

# Report for the Town Meeting

## Weston, Vermont

Year ending December 31, 2021



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***Town Meeting Tuesday, April 5, 2022***

***10 a.m. at The Weston Playhouse***

*Masks are required.*

*Please bring this report with you to the meeting.*

# About Town Meeting Rules and Procedures

Weston's Town Meeting, like all Vermont Town Meetings, is run under Robert's Rules of Order, except where Vermont Law takes precedence. Here are some key points:

- Unless there is a suspension of the rules, only voters of the Town of Weston may speak during the meeting and, of course, only Weston voters may vote.
- All motions, remarks and discussion should be directed to the Moderator. After you are recognized, please stand up and give your name so that the Clerk can record your comments or motion in the minutes.
- After you've spoken once about an Article, you won't be recognized for a second time during the discussion about that subject until all others who wish to speak on the issue for the first time have spoken.
- An Article must be moved, seconded and then restated by the Moderator before it is properly under consideration and debate can begin.
- An Article may be amended, and an amendment may be amended once. Amendments to Articles must be reasonably related to the original proposal. If the proposed amendment would make such a drastic change to the Article that it would amount to an Article that had not been warned, the amendment will be ruled out of order. This is because State law prohibits consideration of Articles that have not been warned. This also means that binding action may not be taken under the "other business" part of the Warning.
- A "division of the house" is a standing vote. A division can be requested by any one voter either before or after a voice vote. State law provides that seven voters may ask for a paper ballot either before or after a voice vote or a division of the house.
- Debate may be cut off by a motion to Call the Question and a two-thirds vote to do so.
- An Article may be reconsidered until another Article is under consideration. That means that if an Article has been voted down, a motion can be made to reopen consideration by a person who voted against it. But once the meeting has moved on to another Article, no more action can be taken on the previous Article.

Please don't be afraid to raise your hand and ask questions if you don't understand what's happening. You have the right to challenge any ruling by the Moderator and ask that there be a vote on whether or not to sustain the ruling. Vermont Law is very clear; the Town Meeting belongs to you – the voters.

Wayne Granquist – Moderator

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## **CRITICAL DATES**

**Dogs** must be licensed on or before **April 1, 2022**.

New pups at 6 months or older; evening hours available closer to the April 1 deadline.

Homestead Declaration AND Property Tax Adjustment Form (form HS-122, HI-144) must be filed annually on or before **April 15, 2022**. Forms are online at [www.tax.vermont.gov](http://www.tax.vermont.gov).

Property taxes are due on or before **October 4, 2022 by 5 PM**.

**School Vote** on **March 1** from 8 AM to 7 PM at the Town Office.

**WARNING FOR THE WESTON TOWN MEETING  
APRIL 5, 2022**

The legal voters of the Town of Weston, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Weston Playhouse in Weston, Vermont on Tuesday, the 5<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022 at ten o'clock in the forenoon (10:00 AM) to act on the following Articles:

- ARTICLE 1:** To elect a Moderator for a 1-year term
- ARTICLE 2:** To elect a Town Clerk for a 1-year term
- ARTICLE 3:** To elect a Town Treasurer for a 1-year term
- ARTICLE 4:** To elect the following Town Officers as required by law:
- One Selectboard member to a 3-year term
  - One Selectboard member to a 2-year term
  - One Selectboard member to a 1-year term
  - One Lister to a 3-year term
  - One Library Trustee to a 5-year term
  - One Library Trustee to a 5-year term
  - One Library Trustee to a 4-year term
  - One Library Trustee to a 2-year term
  - One Trustee of Public Funds to a 3-year term
  - One Town Constable to a 1-year term
  - One Collector of Delinquent Taxes to a 1-year term
  - One Cemetery Commissioner for a 5-year term
- ARTICLE 5:** To see if the Town will appropriate \$4,000 for the Town Annex Paint Reserve Fund. (Included in Town General budget)
- ARTICLE 6:** To see if the Town will appropriate \$4,000 for the Town Annex Building Maintenance Fund. (Included in Town General budget)
- ARTICLE 7:** To see if the Town will appropriate \$85,000 for the Highway Equipment Replacement Reserve Fund. (Included in Town Highway budget)
- ARTICLE 8:** To see if the Town will appropriate \$50,000 for the Highway Maintenance Fund. (Included in Town Highway Budget)
- ARTICLE 9:** To see if the Town will appropriate \$35,000 for the Fire Apparatus Fund. (Included in Town General Budget)
- ARTICLE 10:** To see if the town will appropriate \$3,000 to the Space Planning Management and Maintenance Fund. (Included in Town General Budget)
- ARTICLE 11:** To see if the Town will appropriate \$90,000 for the Bridge Repair Fund. (Included in Highway Budget)
- ARTICLE 12:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$70,000 for the Wilder Memorial Library Capital Fund. (Included in Town General Budget)
- ARTICLE 13:** To see if the Town will appropriate the following sums totaling \$117,463 to the following organizations that included financial information with their request (Included in Town General Budget)

Organizations	2021 Actual Request	2021 Voter Approved	2022 Actual Request	2022 Budget Request
Weston - Cemetery Commission	\$24,450	\$24,450	\$10,000	\$10,000
Weston - Cold Spring Park (WCA)	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$7,000
Weston - Farrar Park Association	\$9,500	\$9,500	\$9,500	\$9,500
Weston - Recreation Club	\$13,000	\$13,000	\$13,000	\$13,000
Weston - Volunteer Fire Department	\$33,075	\$33,075	\$25,075	\$25,075
Weston - Wilder Memorial Library	\$16,500	\$16,500	\$25,000	\$25,000
<b>TOTAL WESTON ORGANIZATIONS</b>	<b>\$103,525</b>	<b>\$103,525</b>	<b>\$89,575</b>	<b>\$89,575</b>
Flood Brook Athletic Association	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
GNAT-TV	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
Green Up Vermont	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50
Health Care & Rehabilitation Services (HCRS)	\$630	\$630	\$630	\$630
Londonderry Rescue Squad	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Mountain Valley Health Council	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500
My Community Nurse Project	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500
Neighborhood Connections	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$4,500
Senior Solutions	\$1,600	\$1,600	\$1,600	\$1,600
SEVCA-Southeastern VT Community Assoc.	\$630	\$630	\$630	\$630
SEVEDS	\$1,698	\$1,698	\$1,698	\$1,698
Southeast VT Transit (formerly The Current)	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250
The Collaborative	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$750
VT Assoc. for the Blind & Visually Impaired	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100
VT Center for Independent Living	\$230	\$230	\$230	\$230
Visiting Nurse Hospice for VT & NH	\$2,350	\$2,350	\$2,350	\$2,350
Windsor County Youth Services	\$600	\$600	\$600	\$600
Women's Freedom Center	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
<b>TOTAL NON-WESTON</b>	<b>\$27,888</b>	<b>\$27,888</b>	<b>\$27,888</b>	<b>\$27,888</b>
<b>TOTAL ALL ORGANIZATIONS</b>	<b>\$131,413</b>	<b>\$131,525</b>	<b>\$117,463</b>	<b>\$117,463</b>

- ARTICLE 14:** To see if the Town will vote to exempt from taxation for a period of five (5) years the real estate belonging to the Weston Volunteer Fire Department
- ARTICLE 15:** To see if the Town will vote to exempt from taxation for a period of five (5) years the real estate belonging to Weston Community Association
- ARTICLE 16:** To see if the Town will set the annual salary for the Town Treasurer at \$26,525 for the calendar year January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022. (Included in Town General Budget)
- ARTICLE 17:** To see if the Town will set the annual salary for the Town Clerk at \$20,301 for the calendar year January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022. (Included in Town General Budget)
- ARTICLE 18:** To see if the Town will set the annual compensation for the Selectboard at \$2,500 each for the calendar year January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022. (Included in Town General Budget)
- ARTICLE 19:** To see if the Town will pay its taxes to the Town Treasurer as provided by law, due date to be on or before Tuesday, October 4, 2022.
- ARTICLE 20:** To see if the Town will authorize a total General Fund expenditure for operating expenses of \$620,159 of which \$446,416 shall be raised by taxes, \$132,535 by non-tax revenues and offset by a surplus of \$41,208
- ARTICLE 21:** To see if the Town will authorize a total Highway Fund expenditure for operating expenses of \$ 819,331 of which \$708,150 shall be raised by taxes, \$105,290 by non-tax revenues, and offset by a prior year surplus of \$5,891
- ARTICLE 22:** To transact any other non-binding business proper to come before said meeting, not acted upon in the preceding articles

**Dated at Weston, Vermont this 8<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2022:**

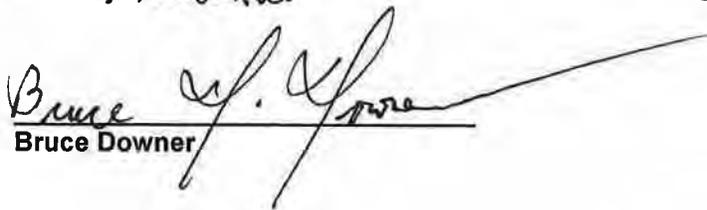
**WESTON SELECTBOARD:**

  
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**Denis Benson, Chair**

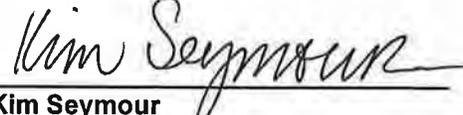
  
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**Jim Linville, Vice Chairman**

  
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**Ann Fuji'i, Secretary**

  
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**Charles Goodwin**

  
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**Bruce Downer**

**Received for the record this 8<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2022:**

  
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**Kim Seymour**  
**Town Clerk/Treasurer**

**ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS - 2021**

		<b>Term Expires</b>
<b>MODERATOR</b>	Wayne Granquist	2022
<b>TOWN CLERK/TREASURER</b>	Kim Seymour	2022
<b>SELECTBOARD</b>	Denis Benson, Chair	2023
	Jim Linville, Vice Chair	2024
	Ann Fuji'i, Secretary	2022
	Bruce Downer	2023
	Charles Goodwin	2022
<b>TACONIC &amp; GREEN</b>		
<b>REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT</b>	Debra Lyneis	2024
<b>LISTERS</b>	Greg Carroll	2024
	Dan Hanenberg	2022
	Vacant	2022
<b>LIBRARY TRUSTEES</b>	Carrie Chalmers	2026
	Malcolm Hamblett	2025
	Tina Hartell	2023
	Deborah Granquist	2022
	Richard Lecthaler	2022
	Nicole Pfister	2022
	Joanne Prouty	2022
	Linda Saarnijoki	2026
<b>TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS</b>	Andrew Clapp	2022
(3-Year Term)	Nicole Pfister	2024
	Ron Prouty	2023
<b>CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS</b>	Duane Hart	2025
(5-Year Term)	William Hoyt	2023
	Doris Ingram	2024
	Richard Lechthaler	2026
	Pat Walsh	2022
<b>CONSTABLE</b>	Vacant	2021
<b>DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR</b>	Sandra Goodwin	2022
<b>TOWN GRAND JUROR</b>	Wayne Granquist	2022
<b>TOWN AGENT</b>	James Young	2022

**JUSTICES OF THE PEACE** (Elected at General Election)

Wayne Granquist ~ Charles Goodwin ~ William Hoyt ~ Shirley Knowlton ~ Marguerite Mason

Terms Expire January 31, 2023

**APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS – 2021**

		<b>Term Expires</b>
<b>Road Commissioner</b>	Jeff Yrsha	2022
<b>Forest Fire Warden</b>	Denis Benson	2022
<b>Assistant Forest Fire Warden</b>	Almon Crandall	2022
<b>Animal Control Officer</b>	Susan Straw Harris	2022
<b>Planning Commission</b> (4-year term)	Geof Brown	2024
	Anne Degan	2022
	Ann Fuji'i	2025
	Matt Lynch	2022
	Kim Price	2023
	Allison Stori-Hopkins	2025
	James A. Young	2025
<b>Development Review Board</b> (3-year term)	Carrie Chalmers	2022
	Tom Foster	2024
	Ann Fuji'i	2023
	Deborah Granquist	2022
	Jeff Lennox	2023
	Debra Lyneis	2022
	Susan Morris	2023
<b>Conservation Commission</b> (4-year term)	Marisa Bolognese	2022
	Anne Degan	2022
	Ann Fuji'i	2023
	Andrew Harper	2025
	Donald Hart	2025
	Deborah Hennessey	2023
	Jeff Lennox	2024
	Loretta Murphy	2024
<b>Zoning Administrator</b> (3-year term)	Will Goodwin	2024
<b>Floodplain Administrator</b>	Will Goodwin	2022
<b>Sewage Officer</b>	State of Vermont	
<b>Health Officer</b> (3-year term)	Will Goodwin	2025
<b>Vendor Ordinance Administrator</b>	Barbara Lloyd	2022
<b>Windham Regional Commission</b>	Charles Goodwin	2022
<b>Representative</b> (1-year term)	<b>Vacant</b>	2022
<b>Tree Warden</b> (1-year term)	Ray Mara	2022
<b>Senior Solutions (Council on Aging)</b>	<b>Vacant</b>	2022
<b>Emergency Fuel Coordinator</b>	Jon Bliss	2022
<b>Civil Defense Chairman</b>	Mark Falango	2022
<b>911 Commission</b>	Almon Crandall	2022
<b>Emergency Management Director</b>	<b>Vacant</b>	2022
<b>Assistant EMD</b>	Natalie Boston	2022
<b>Regional Technology Team WRC</b>	Mark Falango	2022
<b>Green Up Coordinator</b>	Peter Areson	2022

**Sullivan, Powers & Co., P.C.**  
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

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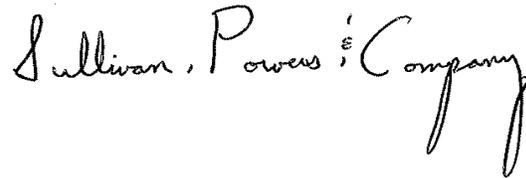
Fred Duplessis, CPA  
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January 27, 2022

Selectboard  
Town of Weston, Vermont  
12 Lawrence Hill Road  
Weston, Vermont 05161

We have been engaged to audit the financial statements of the Town of Weston, Vermont as of and for the year ended December 31, 2021.

The financial statements and our report thereon will be available for public inspection at the Town Office when the audit is complete.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sullivan, Powers & Company". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned in the lower right quadrant of the page.

# BALANCE SHEET

December 31, 2021

## ASSETS

### Current Assets

#### Checking/Savings

TD Bank - Checking	163,615.93
TD Bank - Money Market	996,877.89
TD Bank - HRA Checking	5,552.64
TD Bank Special Funds Money Market	1,279,730.25

**Total Checking/Savings** **2,445,776.71**

### Other Assets

#### Delinquent Taxes

Delinquent Tax Interest Receivables*	17,679.94
Delinquent Tax Penalty Receivables*	10,144.94
Delinquent Tax Receivables	39,080.82
Prepaid Expenses *	7,954.11

**Total Other Assets** **74,859.81**

**Total ASSETS** **2,520,636.52**

## LIABILITIES

### Current Liabilities

Scholarship Fund	150.00
Due to Londonderry Transfer Station	30.00

**Total Current Liabilities** **180.00**

### Other Current Liabilities

Deferred Property Taxes*	140,000.00
Land Records Funds	7,195.16
Lister Education Funds - PVR	3,085.06
State Education Taxes Due	892,214.36

**Total Other Current Liabilities** **1,042,494.58**

**Total All Current Liabilities** **1,042,674.58**

### Equity

Fund Balance Prior Year (2020)	9,210.63
Fund Balance Current Year (2021) *	41,208.14
HRA Offset	5,552.64
Highway Fund Balance	142,260.28
Special Funds Balance	1,279,730.25

**Total Equity** **1,477,961.94**

**TOTAL LIABILITES & EQUITY** **2,520,636.52**

\*\* Pending audit adjustments, and change to cash basis

**CHANGE IN CASH POSITION**

January - December 2021

	<u>12/31/2021</u>
<b>Cash on Hand (12/31/2020)</b>	<b>1,062,179.57</b>
<b>INCOME (1/1/2021 -12/31/2021)</b>	<b>1,390,610.44</b>
2020 Accounts Receivables	7,871.50
2021 CDT Fees	233.98
2021 Prepaid Expenses	33,847.45
Education Taxes for Taconic & Green	1,359,977.48
Education Taxes for State	1,784,427.36
Property Tax Overpayments (0)	12,598.72
Land Records Funds (7,250.89 as of 12/31/2020)	4,383.00
Lister Ed Funds (3,085.06 as of 12/31/2020)	0
Other Receipts (10.64, 2, 16, 8, 30)	66.64
Payments on 2018 Delinquent Taxes (16,331.16 as of 12/31/2020)	<b>16,331.16</b>
Payments on 2019 Delinquent Taxes (33,906.05 as of 12/31/2020)	<b>31,050.08</b>
Payments on 2020 Delinquent Taxes (76,577.18 as of 12/31/2020)	<b>74,733.66</b>
Payments on 2021 Delinquent Taxes (159,916.20 as of 10/06/2021)	<b>125,534.87</b>
Reconciliation of School Taxes	23,544.00
Reappraisal and Maintenance Funds from State	6,203.50
Scholarship Awards (Kimball, Johnson, Richardson Funds)	2,150.00
Special Funds Received - ARPA Funds	81,307.88
Special Fund Reimbursement - Annex Maintenance Fund	2,750.00
Special Fund Reimbursement - Bridge Repair Fund	203,608.40
Special Fund Reimbursement - Reappraisal Fund (CAI, Manatron)	8,427.75
Special Fund Reimbursement - Sick Bank Used	337.50
Special Fund Reimbursement - Wilder Memorial Library Fund	50,000.00
State of Vermont - Dog License Fees and Marriage License Fees Received	1,025.00
Tax Anticipation Note - Special Funds	235,700.00
Town of Londonderry - Transfer Station Fees Collected	6,160.00
<b>Total Incoming Monies:</b>	<b>5,462,880.37</b>
<b>EXPENSES (1/1/2021 - 12/31/2021)</b>	<b>(1,343,559.73)</b>
2020 Accounts Payable (As of 12/31/2020)	(62,715.08)
2022 Prepaid Expenses	(7,954.11)
2020 CDT Fees	(125.97)
Delinquent Taxes	(159,916.20)
Education Taxes Due to BRSU	(1,359,977.48)
Education Taxes Due to State of Vermont (6/01/2021)	(921,450.54)
Education Taxes Due to State of Vermont (12/01/2021)	(892,213.00)
Land Record Fund Expenditures	(4,438.73)
Other Disbursements (10.64, 2, 16, 8, 30)	(66.64)
Property Tax Overpayment Refunds	(12,598.72)
Scholarship Awards (Kimball, Johnson, Richardson Funds)	(2,000.00)
Special Funds Expense - Annex Maintenance Fund	(2,750.00)
Special Funds Expense - Bridge Repair Fund	(203,608.40)
Special Funds Expense - Reappraisal Fund	(8,427.75)
Special Funds Expense - Wilder Memorial Library Fund	(50,000.00)
State of Vermont - Dog Fees & Marriage License Fees Paid	(1,025.00)
Transfer to Special Funds - ARPA Funds	(81,307.88)
Transfer to Special Funds - Reappraisal Funds	(6,203.50)
Transfer to Special Funds - Sick Day Reserve	(2,397.39)
Tax Anticipation Note - Repay Special Funds	(235,700.00)
Town of Londonderry - Transfer Station Fees Paid (30)	(6,130.00)
<b>Total Outgoing Monies:</b>	<b>(5,364,566.12)</b>
<b>Cash on Hand 12/31/2021:</b>	<b>1,160,493.82</b>
<b><u>Town Funds:</u></b>	
TD Bank	163,615.93
TD Bank Money Market	996,877.89
<b>Total cash on hand:</b>	<b>1,160,493.82</b>

## RECONCILIATION TO SURPLUS

December 31, 2021

**Assets:**

**Cash on Hand**

TD Bank Checking	163,615.93
TD Bank Money Market	996,877.89
<b>Total Cash on Hand</b>	<b>1,160,493.82</b>

**Other Non-Cash Assets**

Delinquent Tax Receivables	
Principal	39,080.82
Interest and Penalty	27,824.88
Prepaid Expenses	7,954.11
<b>Total Other Non-Cash Assets</b>	<b>74,859.81</b>

<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>1,235,353.63</b>
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**Liabilities:**

Deferred Taxes	140,000.00
Due to Londonderry Transfer Station	30.00
Scholarship Fund	150.00
State Education Tax Due	892,214.36
Appropriation Liabilities	
Land Records Fund	7,195.16
Lister Education Funds	3,085.06
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>1,042,674.58</b>

**Surplus:**

Total Town Fund Balance	50,418.77
Total Highway Fund Balance	142,260.28
<b>Total Fund Balances</b>	<b>192,679.05</b>

<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Fund Balances</b>	<b>1,235,353.63</b>
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## STATEMENT OF TAX RATES

	2020		2021	
<b>Tax Rates</b>	Homestead	Non-Homestead	Homestead	Non-Homestead
<b>Total Municipal Grand List</b>	1,990,362		2,015,792	
Highway	0.3213	0.3213	0.3158	0.3158
Town General	0.2085	0.2085	0.2069	0.2069
Local Agreement	<u>0.0017</u>	<u>0.0017</u>	<u>0.0017</u>	<u>0.0017</u>
<b>Total Municipal:</b>	0.5315	0.5315	0.5244	0.5244
<b>School-Statewide:</b>	<u>1.6564</u>	<u>1.682</u>	<u>1.6063</u>	<u>1.6643</u>
<b>Total Tax Rates:</b>	<b>2.1879</b>	<b>2.2135</b>	<b>2.1307</b>	<b>2.1887</b>

### REPORT FROM THE COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES

First, I want to thank the Weston Selectboard for appointing me to the position of collector of delinquent taxes in 2008 and the people of Weston for electing me to the position for the last fourteen years. Secondly, I do not intend to accept nomination for collector of delinquent taxes at the 2022 town meeting. I have enjoyed this position and have met many people, some of whom have become good friends.

