Access Television to help support coverage of ongoing events within the Town of Woodstock.

Dated at Woodstock, County of Windsor, State of Vermont on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of January 2021.

**By the Select Board members of the Town of Woodstock:**

Mary Riley, Chair

Jill M Davies

L.D. Sutherland

John Doten

Keri Cole

F. Charles Degener, III

Town Clerk



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## NOTICE TO VOTERS

Woodstock residents not on the voter checklist may register to vote at the Town Clerk's office in the Town Hall.

Absentee ballots are available from the Town Clerk prior to 4:30 P.M. on February 26, 2021. A voter who expects to be an early or absentee voter may apply for an early voter absentee ballot until 4:30 P.M. at the Town Clerk's office.

## TOWN OPERATING BUDGET SUMMARY FY22

	Expenditures	Revenues	To Be Raised in Taxes	
Culture & Recreation	\$ 450,558	\$ -	\$ 450,558	
Town Hall Building	\$ 110,758	\$ 10,000	\$ 100,758	
General Government	\$ 585,424	\$ 23,200	\$ 562,224	
Planning & Zoning	\$ 109,595	\$ 14,000	\$ 95,595	
Town Clerk	\$ 187,168	\$ 74,050	\$ 113,118	
Highway Department	\$ 2,020,222	\$ 177,900	\$ 1,842,322	
Maintaining Cemeteries	\$ 18,500	\$ -	\$ 18,500	
Sanitation - GUVSWMD	\$ 33,528	\$ -	\$ 33,528	
Welcome Center	\$ 72,201	\$ 3,000	\$ 69,201	
Ambulance Department	\$ 1,232,835	\$ 555,000	\$ 677,835	
Health Officer	\$ 7,440	\$ 1,500	\$ 5,940	
Fire Department	\$ 320,250	\$ 17,500	\$ 302,750	
Emergency Services Buildings	\$ 159,974	\$ -	\$ 159,974	
Communications - Dispatch	\$ 375,650	\$ 69,730	\$ 305,920	
Town Constable	\$ 10,600	\$ -	\$ 10,600	
Town Police	\$ 418,475	\$ -	\$ 418,475	
Select Board Contingency	\$ 260,250	\$ -	\$ 260,250	
Capital Reserve Spending	\$ 19,295	\$ 19,295	\$ -	
Tropical Storm Irene Expense	\$ 58,346	\$ -	\$ 58,346	
Community Fireworks	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ 10,000	
Economic Development Commission	\$ 270,000	\$ 270,000	\$ -	
Miscellaneous Revenue		\$ 477,800	\$ (477,800)	
<b>TOTAL Operating:</b>	<b>\$ 6,731,068</b>	<b>\$ 1,712,975</b>	<b>\$ 5,018,094</b>	

## EXPENSES

Account	Budget FY2020	Actual FY2020	Budget FY2021	Proposed FY2022
<b>CULTURE &amp; RECREATION</b>				
LittleTheaterBondPayment	\$ 11,000	\$ 11,000	\$ 11,000	\$ 11,000
LittleTheaterBondInterest	\$ 4,800	\$ 4,626	\$ 4,700	\$ 3,630
Woodstock Council Aging	\$ 11,025	\$ 11,025	\$ 11,000	\$ 11,000
Parades	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
Town Library Contribution	\$ 150,700	\$ 150,700	\$ 154,000	\$ 154,000
Woodstock Rec Center	\$ 225,000	\$ 225,000	\$ 228,500	\$ 231,928
Fireworks	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ -
Pentangle	\$ 36,720	\$ 36,720	\$ 36,000	\$ 36,000
	\$ 448,745	\$ 446,571	\$ 455,700	\$ 450,558
<b>HEALTH OFFICER</b>				
Salaries & Wages	\$ 6,650	\$ 6,649	\$ 6,650	\$ 6,650
Employer Paid Benefits	\$ 490	\$ 490	\$ 490	\$ 490
Water Testing Supplies	\$ 100	\$ 90	\$ 100	\$ 100
Travel & Transportation	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ 100	\$ 100
Dues, Subs & Meetings	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ 100	\$ 100
	\$ 7,440	\$ 7,229	\$ 7,440	\$ 7,440
<b>TOWN HALL BUILDING</b>				
Operating Supplies	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,071	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500
Other Purchased Services	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000
Custodial Services	\$ 9,000	\$ 10,185	\$ 10,000	\$ 13,000
Small Tools & Equipment	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 100



EXPENSES				
Account	Budget FY2020	Actual FY2020	Budget FY2021	Proposed FY2022
Utilities	\$ 34,000	\$ 32,078	\$ 34,000	\$ 34,000
Building Improvements	\$ 500	\$ 1,001	\$ 500	\$ 5,000
Bldg Repairs & Mainte	\$ 8,000	\$ 9,607	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000
Town Hall Loan Repayment	\$ 21,600	\$ 21,157	\$ 21,000	\$ 21,158
	\$ 88,100	\$ 88,100	\$ 104,000	\$ 110,758
SELECT BOARD				
Salaries & Wages	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ -
Employer Paid Benefits	\$ 310	\$ 306	\$ 400	\$ 400
Legal Services	\$ 18,000	\$ 29,664	\$ 20,000	\$ 25,000
Community Television	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,900	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200
Dues, Subs & Meetings	\$ 5,400	\$ 7,053	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000
Printing Town Report	\$ 5,500	\$ 7,453	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Regional Energy Coordinator	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 38,850
Documentation Retention	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000
	\$ 35,410	\$ 51,376	\$ 37,600	\$ 81,450
EXECUTIVE				
Salaries & Wages	\$ 94,200	\$ 58,994	\$ 82,000	\$ 82,500
Employer Paid Benefits	\$ 33,400	\$ 18,672	\$ 33,400	\$ 37,160
Wellness	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000
Manager's Pick-up Lease	\$ 3,800	\$ 3,468	\$ -	\$ -
Dues, Subs & Meetings	\$ 1,400	\$ 556	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,500
	\$ 132,800	\$ 81,690	\$ 117,400	\$ 122,160
OFFICE ADMINISTRATION				
Operating Supplies	\$ 3,400	\$ 3,205	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000
Office Supplies	\$ 3,200	\$ 2,199	\$ 3,200	\$ 3,200
Postage	\$ 3,200	\$ 4,780	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Equipment Maintenance	\$ 4,000	\$ 7,269	\$ 3,500	\$ 4,000
Machinery & Equipment	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,119	\$ 3,000	\$ 19,500
Communications	\$ 4,000	\$ 3,558	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000
Advertising	\$ 3,500	\$ 2,053	\$ 3,900	\$ 3,900
Manager's Search	\$ -	\$ 41,945	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ 23,300	\$ 67,128	\$ 26,600	\$ 43,600
AUDITING				
Professional Services	\$ 15,000	\$ 18,725	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000
	\$ 15,000	\$ 18,725	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000
TREASURER				
Salaries & Wages	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,301	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000
Employer Paid Benefits	\$ 1,000	\$ 936	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Travel & Transportation	\$ 2,200	\$ 178	\$ 2,000	\$ -
Dues, Subs & Meetings	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ 100	\$ -
	\$ 15,300	\$ 13,416	\$ 15,100	\$ 13,000
ACCOUNTING				
Salaries & Wages	\$ 62,000	\$ 41,180	\$ 86,300	\$ 88,900
Employer Paid Benefits	\$ 19,000	\$ 24,577	\$ 26,900	\$ 29,950
Software Upgrade	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 500
Professional Services	\$ 200	\$ 7,917	\$ 1,500	\$ 2,000
Other Purchased Services	\$ 800	\$ 168	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500
NEMRC Support/License	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,750	\$ 2,750
	\$ 82,100	\$ 73,841	\$ 119,450	\$ 125,600
TAX LISTING				
Salaries & Wages	\$ 76,110	\$ 73,624	\$ 78,000	\$ 83,471
Employer Paid Benefits	\$ 28,750	\$ 34,683	\$ 30,000	\$ 42,133
Operating Supplies	\$ 400	\$ 62	\$ 200	\$ 200

EXPENSES				
Account	Budget FY2020	Actual FY2020	Budget FY2021	Proposed FY2022
Professional Services	\$ 200	\$ 1,403	\$ 200	\$ 400
Other Purchased Services	\$ 350	\$ 215	\$ 300	\$ 300
Licensed State Support	\$ 350	\$ 543	\$ 350	\$ 1,075
Equip Repair & Mainte	\$ 200	\$ 625	\$ 800	\$ 885
Travel & Transportation	\$ 250	\$ 206	\$ 250	\$ 250
Dues, Subs & Meetings	\$ 800	\$ 180	\$ 700	\$ 1,000
Mapping	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,400
	\$ 107,410	\$ 111,540	\$ 110,800	\$ 131,114
TAX COLLECTING				
Salaries & Wages	\$ 16,500	\$ 20,373	\$ -	\$ -
Employer Paid Benefits	\$ 5,820	\$ 7,312	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ 22,320	\$ 27,685	\$ -	\$ -
CAPITAL RESERVE				
Town Hall Improvements	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000
Office Equipment	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500
Computer Software	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
	\$ 53,500	\$ 53,500	\$ 53,500	\$ 53,500
<b>Total General Government Budget</b>	<b>\$ 487,140</b>	<b>\$ 498,901</b>	<b>\$ 495,450</b>	<b>\$ 585,424</b>
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT				
TRAFFIC CONTROL				
Operating Supplies	\$ -	\$ 366	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
TrafficControlSigns,Posts	\$ 7,000	\$ 1,649	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000
	\$ 7,000	\$ 2,015	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000
HIGHWAY CONST&MAINT				
Salaries & Wages	\$ 378,000	\$ 374,064	\$ 384,800	\$ 396,350
Overtime	\$ 55,000	\$ 44,284	\$ 55,000	\$ 56,650
Summerhelp Wages	\$ 2,500	\$ 5,847	\$ 5,000	\$ 6,000
Employer Paid Benefits	\$ 210,000	\$ 194,884	\$ 210,000	\$ 233,625
Operating Supplies	\$ 30,000	\$ 25,852	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000
Office Supplies	\$ 100	\$ 130	\$ 500	\$ 500
Professional Services	\$ 1,000	\$ 18,920	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Other Purchased Services	\$ 39,000	\$ 28,724	\$ 45,000	\$ 42,500
Emergency Work	\$ 1,000	\$ 5,665	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Street Line Painting	\$ 10,000	\$ 8,034	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
SnowDump PollutionMonitor	\$ 2,000	\$ 4,557	\$ 4,000	\$ 5,000
Small Tools & Equipment	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,872	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500
Rentals	\$ 2,000	\$ 600	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
Communications	\$ 3,600	\$ 3,113	\$ 3,100	\$ 3,100
Rubbish Removal	\$ 14,600	\$ 14,794	\$ 17,000	\$ 17,000
Diesel & Gasoline	\$ 60,000	\$ 45,624	\$ 60,000	\$ 55,000
Spot Gravel	\$ 72,000	\$ 125,023	\$ 80,000	\$ 80,000
Pavement Patch	\$ 8,000	\$ 5,928	\$ 3,500	\$ 5,000
St Mandate-Stormwater Mgt	\$ 14,000	\$ 1,350	\$ 24,000	\$ 24,000
Street Paving	\$ 55,000	\$ 39,564	\$ 8,000	\$ 50,000
Road Stabilization	\$ 30,000	\$ 31,207	\$ 29,500	\$ 31,000
Street Paving	\$ 20,000	\$ 5,372	\$ -	\$ -
Pavement Patch on Route 4	\$ 15,000	\$ 3,874	\$ 15,000	\$ -
Roadside Tree Maintenance	\$ 20,000	\$ 19,059	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000
Crosswalk Maintenance	\$ 12,000	\$ 11,333	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000
Reconstruct North St Wall	\$ -	\$ 14,362	\$ -	\$ -
Salt & Sand	\$ 190,000	\$ 195,306	\$ 210,000	\$ 210,000

EXPENSES				
Account	Budget FY2020	Actual FY2020	Budget FY2021	Proposed FY2022
Unclassified	\$ 6,000	\$ 357	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ 1,252,800	\$ 1,229,698	\$ 1,226,900	\$ 1,288,225
<b>C&amp;M-BRIDGES&amp;STORMDRAINS</b>				
Operating Supplies	\$ 2,000	\$ 122	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,000
Repair & Mainte Supplies	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,007	\$ 6,000	\$ 4,000
Other Purchased Services	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 8,000
Engineering Services	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Rentals	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 500
Culverts & Drains	\$ 7,500	\$ 5,829	\$ 32,500	\$ 32,500
Catch Basins	\$ 6,000	\$ 2,799	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000
Bridge Rehabilitation	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000
	\$ 53,000	\$ 45,758	\$ 88,000	\$ 83,000
<b>HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT</b>				
Operating Supplies	\$ 12,000	\$ 10,909	\$ 12,000	\$ 10,000
Repair & Maint Supplies	\$ 65,000	\$ 70,898	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000
Other Purchased Services	\$ 3,000	\$ 126	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
Leaf Blower	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000	\$ -
Grader Lease/Purchase (4-3)	\$ 30,000	\$ 42,547	\$ 42,550	\$ 42,550
Backhoe Lease/Purchase (4-4)	\$ 22,600	\$ 20,641	\$ 20,650	\$ 20,650
Loader Lease/Purchase (4-2) T	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,000	\$ 23,000
Small Tools & Equipment	\$ 1,100	\$ 975	\$ 1,100	\$ 1,100
Ton Truck Lease/Purchase (2-3)	\$ 16,000	\$ 16,060	\$ 16,680	\$ 16,242
Pickup Lease/Purchase (1-3)	\$ 6,800	\$ 12,612	\$ 6,800	\$ -
Ton Truck Lease/Purchase (2-1)	\$ 16,000	\$ -	\$ 22,000	\$ 22,000
DumpTk Lease/Purchase (3-4)	\$ 30,000	\$ -	\$ 42,000	\$ 42,000
Communications	\$ 500	\$ 172	\$ -	\$ -
Loader Lease/Purchase (4-1) V	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Dump Tk 2wd Lease/Purchase (3-2)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 42,000
Ton Truck Lease/Purchase (2-2)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17,000
Ton Truck Lease/Purchase (1-2)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Snow Blower	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ 203,000	\$ 174,941	\$ 276,780	\$ 314,542
<b>SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE</b>				
Sidewalk Maintenance	\$ 12,000	\$ 19,240	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000
Sidewalk/Curb Constructio	\$ 25,000	\$ 17,550	\$ 55,000	\$ 60,000
	\$ 37,000	\$ 36,790	\$ 85,000	\$ 90,000
<b>STREET LIGHTS</b>				
Pole Replacement	\$ 8,000	\$ 10,822	\$ -	\$ -
Street Lights	\$ 42,000	\$ 37,449	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000
	\$ 50,000	\$ 48,272	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000
<b>PARKS</b>				
Operating Supplies	\$ 1,500	\$ 3,446	\$ 3,000	\$ 7,000
Dog Poop Bags	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,064	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
Fence & Park Maintenance	\$ 200	\$ 899	\$ 200	\$ -
Small Tools & Equipment	\$ 250	\$ -	\$ 250	\$ 250
	\$ 3,950	\$ 6,409	\$ 6,450	\$ 10,250
<b>PUBLIC WORKS BUILDINGS</b>				
Utilities	\$ 24,000	\$ 23,603	\$ 35,000	\$ 30,000
Building Improvements	\$ 250	\$ 90	\$ 250	\$ -
Bldg Repairs & Mainte	\$ 3,600	\$ 5,405	\$ 3,600	\$ 5,500
Bond Payment	\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000
Bond Payment - Interest	\$ 26,200	\$ 21,200	\$ 22,000	\$ 14,705
	\$ 124,050	\$ 120,297	\$ 130,850	\$ 120,205

EXPENSES				
Account	Budget FY2020	Actual FY2020	Budget FY2021	Proposed FY2022
CAPITAL RESERVE				
Equip Dump Truck '19	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000
General Bridge O & M	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ -	\$ -
Emergency Infrastructure	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
PleasantStBridge Deck '22	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
Rt 4 Garage Generator	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
Street Drain Pipe Repair	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Catch Basin Repair	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Lower Hwy Garage Roof	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000
	\$ 62,000	\$ 62,000	\$ 67,000	\$ 67,000
<b>Total Highway Budget</b>	<b>\$ 1,792,800</b>	<b>\$ 1,726,180</b>	<b>\$ 1,927,980</b>	<b>\$ 2,020,222</b>
AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT				
AMBULANCE OPERATIONS				
Paramedic/BillingSalWages	\$ 69,600	\$ 67,930	\$ 72,000	\$ 74,160
Chief EM Serv-SalaryWages	\$ 29,640	\$ 40,719	\$ 37,500	\$ 37,500
Firefighter/EMT	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 370,000	\$ 405,500
Firefighter/EMT Benefits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150,000	\$ 166,875
Chief EM Serv-Benefits	\$ 17,970	\$ 7,050	\$ 20,000	\$ 22,250
Paramedic/Billing Benefit	\$ 33,950	\$ 45,045	\$ 35,550	\$ 39,550
Operating Supplies	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,427	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000
Office Supplies	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,675	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,500
Repair & Maint Supplies	\$ 500	\$ 689	\$ 500	\$ 500
Paramedic Supplies	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,524	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,000
Billing Software	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,297	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,500
Other Purchased Services	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,008	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500
Associates Salary	\$ 263,000	\$ 221,980	\$ 263,000	\$ 235,000
Paramedic Intercept	\$ 8,000	\$ 5,805	\$ 7,000	\$ 5,000
Contract Services	\$ -	\$ 10,810	\$ -	\$ -
Equipment Fire	\$ -	\$ 185	\$ 73,000	\$ 4,000
Personal Protection Equip	\$ 1,000	\$ 472	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Rental Quarters	\$ 5,220	\$ 9,120	\$ 5,220	\$ 10,000
Rental Utilities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,000
Communications	\$ 600	\$ 223	\$ 600	\$ 600
Dues, Subs & Meetings	\$ 600	\$ 484	\$ 1,000	\$ 800
Medical Testing	\$ 300	\$ -	\$ 300	\$ 250
Uncollectable Accounts	\$ 20,000	\$ 50,617	\$ 20,000	\$ 50,000
Tax VT Patient Income	\$ 1,000	\$ 386	\$ 1,000	\$ 600
Medicare & Ins Allowance	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ 100	\$ 100
	\$ 490,480	\$ 501,445	\$ 1,101,770	\$ 1,101,185
AMBULANCE VEHICLE				
Equip Repair & Mainte	\$ -	\$ 81	\$ -	\$ -
Small Tools & Equipment	\$ 750	\$ 382	\$ 750	\$ 500
Ambulance 1 Maintenance	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,728	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,500
Ambulance 2 Maintenance	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,109	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,500
Ambulance 3 Maintenance	\$ 4,000	\$ 3,153	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,500
Car 1 - Lease Purchase	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,900	\$ 2,900
Communications	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,000
Fuel	\$ 4,000	\$ 3,959	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500
Ambulance 1 Lease Purchase	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,000
	\$ 13,250	\$ 12,412	\$ 17,650	\$ 27,400

