

**TOWN OF
SUNDERLAND, VERMONT
ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED
JUNE 30, 2021**

NOTICE

TOWN INFORMATIONAL MEETING: FEBRUARY 21, 2022 AT 7:00 P.M.

VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM

ZOOM LINK: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85893293373>

MEETING ID: 858 9329 3373

BALLOT BOXES OPEN FOR AUSTRALIAN BALLOTING

MARCH 1, 2022 FROM 10:00 A.M. TO 7:00 P.M.

AT SUNDERLAND TOWN MUNICIPAL OFFICES

104 MOUNTAIN VIEW ROAD

SUNDERLAND TOWN WEBSITE		sunderlandvt.org
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER	KEVIN HEWES	379-4173
BCRC		442-0713
CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS	NEIL HUMPHREY KATHLEEN JOHNSTON LUCILLE MORSE	753-8265 375-9315
EMERGENCY CALLS - RESCUE SQUAD - FIRE - POLICE		911
STATE POLICE (other than emergency)		442-5421
FIRE DEPARTMENT (other than emergency)		373-2323
FIRE WARDEN	MARC JOHNSTON	375-2865
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE	GLORIA ALEXANDER JAMES AYREY SALLY AYREY JULIA HUTCHINSON-SMITH SALLY STONE	375-1281 375-6952 375-6952 430-7297 375-2258
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE		375-6106
ARLINGTON POST OFFICE		375-6904
MANCHESTER POST OFFICE		362-1170
MANCHESTER CENTER POST OFFICE		362-3070
MARTHA CANFIELD LIBRARY		375-6153
STRATTON TOWN CLERK		896-6184
TRANSFER STATION		362-4082
	Hours: Mon., Tues., Thurs. & Fri. 7:00 am - 2:00pm Sat. 7:30 am - 11:30am	
STATE FIRE SUPERVISOR	LARS LUND	777-4188
ENFORCEMENT OFFICER	PATRICK LOWKES	747-8127

In Gratitude and Appreciation

After more than 30 years of dedicated service to the Town of Sunderland, Rose Keough, longtime Town Clerk and Treasurer, is retiring. Since her election in 1991, Rose has been a steadfast, committed advocate for the Town of Sunderland and its residents. Her love for the town and its people are always evident in everything she does. Her dedication, wisdom, knowledge and recollection of town history and events are irreplaceable and will be sorely missed.



Thank you, Rose,
for everything you have done in service to our community.

Wishing you all the best in your
well-deserved retirement!

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**TOWN OF SUNDERLAND
WARNING
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

The legal voters of the Town of Sunderland, Vermont in the County of Bennington are hereby notified and warned to meet for an Informational Hearing virtually via Zoom on Monday, February 21, 2022, at 7:00 P.M. to discuss the articles to be voted upon by Australian Ballot.

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85893293373>

Meeting ID: 858 9329 3373

On Tuesday, March 1, 2022, at the Sunderland Town Office at 104 Mountain View Road in said Town at 10:00 A.M. until 7:00 P.M. to transact any business involving voting by Australian Ballot.

To be voted upon by Australian Ballot on Tuesday, March 1, 2022:

Article 1. Shall the voters of Sunderland appropriate the sum of **\$65,000.00** to be added to the Highway Equipment Reserve Fund?

Article 2. Shall the voters of Sunderland appropriate the sum of **\$65,000.00** to be added to the Paving Reserve Fund?

Article 3. Shall the voters of Sunderland appropriate the sum of **\$15,000.00** to be added to the Road Projects Reserve Fund?

Article 4. Shall the voters of Sunderland appropriate the sum of **\$5,000.00** to be added to the State/Town Bridge Co-Op Reserve Fund?

Article 5. Shall the voters of Sunderland appropriate the sum of **\$1,500.00** to be added to the Guardrail Reserve Fund?

Article 6. Shall the voters of Sunderland appropriate the sum of **\$1,500.00** to be added to the Building Maintenance Reserve Fund?