Sandra M. Goodwin

## SPECIAL FUNDS

<b>Annex Paint Fund</b>		
Balance as of 12/31/2020		<b>8,024.82</b>
Receipts:	Appropriation	4,000.00
	Interest	9.74
Disbursements:		0
Fund Balance as of 12/31/2021		<b>12,034.56</b>
<b>Annex Maintenance Fund</b>		
Balance as of 12/31/2020		<b>28,529.78</b>
Receipts:	Appropriation	4,000.00
	Interest	32.71
Disbursements:	Roof repair	(2,750.00)
Fund Balance as of 12/31/2021		<b>29,812.49</b>
<b>ARPA Funds</b>		
Balance as of 12/31/2020		<b>0</b>
Receipts:	Federal Funds	81,307.88
	Interest	26.80
Fund Balance as of 12/31/2021		<b>81,334.68</b>
<b>Bridge Repair Fund</b>		
Balance as of 12/31/2020		<b>532,592.25</b>
Receipts:	Appropriation	90,000.00
	Interest	441.06
Disbursements:	Trout Club Road culvert replacement	(203,608.40)
Fund Balance as of 12/31/2021		<b>419,424.91</b>
<b>Conservation Commission Fund</b>		
Balance as of 12/31/2020		<b>314.15</b>
Receipts:	Interest	0.36
Disbursements:		0
Fund Balance as of 12/31/2021		<b>314.51</b>
<b>Equipment Replacement Reserve Fund</b>		
Balance as of 12/31/2020		<b>373,879.23</b>
Receipts:	Appropriation	85,000.00
	Interest	563.80
Disbursements:		0
Fund Balance as of 12/31/2021		<b>459,443.03</b>
<b>Fire Apparatus Reserve Fund</b>		
Balance as of 12/31/2020		<b>118,717.56</b>
Receipts:	Appropriation	35,000.00
	Interest	140.15
Disbursements:		0
Fund Balance as of 12/31/2021		<b>153,857.71</b>
<b>Highway Contingency Fund</b>		
Balance as of 12/31/2020		<b>37,120.49</b>
Receipts:	Interest	42.02
Disbursements:		0
Fund Balance as of 12/31/2021		<b>37,162.51</b>
<b>Highway Maintenance Fund</b>		
Balance as of 12/31/2020		<b>(117,095.20)</b>
Receipts:	Appropriation	50,000.00
	Interest	-1.85
Disbursements:		0
Fund Balance as of 12/31/2021	(owed to Bridge Repair Fund)	<b>(67,097.05)</b>

## SPECIAL FUNDS

(Continued)

<b>Larson Subdivision Escrow</b>		
Balance as of 12/31/2020		<b>3,064.45</b>
Receipts:	Interest	3.47
Fund Balance as of 12/31/2021		<b>3,067.92</b>
<b>Reappraisal and Maintenance Fund</b>		
Balance as of 12/31/2020		<b>94,693.62</b>
Receipts:	State reappraisal and parcel payments	6,203.50
	Interest	105.43
Disbursements:	Tax mapping & software-annual updates	(8,427.75)
Fund Balance as of 12/31/2021		<b>92,574.80</b>
<b>Salt/Salted Sand Shed Fund</b>		
Balance as of 12/31/2020		<b>24,281.32</b>
Receipts:	Interest	27.48
Fund Balance as of 12/31/2021		<b>24,308.80</b>
<b>Sick Day Reserve</b>		
Balance as of 12/31/2020		<b>28,841.07</b>
Receipts:	Interest	32.61
	Deposit Unused Sick Time	2,397.39
Disbursements:	Withdrawal Used Sick Time	(337.50)
Fund Balance as of 12/31/2021		<b>30,933.57</b>
<b>Space Planning and Management</b>		
Balance as of 12/31/2020		<b>13,387.29</b>
Receipts:	Appropriation	3,000.00
	Interest	15.68
Disbursements:		0
Fund Balance as of 12/31/2021		<b>16,402.97</b>
<b>Trees for Local Grant</b>		
Balance as of 12/31/2020		<b>654.97</b>
Receipts:	Interest	0.74
Fund Balance as of 12/31/2021		<b>655.71</b>
<b>Wilder Memorial Library Fund</b>		
Balance as of 12/31/2020		<b>15,476.28</b>
Receipts:	Appropriation	20,000.00
	Interest	22.85
Disbursements:	Coughlin property purchase	(50,000.00)
Fund Balance as of 12/31/2021	(owed to SPAM Fund)	<b>(14,500.87)</b>
<b>Bank Balance as of 12/31/2021</b>		<b>1,329,730.25</b>
Year End Changes (net)		(50,000.00)
<b>TOTAL SPECIAL FUNDS (NEMRC)</b>		<b>1,279,730.25</b>

## VENDOR PAYMENTS

\$10,000 OR MORE

January through December 2021

VENDOR	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION
Ameden Construction, LLC	198,702	Trout Club Road culvert replacement
Advantage Truck Group	14,061	Truck repairs
Cargill, Inc.	25,238	Sodium chloride
Cota & Cota, Inc.	31,482	Diesel for trucks
David Chaves Excavating, Inc.	23,950	Gravel, shurpac, stone, sand, trucking
Fothergill Segale & Valley	15,000	Annual audit
Friends of the Weston Community	50,000	For purchase of Coughlin property for Library
Everett Hammond	12,406	Engineering services for Trout Club Rd culvert
JA Mitchell Contracting Services, Inc.	14,250	Roadside mowing contract
Linda Sherman	21,631	Assessor consultant
MVP Healthcare Inc.	71,593	Medical coverage for road crew and town clerk/treasurer
Renaud Gravel, Inc.	60,704	Winter sand
State of Vermont	1,813,664	June and December State education payments
SWNH Fire Mutual Aid	18,499	911 dispatch assessment and dues
Taconic & Green Regional USD	1,359,977	October local education payment
Town of Londonderry	97,855	Landfill expense and Transfer Station punchcards/permits
Weston Cemetery Commission	24,450	Annual appropriation
Weston Recreation Club	13,000	Annual appropriation
Weston Volunteer Fire Department	33,075	Annual appropriation
Wilder Memorial Library	16,500	Annual appropriation
Windsor County Treasurer	13,784	Courthouse assessment and county tax

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**TOWN GENERAL FUND EXPENSES**

**APPROPRIATIONS**

		2021 Budget	2021 Actual	2022 Budget
	Cold Spring Park-WCA	7,000	7,000	7,000
	Collaborative, The	750	750	750
	Current, The (Southeast Vermont Transit)	250	250	250
	Farrar Park Association	9,500	9,500	9,500
1	Flood Brook Athletic Association	2,000	0	2,000
	GNAT-TV	2,000	2,000	2,000
	Health Care & Rehabilitation Services (HCRS)	630	630	630
	Londonderry Volunteer Rescue Squad	5,000	5,000	5,000
	Mountain Valley Health Council	2,500	2,500	2,500
	My Community Nurse Project	2,500	2,500	2,500
	Neighborhood Connections	4,500	4,500	4,500
	Senior Solutions (formerly Council on Aging)	1,600	1,600	1,600
	SEVCA-Southeastern Vermont Community Action	630	630	630
	SeVEDS	1,698	1,698	1,698
	Vermont Association for the Blind	100	100	100
	Vermont Center for Independent Living	230	230	230
	Vermont Green Up	50	50	50
	Visiting Nurse Hospice for VT & NH	2,350	2,350	2,350
2	Weston Cemetery Commission	24,450	24,450	10,000
	Weston Recreation Club	13,000	13,000	13,000
	Weston Volunteer Fire Department	33,075	33,075	25,075
	Wilder Memorial Library	16,500	16,500	25,000
	Windsor County Youth Service	600	600	600
	Womens Freedom Center	500	500	500
	<b>Total APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<b>131,413</b>	<b>129,413</b>	<b>117,463</b>

1 Lost '20 check=reversed and paid out in '21

2 Includes \$13,450 approved in Article 14

**TOWN OFFICE BUILDING**

	Janitorial	1,275	1,220.22	1,450
	Payroll Taxes	150	108.15	135
	Retirement Expense	45	11.58	35
	Medical	220	67.50	100
	Building/Doors	5,000	0	5,000
	Fire Extinguisher Service	100	137.67	100
	Grounds, Maintenance & Supplies	2,000	1,934.66	2,000
	Office Equipment	1,500	309.95	1,500
	Office Supplies	1,750	1,715.20	1,800
1	Postage	0	0	1,600
	Heating Service-Contract	275	0	435
	Electricity	2,100	1,712.17	2,100
	Fuel Oil	1,500	1,223.64	1,500
	Street Lights	3,000	3,160.32	3,300
	Telephone	1,918	2,216.43	2,350
	Rug Rental	1,500	1,428.22	1,500
	Town Report Expenses	2,700	2,825.55	2,900
	<b>Total TOWN OFFICE BUILDING</b>	<b>25,033.00</b>	<b>18,071.26</b>	<b>27,805.00</b>

1 Moved from Town Clerk budget

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<b>TOWN ANNEX</b>		<b>2021 Budget</b>	<b>2021 Actual</b>	<b>2022 Budget</b>
	Building/Doors	2,000	1,804.86	2,000
	Fire System	250	47.66	250
	Grounds & Fence	500	0	500
	Advertising	50	0	50
	Heating Service-Contract/Repair	1,000	0	1,000
	Water Purification System	1,000	0	1,000
	Backflow Testing	200	163.50	200
	Bacterial Testing	4,500	0.00	4,500
	Permit Fees	70	269.00	300
<b>Total TOWN ANNEX</b>		<b>9,570</b>	<b>2,285.02</b>	<b>9,800</b>

**ANIMAL CONTROL EXPENSE**

	Compensation-Animal Control	300	0	300
	Payroll Taxes	23	0	23
	Retirement Expense	10	0	10
	Conferences & Workshops	60	0	60
	Mileage Reimbursement	30	0	30
<b>Total ANIMAL CONTROL EXPENSE</b>		<b>423</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>423</b>

**COLLECTOR DELINQUENT TAX**

	Collector of Delinquent Tax Fees	10,000	19,735.28	10,000
	Payroll Taxes	800	1,509.79	800
<b>Total COLLECTOR DELINQUENT TAX</b>		<b>10,800</b>	<b>21,245.07</b>	<b>10,800</b>

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

	Conferences & Workshops	200	0	200
	Website	100	0	100
	Printing, postage	400	0	400
	Dues	50	0	50
<b>Total CONSERVATION COMMISSION</b>		<b>750</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>750</b>

**FIRE WARDEN**

	Compensation-Fire Warden	330	330.00	330
	Payroll Taxes	30	25.24	30
	Retirement	10	10.31	10
<b>Total FIRE WARDEN</b>		<b>370</b>	<b>365.55</b>	<b>370</b>

**LISTERS**

	Compensation-Listers	3,000	2,000.00	3,000
	Clerical	300	0	300
	Payroll Taxes	240	153.00	240
	Conferences & Workshops	500	50	500
	Mileage Reimbursement	250	0	250
	Consultant	22,880	20,907.63	22,880
	Office Expense-Computer Software	0	160.05	0
<b>Total LISTERS</b>		<b>27,170</b>	<b>23,270.68</b>	<b>27,170</b>

**ANALYSIS OF TOWN GENERAL BUDGET AND EXPENSE**

**2021 BUDGET / 2021 ACTUALS / 2022 BUDGET**

**TOWN GENERAL FUND EXPENSES (Continued)**

<b>SELECTBOARD</b>	<b>2021 Budget</b>	<b>2021 Actual</b>	<b>2022 Budget</b>
Compensation-Selectboard	12,500	12,500.00	12,500
Clerk of the Board Wages	20,720	15,039.53	20,846
Sick Pay	750	778.80	825
Holiday Pay	0	0	756
Payroll Taxes	2,660	2,118.73	2,660
Conferences & Workshops	200	28.00	200
Dues & Licensing Fees	50	149.90	50
Mileage Reimbursement	90	0	90
Advertising	500	180.50	500
<b>Total SELECTBOARD</b>	<b>37,470</b>	<b>30,795.46</b>	<b>38,427</b>

**TOWN CLERK/TREASURER**

Salary - Town Clerk	19,170	19,170.00	20,301
Wages - Assistant Town Clerk/Treasurer	17,975	18,306.58	20,470
Salary - Town Treasurer	25,023	25,023.00	26,525
Payroll Taxes	4,820	4,827.16	5,384
Sick Pay	0	0	825
Holiday Pay	0	0	756
Retirement Expense	2,200	2,264.91	2,400
Medical	23,270	23,320.41	23,320
Health Reimbursement Account	4,650	4,650.00	5,015
Conferences/Workshops	300	358.95	300
Mileage Reimbursement	150	123.77	150
Fees/Dues VMCTA/VTGFOA	65	65.00	65
Office Equipment	300	300.00	300
Election Expenses	0	0	250
1 Postage	1,300	1,553.45	0
Computer Support Agreement	5,150	5,000.00	5,150
Disaster Recovery Agreement	531	530.45	546
<b>Total TOWN CLERK/TREASURER</b>	<b>104,904</b>	<b>105,493.68</b>	<b>111,757</b>

1 Moved to Town Office Expense

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR**

Wages-Zoning Administrator	7,000	10,881.92	10,000
Payroll Taxes	560	832.46	800
<b>Total ZONING ADMINISTRATOR</b>	<b>7,560</b>	<b>11,714.38</b>	<b>10,800</b>

**PLANNING COMMISSION**

Conferences & Workshops	200	28.00	400
Mileage Reimbursement	100	0.00	100
Windham Regional Commission	1,500	1,317.85	1,500
Advertising	500	184.00	500
Office Expense/Computer Supplies	100	182.04	100
Planning Project (Scoping Study '21/Update Zoning Regs '22	6,771	6,354.63	6,500
<b>Total PLANNING COMMISSION</b>	<b>9,171</b>	<b>8,066.52</b>	<b>9,100</b>

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**TOWN GENERAL FUND EXPENSES (Continued)**

		<b>2021 Budget</b>	<b>2021 Actual</b>	<b>2022 Budget</b>
<b>DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD EXPENSE</b>				
	Conferences & Workshops	75	0	500
	Mileage Reimbursement	25	0	100
	Professional Assistance	0	0	2,500
	Office Expense & Supplies	0	0	100
	Advertising	500	261.50	500
	<b>Total ZBA EXPENSE</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>261.50</b>	<b>3,700</b>

**OTHER EXPENSES**

	Generator - Town Office & Annex	15,000	0	15,000
	Insurance	14,380	14,233.04	11,425
	Legal Fees	1,500	2,684.40	3,000
	Tax Anticipation Note (TAN) Interest	1,500	235.70	300
	<b>Total OTHER EXPENSES</b>	<b>32,380</b>	<b>17,153.14</b>	<b>29,725</b>

**LONDONDERRY**

	Londonderry Transfer Station	54,000	43,662.86	48,000
	<b>Total LONDONDERRY</b>	<b>54,000.00</b>	<b>43,662.86</b>	<b>48,000</b>

**COMPUTER CONSULTANT**

	Computer Software	600	132.49	600
	Computer Repair/Maintenance	2,000	190.00	2,000
	Computer Supplies/Service	100	935.40	100
	<b>Total COMPUTER CONSULTANT</b>	<b>2,700</b>	<b>1,257.89</b>	<b>2,700</b>

**SPECIAL FUNDS**

	Town Annex Building Maintenance Fund	4,000	4,000.00	4,000
	Town Annex Paint Reserve Fund	4,000	4,000.00	4,000
	Fire Apparatus Replacement Reserve Fund	35,000	35,000.00	35,000
	Space Planning & Management Fund	3,000	3,000.00	3,000
	Wilder Memorial Library Reserve Fund	20,000	20,000.00	70,000
	<b>Total SPECIAL FUNDS</b>	<b>66,000</b>	<b>66,000.00</b>	<b>116,000</b>

**MISCELLANEOUS**

	Audit	15,000	15,000.00	17,000
	Bank Service Charges	50	31.20	50
	Web Page	600	308.34	600
	VLCT	1,800	1,768.00	1,861
	Copier Lease & Service	1,400	1,646.11	1,650
	Transfer to Other Funds-ARPA Funds to Special Fund Acct	0	81,307.88	0
	Windsor County Tax	13,784	13,784.00	14,750
	<b>Total MISCELLANEOUS</b>	<b>32,634</b>	<b>113,845.53</b>	<b>35,911</b>

**WILDER MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

	Building/Doors	500	0	500
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**DISPATCH SERVICES**

	Annual Assessment	18,349	18,349.00	18,808
	Annual Dues	150	0.00	150
	<b>Total DISPATCH SERVICES</b>	<b>18,499</b>	<b>18,349.00</b>	<b>18,958</b>

**TOTAL TOWN GENERAL FUND EXPENSES**

		<b>571,947</b>	<b>611,250.54</b>	<b>620,159</b>
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**ANALYSIS OF TOWN GENERAL BUDGET AND EXPENSE**  
**2021 BUDGET / 2021 ACTUALS / 2022 BUDGET**

<b>TOWN GENERAL FUND INCOME</b>		<b>2021</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>INTEREST REVENUE</b>		<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>
	Interest Earned	2,000	993.10	1,000
	Trust Fund Interest	425	528.79	500
<b>Total INTEREST REVENUE</b>		<b>2,425</b>	<b>1,521.89</b>	<b>1,500</b>

<b>PROPERTY TAXES</b>				
	Current Use	75,000	87,480.00	81,000
	Interest on Delinquent Taxes	5,000	23,620.23	5,000
	Collector of Delinquent Tax Fees	10,000	19,843.29	10,000
	State-PILOT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes)	4,000	4,531.83	4,000
<b>Total PROPERTY TAXES</b>		<b>94,000</b>	<b>135,475.35</b>	<b>100,000</b>

<b>TOWN FEES</b>				
	Collection Fees	6,000	7,090.69	6,000
	Copier Fees	1,800	1,899.45	1,800
	Dog Licenses	375	382.00	375
	Liquor Licenses	700	670.00	700
	Traffic Fines-Town Portion	0	389.50	0
	VDOT Revised Tax Bill Fee	90	30.00	60
	Zoning Fees-Town	1,400	3,580.00	2,400
	Zoning Warning Fees	500	965.00	600
	Clerk Fees	8,000	13,083.00	8,500
<b>Total TOWN FEES</b>		<b>18,865</b>	<b>28,089.64</b>	<b>20,435</b>

<b>OTHER INCOME</b>				
	Transfer from Other Funds-Reimbursement from Sick Bank	0	337.50	0
	ARPA Funds	0	81,307.88	0
	Grant Reimbursement (Scoping Study)	5,000	10,409.45	0
	Rental Income-Little School	10,000	10,300.00	10,600
	Miscellaneous	0	40.00	0
<b>Total OTHER INCOME</b>		<b>15,000</b>	<b>102,394.83</b>	<b>10,600</b>

<b>Previous Year's Surplus / (Deficit)</b>		<b>9,210.63</b>	
<b>TOTAL TOWN GENERAL FUND INCOME</b>	<b>130,290</b>	<b>276,692.34</b>	<b>132,535</b>

<b>TOWN GENERAL ANALYSIS</b>		<b>2021</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
		<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>571,947</b>	<b>611,250.54</b>	<b>620,159</b>
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>130,290</b>	<b>276,692.34</b>	<b>132,535</b>
<b>Expenses less Income Sub-total</b>		<b>441,657</b>	<b>334,558.20</b>	<b>487,624</b>
<b>Surplus / (Deficit)</b>		<b>22,347</b>	<b>41,208.14</b>	<b>41,208</b>
<b>Town General Fund Assessment</b>		<b>419,310</b>	<b>375,766.34</b>	<b>446,416</b>

**ANALYSIS OF HIGHWAY BUDGET AND EXPENSE  
2021 BUDGET / 2021 ACTUALS / 2022 BUDGET**

**HIGHWAY FUND EXPENSES  
TOWN GARAGE EXPENSES**

	2021 Budget	2021 Actual	2022 Budget
Building/Doors	2,700	95.30	2,700
Fire Extinguisher Service	120	516.42	120
Chloride Tanks	50	0	50
Tank Assessment Fee	50	0	0
Tank Cathode Testing	50	0	0
Office Equipment ('22 - also includes Supplies & Service)	50	0	150
Office Supplies	50	17.99	0
Computer Supplies & Service	150	0	0
Hand Tools & Repairs / Garage Supplies	2,500	3,774.43	2,500
Heating Service-Contract	275	0	435
Heating Repair	50	0	50
Electricity	1,500	1,287.88	1,500
Fuel Oil	3,000	2,167.18	3,000
Propane	250	0.00	200
Telephone	480	554.08	600
Internet	1,100	1,060.80	1,100
Communications	500	0	500
Septic Tank Maintenance	100	0	100
Spill Containment	125	0	125
<b>Total TOWN GARAGE</b>	<b>13,100</b>	<b>9,474.08</b>	<b>13,130</b>

**CLASS II GENERAL MAINTENANCE**

Contract Services-Striping	100	0	100
Guard Rails	500	0	500
Highway Signs	250	0	250
Bankrun Gravel & Stone	500	0	500
Crushed Gravel/Shurpac	1,000	0	1,000
<b>Total CLASS II GENERAL MAINTENANCE</b>	<b>2,350</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,350</b>

**CLASS III GENERAL MAINTENANCE SUMMER**

Road Crew Labor	39,300	41,820.76	47,357
Road Foreman	25,350	26,715.77	28,415
Clerk of Board Highway Wages	300	0	300
Holiday Pay	1,675	1,564.08	1,675
Sick Pay	1,675	1,822.70	1,900
Vacation Pay	7,100	7,435.48	7,500
Overtime Pay	1,000	112.50	1,000
Funeral Leave	250	0	250
Worker's Compensation Insurance	5,747	5,746.08	4,850
Payroll Taxes	6,200	6,011.72	7,460
Retirement Expense	4,600	4,848.19	5,000
Medical	24,663	24,287.75	20,920
Healthcare Reimbursement Account	5,760	5,775.00	7,520
Uniform Expense	1,400	1,234.48	1,400
Highway Grant Fees	1,350	1,590.00	1,350
Contracted Services	2,000	3,375.00	2,000
Dust Control	4,500	0	4,500

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**HIGHWAY FUND EXPENSES (Continued)**

**CLASS III GENERAL MAINTENANCE SUMMER (Continued)**

	<b>2021 Budget</b>	<b>2021 Actual</b>	<b>2022 Budget</b>
Erosion Control	800	496.97	800
Conferences & Workshops	150	150.00	150
Mileage Reimbursement	50	0	50
Street Striping	100	0	100
Guard Rails	500	0	500
Highway Signs	500	0	500
Safety Equipment	500	0	500
Bankrun Gravel/Stone	7,000	2,709.90	7,000
Crushed Gravel/Shurpac	35,000	9,641.44	35,000
Calcium Chloride	100	0	100
Cold Patch	200	0	200
Culverts/Headers	2,500	3,134.00	3,000
Filter Fabric	600	0	600
Hot Mix	500	0	500
Tool Rental	100	150.00	100
Tractor Rental/Roadside Mowing	14,500	14,250.00	14,500
Trucking	1,500	0	1,500
<b>Total CLASS III GENERAL MAINTENANCE SUMMER</b>	<b>197,470</b>	<b>162,871.82</b>	<b>208,497</b>