EXPENSES				
Account	Budget FY2020	Actual FY2020	Budget FY2021	Proposed FY2022
AMBULANCE TRAINING				
Training Wages	\$ 3,500	\$ 724	\$ 5,000	\$ 3,500
Employer Paid Benefits	\$ 200	\$ 26	\$ 400	\$ 200
Operating Supplies	\$ 1,000	\$ 880	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
Professional Services	\$ 600	\$ 195	\$ 900	\$ 800
Small Tools & Equipment	\$ 100	\$ 59	\$ 100	\$ 100
Travel & Transportation	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 750
Dues, Subs & Meetings	\$ 300	\$ 215	\$ 300	\$ 300
State EMS Training	\$ 5,000	\$ 6,225	\$ 9,000	\$ 8,500
	\$ 11,200	\$ 8,324	\$ 18,700	\$ 16,150
AMBULANCE COMMUNICATIONS				
Office Phone & Internet	\$ 1,700	\$ 2,080	\$ 1,700	\$ 1,800
Vehicle Cell Phones	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,967	\$ 1,700	\$ 2,000
Pagers	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,085	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,500
Portable Radios	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,547	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,800
Vehicle Mobile Radios	\$ 500	\$ 255	\$ 500	\$ 500
	\$ 9,200	\$ 8,934	\$ 9,900	\$ 9,600
CAPITAL RESERVE				
Cardiac Monitors	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000
Portable Computer	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
Ambulance 2018	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 12,000	\$ -
Ambulance 2021	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000
Pagers	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
Way Radios	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000
	\$ 77,500	\$ 77,500	\$ 90,500	\$ 78,500
<b>Total Ambulance Budget</b>	<b>\$ 601,630</b>	<b>\$ 608,615</b>	<b>\$ 1,238,520</b>	<b>\$ 1,232,835</b>
FIRE DEPARTMENT				
FIREFIGHTING				
Salaries&WageFirefighters	\$ 60,000	\$ 49,937	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000
Chief EM Serv-Salary Wages	\$ 29,640	\$ 28,163	\$ 37,500	\$ 37,500
Chief EM Serv-Benefits	\$ 17,970	\$ 6,334	\$ 20,000	\$ 22,250
EmplPaidBenefitFirefighte	\$ 5,000	\$ 4,234	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,750
Operating Supplies	\$ 4,000	\$ 3,718	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Equipment Fire	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Professional Services	\$ 1,750	\$ 400	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,500
Winter Hydrant Maint	\$ 3,600	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,600	\$ -
Hydrant Rental	\$ 25,200	\$ 32,850	\$ 26,500	\$ 32,850
Travel & Transportation	\$ 200	\$ -	\$ 200	\$ 200
Dues, Subs & Meetings	\$ 900	\$ 2,626	\$ 900	\$ 1,500
Education	\$ 2,500	\$ 1,261	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,000
CDL Licensing	\$ 500	\$ 90	\$ 500	\$ 450
Medical Testing	\$ 750	\$ -	\$ 750	\$ 650
Fire Prevention	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
	\$ 153,010	\$ 133,113	\$ 156,450	\$ 161,650
FIRE COMMUNICATIONS				
Alarm Registration Admin	\$ 200	\$ -	\$ 200	\$ 200
Equip Repair & Mainte	\$ 2,500	\$ 225	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,250
Machinery & Equipment	\$ 1,000	\$ 13	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Communications	\$ 3,800	\$ 5,019	\$ 3,800	\$ 3,800
	\$ 7,500	\$ 5,257	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,250

EXPENSES				
Account	Budget FY2020	Actual FY2020	Budget FY2021	Proposed FY2022
<b>FIRE TRUCK &amp; EQUIPMENT</b>				
Operating Supplies	\$ 1,500	\$ 3,142	\$ 1,500	\$ 2,000
Hose Testing	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,936	\$ 2,000	\$ -
Pump Testiing	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,834	\$ 2,000	\$ 3,000
Repair & Maintenance	\$ 2,500	\$ 538	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
Engine #1 Maintenance	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500
Engine #2 Maintenance	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,959	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
Engine #3 Maintenance	\$ 1,500	\$ 2,863	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
Rescue Maintenance	\$ 1,500	\$ 564	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
Car 1 - Lease Purchase	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,900	\$ 2,900
Fire Truck Loan Payment	\$ 72,000	\$ 300,847	\$ 72,000	\$ 66,000
Fuel	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,507	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,750
	\$ 90,000	\$ 317,190	\$ 93,900	\$ 87,650
<b>FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT</b>				
Operating Supplies	\$ 1,500	\$ 631	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500
Equipment Maintenance	\$ 1,000	\$ 966	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500
Air Pack Maint & Equip	\$ 3,000	\$ 649	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
Equipment Purchase	\$ 2,500	\$ 1,954	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
Small Tools & Equipment	\$ 400	\$ 177	\$ 400	\$ 400
Rescue Equipment	\$ 800	\$ -	\$ 800	\$ 800
Bunker Gear	\$ 2,500	\$ 499	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
Hose Adapters	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Fire Dept Equipment Grant	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ 12,700	\$ 4,877	\$ 13,700	\$ 13,700
<b>WOODSTOCK STATION #2</b>				
Maintenance Supplies	\$ 150	\$ 115	\$ 150	\$ 150
Propane	\$ 1,600	\$ 2,365	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
Electricity	\$ 800	\$ 199	\$ 700	\$ 700
Misc Utilities	\$ 4,000	\$ 3,553	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000
Bldg Repairs & Mainte	\$ 1,000	\$ 2,606	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
	\$ 7,550	\$ 8,838	\$ 9,350	\$ 9,350
<b>EMERGENCY SERVICES BLDG</b>				
Maintenance Supplies	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,115	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
Building Custodian	\$ 5,000	\$ 13,857	\$ 4,600	\$ -
Propane	\$ 4,800	\$ 2,017	\$ 4,600	\$ 4,200
Electricity	\$ 8,350	\$ 6,996	\$ 8,350	\$ 8,000
Misc Utilities	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,904	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500
Paint Exterior of ESB	\$ 500	\$ 250	\$ -	\$ -
Equip Repair & Mainte	\$ 7,000	\$ 5,076	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000
ESB Building Concept	\$ -	\$ 81,616	\$ -	\$ -
ESB Bond Payment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
ESB Bond Interest	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 124,924
	\$ 30,650	\$ 113,831	\$ 31,050	\$ 150,624
<b>CAPITAL RESERVE</b>				
Pager Replacement	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
Fire Truck	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
Fire Hose	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,500	\$ 1,000
Bunker Gear	\$ 12,500	\$ 12,500	\$ 12,500	\$ 12,500
Generator	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ -
Air Pack Frames	\$ 9,300	\$ 9,300	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000
Air Pack Tanks	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
Boiler Replacement	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
LED Lighting	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ -

EXPENSES				
Account	Budget FY2020	Actual FY2020	Budget FY2021	Proposed FY2022
EMS Bldg Concept Study	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ -	\$ -
Fire Ground 2-way Radios	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
Portable Pump	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,500
	\$ 35,800	\$ 35,800	\$ 56,000	\$ 50,000
<b>Total Fire Department</b>	<b>\$ 337,210</b>	<b>\$ 618,906</b>	<b>\$ 367,950</b>	<b>\$ 480,224</b>
<b>TOTAL Budget Fire &amp; Ambulance</b>	<b>\$ 938,840</b>	<b>\$ 1,227,521</b>	<b>\$ 1,606,470</b>	<b>\$ 1,713,059</b>
COMMUNICATIONS				
DISPATCH SERVICES				
Salaries & Wages	\$ 225,500	\$ 216,014	\$ 230,000	\$ 235,750
Training Wages	\$ 2,000	\$ 3,922	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
Residency Stipend	\$ 1,500	\$ 491	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
EMT Stipend	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,189	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200
Employer Paid Benefits	\$ 89,500	\$ 85,022	\$ 90,000	\$ 99,900
Operating Supplies	\$ 1,000	\$ 2,170	\$ 1,100	\$ 1,100
Office Supplies	\$ 900	\$ 55	\$ 900	\$ 900
Repair & Mainte Supplies	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,562	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,600
Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 1,200	\$ -	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
Machinery & Equipment	\$ 900	\$ -	\$ 900	\$ 900
Small Tools & Equipment	\$ 600	\$ 683	\$ 800	\$ 800
Tower Rental & Lease	\$ 4,000	\$ 3,182	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,200
Tower Maintenance	\$ 300	\$ -	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500
Communications	\$ 6,000	\$ 7,869	\$ 6,000	\$ 7,000
Travel & Transportation	\$ 200	\$ 371	\$ 400	\$ 400
Training Fees	\$ 300	\$ 100	\$ 300	\$ 300
	\$ 336,600	\$ 322,628	\$ 343,600	\$ 360,550
CAPITAL RESERVE				
Recorder	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	1500
Console Terminal (a)	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 5,000	5000
Console Terminal (b)	\$ 2,600	\$ 2,600	\$ 2,600	2600
Receiver/Transmitter B	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	3000
Receiver/Transmitter F	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	3000
	\$ 13,100	\$ 13,100	\$ 15,100	\$ 15,100
<b>Total Communications Budget</b>	<b>\$ 349,700</b>	<b>\$ 335,728</b>	<b>\$ 358,700</b>	<b>\$ 375,650</b>
TOWN CLERK				
BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY				
Printing Supplies	\$ 1,600	\$ 2,269	\$ 4,000	\$ 2,000
BCA Wages	\$ 600	\$ 384	\$ 1,000	\$ 500
Election Wages	\$ 600	\$ 586	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,000
	\$ 2,800	\$ 3,239	\$ 8,000	\$ 3,500
TOWN CLERK				
Salaries & Wages	\$ 63,960	\$ 66,546	\$ 65,600	\$ 67,568
Asst Town Clerk Wages	\$ 29,000	\$ 24,038	\$ 29,000	\$ 45,750
Employer Paid Benefits	\$ 50,100	\$ 52,907	\$ 52,000	\$ 57,850
Office Supplies	\$ 400	\$ 527	\$ 400	\$ 400
Other Purchased Services	\$ 300	\$ -	\$ 300	\$ 300
Machinery & Equipment	\$ 500	\$ 109	\$ 500	\$ 500
Copier Lease	\$ 2,400	\$ 3,034	\$ 2,440	\$ 3,000
Dues, Subs & Meetings	\$ 800	\$ 645	\$ 800	\$ 700

EXPENSES				
Account	Budget FY2020	Actual FY2020	Budget FY2021	Proposed FY2022
Record Retention	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,237	\$ 1,000	\$ 2,600
Restoration of Records	\$ -	\$ 150	\$ -	\$ 1,500
	\$ 148,460	\$ 149,194	\$ 152,040	\$ 180,168
CAPITAL RESERVE				
Town Clerk Vault	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500
	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500
<b>Total Town Clerk Budget</b>	<b>\$ 154,760</b>	<b>\$ 155,933</b>	<b>\$ 163,540</b>	<b>\$ 187,168</b>
BOARDS & AGENCIES				
PLANNING & ZONING				
Salaries & Wages	\$ 75,820	\$ 98,987	\$ 65,750	\$ 68,495
Employer Paid Benefits	\$ 31,200	\$ 31,114	\$ 31,200	\$ 22,000
Professional Services	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 500
Equipment Purchase	\$ 250	\$ 83	\$ 250	\$ 250
Travel & Transportation	\$ 4,000	\$ 3,525	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000
Dues, Subs & Meetings	\$ 6,000	\$ 5,547	\$ 6,250	\$ 6,250
Advertising	\$ 2,500	\$ 4,028	\$ 5,750	\$ 6,000
GIS Mapping	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ 100	\$ 1,100
Conservation Commission	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ -
	\$ 120,870	\$ 143,284	\$ 114,800	\$ 108,595
CAPITAL RESERVE				
Town Plan Consulting	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Computer Equip Replace	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
<b>Total Planning &amp; Zoning Budget</b>	<b>\$ 121,870</b>	<b>\$ 144,284</b>	<b>\$ 115,800</b>	<b>\$ 109,595</b>
TOWN CONSTABLE				
Salaries & Wages	\$ 7,000	\$ 6,069	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000
Employer Paid Benefits	\$ 520	\$ 224	\$ 500	\$ 550
Operating Supplies	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ 100	\$ -
Office Supplies	\$ 50	\$ -	\$ 50	\$ -
Repair & Mainte Supplies	\$ 50	\$ -	\$ 50	\$ 200
Other Purchased Services	\$ 50	\$ 20	\$ 50	\$ 50
Animal Control	\$ 700	\$ -	\$ 700	\$ 700
Machinery & Equipment	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ 100	\$ 600
Communications	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 750	\$ 1,500
Mileage - Blue Light	\$ 500	\$ 504	\$ 500	\$ -
	\$ 10,570	\$ 8,317	\$ 9,800	\$ 10,600
MAINTAINING CEMETERIES				
Other Purchased Services	\$ 16,000	\$ 11,613	\$ 17,500	\$ 17,500
Repair & Maintenance	\$ 1,000	\$ 5,388	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
	\$ 17,000	\$ 17,000	\$ 18,500	\$ 18,500
WELCOME CENTER				
Maintenance Supplies	\$ 2,600	\$ 320	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
Custodial Services	\$ 19,000	\$ 15,608	\$ 19,000	\$ 20,000
Propane	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,048	\$ 1,300	\$ 1,300
Electricity	\$ 1,400	\$ 1,124	\$ 1,250	\$ 1,250
Misc Utilities	\$ 1,800	\$ 2,760	\$ 1,800	\$ 1,800
Building Improvements	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 500
Bldg Repairs & Mainte	\$ 4,000	\$ 927	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000
Chamber Office Loan Prin.	\$ 2,000	\$ 8,264	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000



EXPENSES				
Account	Budget FY2020	Actual FY2020	Budget FY2021	Proposed FY2022
Chamber Office Loan Int.	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,438	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,851
Furnace Replacement	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Woodstock Chamber of Commerce Alloc	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 35,000
	\$ 36,500	\$ 33,489	\$ 36,850	\$ 72,201
CAPITAL RESERVE				
Cemetery Improvements	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,000	\$ -
	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,000	\$ -
INTERGOVERNMENTAL				
Upper Valley Solid Waste	\$ 33,550	\$ 33,528	\$ 33,550	\$ 33,528
	\$ 33,550	\$ 33,528	\$ 33,550	\$ 33,528
SELECT BOARD CONTINGENCY				
Unclassified	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000
Comp Unused Sick/Vac Time	\$ 28,000	\$ 27,374	\$ -	\$ -
House Numbers	\$ 500	\$ 159	\$ 500	\$ 250
Econ Develop Reserve Fund	\$ 270,000	\$ -	\$ 270,000	\$ 270,000
Insurance	\$ 185,000	\$ 172,680	\$ 185,000	\$ 185,000
	\$ 513,500	\$ 230,212	\$ 480,500	\$ 480,250
CAPITAL RESERVE SB				
Compens. Unused Sick/Vac	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000
CAPITAL RESERVE SPENDING				
Cemetery Improvements	\$ -	\$ 3,000	\$ -	
Select Board Contingency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Manager's Pick-up	\$ -	\$ 3,191	\$ -	\$ -
Town Hall Improvements	\$ 50,000	\$ 23,563	\$ 50,000	
Office Equipment	\$ -	\$ 1,078	\$ -	
Computer Equip Replacment	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 10,000	
Town Clerk Rec Vault Impr	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ -
Restoration of Records	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ -
Hwy Truck 1-2 (replace w/ 3/4 ton)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,887.81
Bridges	\$ 35,000	\$ 16,328	\$ 50,000	
Culverts & Stormwater	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000	
Ambulance Purchase	\$ 10,000	\$ 396	\$ 10,000	\$ -
Ambulance Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Communications	\$ -	\$ 1,500	\$ -	\$ -
Fire Truck	\$ 170,000	\$ 170,000	\$ -	\$ -
ESB Generator	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ 20,000	\$ -
Vail Field-Improvements	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Snow Blower	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Listers Mapping Update	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,207
Compensation Unused Sick/Vacation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,200
	\$ 295,000	\$ 219,556	\$ 157,000	\$ 19,295
LOSS REPAIR EXPENSE				
PropertyDamage-TaftsBridg	\$ -	\$ 3,167	\$ -	\$ -
Lincoln Covered Bridge	\$ -	\$ 320,797	\$ -	\$ -
Vehicle Damage/HWY Truck	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -	\$ 323,964	\$ -	\$ -
IRENE RECOVERY EXPENSE				
IRE Bond Repayment	\$ 44,600	\$ 89,200	\$ 44,600	\$ 44,600
IRE Bond Interest Expense	\$ 15,000	\$ 18,844	\$ 12,750	\$ 13,746
	\$ 59,600	\$ 108,044	\$ 57,350	\$ 58,346
GRANT EXPENSE				
BetterBackRoadsGrantExpen	\$ -	\$ 10,186	\$ -	\$ -

## EXPENSES

Account	Budget FY2020	Actual FY2020	Budget FY2021	Proposed FY2022
NorthStWallEmergencyGrant	\$ -	\$ 10,830	\$ -	\$ -
Cooperative Mng Agree	\$ -	\$ 73,690	\$ -	\$ -
EastEndSidewalk Grant Exp	\$ -	\$ 15,424	\$ -	\$ -
DensStnBrdg Gr Exp BC1948	\$ -	\$ 5,100	\$ -	\$ -
Wdstk River Loop Grant	\$ -	\$ 10,828	\$ -	\$ -
Keys to Valley Initiative	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -	\$ 126,058	\$ -	\$ -
COMMUNITY CELEBRATIONS				
July 4th Celebration	\$ -	\$ 5,325	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
	\$ -	\$ 5,325	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
BILLINGS PARK				
Billings Park Expense	\$ -	\$ 4,375	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -	\$ 4,375	\$ -	\$ -
TOWN POLICE				
	\$ 392,393	\$ -	\$ 404,868	\$ 418,475
<b>TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET</b>	<b>\$ 5,750,508</b>	<b>\$ 5,743,315</b>	<b>\$ 6,495,498</b>	<b>\$ 6,731,068</b>

## REVENUES

Account	Budget FY2020	Actual FY2020	Budget FY - 2021	Proposed FY2022
1-400 TAX REVENUE- ALL				
1-4001-000 Real Estate Taxes	\$ 3,920,138	\$ 3,796,629	\$ 5,166,631	\$ 5,018,094
1-4002-000 Delinquent Interest	\$ 57,500	\$ 70,551	\$ 80,000	\$ 70,000
1-4003-000 Delinquent Penalty	\$ 57,500	\$ 60,075	\$ 57,000	\$ 57,000
1-4004-000 In Lieu of Taxes	\$ 2,000	\$ 11,183	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500
1-4005-000 Land Use	\$ 248,000	\$ 278,441	\$ 275,000	\$ 275,000
1-4006-000 Rockefeller Endowment	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 76,800
	\$ 4,345,138	\$ 4,276,879	\$ 5,640,131	\$ 5,498,394
1-401 RENTAL INCOME				
1-4015-000 Pentangle Rental	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,175	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
1-4016-000 Chamber of Commerce Rent	\$ 6,000	\$ 500	\$ 6,000	\$ 3,000
	\$ 16,000	\$ 10,675	\$ 16,000	\$ 13,000
1-402 FEES & PERMITS				
1-4022-000 Overweight Permits	\$ -	\$ 630	\$ 500	\$ 500
1-4023-000 Alarm Permits	\$ 3,000	\$ 150	\$ -	\$ -
1-4024-000 Alarm System Registration	\$ 16,000	\$ 10,050	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000
1-4025-000 Fire/Accident Fees	\$ -	\$ 425	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
1-4027-000 Bldg Safety Enforce Fee	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500
	\$ 19,000	\$ 11,255	\$ 19,500	\$ 19,500
1-403 TOWN CLERK FEES				
1-4031-000 Dog Licenses	\$ 2,050	\$ 1,140	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
1-4032-000 Liquor Licenses	\$ 2,050	\$ 2,955	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
1-4033-000 Marriage Licenses	\$ 800	\$ 630	\$ 800	\$ 800
1-4034-000 Recording Fees	\$ 30,700	\$ 42,447	\$ 27,000	\$ 43,000
1-4035-000 Use of Records	\$ 1,225	\$ 1,122	\$ 750	\$ 750
1-4036-000 Town Clerk Copies	\$ 8,175	\$ 12,566	\$ 8,200	\$ 10,000
1-4037-000 Restoration of Records	\$ 7,500	\$ 15,084	\$ 6,500	\$ 15,000
1-4039-000 Town Clerk Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ 498	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ 52,500	\$ 76,442	\$ 47,750	\$ 74,050
1-404 FRONT OFFICE FEES				
1-4046-000 Front Office Copies	\$ 400	\$ 185	\$ 400	\$ 100
1-4049-000 Front Office Misc	\$ -	\$ 0	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ 400	\$ 185	\$ 400	\$ 100