Article 7. Shall the voters of Sunderland appropriate the sum of **\$700.00** for the support of **Arlington Area Childcare, Inc.** (Happy Days Playschool) to provide services to the residents of the town?

Article 8. Shall the voters of Sunderland appropriate the sum of **\$1,500.00** for the support of **Arlington Community Public Health Nursing Service, Inc.** to provide services to the residents of the town?

Article 9. Shall the voters of Sunderland appropriate the sum of **\$5,000.00** for the support of the **Recreation Park in Arlington** to provide services to the residents of the town?

Article 10. Shall the voters of Sunderland appropriate the sum of **\$9,100.00** for the support of the **Martha Canfield Memorial Free Library, Inc.** to provide services to the residents of the town?

Article 11. Shall the voters of Sunderland appropriate the sum of **\$150.00** for the support of **Project Against Violent Encounters (PAVE)** to provide victim services to the residents of the Town?

Article 12. Shall the voters of Sunderland appropriate the sum of **\$700.00** for the support of **Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging** to provide elder services to the residents of the town?

Article 13. Shall the Town of Sunderland vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of **\$11,000.00** for the support of **Northshire Day School** to provide services to residents of the Town? (by petition)

Article 14. Shall the voters of Sunderland appropriate for a proposed VTrans Grant, the required 50% match in the sum not to exceed **\$52,000.00** to extend the south end of the current Bicycle/Pedestrian paved shoulder on Sunderland Hill Road from property 2539 to Bacon Hollow Road and if so voted, authorize an increase to the Sunderland Hill Road Safety Reserve by this amount?

Article 15. Shall the voters indicate support for the concept of a regional Field House at the Dana Thompson Recreation Park in Manchester, with the understanding that towns would participate in its construction costs under a formula based on a combination of grand list, population, and distance, in exchange for a special use status for those who live or own a second home in the Town of Sunderland. This article is advisory in nature and does not bind the town to further action.

Article 16. Shall the voters of Sunderland approve the sum of \$ **23,250.00** for the Cemetery Budget?

Article 17. Shall the voters of Sunderland approve the sum of **\$389,558.00** for the General Fund Budget?

Article 18. Shall the voters of Sunderland approve the sum of \$ **425,675.00** for the Highway Fund Budget?

Article 19. To elect by Australian Ballot the following officers, as required by law:

Auditor – 2-year term
Cemetery Commissioner – 2-year term
Delinquent Tax Collector – 1 year term
Second Constable – 1 year term
Selectboard Member – 3 year term
Selectboard Member – 1 year term


Auditor – 3-year term
Cemetery Commissioner – 3 year term
First Constable – 1 year term
Lister – 3 year term
Selectboard Member – 1 year term
Town Moderator – 1 year term

Town Clerk- 3-year term

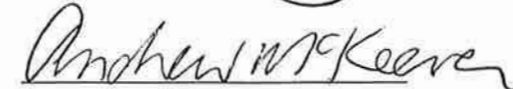
Town Treasurer – 3-year term


DATED THIS 24th DAY OF JANUARY A.D., 2022



Jon French, Chair

Richard Zens, Clerk

Bruce Mattison

Andrew McKeever

Brenna Warren

**TOWN OFFICERS
2021-2022**

TOWN MODERATOR (1-year term)	Vacant
TOWN CLERK (3-year term) Expires 2022	Rose Keough
TREASURER (3-year term) Expires 2022	Rose Keough
SELECT BOARD:	
Term Expires 2024 (3-year term)	Jon French
Term Expires 2022 (1-year term) (appointed)	Brenna Warren
Term Expires 2022 (1-year term)	Richard Zens
Term Expires 2022 (3- year term)	Andrew McKeever
Term Expires 2023 (3-year term)	Bruce Mattison
FIRST CONSTABLE (1-year term)	Wayne Godfrey
SECOND CONSTABLE (1-year term)	Kevin Hewes
DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR (1-year term)	Richard Davis, II
LISTERS:	
Term Expires 2024 (3-year term)	Peter VanVleck, Jr.
Term Expires 2022	Vacant
Term Expires 2023	Robert Goodfellow
CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS:	
Term Expires 2024 (3-year term) (appointed)	Lucille Morse
Term Expires 2022 (3-year term)	Neil Humphrey
Term Expires 2023 (3-year term)	Kathleen Johnston
AUDITORS:	
Term Expires 2021 (3-year term)	Vacant
Term Expires 2022 (3-year term)	Theodore Rappahahn
Term Expires 2023 (3-year term)	Adam Annunziata
TOWN GRAND JUROR (1-year term)	James Ayrey
TOWN AGENT (1-year term)	James Ayrey