**CLASS III WINTER MAINTENANCE**

Road Crew Labor	38,100	39,142.93	47,357
Road Foreman	24,800	25,725.16	28,415
Clerk of Board Highway Wages	200	0	200
Holiday Pay	3,900	3,401.68	3,900
Sick Pay	2,200	2,324.25	2,500
Vacation Pay	3,000	7,206.73	7,500
Overtime Pay	10,000	9,117.96	10,000
Funeral Pay	300	0	300
Voting Leave	125	0	125
Worker's Compensation Insurance	5,747	5,746.08	4,850
Payroll Taxes	6,400	6,581.49	8,412
Retirement Expense	4,700	5,242.96	5,400
Medical	24,663	25,105.04	20,920
Health Reimbursement Account	5,760	5,767.50	7,520
Uniform Expense	1,500	993.24	1,500
Contracted Services	500	0	500
Conferences & Workshops	75	0	75
Mileage Reimbursement	50	0	50
Highway Signs	250	0	250
Safety Equipment	200	284.98	200
Bankrun Gravel/Stone	9,000	2,961.00	9,000
Crushed Gravel/Shurpac	10,000	17,060.53	10,000
Culverts & Headers	500	0	500
Sodium Chloride	37,000	20,626.46	3,500
Winter Sand	50,000	55,833.50	65,000
Trucking-General	2,500	0	2,500

**ANALYSIS OF HIGHWAY BUDGET AND EXPENSE  
2021 BUDGET / 2021 ACTUALS / 2022 BUDGET**

<b>HIGHWAY FUND EXPENSES (Continued)</b>		<b>2021</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>CLASS III WINTER MAINTENANCE (Continued)</b>		<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>
	Trucking Winter Sand	5,000	6,420.80	7,500
	Street Sweeping	1,500	1,200.00	1,500
<b>Total CLASS III WINTER MAINTENANCE</b>		<b>247,970</b>	<b>240,742.29</b>	<b>249,474</b>

**EQUIPMENT & CONSTRUCTION**

	Bridge Repair Fund	90,000.00	90,000.00	90,000.00
	Equipment Replacement Reserve Fund	85,000.00	85,000.00	95,000.00
	Highway Maintenance Fund	50,000.00	50,000.00	70,000.00
	New Equipment- above ground tank ('21)	24,000	16,265.58	0
	Replace Culvert - Trout Club Road	250,000	8,200.00	0
	Highway Equipment Diesel	35,000	25,422.35	35,000
	Highway Equipment Maintenance	40,000	37,832.15	45,000
	Insurance-Equipment & Truck	7,500	6,452.80	6,380
	Road Repair Sealing	4,500	0	4,500
<b>Total EQUIPMENT &amp; CONSTRUCTION</b>		<b>586,000</b>	<b>319,172.88</b>	<b>345,880</b>

**TOTAL HIGHWAY FUND EXPENSES**

<b>1,046,890.00</b>	<b>732,261.07</b>	<b>819,331</b>
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**HIGHWAY FUND RECEIPTS  
ANTICIPATED RECEIPTS**

		<b>2021</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
		<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>
1	Highway Grants (Structures Grant '21/MRGP paid in '22)	170,000	0	20,000
1	Reimbursement from Special Funds	80,000	0	0
	Department of the Interior	15,000	25,881.00	20,000
	State Aid to Highways	55,000	72,184.76	65,000
	Access Permits	100	80.00	100
	Culvert/Scrap Metal	50	0	50
	Excess Weight Permits	140	135.00	140
	Surplus/Deficit (Fund Balance)			

1 Trout Club Rd culvert repair paid out of Bridge Repair Fund

**Total HIGHWAY INCOME**

<b>320,290</b>	<b>98,280.76</b>	<b>105,290</b>
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**HIGHWAY ANALYSIS**

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>
<b>Total Highway Expenses</b>	<b>1,046,890</b>	<b>732,261.07</b>	<b>819,331</b>
<b>Total Highway Income</b>	<b>320,290</b>	<b>98,280.76</b>	<b>105,290</b>
<b>Expenses less Income Sub-total</b>	<b>726,600</b>	<b>633,980.31</b>	<b>714,041</b>
<b>Surplus</b>	<b>86,729</b>	<b>5,890.69</b>	<b>5,891</b>
<b>Total Highway Tax Assessment</b>	<b>639,871</b>	<b>639,871.00</b>	<b>708,150</b>

**COMBINED ANALYSIS**

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>1,618,837</b>	<b>1,343,511.61</b>	<b>1,439,489</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>450,580</b>	<b>374,973.10</b>	<b>237,825</b>
<b>Expenses less Income Sub-total</b>	<b>1,168,257</b>	<b>968,538.51</b>	<b>1,201,664</b>
<b>Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>109,076</b>	<b>47,098.83</b>	<b>47,099</b>
<b>Total Tax Assessment</b>	<b>1,059,181</b>	<b>1,015,637.34</b>	<b>1,154,565</b>

## 2021 Weston Selectboard Report

The 2020 Selectboard Report opened with this: “Without question, the issue of the year has been Covid-19.” Our delayed Town Meeting, held on Park Street outside the Playhouse on a blessedly gorgeous May 25 was a joy: all participants were delighted to be together and share the small-town spirit that binds all Vermonters and Westonites together. Only a few months later, case counts in Vermont were way down, vaccines were widely available, Vermont’s vaccine rates were the highest in the nation and some of us were beginning to feel as though there might be some real light at the end of the tunnel. Which brings us to now: the end of 2021, seemingly back in the Covid fray, unsure of where we stand, wondering what’s in store for us, dealing with supply chain issues, and still thinking that without question the issue of the year for 2021 was Covid-19. Again. Having said all that, in 2021 there has been lots of other news in Weston:

Last summer we completed the replacement of the metal culvert on Trout Club Road - on time and on budget – with a concrete ‘box’ culvert that we hope will last into the next century. It is worth noting that Wes Ameden avoided any power outages to the folks above the culvert by leaving the powerlines in place – which required some very delicate crane work when the sections of the box culvert were being lifted into place. Hats off to Wes.

Last year, after years of consideration, and after meetings with the Planning Commission and the Zoning Board of Adjustment, your Selectboard opted to replace Weston’s outdated Zoning Board of Adjustment/Planning Commission system with the more up-to-date Development Review Board/Planning Commission (DRB/PC) system. This new system designates the DRB as the ‘judicial’ authority and the PC as the ‘legislative’ authority. Briefly, the DRB is tasked with ruling on all issues surrounding compliance with Weston’s (and Vermont’s) zoning regulations while the Planning Commission (PC) is tasked with writing zoning regulations that are practical, logical, and reflect Weston’s aspirational goals as set out in a Town Plan, which has not had a major rewrite since before 2010. Separating these two functions will streamline Weston’s permitting process since applicants will only have to deal with one entity (the DRB) and the PC will be freed up to concentrate on the required updates of our Town Plan and our zoning regulations. Thanks to Deb Granquist, the DRB Chair, and to Lexi Young, our PC Chair, and to all their committee members for their hard work and invaluable service.

The generator project for The Little School continues to progress slowly. The survey of the Town Office and ‘Annex’ (The Little School) properties was completed this year, and the elevations shown on the surveys will allow us to better understand possible locations for generators – not an easy task since both properties are in the flood zone and are by definition vulnerable to the ‘100 year’ storms that seem to be occurring more and more frequently. We are hoping that this will be the year the generator so generously donated by Gary and Michelle Bettman gets installed at The Little School.

Speeding in Town is an issue that we keep hearing about, and late last summer we sent out a survey to gauge people’s opinions on installing LED speed signs (similar to those in Ludlow and Chester) in the village. We received 106 responses, with 55 in favor of installing speed signs and 51 opposed. Sixty percent (15 to 10) of the 25 responses from village residents were in favor of signs while a slight majority (34 to 31) of the 64 non-village residents were opposed to signs. Sixteen of the responses didn’t specify whether they lived in the village and that group was narrowly in favor of speed signs (9 to 7). Your Selectboard continues to study this issue and we are investigating a temporary installation of speed signs at one or both ends of town to try and better understand the impact on speed and aesthetics in town. If you have any thoughts on this matter, please don’t hesitate to let us know.

Speaking of surveys, The Wilder Memorial Library (WML), Weston’s municipal library that operates independently in town owned facilities, sent out a survey in 2021 to gauge the town’s enthusiasm for expanding the existing building and in particular adding an ADA compliant bathroom. As you may know, the WML has no running water or septic, so adding a bathroom on the existing tiny lot would be challenging. Their survey had 175 respondents – about 65% more than responded to the speed survey – and those respondents were overwhelmingly in favor of some sort of expansion which at the very minimum would include a bathroom. Last summer, John Coughlin, the owner of the ‘Riverside’ property which sits between WML and the West River, decided to sell and offered ‘Riverside’ to WML. In response, a non-profit group was formed – the ‘Friends of the Weston Community’ – to raise funds to purchase the property, demolish the house, drill a well, construct a septic field and then gift the property to Weston for the benefit of WML. Based on the substantial benefit to the Town and WML as well as heading off any liability issues tied to the potential failure of the gabion wall that supports the north side of the property, your Selectboard – after consulting an attorney – decided to join the four founding members of the ‘Friends’ with a \$50,000 contribution, making over \$250,000 available for the purchase and the other work. This exciting project will provide Weston with more parking, more parkland, and more room for the library to expand.

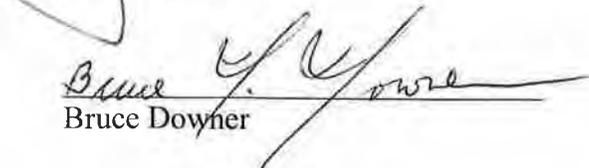
In 2021 Weston received about \$80,000 in ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds, with another more or less equal amount scheduled to come in 2022. Your Selectboard is still trying to figure out exactly how these funds can (or can’t) be used so we are holding off making any plans until things become clearer.

As always, we would like to thank our Town employees who continue to work hard to serve Weston in spite of all the Covid ups and downs. In the Town Office we are especially grateful to Deb Moser who will be retiring soon. We will all miss Deb’s calm competence, seemingly effortless attention to detail, and friendly ‘hellos’. Kim Seymour and Judy Poissant will continue their good work while Kim searches for a replacement for Deb. And to Natalie Belle Boston, our Selectboard Administrative Assistant, thanks for keeping us on track.

Our Road Crew continues to keep our roads and bridges in shape, while dealing with problems that we never could have anticipated a few years ago: First, our new more efficient but more complicated equipment often needs parts that simply aren’t available. As of this writing, one of our new trucks is out of service waiting for parts, with no firm delivery date. Almon assures us that the plowing and sanding will get done, but it might take longer than we’ve become accustomed to. Second, buying new equipment is next to impossible and delivery dates in 2023 are not unheard of. Almon, Huey and Brian are dealing well with these challenges but we all need to understand that they are coping with equipment shortages.

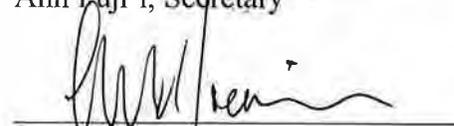
Town of Weston Selectboard:

  
Jim Linville, Vice Chair

  
Bruce Downer

  
Denis Benson, Chair

  
Ann Fuji'i, Secretary

  
Charles (Tim) Goodwin

## 2021 Town Clerk / Treasurer Report

Just when I thought life couldn't get more challenging, the year 2021 came around. And while I love Rocky Road ice cream, rocky roads themselves . . . well, honestly I don't like them very much . . . and just forget about rollercoasters. So I have my fingers crossed that 2022 brings a calmness we haven't seen in a few years . . . I'd ask for out-right tranquility, but that is likely pushing my luck.

In all seriousness, I enjoy being your Town Clerk and Treasurer. Even after 8 years I still find it challenging. With every new year there is a change in a process or legislation that keeps me learning new things. I hope, again with your vote, to continue to serve you in 2022. It is my honor to be here for the residents and property owners of this beautiful village.

A few years ago I outlined some of the activities that keep the Clerk's office hopping. Here is a similar recap with a few reminders:

### January – March

We've gone to the dogs – licenses that is, and April 1<sup>st</sup> is the last day to license without a late fee. For a spayed or neutered dog, the fee is \$9.00; intact dogs are \$13.00. An up-to-date rabies certificate is required; spay or neuter certificates are required for new dogs. If you have a new rabies certificate during the year, please drop off a copy at the office so our information stays current. Pups age 6 months or older need to be licensed. Truly, the fee is minimal when it helps reconnect an owner with their lost dog . . . it's certainly why I am happy to pay the fee!

### January - April

Liquor Licenses are processed annually for our various stores and restaurants. Renewal documents are mailed in December of the prior year to the existing licensees. The Vermont Department of Liquor Control is moving to an online renewal process, still with local Liquor Control Board involvement. This should streamline the process. Forms are available on the DLC website (<https://liquorcontrol.vermont.gov>) for new applications, catering licensing, etc.

### April 5<sup>th</sup>

Town Meeting Day begins at **10:00 AM this year at the Weston Playhouse** . . . masks required.

### April 15<sup>th</sup>

Your tax fillings are due. While it's not something I normally have to remind you about, in Vermont it is also the deadline for filing your annual **Vermont Homestead Declaration AND Property Tax Credit Claim form (HS-122) along with your Household Income form (HI-144)**. Failure to file timely results in a 3% late fee on your property tax bill and no one has ever been happy to receive that news from me. If you are filing for an extension, these forms are still due by April 15<sup>th</sup>. If you have an out-of-state accountant, they may not know about these requirements. You can file online at [myVTax.vermont.gov](https://myVTax.vermont.gov) or download the forms at <https://tax.vermont.gov/property/forms>.

### July

Barring any unforeseen delays, the Selectboard sets the property tax rates based on the budget approved at Town Meeting. Tax bills are usually mailed by the end of July. Copies are sent to any lending institute that has requested them (those with an escrow account) so the correct amount is paid by the due date. Having the Homestead Declaration and Property Tax Credit Claim forms filed on time helps you have the correct amount due on your tax bill.

### August 9th

The Vermont **Primary will be held this year on August 9<sup>th</sup>**. Polls will open here at 8:00 am until 7:00 pm and it is likely to be held at the Town Office. Check our website [www.westonvt.org](http://www.westonvt.org) for updates, links to early/absentee ballot request forms and MyVoterPage. Register to vote online, in person at the town office or when you get your new Vermont license. Volunteers will be needed for check in and check out as well as vote counting at the end of the night. I am always grateful for the help in years past from our willing volunteers

### **October 4th**

Yes, your property tax bill is due. This year the date is **Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>**. **Please mark this date on your calendar.** Yes, I will post notices and yes, I will put out a “sandwich” board in front of the office. This year I plan to send an email reminder so sign up for email notices on our website (I try to NOT over use this email list). No matter how many notices and signs are posted, someone always forgets to write the check and/or drop it off here or in the mail. I truly dread the day after taxes are due when I have to break the bad news of the late fee (8%) and interest due (1%). So please, **mark this date on your calendar.** Lastly, confirm the amount to be paid matches the amount you have written the check for . . . it sounds simple, but I frequently return checks that aren’t signed, or are written for the incorrect amount.

### **November 8th**

The Vermont **General Election is November 8<sup>th</sup>** this year. Again, polls will open here at 8:00 am until 7:00 pm and it is again likely to be held at the Town Office. Check our website [www.westonvt.org](http://www.westonvt.org) for updates, links to early/absentee ballot request forms and MyVoterPage (<https://mvp.vermont.gov>). Volunteers will again be needed for check in and check out as well as vote counting at the end of the night. I would like to say it’s a blast and we have a great time, but the reality is its fairly serious and we are all watching the details. Don’t forget to register to vote at MyVoterPage, here in the town office or at the DMV when you get a new Vermont license.

### **Other ways we can assist you here at the town office:**

- **Keep your mailing address current:** address changes for town mailings (town reports, tax bills, correspondence, etc.) are required in writing. You can email me at [clerk@westonvt.org](mailto:clerk@westonvt.org) or stop by the office.
- **Take out the trash and recycling:** purchase annual permits and punch cards for the Londonderry Transfer Station for trash disposal and recycling.
- **Have some fun in the great big outdoors:** Vermont residents who are 62 year or older may purchase a Green Mountain Passport for reduced access fees to State Parks. The GMP costs \$2.00.
- **Get to the church on time:** marriage licenses are available here (form is online to complete along with FAQ’s) and cost \$60.00. The officiant will drop off or mail the completed license back to us. If you would like a certified copy it costs an addition \$10.00
- **Keep up with the family ancestry:** Certified copies of Birth or Death certificates require a completed form that you can find on our website: [www.westonvt.org](http://www.westonvt.org) under Residents/forms. ID of the person completing the form is required.
- **High School enrollment:** A Declaration of Residency and other forms are usually required by the school and supervisory district to enroll your students in one of the local high schools. Forms are available at [BRSU.org/families/tuition](http://BRSU.org/families/tuition) request.

Throughout the year, I am supported by Judy Poissant and Deborah Moser. There aren’t enough words to convey my sincerest appreciation for them both. As Deborah moves towards retirement in 2022, I cannot thank her enough for the 9+ years she has given this town and the office. She has been our steady, calming influence and will be missed beyond measure.

As we look to the new year, here’s hoping we have a year without rocky roads or rollercoasters!

With best regards,  
Kim Seymour

### **2021 Vital Records**

**Births:** none

**Marriages:** Meredith Rose Kuraska and Michael James Gresh; Alexandra Lale Gurel and Samuel Francis Jordan; Bridget Mary Cuddihy and Eamon Daniel Case; Kate Michele Spiesman and Zachary Thomas Heller; William Brewer and Sydney Elizabeth Stevens; Michelle Anne Tacchi and Logan Douglas McConnell

**Deaths:** George P. Carroll; Ruth C. Farley; David L. Dyer; Delores A. Barbeau; Cheryl Virginia Johnson; Louise D. Foster; Joseph Wing; Lee Ann Boyd McKenna

## Lister's 2021 Annual Report

In 2021, Greg Carroll and Dan Hanenberg, as the two members of the Board of Listers, were challenged in many ways due to the effects of the pandemic. Not only were inspections curtailed, but the number of sales of residences and vacant land continued to increase from previous years. While we accomplished our goals for 2021, we will continue to face challenges in the coming year therefore, we would more than welcome an additional Lister to fill the long vacant position. Anyone interested? Please contact us at the Town Office to discuss responsibilities.

The Town's Consultant/Assessor, Linda Sherman, has successfully carried out her duties over the past several of years, as we meet State deadlines and requirements. Linda has been an invaluable member of our team and we are pleased to announce her contract renewal for another year.

The primary responsibility of the Town's Board of Listers is to determine the fair market value of all of the Town's real estate as the basis for local and State property taxes. To fulfill this responsibility, we assess changes in property values, hear grievances from property owners regarding their assessment, and work with the State to implement statewide programs such as "Current Use" and the annual statewide "Equalization Study."

The State's "year" runs from April 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup> for purposes of computing sales related to property taxes. The State's "Equalization Study," which is used to determine sales statistics, considers only "arm's length" sales. The criteria for arm's length sales include: a willing seller and a willing buyer with no significant prior relationship; reasonably equal access to knowledge about the property; and, absence of incentive to sell or buy.

The table below shows the basic transfer/sales data for the past decade. For the 2020 tax year, there were 30 arm's length sales, and we estimate up to 21 so far this tax year (April to December 2021), though some of these may be dropped from consideration once we get our Buyer/Seller surveys back. These questionnaires are sent out after each transaction to help us determine if it is truly arm's length. In each year, there are a significant number of property transfers that are created to reflect ownership being placed in various trusts.

Tax Year	Number of Property Transfers Processed	Number of Arm's Length Sales
April 2012 - March 2013	44	7
April 2013 - March 2014	50	12
April 2014 - March 2015	52	11
April 2015 - March 2016	41	10
April 2016 - March 2017	36	15
April 2017 - March 2018	72	7
April 2018 - March 2019	56	16
April 2019 - March 2020	71	22
April 2020 – March 2021	50	30
<i>April 2021 – Dec 2021</i>	48	<i>21 (est.)</i>

Each year the Listers work with the State to determine the Town's Common Level of Appraisal ("CLA"), the means by which the State attempts to assure that statewide education taxes are based on comparable valuations from town to town. The CLA is determined by comparing sales prices with grand list valuations for properties sold over the prior three years. A town's education tax rates (residential & non-residential) are the town's base education tax rates divided by the CLA (to adjust for relative valuations). The Coefficient of Dispersion ("COD") measures how fairly distributed the property tax is within a town. A high COD means that, within a town, many taxpayers are paying more than their fair share and many are paying less. The table below compares the basic elements of the Equalization Study for the last three years ending March 31.

<b>Equalization Study Element (as of)</b>	<b>3/31/2019</b>	<b>3/31/2020</b>	<b>3/31/2021</b>
Education Grand List Value	\$198,083,252	\$199,866,998	\$202,796,045
Equalization Education Grand List Value	\$205,682,872	\$206,347,832	\$214,297,253
Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)	96.79%	96.86%	94.92%
Coefficient of Dispersion (COD)	13.47	17.48	20.59

The State requires a town-wide reappraisal when the CLA drops below 85% or exceeds 115% or when the COD exceeds 20%. While our current CLA falls within these parameters, the COD for the year ending March 31, 2022 has exceeded the 20% guideline. The Town will be required by the State to conduct a reappraisal.

The last town-wide reappraisals were in 2003 for buildings and 2005 for land. Our current assessments continue to be based on cost tables and land value schedules that are over 15 years old. Our principal concern continues to be equity in valuations of properties. In this regard, we have already recommended to the Selectboard that we conduct a reappraisal and have begun soliciting proposals from a number of appraisal firms. The Board is awaiting the results of our receiving these proposals to get a better understanding of the process and procedures involved. Preliminary indications are that the appraisal would not be conducted for a couple of years due to backlogs caused by the pandemic. In the near term, we will endeavor to choose a firm and begin the procedure for setting forth the engagement parameters.

In 2021, the Board of Listers heard four grievances, all of which were successfully resolved.

The Listers' proposed 2022 budget has not changed from that of 2021. The largest single expenditure in our budget remains the consulting services we use to assist us in our appraisals and mapping activities.