REVENUES				
Account	Budget FY2020	Actual FY2020	Budget FY - 2021	Proposed FY2022
1-405 PLANNING & ZONING				
1-4051-000 Zoning Permits	\$ 12,000	\$ 13,654	\$ 12,000	\$ 14,000
1-4052-000 Zoning Maps & Regulations	\$ -	\$ 19	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ 12,000	\$ 13,673	\$ 12,000	\$ 14,000
1-407 INTEREST INCOME				
1-4071-000 General Interest Income	\$ 5,000	\$ 28,819	\$ 25,000	\$ 18,000
	\$ 5,000	\$ 28,819	\$ 25,000	\$ 18,000
1-408 AMBULANCE & FIRE DEPT				
1-4081-000 Ambulance Services	\$ 475,000	\$ 714,630	\$ 800,000	\$ 800,000
1-4082-000 Ambulance Contract Fees	\$ -	\$ 122,790	\$ 115,000	\$ 115,000
1-4084-000 CARES ACT	\$ -	\$ 7,946	\$ -	\$ -
1-4086-000 Misc Ambulance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ 475,000	\$ 845,366	\$ 915,000	\$ 915,000
1-409 MISCELLANEOUS				
1-4091-000 Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ 4,600	\$ 104	\$ 4,600	\$ 4,600
1-4091-001 Donations	\$ -	\$ (17,745)	\$ -	\$ -
1-4091-002 Bank Recon Items	\$ -	\$ 2,094	\$ -	\$ -
1-4093-000 Town Highway State Aid	\$ 133,000	\$ 136,624	\$ 133,000	\$ 133,000
1-4093-001 Village Highway State Aid	\$ 44,900	\$ 46,006	\$ 44,900	\$ 44,900
1-4094-000 Local Option Tax Revenue	\$ 270,000	\$ -	\$ 270,000	\$ 270,000
1-4095-000 Dispatching/Vill Police	\$ 64,370	\$ 64,730	\$ 64,730	\$ 64,730
1-4095-001 Dispatching/Other Towns	\$ 5,000	\$ 4,600	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
1-4098-001 Insurance Reimbursement	\$ -	\$ 251,462	\$ -	\$ -
1-4098-002 Other Reimbursements	\$ -	\$ 150	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ 521,870	\$ 488,026	\$ 522,230	\$ 522,230
1-44 GRANT REVENUE				
1-4404-000 Bridge Incent Grant Reven	\$ -	\$ 3,700	\$ -	\$ -
1-4405-000 Highway Grant Revenue	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1-4427-000 DensmoreHill GrantRevenue	\$ -	\$ 17,600	\$ -	\$ -
1-4431-000 EastEndSidewalk Grant Rev	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1-4432-000 Wdstk Rvr Loop 00067	\$ -	\$ 8,640	\$ -	\$ -
1-4433-000 Storm Event (APRIL '19)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1-4434-000 Keys to Valley Initiative	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -	\$ 29,940	\$ -	\$ -
1-450 MANDATORY DRAWBACK				
1-4501-000 Abatements	\$ -	\$ (1,171)	\$ (10,000)	\$ (10,000)
1-4502-000 Ambulance Drawback	\$ -	\$ (375,419)	\$ (360,000)	\$ (360,000)
	\$ -	\$ (376,590)	\$ (370,000)	\$ (370,000)
1-470 TRANSFERS IN				
1-4701-000 Transfer from Cap Reserve	\$ 295,000	\$ 240,257	\$ 157,000	\$ 19,295
1-4702-000 Transfer from Trustee	\$ -	\$ 5,100	\$ -	\$ 2,400
1-4703-000 Transfer from LOT (EDC)	\$ -	\$ 1,625	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ 295,000	\$ 246,982	\$ 157,000	\$ 21,695
1-485 BILLINGS PARK				
1-4856-000 Billings Park Revenue	\$ -	\$ 1	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -	\$ 1	\$ -	\$ -
1-489 TOWN FOREST				
1-4897-000 Town Forest Lease	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,518	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500
	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,518	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ 5,749,408</b>	<b>\$ 5,659,171</b>	<b>\$ 6,992,511</b>	<b>\$ 6,733,468</b>

# How Your Vote On Special Articles Will Impact Your Local Property Taxes Next Year

*The table below is meant to provide an estimated overall view of the impact of your votes on the proposed taxes to be raised to cover Special Articles. Each time you vote YES to approve an Article, you will be able to determine the impact on your property taxes, next year, based on the assessed value of your home or property.*

**A YES vote  
down here**

**Means...**

**An impact on property taxes down there**

Special Articles	2021/2022 To be Raised	Tax Impact for \$100K House	Tax Impact for \$200K House	Tax Impact for \$300K House	Tax Impact for \$400K House	Tax Impact for \$500K House	Tax Impact for \$600K House	Tax Impact for \$700K House	Tax Impact for \$800K House	Tax Impact for \$900K House	Tax Impact for \$1MM House Etc.
Paving Town/Village	\$86,000	\$9.15	\$18.30	\$27.45	\$36.60	\$45.74	\$54.89	\$64.04	\$73.19	\$82.34	\$91.49
Visiting Nurses	\$25,000	\$2.66	\$5.32	\$7.98	\$10.64	\$13.30	\$15.96	\$18.62	\$21.28	\$23.94	\$26.60
SE Community Action	\$3,000	\$0.32	\$0.64	\$0.96	\$1.28	\$1.60	\$1.91	\$2.23	\$2.55	\$2.87	\$3.19
Pentangle	\$42,000	\$4.47	\$8.94	\$13.40	\$17.87	\$22.34	\$26.81	\$31.28	\$35.74	\$40.21	\$44.68
Norman Williams Library	\$51,250	\$5.45	\$10.90	\$16.36	\$21.81	\$27.26	\$32.71	\$38.16	\$43.62	\$49.07	\$54.52
Woodstock Council Aging	\$40,400	\$4.30	\$8.60	\$12.89	\$17.19	\$21.49	\$25.79	\$30.09	\$34.38	\$38.68	\$42.98
Windsor County Mentors	\$2,500	\$0.27	\$0.53	\$0.80	\$1.06	\$1.33	\$1.60	\$1.86	\$2.13	\$2.39	\$2.66
HealthCare/Rehab Service	\$3,247	\$0.35	\$0.69	\$1.04	\$1.38	\$1.73	\$2.07	\$2.42	\$2.76	\$3.11	\$3.45
WISE	\$2,500	\$0.27	\$0.53	\$0.80	\$1.06	\$1.33	\$1.60	\$1.86	\$2.13	\$2.39	\$2.66
Spectrum Teen Center	\$1,250	\$0.13	\$0.27	\$0.40	\$0.53	\$0.66	\$0.80	\$0.93	\$1.06	\$1.20	\$1.33
Green Mountain RSVP	\$500	\$0.05	\$0.11	\$0.16	\$0.21	\$0.27	\$0.32	\$0.37	\$0.43	\$0.48	\$0.53
Community Television	\$6,000	\$0.64	\$1.28	\$1.91	\$2.55	\$3.19	\$3.83	\$4.47	\$5.11	\$5.74	\$6.38
Senior Solutions	\$1,500	\$0.16	\$0.32	\$0.48	\$0.64	\$0.80	\$0.96	\$1.12	\$1.28	\$1.44	\$1.60
Woodstock Job Bank	\$2,800	\$0.30	\$0.60	\$0.89	\$1.19	\$1.49	\$1.79	\$2.09	\$2.38	\$2.68	\$2.98
Ottauq Health Foundation	\$30,000	\$3.19	\$6.38	\$9.57	\$12.77	\$15.96	\$19.15	\$22.34	\$25.53	\$28.72	\$31.91
Public Health Council UV	\$1,466	\$0.16	\$0.31	\$0.47	\$0.62	\$0.78	\$0.94	\$1.09	\$1.25	\$1.40	\$1.56
<b>Total Special Articles</b>	<b>\$299,413</b>	<b>\$31.85</b>	<b>\$63.70</b>	<b>\$95.56</b>	<b>\$127.41</b>	<b>\$159.26</b>	<b>\$191.11</b>	<b>\$222.97</b>	<b>\$254.82</b>	<b>\$286.67</b>	<b>\$318.52</b>

## SEWER BUDGET SUMMARY FY22

	Expenditures	Revenues	To Be Raised in Taxes		
Sewer Operations	\$ 986,770.00	\$ -	\$ 986,770.00		
Administration	\$ 109,627.50	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 95,627.50		
Capital Reserve Spending	\$ 250,000.00	\$250,000.00	\$ -		
	\$1,346,397.50	\$264,000.00	\$1,082,397.50		
<b>EXPENSES</b>					
Account	Budget FY2020	Actual FY2020	Budget FY2021	Proposed FY2022	
ADMINISTRATION					
EXECUTIVE					
ISalaries & Wages	\$ 31,800	\$ 16,659	\$ 26,200	\$ 27,150	
IEmployer Paid Benefits	\$ 10,850	\$ 5,585	\$ 10,500	\$ 11,685	
IDues, Subs, Meetings	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 500	
	\$ 42,650	\$ 22,244	\$ 37,200	\$ 39,335	
ADMINIICE ADMINISTRATION					
IOffice Supplies	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,821	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,800	
IPostage	\$ 900	\$ 1,555	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	
ILegal Services	\$ 250	\$ 214	\$ 250	\$ 250	
MailEquipment Maintenance	\$ 600	\$ 2,845	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	
ICommunications	\$ 2,000	\$ 876	\$ 2,000	\$ 8,000	
INEMRC Support/License	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	
IManager's Search	\$ -	\$ 18,421	\$ -	\$ -	
	\$ 5,250	\$ 25,732	\$ 7,250	\$ 13,550	
AUDIITING					
IProfessional Services	\$ 8,800	\$ 6,450	\$ 9,000	\$ 7,000	
	\$ 8,800	\$ 6,450	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000	
ACCOIUNTING					
ISalary & Wages	\$ 25,600	\$ 23,286	\$ 33,500	\$ 34,505	
IEmployer Paid Benefits	\$ 9,315	\$ 10,922	\$ 11,000	\$ 12,238	
IProfessional Services	\$ 100	\$ 2,879	\$ 1,000		
INEMRC Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	
IComputer Expense	\$ 500	\$ 98	\$ 500		
	\$ 35,515	\$ 37,184	\$ 47,000	\$ 47,743	
<b>Total Administration Budget</b>	<b>\$ 92,215</b>	<b>\$ 91,611</b>	<b>\$ 100,450</b>	<b>\$ 109,628</b>	
MAINTAINING SEWER SYSTEMS					
Salaries & Wages	\$ 28,500	\$ 29,186	\$ 29,250	\$ 30,130	
Employer Paid Benefits	\$ 16,200	\$ 14,822	\$ 16,500	\$ 18,360	
Operating Supplies	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,235	\$ 7,500	\$ 5,000	
Professional Services	\$ 1,000	\$ 9,949	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	
Engineering Services	\$ 15,000	\$ -	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	
Sewer Line Cleaning	\$ 12,000	\$ 16,533	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	
Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 6,000	\$ 11,572	\$ 6,000	\$ 10,000	
Manhole Repair & Mainte	\$ 18,000	\$ 21,739	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	
Influent Pump	\$ 20,000	\$ 10,885	\$ -	\$ 11,000	
Machinery & Equipment	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500	
Sewer Line Mainte Equip	\$ 600	\$ -	\$ 600	\$ 600	
Rentals	\$ 400	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 400	
INI Improvements	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 5,000	
	\$ 123,300	\$ 119,921	\$ 111,850	\$ 131,990	

<b>EXPENSES</b>				
<b>Account</b>	<b>Budget FY2020</b>	<b>Actual FY2020</b>	<b>Budget FY2021</b>	<b>Proposed FY2022</b>
<b>CONSTR &amp; MAINT OF PLANTS</b>				
Salaries & Wages	\$ 170,300	\$ 174,448	\$ 174,500	\$ 181,480
Employer Paid Benefits	\$ 79,420	\$ 74,566	\$ 80,000	\$ 89,000
Operating Supplies	\$ 50,000	\$ 57,767	\$ 50,000	\$ 45,000
Office Supplies	\$ 600	\$ 268	\$ 600	\$ 600
Repair & Mainte Supplies	\$ 7,500	\$ 1,589	\$ 7,500	\$ 5,000
Professional Services	\$ 2,000	\$ 9,265	\$ 2,000	\$ 3,000
Other Purchased Services	\$ 20,000	\$ 14,193	\$ 20,000	\$ 15,000
Uniforms, Protective Gear	\$ 5,000	\$ 4,296	\$ 7,000	\$ 5,000
Engineering Services	\$ 8,000	\$ 12,037	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
Engineering Study Main Pl	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 35,000	\$ 85,000
Laboratory Testing	\$ 18,000	\$ 15,622	\$ 18,000	\$ 16,500
Test/Monitor Wells	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ 100	\$ 100
Repair & Maintenance	\$ 12,000	\$ 10,781	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000
Small Tools & Equipment	\$ 2,000	\$ 15,236	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
Field Rental	\$ 30,000	\$ 88,649	\$ -	\$ -
Dewatering	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 70,000	\$ 82,000
Utilities	\$ 85,000	\$ 77,196	\$ 100,000	\$ 80,000
Communications	\$ 5,000	\$ 4,556	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Travel & Transportation	\$ 200	\$ 309	\$ 200	\$ 200
Dues, Subs & Meetings	\$ 1,500	\$ 627	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Field Lime	\$ -	\$ 365	\$ -	\$ -
Contingency Account	\$ 10,000	\$ 714	\$ 11,000	\$ 6,000
Bond Repayment	\$ 37,675	\$ 37,675	\$ 37,675	\$ -
Taxes, Licensing & Regs	\$ 2,400	\$ 3,647	\$ 2,400	\$ 3,600
Insurance	\$ 44,000	\$ 36,136	\$ 44,000	\$ 40,000
So. Woodstock Bond Repayment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 93,500
So. Woodstock Bond Interest	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,800
Well Work & Replacement	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 40,000
	\$ 590,695	\$ 639,943	\$ 689,975	\$ 823,780
<b>SEWER VEHICLE</b>				
Repair & Mainte Supplies	\$ 12,000	\$ 6,553	\$ 10,000	\$ 8,000
Town Mgr F-150 Lease	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Fuel	\$ 7,000	\$ 4,108	\$ 6,000	\$ 5,000
	\$ 20,000	\$ 10,661	\$ 16,000	\$ 13,000
<b>CONSTRUCTION</b>				
Construction	\$ 500,000	\$ 601,503	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ 500,000	\$ 601,503	\$ -	\$ -
<b>CAPITAL RESERVE</b>				
Comp. Unused Sick/Vac	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 35,000	\$ 10,000
F-350 Ton Truck	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
F-150 Pick-up	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ -
Tractor	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ -
Sludge Spreading Truck	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 25,000	\$ -
Influent Pump	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
	\$ 34,000	\$ 34,000	\$ 93,000	\$ 18,000
<b>CAPITAL RESERVE SPENDING</b>				
Manager's Pick-up	\$ -	\$ 1,160	\$ -	\$ -
F-150 Payment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000	\$ -
Sludge Truck 1999	\$ 225,000	\$ -	\$ 25,000	\$ 250,000
Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ 20,000	\$ -
	\$ 245,000	\$ 1,160	\$ 55,000	\$ 250,000
<b>Total Sewer Budget</b>	<b>\$ 1,605,210</b>	<b>\$ 1,498,799</b>	<b>\$ 1,066,275</b>	<b>\$ 1,346,397.50</b>

REVENUES				
Account	Budget FY2020	Actual FY2020	Budget FY - 2021	Proposed FY2022
CONSUMPTION FEE REVENUE				
Sewer Consumption Fees	\$ 896,210	\$ 896,183	\$ 1,002,275	\$ 1,082,397.50
Delinq Consump - Interest	\$ 5,000	\$ 4,656	\$ 6,000	\$ 7,000
Delinq Consump - Interest	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ 6,000	\$ 5,000
	\$ 906,210	\$ 900,839	\$ 1,014,275	\$ 1,094,398
INTEREST INCOME				
General Interest Income	\$ 2,000	\$ 6,739	\$ 1,000	\$ 2,000
	\$ 2,000	\$ 6,739	\$ 1,000	\$ 2,000
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE				
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ 2,000	\$ 1	\$ -	\$ -
Insurance Reimbursement	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ 2,000	\$ 1	\$ -	\$ -
ABATEMENTS				
Abatements	\$ -	\$ (43,134)	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -	\$ (43,134)	\$ -	\$ -
TRANSFERS IN				
Transfer from Cap Reserve	\$ 245,000	\$ -	\$ 55,000	\$ 250,000
Transfer from Constr Fund	\$ 450,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ 695,000	\$ -	\$ 55,000	\$ 250,000
<b>Total Sewer Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 1,607,210</b>	<b>\$ 821,311</b>	<b>\$ 1,070,275</b>	<b>\$ 1,346,398</b>

MINUTES  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
February 29, 2020

At 9:30am an explanation of the proposed improvements and financing for the South Woodstock wastewater treatment facility was led by Interim Town Manager Frank Heald. Following which, EMS Chief David Green made a presentation regarding the Town Emergency Services Building.

Assembled on the Stage were Matt Maxham, Moderator; Frank Heald, Interim Town Manager; L.D.”Butch” Sutherland, Selectboard Chair; Mary Riley, Vice Chair; John Doten, Ray Bourgeois, and Jill Davies, Selectboard Members; and Town Clerk Charlie Degener.

Matt Maxham regaled the voters with facts from the 1920 Town Report. Even though 1920 marked the start of Federal Prohibition, the Warning still included a vote regarding liquor licenses. Of the twelve schools maintained by the town, the only cost associated with the Walker School was \$1.20 for insurance.

The moderator reviewed points of order for the meeting.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Matt read out the Warning and called the meeting to order at 10:00.

Butch Sutherland addressed those assembled, noting that the Town Report was dedicated to the late Phil Swanson, and the Selectboard also dedicates this meeting. He then asked for a moment of silence.

Article 1. “To see if the Town will receive and act upon reports submitted by the Town officers.”  
Was moved by Ed English, seconded by Byron Quinn and passed without discussion.

Article 2. “To see if the Town will vote to collect the Town General, Highway, School Taxes and State Education Taxes on real property and all other taxes levied through the Treasurer under the provisions of Title 32 VSA Chapter 133 and fix the dates of payment as November 6, 2020, and May 7, 2021.” Was moved by John Doten, seconded by Jennifer Maxham and passed without discussion.

Article 3. “To see if the Town will vote to pay the Town Officers in accordance with Title 24 VSA, Section 932 as follows:

Select Board	\$1,000 per year
Town Treasurer	\$12,000 per year
Listers	\$25.01 per hour
Constable	\$25.01 per hour
Town Clerk	\$31.52 per hour
Moderator	\$50.00 each time serves”

Was moved by Ed English and seconded by Jennifer Maxham. Jennifer Maxham asked about the Moderator’s compensation last year. Last year it was amended to be \$100.00 each time served. Ed English asked why the Listers and Constable are paid \$25.01, one penny. It was explained that it probably corresponded to a percentage increase. David Brown moved to amend the compensation for the Moderator to \$100.00 each time serves. Jeff Kahn seconded the amendment. Joe Dinatale asked if it should be \$100 and one penny? Byron Quinn asked what the duties of the Treasurer are now that we have fulltime bookkeepers. Frank explained that the Treasurer has a fiduciary duty to the Town which must be compensated. The amendment passed. The article as amended passed.

Article 4. “To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board to borrow money, if necessary, in anticipation of taxes for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 to defray current expenses and debts of the Town and Sewer Department.” Moved by Joby Thompson, seconded by Jennifer Maxham and passed without discussion.

Article 5. “To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Five Million Nine Hundred Two Thousand Four Hundred Ninety Eight Dollars (\$5,902,498) which



includes the specified sums of money to operate each department; and to raise by taxation the amount of Four Million Seventy Five Thousand Five Hundred Eighteen Dollars (\$4,075,518) which is the necessary sum to defray operating costs for FY 2020-2021.”