OFFICERS APPOINTED BY SELECT BOARD
(One year term unless otherwise noted)
2021-2022

Animal Control Officer	Kevin Hewes
Emergency Management Coordinator	Adam Annunziata
Assistant Emergency Management Coord.	Morgan Kelley
Green-Up Chairman	Jeff Dexter
Health Officer	Kevin Hewes
Deputy Health Officer	Vacant
Pound Keeper	Vacant
<u>Selectboard:</u>	
Selectboard Chairman	Jon French
Selectboard Clerk	Richard Zens
Selectboard Road Liaison	Bruce Mattison
Selectboard Recording Secretary	Vacant
Service Officer	Samuel Liss
Telephone: (802) 375-9510	
Town Forest Fire Warden	Marc Johnston
Telephone: (802) 375-2865	
Tree Warden	Marc Johnston
Webmaster	Susan Whitney
e-mail address: webmaster@sunderlandvt.org	
Zoning Administrator (Acting)	David Kiernan
e-mail address: zoningadmin@sunderlandvt.org	
<u>Bennington County Regional Commission Representatives:</u>	
Term Expires March 2022	Steven Bendix
Term Expires March 2022	Richard Zens
<u>Planning Board:</u>	
Term Expires March 2022	Vacant
Term Expires March 2022	Robert Zeif
Term Expires March 2023	David Kiernan
Term Expires March 2023	Gordon Dossett
Term Expires March 2023	Benjamin Travis
<u>Zoning Board:</u>	
Term Expires 2020	Vacant
Term Expires 2021	Peter VanVleck, Jr.
Term Expires 2022	Martin Nadler
Term Expires 2023	Robert Faley
Term Expires 2023	Peter Van Haverbeke
<u>Justice of the Peace: Elected November 3, 2020 for two years (term to begin February 1, 2021)</u>	
Gloria Alexander (802) 375-1281	Julia Hutchinson-Smith (802) 430-7297
James Ayrey	Sally Stone (802) 375-2258
Sally Ayrey	

2022-2023
PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF SALARIES, WAGES
AND ALLOWABLE EXPENSES

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER	\$	225.00	monthly
AUDITORS	\$	15.00	hourly
BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY	\$	15.00	hourly
CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS	\$	750.00	annually
CONSTABLES	\$	10.00	hourly
DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR		Fees	
EMERGENCY MANAGMENT COORDINATOR	\$	15.00	hourly
EMERGENCY MANAGMENT COORDINATOR DEPUTY	\$	15.00	hourly
HEALTH OFFICER	\$	15.00	hourly
HEALTH OFFICER DEPUTY	\$	15.00	hourly
LISTERS	\$	15.00	hourly
LISTERS - CHAIRMAN	\$	20.00	hourly
MODERATOR	\$	100.00	meeting
PLANNING BOARD - MEMBER	\$	700.00	annually
RECORDING SECRETARY (SELECTBOARD)	\$	16.08	hourly
RECORDING SECRETARY (PLANNING BOARD)	\$	22.50	hourly
ROAD FOREMAN	\$	31.50	hourly
ROAD HELPER	\$	24.49	hourly
SELECTPERSON - CHAIRMAN	\$	2,000.00	annually
SELECTPERSON - MEMBERS	\$	1,500.00	annually
TOWN CLERK	\$	24,000.00	annually
TOWN CLERK		Fees	
TOWN SERVICE OFFICER	\$	15.00	hourly
TOWN TREASURER	\$	18,900.00	annually
TOWN CLERK/TREASURER ASSISTANT	\$	22.15	hourly
WEBMASTER	\$	2,400.00	annually
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR	\$	22.50	hourly
ZONING BOARD - CHAIRMAN	\$	350.00	annually
ZONING BOARD - SECRETARY	\$	300.00	annually
ZONING BOARD MEMBER	\$	200.00	annually
MILEAGE		Federal Rate	per mile