Respectfully submitted, Board of Listers

Gregory Carroll, Chairman

Daniel Hanenberg

## Weston Conservation Commission

The Weston Conservation Commission (WCC) continued stewardship of the Class 2 hiking trail along the former access road to the historic Civilian Conservation Corps camp off Route 155. Members cleared and blazed the trail, a quarter-mile section of Forest Road 299 that once led to the 1930s-era Civilian Conservation Corps camp. The camp was one of more than 30 camps in Vermont and hundreds across the country that housed unemployed men working to build the nation's bridges, roads and dams as part of Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal. The official trail ends about a quarter mile before the historic camp site, which contains ruins of dormitories, a dining hall and other buildings. The WCC initiative, under the leadership of Andrew Harper, includes work with the Weston Historical Society to place an informational kiosk with historical photos at the trail entrance just south of the Mount Holly town line.

WCC is exploring the development of new pedestrian town trails. The Commission is working to establish a local pollinator habitat along with about 25 other Vermont towns working with the statewide organization Bee the Change. WCC is also assisting in the initiative to create a community garden and greenhouse.

The Commission welcomed new member Marisa Bolognese, a Weston resident and general manager of The Hub at Weston, a restaurant and popular gathering spot at Walker Farm.

WCC also participated in Green-Up Day, continued active membership in the Association of Vermont Conservation Commissions, and kept abreast of neighboring local and regional projects.

The Weston Conservation Commission meets the first Thursday of the month at 7 pm at the Weston Town Office (a ZOOM option is available for the foreseeable future and sign-in instructions are posted on the agenda). Interested residents are encouraged to attend. The Commission is actively seeking new members.

Andrew Harper, co-chair  
Deborah Hennessey, co-chair  
Marisa Bolognese  
Anne Degan  
Ann Fujii  
Donald Hart  
Jeff Lennox  
Retta Murphy

## **Weston Planning Commission Report for 2021**

The Selectboard voted, in August of 2021, to move from a Planning Commission/Zoning Board of Adjustment municipal structure to a Planning Commission/Development Review Board. Currently, the PC will continue to perform its planning and bylaw development functions, which use only legislative hearings to adopt town plans and bylaws, as opposed to quasi-judicial proceedings. The Planning Commission will no longer be performing development review.

The following is a summary of Planning Commission project reviews in 2021:

- The Planning Commission approved a Preliminary Plat of a Major Subdivision, Chris Lindgren, Applicant.
- The Planning Commission approved a Site Plan Amendment adding a new infirmary building; Kinhaven Music School, Applicant.
- The Planning Commission reviewed an application and Site Plan Review for the former Inn at Weston, Weston Hotel Partners LLC, Applicant. Application was later withdrawn.
- The Planning Commission approved a Minor Subdivision (2 lots), David Johnson, Applicant.
- The Planning Commission approved a 2-year permit extension for the creation of professional offices and an apartment, New Thought VT, Applicant.

In 2018, the Planning Commission was awarded a grant through the VTrans Bicycle and Pedestrian program for a scoping study which looked at alternatives to improve bicycle and pedestrian safety in the Village Center. Dubois & King were hired in 2019 to conduct the study and develop the alternatives. After a hiatus due to Covid, the alternatives were presented by Dubois and King and the committee to the town at an in person meeting on September 20<sup>th</sup> and via a virtual meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup>. In October, Dubois and King conducted an online survey to develop additional input. In November, Dubois and King completed and submitted the draft final report to VTrans. Based on VTrans timing for review and approval, the final report is expected to be presented to the town early 2022. This will complete the scoping study; the scoping study does not result in any implementation of the plans.

The Planning Commission budget for 2022 can be found in this report.

The Planning Commission meets at 7:00 pm on the first Monday of each month, at the Weston Town Offices, and often more frequently, as required by workload. When the first Monday of the Month falls on a holiday, the Planning Commission will meet at 7:00 pm, at the Weston Town Office, the second Monday of the month. Zoom option is available, details and sign in information are posted on the monthly agenda.

Sincerely,  
James Young  
Chair, Weston Planning Commission

Secretary, Kim Price  
Geof Brown

Anne Hyde Degan  
Annie Fujii

Matt Lynch

## Weston Zoning Administrators Report for 2021

In 2021 the Zoning Administrator issued permits for:

- 2 Single Family Homes
- 1 Accessory Dwelling
- 8 Additions
- 4 Accessory Buildings
- 1 Change of Use (From a One Family Home to Two Family Home)
- 1 Preliminary Plat for a Major Subdivision (Approved by the Planning Commission)
- 1 Minor Subdivision
- 1 Boundary Line Adjustment
- 2 Signs
- 1 Commercial Permit Extension (Approved by the Planning Commission)
- 1 Site Plan Amendment (New Infirmary at Kinhaven Approved by the Planning Commission)

In addition the Zoning Administrator answered many inquiries from homeowners , potential homeowners, Real Estate Agents and Lawyers.



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**Weston Zoning Board of Adjustment and Development Review Board**  
**Report for 2021**

The Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) has responsibility for reviewing the following zoning matters: (1) applications for conditional use review, (2) applications for variances and (3) appeals from decisions of the Zoning Administrator.

Two matters came before the ZBA in 2021. Both were continuations of matters that began in 2020. Copies of all documents are available at the Town Office.

Due to Covid-19 the ZBA held some of its hearings in person and some via Zoom.

Leah McCanna's 2020 request for a variance for an existing 144 square foot, non-residential structure on property owned by her and husband, Brandan McCanna, at 104 Route 100, Weston, was ultimately denied by the ZBA in 2021. Leah and Brandan McCanna elected to appeal the ZBA decision to the Environmental Court. This matter is still being reviewed by the Court and is no longer handled by the ZBA.

Geof Brown and Mark Martins submitted an application for conditional use review in 2020 for a proposed project at 4 Park Street, Weston. The project is comprised of two small additions (a porch extension and a shed), a patio, fencing and raised garden beds. The project came before the ZBA because it involved development in a floodway as defined in the Weston Zoning Regulations. A decision was rendered in this matter in January 2021 granting the conditional use request subject to several conditions spelled out in the decision.

In August 2021, the Selectboard elected to change the Town of Weston's planning and zoning function from a Zoning Board of Adjustment and Planning Commission format to a Development Review Board (DRB) and Planning Commission (PC) format. Under this new format, the newly-formed DRB takes over all quasi-judicial functions that were previously the responsibility of both the ZBA and the PC. As a result, the DRB now has responsibility for subdivisions and site plan review in addition to conditional use applications, variances and appeals. The newly formed PC takes on responsibility for all required "planning" functions, including Weston's Town Plan, zoning bylaws and subdivision regulations. It is anticipated that the DRB and PC will work closely together to further the planning and zoning function for Weston.

Many thanks to the members of the ZBA, some of whom have served for many years: Deborah Granquist, Chair, Carrie Chalmers, Ann Fujii, Jeff Lennox, Deb Lyneis, Allison Stori and Susan Morris, plus alternates Robert Mignone, Joanne Prouty and Rusty Davis. The Town should be grateful for their many years of service.

The newly formed DRB has the following members: Deborah Granquist, Chair, Carrie Chalmers, Ann Fujii, Jeff Lennox, Deb Lyneis, Susan Morris, and Tom Foster.

Will Goodwin is Weston's Zoning Administrator, and the ZBA is grateful for his work on behalf of the ZBA and the Weston community. The Zoning Administrator acts as staff to the ZBA. We look forward to continuing to work with him as Weston's DRB.

The ZBA did not have regularly scheduled meetings but instead met when necessitated by the workload. It is likely that the newly formed DRB will set up scheduled meetings.

Deborah Granquist  
Chair of the ZBA

## TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS

### RUDOLPH JOHNSON MEMORIAL FUND

Asset Value 11/30/20	\$58,244.65
Awards Given Out 2021	750.00
Investments 11/30/21	
JP Morgan Core Bond Fund	56,716.08
Asset Value 11/30/21	\$56,716.08

### CEMETERY COMMISSION FUND

Asset Value 11/30/20	\$180,963.21
Funds Transferred to the Commission 2021	10,000.00
Investments 11/30/21	
Fidelity Equity Income Fund	99,035.55
Fidelity Interim Gov't Income Fund	88,457.58
Total Asset Value 11/30/21	\$187,493.13

### SCHOOL HOUSE FUND & PHELAN FUND

Asset Value 11/1/20	\$28,150.77
Investments 10/31/21	
Fidelity Interim Government Income 10/31/21	\$21,324.15
IBM 12/31/21	6,415.68
Kyndryl 12/31/21	173.66
Total Asset Value	\$27,913.49

### CONSERVATION FUND

Asset Value 12/31/20	\$8,942.76
Investments 12/31/20	
People's United Bank CD	\$8,949.92
Total Asset Value 12/31/21	\$8,949.92

**BEN RICHARDSON FUND**

The Ben Richardson Fund was created for the purpose of assisting in the college education of worthy students from the Town of Weston. The proceeds from this fund may be used at any college. As of December 31, 2021 assets for this fund were \$21,566.99

**American Funds**

	Year-to-date since 01/01/2021
Beginning value	<b>\$18,033.19</b>
+ Additions	\$0.00
- Withdrawals	-\$900.00
+/- Investment gain/decline	\$4,433.8
<b>Ending value as of 12/31/2021</b>	<b>\$21,566.99</b>

<b>Portfolio rate of return</b>	
Annualized since 1/1/2003:	10.08%
Year-to-date since 1/1/2021	24.98%

**CHARLES A. KIMBALL FUND**

The Charles A. Kimball Fund was bequeathed for the purpose of assisting young people from the Town of Weston in obtaining a college education from the University of Vermont or Dartmouth College. As of December 31, 2021, assets of this fund were \$10,112.15

**Deutsche Asset Management**

	Year to Date since 01/01/2021
Beginning value	<b>\$10,618.38</b>
Purchases/Reinvested Distributions	\$254.20
Redemptions	-\$500.00
Change in Value	-\$260.43
Transfers	\$0.00
<b>Ending Value as of 12/31/2021</b>	<b>\$10,112.15</b>

The recipients of the Ben Richardson and Charles Kimball Educational Funds for the 2021-2022 school year were: Ryan Merrow and Samuel Charette

Weston students interested in applying for a scholarship for the 2022-2023 school year must send a letter and include the following information:

- Brief introduction
- Name of College or University applicant plans to attend
- Area of Study or Major
- Additional pertinent information applicant would like to include

**Letters must be postmarked by August 15, 2022.**

Please mail requests to: Nicole Pfister  
57 Chester Mountain Rd.  
Weston, VT 05161

**WESTON, VERMONT  
TOWN MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 25, 2021**

**Moderator Wayne Granquist** spoke prior to the beginning of the meeting regarding the process for and rules of Town Meeting. Rudolph Johnson Scholarship awards for 8<sup>th</sup> Graders were read aloud for Joseph Bury, Lily LaRue, Roman Okie, and Daniel Spencer. Moderator read the names of those who passed away in the prior year.

Meeting was called to order at 9:10 am by Moderator who read the beginning of the warning. The legal voters of the Town of Weston, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, met outside at the Weston Playhouse and the Village Green in Weston, Vermont on Tuesday, the 25th day of May, 2021, at nine o'clock in the forenoon (9:00 AM) to act on the following Articles:

- ARTICLE 1:** To elect a Moderator for a 1-year term Nominated by Marguerite Mason, **Wayne Granquist was elected to a 1-year term by voice vote.**
- ARTICLE 2:** To elect a Town Clerk for a 1-year term Nominated by Marguerite Mason, **Kim Seymour was elected to a 1-year term by voice vote.**
- ARTICLE 3:** To elect a Town Treasurer for a 1-year term Nominated by Marguerite Mason, **Kim Seymour was elected to a 1-year term by voice vote.**
- ARTICLE 4:** To elect the following Town Officers as required by law:
- One Selectboard member to a 3-year term Jim Linville was nominated by Barbara Lloyd. No further nominations. Moderator directed Town Clerk to cast 1 paper ballot for **Jim Linville who was elected for a 3-year term.** Jim spoke briefly.
  - One Selectboard member to a 2-year term Bruce Downer was nominated by Deb Granquist; Jeff Yrsha was nominated by Donald Hart. No further nominations. Bruce spoke briefly; Jeff was not present to do the same. Question from Susan Morris if Bruce would be able to serve his term and he advised he would be able to do so. A vote was held by paper ballot with 52 votes for Bruce Downer, 14 votes for Jeff Yrsha. **Bruce Downer was elected to a 2-year term.**
  - One Lister to a 3-year term Greg Carroll was nominated by Deb Granquist. No further nominations. Moderator directed Town Clerk to cast 1 paper ballot for **Greg Carroll who was elected for a 3-year term.**
  - One Lister to a 1-year term No nominations were offered; the **position remains vacant.**
  - One Library Trustee to a 5-year term Nominated by Deb Granquist, **Carrie Chalmers was elected to a 5-year term by voice vote.**
  - One Library Trustee to a 5-year term Nominated by Marguerite Mason, **Linda Saarnijoki was elected to a 5-year term by voice vote.**
  - One Trustee of Public Funds to a 3-year term Nominated by Barbara Lloyd, **Nicole Pfister was elected to a 3-year term by voice vote.**
  - One Trustee of Public Funds to a 1-year term No nominations were offered; the **position remains vacant.**
  - One Town Constable to a 1-year term Almon Crandall was nominated by Marguerite Mason, but declined the nomination. No further nominations. The **position remains vacant.**

- One Collector of Delinquent Taxes to a 1-year term Nominated by Deb Granquist, **Sandra Goodwin was elected to a 1-year term by voice vote.**
- One Town Grand Juror to a 1-year term Nominated by Marguerite Mason, **Wayne Granquist was elected to a 1-year term by voice vote.**
- One Town Agent to a 1-year term Nominated by Shirley Knowlton, **James Young was elected to a 1-year term.**
- One Cemetery Commissioner for a 5-year term Nominated by Bill Hoyt, **Richard Lechthaler was elected to a 5-year term by voice vote.**
- One Cemetery Commissioner for a 4-year term Nominated by Bill Hoyt, **Duane Hart was elected to a 4-year term by voice vote.**
- One Cemetery Commissioner for a 3-year term Nominated by Bill Hoyt, **Doris Ingram was elected to a 3-year term by voice vote.**

- ARTICLE 5:** To see if the Town will vote to increase the number of Wilder Memorial Library trustees from the current number of seven (7) to a minimum of seven (7) and a maximum of fifteen (15), with the number of trustees from time to time to be determined by the trustees then in office. Trustees will continue to be elected by a vote of Town Meeting and vacancies will be filled in accordance with law. Moved by Deb Granquist, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marguerite Mason. **Article 5 passed by voice vote.**
- ARTICLE 6:** To see if the Town will appropriate \$4,000 for the Town Annex Paint Reserve Fund. (Included in Town General budget) Moved by Bill Hoyt, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Deb Granquist. **Article 6 passed by voice vote.**
- ARTICLE 7:** To see if the Town will appropriate \$4,000 for the Town Annex Building Maintenance Fund. (Included in Town General budget) Moved by Barbara Lloyd, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Howard Brosseau. **Article 7 passed by voice vote.**
- ARTICLE 8:** To see if the Town will appropriate \$85,000 for the Highway Equipment Replacement Reserve Fund. (Included in Town Highway budget) Moved by Shirley Knowlton, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Deb Granquist. **Article 8 passed by voice vote.**
- ARTICLE 9:** To see if the Town will appropriate \$50,000 for the Highway Maintenance Fund. (Included in Town Highway Budget) Moved by Marguerite Mason, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Deb Granquist. Jim Linville spoke briefly about the negative balance of the fund. Road paving in 2020 was more than in the fund balance. Negative balance will be offset as more funds are appropriated in the next few years. Marguerite Mason asked if there were specific funds for unpaved roads. Jim stated that there isn't a specific fund for those, but annual road maintenance for unpaved roads is covered by the annual Highway budget. Linda Saarnijoki asked how the amounts to put into each fund were determined? Denis Benson stated that there is specific plan for funding the reserves to pay for future needs such as for the Equipment Reserve Fund developed by Jim Linville. **Article 9 passed by voice vote.**
- ARTICLE 10:** To see if the Town will appropriate \$35,000 for the Fire Apparatus Fund. (Included in Town General Budget) Moved by Marguerite Mason, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Isabella Bolognese. **Article 10 passed by voice vote.**
- ARTICLE 11:** To see if the town will appropriate \$3,000 to the Space Planning Management and Maintenance Fund. (Included in Town General Budget) Moved by Isabella Bolognese, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Deb Granquist. **Article 11 passed by voice vote.**
- ARTICLE 12:** To see if the Town will appropriate \$90,000 for the Bridge Repair Fund. (Included in Highway Budget) Moved by Barbara Lloyd, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Isabella Bolognese. Shirley Knowlton asked if there was a specific bridge that these funds were going to be used for. Denis Benson stated this year the box culvert was being replaced on Trout Club Road. The funds would be used for other bridges in the future. **Article 12 passed by voice vote.**
- ARTICLE 13:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$20,000 for the Wilder Memorial Library Capital Fund. (Included in Town General Budget) Moved by Marguerite Mason, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Will Freeman. Deb Granquist thanked the voters for the appropriation funds as it paid for the ADA compliant ramp in 2020 and this

year it would be used for outdoor repairs of bricks and shoring up the foundation of the 200-year old building. **Article 13 passed by voice vote.**

**ARTICLE 14:** To see if the Town will appropriate an amount not to exceed \$13,450 for the headstone repairs in the Forefathers Cemetery and the Island Cemetery. (Not included in the Town General Budget) Moved by Marguerite Mason, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Isabella Bolognese. Bill Hoyt spoke about the headstones in the Maple Grove Cemetery that were repaired last year. This year the Cemetery Commission has contracted to repair the headstones in the Forefathers and Island Cemeteries with this allocation. **Article 14 passed by voice vote.**

**ARTICLE 15:** To see if the Town will appropriate an amount of \$2,500 to the My Community Nurse Project. (Not included in the Town General Budget) Moved by Deb Granquist, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Isabella Bolognese. Regina Downer, the Community Nurse, stated in 2020 she made 740 visits in the six towns she covers. 224 were in Weston. Part of her activities included assessing safety and patient advocacy. She especially advocated for getting the State of Vermont to set up a vaccination site here in Weston (Walker Farm). 275 people were vaccinated there along with 18 in-home vaccinations for those who were home-bound. **Article 10 passed by voice vote.**

**ARTICLE 16:** To see if the Town will appropriate the following sums totaling \$115,463 to the following organizations that included financial information with their request (Included in Town General Budget) Moved by Marguerite Mason, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Will Freeman. **Article 16 passed by voice vote.**

Organizations	2020 Actual Request	2020 Voter Approved	2021 Actual Request	2021 Budget Request
Weston - Cemetery Commission	\$18,466	\$18,466	\$11,000	\$11,000
Weston - Cold Spring Park (WCA)	\$9,500	\$9,500	\$7,000	\$7,000
Weston - Farrar Park Association	\$9,500	\$9,500	\$9,500	\$9,500
Weston - Recreation Club	\$13,000	\$13,000	\$13,000	\$13,000
Weston - Volunteer Fire Department	\$33,900	\$33,900	\$33,075	\$33,075
Weston - Wilder Memorial Library	\$16,500	\$16,500	\$16,500	\$16,500
<b>TOTAL WESTON ORGANIZATIONS</b>	<b>\$100,866</b>	<b>\$100,866</b>	<b>\$90,075</b>	<b>\$90,075</b>
Flood Brook Athletic Association	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
GNAT-TV	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
Green Up Vermont	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50
Health Care & Rehabilitation Services (HCRS)	\$630	\$630	\$630	\$630
Londonderry Rescue Squad	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Mountain Valley Health Council	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500
Neighborhood Connections	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$4,500
Senior Solutions	\$1,600	\$1,600	\$1,600	\$1,600
SEVCA-Southeastern VT Community Assoc.	\$630	\$630	\$630	\$630
SEVEDS	\$1,698	\$1,698	\$1,698	\$1,698
Southeast VT Transit (formerly The Current)	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250

The Collaborative	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$750
VT Assoc. for the Blind & Visually Impaired	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100
VT Center for Independent Living	\$230	\$230	\$230	\$230
Visiting Nurse Hospice for VT & NH	\$2,350	\$2,350	\$2,350	\$2,350
Windsor County Youth Services	\$600	\$600	\$600	\$600
Women's Freedom Center	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
<b>TOTAL NON-WESTON</b>	<b>\$25,388</b>	<b>\$25,388</b>	<b>\$25,388</b>	<b>\$25,388</b>
<b>TOTAL ALL ORGANIZATIONS</b>	<b>\$126,254</b>	<b>\$126,254</b>	<b>\$115,463</b>	<b>\$115,463</b>

**ARTICLE 17:** Unintentionally left blank

**ARTICLE 18:** Unintentionally left blank

**ARTICLE 19:** Unintentionally left blank

**ARTICLE 20:** To see if the Town will set the annual salary for the Town Treasurer at \$25,023 for the calendar year January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. (Included in Town General Budget) Moved by Deb Granquist, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marguerite Mason. **Article 20 passed by voice vote.**

**ARTICLE 21:** To see if the Town will set the annual salary for the Town Clerk at \$19,170 for the calendar year January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. (Included in Town General Budget) Moved by Bill Hoyt, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marguerite Mason. **Article 21 passed by voice vote.**

**ARTICLE 22:** To see if the Town will set the annual compensation for the Selectboard at \$2,500 each for the calendar year January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. (Included in Town General Budget) Moved Deb Granquist, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marguerite Mason. **Article 22 passed by voice vote.**

**ARTICLE 23:** To see if the Town will pay its taxes to the Town Treasurer as provided by law, due date to be on or before Tuesday, October 5, 2021. Moved by Marguerite Mason, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Will Freeman. **Article 23 passed by voice vote.**

**ARTICLE 24:** To see if the Town will authorize a total General Fund expenditure for operating expenses of ~~\$555,997~~ **\$571,947** of which ~~\$403,360~~ **\$419,310** shall be raised by taxes, \$130,290 by non-tax revenues, and offset by a prior year surplus of \$22,347. Moved by Marguerite Mason, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Will Freeman. Town Clerk offered amendment to include approved additions to the budget. Marguerite Mason moved to approve amendment, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Deb Granquist. **Article 24 passed as amended by voice vote.**

**ARTICLE 25:** To see if the Town will authorize a total Highway Fund expenditure for operating expenses of \$1,046,890 of which \$639,871 shall be raised by taxes, \$320,290 by non-tax revenues, and offset by a prior year surplus of \$86,729. Moved by Marguerite Mason, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Shirley Knowlton. **Article 25 passed by voice vote.**

**ARTICLE 26:** To transact any other non-binding business proper to come before said meeting, not acted upon in the preceding articles. Moderator opened the floor for questions or discussion of any non-binding topics.