Culture and Recreation	455,700
General Government	762,990
Planning and Zoning	115,800
Town Highways	1,927,980
Cemetery Maintenance	20,500
Sanitation	33,550
Welcome Center	36,850
Ambulance Department	645,520
Health Officer	7,440
Fire Department	327,550
Emergency Services Bldg. Maintenance	40,400
Constable	9,800
Communications – Dispatch	358,700
Town Police	404,868
Select Board Contingency	260,500
Capital Reserve Spending	157,000
Irene Bond	57,350
Community Fireworks (4 <sup>th</sup> of July)	10,000
Economic Development Commission	<u>270,000</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,902,498</b>

Moved by Byron Quinn and seconded by Ed English. Mary Riley explained that the format for how the budget is covered by the Select Board has changed. The operating budget is up 3.8% over last year primarily due to salary and benefit increases. Joe DiNatale asked if this was exclusive of the proposed Bonds. The answer was “yes”. Paige Hiller asked about insurance costs. Frank explained that the Town had switched from Blue Cross & Blue Shield to MVP for a savings of \$55,000. Paige asked what part employees contribute. Frank answered that 7% is contributed. Sally Garmon asked about the duties of a Health Officer. Jason Drebitko spoke of the poor attendance at School Board meetings and also of the cumulative effect of percent increases on the total. Seth Webb asked about increases in health care expenses and inquired about Town funds, such as Capital and Restricted. Dave Nixa asked about employee benefits and Capital priorities. Mary explained that special articles have a big impact on the tax rate and are voted by Australian ballot. Butch said that the budget includes the Selectboard’s priorities. Roy Bates stated that petitioned articles are over \$800,000. Sally Garmon noted that Reserve Fund balances should be put back in the Town Report. Joe DiNatale asked about petitioned articles. Mary explained that in some cases many entities now appear together on one petition. Jason Drebitko spoke of the needs for improvements to infrastructure and long-term planning for those things. Matt Maxham stated that the discussion has been going on for years. Seth Webb expressed concerns over transparency. Roy Bates spoke about the Capital Budget. Paige Hiller spoke of the shortcomings of Act 46 and encouraged the Town to petition the Legislature to make changes. Roy Bourgeois then gave a presentation regarding sidewalks and curbs. Matt Maxham noted that the Selectboard has been working on this budget all year, and much effort has been put into it. Alita Wilson asked about hiring a person who would be responsible for building maintenance. Butch stated that a building maintenance person who reports to the Town Manager has been considered. Karen Gilmour and Carolyn Kimbell asked about when the State Highways would be paved. Jon Spector noted that the Selectboard had met 50 times this past year and noted other statistics gleaned from their meetings. He supports the budget because it protects our property values. Sam DiNatale asked about Town snow removal from sidewalks. Butch said the Village had considered it at one time, but a majority had voted against it. Byron Quinn asked to get back on track and discuss the budget. John Doten gave his customary story of yesteryear (Jimmy Aiken’s dog Hague) and then went over the finer points of the Highway budget. David McGuire asked about alternatives

to salt used on roads. David Green stated that the Town has looked into other alternatives over the years, but salt remains the most cost-effective. The question was moved to a vote on a motion of Byron Quinn seconded by Susie Stoltz. The article passed.

At this time the moderator offered to floor to incoming Town Manager Bill Kerbin. Mr. Kerbin introduced himself. He has 25 years of experience in local government and comes from a small town in Virginia. He has an “open-door policy” and will begin work on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Butch noted that Frank and Phil were friends, and when Phil was not well Frank had offered his services to the Town. After Phil’s passing Butch and Jeff Kahn (Chair of the Village Trustees) took Frank up on his offer. Butch extended his thanks to Frank for his service and presented him with a gift certificate for golf and dinner at the Woodstock Country Club. Frank thanked everyone for his time in Woodstock and received a standing ovation. The moderator then introduced Representative Charlie Kimbell and Senator Alison Clarkson.

At 12:06 the moderator called a recess for lunch.

At 1:10 the moderator reconvened the meeting.

ARTICLE 6: “To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of One Million Seventy Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Five Dollars (\$1,070,275), which includes One Million Two Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Five Dollars (\$1,002,275) from user fees and Sixty Eight Thousand Dollars (\$68,000) from other revenues, to pay the current expenses and debt of the sewer department for FY 2020-2021” Moved by Roy Bates and seconded by Ed English. The article passed without discussion.

ARTICLE 7: “To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Nine Hundred Dollars (\$900) and pay each of the Trustees Three Hundred Dollars (\$300) for the purpose of paying the Trustees of Public Funds for services rendered, and approve the expenditure from the income of the Trust Funds for that purpose” Moved by Butch Sutherland, seconded by Jeff Kahn and passed without discussion.

ARTICLE 8: ”To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500) for the purpose of having the Public Trust Funds audited and approve the expenditure of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500) from income of the Trust Funds to pay for the Annual Audit.” Moved by John Doten and seconded by Ed English. Matt Powers, Trustee of Public Funds spoke to the work done cleaning up the accounts and expects that auditing costs will be less in the future. The motion passed.

ARTICLE 9: “To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) for general improvements to Vail Field” Moved by John Doten and seconded by Susie Stoltz. Jason Drebitko moved to increase the amount to \$50,000. Seton McElroy seconded the amendment. Roy Bates, Matt Powers, Seth Webb, Joel Carey, Joe DiNatale, Susie Stoltz, and Jennifer Maxham participated in a discussion of the article. The question was moved to a vote on the motion of John Mathews seconded by Seton McIlroy. The amendment passed. A vote was taken, and the article as amended passed.

ARTICLE 10: “Shall the Town of Woodstock vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000) for the purpose of paving the town and village roads” Moved by Ed English seconded by John Doten. Jill Davies explained that we have 40 miles of paved Town Roads which are not State Highways. We are not putting away enough money for major rebuilding when it becomes necessary. Seth Webb, Joe DiNatale, Dave Nixa, Roy Bates, Dave Schwartzman, Sally Garmon, Laird Bradley, Jason Drebitko, Sam DiNatalie, Joel Carey, and Byron Quinn participated in discussion. The article passed.

ARTICLE 11: “Shall the Town of Woodstock raise \$37,000 for a Regional Energy Coordinator?” Moved by John Doten and seconded by Susie Stoltz. Jill spoke regarding the merits of the plan. Susie Stoltz, Joe DiNatale, Linda Smiddy, Rich

Kozlowski, Michael Caduto, Beverly Humpstone, Jeff Kahn, Zoie Parent, Mark McElroy, Charlie Kimbell, Seton McIlroy, Jeff Martin, Ann Macksoud, and Jennifer Raymond discussed the pros and cons of the position and questioned the possibility of grant funding. The question was moved to a vote by Jill Davies, seconded by Butch Sutherland. The article passed.

ARTICLE 12: At this time the Moderator opened the floor to Other Business. Dave Brown spoke regarding E.C. Fiber. Jeff Kahn, Village Trustee Chair, spoke of how well the Village Trustees and Selectboard have worked together this past year with many extra meetings. Jason Drebitko reminded everyone that this is a potential 9% tax increase, pay attention to the cumulative effect. Seth Webb thanked the Selectboard and endorsed Keri Cole. Dave Nixa asked to engage more people in the budgeting process. Wendy Marrinan thanked everyone for their varying perspectives. She and Linda Smiddy, as part of a group called the “Faulkner Park Working Group”, expressed concerns over the plan proposed by JP Morgan Bank to turn control of Faulkner Park over to the Town.

At this point Articles to be voted from the floor ended.

ARTICLE 13: Matt welcomed those running for office to introduce themselves. Ray Bourgeois introduced himself and explained his qualifications for the Selectboard. Sam DiNatale is running for a seat on the school board. She encouraged everyone to vote in favor of Barnard joining the School District. Keri Cole spoke of her qualifications for Selectboard. Seton McIlroy is running for Village Trustee and supports Keri Cole.

ARTICLE 14: Frank Heald spoke about the need for a new Wastewater Treatment facility in South Woodstock.

ARTICLE 15: Article discussed before Meeting began.

ARTICLE 16: The moderator determined that since no action was to be taken, and due to the overlapping nature of the articles, that Article 15 and Article 16 could be discussed together. Butch Sutherland, Deb Hawthorne, Dave Green, Susie Stoltz, Jason Drebitko, Shari White, Mary MacVey, Michael Caduto, and Laird Bradley discussed the articles.

ARTICLE 17: There was no discussion regarding this article.

ARTICLE 18: There was no discussion regarding this article.

ARTICLE 19: Laurie Chester spoke in support of the Norman Williams Public Library.

ARTICLE 20: Jennifer Baxter spoke in support of the Ottauquechee Health Foundation.

ARTICLE 21: Alita Wilson spoke in support of Pentangle Arts.

ARTICLE 22: There was no discussion regarding this article.

ARTICLE 23: Steve Geller spoke in support of SEVCA.

ARTICLE 24: There was no discussion regarding this article.

ARTICLE 25: There was no discussion regarding this article.

ARTICLE 26: Meg Matz spoke in support Visiting Nurse & Hospice for VT & NH.

ARTICLE 27: Lyn Murrell spoke in support of Windsor County Mentors.

ARTICLE 28: Meg Matz spoke in support of WISE.

ARTICLE 29: Beth Finlayson spoke in support of the Woodstock Chamber of Commerce.

ARTICLE 30: Deanna Jones spoke in support of the Thompson Senior Center regarding this

article and also article #34.

ARTICLE 31: There was no discussion regarding this article.

ARTICLE 32: Matt Powers spoke in support of this article noting that no request has been made to the Town since 2016.

ARTICLE 33: Macy Lawrence spoke in support of this article.

ARTICLE 34: Deanna Jones spoke in support of this article under Article #30.

There being no further business, Matt Powers moved to adjourn. Michael Ricci seconded, and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 4:47.

A true record, attest:

F. Charles Degener III, Town Clerk

Matt Maxham, Moderator

Mary Riley, Selectboard Vice Chair

**Return of Vote March 3, 2020**

**SELECTBOARD (3 Year)**

RAY BOURGEOIS	530
KERI COLE	731
BLANK	101
WRITE-IN	1
TOTAL	1,363

**SELECTBOARD (2 Year)**

MARY RILEY	1,148
BLANK	193
WRITE-IN	22
TOTAL	1,363

**TOWN CLERK**

F. CHARLES DEGENER	1,165
BLANK	197
WRITE-IN	1
TOTAL	1,363

**TOWN TREASURER**

F. CHARLES DEGENER	1,139
BLANK	224
WRITE-IN	0
TOTAL	1,363

**MODERATOR**

MATT MAXHAM	1,203
BLANK	159
WRITE-IN	1
TOTAL	1,363

**LISTER**

TRENA TOLLIVER	990
BLANK	371
WRITE-IN	2
TOTAL	1,363

**AUDITOR (1 Year)**

BLANK	1,323
WRITE-IN	40
TOTAL	1,363

**AUDITOR (2 Year)**

BLANK	1,336
WRITE-IN	27
TOTAL	1,363

**AUDITOR (3 Year)**

BLANK	1,340
WRITE-IN	23
TOTAL	1,363

**CEMETERY COMMISSIONER (2 Year)**

BLANK	1,336
WRITE-IN	27
TOTAL	1,363

**CEMETERY COMMISSIONER (3 Year)**

BLANK	1,329
WRITE-IN	34
TOTAL	1,363

**TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC FUNDS (2 Year)**

WRITE-IN	19
BLANK	1,344
TOTAL	1,363

**TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC FUNDS (3 Year)**

JACK MCGUIRE	998
WRITE-IN	3
BLANK	362
TOTAL	1,363

**GRAND JUROR**

BLANK	1,341
WRITE-IN	22
TOTAL	1,363

**FIRST CONSTABLE**

KELLY LINTON	1,053
BLANK	306
WRITE-IN	4
TOTAL	1,363

**TOWN AGENT**

WILLIAM DAGGER	1,050
BLANK	306
WRITE-IN	7
TOTAL	1,363

**ARTICLE 14 - S. Woodstock Wastewater Bond**

YES	916
NO	267
BLANK	180
TOTAL	1,363

**ARTICLE 15 – EMS Building Bond**

YES	733
NO	465
BLANK	165
TOTAL	1,363

**ARTICLE 16 – 24 Hour Ambulance**

YES	949
NO	341
BLANK	73
TOTAL	1,363

**ARTICLE 17 – RSVP (\$500)**

YES	1,004
NO	276
BLANK	83
TOTAL	1,363

**ARTICLE 18 – HCRS (\$3,247)**

YES	1,056
NO	232
BLANK	75
TOTAL	1,363

**ARTICLE 19 – Norman Williams (\$51,250)**

YES	844
NO	453
BLANK	66
TOTAL	1,363

**ARTICLE 20 – Ottauquechee Health (\$30,000)**

YES	1,039
NO	259
BLANK	65
TOTAL	1,363

**ARTICLE 21 – Pentangle (\$42,000)**

YES	895
NO	395
BLANK	73
TOTAL	1,363

**ARTICLE 22 – Senior Solutions (\$2,000)**

YES	1,061
NO	222
BLANK	80
TOTAL	1,363

**ARTICLE 23 – SEVCA (\$3,000)**

YES	987
NO	279
BLANK	98
TOTAL	1,363

**ARTICLE 24 – Spectrum (\$1,250)**

YES	1,010
NO	271
BLANK	82
TOTAL	1,363

**ARTICLE 25 – Pub. Health Counc.(\$1,466)**

YES	960
NO	315
BLANK	88
TOTAL	1,363

**ARTICLE 26 – VN & Hospice VT/NH (\$25,000)**

YES	1,080
NO	204
BLANK	79
TOTAL	1,363

**ARTICLE 27 – Wndsr County Mentors (\$2,500)**

YES	953
NO	322
BLANK	88
TOTAL	1,363

**ARTICLE 28 – WISE (\$2,500)**

YES	1,041
NO	241
BLANK	81
TOTAL	1,363

**ARTICLE 29 – Chamber of Commerce (\$35,000)**

YES	747
NO	519
BLANK	97
TOTAL	1,363

**ARTICLE 30 – Thompson Sr. Ctr. (\$40,000)**

YES	1,140
NO	157
BLANK	66
TOTAL	1,363

**ARTICLE 31 – Job Bank (\$3,000)**

YES	971
NO	316
BLANK	70
TOTAL	1,363

**ARTICLE 32 – History Center (\$10,000)**

YES	834
NO	454
BLANK	75
TOTAL	1,363

**ARTICLE 33 – WCTV8 Public Access (\$8,000)**

YES	807
NO	466
BLANK	90
TOTAL	1,363

**ARTICLE 34 – Thompson Sr. Ctr. Tax Exemption**

YES	1,081
NO	201
BLANK	81
TOTAL	1,363

## **Town Clerk's Report**

2020 was a very busy year in the Town Clerk's Office. In addition to our normal tasks, we administered four elections and saw a heavy stream of Land Record recordings. We continued our digitization project, and now have redundant digital copies of our Land Records dating back to 1994.

Since March, all these activities have been complicated and made more cumbersome by the Covid-19 pandemic. While many Clerk's offices around the state have closed to the public or severely limited access, we have been able to provide uninterrupted access to our office and service. This has enabled Woodstock residents and taxpayers to ensure that documents are properly filed, and real estate transactions can take place in a timely fashion. In addition to several transfers of ownership, low interest rates have prompted many people to refinance or take on a second mortgage creating more documents to be recorded by our office.

Just before the pandemic we administered Town Meeting and the Presidential Primary Election. After the pandemic hit, we conducted Village Meeting voting, the Vermont State Primary Election, and the November General Election. All these elections became exponentially more difficult. However, we ensured that every voter was able to cast their ballot and the integrity of the system was maintained. Due to the pandemic absentee ballots became a popular method of voting and the Vermont Secretary of State issued absentee ballots to all Vermont voters without request for the November General Election. The issuance of absentee ballots for the November election made a more complex system for voters who wished to cast their ballot in person, as they were required to either file a "Certificate of No Ballot Cast" or sign an attestation on the absentee ballot envelope. Despite these obstacles voting went smoothly.

My sincere thanks to Assistant Clerks Mary Riley and Carol Wood for their diligence and flexibility especially during the uncertainty of this past spring.

It has been many years since a generation has had to endure the universal hardship of events like this.

As always, a reminder that all dogs kept in Woodstock must be registered annually before April 1<sup>st</sup>. If you are unable to come into the office, please call and we can make other arrangements.

I thank the voters and residents for their continued support and trust.

Respectfully submitted,

F. Charles Degener III, Town Clerk



## Board of Listers

The Board of Lister's most important duty is to produce a Grand List of all properties in Woodstock. We have 1879 total properties, 824 of which are homestead and the balance being nonresidential and commercial. In addition, there are 75 tax exempt parcels by Vermont statute. This year has been an active year for sales of properties, with 134 property transfers between January 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020: 25 condos, 65 residential properties with under 6 acres, 24 residential properties with more than 6 acres, 4 commercial properties, 12 sales of land and 4 mobile homes.

We also oversee an extensive Current Use Program for Woodstock which currently has 188 parcels enrolled, representing 16,772 acres.

We are required by state statute to have all the assessments in town at 100% of fair market value. To have a clear picture of the Woodstock real estate market, we process all property transfers, and conduct an analysis of all sales which occur during the year. Woodstock's CLA (Current Level of Assessment), which is a three-year analysis of sales, is 90.39% which has dropped from last year's CLA 94.56%.

Another important part of our duties is to keep track of Homestead filings. EVERY VERMONT RESIDENT IS REQUIRED TO FILE A HOMESTEAD DECLARATION FORM HS122 BY APRIL 15<sup>th</sup> EACH YEAR WITH THE TAX DEPARTMENT. The Vermont Tax Department sends us weekly electronic reports as people file their HS122 forms which ensures that the correct tax rate is billed.

Woodstock Listers are elected by you, and work for you, the taxpayer. We are required to work within the guidelines of constantly changing, and increasingly complex Vermont Legislation and mandates. Listers are offered many online classes and seminars presented by Property Valuation & Review (PVR) to improve our knowledge, and ultimately serve you better. We take an oath to be fair and equitable while we assess all real property at Fair Market Value. Each of us in the Lister's office is a Woodstock taxpayer and we understand the burden placed upon property owners.

Throughout the year, the Lister's office is open Monday through Friday from 8-12:00. Our office is here to provide information and assistance to any property owners and we also assist appraisers, realtors, and attorneys doing research. We have a wealth of information, including property files, sales information, and maps.

In September Paul Wildasin retired from our office after many years of dedicated service. Trena Tolliver continues to be a valuable addition to our office putting her business, finance and project management skills to good use. In November, the Select Board appointed Kathy Avellino to fulfill the remainder of his term. She has been busy learning about our daily work and what our office duties are in this very challenging year.

To make the Lister's office as accessible and user-friendly as possible, we can email a copy of the Grand list to you or you can access the Grand List on the town of Woodstock website. You can also reach us at 802-457-3607 or [woodstocklisters@townofwoodstock.org](mailto:woodstocklisters@townofwoodstock.org).

Respectfully submitted,

Carol M. Wood, Trena M. Tolliver, and Kathy Avellino  
Woodstock Board of Listers



## **Treasurer's Report**

First let me express sincere thanks to my predecessors, Candace Coburn, and Ann Marie Boyd, for their guidance during this challenging year. With our accounts consolidated at Mascoma Bank we are able to realize higher interest rates than when we had them distributed among different financial institutions, while still benefitting from FDIC protection. More than 50 years ago the voters of Woodstock delegated the collection of taxes and day to day accounting of the municipality to the Town Manager's Office. Since that time, the job of Treasurer has become a more supervisory role. My election marks the first time in more than 150 years that the office of Treasurer and Town Clerk are held by the same elected official in Woodstock. It has been convenient for the Manager's Office to have the Treasurer available during regular business hours most of the. I take my fiducial responsibility to the residents and taxpayers very seriously.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the town in this new capacity.

Respectfully submitted,

F. Charles Degener III, Treasurer





### **Woodstock Fire/EMS Department**

The Woodstock Fire/EMS department responded to 240 fire calls and 704 EMS calls for the calendar year of 2020. 11 of these were structure fires resulting in \$750,000 dollars' worth of damage and one civilian burn injury. 1 Firefighter was injured this year while working on a scene of a brush fire.

Working smoke alarms and carbon monoxide(CO) alarms can save lives. Smoke and CO alarms expire after 5 (CO) and 10 years(smoke alarms). If you have questions about your smoke/CO alarms and would like them checked feel free to contact us any time.

This last town meeting voters overwhelming approved two items that allow us to better serve the citizens of Woodstock in a much greater capacity – full time fire/EMS staff and a building remodel/addition. The following are details of where we stand now and what our goals are in the future.

Woodstock Emergency Services Building is getting a remodel and an addition. Through several years of planning and work, the contract with a bidder for construction has been signed. Work on the remodel of the existing building and the addition should be under way anytime if not already. What this does for us is gives the PD,EMS and Fire departments the appropriate room to work in a safe and efficient manner. This also allows Fire/EMS staff to be available in this building 24 hrs. a day rather than a rented building in West Woodstock. The new building will have a sprinkler and fire alarm systems which protect 3 million dollars in vehicle assets alone, which the current building does not do.

We now have 8 new Full time Fire/EMS personnel. Staffing 24 hours a day is now between 2-4 people in the building and well qualified part-time and call staff ready to respond to calls as well. One of the biggest advantages to this has been the change in the response time to the citizens we serve. In the past it could have taken up to 20 minutes to get a Fire engine or an Ambulance out the door. Today we do it in less than 2 minutes. This time savings has allowed a positive outcome for several patients which would have had an entirely different outcome in the past. We continue our training of the new employees every day , hopefully in the next month all crews will be able to provide advanced care.