REGULAR MEETINGS OF TOWN OFFICIALS

SELECTBOARD:

2nd and 4th Monday of each month at the Sunderland Municipal Offices at 7:00 PM.

CEMETERY COMMISSION:

2nd Wednesday of each month at the Sunderland Municipal Offices at 3:00 PM.

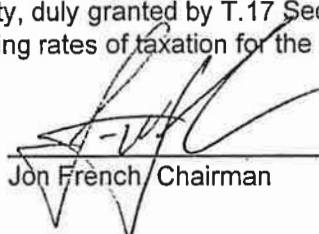
PLANNING COMMISSION:

4th Wednesday of each month at the Sunderland Municipal Offices at 6:00 PM.

TAX RATES

General Fund Amount of \$247,063.00 + Grand List of \$1,536,180.36	Rate = \$.1608
Municipal Building Debt of \$26,500.00 + Grand List of \$1,536,180.36	Rate = \$.0173
Highway Fund Amount of \$356,888.00 + Grand List of \$1,536,180.36	Rate = \$.2323
Cemetery Fund Amount of \$17,055.00 + Grand List of \$1,536,180.36	Rate = \$.0111
Local Agreement Amount of \$4030.16 + Grand List of \$1,536,180.36	Rate = \$.0026


By authority, duly granted by T.17 Sec. 2664 of the Vermont Statutes Annotated, we do hereby establish the foregoing rates of taxation for the 2021-2022 fiscal year which concludes June 30, 2022.



Jon French, Chairman

Richard Zens, Clerk

Bruce Mattison

Andrew McKeever

Brenna Warren

TOWN OF SUNDERLAND
TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

CEMETERY MAINTENANCE FUND

Receipts:

Cash in Bank 7/01/2020	\$ 4,823.25
Interest - Checking	\$ 7.55
Taxes	\$ 10,177.00

Disbursements:

Orders Paid -Cemetery Commissioners:			
	Mowing	\$	8,100.00
	Payroll	\$	1,500.00
	Road Relocation	\$	2,548.84
	Tree Removal	\$	950.00
	Payroll Expenses	\$	114.75
	Total Receipts & Disbursements	\$ 15,007.80	\$ 13,213.59
	Cash in Bank 6/30/2021	\$	1,794.21
	TOTAL	\$ 15,007.80	\$ 15,007.80

Town of Sunderland
Cemetery Commissioners
Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023
104 Mountain View Road Sunderland, VT 05250

We the cemetery commissioners would like to thank Ed Pike for the removal of the cherry tree that fell on the road in the spring. Ed Pike gave the wood from the tree to Joe Gervais, and he made a beautiful bench for the cemetery. Joe did a wonderful job, and the bench will be enjoyed by anyone visiting the cemetery. Also, a thank you to Judy Hon for trimming around the gravestones and picking up the litter around the cemetery.

We had the cemetery roads road resurfaced this past year.

This coming year we plan to get the old headstones repaired and cleaned, this will be an ongoing project.

We also need to do fence repairs and tree removal.