- **Marguerite Mason** asked to have the duties of the various Trustees, Town Agent and Grand Juror listed in the next town report. Moderator agreed that would be helpful and it could be put in the report.
- **Deb Granquist** thanked Kiernan McKenna, who recently resigned as Library Trustees for his several years of service to the Wilder Memorial Library. Also, the visioning process for the library will begin this summer and anyone interested can contact her or the Library Director, Jessica Clapp.
- **Linda Saarnijoki** thanked the volunteers and elected officials for their work in the extraordinary year of 2020. She also thanked the Library Directors keeping it relevant and available in this turbulent time.

- **Annie Fuji'i** thanked the town for supporting the village green. Especially thanks to Almon Crandall and Ron Prouty for continuing to keep the fence repaired. A new foundry will make the replacement cast iron posts paid for by insurance money from the last several accidents.
- **Natalie Boston**, new administrative assistant to the Selectboard advised that Weston is now part of VT Alert. Notifications can be received by phone, email, etc. of emergencies as they occur when you sign up for the service. Forms available at the Post Office, Library and Town Clerks office.
- **Will Freeman** offered his thanks for the work to beautify Cold Spring Park. He also thanked Regina Downer for her work with residents so that we didn't have more names to add to the list of those that passed last year. New Thought Vermont is now located in the former Todd Gallery at south end of the village. He raised the speed issue for the safety of residents with speeds clocked between 40-60 MPH [in a 30 MPH zone]. **Betty Currie** asked about the status of the traffic study that was supposed to be presented to the town at the 2021 Town Meeting as speed is concerning. **Jim Linville** spoke about the Scoping Study that was delayed due to COVID. Jim stated with repaving in town by VTrans, the road will be widened slightly to meet standard widths. Grants available for safety programs will be looked into this year. **Nicki Pfister**, spearheading the Scoping Study, spoke briefly about the safety for pedestrians and bicyclists. Engineers are now working on the drawings for the various alternatives. Scoping Study doesn't pay for the cost of implementing the various alternatives. Another grant may be needed for any changes approved by the voters. **Andrew Harper** also stated there are speeding issues during certain times of the days especially in ski season. **Marissa Bolognese** asked if a lighted speed sign similar to those in Chester and elsewhere could be installed that might help with the speed issue. **Jim Linville** advised that is being looked into though there has been pushback about lighted signs. **Betty Currie** asked when and how the speed study was conducted. **Denis Benson** advised it was conducted by the State over a 2-week period before the Antique Show. **Jim Linville** offered to provide copies of the Speed Survey to anyone who wanted it. **Charles "Tim" Goodwin** stated that no topic has come up [before the Selectboard] more often than speeding in the village; more data will be collected, engineering company still working on a presentation that will be given to the town when complete. **Bob Johnston** spoke stating that speeds on Route 155 are also a problem and that a stop sign should be put at the intersection of Route 100 and Route 155. **Jim Linville** advised that those are State Highways and the best option would be to direct a letter to VTrans. **Christine Mix** stated that the speeds on Greendale Road are also an issue especially at night.
- **Heidi Benson** asked if the office hours for the Town Clerk could be expanded to include one evening a week or a month for more access. Kim Seymour stated that she has offered evening hours in the past for some of the busier seasons, but it hasn't been used well enough to continue doing so on a regular basis.
- **Will Freeman** again thanked everyone for all that is being done to address the speeding issues.
- **Bruce Downer** stated that there are numerous speed signs, but often overlooked due to them being so numerous. He would prefer to see the warning speed sign that flashes because it gets more attention than a static sign.
- **Marguerite Mason** asked if hiring a state trooper to police the speeds had been considered. **Denis Benson** advised that it had been discussed, but based on the experience of a neighboring town it wasn't pursued.

**Moderator adjourned the meeting at 11:03 am.**

Respectfully submitted this   2<sup>nd</sup>   day of June, 2021:

ss:\ Kim Seymour  
Kim Seymour, Town Clerk

ss:\ Wayne Granquist  
Wayne Granquist, Moderator

**Town of Weston Selectboard:**

Dated at Weston, Vermont this   8th   day of June, 2021:

ss:\ Denis Benson  
Denis Benson, Chair

ss:\ Jim Linville  
Jim Linville, Vice Chair

ss:\ Ann Fuji'i  
Ann Fuji'i, Secretary

ss:\ Charles "Tim" Goodwin  
Charles (Tim) Goodwin

ss:\ Bruce Downer  
Bruce Downer

*The Farrar Park Association - P.O. Box 54 Weston VT 02797*

5:38 PM  
01/12/22

Farrar Park Association  
Profit & Loss  
January through December 2021

	Jan - Dec 21
Ordinary Income	15,831.00
Expense	4,829.77
0300 - Contributions	9,500.00
0600 - Interest	30,160.77
0800 - Town Appropriation	
Total Income	
Expense	
0500 - Insurance	677.25
7000 - Supplies	120.65
6000 - Professional Services	25.00
3000 - Fundraising	821.58
2000 - Fees	478.82
5000 - Maintenance	30,428.00
Total Expense	32,551.30
Net Ordinary Income	-2,390.53
Net Income	-2,390.53

To the Selectboard, Town of Weston  
Dear Friends and Neighbors,  
It is with much gratitude that the Farrar Park Association wishes to acknowledge the generous support of the Weston taxpayers in helping us to maintain this lovely center of our community.  
In fulfilling the necessary improvements, we were able to get the fence repaired and painted. In addition, we installed a new lamppost at the south entry as well as upgraded the pathway through the Green.  
Our efforts in maintaining this beautiful oasis involve special care, safety and serenity. To help continue in these endeavors, we respectfully ask the Town of Weston to consider an appropriation of \$9,500 for the ensuing year.

Gratefully,  
Carolyn Mullett, President  
Anne Fujii, Treasurer  
Barbara Lloyd, Vice President  
Shirley Knowlton  
Joanne Prouty, Secretary  
Juanita Griggs  
Sherri Foster

5:39 PM  
01/12/22

Farrar Park Association  
Balance Sheet  
As of December 31, 2021

	Dec 31, 21
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	5,435.60
Heritage Savings	18,754.75
Heritage Family CU	24,190.35
Total Checking/Savings	24,190.35
Total Current Assets	24,190.35
Fixed Assets	
Band Wagon	40,461.45
Land & Buildings	36,200.00
Total Fixed Assets	76,661.45
Other Assets	
Long Term Investments	90,894.10
Total Other Assets	90,894.10
TOTAL ASSETS	191,745.90
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Realized Gain/Loss	2,611.00
Opening Equity	174,763.14
Retained Earnings	16,776.24
Net Income	-2,390.53
Total Equity	191,745.90
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	191,745.90



# FLOOD BROOK ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

PO Box 526, Londonderry, VT 05148  
www.vtfbaa.org



# Flood Brook Athletic Association, Inc.

Profit and Loss  
January 1 - September 22, 2021

FBAA Board Members	
<b>President</b>	Sarah Kiefer
<b>Vice President</b>	Linda Ewens
<b>Secretary</b>	Allison Marino
<b>Treasurer</b>	Fern Cyr
<b>Basketball Commissioner</b>	Sarah Kiefer
<b>Baseball Commissioner</b>	Jason Marino
<b>Members at Large:</b>	
	Dave Kiefer
	Dan Long
	Josh Rourke
	Jason Saunders

**Dear Residents, Taxpayers, and Weston Town Select Board,**

The Flood Brook Athletic Association (FBAA) would like to thank all of the residents, taxpayers, and the Town's Select Board for your consistent support over the years for our programs. FBAA is a volunteer run, nonprofit organization, whose mission is to provide high quality and inclusive opportunities for our local youth to participate in affordable athletic programs. We are committed to providing athletic experiences that promote individual and team skill development, collaborative teamwork, and perseverance. Our group is composed of volunteers who are dedicated to organizing our programs, raising funds for uniforms and equipment, and contributing to the maintenance of the dugouts, fields, and scoreboards at Flood Brook School and Pingree Park.

Like every aspect of our lives, the Covid 19 pandemic upended our programming over the last two calendar years. We ended our 19-20 basketball program strong with over 80 children engaged in our youth programs in grades K-6. In addition to our annual 5th/6th grade basketball tournament, we added our first (hopefully) annual middle school tournament with 8 local teams participating. Unfortunately, Covid 19 disrupted our 2020-21 basketball season. However, our spring 2021 baseball season was the largest on record in terms of athletes, coaches, and volunteers, with over 100 children playing in our pre-K-8 programs. We introduced softball at the 10u and middle school level, and our Tball and 8u teams expanded. Our 2021-22 basketball season has begun, with teams from Kindergarten-6th grade.

If anything, this pandemic has reinforced for us how important youth sports are for our children. In order to continue our work with the area youth, we would like to humbly request the taxpayers to consider appropriating \$2000.00 to assist us in continuing to provide these valuable programs. We anticipate that your support will allow us to continue to offer these programs to players at low or no cost, at a time when families need that support most.

In closing, we would like to thank the residents of Weston, our players' parents and families, the volunteer coaches and referees, and the local businesses who sponsor our programs for supporting our organizational activities and our local youth. We are very grateful for the community support.

Respectfully submitted, The Flood Brook Athletic Association Board

	TOTAL
Income	
Donations	5,146.97
Registrations	0.00
Baseball Registration	2,670.10
<b>Total Registrations</b>	<b>2,670.10</b>
Uncategorized Income	1,809.23
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$9,626.30</b>
GROSS PROFIT	
Expenses	
1099 Vendors	0.00
Referee	100.00
Umpire	110.00
<b>Total 1099 Vendors</b>	<b>210.00</b>
Insurance	1,872.00
Meals & Entertainment	74.05
Office Supplies & Software	384.70
Registration Fees	405.00
Service Fees	51.00
Supplies & Materials	-54.54
Baseball Supplies	4,383.78
<b>Total Supplies &amp; Materials</b>	<b>4,329.24</b>
Uncategorized Expense	1,297.60
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$6,623.59</b>
NET OPERATING INCOME	<b>\$1,002.71</b>
Other Income	39.40
Interest Earned	
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>\$39.40</b>
NET OTHER INCOME	<b>\$39.40</b>
NET INCOME	<b>\$1,042.11</b>



## Strengthening Communities Through Local Independent Media

Thank you for your past support of GNAT-TV. Your continued support enables us to provide authentic local information, and transparent access to your government. GNAT-TV is the only local independent nonprofit media outlet in our area. People rely on us to keep them informed and connected to one another, and to Vermont.

In 2021 alone, we aired and archived 37 Weston select board, school board, and other town government meetings on cable and online (and nearly 200 in total across our region in 2021). We produced interviews and discussions with your legislators, and aired Governor Scott's weekly press conferences: helping to bring the implications of statewide issues to the local level, so you can be better informed.

We are committed to our role as an independent non-commercial informational resource and a facilitator of diverse community voices for everyone. Our commitment, to every citizen we serve, has never been more evident than during the past two years, as we helped people in our communities navigate life during the pandemic.

- We worked with local schools to share their stories and live stream their graduation ceremonies. We also made it possible for the faith community to share their weekly services on cable and online.
- We offered skill building opportunities for everyone in our community via our youth education program, mentorship program, and adult media training.
- We produced 264 local News Project segments, and launched a weekly community calendar to provide real time local information to our community

As we navigate the impact of a changing global media industry, and decline in our traditional cable funding, we rely on your support, now more than ever. A strong local community media organization is vital to our community, to our democracy, and to our collective futures. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration and financial support.



December 3, 2021

Town of Weston  
PO Box 98  
Weston, VT 05161

We are committed to providing transparent access to local government. We appreciate your continued partnership in making your meetings available to your citizens via GNAT-TV. **GNAT-TV respectfully requests the Town of Weston to place an article on the 2022 Town Meeting Ballot.** "Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$2000 to help support & defray the costs related to the videotaping and television cablecast of the Weston Select Board, School Board, and other Weston municipal meetings?"

In 2021, GNAT-TV distributed a total of 875 local programs: 495 public programs (including 264 local news stories), 185 educational programs and 195 local government meetings. Government Meetings applicable to Weston include: 21 Select Board, 1 Town Meeting, 8 Taconic & Green School Board, 7 BRSU, 37 Total

We continually evaluate what is most needed and respond to the needs of the eleven communities we serve. In addition to our Comcast Cable channels (1074, 1084, 1094), **we expanded distribution** to include many popular digital platforms to allow citizens to engage with your meetings, educational programs, local news and stories, however they prefer to tune in. **We have also invested in archiving systems** to ensure local meetings and stories are preserved for future generations.

As we emerge from the pandemic, we recognize the need for both in person meeting coverage and the ability to offer live, real-time hybrid meeting coverage. We are investing in staff and infrastructure to help you make your meetings accessible to more people. Our ultimate goal is for a more engaged, informed, and inspired public. **Please let us know how we may assist you with your hybrid meetings, in person meetings, and other communications needs.**

As a reminder, you may send community announcements and events to: [events@gnat-tv.org](mailto:events@gnat-tv.org), we will include them in our weekly event listings calendar that is distributed via email, on TV, and online. Please let us know if you have an event or news story that you would like filmed or featured. We are available for you!

Again, thank you for your time and cooperation. Please feel free to contact me for more information.

Sincerely,  
Tammie M. Reilly Executive Director, GNAT-TV  
Enclosure

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WAYS TO WATCH & LISTEN

GNAT-TV's Comcast cable channels: 1074, 1084, 1094

All Channels are live streamed at [gnat-tv.org](http://gnat-tv.org)

Our high-quality local content is available on:  
YouTube  
Facebook  
Instagram TV  
Twitter  
 Roku  
Apple TV  
News via Podcast

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### WAYS TO WATCH

COMCAST CABLE

CHANNELS:

1074 (PUBLIC)

1084 (GOVERNMENT)

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GNAT-TV.ORG

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LISTEN VIA PODCAST

### GNAT-TV Operating Revenue / Expense Summary Year Ending 9.30.2021

<b>Operating Revenue</b>	
Mandated Cable Funding	\$416,195
Municipal Contributions (7 Towns)	\$14,000
Program Services, Contributions, Grants	\$64,915
Investments / Other	\$12,649
<b>Total Operating Revenue</b>	<b>\$526,544</b>

<b>Operating Expenses</b>	
Program / Production	\$372,979
General / Management	\$94,147
Fundraising	\$322
<b>Total Operating Expense</b>	<b>\$467,126</b>

\*FY21 balance will be transferred to capital budget to replace broadcast server equipment. Full financial reports and 990 available at [gnat-tv.org](http://gnat-tv.org)

<b>2021 Usage Data</b>
680 Local Public Programs Produced
195 Government Meetings
86 Community Video Announcements
143 Community Bulletin Board Announcements
282,792 Online Video Views
583 Equipment & Facility Reservations
250 Training Sessions
345 People Trained

	Jul 20 - Jun 21
<b>Income</b>	
Cities & Towns	26,272.00
Contributions Unrestricted	19,209.26
Government Grants	10,550.00
In-Kind Donations	25,881.00
Income Tax Donations	86,152.60
Interest Income	569.48
Other	27,100.18
<b>Sponsors</b>	
500 For 51	4,825.00
Davis Friends	13,000.00
Davis Partners	33,500.00
Partners - Aiken	29,000.00
Partners - Stafford	35,000.00
<b>Total Sponsors</b>	<b>115,325.00</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>311,059.52</b>
<b>Cost of Goods Sold</b>	
Green Up Day Scholarship (VSAC)	1,000.00
Advertising	20,707.39
Fundraising Expenses	255.50
Green Up Day	8,240.00
Other Program Expenses	524.00
Poster Contest/Awards	450.00
Program Contracted Services	0.00
Promotional Outreach	4,319.95
Special Projects	0.00
<b>Total COGS</b>	<b>35,496.84</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>275,562.68</b>
<b>Expense</b>	
Previous Years Expense	16,250.00
Administrative	114.90
Bank & Payroll Charges	
Communications	35.88
App	518.79
Telephone / Internet	842.68
Website	
Total Communications	1,397.35
Contractual Services	6,693.75
Dues & Memberships	0.00
Insurance	
Liability / Directors & Officer	1,716.00
Workers Comp	1,125.00
Total Insurance	2,841.00
Mileage & Expenses	892.20
Office Equipment	514.98
Payroll	
Bonus	0.00
Health Benefit	10,599.96
Payroll Taxes	0.00
Salaries	65,000.04
<b>Total Payroll</b>	<b>75,600.00</b>
Postage	428.68
Supplies & Miscellaneous	919.32
Total Administrative	89,402.18
Meetings	54.48
In-Kind Expenses	
Rent	10,881.00
In-Kind Expenses - Other	15,000.00
<b>Total In-Kind Expenses</b>	<b>25,881.00</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>131,587.86</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>143,975.02</b>

**“THE GREATEST THREAT TO OUR PLANET IS  
 THE BELIEF THAT SOMEONE ELSE WILL SAVE IT”**

Robert Swan, Explorer

**Thank You Weston**  
 for helping keep Vermont a  
 beautiful place to live, work & play!  
 Your contribution makes a difference  
 #togetherwecan #greenupVT

**Town of Weston**  
**P.O. Box 98**  
**Weston, VT 05161**

**Appropriation Request Letter**

Dear Residents of Weston

Thank you for your past appropriation to Green Up Vermont in support of Green Up Day. We had a great turnout with 22,000 volunteers picking up 418 TONS of trash and 16,250 tires from our roads and waterways. This amazing community service and sense of pride keeps our towns not only looking good, but also safe and healthy places to live. Your help is crucial in sustaining this mission of clean environments and teaching our youth to care about their communities. Your contribution is so appreciated and makes a real impact.

**As Green Up rolls into our 52nd year, we are again requesting your support for the usual \$50.00 appropriation.** The amount requested is based on town population and goes directly back to your town in the way of supplies, educational tools for your schools, and local promotion for Green Up Day.

- 0- 1,000 \$50 • 1001- 2000 \$100 • 2001 - 3000 \$150
- 3001 - 4,000 \$200 • 4,001 up \$300

Green Up Vermont is a private, non-profit, organization whose mission is to promote the stewardship of our state's natural landscape and waterways and the livability of our communities by involving people in Green Up Day and raising public awareness about the health, economic and visual benefits of a litter-free environment year-round. Through this pandemic we learned that Vermonters feel Green Up Day was the one event that shouldn't ever be canceled and found safe ways to continue it. Let's keep building strong communities by working together for our beautiful way of life.

Mark your calendar for **Green Up Day 2022, May 7th** and help us celebrate 52 years of keeping Vermont green! Please contact me anytime with any questions or comments. I am pleased to serve your community and look forward to working with you again. Thank you so very much!

Kate Alberghini, Executive Director  
 802-522-7245 • [greenup@greenupvermont.org](mailto:greenup@greenupvermont.org)

**Payment Reminder for Green Up Appropriation 2021**

We haven't yet received a check for your 2021 Green Up Appropriation. We realize many of you submit payment upon receipt of this notice. If you think our accounting is in error please contact us at [greenup@greenupvermont.org](mailto:greenup@greenupvermont.org) or 522-7245.

**Your 2021 balance due is \$0.00 Invoice #1128 Thank you!**



**Green Up Vermont**  
 P.O. Box 1191  
 Montpelier, VT 05601-1191  
[www.greenupvermont.org](http://www.greenupvermont.org)

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*Green Up's mission is to promote the stewardship of our state's natural landscape and waterways and the livability of our communities by involving people in Green Up Day and raising public awareness about the benefits of a litter-free environment.*

Green Up Vermont is a 501(c)(3) private nonprofit corporation.

**Health Care & Rehabilitation Services of Southeastern Vermont, Inc.**  
**Serving Windsor and Windham Counties**  
**Total Agency**

REVENUES:	FY 22 Budget	% of Total Revenues	
Client Fees:			
Self Pay	219,020	0.44%	Self Pay, Other Insurance, School and Client Room & Board Revenues Represents 7% of Total Agency Revenues
Medicare	293,100	0.59%	
Private Insurance	394,800	0.79%	
School Contract and Tuition Fees	2,550,351	5.11%	
Other Client Fees - ACO			
Client Room & Board	156,640	0.31%	
DMH Medicaid Fee For Service	3,681,886	7.38%	Medicaid Fee For Service Revenues Represents 8% of Total Agency Revenues
ACCS Medicaid Fee For Service	102,400	0.21%	
ADAP Medicaid Fee For Service	153,500	0.31%	
Personal Care Medicaid Fee For Service	2,880	0.01%	
MH Child Payment Reform Case Rate	6,127,565	12.28%	Case Rate and Waiver Medicaid Revenues Represents 73% of Total Agency Revenues
MH Adult Payment Reform Case Rate	10,554,487	21.16%	
DS Medicaid Waiver	19,788,000	39.67%	
State Grants:			
State Grant-in-Aid	2,787,470	5.59%	State Grant Revenues Represents 9% of Total Agency Revenues
Other Contracts/Grants	1,440,316	2.89%	
Local Revenues	105,842	0.21%	Local and Other Revenues Represents 3% of Total Agency Revenues
Other Revenues	1,526,091	3.06%	
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>49,884,348</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	

EXPENSES:	% of Total Expenses		
Salaries	23,843,742	47.80%	Salaries, Fringe and Contractors Represents 88% of Total Agency Expenses
Fringe Benefits	8,106,872	16.25%	
Other Personnel Costs	12,097,577	24.25%	
Operating Expenses	2,454,344	4.92%	
Program Expenses	686,306	1.38%	
Client/Staff Transportation	687,120	1.38%	
Building Expenses	2,008,387	4.03%	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>49,884,348</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	

**INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS**

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November 2021  
Amount Requested: \$630,000

**Request for Support from the Town of Weston**

Health Care and Rehabilitation Services of Southeastern Vermont (HCRS) requests an appropriation of \$630,000 from the Town of Weston at the 2022 Town Meeting to help support same day access to our services for residents of your community. This funding will support our Access Navigator positions, which allow us to provide mental health and substance abuse supports to residents when they need them. Same day access is now more essential than ever due to the increased anxiety experienced by so many during the COVID-19 pandemic. In the year ending June 30, 2021, our agency provided a comprehensive range of community based services to 4,646 people in Windsor and Windham counties. The services that are available to the residents of your community include:

**Adult Mental Health and Addiction Services:** HCRS offers comprehensive services for adults who are experiencing mental health and/or substance abuse difficulties. These services include assessment of need, treatment, referral services, and limited psychiatric services. HCRS is committed to building on the strengths of the individuals we serve. Our goal is to help clients and their families achieve improved wellness, health, and quality of life while addressing their mental health and substance abuse needs.