We also plan on working to lower our ISO score for the Town of Woodstock. What is ISO? ISO Stands for Insurance services office and they provide a score for insurance companies based on a town's ability to provide fire protection. In 2016 Woodstock lost a one-point grade which has cost some home/businesses owners up to a \$500.00 increase in insurance premiums. We have started to assess the ISO document and will enlist help where needed to lower this scoring which should reduce insurance premiums if your insurance company uses ISO. We will be attempting to lower our ISO score by two-point levels. This will be a several year project.

The COVID-19 pandemic started to shut down Vermont around March of 2020 and it placed stress on EMS and FD operations. The first thing was VT EMS demanded very specific equipment and response protocols to people who were sick. While we were able to purchase all the equipment and meet the

other protocols, the disease response placed a mental demand like no other on fire/EMS as members did not want to bring this disease home to family members or be placed on sick leave from their regular jobs. The equipment was mostly reimbursed by federal and state funding. We also received a hazard pay grant that went to the Part Time staff prior to the start of the Full-time staff in July. The pandemic also affected our call volume as people were not going to the hospital unless absolutely necessary, we did receive a grant from CMS for lost revenue. To this day we continue to look for grants and apply as they are available for every part of our operations.

Our part time and call staffing remain an integral and essential part of the service we provide. They responded to the Covid crisis without hesitation and continue to respond to calls today. In 2020 we welcomed several new EMS Providers to Woodstock Ambulance Service. New part-time EMS Providers include Lara Bowers and Lina Hristova. Also, several of our members are celebrating Honorable Service Awards. Joshua Linton, Erin O'Connor, Angel Oliver, and Remy Bacaicoa have dedicated five years of service to Woodstock Ambulance Service. If these members are seen around town, be sure to thank them for a job well done in striving to provide excellent service to the Woodstock Community.

Woodstock Fire Department celebrates 200 years of operation to the Town of Woodstock. While Covid - 19 canceled the planned Fireman's ball and other events planned, as soon we are permitted, we will begin replanning these events.

A few items of note:

- The Fire department was originally a Village department. It contracted with the Town of Woodstock.
- This Fire station was located on Central Street, where Who's Sylvia shop now occupies. The Village of Woodstock paid \$300 in 1843 for the building purchase.
- 1923 saw the purchase of two motorized vehicles for the Fire Dept. We still have one of those trucks: a 1923 Maxim.
- Woodstock Fire Dept has had only 15 fire chiefs on record from 1898 to date. (prior to 1898 unknown)

The Woodstock Firefighter's Relief Association assists Fire Dept members in times of need, illness and purchases of equipment not covered by the Town of Woodstock. The association received its largest donation in its history of \$50,000 dollars. These funds will go to cover items not included in the bond by the Town of Woodstock for the Fire Department. We would like to thank the person who made this anonymous donation as well as all the other people who have made donations to this fund.

Woodstock has a burning permit program in place. With this program we rarely see brush fires started by humans. We saw only three incidents with minor burning of 3 acres of land this year.

I would like to remind you that to kindle an outside fire, a permit is required. You may obtain this permit at the fire station and once you fill out your initial permit a phone call is only required for subsequent burns. Only natural brush and wood can be burned. Construction materials, trash or other debris is not allowed to be burned and must be disposed of properly. Snow on the ground still requires a permit to burn.

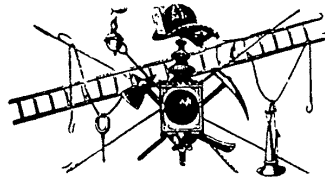
Respectfully,  
David Green, Fire Chief

### Woodstock Fire/EMS Department Calls

<b>Fire Calls</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>
Building fire:	11	11
Chimney fires:	1	3
Brush or grass:	2	3
Fuel spills/Haz Mat or smell of propane:	9	8
Power lines:	7	5
Fire alarms:	70	66
Co alarms due to malfunction:	15	6
Carbon monoxide incident:	3	3
EMS assist Call:	16	27
Motor vehicle accidents:	13	16
Motor vehicle fires:	2	2
Electrical fires:	4	3
Other dept. Calls:	50	87
Building Inspection	17	30
Short Term Rental permits issued(Village)	0	10
Vacant or Dangerous building remediation	0	1
<b>Total Events</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>281</b>

	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>
Advanced Life Support:	158	145
Basic Life Support:	190	220
Non-Transport:	217	198
Events Coverage:	85	37
Other	107	100

<b>AMBULANCE RUNS BY RESPONSE DISPOSITION</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>
Patient Treated, Transported by this EMS Unit	350	365
Standby-No Services or Support Provided	136	25
Patient Evaluated, No Treatment/Transport Required	87	80
Canceled (Prior to Arrival at Scene)	52	44
Canceled on Scene (No Patient Contact)	16	20
Patient Treated, Released (per protocol)	24	16
Agency Assist	34	1
Patient Treated, Transferred Care to Another EMS Unit	7	5
Patient Refused Evaluation/Care (Without Transport)	18	29
Patient Evaluated, Released (AMA)	15	5
Canceled (Transferred to Mutual Aid)	3	1
Patient Dead at Scene - No Resuscitation Attempted (Without Transport)	6	5
Patient Dead at Scene - Resuscitation Attempted (Without Transport)	1	4



## Woodstock Firefighters' Relief Association

Woodstock firefighters dedicate themselves to community services and are ready on a moment's notice to rush into potentially dangerous situations to save the lives and property of fellow citizens. And the Woodstock Firefighters' Relief Association (WFRA), a nonprofit organization, has been there for our firefighters, their families, and the entire Woodstock community for well over 100 years.

Our mission is to:

- Provide help socially, financially and spiritually to those unfortunate sick and injured firefighters and their families, and assist firefighter families in case of death.
- Raise funds to purchase and maintain important safety equipment for Woodstock Fire/EMS.
- Help with community events, such as picnics and parades.
- Provide members with dress uniforms for parades, funerals and other important events.
- Purchase and place grave markers on Memorial Day for deceased firefighters.
- Promote fellowship among firefighters in all times, good and bad.

Each year the WFRA purchases equipment that personnel need for safe and effective operations. We are thankful for our great community and the support you provide for our first responders. We recently received the largest gift ever from an anonymous donor. This generous donation will be used to purchase any necessary items that are not met by the town bond for the emergency services building reconstruction project. For two centuries the Woodstock Fire Department has been at the ready thanks to the community's generosity. Today, more than ever, we rely on modern equipment and dedicated, well-trained personnel for successful outcomes.

We also own and maintain Woodstock's first fire engine, a 1923 Maxim, restored and owned by the Woodstock Firefighters' Relief Association for community events like the Memorial Day parade. We keep a part of our shared historical heritage alive.

Thank you once again for your support. Visit us online at <https://www.woodstockfire-ems.org/wfra/> and please stay safe in 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Kent McFarland, President  
Remy Bacaicoa, Vice President  
Andrew Hubbell, Treasurer  
Scott Noble, Secretary  
Ward Goodnough, Officer

## Constable Report

The Town Constable is an elected position and each year the residents of Woodstock elect a constable to help maintain the safety of the people who live in and visit our community. As constable, I am the designated animal control officer. In this position it is important to report all dog bites or attacks to our dispatch center so that they can forward me the information and I can follow up with the pet owner to ensure that the animal is vaccinated and licensed properly.

I am happy to report that since our last report, we have a mutual agreement with Kedron Valley Veterinarian Clinic to provide a shelter for lost dogs awaiting reuniting with their people. The Shelter location is in West Woodstock next to the Riverside Cemetery. Proof of licensure is needed for us to release your pet. Please make sure to license your dog with the Town Clerk by April 1st and have the tags on your dog's collar. Having this tag can reunite your pet with you sooner and allows us to track them.

As constable, I also assist several agencies such as Fire, EMS and Police. Some of these duties include traffic control during accident or fire emergencies, on scene safety in the event Police are handling other situations and assisting EMS with lift assists, rescues or traffic control. As a reminder, we have only one constable in town which is not a full-time position and therefore it may take a few hours to a day for the constable to handle your situation or return your phone calls. It is my intent to provide the best possible service to our community in a timely manner.

Thank you to the community of Woodstock for electing me into office. I attend several trainings each year at the Police Academy to ensure that I am current on changes to the laws and ordinances within our State. These also allow me to recertify my credentials and ensure that I serve our community to the best of my abilities.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Linton  
Constable



### Calls for Service

Type of Call	2018	2019	2020	Type of Call	2018	2019	2020
911 Hang-up Call	11	15	33	Information Report	3	8	3
Accident Fatal	0	0	0	Juvenile Problem	16	20	9
Traffic Accident w/ Damage	31	30	22	Litter/Pollution/Public Health	1	2	0
Traffic Accident w/ Injuries	5	2	8	Lost/ Found Property	9	6	10
Agency Assistance	68	59	53	Noise Disturbance	5	7	10
Animal Noise & Problem	49	45	18	Phone Problem/ Harassment	1	0	2
Assault	6	0	2	Property Damage, Non- Vandalism	4	0	1
Burglary	1	4	1	Property/ Home Watch	341	199	65
Burglary Alarm	79	66	69	Public Speaking	3	2	1
Citizen Assist	31	34	75	Probation Violation	0	3	0
Citizen Dispute	3	2	0	Search Warrant	0	0	0
Commercial Vehicle Inspect.	2	10	0	Stalking	0	0	1
Motor Vehicle Complaint	65	48	48	Sex Offense	9	2	3
Criminal – DLS	4	3	0	Suspicious Person/Circumstance	45	40	57
Dead Body	3	2	4	Theft	17	17	8
Directed Patrol	17	24	264	Threatening	4	3	4
Disorderly Conduct/Noise	5	7	2	Towed Vehicle	0	0	0
DUI	1	6	1	Trespassing	5	7	1
Controlled Substance Problem	2	3	0	Unlawful Mischief – Vandalism	4	8	9
Escort	6	7	2	VIN Number Inspection	7	12	24
Family Fight/ Domestic	8	9	15	Welfare/ Suicide Check	27	16	28
Fraud/Embezzlement	7	6	9	Wanted Person	NA	3	0
Parking Problem	0	0	1	Missing Person	NA	3	2
				<b>TOTAL CALLS</b>	<b>929</b>	<b>737</b>	<b>885</b>



## Town Police Report

**Mission Statement of the Woodstock Police Department: "To provide a safe and orderly environment in Woodstock through professionalism, high quality police service, an active partnership with the community and a concern for individual dignity by assuring fair and equal treatment for all."**

The challenges faced by everyone, including the police department and its officers, this year have been enormous, as everyone knows. The issues experienced here and across the globe involving the pandemic and civil unrest witnessed in other parts of the country have affected everyone. We are very fortunate to live where we do and to have the type of community that we have in Woodstock. Thus, as partially stated in our mission statement, "... An active partnership with the community..." is integral to the police department's success and a safer community as we all work together.

Therefore, I wish to thank Woodstock community, Municipal Manager and Town Select Board members for their support of the Police Department and its staff. The Officers, Dispatchers and staff of the Woodstock Police Department are dedicated professionals who work hard to safeguard our community and I thank them for their efforts as well. In terms of Officers, we welcomed Officer Kaleb McIntire to our department as a full time Officer. Officer McIntire just completed the VT Police Academy. We also welcomed Officer Alan Patterson, Sr. as a part time officer and Officer Shaun Smith as our newest full-time officer after the resignation of Officer Jessica Ryan-Leblanc who left to join another agency out of state. She will be missed, and we wish her well.

The Woodstock Police Department provides police services to the Town on a contractual basis. This includes 24 hours a day, 365 days a year emergency response and 40 hours a week of patrol services. This police service is wide ranging, as can be seen on the list of Calls for Service. During 2020, 885 service calls were handled by the Woodstock Police Department in the Town out of a total of 2,211 calls.

Did you Know?: WPD offers a free home check service for when you are away from home on vacation or other extended time periods.

We endeavor to maintain a close partnership with the community and to maintain open lines of communication. During 2020 we launched the Woodstock Police Department's website [www.woodstockpolice.org](http://www.woodstockpolice.org) in order to help facilitate this goal. We also continued to use our other social media platforms. (follow us on twitter at: Woodstock Police@Woodstockpolice and Facebook at: Woodstock Vermont Police Department). As always, we provide a high level of service to the community and perform services that make Woodstock a great place to live and work.

Fun Fact: WPD collected 87 pounds of food for the Woodstock Food Shelf and over 200 Toys for the Toys for Tots campaign.

Woodstock enjoys a low crime rate and is consistently rated as one of the safest communities in Vermont. However, as in any community, there are incidents of crime and citizens are encouraged to take proactive measures in ensuring they do not become victims by locking the doors to their homes and vehicles when away from them.

The Woodstock Police Department continues to maintain a Prescription Drug Drop box in the lobby of the Emergency Services Building. Citizens can drop off any unused and unwanted prescription medication they have 24 hours a day/ 7 days a week.

As always, I thank all of the men and women of the Woodstock Police Department for their hard work and professionalism as well as to the other Town departments, personnel and Town Select Board members for their assistance and support.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Chief Robbie Blish



Photo by Katrina Porch

## WOODSTOCK COMMUNICATIONS

PHONE CALLS	2018	2019	2020	RADIO CALLS	2018	2019	2020
BRIDGEWATER	71	62	74	BRIDGEWATER	911	545	803
POMFRET	53	64	85	POMFRET	634	523	439
WOODSTOCK AMBULANCE	692	643	648	WOODSTOCK AMBULANCE	7,143	5,980	6,399
WOODSTOCK FIRE	163	221	246	WOODSTOCK FIRE	1,023	1,468	1,711
WOODSTOCK POLICE	2,297	2,015	2,221	WOODSTOCK POLICE	44,511	26,009	22,503
TOTAL PHONE CALLS	3,276	3,005	3,274	TOTAL RADIO CALLS	54,222	34,525	31,855

I respectfully submit my town report to the select board and citizens of Woodstock.

The Woodstock Emergency Services Communications Team is on duty 24 hours a day 7 days a week and typically there is only one person on duty per shift. We provide dispatch services for Woodstock Police, Fire, Ambulance, Highway and Sewer departments, South Woodstock Fire, Bridgewater Fire and Fast Squad, and Pomfret/Teago Fire and Fast Squad. We are dedicated to providing the most efficient and effective service to the citizens and the responders.

The numbers provided only give a snapshot of the Communications Department work. There are many other calls that are handled by the team that may not be logged into the system. We answer calls ranging from directions to locations, burn permits, lost or found items and animals, walk-ins about parking tickets to speeding tickets to name a few.

We are still providing infant and child safety seat inspections and installs. We are available by appointment for this service Monday – Friday at 7 AM and 3 PM. Most Wednesdays if there are two people working the service is available from 7 AM until 1 PM. We also provide infant and child safety seats for those who need them or for people with WIC vouchers. Please call for an appointment 802-457-1420

### WOODSTOCK COMMUNICATIONS STAFF

Elizabeth Therrien – Supervisor

Constance Jones – Full Time Dispatcher

Douglas Perkins – Full Time Dispatcher

Lisa Linton – Full Time Dispatcher

Christine Gould – Part Time Dispatcher

Katrina Porch – Part Time Dispatcher

## Highway Department

2019/2020 has been a challenging year. With the onset of Covid-19 many safeguards were established for the safety of both the public and staff. I am pleased to report that the department has not had any cases.

Upgrading and maintaining storm drains continues, as road salt and time deteriorate both the concrete structures and the old, galvanized pipe replacing and repairing them is a continuous process. Several manholes have also been either repaired or replaced. Drag paving was accomplished on Rte. 4 and 106, as well as paving repairs. These repairs were to help alleviate the potholes and delamination of the pavement.

Regular maintenance of the roads continues as well with, grading, ditching, plowing, salting, sanding, culverts, tree work, etc.

I would like to thank the residents of Woodstock for their continued support of the Town & Village Highway Department and their patience when traveling through work areas.

I would also like to thank all the other departments for their continued support.

In conclusion, I thank the crew itself. The many hats that they must wear can be very demanding at times, yet their dedication perseveres.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ken Vandenburg  
Town/Village Highway Superintendent



## Woodstock Wastewater Treatment Plant

The Woodstock Wastewater Treatment department is pleased to report that all three of our treatment plants follow State of Vermont regulations.

In the past year, the improvements to the Wastewater Department have included:

- **Main Plant:** Replaced one of two raw sewage influent pumps, the old pump had 47,000 hours, which is above average for life expectancy. We also had a contractor do some minor work to the wet well.
- **South Woodstock Plant:** We have been working closely with Hoyle Tanner (the engineering firm contracted for the treatment plant replacement) to determine the process, equipment, and design for the new plant due to begin construction this year. The treatment process selected for the new plant is a Sequencing Batch Reactor (SBR) which is a new process with new technology for Woodstock that will allow us to better meet our strict discharge permit requirements. The existing plant is over 50 years old and has never had an upgrade. Due to the age of this plant; we have had replace a number of parts, including the blower, clarifier drive and drive motor this past year to keep it going until construction of the new plant is completed.
- **Taftsville Plant:** The plant was refurbished in 2019 and is functioning well. Other than routine maintenance, we had no major issues with the Taftsville Treatment plant.
- **Collection System:** Repair of manholes in front of Town hall and on Church Street. We had a section of the Kedron Brook sewer line cleaned and camera inspected this past summer, we do this annually to ensure the integrity of the line.

The Wastewater Treatment Plant staff thanks the residents of the Town of Woodstock for their patience when we are working in the streets and roads. We also thank the other Town and Village Departments for their continued support and assistance when needed.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayland Lord

Wastewater Superintendent

Timothy Lynds

Assistant Chief Operator

Elijah Lemieux

Operator



## **PLANNING AND ZONING**

Michael Brands retired on May 1st of this year after 35 years of service to Woodstock, an amazing accomplishment. On May 4th, Neal Leitner began his new position in Michael's place. Neal has almost 20 years of planning experience, including working as the town planner and zoning administrator in Richmond, Vermont, and serving on the Hinesburg, Vermont Planning Commission. As someone who knew Woodstock for a couple decades while visiting, he was excited to begin his new chapter of his career as Woodstock's town planner. Woodstock is a unique community in Vermont that brings so many elements of land use into a small town, which is something not typically found in communities of its size. The new town planner is looking forward to the new challenges and opportunities Woodstock will reveal.

Lynn Beach, the Planning and Zoning Assistant, also retired. Her contributions to the office were appreciated by the community and the Town Hall. Her knowledge of land use and smiling face will be dearly missed, and only the best of wishes for her new chapter. Her position will be filled in early 2021.

Planning and Zoning in Woodstock was directly impacted by the pandemic this year. Permitting experienced a spike beginning in late May and lasting through the end of November. During the summer months, revenue from permits was approximately three times what it was during summer 2019. As was seen in other non-urban areas around the country, there was a flight to suburban and rural communities to escape Covid-19. As much of the housing stock in Woodstock is a second home, many homeowners decided to stay in their Woodstock homes during the pandemic. This created a sharp increase in demand for home renovation projects, and thus planning and zoning permits. Woodstock has become increasingly popular during the pandemic. As property transfers increased, new homeowners also planned for renovation and room addition projects that drove the number of zoning permit requests to historic highs. As a result, the Village Design Review Board, Village Development Review Board, Town Development Review Board, Conservation Commission, South Woodstock Design Review Board and the Planning Commission all deserve utmost praise for their dedication and commitment this year. Lengthy agendas and time-consuming applications were the norm, requiring much thought from board members. Woodstock Planning and Zoning is fortunate to have such dedicated members.

In 2019 a total of 200 permits were issued. The town received 110 permits and the village received 90 permits. Of those permits, 86 were administrative in the town and only 31 were administrative in the village. There were 150 Village Design Review Permits issued in the Village. A total of 10 lot line permits and 3 subdivision permits were processed or reviewed by the relevant boards. 30 Conditional Use Permits were granted. 16 were granted by the Town Development Review Board and 14 were granted by the Village Development Review Board. 1 Variance was granted in the Village. 3 new bed and breakfast permits were granted by the Village Development Review Board. 6 Site Plan Review permits were issued.

The Town Planner was appointed as Woodstock's Intermunicipal Regional Energy Coordinator (IREC) Steering Committee representative in mid-August. As part of the six-municipality committee, energy savings have been identified and many more savings are to come.