Repair and Maintenance	\$8,000.00
Salaries	\$ 2,250.00
Contracted Mowing	<u>\$13,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 23,250.00

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Johnston
Lucille Morse
Neil Humphrey

TOWN OF SUNDERLAND
TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

GENERAL FUND

Receipts:

Cash in Bank 7/01/2020		\$ 60,868.03
Fees -	Beverage License	\$ 115.00
	Copier	\$ 4.40
	Dog Licenses/Penalties	\$ 1,158.00
	Zoning	\$ 4,971.90
Fines -	Traffic	\$ 1,984.19
Interest -	Checking	\$ 622.01
	Delinquent Taxes	\$ 4,122.64
	Late Taxes	\$ 948.17
Miscellaneous		\$ 19.12
State of Vermont-	Current Use Tax	\$ 20,000.00
	Fish & Wildlife Tax	\$ 950.35
	Railway Tax	\$ 276.03
Taxes -	Current	\$ 153,274.62
	Delinquent	\$ 130,224.19
	Redeemed Property	\$ 26,630.99
	State of Vermont	\$ 17,076.00
Trash Hauler Permits		\$ 50.00

Disbursements:

Orders Paid - General Fund		\$ 318,498.90
Inter-Fund Transfer -	(Building Maintenance Reserve)	\$ 1,500.00
	(Technology Reserve)	\$ 2,000.00
Payroll Expense		\$ 9,824.97
Voted Appropriations		\$ 17,000.00
Total Receipts & Disbursements	\$ 423,295.64	\$ 348,823.87
Cash in Bank 6/30/21		\$ 74,471.77
TOTAL	\$ 423,295.64	\$ 423,295.64

GENERAL FUND BUDGET

	BUDGET	EXPENSED	BUDGET	PROPOSED
	7/20 TO 6/21	7/20 TO 6/21	7/21 to 6/22	BUDGET
				7/22 TO 6/23
Ambulance/Rescue Services	\$ 26,750.00	\$ 26,750.00	\$ 26,750.00	\$ 26,750.00
Animal Control	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 1,960.51	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 2,000.00
Appropriation (VT Green Up)	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Audit	\$ 9,750.00	\$ -	\$ 9,750.00	\$ 9,750.00
Bennington County Court	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 10,743.55	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 14,000.00
Benn.County Regional Comm	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Dues	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 2,255.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,725.00
Fire Protection	\$ 57,380.00	\$ 57,380.00	\$ 57,380.00	\$ 66,208.00
Fire Warden	\$ 100.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 50.00
Grant Expense	\$ -	\$ 7,925.00	\$ -	\$ -
Hazardous Waste Facility				\$ 1,825.00
Health Insurance	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,602.12	\$ 4,100.00	\$ 9,800.00
Insurance	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 5,941.25	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Landfill/Recycling	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 7,791.15	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,800.00
Law Enforcement	\$ 40,500.00	\$ 33,340.63	\$ 40,500.00	\$ 49,000.00
Legal	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 680.84	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
Legal Warnings	\$ 500.00	\$ 664.24	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 100.00	\$ 31.36	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Office Building Alarm System	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,178.76	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
Office Building Electric	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,129.81	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Office Building Heat	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,044.33	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Office Building Janitorial	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,660.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Office Building Maintenance	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 284.93	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
Office Building Payment	\$ 27,000.00	\$ 26,955.06	\$ 26,500.00	\$ 25,900.00
Office Equipment/Lease	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 3,916.56	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
Office Supplies	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 3,751.40	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Payroll	\$ 97,500.00	\$ 106,695.60	\$ 97,500.00	\$ 99,000.00
Planning	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Public Communications(GNAT)	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Retirement	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 2,823.95	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 3,200.00
Solid Waste Fees -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,300.59	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 7,000.00
Tabulator Programing	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,067.61	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 2,000.00
Technology Support	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Telephone/Internet	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,814.50	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Town Meeting Officials	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 896.25	\$ 750.00	\$ 1,000.00
Town Reports	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 668.87	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
Training/Workshops	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 500.00
TOTALS	\$ 358,230.00	\$ 328,363.87	\$ 355,680.00	\$ 389,558.00
Appropriations Voted	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 17,450.00	\$ 28,150.00
Municipal Office Bldg Reserve	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Technology Reserve	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -
TOTALS	\$ 379,730.00	\$ 348,863.87	\$ 376,630.00	\$ 419,208.00