**Children, Youth, and Families Program:** We provide a comprehensive system of care for youth of all ages who are experiencing emotional, behavioral, developmental, or substance use difficulties in their life, as well as education and support for family members. We offer many services including psychiatry, counseling, case management, respite services, school-based services, behavioral consultation services, summer therapeutic programs, and employment assistance for older youth.

**Kindle Farm School:** Our alternative school in Newfane serves boys in grades 2 – 12, who are unable to remain in a traditional classroom setting. Kindle Farm uses a unique approach of strong relationships, a low student to staff ratio, and hands-on learning experiences to engage these students, many of whom are able to return to their sending schools after learning new skills.

**Developmental Services (DS):** The DS program provides services to people with developmental disabilities and their families. Services are available to people of all ages who have been found eligible, and each person served receives an individualized program to meet their unique needs.

**Residential Services:** HCRS offers residential care including short term crisis stabilization, intensive residential care, and therapeutic community residential services. Each program is specifically designed to offer individuals an appropriate level of care to support their personal recovery and wellness needs.

**Emergency Services:** This team has a very specific mission to act quickly in critical situations. Specially-trained mental health professionals are available 24 hours a day for emergencies. Anyone may use this service when an emergency arises including individuals of any age, family or friends of an individual in crisis, hospitals and nursing homes, police, schools, clergy, businesses, and other community agencies.

We thank the Board and the citizens of Weston for your past support and for your continued interest in Health Care and Rehabilitation Services of Southeastern Vermont.

**Health Care & Rehabilitation Services**  
**Narrative Report for FY21 for Town of Weston**

Health Care and Rehabilitation Services of Southeastern Vermont, Inc. (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.

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





My Community Nurse Project  
 PO Box 57  
 Weston, VT 05161

Dear Members of the Select Board,

December 2021

My Community Nurse Project, a non-profit agency providing care and advocacy for our mountain town communities, respectfully requests support for 2022 from the town of Weston in the amount of \$2500. There is never a charge to the client for services from MCNP. Weston residents received a total of 224 home visits in 2021. Total visits in the six mountain towns~752.

MCNP is beginning its third year of operation. Regina Downer, RN, MS is the nurse advocate who offers home visits and advocacy for residents of the six mountain towns including Weston, Londonderry, S.Londonderry, Peru, Andover and Landgrove (and some cases in Bondville). Her visits include wellness checks, assessment of health care needs, management of medication and medical appointments, assistance with telemedical visits and assessment of home safety. We now have a newly hired nurse, Kathy Shuster, RN, MS who brings to our agency an additional eight hours of skilled, compassionate nursing care. Welcome, Kathy!

During the “winter of Covid”, Regina maintained contact with all clients, despite visit limitations and social distancing. A corps of dedicated volunteers helped to make client contact possible. Our volunteers prepared and delivered home-cooked hot meals twice weekly for our clients. These deliveries provided an opportunity to “see” each client to be sure that the client was safe and well. We delivered more than 800 meals, home-baked breads and beautiful drawings made by local school children that said “Hello, we want you to know that we care about you!”

We advocated for and received permission to host a vaccination clinic at the Weston Playhouse Walker Farm, vaccinating more than 225 residents during February and March 2021. We also collaborated with Rescue, Inc. (Brattleboro) to provide in-home vaccines to 46 home-bound clients.

MCNP is funded by community donations and grants. Last year, MCNP received financial support from the towns of Weston and Londonderry, and we are grateful for that support. Please consider our request for your support, as we begin a year of meeting the challenges of health care and advocacy for our community friends and neighbors.

Thank you!

With a grateful heart,

Gloria Dawson, MSW  
 Board Chair

Regina Downer, RN, MS  
 Nurse Advocate



## My Community Nurse Project Profit & Loss Budget Overview

January through December 2022

(Generated 12/14/21)

	<b>TOTAL</b>
	<b>Jan-Dec 22</b>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Donations	75,000.00
Grants	10,000.00
Total Income	85,000.00
Expense	
Other operating expenses	14,944.18
Payroll expenses	56,000.00
Total Expense	70,944.18
Net ordinary income	14,055.82
Other Income/Expense	
Dividend Income	58.90
Net Other Income	58.90
Net Income	14,144.72



Town of Weston  
 Attn: Town Clerk/Select Board  
 P.O. Box 98  
 Weston, VT 05161

**Re: Appropriation Request for 2021**

Dear Select Board:

Neighborhood Connections, Inc. is a community-based nonprofit serving nine towns in southern Vermont, including Weston. Our mission is to promote the health and well-being of the people of Southern Vermont's mountain towns through advocacy, education, and social services.

A unique characteristic of our organization is that we impose no barriers on individuals looking for help. Many of our clients are denied services elsewhere because they don't meet the specific criteria. We are committed to eliminating obstacles so everyone – regardless of age, disability, or income level - can experience a better quality of life.

We have provided over 3000 case management services year to date. The most accessed service categories include *food security, wellness and safety monitoring, emergency housing, advocacy, and mental health*. To continue providing support for our friends and neighbors, we request \$4500 from the Town of Weston for our general operating budget. We are asking for the same dollar amount that we received last year while the breadth of our services increases.

We hope you will continue to provide us with the financial support we need to continue offering Weston residents access to case management, community programming, and our brand-new transportation program.

With sincerest gratitude,

*Nicole Wengerd*  
 Nicole Wengerd, PhD

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P.O. Box 207 Londonderry, VT 05148 \* 5700 Route 100 Mountain Marketplace \* T: (802) 824-4343 F: (802) 824-4344  
 www.neighborhoodconnectionsvt.org

Form **990**

OMB No. 1545-0047

**Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**  
 Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(b)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)  
 Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public.  
 Go to [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990) for instructions and the latest information.

Department of the Treasury  
 Internal Revenue Service

2020  
 Open to Public Inspection

**A** For the 2020 calendar year, or tax year beginning 2020, and ending 2020

**B** Check if applicable:  
 Address change  
 Name change  
 Initial return  
 Final return/terminated  
 Amended return  
 Application pending

**C** Neighborhood Connections, Inc.  
 PO Box 207  
 Londonderry, VT 05148

**D** Employer identification number: [REDACTED]

**E** Telephone number: (802) 824-4343

**F** Name and address of principal officer: Jim Linville

**G** Gross receipts \$ 516,836

**H** Is this a group return for subordinates? Yes  No

**I** Are all subordinates included? Yes  No

**J** Website: neighborhoodconnectionsvt.org

**K** Form of organization:  Corporation  Trust  Association  Other

**L** Year of formation: 2009 **M** State of legal domicile: VT

**Part I Summary**

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: **Providing social services: Including health education, wellness checks, elderly visits, health insurance application assistance, emergency loans, temporary housing and fuel assistance to the local communities.**

2 Check this box  if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.

3 10

4 13

5 11

6 19

7a 0

7b 0

8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h) 307,340. Current Year 495,710.

9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g) 2,751. 2,898.

10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d) 39,122. 13,129.

11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e) 349,213. 511,733.

12 Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12) 17,156. 26,446.

13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3) 257,325. 173,942.

14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)

15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)

16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e) 22,152.

17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) 78,064. 99,945.

18 Total expenses. Add lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e) 352,545. 300,333.

19 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12. -3,332. 211,400.

20 Total assets (Part X, line 16) 335,773. 581,187.

21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26) 11,621. 4,291.

22 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20. 324,152. 576,896.

**Part II Signature Block**

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

**Sign Here** Signature of officer: Edward Magee Date: 11/1/20

**Paid Preparer Use Only** Preparer's signature: [Signature] Date: 11/1/20  
 Firm's name: [REDACTED] PTIN: P01237317  
 Firm's address: [REDACTED] Phone no.: (802) 362-2691

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions  Yes  No  
 BAA For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions. TEE6010L 01/19/21 Form 990 (2020)



38 Pleasant Street, Springfield, VT 05156

December 6, 2021

Town of Weston  
c/o Selectboard  
PO Box 98  
Weston, VT 05161-0098

Dear Selectboard members,

Senior Solutions requests \$1,600.00 from the Town of Weston to be appropriated at the 2022 Town Meeting—this is a level request with previous year’s funding. Financial support from towns and individuals is very important to us, and we are enormously grateful for your contributions. During the service year from July 2020 through June 2021:

- 54 Weston residents called or visited our offices for Information & Assistance services,
- 39 Weston residents called or visited our offices for Medicare assistance,
- 18 Weston residents received 194.75 hours of Caregiver support, Grant Assistance, or In-home Case Management/support,
- 1 Weston resident received 9 hours of volunteer services, and
- 20 Weston residents received 3,202 meals provided in collaboration with the Dam Diner.

We financially support local meal providers by distributing federal and state funds to them which help them operate senior meal programs. However, these funds do not cover the full cost of providing meals, so local meal sites must seek additional funding. Senior Solutions does not use our town funding to support senior meals, nor do we benefit from any funds that the town might give to local meal sites.

We also provide transportation, mental health services, exercise programs, and many other services, often in partnership with other organizations. We hope the Selectboard will appoint an interested representative to our Advisory Council. This helps us identify local needs and connect with those who will benefit from our services. If you need further information, please do not hesitate to contact us at townoutreach@seniorsolutionsvt.org.

Sincerely,

Mark Boutwell  
Executive Director

1(802)885-2655 Fax 1(802) 885-2665 Toll Free 1(866)673-8376  
HelpLine 1(866)673-8376

Senior Solutions			
Budget Comparison 9/30/21 100% of year			
	Revenue	Revised Budget	Actual 9/30/21
1	Federal Older Americans Act	\$ 1,493,193	\$ 1,331,511
2	Families First and Cares	\$ 506,269	\$ 501,466
3	Senior Companion	\$ 1,500	\$ 2,000
4	Nutrition Services Incentive Program	\$ 147,679	\$ 149,405
5	State Outreach Grants	\$ 133,912	\$ 127,118
6	State Health Insurance Program	\$ 44,361	\$ 44,361
7	Medicare Improvement	\$ 16,090	\$ 16,090
8	Medicare Partnership	\$ 11,000	\$ 11,000
9	Medicaid Choices for Care	\$ 514,443	\$ 520,198
10	Medicaid Asst tech and reimb	\$ 35,000	\$ 48,270
11	One Care	\$ 5,400	\$ 4,085
12	Veterans Program	\$ 48,840	\$ 70,784
13	Office on Violence Against Women	\$ 62,757	\$ 62,757
14	Ncoa grant	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000
15	Self-neglect	\$ 53,000	\$ 53,000
16	Adrc	\$ 42,545	\$ 42,545
17	Americorp	\$ 16,031	\$ 14,870
18	General Fund	\$ 917,000	\$ 890,113
19	Special Services	\$ 4,171	\$ 4,189
20	Moderate Needs	\$ 62,085	\$ 42,731
21	Holt Ames	\$ -	\$ 4,000
22	Flex Funds	\$ 27,406	\$ 20,147
23	Dementia Respite	\$ 36,528	\$ 36,771
24	Sanders Grant	\$ 140,000	\$ 140,000
25	Participant Contributions	\$ 31,700	\$ 17,479
26	United Way	\$ -	\$ -
27	Town Funds	\$ 43,000	\$ 50,375
28	Community Donations	\$ 15,000	\$ 16,697
29	Other (vip_energy, etc)	\$ 80,472	\$ 85,934
	<b>Total Revenue</b>	\$ 4,549,382	\$ 4,367,897
	<b>Expenses</b>		
30	Personnel	\$ 1,561,431	\$ 1,556,856
31	Fringe	\$ 469,323	\$ 401,436
32	Travel	\$ 60,500	\$ 37,156
33	Consumables	\$ 31,800	\$ 25,171
34	Rent/Utilities	\$ 136,860	\$ 129,717
35	Telephone/Postage	\$ 52,960	\$ 67,430
36	Equipment	\$ 15,000	\$ 14,201
37	Insurance	\$ 14,634	\$ 18,629
38	Audit	\$ 7,000	\$ 6,950
39	Raw Food	\$ 500	\$ 414
40	Training	\$ 10,000	\$ 8,669
41	Other	\$ 84,258	\$ 56,510
42	Specific Assistance	\$ 173,811	\$ 169,132
43	Nutrition Contracts	\$ 1,242,712	\$ 1,210,107
44	Transportation Contracts	\$ 24,200	\$ 22,113
45	Other Contracts	\$ 604,396	\$ 574,766
46	<b>Total Expenses</b>	\$ 4,489,382	\$ 4,299,258
	<b>Gain (Loss)</b>	\$ 60,000	\$ 68,640



**Southeastern Vermont Community Action  
Fiscal 2022 Budget**



Southeastern Vermont Community Action is an anti-poverty, community-based, nonprofit organization serving Windham and Windsor counties since 1965. Our mission is to enable people to *empower and partner with individuals and communities to alleviate the hardships of poverty; provide opportunities to thrive; and eliminate root causes of poverty.* SEVCA has a variety of programs and services to meet this end. They include: Head Start, Weatherization, Emergency Home Repair, Family Services (crisis resolution, fuel, utility, housing and food assistance), Micro-Business Development, Vermont Matched Savings (asset building & financial literacy), Ready-for-Work (workforce development), Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, VT Health Connect Navigation, Thrift Stores, and a Community Solar program.

In Weston, we provided these services during FY2021:

**Weatherization:** 1 home (2 people) weatherized, valued at \$3,291.  
**Microbusiness Development:** 1 household (1 person) received counseling, technical assistance & support to start, sustain or expand a small business, valued at \$1,687.

Community support, through town funding, helps to build a strong partnership. The combination of federal, state, private, and town funds allow us to not only maintain, but to increase and improve service. We thank the residents of Weston for their continued support.

SEVCA is requesting level funding of \$630 for FY2023.

Stephen Geller, Executive Director  
 Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA)  
 91 Buck Drive  
 Westminster, VT 05158  
 (800) 464-9951 or (802) 722-4575  
[sevca@sevca.org](mailto:sevca@sevca.org)  
[www.sevca.org](http://www.sevca.org)

Our Mission is to empower and partner with individuals and communities to alleviate the hardships of poverty, provide opportunities to thrive, and eliminate root causes of poverty in southeastern Vermont.

Serving Windham & Windsor Counties

EMERGENCY INTERVENTION

FUEL ASSISTANCE

FINANCIAL LITERACY

FOOD STAMP OUTREACH

HEAD START

HOME REPAIR

HOUSING ASSISTANCE

HOUSING PREVENTION

HOUSING SERVICES

INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE

Board Approved 11/11/21		Agency Totals
<b>Revenues:</b>		
Federal (direct)		1,183,485
Federal (through State)		8,741,739
Federal/State (through other agencies)		49,474
State		2,101,477
Town Appropriations		87,000
United Way		23,000
Foundation Grants		332,354
Retail Sales/Service Fees		260,000
Contract Revenue		225,000
Unrestricted Contributions/Revenue		225,700
Designated Contributions		53,600
Program Support		77,000
In-Kind Contributions		311,907
<b>Total Revenue</b>		<b>13,671,736</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>		
Salaries & Wages		3,746,525
Required Employment Costs		319,841
Benefits		809,080
Office consumables		95,830
Program Expenses		173,611
Communications		83,104
Rental/Space		154,785
Travel		20,550
Training		150,460
Professional Services		175,600
Direct Assistance		5,697,382
Insurance Costs		101,600
Promotion & Media		45,885
Vehicle Costs		61,075
Program Materials		383,556
Equipment & Tools		51,102
Audit		26,000
Property Taxes		19,600
Mortgage Interest		5,925
Dues/Fees		36,100
Capital Equipment Purchase		140,000
Community Service/Agency Support		150
Contingency Reserve		69,000
Contribution-in-Kind		311,907
Depreciation/Asset Transfers		80,500
Sub-Contractor Costs		817,757
Indirect Costs		(921)
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>13,576,004</b>

**SeVEDS Impact Statement for Weston Town Report March 2022**

Improving wages, creating jobs, attracting and keeping people in the region, all of this is critical economic development work that is beyond the capacity of any single community to substantially affect. SeVEDS creates strategies and attracts resources to help us act together as a region to build a thriving economy. Since 2007 when SeVEDS was founded as an affiliate of the Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation (BDCC), we have taken a proactive approach to long-term regional economic development. **BDCC, Southeastern Vermont’s Regional Development Corporation, develops and implements these strategies.**

Our work is guided by the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDs), a 5 year regional plan with simple goals: **Strengthen Business, Support People.** It is available online at [www.seveds.com](http://www.seveds.com). SeVEDS requests funding from all 27 towns we serve to support the work and in 2021, eighteen communities, representing 82% of Windham residents invested in SeVEDS. We use this municipal funding in three key ways:

1. To directly **fund implementation** of programs & projects serving local communities, businesses and people.
2. For **capacity**. We use SeVEDS regional municipal funds to create programs (see pg2), conduct research and planning, secure and administer grants, and to help regional partners – in FY21 we helped bring another **\$4.2 Million** directly to other organizations – towns, businesses and non-profits.
3. As **seed funding**. We leverage your dollars to bring additional money to the region to provide technical assistance and programs so every dollar contributed by towns is matched to bring in outside funding. In the last five years municipal funding has helped to launch programs for high schools, workforce recruitment and retention, small business succession planning, and community leaders and volunteers.

**Background & Request**

SeVEDS requests funding at \$3.00 per person from all 27 towns we serve to support this work. **Therefore, we are asking the Town of Weston to appropriate \$1,698 (based on a population of 566) to support SeVEDS.**

**Pandemic Response:** BDCC assessed local economic impacts, shared data with policymakers, and led local response. 684 businesses received liaison support and technical assistance from BDCC staff to seek federal and state relief, and develop “pivot” strategies. 1,549 loans went to regional businesses and non-profits via federal Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), totaling \$130 million. 54 Windham Region business received Restart Vermont Technical Assistance (ReVTA) through BDCC. (grants up to \$4000). BDCC provided technical assistance and grants (up to \$10,000) to 133 sole proprietors through CDBG-CV.

**Fiscal Year 2021 Income Statements  
Unaudited as of June 30, 2021**

	<b>BDCC</b>		<b>SeVEDS</b>
Revenue		Revenue	
Rent	2,901,435	BDCC	50,000
Other	4,149,716	Others	143,727
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>7,051,151</b>	<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>193,727</b>
Expenses		Expenses	
Operating	5,454,123	Contracted Services	120,071
Interest	385,729	Other	32,639
Depreciation	377,345		
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>6,217,197</b>	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>152,710</b>
<b>Revenue Over Expenses</b>	<b>833,954</b>	<b>Revenue Over Expenses</b>	<b>41,017</b>



**THE COLLABORATIVE**  
 91 VT Route 11, Londonderry, VT 05148  
 802-824-4200 / www.thecollaborative.us  
 Board of Directors: Mark Welker, Chair;  
 Ann Alford, Jim Lind, Jim Sullivan,  
 Kathleen O'Reilly, Martha Cowles

November 2021

Dear Weston Residents,

The Collaborative appreciates your vote of confidence as you vote for the 2022-23 budget. Since 1999, we have grown from a small after school program to an organization providing a wide range of individual, youth, and family programs focused on preventing youth substance use, supporting working families and creating a healthy community. It was another year of change and uncertainty for everyone, but with you on our team The Collaborative was able to continue to provide healthy opportunities for our youth and young adults, strengthen community connections and increase outreach in the Northshire and mountain communities.

In the town budget we are requesting funds for The Collaborative mission to support substance free middle and high school youth. Just like you, we had to rethink how we do what we do and determine what was at the heart and soul of it. For example, this year, it is resiliency and connection for the Refuse to Use program. We are honored that 360 RTU participants from 8 schools are participating in over 50 virtual, in person or distanced substance misuse and healthy alternative programs. These programs are primarily led by community volunteers who recognize the value of this education in our community. With a focus on healthy choices this project allows for our young people to pick their unique path toward a healthier future. Our afterschool program meets daily providing a safe supervised space with time for homework, projects, healthy snacks and free play. Our mentor program has students meeting with an adult mentor weekly to encourage great social and recreational connections.

We are requesting your approval of \$750 in your town's budget to assist The Collaborative in continuing to provide these services to our community. We appreciate your involvement!

Sincerely,  
 Maryann Morris  
 Executive Director

Mountain Communities Supporting Education dba The Collaborative		Camp & EDP 20-21	RTU 20-21	Towns 20-21
<b>Earned Revenue</b>				
Indiv/business contribution		\$1,377	\$50	\$0
Federal grants		\$0	\$34,646	\$0
Local government grants		\$0	\$0	\$6,300
Program service fees		\$1,268	\$16,935	\$0
<b>Total Earned revenues</b>		<b>\$2,646</b>	<b>\$51,631</b>	<b>\$6,300</b>
<b>Expense</b>				
Payroll Processing Fees		\$53	\$0	\$0
Salaries & wages		\$5,225	\$20,895	\$3,580
Payroll taxes & Other Fringe		\$784	\$9,083	\$771
Accounting fees		\$0	\$1,025	\$0
Enrichment Fees		\$0	\$14,200	\$550
Supplies		\$803	\$729	\$0
Telephone & telecommunications		\$0	\$407	\$0
Postage, shipping, delivery		\$0	\$459	\$0
Printing & copying		\$0	\$386	\$0
Marketing Materials		\$0	\$788	\$308
Incentives		\$0	\$220	\$0
Mileage		\$0	\$10	\$0
Event Supplies		\$89	\$417	\$0
EDP & Camp Expense		\$2,124	\$0	\$234
Bank Charges		\$92	\$275	\$0
Insurance - non-employee		\$0	\$0	\$857
Education & training		\$568	\$975	\$0
Advertising expenses		\$0	\$213	\$0
Scholarship Expense		\$0	\$1,500	\$0
<b>Total Expense</b>		<b>\$9,738</b>	<b>\$51,581</b>	<b>\$6,300</b>
<b>Revenue vs Expense</b>		<b>-\$7,093</b>	<b>\$50</b>	<b>\$0</b>



**VERMONT ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED**  
HELPING ACHIEVE INDEPENDENCE IN A VISUAL WORLD SINCE 1926

10/13/2021

Town of Weston  
 Selectboard  
 12 Lawrence Hill Road  
 P.O. Box 98  
 Weston, VT 05161

Dear Selectboard members,

For many years, the town of Weston has supported our mission to help Vermonters with visual impairments to be more independent, cultivate adaptive skills, and improve their quality of life. With your support, the Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired [VABVI] has completed another successful year. Thank you for your on-going support!