Looking forward, 2021 is sure to bring new surprises. As we meet the new year, the Planning and Zoning Office will be excited to make it as good as it can be.

Respectfully submitted, Neal Leitner

## Economic Development Commission

The mission of the Woodstock Economic Development Commission is to plan and implement sustainable economic development in the Woodstock area. The EDC is tasked with the following:

- To encourage and help existing and new businesses prosper, create more job opportunities, and become more environmentally conscious
- To make this a livable and welcoming community for a diverse, multi-generational population
- To promote a welcoming, sustainable Woodstock area
- To improve and make the best use of land, buildings, and other physical infrastructure, and
- To develop tools to promote a sustainable economy

In January 2020, the EDC conducted its first “Annual Planning Meeting” designed to evaluate all grants for a single year at one meeting. With a starting balance of roughly \$400,000 and expected 2020 revenue of about \$300,000, 13 grants totaling \$369,000 were awarded for 2020, including:

- A grant of \$85,000 to renovate Teagle’s Landing
- A grant of \$45,000 to build a 3-mile outdoor walking trail along the Ottauquechee River, with a trailhead adjacent to the East End Park
- A grant of \$50,000 to help fund planning for a new High School
- Several grants to improve the quality of life in Woodstock (for a concert series, fireworks, and Village beautification efforts)
- Continuing a robust marketing effort, including continued funding for a Digital Media Coordinator to support marketing outreach on our website ([www.woodstockvt.com](http://www.woodstockvt.com)) and in social media
- Continuation of the Retail Storefront Initiative which encourages the opening of new retail businesses in Woodstock

Conducting all of our grantmaking during a single meeting allowed the EDC to encourage applications for, and to fund, larger grants and as a result we made fewer grants than in past years. We agreed to evaluate this new approach at the end of 2020 to determine if it was successful.

As the COVID pandemic emerged we made three significant changes to our programs:

- We placed a “temporary moratorium” on a majority of our grant funding from those organizations which had not yet spent the funds and who felt they could defer receipt without major harm. We left the decision about whether to defer funding to each organization and were gratified by their willingness and ability to participate in the moratorium.
- We established a \$100,000 Business Relief Fund to provide immediate emergency cash to local businesses. The Fund dispersed \$48,800 in loans to 37 businesses, and the Chamber – representing many businesses in Woodstock - received an additional \$12,328 to compensate for significant lost revenue from cancelled events. Four businesses have repaid their loans totaling \$4,000, and after a year loans will be forgiven if a business is still in need.



- We considered and awarded additional grants in response to COVID: funding signage around the Village to communicate our mask policy; expanding the number of picnic tables to increase outdoor dining capacity; funding the “Community Campus” program to provide facilities for students to better adapt to remote learning environments; and funding marketing support for redesigned Wassail activities with appropriate safety measures.

Revenue for the year was approximately \$200,000, about \$100,000 short of expectations.

Looking ahead to 2021, we are hopeful we will be able to release the funds that we had placed in the moratorium and begin our regular cycle of grantmaking as well. Important initiatives in 2021 will include:

- Considering the recommendations of the Housing working group and developing a plan (hopefully before the end of the year) to expand housing supply in Woodstock
- Launching a workgroup focused on improving the “business environment” in Woodstock
- Repositioning and reinstating our marketing programs to take advantage of new opportunities presented by the COVID pandemic that position Vermont, and Woodstock, as a desirable place to live and work remotely.

Further information, including a complete roster of grants and an accounting of all funds received and spent, are available on the EDC website at [www.woodstock-vermont.com](http://www.woodstock-vermont.com).

Respectfully submitted,

Jon Spector  
Chair, Economic Development Commission  
January 15, 2021





## Woodstock Town Public Trust Funds

In May 2018, the Vermont State Legislature authorized Trustees of Public Funds to invest public funds in securities and bonds. With this new mandate, the Trustees of Public Funds determined the Town of Woodstock Public Funds should be invested to accomplish the donors wishes. The Funds are invested in low-cost Vanguard Index funds following the advice of the Investment Advisory Committee. The invested funds achieved a 12% increase.

The following are the funds managed by the Trustees with details of any action taken in the twelve months ending June 30, 2020. These numbers are taken from the draft audited accounts.

The **Mary Billings French Memorial Park Fund** was established in October 1953 with gifts from the late Nelson Rockefeller, from Mrs. French's children and another from Elizabeth Billings. The income is to be used solely for the improvement and maintenance of the Mount Tom and Mount Peg Park areas. This income funds the activities of the Billings Park Commission. This year \$300 was spent for the Mount Peg Summit kiosk. Balance: \$407,374.

The **Orley A Whitcomb Fund** was established in 1936 to provide funds to the local King's Daughters and Sons Organization. These funds were invested in securities. In 2019 the investment income and appreciation was transferred to the Kings Daughters for them to continue to invest and disburse. Balance: \$4,294.

The **Cemetery Trust Fund** contains more than twenty bequests. The investment income is to be used for the care of specific lots in "town" cemeteries. These funds have not been invested historically but now the invested fund will provide income as originally intended. Balance: \$85,026.

The **Oscar Freeman Fund** was established in 1935. The fund income is to be used for "*the benefit of the needy poor*". Balance: \$26, 890.

The **Anna Williams Dreer Fund** originated as a gift of real estate to the Town, the sale of which was authorized by Town vote in 1943. These funds can be used for charitable or educational purposes with a vote of consent of the Town of Woodstock at a regular Town Meeting. Balance: \$21,084.

The **Marbara Bagley Scholarship Fund** was established after Ms Bagley's death in 1978. A \$500 scholarship was awarded to Dharma Neil. Balance: \$51,688.

The **Gary Francis Hersey Award Fund** awards an annual scholarship to a WUHMS student. A \$500 scholarship was awarded to Isaac Emery. Balance: \$1,696.

The following funds have a zero balance.

The **Aline J. Boyce Fund** was established in 1959 "*... for the worthy people of Woodstock who are self-supporting but who have met with adversities which they cannot support without undue sacrifice.... to be managed in the discretion of the Committee and that no public report be made of its use*". In 2019 the fund balance was transferred to the Ottauquechee Health Foundation to be used for Woodstock residents who qualify for a Good Neighbor Grant. This organization is able to disburse the funds appropriately and confidentially.

The **Brockway Scholarship Fund** awarded an annual scholarship to a WUHMS student.

The **John and Ehrick Gilman Fund** was established in 1954. The fund income is to be used for town purposes. The remaining fund was used to contribute to the audit fee.

We look forward to managing these funds in the coming year and upholding the intent of the original donors.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jack McGuire and Jill Davies, Town of Woodstock Trustees of Public Funds

## **Woodstock Recreation Center, INC.**

The Woodstock Recreation Center (WRC) is 73 years old in 2020. There have been many positive changes over the years; I will give a brief timeline below:

- In August of 1958, the first “small” pool was built, with funding from the Woodstock Rotary club.
- In June 1968, the “big pool” was built
- In February 2007, a major renovation project was completed removing the bowling alley and adding a Fitness Center and dance studio where many fitness classes, dance classes, and other programs are taught today.
- In April 2008, the construction of a new “big pool” began.
- The small pool is still used today.
- In June 2009, the new “big pool” was ready for use.
- In 2010 the lower level of WRC was fully renovated with new bathrooms, showers, floors, walls, electrical, and plumbing.
- In August 2011 Tropical Storm Irene came through with flood waters filling the small pool with silt, entering the lower level of WRC, and rising to 5ft. In the theater.
- This amounted to over 250,000.00 in damages.
- The lower level of WRC had to have all the recently completed renovations ripped out from 4ft and below due to water damage. This was all repaired within two months.
- The Theater had so much water and silt, all of the electrical, plumbing, and heat was ruined, the entire lower level had to be gutted from the ceiling down, there was no heat, or electricity in the building.
- In October 2012, all repairs to the theater were complete. The theater was again habitable and rainbow preschool moved back in and all classes resumed upstairs.
- In 2015 The original wood floors in the theater were refinished and the exterior side doors replaced.
- In 2016 the Carpet in the front office was replaced with wood, and we replaced two treadmills as well as two pieces of weightlifting equipment in the gym.
- In 2017 we replaced the lift station and sewer pumps in the theater, we also added two more treadmills to the gym, and two new spin bikes to the studio.
- In 2018 we added a step mill to the gym, we replaced the pump and several lines for the small pool, and we did some much-needed tree removal of dead trees.
- In 2019 We had the slate roof repaired and parts replaced, the steps to the pool and the front of the main building completely redone and upgraded all florescent bulbs to LED.
- In 2020 we removed the wall between the studio and the gym to better accommodate spacing needed for the equipment during COVID-19 19.

Over the past years at Town Meeting, I have noticed that our position in this community can be confusing at times. I will explain our funding clearly and briefly.

The Woodstock Recreation Center is a 501 C3 non-profit; we have a very small trust from Marion Faulkner that amounts to roughly 10% of our total budget. The funds we generously receive from the town amount to roughly 30% of our total budget. The other 60% of our budget is made up of fundraising, our annual appeal, grants and user fees.

The other area that seems to be unclear at times is Vail Field, WRC does not own Vail Field we maintain Vail Field. The playground that was built and is owned by the town/village. The WRC

along with community members and Woodstock Rotary club volunteered to build it to save the community money. Any special projects or improvements at Vail field are through the town/village with support and oversight from WRC.

I hope this clarifies some of the most common questions that arise, as always, your continued community support and input is invaluable to us, we hope you continue to see the benefit in your partnership with the WRC. Please contact Gail Devine Executive Director, for further details or to offer your support, contribution, or expertise.

Sincerely,  
Gail Devine  
Executive Director

Current WRC full time Staff:  
Gail Devine – Executive Director  
Joel Carey – Assistant Director  
Kerri Elkouh – Office Administrator  
Rob Ray - Maintenance

The staff and board of the WRC are committed to the goals that have been set forth and continue to strive toward improvements that will benefit the entire community.

Current Board members: Chair– Emma Schmell, Vice-Barry Mangan, Secretary- Dave Doubleday, Treasurer- Jim Giller, Select board Rep.- Butch Sutherland, board members at large: Tom Emery, Denel McIntire

December 11, 2020

Spectrum Teen Center  
70 Amsden Way  
Woodstock, VT 05091



Dear Town of Woodstock,

The Spectrum Teen Center would like to once again ask the Select Board to place the following annual budget appropriation request in the amount of \$1250.00 in the Town Budget to be voted on at the Annual Town Meeting in March, 2021.

“Shall the Town appropriate twelve hundred & fifty dollars (\$1250.00) to support programming of the Spectrum Teen Center. Our objective is to engage teens in healthy activities and make youth feel supported, welcomed and included. There is no charge to attend our program”.

The Spectrum Teen Center would like to once again thank the Town of Woodstock for their generous support that we received last year. We cannot express how much this helped us and how important your appropriation was to our program.

Best regards,

Heather Vonada and Joni Kennedy

Co-Directors of the Spectrum Teen Center



# SUSTAINABLE WOODSTOCK

*Sustainable Woodstock (SW) strives to inspire, organize and empower community members to integrate environmentally, economically and socially responsible practices in all aspects of their lives to create a sustainable community. Our volunteer action groups encourage a vibrant community, promote a thriving local economy and educate about conserving and protecting natural resources. [www.sustainablewoodstock.org](http://www.sustainablewoodstock.org)*

We are deeply grateful for the energy, enthusiasm and hard work of dedicated board members, volunteers, partners and supporters. Thanks to you, in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic we have continued our regular **sustainability** programs, events and projects while responding with new initiatives to assist and empower those in need of **sustenance** due to coronavirus-related economic disruptions. We have increased our focus on **sustainability for all** in order to afford equal opportunities for individuals and families of all backgrounds and walks of life. Sustainable Woodstock is extremely grateful for the generous support from individuals, organizations, foundations and businesses, who make it all possible. (Please see the list of supporters on the “Donate” page of our website.)

- **MUNICIPAL PARTNERSHIP:** Successfully collaborated with the Woodstock community, six other Upper Valley towns and the Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Commission to help create a new Intermunicipal Regional Energy Coordinator. SWEAT partnered with Woodstock’s EMS personnel, the Town of Woodstock and Efficiency Vermont to design the new Emergency Services building energy systems to be net-zero ready.
- **COMMUNITY SOLAR:** Worked with Rainbow Playschool & Sundeavor to plan and obtain permits for Woodstock’s (& GMP’s) first Community Solar Array, which was completed in 2020—generating 150kWh of power to service Rainbow Playschool, 15 private residences and the Norman Williams Public Library.
- **CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION:** Produced and partnered on numerous public programs, student and community actions, films, articles, solar energy projects, energy conservation and transportation initiatives and programs with regional partners—all designed to reduce carbon emissions and slow global warming.
- **SUSTAINABILITY FOR ALL:**
  - **Energy Efficiency:** Partnering with Vital Communities to assist mobile homeowners in Woodstock and surrounding towns with weatherization and other energy-saving projects. SW’s low-income weatherization program assists & connects homeowners to resources & financing in partnership with SEVCA, COVER Home Repair, Ottawaquechee Health Foundation, Faulkner Foundation and Efficiency VT. Completed 75 low-income weatherization projects in Woodstock and Bridgewater via the Weatherize Upper Valley Program.
  - **Renewable Energy:** We are working with several partners to explore ways that investors can fund community solar to make renewable energy available to low- and moderate-income families.
- **EAST END PARK:** Nearing completion of East End Park on public land following a ten-year effort by SW’s leadership and the East End Action Group’s dedicated volunteers—transforming a brownfield and snow dump into a beautiful recreation area. In late 2020 the East End Park Project fledged Sustainable Woodstock’s nest for stewardship by Woodstock Community Trust, in partnership with the Town & Village of Woodstock. Sustainable Woodstock is honored and grateful for the volunteers, partners, Woodstock officials and the incredibly generous donors who supported creating this amazing resource for the enjoyment of all.
- **COMMUNITY GARDENS:** Coordinated activities and gatherings in SW’s gardens at Billings Farm and King Farm. Engineered an enhanced solar water pump design in order to accommodate a 30% increase in the number of community gardeners (due to COVID-19) and to begin growing food for the Woodstock Community Food Shelf.
- **OTTAUQUECHEE RIVER TRAIL (ORT):** Assisted with ongoing development of a 3-mile loop trail starting at East End Park—a project of the ORT Committee and dedicated volunteers partnering with property owners, the Town & Village of Woodstock, Woodstock Economic Development Commission, Upper Valley Trails Alliance, State of Vermont & local organizations.
- **WEEKLY COLUMNS:** 10+ years of weekly columns for the *Vermont Standard*. (Our thanks to the *Vermont Standard* staff!)
- **UPPER VALLEY CLIMATE CHANGE & SUSTAINABILITY FILM SERIES:** Celebrated the second year of partnering with Pentangle Arts. Attendance to date: 2,000+ people at 30+ screenings. Series made possible by generous support from underwriters: Mascoma Bank & Vermont Community Foundation, and sponsors: Mark D. Knott DDS, Ellaway Property Services and Unicorn.
- **FOREST CARBON ACTION GROUP:** Foresters, loggers, industry experts and Upper Valley residents meet monthly to encourage and advise private and public landowners on managing forests to increase the volume of carbon stored and absorbed from the atmosphere. Plans include developing a guide for private landowners for managing forests to mitigate climate change.
- **REGIONAL SUSTAINABILITY & ENERGY INITIATIVES:** Assisted with sustainable initiatives in Reading, Hartland, Bridgewater, Brownsville, Barnard, Pomfret, Hartford, Weathersfield and Lebanon. Third year of advising and assisting the Bridgewater Area Community Foundation to transform the Bridgewater Community Center into a vital, resilient, solar-powered hub.
- **GREEN DRINKS:** Completed our 7<sup>th</sup> year of monthly Green Drinks discussions. Transformed Green Drinks into a venue for regional collaboration and networking among sustainability and resilience organizations in Woodstock, the Upper Valley and beyond.
- **COMMUNITY RECYCLING & CELEBRATIONS:** SW’s **Annual Recycling Day** recycled 8,142 pounds of used electronics, and shredded/recycled 4,000 pounds of paper. *When public gatherings are safe in light of coronavirus health restrictions—SW will again partner on many annual community events and projects:* Road to the Pogue, Trek to Taste, Covered Bridges Half Marathon (where we manage recycling, trash & composting for nearly 3,000 people) and SW’s Solar Showcase at Taste of Woodstock.
- **UPPER VALLEY PARTNERSHIPS:** No town is an island. Sustainable Woodstock has partnered with some 60 Upper Valley organizations and municipalities to enhance the synergistic impacts of our collective efforts.
- **SUSWOO GLOBAL:** Collaborating with Sustainable Woodstock UK, Sea Shepherd, Small Planet Institute and others to share and explore ways to educate and engage the global community.

Respectfully submitted, Michael Caduto, executive director — 802•457•2911 — [director@sustainablewoodstock.org](mailto:director@sustainablewoodstock.org)

**Pentangle Arts**  
**Report to the Town of Woodstock**  
**December 2020**

We are grateful to the Town of Woodstock, voters, donors, and area businesses who support our mission to make the community a more vibrant, creative and stimulating place to live. This year we respectfully request \$42,000 to be included in a Special Article. These funds are essential to cover the operating expenses especially as we forecast a spring 2021 reopening of the theatre and a robust 2021-2022 Season.

In March 2020 we were poised to have one of our most successful years in terms of fundraising, programmatic revenue and attendance numbers across all ages and demographics. On March 13, the remainder of the spring season was cancelled, including our most steady source of income, the movie operation. To date, we have lost \$98,000 in projected revenue. Nonetheless, we do have ongoing expenses such as insurance, utilities, cleaning service, dues, and subscriptions.

**Summer 2020**

We were able to salvage some of our summer season by presenting nine free concerts and eight outdoor movies. We were thrilled to offer programming free of charge for audiences of all ages.

In sum, we noted that:

Our capacity audiences at each Music by the River concert reflected the community's desire to gather safely and find joy in the uplifting effects of the arts.

Our thought-provoking documentary screenings such as John Lewis: Good Trouble served as apt reminders of the opportunity to expand our social justice and equality footprint.

Our September Movie Series offered patrons the chance to view box office favorites in an outdoor setting enhanced by wonderful weather and Woodstock scenery.

We are confident with a vaccine now in sight we hope to open the movie operation, and open the theatre for community programs and rentals, in late

spring or early summer. Our free Summer Music By the River Series will again take place on the North Chapel Lawn through July and August.

Planning will soon begin for the 2021-2022 season including Youth in Arts Programs, Wassail Weekend events and programs, concerts, and live musical theatre.

The following guiding principles continue to inform our programming and our priorities:

- To provide programming that appeals to all ages.
- To create opportunities for audiences and artists to make meaningful connections.
- To nurture the artistic talent in our community
- To be a reliable steward of Woodstock's Historic Town Hall Theatre.
- To engage underserved constituencies in creative activity.
- To be fiscally responsible.
- To be a catalyst for cultural, social and economic development.
- To ensure the Town Hall Theatre remains a thriving, open and accessible community resource for a wide variety of uses.
- It is support from the community that enables us to deliver:
  - Youth in Arts programs, including workshops, live musical theatre, dance and theater camps and residencies that reach 7,000 students annually.
  - Live musical theatre such as CATS, Cabaret, The Rocky Horror Show and HAIR.
  - Sold-out concerts with renowned talents such as Natalie Merchant and Coig.
  - Community events such as screenings of the Vermont produced films *One Town at A Time* and *Major Arcana*.
  - A self-sustaining movie operation that employs 15 local teenagers.

Your continued support is so important to the many area residents who depend on Pentangle to create opportunities for shared experiences, and a sense of community and connection.

We thank you for your time and consideration. Please contact us if you have any questions about Pentangle Arts and the Woodstock Town Hall Theatre.

Respectfully Submitted:

Alita Wilson  
Executive Director (802) 457-3981

## **BILLINGS PARK COMMISSION Report 2020**

The **Billings Park Commission (BPC)** oversees Woodstock's town parks: Billings Park, the 141 acres on Mt. Tom adjacent to both the Faulkner Park and the National Park, as well as the 65 acre park on Mt. Peg. The BPC is an active participant in the Woodstock Trails Partnership, a consortium of interested parties, devoted to enhancing, improving and promoting the over 30 miles of Woodstock area trails accessible from our Village Center. In addition to regular maintenance and oversight of the parks, we participate in a number of events designed to promote the beautiful and extensive trail system in Woodstock.