**ANTICIPATED GENERAL FUND INCOME
FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2022 - JUNE 30, 2023**

Cash in Bank 7-01-22	\$	-
Fees - Beverage Licenses	\$	115.00
Dog Licenses	\$	1,000.00
Photocopies	\$	5.00
Zoning	\$	3,500.00
Fines- Traffic	\$	2,500.00
Interest - Checking	\$	500.00
Taxes - Current Use	\$	20,000.00
Fish & Wildlife	\$	950.00
Railway	\$	275.00
Total General Fund Anticipated Income	\$	28,845.00
General Fund Budget	\$	389,558.00

ARTICLES TO BE VOTED UPON

Building Maintenance Reserve Fund (Article 6)	\$	1,500.00
Arlington Area Childcare, Inc. (Article 7)	\$	700.00
Arlington Community Public Health Nursing Serv. (Article 8)	\$	1,500.00
Arlington Recreation Park (Article 9)	\$	5,000.00
Martha Canfield Memorial Library, Inc. (Article 10)	\$	9,100.00
Project Against Violent Encounters (PAVE) (Article 11)	\$	150.00
Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging (Article 12)	\$	700.00
Northshire Day School (Article 13)	\$	11,000.00

ITEMS INCLUDED IN THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET

Arlington Fire Protection	\$	66,208.00
Arlington Rescue Squad	\$	26,750.00
GNAT	\$	2,000.00
Green Up Vermont	\$	50.00

TOWN OF SUNDERLAND
TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

HIGHWAY FUND

Receipts:

Cash in Bank 7/01/2020		\$ 53,380.28
Interest Earned	Checking	\$ 454.10
National Forest		\$ 61,692.00
Permits	Excess Weight	\$ 220.00
	Road Cut	\$ 40.00
Reimbursements	Insurance	\$ 182.00
State Aid to Highways		\$ 109,434.96
Taxes		\$ 361,858.00
Transfers	Salt Shed Reserve	\$ 11,858.70
	S. Hill Rd Safety Reserv	\$ 6,320.00

Disbursements:

Orders Paid-	Selectmen	\$ 242,886.75
	Road Orders	\$ 113,094.69
Inter-Fund Transfers-	Equipment Reserve	\$ 65,000.00
	Guardrail Reserve	\$ 1,500.00
	Paving Reserve	\$ 65,000.00
	Road Projects Reserve	\$ 15,000.00
	Salt Shed Reserve	\$ 10,000.00
	State/Town Bridge Co-Op Reserve	\$ 5,000.00
Payroll Expenses		\$ 8,651.93
DISBURSEMENTS		\$ 526,133.37
Cash in Bank 6/30/2021		\$ 79,306.67
TOTAL		\$ 605,440.04