The number of clients we serve increases every year, and it costs approximately \$1,000 to provide one year of service to each individual adult client. During Fiscal Year 2021, we served 1,153 clients from all 14 counties in Vermont. This included 1 adult in Weston, and 79 adults and 42 students in Windsor County. An estimated 14,000 Vermonters are currently blind or visually impaired. As the “Baby Boomer” generation ages, this number is expected to increase to at least 25,000 by 2030. People are living longer, so we anticipate that the increase in demand for our services will continue well into the future. As a result, our neighbors, family and friends are among those who may be coping with vision loss.

Last year, our local towns and cities provided us with over \$30,000 in support. These funds went directly to services for clients. We hope that you will consider supporting VABVI again this year with an allocation of \$100 to help fund our services in your township. If you have any questions or would like any more information, please feel free to contact me by phone at (802) 863-1358 extension 217 or by e-mail at [sturgeon@vabvi.org](mailto:sturgeon@vabvi.org).

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Shannon Turgeon  
 Development Associate

Income (money we receive in)	Budget
Fees for Services - DBVI	100,500
Schools	1,120,000
Sale of aids & appliances	60,000
Bingo	203,000
Grant income	1,565,158
Fundraising - Special Events	5,000
Planned Giving/Bequests/Trusts	68,000
Foundation Gifts	75,000
Restricted Gifts	50,000
Dir Mail/Tributes/Towns/Misc	90,000
Investment Income from endowment	220,000
Other Income	42,800
Total income	3,599,458
<b>Expenses (money we pay out)</b>	
Wages	1,956,596
Taxes and fringe benefits	645,677
Meals and Mileage	153,000
Volunteer Travel	90,000
Bingo Expenses	133,000
Aids and Appliances	60,000
Depreciation	81,600
Trust Fees	1,000
Rent Expense	38,810
Other Expenses	339,125
Total expenses	3,498,808
Net surplus (deficit) from operations	100,650
Operating Investments Market Value Change	-
Endow. Invest. Income over/under 5%	
Net surplus (deficit)	

**THE VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING  
TOWN OF WESTON  
SUMMARY REPORT**

Vermont Center for Independent Living  
FY22 Approved Budget

**Request Amount: \$230,000**

For the last 42 years, The Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL) has been teaching people with disabilities and the Deaf how to gain more control over their lives and how to access tools and services to live more independently. VCIL employees (~85% of whom have a disability) conduct public education, outreach, individual advocacy and systems change advocacy to help promote the full inclusion of people with disabilities into community life.

In FY'21 (10/2020-9/2021) VCIL responded to thousands of requests from individuals, agencies and community groups for information, referral and assistance and program services for individuals living with a disability. VCIL Peer Advocate Counselors (PACs) provided one-on-one peer counseling to **186** individuals to help increase their independent living skills and **4** peers were served by the AgrAbility program. VCIL's Home Access Program (HAP) assisted **148** households with information on technical assistance and/or alternative funding for modifications; **65** of these received financial assistance to make their bathrooms and/or entrances accessible. Our Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF) provided **80** individuals with information on assistive technology; **42** of these individuals received funding to obtain adaptive equipment. **484** individuals had meals delivered through our Meals on Wheels (MOW) program for individuals with disabilities under the age of 60. We are also home to the Vermont Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program (VTEDP) which served **35** people and provided **24** peers with adaptive telecommunications enabling low-income Deaf, Deaf-blind, Hard of Hearing and individuals with disabilities to communicate by telephone. Due to the pandemic VCIL was able to start a new (temporary) program, Resilience and Independence in a State of Emergency (RISE) which served 415 people in its first year. The Rise Program can help provide an array of items or services if the needs are directly related to the Covid-19 epidemic.

VCIL's central office is located in downtown Montpelier and we have five branch offices in Bennington, Chittenden, Lamolle, Rutland and Windham Counties. Our PACs and services are available to people with disabilities throughout Vermont. Our Montpelier office also houses the Vermont Interpreter Referral Service (VIRS) and provides statewide interpreter referral services for sign language, spoken English and CART services for assignments in medical, legal, mental health, employment, educational, civil and recreational settings.

During FY'21, VCIL provided direct services to Vermont residents utilizing the following programs/services:

- Information, Referral and Assistance (I,R&A)
- Home Access Program (HAP)
- Meals on Wheels (MOW)
- Peer Advocacy Counseling (PAC)
- Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF)
- Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program (VTEDP)

To learn more about VCIL, please call VCIL's toll-free 1-Line at: **1-800-639-1522**, or, visit our web site at [www.vcill.org](http://www.vcill.org).

INCOME	FY21 Budget Approved	FY21 Budget Approved
<b>Federal Grants</b>		
704 North	678,494	412,200
704 South	295,320	389,879
SILC grant	150,000	-
NIDILRR	16,800	-
USDA (FY20-21)	-	35,000
USDA (FY21-22)	85,500	-
USDA (FY22-23)	75,000	85,600
South Covid	303,700	63,750
South Covid	138,000	235,135
<b>State Grants</b>		
VCIL	545,000	69,316
Meals on Wheels	499,521	-
<b>Other Grants</b>		
Money Follows the Person	75,000	1,037,657
VIRS - "off-contract" interpreters	-	343,209
EDP grant	75,000	-
VR Youth	100,000	-
<b>Misc Income</b>		
Cities & Towns	62,000	70,000
Donations - Unrestricted	30,000	3,000
Program/Restricted Donations	-	83,824
Subscriptions/Reimburs.	4,000	19,000
VIRS referral fees	-	10,400
Other Income	7,748	25,410
Investment Income	-	35,000
		52,197
		10,000
		18,000
		13,000
		8,500
		20,000
		32,496
		-
		32,610
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>		<b>433,437</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>3,141,083</b>	<b>3,141,083</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>3,141,083</b>
<b>Net Income</b>		<b>0</b>



**VISITING NURSE AND HOSPICE FOR VT AND NH**

**Home Health, Hospice and Skilled Pediatric Services in Weston, 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, 2020 and June 30, 2021 VNH made 599 homecare visits to 18 Weston residents. This included approximately \$10,332 in unreimbursed care to Weston residents.

- **Home Health Care:** 168 home visits to 16 residents with short-term medical or physical needs.
- **Hospice Services:** 431 home visits to 2 residents who were in the final stages of their lives.

VNH serves many of Weston's most vulnerable citizens – the frail elderly and disabled, at-risk families, people with terminal illnesses, children with chronic medical needs, and the uninsured and underinsured. We are dedicated to delivering outstanding home health and hospice services that enrich the lives of the people we serve.

Over the past year this has included many telehealth visits for which we did not receive reimbursement. It is with your help that we are able to provide services like this to those in need. Weston'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, Vice President, Strategy Management

888-300-8853

# 2021 Annual Financial Report

## For the Year Ending June 30, 2021

Federal and state government payers limit reimbursement for services. Third party payers contract for services at rates below cost, so VNH has billing adjustments that represent shortfalls in covering the actual cost of care. VNH serves all who qualify, regardless of their ability to pay.

### OPERATING REVENUE

Patient Service Revenue	\$20,851,644
Provision for Bad Debt	(\$324,991)
Net Patient Service Revenue	\$20,526,653
Other Operating Revenue	\$1,751,119

Total Operating Revenue **\$22,277,772**

### OPERATING EXPENSES

Salaries and Benefits	\$14,976,169
Other Operating Expenses	\$8,336,974
Depreciation and Amortization	\$305,110
Interest Expense	\$61,693
Total Operating Expenses	\$23,679,946

Operating Loss **(\$1,402,174)**

### PATIENTS SERVED



MCH — Maternal Child Health  
LTC — Long-Term Care

### PATIENT VISITS



WESTON CEMETERY COMMISSION

Weston Cemetery Budget

	2020 Actual	2021 Budget	2021 Actual	2022 Budget
<b>INCOME</b>				
Sale of Graves	2500	2500	4000	4000
Marker Deposits	475	700	625	700
Bank Dividends	29	25	21	24
Transfer from Endowment	10000	10000	10000	10,000
Donations	11050	5,000	10145	2000
Town Appropriation	18466	15575	24450	10000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>42520</b>	<b>33800</b>	<b>49241</b>	<b>26724</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
Mowing & 2 Cleanups	11300	11300	11300	13,500
Brush Clearing	2570	2500	292	2500
Repairs and Debris	2817	2500	631	1000
Tree Work	1797	2000	1842	2500
Flags & New bases	351	350	400	1000
Markers	662	700	350	350
Bank Fees	30	0	3	0
Stone Repair	26660	13450	13675	2000
Solicitation Expense	0	1000	602	300
New Tree planting				3574
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>46187</b>	<b>33800</b>	<b>29095</b>	<b>26724</b>

The Weston Cemetery Commission had a relatively busy year with sales of lots up from our average sales of the past few years. The restoration of the headstones was completed by Shea Brothers of Bennington. With the work being done on the Island Cemetery and the Forefathers' Cemetery our two - year program is now complete. To all of you who made donations to enable this work, we offer you our heartfelt thanks; your generosity is very much appreciated. Hopefully you have taken a walk through the cemeteries to see the results of your kindness. We will work now on keeping ahead of this task.

As you can see in our budget request, we are hoping to plant more trees in the Maple Grove Cemetery, as we make sure the existing trees are healthy. Another increased line item is for the flag bases. We put flags on all veterans' graves before Memorial Day, and many of the flag stands are broken.

We thank Josh Allison and his crew for doing a good job maintaining our beautiful cemeteries. Last year was the last year of a three - year contract, and we will go out for bids in early spring.

The Commission welcomes your comments, suggestions, and participation.

Dick Lechthaler  
 Doris Ingram  
 Duane Hart  
 Pat Walsh  
 Bill Hoyt

# WESTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Trustees of the Playhouse, Museums and Cold Spring Park

P.O. Box 126, Weston, VT 05161



December 30, 2022

To the Weston Select Board and our Community Neighbors.

The Weston Community Association requests, for Cold Spring Park, an Appropriation in the amount of \$7,000 for seasonal mowing, maintenance, and end of year clean up. We plan on continuing our work on the upper park reclamation project started this past summer.

We need to have work done on the large maple tree in the lower Park as well as replace several shrubs and trees that succumbed to the drought conditions this past summer. We are thankful for the Town's continued support as we move forward with the park restoration program.

Respectfully submitted,

*David Raymond*

David A. Raymond  
President – WCA

## OPERATING STATEMENT COLD SPRING PARK

Year Ended October 31, 2021

		YEAR	
		2021	2020
BEGINNING BANK BALANCE	10/31/2020	51,452	5,430
<u>INCOME</u>			
	Interest	60	92
	Contribution from Town	7,000	9,500
	Donations	-	-
	ANR Grant	-	75,000
	Total Income	<u>7,060</u>	<u>84,592</u>
<u>EXPENSES</u>			
	Mowing/Maintenance	1,770	1,352
	Repairs/Improvements	-	8,473
	Reimburse Town Share ANR Grant	-	28,745
	Total Operating Expense	<u>1,770</u>	<u>38,570</u>
NET GAIN/LOSS FROM OPERATIONS		<u>5,290</u>	<u>46,022</u>
ENDING BANK BALANCE	10/31/2021	<u>56,742</u>	<u>51,452</u>
NET TRANSFERS (DUE TO)/FROM PLAYHOUSE & MUSEUMS		<u>(58,676)</u>	<u>(58,676)</u>
NET ASSETS	10/31/2021	<u>(1,934)</u>	<u>(7,224)</u>



499 Lawrence Hill Rd Weston, Vermont 05674

**The Weston Recreation Club**

PO Box 115 Lawrence Hill Rd  
 Weston, VT 05161  
 (802)824-4577  
[thewestonrec@gmail.com](mailto:thewestonrec@gmail.com)

The Weston Recreation Club, Inc. is a 501(C)(3) non-profit organization that was created to promote and foster recreation and recreational facilities for all the residents of Weston and their guests. The Weston Recreation Club has been offering inter-generational activities for all community members since the mid 60's. These activities have included swimming and lessons, picnics and BBQ's, community potlucks, volleyball, tennis, basketball, the kids playground and much more. The Weston Recreation Club offers all of these activities to our Weston residents free of charge. The Club strives to maintain and improve the grounds and expand the activities offered throughout the year. Projects completed for 2021 included a Lifeguard, flood repair project and the much needed tennis court drainage project. The Rec's success can be directly attributed to the generosity of our community, the volunteers, and the Town of Weston itself. The Club is excited for 2022 when we hope to address dock and fence repairs. The Weston Recreation Club respectfully requests an appropriation in the amount of \$13,000.00. Thank you for your generous contributions in the past and in advance for your continued support.

Respectfully, WRC- Board of Directors

	Year 2021			
	2020 Actual	2021 Budget	2021 Actual	2022 Budget
<b>INCOME:</b>				
Appropriations	13,000.00	13,000.00	13,000.00	13,000.00
Donations	4,915.00	2,500.00	7,385.00	5,000.00
Interest	11.62	15.00	5.76	10.00
Misc	0.00	0.00	25.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>17,926.62</b>	<b>15,515.00</b>	<b>20,415.76</b>	<b>18,010.00</b>
<b>EXPENSE:</b>				
Advertising	0.00	350.00	0.00	350.00
Event Expenses	0.00	250.00	0.00	250.00
Fees & Charges	12.00	50.00	48.00	50.00
Insurance, D&O	766.32	800.00	816.32	825.00
Insurance, GL	1,175.79	1,350.00	1,197.42	1,350.00
Insurance, WC	507.00	750.00	527.00	750.00
Misc	0.00	25.00	0.00	25.00
Office	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00
Payroll & Expense	11,979.65	8,500.00	5,738.81	8,500.00
Postage	421.50	500.00	479.00	500.00
Printing	510.00	500.00	0.00	600.00
Rec Grounds	4,517.24	4,000.00	4,930.00	4,500.00
Rec 2021-Projects	0.00	0.00	20,288.68	5,000.00
Supplies-Rec	412.51	250.00	276.39	250.00
LG WSI Education	1,050.00	700.00	0.00	700.00
Utilities	903.04	1,050.00	1,045.16	1,050.00
VT Bus Fees	75.00	50.00	45.00	50.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>22,330.05</b>	<b>19,225.00</b>	<b>35,391.78</b>	<b>24,850.00</b>



## WESTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT INC.

December 28, 2021

To Our Family, Friends and Neighbors of Weston,

The Weston Fire Department thanks you, once again, for the opportunity to serve our citizens. Volunteering in a small community can be challenging at any time, nevermind during the stress of a global pandemic. Fortunately we have a dedicated core of administrative personnel along with experienced responders. Our members have put in many hours of sweat equity and planning hours knowing that a hardworking team is one that gets the job done.

Reflecting back, our department was quite active, especially with neighboring fire and rescue departments. Training drills included: ventilation/smoke reading/cold weather operations, vehicle extrication, tanker shuttle ops and hydrant best practices. We participated in the Londonderry 4th of July Parade, Community Safety Day with LVRS, the Ludlow 9-11 Remembrance Walk and ended our year with a fun day of hot cocoa, cookies and Santa at the Christmas in Weston celebration.

This year our 24-7, all-hazards response, answered a total of 51 calls including: 13 automatic fire alarms, 12 mutual aid (incl. structure fires), 15 motor vehicle accidents, 1 lift assist, 4 trees on wires, 2 brush fires/investigations, and 4 public assists (non-emergency).

As we continue to embrace change, during 2022 our priorities include: increasing membership, continuing to build relationships and fire safety awareness with our Weston community and the never-ending task of training, building upon knowledge, skills and abilities on a wide variety of topics. To help us meet these goals, we are asking for a total of \$25,075.00.

The WVFD Business Meeting is held on the first Thursday of each month at 7pm with training usually held the other Thursdays at 6:30pm. With a variety of roles to fill, especially response and public education, we welcome you to stop by the station for a tour and to consider joining our mission. As always, we thank the taxpayers for your continued strong support to help keep all of us healthy and safe.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ryan Hart, Fire Chief

WESTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT OPERATING BUDGET						
	2020 Proposed	2020 Actual	2021 Proposed	2021 Actual	2022 Proposed	
<b>INCOME</b>						
Town Appropriation	\$33,900.00	\$33,900.00	\$33,075.00	\$33,075.00	\$25,075.00	\$25,075.00
Interest & Dividend Income	\$800.00	\$1,535.65	\$1,000.00	\$743.78	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Membership Dues	\$25.00	\$24.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
Donations	\$11,000.00	\$13,975.00	\$12,000.00	\$20,549.00	\$16,000.00	\$16,000.00
Other Fundraiser	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Grants	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$5,426.75	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Other	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$48,725.00</b>	<b>\$49,434.65</b>	<b>\$48,600.00</b>	<b>\$59,819.53</b>	<b>\$44,600.00</b>	<b>\$44,600.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>						
Radios & Repairs	\$3,000.00	\$2,816.67	\$3,000.00	\$1,667.76	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Bldg. Services & Supplies	\$1,500.00	\$2,019.58	\$1,500.00	\$1,559.41	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Utilities	\$6,000.00	\$6,064.90	\$6,000.00	\$7,370.39	\$6,000.00	\$6,500.00
Truck Repair & Maintenance	\$8,000.00	\$4,195.45	\$6,000.00	\$4,135.90	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
Insurance	\$2,500.00	\$2,454.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,377.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,400.00
Dues	\$475.00	\$335.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
Equipment & Other	\$20,950.00	\$22,100.41	\$11,400.00	\$16,527.77	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Gear			\$11,500.00	\$10,036.67		\$10,000.00
Appeal Letter Expenses	\$800.00	\$728.22	\$800.00	\$923.67	\$800.00	\$800.00
Training	\$2,000.00	\$100.00	\$2,000.00	\$403.95	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Grant Writer	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other	\$3,500.00	\$1,497.25	\$3,500.00	\$2,570.13	\$3,500.00	\$3,000.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$48,725.00</b>	<b>\$42,311.48</b>	<b>\$48,600.00</b>	<b>\$47,572.65</b>	<b>\$44,600.00</b>	<b>\$44,600.00</b>
Money put into or taken out of Money Market Funds for Specific Purchases:						
Results of operations	\$0.00	\$7,000.00	\$0.00	\$12,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
		\$123.17	\$0.00	\$46.88		
<b>ACCOUNT BALANCES AT:</b>						
	12/31/2020					
	Heritage Share / Savings			273.45		
	Operating Checking			1,149.01		
	Operating Money Market:					
	Air Pack Fund:		10,000.00			



**Wilder Memorial Library**

PO Box 38, 24 Lawrence Hill Rd, Weston, Vermont 05161  
 (802) 824-4307 ~ director@wildermemoriallibrary.com  
 www.wildermemoriallibrary.org

*Over a Century of Good Books and Community Service*

To the Voters of the Town of Weston,  
 The mission of the Wilder Memorial Library is "to provide the greater Weston Community with access to the educational, cultural, recreational and research benefits of a free public library."

2021 was another challenging year, but it showed us that we can be there for one another in ways we hadn't imagined. The library thrived this past year, as we adapted to serve our patrons and community while keeping everyone safe and served as a vital resource and community hub. During the first half of 2021 we provided virtual and no-contact services, then reopened our doors in July with Covid safety protocols in place. The ongoing global uncertainty didn't deter us from increasing our services, attracting new patrons, and circulating more materials than ever.

We have embarked on our first-ever strategic planning project to determine what kind of library the community wants and to help shape our plans for the future. We implemented a survey asking residents what a future library should include to better serve them, and the overwhelming response was that the library needs community space, parking, ADA access between the floors, and a bathroom in its historic building.

2021 ended with wonderful news for the library: the acquisition of the property adjacent to the library and bordering the river. The Friends of the Weston Community, the Town of Weston, and the Coughlin family joined to secure this property for growing the library.

Our popular programming included Spooky Storytime & Trick-or-Treating, activity kits for kids, Summer Reading, coronavirus updates, Cooking Demos, Mystery Book Chat, and Christmas Carding. We provided support to Weston Pop-Up University, and participated in the Winter Wonder-land Village Lighting project, Christmas in Weston, and the Weston Christmas Bazaar. Our growing resources include Overdrive/Libby for audiobooks & ebooks; HOOPLA for on-demand streaming of audio & ebooks; movies, music, and television shows; large print books via ABLE Library; and quicker access to thousands of books via Inter-Library Loans since joining the ILL Courier Service.

In spite of Covid-19, libraries need to maintain their essential role in a community – a place for gathering, learning, sharing and giving back. Our staff and Trustees, who are elected by the voters at Town Meeting, are dedicated to increasing the importance of the library in the Weston community. Trustees' virtual meetings are open to the public. You can also follow library news on our website, as well as on our Facebook and Instagram pages. Subscribe to our newsletter by sending a request to director@wildermemoriallibrary.org.

For the library to continue to provide excellent services to the Community, the Trustees respectfully request an appropriation in the amount of \$25,000, which covers 31% of our annual operating expenses. The balance comes from donations from individuals and organizations and reserves; we also worked to secure grants from various sources in 2021, which brought us \$19,736. We are grateful for the support from our town and from our patrons, volunteers, and donors. We look forward to continuing to serve the Weston community in 2022.