While the Covid-19 pandemic has disrupted many of BPC's 2020 in-person activities, like the Trek to Taste and Peak to Peak events – it has meant that the trails and sidewalks in Woodstock have had heavy use – reminding us how lucky we are to have these incredible assets for our community. Despite the pandemic, the BPC has been diligently ensuring the stewardship of the Mt. Tom and Mt. Peg parks.

This year, the BPC was approached by the Woodstock Area Mountain Bike Association (WAMBA) about creating a new multi-use trail near the southern border of Mt. Peg Park. Over the past 10 years the Woodstock Resort Corporation (WRC), in partnership with WAMBA, has established a robust network of mountain bike trails on Resort Corporation land from WRC land on Mt. Peg, south to Knox Meadow. WAMBA proposed, and the BPC and the Selectboard approved, the creation of a multi-use trail that would allow mountain bikes to safely access the established mountain bike trails from Golf Avenue in the Village of Woodstock. This new trail will not intersect with any of the Mt. Peg hiking trails on which biking is prohibited.

During the past year the Billings Park Commission created a Strategic Planning sub-committee. The charge of this group is to evaluate the scope and sequencing of the commission's work. We will look at our role in supporting parks in our town and how the BPC prioritizes and manages its initiatives.

As you may recall from last year, The Faulkner Trust, owner of the Faulkner Park and Trail (which goes up from the park to the South Peak Summit on Mt. Tom), has proposed giving the Park and Trail to the Town of Woodstock. The Trust believes that the "care and maintenance of the Faulkner Park and Trails involve making determinations about matters that are inherently local in nature, and that the Town of Woodstock is in a better position on a day-to-day basis to monitor and regulate activities that take place within the Park and Trails to ensure that they are consistent with Mrs. Faulkner's vision and applicable laws and regulations". In addition, they have offered to offset the additional costs to the Town by financing the continued management of the Park and the completion of the trail restoration through an endowment of \$850,000.

The Selectboard has put together a group, the Faulkner Park Committee, to weigh this and other proposals presented to them. The BPC is participating in this group which is thoughtfully working its way through the pros and cons of these proposals. The Committee will make a recommendation to the Selectboard in early 2021.

BPC continues to work with the Woodstock Resort Corp improving signage on Mt. Peg. The WRC has installed a new kiosk on the summit and we have worked together to update the maps both at the Mt. Peg summit and the trailhead.

We are still working on creating a Park Management Plan. It has been more involved than we'd anticipated. The BPC has hired Red Start (a forest and wildlife management firm) to create a Park Management Plan for the parks we currently manage. We are currently working on



filling out the eco-systems and natural communities aspects of the plan with Kent McFarland. We expect to see a final plan this spring.

We continue to benefit from the expertise of Jennifer Waite, whose time and talent we are able to draw on through our technical assistance grant from the National Park's Rivers and Trails Program. Her experience, contacts and insights are invaluable and we are extremely grateful for this ongoing assistance.

We hope that by the first Saturday in June – National Trails Day – we'll be able to gather for Trek to Taste again.

And finally, we thank Josh Pauly for his service on the BPC and welcome Rebecca Williams to our ranks. We are delighted to have this team working together to tackle the opportunities and challenges which lie ahead.

Respectfully,

Alison Clarkson, Chair

Chris Lloyd, Randy Richardson, Sam Segal, Julian Underwood, Don Wheeler and  
Rebecca Williams, Commissioners

## **The Woodstock Area Job Bank**

*“Bringing together people who need work  
with people who need workers.”*

Since 1974 the Woodstock Area Job Bank has helped people in our community by matching those looking for work with those having jobs to be done.

Today the jobs listed vary from full-time professional to hourly household work – and everything in between. This valuable referral service has always been offered free of charge.

### **What’s happening at the Job Bank?**

- We provide individuals in our community with valuable work experience, exposure to new work environments, and opportunities to sharpen their skills.
- We provide businesses and families the opportunity to connect with workers in our community and even serve as mentors on the job.
- We support volunteers! We’re continuing our effort to promote volunteer opportunities in the area.
- We maintain an interactive website that allows employers to post jobs directly online AND the ability for job-seekers to register their skills online.
- We’re collaborating with area nonprofits to better serve our community by developing and maintaining a “Bit Time” List of workers available for small and one time jobs.

### **How are we doing?**

- Our requests from the community continues to grow each year. We maintain a list of 20 available “Bit Time” workers. In 2020 employers posted 581 jobs. And new this year a pilot program for job seekers to find support and guidance through regular group meetings.
- The Job Bank serves job-seekers, volunteer-seekers and employers throughout the greater Woodstock area.

### **How are we funded?**

This year our funding request to the Town of Woodstock remains level with last year with a reduction of \$200. for this year in recognition of the added expenses the town has incurred during the pandemic.



## Annual Report to the Town Of Woodstock

Norman Williams Public Library has been at the heart of our community since 1883. The NWPL Trustees, staff and volunteers are part of a long line of stewards proudly contributing to the literary vitality of our community. Working together with community members and local officials and organizations, we strive to preserve the library for generations to come.

The Norman Williams Public Library is a non-profit corporation which relies on funding from the Town of Woodstock (less than 40% of the library's operating budget) and the generosity of many donors. We also hold fundraising programs throughout the year, the largest of which is our spring Gala.

NWPL offers book discussion groups, art exhibit openings, weekly opportunities for bridge and mahjongg games, knitting and embroidery groups, films, music, children's activities, and author talks-- all of which are open and free to everyone in the community. Library programs and classes inform our community with presentations by local and world leaders in all disciplines, from the environment and the judiciary to poetry, gardening and the arts. NWPL offers outreach services such as story times to child care centers and books to shut-ins. We are in the process of designing a "books in a suitcase" program which will bring children's books to check out for those who have transportation issues. We design our programming according to the community's interests, so please tell us what you'd like to see.

This past year the heating, ventilating and Air Conditioning (HVAC) system of the library reached the end of its useful life and finally failed after many years of useful service. While the Library Trustees had been setting funds aside for just such an emergency, there was still a need to launch a capital campaign last spring to raise the remaining funds necessary to replace the system. We are pleased to report that thanks to the generous support of our community members these funds were successfully raised through contributions, and work has begun on this project.

As a vital center of the community, the library promotes digital literacy, a vital life skill through our one-to-one tutorials and classes. More than 1,500 library patrons have benefited from these tutorials in the past four years. Visits to the library are at an all-time high at more than 70,000 annually which is attributable, in part, to our more than 400 programs with monthly attendance often exceeding 1,000 patrons. The library has more than 3,500 card holders who borrow 49,000 books annually from our collection of 50,000 books and information resources.

We thank the Town of Woodstock for your long standing support of the library and look forward to continuing to serve the community in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Beaird  
Interim Executive Director

Clare McFarland  
Interim Executive Director

**Vermont League of Cities and Towns**  
*Serving and Strengthening Vermont Local Government*

**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](https://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, 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/membersguide](https://vlct.org/membersguide) to download the VLCT Member Guide.

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**Annual Report Of ECFiber  
(East Central Vermont Communications Union District)  
December 2020**

Few will disagree with our assertion that 2020 didn't work out the way we had planned. And if we told you that ECFiber had grand plans to complete the construction of our community-owned fiber-optic network in 2020, you probably wouldn't be surprised to learn that we missed our target, by a lot. But at the same time, we accomplished a lot.

In spite of all the constraints imposed by a worldwide pandemic, ECFiber had some remarkable achievements in 2020. During the year we added approximately 1,400 miles of fiber to the system, with 1,189 miles of that lit and ready for testing. We installed ECFiber service for 1,345 new customers, beating last years' record of 1,024. As of December 31, 2020, we were serving 5,584 customers with a record number of 2,899 people waiting to get ECFiber service, compared to 1,802 last year. For 2021, our goal is to have a total of 7,400 subscribers. In Woodstock, 356 home-owners have signed up for ECFiber service and 135 are currently connected.

In the best of times, building a utility service as complex and labor-intensive as the one ECFiber has been building for the last decade is slow at best and glacial at worst. As Woodstock's ECFiber Governing Board delegates, we have enjoyed a behind-the-scenes view of the numerous parts and pieces, licensing and permitting, intergovernmental coordination, contracting, subcontracting and hand-holding that goes into getting to the very early stage of just hanging cable on the poles.

As network construction in many of our member towns is being completed, our construction crews are being freed up to move into areas, like Woodstock, where there is still much work to do. No doubt you will be seeing a flurry of white ECFiber trucks buzzing around Woodstock in the coming months.

It's easy from the public's perspective to see the cable going up and to think that the switch will be flipped any day now and service will be ready. But that's not how it works. Fiber on the poles is a lot like the frame of the house being built—it's impressive to see it go up, but you're still a long way from being able to move in. In most cases, there are still months of work to be done before service will be available. We extend our sincere thanks to the many ECFiber supporters in Woodstock who have been waiting patiently for many months and, in some cases, years and our apologies to those who we disappointed.

As delegates to the ECFiber Governing Board, we are often asked "What can I do to speed the installation of ECFiber at my home?" To start, you can make sure that you have signed up on the ECFiber website at [www.ecfiber.net](http://www.ecfiber.net). We don't want to accidentally pass you by. But getting our crews to stop their work and go back to hook up someone who "meant to sign up" is nearly impossible. If you have any doubt about being on the list of people destined to be connected, please email [woodstock@ecfiber.net](mailto:woodstock@ecfiber.net) and we will check and confirm your status.

Furthermore, if your home is located less than 400 feet from the nearest utility pole, we will be making an aerial connection from the pole to a small box we'll be attaching to the nearest building. If you would

prefer to have your ECFiber service come to your home underground, please be in touch with us for help planning and completing the required trenching and conduit installation.

Most importantly, we ask for your patience as we work to complete the construction, testing, and installation of world-class fiber-optic internet service in Woodstock.

If you have any questions about ECFiber's activities in Woodstock, please email [woodstock@ecfiber.net](mailto:woodstock@ecfiber.net) or call ECFiber headquarters at (802) 763-2262.

Respectfully submitted,

David Brown, Dan Orcutt, and Alex Rozek  
Delegates, ECFiber Woodstock

## **2020 ANNUAL REPORT**

### **GREATER UPPER VALLEY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

The District would like to recognize the many years of service provided by Phil Swanson on our Board of Supervisors. He was respected for his wisdom and dedication, and will be missed by his colleagues on the Board.

The GUVSWMD comprises 10 Upper Valley towns, overseeing a system for proper management of solid and hazardous waste, recyclables, and food scraps. GUV also provides special collection events for bulky and household hazardous waste (HHW), paint, electronics, tires, metal, and fluorescent bulbs. In addition, the District offers technical assistance, outreach, and education programs to area residents, businesses, schools, and municipalities.

- Due to COVID-19, GUV held just two special collections in the fall of 2020, one in Thetford and one in Strafford. We collected 4 tons of tires; 5.17 tons of electronics; and 1.99 tons of “big” trash.
- GUV residents and businesses recycled 3,977 gallons of paint through the Paint Care program; 1,876 lbs. of batteries through Call2Recycle (as of 12/1); and thousands of fluorescent bulbs through the VT lamp recycle program ([lamprecycle.org](http://lamprecycle.org)). Please contact GUV if you have questions about where to recycle these materials.
- 353 GUV residents (61 from Woodstock) participated in two household hazardous waste events. 20.5 tons of HHW were collected.
- Food scraps were banned from trash as of July 1, 2020. An informal survey taken at both HHW events revealed that approximately 85% of participants were sorting food scraps from their trash. Please contact GUV if you need any information.
- We were able to assist a number of schools and businesses as they adjusted their food scrap sorting and collections due to COVID restrictions.
- GUV assisted in the first maple sap line collection event in our region at the South Woodstock Fire Station on November 7. It was organized primarily by the Windsor County Maple Sugar Producers, with help from the Northeast, Greater Upper Valley, and S. Windsor/Windham Counties solid waste management districts. Funding came from the WCMSP and participants paid a nominal drop-off fee. 16 participants brought 6,000 lbs. of unwanted tubing. Bales will be shipped to a processing facility in Arkansas where they will be re-ground and made into another plastic product. We hope to hold another event in 2021.
- 2021 GUV collection event dates will be posted on our website, Facebook page, town list serves, and in newspapers. Scheduling of all events will depend on the status of the current pandemic.
- In FY2020, Bill Kerbin represented Woodstock on the GUVSWMD Board of Supervisors. We thank him for his dedication and ongoing support of our work.
- For information call Ham Gillett at 802-674-4474, email [hgillett@swcrpc.org](mailto:hgillett@swcrpc.org), or visit [www.guvswd.org](http://www.guvswd.org).

### **Health Care & Rehabilitation Services**

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

During FY20, HCRS provided 20,564 hours of services to 49 residents of the Town of Woodstock. The services provided included all of HCRS' programs resulting in a wide array of supports for the residents of Woodstock.

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



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

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

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

Between July 1, 2019 and June 30, 2020 VNH made 1632 homecare visits to 117 Woodstock residents. This included approximately \$76869 in unreimbursed care to Woodstock residents.

- **Home Health Care:** 862 home visits to 98 residents with short-term medical or physical needs.
- **Long-Term Care:** 96 home visits to 4 residents with chronic medical problems who need extended care in the home to avoid admission to a nursing home.
- **Hospice Services:** 655 home visits to 11 residents who were in the final stages of their lives.
- **Skilled Pediatric Care:** 19 home visits to 4 residents for well-baby, preventative and palliative medical care.

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

Woodstock'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*

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## Woodstock Annual Town Report – FY 2020

Green Mountain RSVP (GMRSPV), an AmeriCorps Seniors program, is for people age 55 and older who want to volunteer in their community. We help local non-profit organizations by recruiting and matching volunteers to meet community needs.

Your town's funds help us to continue to support and develop programs for seniors who wish to volunteer. Your funding enables us to support volunteers with recognition and additional liability insurance, and education. Our staff and administrative costs are covered by federal funds from the AmeriCorps Seniors Program.

We sponsor the Bone Builder class with two volunteer leaders at the Thompson Senior Center twice a week for 10 people. Currently meeting under the tent and following all the Department of Aging and Independent Living (DAIL) guidelines for safety. One of these volunteers also delivered Meals on Wheels for the Thompson program serving Woodstock Residents.

During the current and unprecedented times, GMRSPV has not seen any increases in funding through any of the stimulus packages provided by the federal or state entities. Our program did not meet the criteria or apply for any of the other funding opportunities. 38% of our volunteers continue to serve during COVID-19 and we are pivoting our programming to continue to serve the community, focusing on addressing social isolation, wellness, and food insecurity. We look forward to all our volunteers returning to service once deemed safe to.

Please contact Volunteer Coordinator, Corey Mitchell in our Windsor County office at (802)674-4547 or Program Director, Cathy Aliberti in the Bennington Office at (802) 772-7875. Thank-you for your continued support.



Thank you to the residents of Woodstock for supporting the Public Health Council of the Upper Valley (PHC) in 2020.

The PHC is the largest and broadest coalition of advocates on public health issues in the greater Upper Valley region. Our mission is to improve the health of Upper Valley residents through shared public health initiatives. We have become a trusted and solution-oriented convener that makes a positive difference in the lives of everyone in our region. The PHC is a force multiplier for the organizations, professionals, and citizens, who together make our communities healthier places to live, work, and play.

In 2020, PHC staff and partners worked together to increase collaboration, promote greater health equity, and address priority public health issues for the region. The greatest of these priorities was the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on our region. Our work this year has included:

- Provided staff support to Upper Valley emergency response efforts and committees within Upper Valley Strong. Led a project to connect with, support, and gather information from over 50 towns to inform Upper Valley Strong efforts.
- Hosted five flu clinics in rural communities, providing over 1,350 free vaccines, with support from Dartmouth Hitchcock, Geisel School of Medicine, and many local partners.
- Collaborated with Upper Valley Hunger Council, local school districts and Hartford Community Coalition to ensure availability of summer meals for children in the region.
- Continued health equity work by co-hosting several training events and organizing an Upper Valley Anti-Racism Council.
- Hosted regular meetings for PHC partners, Aging in Community Groups, and with Regional Planning colleagues to share information about pandemic resources and provide opportunities for sharing and problem solving.
- Hosted Lead-Safe Practices trainings for local contractors and started planning several childhood lead poisoning prevention education efforts.

PHC greatly appreciates the support we receive from Woodstock and will continue to work hard to meet your needs in 2021. For more information about PHC, visit us at [www.uvpublichealth.org](http://www.uvpublichealth.org).



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For nearly 50 years, Windsor County Mentors has been creating and supporting mentoring relationships between caring adults and youth to help them thrive. By doing so, we create opportunities for the youth of Windsor County to realize their potential as healthy, responsible decision-makers. Mentoring offers vulnerable youth opportunities to share experiences with reliable adults to widen their vision of themselves, helping them to become confident, contributing members of their community.

WCM offers both school- and community-based mentoring partnerships, free of charge, to any Windsor County child between 5 and 18 who could benefit from a long-term, trusting relationship with an adult in their community.

In FY 2020, WCM served and supported 42 school- and community-based mentorships, with children from 16 towns. Collectively, these mentors volunteered over 1900 hours. Our mentees were distributed among 16 Windsor County public schools.

Our surveys demonstrate the positive effects of mentoring:

- Mentors (96%) would recommend mentoring to a family member, friend, or colleague.
- Mentee parents (100%) said their child is hopeful about his/her future.
- Mentees (82%) reported having a mentor has made a difference in his/her life.

WCM employs three regional outreach coordinators around Windsor County, assuring that we are able to grant each town the attention it deserves.

Financial support from Windsor County towns helps ensure the well-being of children and their families.

For more information on our mentorships, find us on Facebook, visit our website [www.wcmentors.org](http://www.wcmentors.org), or contact us at [ProgramsWC@outlook.com](mailto:ProgramsWC@outlook.com) 802-674-5101. WCM thanks the voters of Woodstock for their support for the children of Windsor County.

Matthew Garcia  
Executive Director



### Services WISE provides to Woodstock:

Since 1971, WISE has been the only organization dedicated to providing crisis advocacy and support for people and communities impacted by domestic violence, sexual violence and stalking within 21 communities in Windsor and Orange Counties, VT and Grafton County, NH including Woodstock and surrounding villages. WISE offers a confidential and free 24-hour crisis line, peer support groups and workshops, emergency shelter, safety planning and in-person advocacy at hospitals, police stations, court houses and other social service agencies.

In FY20, WISE strengthened the organizational infrastructure which included a new server, a new phone system, and new equipment. The new systems were critical for us to be able to operate the WISE co-locations throughout the Upper Valley, thereby increasing accessibility to services. Although there was no way to anticipate the COVID-19 pandemic, the capital improvements provided a relatively seamless transition to remote advocacy in compliance with shelter-in-place orders.

The COVID crisis exacerbated the safety of many individuals due to isolation and restricted access to both community and personal support systems. WISE remained fully accessible to the community with skilled advocates on a 24-hour basis. While we adapted as necessary to ensure the health and safety of all, we remained as committed as ever to meeting the needs of survivors. WISE added HIPAA compliant video, online chat, and texting capabilities quickly so that survivors could access support in new ways even with the temporary closing of the Program Center. As shelter-in-place orders went into effect, many survivors lost the ability to communicate safely and privately with WISE advocates. With secure online chat and texting, survivors have additional ways to safely access WISE services. Adding the new technologies has also made it easier to communicate with survivors who are deaf or hard of hearing and non-English speaking survivors. The nature of in-person advocacy shifted, and we were able to quickly adapt. WISE established a special cohort of on call volunteer and staff advocates who voluntarily chose to be available 24 hours a day to provide in person support at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center (DH) Emergency Department when requested by a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner or other medical professional. Additionally, as DH and other local hospitals restricted the number of people allowed to accompany patients, our advocates continued to “accompany” survivors during evidence collection exams through the use of web-based technologies such as Telehealth.



**GREEN UP VERMONT**  
[www.greenupvermont.org](http://www.greenupvermont.org)

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

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

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

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

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

**Green Up Day, May 1, 2021**

**Thank you!**

The Ottauquechee Health Foundation provides grants and supports programs to help meet health and wellness needs in Barnard, Bridgewater, Hartland, Killington, Plymouth, Pomfret, Quechee, Reading, and Woodstock.

# OTTAUQUECHEE HEALTH FOUNDATION

## Who We Are:

For more than 20 years, the Ottauquechee Health Foundation has fostered health and wellness in our communities through support for education and initiatives, and grants to help our neighbors meet their healthcare needs. OHF helps people with limited financial resources to access health and wellness services they might not otherwise receive, including medical care, dental care and dentures, hearing aids, eyeglasses, counselling and caregiver support.

Today, as throughout its history, OHF is strengthened by the many people, organizations and businesses that make our efforts possible. We are honored by the participation of our members, the hard work of our volunteers, and the generosity of our donors. **We are especially grateful for the support provided to us from the Town of Woodstock.** As a result, OHF is vital, strong and committed to the health and wellness of our communities.

**In 2020, OHF provided 209 grants to date through our Good Neighbor Grant and Homecare Grant Programs, of which 45% were supplied to Woodstock residents. This is up from 44% in 2018.**

## What We Do:

OHF's backbone programs, Good Neighbor and Homecare Grants, continue to be utilized extensively by those in need, especially during the COVID-19 health crisis. These programs have shifted to accommodate the increased and diverse needs of the communities OHF serves. Year to date, the foundation has received 209 grant inquiries totaling over \$185,000 in funding request from residents of its nine core towns. The foundation expects to exceed its current granting budget for 2020, and we fully expect to continue to provide pandemic relief into 2021.

These programs are all part of our commitment to providing access to health and wellness services while supporting overall community health. Together we can indeed create stronger, and healthier communities.

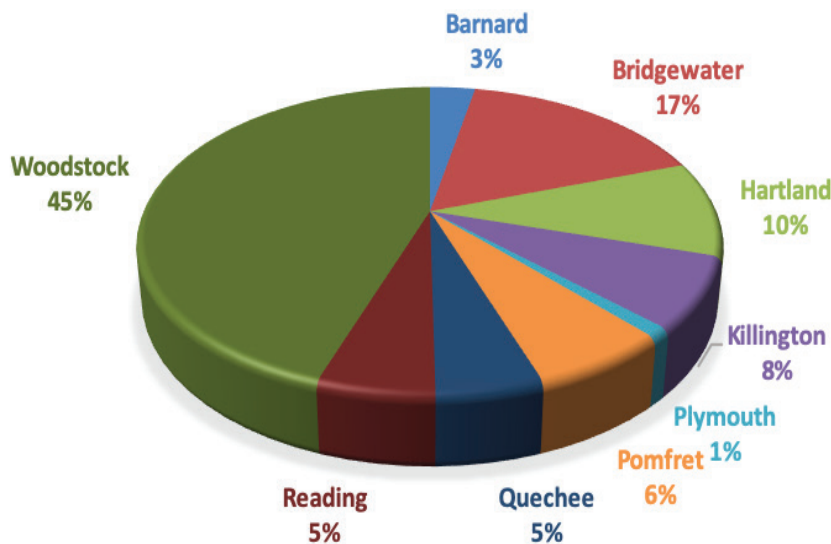
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## GOOD NEIGHBOR GRANTS BY TOWN



FY 2020 (11/2020)

Total Grants  
Provided

209

Average % of  
Poverty Level

143%

Average Grant  
Amount

\$885



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Information and Assistance:** 64 Calls and Office Visits. Our HelpLine (1-802-885-2669 or 866-673-8376 toll-free) offers information, referrals and assistance to seniors, their families and caregivers to



problem-solve, plan, locate resources and obtain assistance with benefits and completing applications. Callers were assisted with applying for benefits, health insurance problems, housing needs, fuel assistance and many other services. Extensive resources are also on our web site at [www.seniorsolutionsVT.org](http://www.seniorsolutionsVT.org).

**Medicare Assistance:** 38 Calls and Office Visits. Woodstock residents received assistance with Medicare issues through our State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP). Our SHIP program provides Medicare education and counseling, “boot camps” for new Medicare enrollees and assistance in enrolling in Part D or choosing a drug plan.

**In-Home Social Services:** We provided 6 elder residents with in-home case management or other home-based assistance for 55.25 hours to enable them to remain living safely in their homes. Often minimal services can prevent nursing home placement. A case manager works with an elder in their home to create and monitor a plan of care, centered on the elder’s personal values and preferences. Many people would not be able to remain in their homes but for the services of Senior Solutions. Senior Solutions also investigates reports of self-neglect and provides assistance to those facing challenges using a community collaboration approach.

**Nutrition services and programs:** 84 Woodstock seniors received 5,659 home-delivered meals through Thompson Senior Center. We also supported community meals available to Woodstock residents through Thompson Senior Center and other meal sites in our region. Senior Solutions administers federal and state funds that are provided to local agencies to help operate senior meals programs, and provides food safety and quality monitoring and oversight. Unfortunately, these funds do not cover the full cost of providing meals, so local agencies must seek additional funding. Senior Solutions does not use Town funds to support the senior meals program or benefit from any funds given by the Town to support local Meals on Wheels. Senior Solutions provides the services of a registered dietician to older adults and meal sites. Assistance is also provided with applications for the 3SquaresVT (food stamp) program.

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

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

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

**Special Assistance:** Senior Solutions provides flexible funds that can help people with one-time needs when no other program is available. 12 Woodstock residents received special assistance.

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

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

Submitted by Carol Stamatakis, Executive Director.

**WARNING FOR  
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE  
WINDSOR CENTRAL UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT**

The legal voters of Windsor Central Unified Union School District, comprising the voters of the Towns of Barnard, Bridgewater, Killington, Plymouth, Pomfret, Reading, and Woodstock, are hereby warned and notified that an **Informational Hearing** will be held via audio/video conferencing pursuant to Act 92, on Thursday, February 25, 2021, commencing at 6:30 P.M., for the purpose of explaining the 2021-2022 proposed budget.

Pursuant to Act 162 of 2020, the legal voters of the Windsor Central Unified Union School District are hereby warned and notified to meet at their respective polling places hereinafter named for the above-referenced towns on Tuesday, March 2, 2021, during the polling hours noted below, for the purpose of transacting during that time voting by Australian ballot.

The voters residing in each member district will cast their ballots in the polling places designated for their town as follows:

Barnard Town Hall	10 am – 7 pm	Plymouth Municipal Building	10 am – 7 pm
Bridgewater Town Clerk's Office	8 am – 7 pm	Pomfret Town Offices	8 am – 7 pm
Killington Town Hall	7 am – 7 pm	Reading Town Hall	7 am – 7 pm
Woodstock Town Hall	7 am – 7 pm		

**MARCH 2, 2021 – AUSTRALIAN BALLOT QUESTIONS**

**Article 1:** The legal voters of the specified towns designated within this itemized Article shall elect the following:

- Barnard: one school director to assume office upon election and serve a term of three years or until their successor is elected and qualified
- Bridgewater: one school director to assume office upon election and serve a term of three years or until their successor is elected and qualified
- Bridgewater: one school director to assume office upon election and serve the remaining year of a three-year term or until their successor is elected and qualified
- Killington: one school director to assume office upon election and serve a term of three years or until their successor is elected and qualified
- Plymouth: one school director to assume office upon election and serve the remaining year of a three-year term or until their successor is elected and qualified
- Plymouth: one school director to assume office upon election and serve the remaining two years of a three-year term or until their successor is elected and qualified
- Pomfret: one school director to assume office upon election and serve a term of three years or until their successor is elected and qualified
- Pomfret: one school director to assume office upon election and serve the remaining two years of a three-year term or until their successor is elected and qualified
- Woodstock: two school directors to assume office upon election and serve a term of three years or until their successor is elected and qualified

**Article 2:** Shall the voters of the Windsor Central Unified Union School District approve the school board to expend **Twenty-Two Million Seven Hundred Fifty-Five Thousand Six Hundred Thirty-Eight Dollars (\$22,755,638)**, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$18,784.13 per equalized pupil. This projected spending is \$654,112 or 2.96% higher than spending for the current year.

**Article 3:** Shall the voters of the Windsor Central Unified Union School District authorize the board of directors under 16 V.S.A. §562(9) to borrow money by issuance of bonds or notes not in excess of anticipated revenue for the school year?

**Article 4:** To elect an uncompensated Moderator who shall assume office upon election and shall serve for a term of one year or until their successor is elected and qualified.

**Article 5:** To elect an uncompensated Clerk who shall enter upon their duties on July 1 following their election and shall serve a term of one year or until their successor is elected and qualified.

**Article 6:** To elect a Treasurer, to be compensated \$6,500.00, who shall enter upon their duties on July 1 following their election and shall serve a term of one year or until their successor is elected and qualified.

Dated the 4<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2021.

  
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Signature, WCUUSD Chair

## **THE SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE**

The District began the 2020-2021 School Year in the midst of a global pandemic. In July the Collaboration Team, a group of teachers, administrators, parents and students, came together to create our plan for returning to campus. The group recommended for the start of school an alternating day model where most students had two days of in-person instruction in our schools and three days of remote learning. All elementary schools provided in-school instruction for four days per week for grades kindergarten through second. On Wednesdays when all students were involved in remote learning, staff addressed planning and preparation for this new model, accessed colleagues for coordination of instruction, met virtually with parents and external teams, and engaged in professional development. Some students were present for more days to allow for double dosing of material, providing interventions, and addressing the needs of parents who are Essential Workers including medical professionals and teachers in the Windsor Central District.

Some parents choose a fully remote program based on their personal health and safety concerns. Four district elementary teachers and academic coaches were identified to develop curriculum, provide remote instruction and assess student progress for all of the elementary schools. The Middle and High School students accessed coursework through the Virtual High School, a platform that the school was familiar with.

In November when the Governor's Order changed to allow elementary students to be within 3 feet of each other, Principals evaluated their buildings capacity to accommodate more students. Barnard Academy, Killington Elementary and Reading Elementary now have all students on campus for 4 days per week at all grades. Woodstock Elementary was not able to include more students on campus due to the size of their classrooms and the total number of students in the building. WES teaches and administration have developed other means to maximize the in school experience for their students.

When asked, faculty and students are appreciative of the opportunity to be in school together and not remote. The loss of contact with peers and educators was felt deeply by our students. They wish to remain in school as much as possible. Teachers and administrators are reviewing student data to assess the impact of our Hybrid Model on student outcomes. Plans are in place to address learning loss that may have occurred.

In response to the National Racial Justice movement, the WCSU Leadership Team and Board published their statements on Anti-Racism that committed to rejecting all forms of racism and committing to treat all people with dignity. Members of the Leadership Team secured a grant from Mt. Ascutney Hospital to begin the work of actively engaging in this conversation with faculty, staff, administrators, the Board and students to develop responsive policies and programming. In addition, Director of Instructional Technology Raph Adamek is working with Dartmouth College students to collect the experiences of our students of color and to engage our high school students in identifying evidence of cultural bias and racism in our schools and communities. The Middle and High Schools also have active QSA and Social Justice groups. The administration and Board recognize that this is a commitment that will take many years to achieve, and that starting at the self-awareness level, is the first step.

The Board and Administration have not wavered in their commitment to reopen the Prosper Valley School. While the school has been closed, time has been dedicated to completing a deep analysis of the issues with the building, remediating those problems, and looking forward to bringing students back. In December, the Board approved the reallocation of budgeted money to begin the final stages of renovation including removing surfaces impacted by the mold, and replacing flooring. The Campus Configuration group of Board members, faculty and community members are discussing which students should return to this campus based on the enrollment data, parent interest and the need to reduce the number of students at Woodstock Elementary School. The building will be ready for students in August of 2021.

I know I am looking forward to the time that we can all return to our campuses without the concerns of Covid-19. I believe that we have all been greatly impacted by our experiences brought on by the pandemic and that we will never take for granted the simple pleasures of being in our schools with students and colleagues. What was commonplace, is now highly valued. What we longed for a break from, we can't wait to have back.

Woodstock Union High School and Middle School received [GreatSchools.org's 2020 College Success Award](#). The College Success Award recognizes and celebrates high schools that demonstrate excellence in ensuring students are prepared to succeed in college and ultimately careers. WUHSMS is one of 2,158 schools in 29 states across the country to be honored with the Award, which is based on data indicating how our school prepares students to succeed after high school, including whether they enroll in college, are ready for college-level coursework when they get there, and persist into their second year.

## **WOODSTOCK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

During the 2019-2020 school year, there were 281 students enrolled at Woodstock Elementary. This included K-6 students from Woodstock, as well as Bridgewater, Plymouth, and Pomfret and 4-6 grade students from Reading. Our school also operated a full day, public preschool program for 20 children from Woodstock and the surrounding district towns. With the temporary closure of The Prosper Valley School and reconfiguration of the Reading Elementary School, this represented the highest enrollment recorded at Woodstock Elementary School in more than 10 years. (In 2010, our enrollment was ~180 students.)

At the start of the school year, WES introduced a building-based instructional coaching program to support teachers' professional development in house. Teachers had the opportunity to work with our coach in six-week coach cycles to target an area of their instruction in service of improved student outcomes. Teachers reported this was a highly impactful method of developing their skills and student data demonstrated this to be an effective way of targeting student growth. Another new instructional initiative was the introduction of an updated Foundations phonics program in grades preK-2 to sequentially build foundational reading skills among our primary students. A third instructional highlight was moving to a more robust and intensive world language program of 120 minutes of weekly Spanish instruction in grades 4-6.

In the 2019-2020 school year we took several steps to improve our playground and continue mitigating erosion including trail work early in the year led by 6th and 9th grade students. We received grant funds to work with a professional trail builder to enhance trails on the back hill around the treehouse area. This work was completed in May of 2020, and there are additional phases mapped out as fundraising allows.

We will say goodbye at the close of the 2020-2021 school year to three beloved staff members. Martha Giller has taught in Woodstock for 27 years and has had, of late, the good fortune to teach the children of some of her earliest students. Wesley Hennig has been working as a custodian at WES since 1998. In addition to overseeing the building and grounds, he has served as an impactful mentor to several children and has played an integral role in many staff Show Your Stuff skits over the years. Reading interventionist Nancy Labella is also retiring at the end of this year. Nancy has been a reading support specialist in several elementary schools in our district and has helped countless children unlock the power and magic of reading! All of these professionals will be missed, and we wish them well in their retirements.

On March 15th 2020, the Governor of Vermont declared that all schools in Vermont would transition to remote learning due to concerns over the spread of COVID-19 in our state and region. Teachers and staff quickly pivoted to providing home learning materials for students and then delivered lessons virtually for the continuation of learning as per Vermont Agency of Education guidelines for school operation during the pandemic. The 2020-2021 school year saw WES reopen for in-person instruction with significant health and safety protocols in place to mitigate the spread of the Coronavirus in the ongoing pandemic. To comply with state protocols, WES is operating in a hybrid model. The WES staff, students, and families have demonstrated remarkable teamwork and resilience during this challenging time, and we look forward with optimism to a return to typical teaching and learning.

Respectfully submitted,  
Maggie Mills, Principal

## **Treasurer's Delinquent Property Tax Register**

**January 22, 2021**

2015	\$ 842.37
2016	\$ 1,129.11
2017	\$ 4,529.22
2018	\$ 81,532.58
2019	<u>\$ 121,057.31</u>
<b>Grand Total of Delinquent Property Taxes</b>	<b>\$ 209,090.59</b>

## **Treasurer's Delinquent Sewer Tax Register**

**January 22, 2021**

2014	\$ 195.87
2015	\$ 1,509.04
2016	\$ 3,728.35
2017	\$ 2,583.95
2018	\$ 5,173.67
2019	\$21,501.39
<b>Grand Total of Delinquent Sewer Taxes</b>	<b>\$34,692.27</b>

# Treasurer's Delinquent Property Tax Register

January 22, 2021

## **2015**

Bahrakis, Patty K.

## **2016**

Bahrakis, Patty K.

Ewasko, Cameron & Marylou

## **2017**

Bahrakis, Patty K.

Ewasko, Cameron & Marylou

Prindle, Janice

Simpson, Richard

## **2018**

Bahrakis, Patty K.

Doyle, Gregory C.

Ewasko, Cameron & Marylou

Fox, Neal

Prindle, Janice

Simpson, Richard

Sluicer, Christopher

WB Mill LLC

West, Paul & Barbara

## **2019**

Adams, Jeffrey

Bahrakis, Patty K.

Bewick, Gordon V T

Brosnahan, Barbara

Doyle, Gregory C.

Dubeau, Melinda

Ewasko, Cameron & Marylou

Fox, Neal

JHI Holdings LLC

Lestan, Theresa

Lindauer, Kenneth

Maxham, Michael

Meadow Partners LTD

Noble, Scott

Ploss, Richard & Patricia

Prindle, Janice

Sharpe, Mary

Simpson, Richard

Sluicer, Christopher

WB Mill LLC

West, Paul & Barbara

Whittier, Albert

Wright, Charles

**Grand Total of Delinquent Property Taxes**

**\$209,090.59**



**Treasurer's Delinquent Sewer Tax Register**  
**January 22, 2021**

**2014S**

Hirschbul, Michael

**2015S**

Hirschbul, Michael

**2016S**

Anderson, Mark & Wendy

Hirschbul, Michael

**2017S**

Anderson, Mark & Wendy

Hirschbul, Michael

**2018S**

Anderson, Mark & Wendy

Coyne, Ryan

Fisher, Megan

Hirschbul, Michael

Simpson, Richard

Simpson, Richard

Sluicer, Christopher

Sutton, Kenneth & Elizabeth

**2019S**

Anderson, Mark & Wendy

Brosnahan, Barbara

Fisher, Megan

Fox, Neal

Gregoire, Matthew

Griffith, Ronald

Haynes, Diana

Hirschbul, Michael

Libby, Mark

Marshall, Janet

Merrill, Norman & Jeanne

Ploss, Richard & Patricia

Schimmelpfenning Paul

Simpson, Richard

Simpson, Richard

Sluicer, Christopher

Sutton, Kenneth & Elizabeth

**Grand Total of Delinquent Sewer Taxes**

**\$34,692.27**

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# INFORMATION DIRECTORY

<b>EMERGENCY CALLS</b>	<b>911</b>
<b>FIRE</b> (non-emergency)	<b>457-2337</b>
<b>AMBULANCE</b> (non-emergency)	<b>457-2326</b>
<b>WOODSTOCK POLICE</b> (non-emergency)	<b>457-2337</b>
<b>CONSTABLE</b>	<b>457-2337</b>
<b>COUNTY SHERIFF</b>	<b>457-5211</b>
<b>STATE POLICE</b>	<b>241-5000 OR 457-1416</b>

**EMERGENCY CALLS:** Give name, address, Including House Number and name of road or street, and description of emergency. Do not hang up the telephone until you are certain that the dispatcher understands your message.

<b>FOR INFORMATION ABOUT:</b>	<b>CALL</b>	<b>PHONE NUMBER</b>
Accounts Payable	Staff Accountant	457-3605
Administration	Town Manager	457-3456
Administrative Assistant	Manager Assistant	457-3456 x2101
Ambulance Bills	Ambulance Bookkeeper	457-3605 x 2104
Assessments	Listers (M-F 8:00-12:00 noon)	457-3607
Auto Registration (VT)	Police	457-1416
Civil Defense	Dispatch	457-2337
Birth Certificates	Town Clerk	457-3611
Counseling	Mental Health Services of Southeastern Vermont	295-3031
Death Certificates	Town Clerk	457-3611
Deeds	Town Clerk	457-3611
Delinquent Taxes	Tax Collector	457-3456
Dog Complaints	Town Manager	457-3456
Dog Licenses	Town Clerk	457-3611
Drainage Problems	Town Manager	457-3456
Elections	Town Clerk	457-3611
Financial Information	Treasurer	457-3605
Fire Permits	Dispatch	457-2337
Highways	Town Manager	457-3456
Library	Librarian	457-2295
Listers	Listers (M-F.8:00-12:00 noon)	457-3607
Marriage Licenses	Town Clerk	457-3611
Nursing-Home Care	Visiting Nurses	888-300-8853
Recreation	Recreation Director	457-1502
Regional Planning	Regional Commission	457-3188
Sewers	Superintendent	457-1910
Sewer Permits	Town Manager	457-3456
Snow Removal	Town Manager	457-3456
Taxes (Property/Sewer)	Bookkeeper	457-3456 x 2104
Water	Aqueduct Company	457-4497
Water Testing	Health Officer	457-1334
Zoning	Zoning Administrator	457-7515

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