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| Deborah Granquist, Board of Trustees | Jessica Clapp, Library Director |
| <b>Board of Trustees</b>             | <b>Honorary Trustees</b>        |
| Deborah Granquist                    | Barbara Lloyd                   |
| Carrie Chalmers                      | Beverly Fomner                  |
| Malcolm Hamblett                     | Donna Bonang                    |
| Linda Saarnijoki                     |                                 |

**WILDER MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

<u>Operating Income</u>	<u>2021 Budget</u>	<u>2021 Actual</u>	<u>2022 Budget</u>
Town Appropriation	\$ 16,500.00	\$ 16,500.00	\$ 25,000.00
Annual Appeal	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 29,525.32	\$ 16,000.00
Other Fundraising	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 6,029.80	\$ 5,000.00
Grants	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 19,736.77	\$ 10,500.00
Other Income	\$ 50.00	\$ 105.21	\$ 105.00
<b>Total Operating Income</b>	<b>\$ 35,550.00</b>	<b>\$ 71,897.10</b>	<b>\$ 56,605.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Books, Magazines, DVDs	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,047.01	\$ 5,350.00
Local Programs and Services	\$ 5,750.00	\$ 4,435.70	\$ 12,650.00
Interlibrary Loans	\$ 250.00	\$ 131.54	\$ 650.00
Accounting Software	\$ 450.00	\$ 477.00	\$ 500.00
Computer & Internet Services	\$ 2,195.00	\$ 3,497.05	\$ 4,400.00
Computer/Printer Equipment	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 1,700.00
Fundraising Expenses	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 4,715.78	\$ 3,950.00
Payroll & Payroll Expenses	\$ 31,528.00	\$ 31,885.78	\$ 38,340.28
Education & Training	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,641.59	\$ 1,800.00
Utilities & Building Maintenance	\$ 4,566.00	\$ 2,890.24	\$ 5,740.00
Grounds Maintenance	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 800.00
Insurance	\$ 750.00	\$ 748.00	\$ 785.00
Postage & Box Rental	\$ 250.00	\$ 315.81	\$ 300.00
Supplies	\$ 500.00	\$ 693.29	\$ 650.00
Other/Miscellaneous	\$ 539.00	\$ 459.88	\$ 389.00
Strategic Planning Costs	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,221.22	\$ 1,200.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 59,928.00</b>	<b>\$ 57,059.89</b>	<b>\$ 79,204.28</b>
<b>Net Operating Income (Loss)</b>	<b>\$ (24,378.00)</b>	<b>\$ 14,837.21</b>	<b>\$ (22,599.28)</b>
Transfer from Reserve Funds	\$ 6,046.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 9,229.79
Transfer from Leona Simonds Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00
Transfer from Lemonade Fund	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
Transfer to Infrastructure Fund	\$ -	\$ (22,000.00)	\$ -
Carryover Prev. Year's Net Income	\$ 16,332.00	\$ 16,332.28	\$ 12,169.49
<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 12,169.49</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

**WINDSOR COUNTY YOUTH SERVICES**

*Mountainside House*

*The House at 20-Mile Stream*

*6 Mill Street • Ludlow, VT 05149*

**(802) 228-6880 • (802) 228-4410 fax • [wcvys@tds.net](mailto:wcvys@tds.net) – E-mail**

**Windsor County Youth Services Annual Report FY'22**

In 2021 alone, Windsor County Youth Services has provided shelter services to over 100 Vermont teens for 3,000 shelter bed nights, and transitional living services to 8 young adults for 1,239 transitional living bed nights. Please see the tables below for details.

December 10, 2021

Town of Weston

Dear Friends,

Windsor County Youth Services offers a range of services for Vermont's Homeless and Runaway Teenagers. Mountainside House and The House at Twenty Mile Stream offer short term crisis stabilization and emergency shelter for Vermont Teenagers ages 13-18. Transitional living programs are offered at both residences for adolescents age 17-23. We are also very proud to provide a VT Department of Education Licensed school program to all residents.

For more than 20 years we have provided a warm bed, hot meals, support, structure, and a Vermont licensed education to *over 2,400 Vermont teenagers*. We provided housing on over *2,000 occasions in 2020 alone*.

We are a Non-Profit Organization providing Vermont's Homeless and Runaway Teenagers with services that include housing, meals, counseling, and education. In light of the number of clients we continue to serve, we again hope you will keep us in your town's appropriations for FY2022. We respectfully request \$600 from the town to continue providing these services.

Thank You for your consideration and generosity in FY 2022.

Sincerely,

Jacqueline Hanlon  
Executive Director  
Windsor County Youth Services  
Mountainside House  
The House at 20-Mile Stream

Transitional Living Program	Teens	Bed Nights
Girls	5	722
Boys	3	581
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1303</b>

Shelter Program	Teens	Bed Nights
Girls	45	1,075
Boys	52	1,644
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>1,719</b>

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Mountainside and the House at Twenty-Mile Stream continue to involve our boys and girls in community projects such as the Ludlow Community Garden, the Vermont Sunshine Society, Black River Good Neighbors, The Fletcher Memorial Library Annual Book Sale, and Green-up day in Ludlow, VT. Our residents enjoy the opportunity to give back to our communities while learning important and valuable life skills.



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# Women's Community Center Profit & Loss January through December 2021

Jan - Dec 21

<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>	
Income	
Grant Revenue	558,228.00
Unrestricted Contributions	208,628.29
Total Income	766,856.29
Expense	
Staffing	511,847.03
Administrative Costs	46,839.01
Programs	135,055.40
Property	53,504.06
Total Expense	747,245.50
Net Income	<u><u>19,610.79</u></u>

October 19, 2021

Selectboard Members  
Town of Weston  
PO Box 98  
Weston, VT 05161

Dear Selectboard Members,

The Women's Freedom Center formally asks that you place its request for \$500.00 from fiscal year 2023 funds on the warning for March 2022 town meeting.

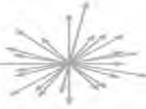
As always, we very much appreciate the support given us by the Town of Weston and will, with your help, continue to do everything we can to provide quality advocacy and support to the women and other survivors and their children in your town who seek our assistance, as well as offering outreach and community education within all the towns of Windham and southern Windsor County.

During the fiscal year July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, the Women's Freedom Center responded to over 2,000 hotline calls, sheltered 70 adults and their 45 children and provided thousands of hours of individual and group support, advocacy, emergency financial and housing assistance, access to legal representation, transportation and childcare to **523** survivors and their **344** children who had been abused. These figures include 1 survivor from Weston. In addition, we provided 51 community outreach activities including school presentations and workshops to 545 people throughout Windham and southern Windsor County.

Please expect our full 2019 financial summary by January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Feel free to contact me should you need any further information.

Sincerely,

Vickie Sterling  
Executive Director  
Women's Freedom Center



## Deerfield Valley Communications Union District (DVCUD), dba DVFiber

### **2021 Year in Review**

DVFiber has grown to include 24 towns in three counties, has selected its private sector vendor partner, and has obtained substantial grant funding to begin work on a fiber optic cable network.

We have collectively accomplished much in this past year with the incredible work of representatives and alternates appointed by the Select Boards of our member towns, plus additional volunteers — some 60 people in all — who have applied technical, financial, and communications skills to keep us moving forward. We are ready to design and construct the fiber optic network that will make Internet access at gigabit speeds a reality for nearly 8,000 homes and businesses on the grid that do not have it now.

### **What are CUDs?**

Communications union districts (CUDs) are special purpose municipalities, just like water, fire, or sewer districts. Vermont had been struggling for many years through several governors of both parties to find a way to bring high-speed Internet service to the most rural parts of our state, areas that commercial providers have found unprofitable to serve.

Beginning in 2015 and continuing through this past year, the Vermont legislature enacted legislation setting out the framework for the formation of municipal districts and giving them the tools to deliver service for all where there was none before. DVFiber is now one of nine CUDs in Vermont.

### **Significant Events**

Early on, our governing board, composed of representatives and alternates from all of our member towns, decided that the best path to achieve the required results would be to form a public/private partnership in which DVFiber, the public partner, would own the network, manage it for the benefit of our customers, and pay a private sector partner to construct and operate it on our behalf. To that end, through an RFP process, the governing board of DVFiber selected Great Works Internet (GWI) of Biddeford, Maine, a B Corporation, as our partner. We signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with GWI and began to negotiate the full details of our partnership agreement.

### **Next Steps**

The Vermont Community Broadband Board (VCBB) has just awarded DVFiber a \$4.1 million grant of federal funds to finance pre-construction work. This work includes a high-level design for all 24 member towns and a detailed engineering design for the six Phase I towns — the ones with the largest concentrations of poorly served homes and businesses. In addition, the grant pays for necessary work by utility companies to prepare their poles for the attachment of our fiber next year.

DVFiber will apply for additional federal funds to finance the actual network construction. We expect these funds to become available for awards in early 2022. We are grateful for federal funding that will greatly speed up the construction schedule.

### **Our Thanks**

We would like to thank all of our Select Boards for their support, for their appointments of such highly skilled delegates to our board, and for their patience while we roll out this technically complex and expensive — but essential — network and service. We are working as fast as we can to deliver on the promise of a community-owned, fiber optic broadband network that provides affordable, world-class service to everyone in our member towns.



## Just Neighbors

Just Neighbors is a 501(c)(3) all volunteer organization dedicated to assisting our neighbors in crisis by ensuring that individuals have basic life necessities. We support individuals, families and seniors in meeting their housing, transportation, safety, health and security needs. This includes the following services:

- Firewood – provided in partnership with Burr & Burton’s Mountain campus, delivered by our volunteers
- Emergency funds - provided for housing, fuel assistance, etc. and are in the form of grants
- Transportation – financial support for The Mountain Town Connector van
- Other specific community needs – such as warm winter outdoor clothing for children in need

The service area includes the towns of Andover, Bondville, Landgrove, Londonderry, South Londonderry, Peru, Weston, Windham and Winhall.

**We would like to take this opportunity to thank our fellow board members, our volunteers and all the “friends of Just Neighbors” for their contributions to our communities!**

Just Neighbors

P.O. Box 172, Weston, VT 05161

Help line: 1-802-787-1225

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## Green Mountain National Forest

USDA Forest Service

The 2021 Forest Service report reveals a short hiking trail was added to the National Forest System off Route 155 in the vicinity of the former West River Forest Civilian Conservation Corps Camp. Also, the Forest sold one timber sale and worked on preparation of two additional sales for the Early Successional Habitat Creation Project. This project includes habitat creation and timber harvest on approximately 1,000 acres per year over the course of 15 years for an estimated 15,000 acres in total across many towns including Weston. To read about these and other projects refer to the complete report which can be found at [westonvt.org/recreation](http://westonvt.org/recreation).

## LONDONDERRY SOLID WASTE GROUP Serving the towns of Landgrove, Londonderry, Peru, Weston, Windham

Unfortunately, **COVID-19** is still on everyone's mind. So, we ask anyone visiting the transfer station to please take the following precautions. Only visit if you are healthy, keep it simple, only bring waste that can't wait like trash and food scraps, minimize the number of trips, practice social distancing by keeping 6 feet of space between other customers and staff, and please wear a mask. Thank you for helping keep yourself and the staff healthy.

**2022 Transfer Station Permit Stickers** are available for purchase at member towns' Offices. You can also purchase **punch cards** to pay for disposal at these offices and Londonderry Hardware and Weston General Store

**Household Hazardous Waste Events:** If you missed our two events this past year, visit [londonderryvt.org/recycle](http://londonderryvt.org/recycle) and click on the A-Z list for information on how to dispose of *architectural paints, alkaline and rechargeable batteries and cell phones, mercury thermostats, fluorescent bulbs, prescription medications and electronics*. Our 2022 Hazardous Waste Events will be on the first Saturday in June and the first Saturday in October. Londonderry Group members can also dispose of materials at the Rutland County Solid Waste District. You will have to purchase a permit for \$60 and pay for disposal. For more information, visit <https://www.rcswd.com/hhw/> where you can register to drop off your hazardous materials.

To many people's delight **The Take It or Leave It Shed** is once again open. Please follow these guidelines.

The Take it or Leave it Shed is open from **12-3 each day** the transfer station is open.

NO ELECTRONIC DEVICES

NO BEDDING

NO VHS TAPES

NO BROKEN/UNUSABLE ITEMS

NO CLOTHING/SHOES-bring to Thrifty Attic or place in One World bins in plastic bags

ALL ITEMS SHOULD BE IN GOOD WORKING CONDITIONS

**When in doubt, ask the attendant**

**Food Scrap Ban:** As of July 1, 2020, food waste has been banned from disposal in landfills. Residents, institutions, businesses, and schools should divert their food waste by contracting with their haulers, bringing food to the transfer station, composting at home, feeding food scraps to domestic animals, donating to food banks, and reducing the amount purchased to avoid wasting food. If you compost at home, you can bring your meat and bones to the transfer station's food scrap collection bins or put in your trash.

**Vermont's Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)** legislation makes manufactures of products like Computers, Batteries, Paint, Mercury Light Bulbs and Mercury Thermostats take responsibility for their products at the end of their useful life. To find year-round drop-offs call 1-855-63-CYCLE or go to [VTrecycles.com](http://VTrecycles.com). The Londonderry Group will hold an Electronics Collection Event in May 2022. Check [londonderryvt.org](http://londonderryvt.org) for dates and times.

If you have questions, want to join the Londonderry Group's mailing list to receive alerts about special collections (hazardous waste & electronics) or if your school or business is interested in learning about ways to handle solid waste, organics, recyclables, and other materials please contact [recycle@londonderryvt.org](mailto:recycle@londonderryvt.org).



January 2022

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

As we head into our 46th year, The Little School is proud to maintain its commitment to providing high quality, caring early education focused on fostering the growth and development of our youngest learners. Our accredited preschool program has a long tradition of providing children and families with an exceptional learning environment in the Weston community. The Little School is also firmly committed to meeting the needs of a diverse population by offering flexible scheduling as well as a range of tuition supports, including financial assistance and access to Vermont's universal preschool funding support. Despite the challenges that have arisen in the past few years, The Little School is proud to be able to provide quality care and education to our families during a time of high need!

We are proud to provide top-tier early education to the youngest members of our community, and are currently serving children ages 2-5. We look forward to another year of our robust summer program and enrolling another full school year program in each of our three classrooms.

The Little School is able to continue to provide such excellent childhood education because of the extensive knowledge and dedication of its teachers and the generous support by many people and organizations in the community. We thank our neighbors who continue to generously respond to our annual appeal campaign. We thank the Vermont Country Store and The Hub in Weston for their generous donations to The Little School during a time of hardship for many. We also thank those that participated in Christmas in Weston and helped to make the event truly special for children and families alike.

Again, these past few years have presented many obstacles to The Little School community, however, we would like to extend a sincere thank you for helping us overcome these challenges. Your support helps us strive to continue to be of great service to our local children and families. Thank you to the Selectboard and The Town of Weston for supporting our endeavors and helping to ensure our future growth.

Sincerely,  
Monica Keith

Program Supervisor



Windham & Windsor Housing Trust (WWHT) is a non-profit organization founded in 1987, serving the residents of Windham and southern Windsor County. We provide housing for residents of low and moderate incomes, preserve and revitalize neighborhoods, help residents acquire their own homes, and generally improve the social, economic, and cultural health of communities of Windham and southern Windsor County.

WWHT's mission is *to strengthen the communities of Southeast Vermont through the development and stewardship of permanently affordable housing and through ongoing support and advocacy for its residents.*

The organization applies mission to practice through three branches: Homeownership, Housing Development, and Property Management. The **Homeownership's** Home Repair Program assisted 42 homeowners by providing low cost loans to make critical repairs. The one-to-one counseling assist 46 new homeowners in 2021 by navigating them through the purchase process to closing on their new home. The Shared Equity program has 134 homes currently and provides grants to income-eligible homebuyers to subsidize the purchase of single-family homes which lowers the cost to the homebuyer. Beyond these standard program, the Homeownership department has acted quickly to administer the State's COVID Relief Funded Rehousing Recovery Program. This program granted funding for the rehab of 79 privately owned units which were formerly offline to bring them back on the market before the close of the year to absorb the need for safe and affordable housing. The units are spread across the whole of Windham and Windsor Counties. Our new Housing Retention Program has assisted 80 renters and homeowners impacted by Covid in stabilizing their housing with access to relief funding.

**Housing Development:** WWHT develops affordable rental housing opportunities which meets the diverse housing needs of a community. This takes the form of both rehabilitation of existing housing and the construction of new apartments. At the close of 2021, the Bellows Falls Garage project broke ground. This project will introduce 27 new apartments to Downtown Bellows Falls, and contribute to the revitalization of this historic Vermont village. The Putney project entered the design phase in 2021, creating 27 new homes within the village. In 2022, WWHT is planning the rehabilitation of 26 apartments in Brattleboro and Windsor, comprising some of the oldest buildings in our portfolio. Breathing new life into these units will allow us to serve our residents into the coming decades.

**Property Management:** WWHT owns 878 residential properties and 16 commercial properties with rental apartments with over 1500 tenants. We manage the rental properties in and near Brattleboro and contract with Stewart Property Management Services for the properties in northern Windham and Windsor Counties. WWHT takes pride in the appearance of our multi-family housing and is committed to providing the staff and financial resources necessary to ensure long-term health and safety for our residents as well as preservation of property values. This includes helping tenants access rent relief funding through the State. We have accessed nearly \$500,000 of rental relief for tenants. In 2021 we brought on a full Supportive Services Department focused on increasing the wellbeing of our residents by building community, accessing resources, and empowering and engaging residents. Although WWHT is a non-profit, we pay local property taxes on our rental properties and our shared-equity homeowners pay property taxes to the Towns and Villages.

**For more information, please visit us on the web at [www.homemattershere.org](http://www.homemattershere.org)**

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## The Windham Regional Commission

The mission of the Windham Regional Commission (WRC) is to assist towns in Southeastern Vermont to provide effective local governance and to work collaboratively with them to address regional issues. The region is comprised of 27 member towns: the 23 towns of Windham County; Readsboro, Searsburg and Winhall in Bennington County; and Weston in Windsor County.

The Commission, a political subdivision of the state, is composed of and governed by town-appointed Commissioners. Towns choose their own representatives to serve on the Commission. After town meeting, each Selectboard appoints up to two representatives to serve on the Commission for a one-year term. Weston is currently represented by Charles Goodwin and the second position remains vacant. Each Commissioner represents their town's interests within a regional context before the Commission, brings information from the Commission back to their town, and serves on at least one of a number of WRC committees that address regional and municipal issues and concerns. All WRC meetings are open to the public and subject to Vermont open meeting law. Committees and meeting schedules can be found on our website [www.windhamregional.org](http://www.windhamregional.org).

We assist towns with a wide variety of activities, including town plans and bylaws; community and economic development; local emergency and hazard mitigation planning, including flood hazard area and river corridor bylaw assistance; natural resources, including assisting towns with watershed restoration projects and implementation of the state's clean water law; Act 174 town energy planning; transportation, including traffic counts (automotive, bicycle, pedestrian), inventories (bridges, culverts, signs, road erosion), road foremen training, and serving as a liaison with VTrans to report damage to town road infrastructure to the state as a result of flooding; redevelopment of "Brownfields" sites (sites that are or may be contaminated by hazardous substances); review of projects submitted for review through Act 250 (land use), Section 248 (energy generation and transmission, telecommunications), and federal permitting processes; grant application and administration; training of municipal officials and volunteers across a range of topics; and mapping and geographic information system (GIS) analyses. The maps in your town office were likely produced by the WRC.

We help towns, both individually and collectively, make the most of the financial and human resources they have, assisting with projects in, between, and among towns, building and augmenting the capacity of volunteer-based town boards and commissions, and providing professional services to towns that may want to take on a project that is beyond what they can comfortably manage with their own staff and volunteers. Our relationship with towns is inherently collaborative. For instance, towns may choose to have their town plans reviewed by the Commission; town plan review and approval by the WRC is not mandatory, but is a requirement of some state municipal grant programs. The regional plan, which was readopted in 2021, is developed in consultation with member towns, reflects town plan policies, and is ultimately approved by our towns.

2021 has been a busy year. We began a collaboration with the Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) to assist towns with the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). VLCT is helping explain the ARPA use and reporting policies, and the WRC is helping towns think strategically about how to make the most of this once in a generation direct funding from the federal government. Among other potential uses, the opportunity exists for communities to invest in infrastructure to support the retention of existing businesses and homes, and create the capacity necessary to encourage the development of new housing. In July we assisted towns as they reported damage associated with the most severe flooding event since Tropical Storm Irene 10 years ago, and sped up the local hazard mitigation plan update process for several towns in anticipation of the federal disaster declaration. We have new capacity to support local energy plan implementation and planning, the ability to convene the region's town energy committees, and to advance climate adaptation and resilience initiatives.

Funding for the WRC is provided through contracts with state agencies, federal and other grants, and town assessments. Town assessments made up approximately 7 percent of our total budget for FY 2021, and is the only funding we receive that has no conditions placed upon it by entities beyond the WRC's borders. Each town's individual assessment makes it possible for us to leverage the resources to serve all towns. The town's assessment for this year is \$1,313 and is based upon 2020 Census data. To see our detailed Work Program and Budget for FY 2022, visit our website, [www.windhamregional.org](http://www.windhamregional.org), and click on the heading "About Us."

To: Windsor County Town Clerks  
From: Assistant Judges Ellen Terie and Michael Ricci  
RE: County News for Inclusion in Your Town Meeting Report  
Date: January 5, 2022

A Preliminary County Budget meeting was held at the Windsor County Building on December 15, 2021, and the Final Budget meeting is scheduled for January 15, 2022. The 2022/23 budget includes an amount of \$468,504 to be raised by countywide property taxes. The tax rate for 2022/23 is set at 0.00482786 per \$100 of valuation.

Pursuant to Title 24, § 134, the County Treasurer shall issue warrants on or before March 1, 2022 requiring tax to be paid in two equal installments on or before July 5 and on or before November 5, 2022.

### **Construction Bond Repayment**

The Windsor County Courthouse rehabilitation was completed in 2014. We are currently in the 8<sup>th</sup> year of repayment of this 10 year bond. A rate of 0.002046 is assessed to collect the total 2022 bond repayment of \$214,302. As with the county tax, towns may submit this bond repayment in two payments, on or before July 5 and on or before November 5, 2022.

The courthouse renovation has proven to be both timely and invaluable to the 24 Towns in Windsor County. Our courthouse is one of only two in the State that has an approved HVAC system for air quality control, making it a safe for environment for Jury Trials to be held in our Historic Building.

### **Notable Activities in the Past Year**

Windsor County has seen several changes this year, the most notable of which is that there is a new Windsor County Assistant Judge. Michael Ricci of Woodstock was appointed by Governor Scott to fill the vacancy left when Assistant Judge Jack Anderson retired earlier this fall. Assistant Judge Ricci, a valued community member for nearly 40 years is enthusiastic about his appointment and looking forward to serving the people of Windsor County along side of Judge Ellen Terie. We thank Judge Anderson who had served the County for ten years, and was instrumental in the renovation of the Woodstock Courthouse.

Currently the Courthouse is closed to the public because of Covid restrictions, however it is hoped that it will soon be open again. We are grateful to the County Staff for keeping the building in tip-top shape during these uncertain times. The fact that the building has been closed has not slowed down the Judiciary; Court hearings are being held remotely via WebEx.

The County Building, located on Pleasant Street, which houses the Sheriff's Office, and the office of the Windsor County Clerk, has a new roof too. This building is open to the public, albeit on limited hours. We are all looking forward to being fully open again soon. If anyone needs to contact the Clerk to file a will, or for any other County business, Pepper Tepperman can be reached at: 1-802 457-5222.

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