HIGHWAY FUND BUDGET

	BUDGET	EXPENSED	BUDGET	PROPOSED
	7/20 TO 6/21	7/20 TO 6/21	7/21 TO 6/22	7/22 to 6/23
Building Maintenance	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,717.38	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00
Chloride	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 10,863.38	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
Cold Patch	\$ 650.00	\$ 588.00	\$ 650.00	\$ 675.00
Culverts	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,719.24	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Diesel	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 16,723.34	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
Electric	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,307.89	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Equipment Maintenance	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 39,291.92	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 45,000.00
Erosion Control	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 671.93	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Gravel	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 20,667.97	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -
Heating Fuel	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,463.95	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 4,000.00
Insurance	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 17,141.50	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Insurance Dental	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,233.14	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,300.00
Insurance - Health	\$ 17,400.00	\$ 14,779.53	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 14,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 400.00	\$ 213.64	\$ 400.00	\$ 250.00
Pavement Marking	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 6,953.88	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
Payroll	\$ 128,000.00	\$ 116,416.84	\$ 133,000.00	\$ 151,000.00
Radio/Maintenance	\$ 600.00	\$ 810.01	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Retirement	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,329.78	\$ 6,650.00	\$ 7,550.00
Road Materials	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,000.00
Road Signs	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,604.42	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 800.00
Salt	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,312.55	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 55,000.00
Sand	\$ 19,000.00	\$ 21,742.72	\$ 19,000.00	\$ 23,000.00
Stone - Tailings	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,961.72	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -
Storm Water Runoff F	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ -
Storm Water State Pe	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,400.00
Sublet Services	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 895.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
Telephone/Computer	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 1,229.22	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,500.00
Tools/Safety	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 253.80	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Training/Workshops	\$ 750.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Trash	\$ 600.00	\$ 661.22	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,500.00
Uniforms	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 856.40	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,700.00
TOTALS	\$ 380,100.00	\$ 346,760.37	\$ 395,300.00	\$ 425,675.00
PY Gravel	\$ 16,523.00	\$ 16,523.00	\$ -	\$ -
PY Storm Water State	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 1,350.00	\$ -	\$ -
TOTALS	\$ 397,973.00	\$ 364,633.37	\$ 395,300.00	\$ 425,675.00
Bridge Co-Op Reserve	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Equipment Reserve F	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 65,000.00
Guardrail Reserve Fu	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Paving Reserve Fund	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 65,000.00
Road Projects Reserv	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Salt Shed Reserve	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
Sund Hill Rd Safety	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 52,000.00
TOTALS	\$ 559,473.00	\$ 526,133.37	\$ 546,800.00	\$ 629,175.00

**ANTICIPATED HIGHWAY FUND INCOME
FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2022 - JUNE 30, 2023**

Cash in Bank 7-01-22	\$	-
Excess Weight Permit	\$	200.00
Checking Account Interest	\$	400.00
National Forest Revenue	\$	62,000.00
Road Cut Permit	\$	40.00
State Aid To Highways	\$	95,000.00
Total Highway Fund Anticipated Income	\$	157,640.00
Highway Fund Budget	\$	425,675.00

ARTICLES TO BE VOTED UPON

Equipment Reserve Fund (Article 1)	\$ 65,000.00
Paving Reserve Fund (Article 2)	\$ 65,000.00
Road Projects Reserve Fund (Article 3)	\$ 15,000.00
State/Town Bridge Co-Op Reserve Fund (Article 4)	\$ 5,000.00
Guard Rail Reserve Fund (Article 5)	\$ 1,500.00
Sunderland Hill Road Safety Reserve (Article 14)	\$ 52,000.00

**TOWN OF SUNDERLAND
STATEMENT OF INVESTMENT, SAVING & TRUST ACCOUNTS
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

	Balance 7/1/2020	Interest	Transfer Out	Transfer In	Balance 6/30/2021
Cemetery Trust	\$ 86,014.05	\$ 294.76	\$ -	\$ 10,200.00	\$ 96,508.81
National Forest Account	\$ 64,655.51	\$ 198.07	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 64,853.58
Highway Equipment Reserve	\$ 9,827.75	\$ 1.22	\$ (77,930.00)	\$ 68,500.00	\$ 398.97
Housing Re-Hab Fund	\$ 6,272.01	\$ 19.21	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,291.22
Landfill Litigation Fund	\$ 12,786.51	\$ 39.17	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,825.68
Office Building Maint Reserve	\$ 4,168.65	\$ 17.37		\$ 1,500.00	\$ 5,686.02
Paving Reserve	\$ 65,309.51	\$ 17.57	\$ (124,573.98)	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 5,753.10
Reappraisal Fund	\$ 112,910.87	\$ 364.08		\$ 5,933.00	\$ 119,207.95
Tri-Centennial Fund	\$ 287.20	\$ 0.88	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 288.08
Record Preservation Fees	\$ 4,284.49	\$ 31.63		\$ 6,042.00	\$ 10,358.12
State Town Bridge Co-Op Reserve	\$ 33,572.88	\$ 118.17	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 38,691.05
Guard Rail Reserve	\$ 8,856.77	\$ 31.43	\$ (95.34)	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 10,292.86
Road Projects Reserve	\$ 27,184.18	\$ 113.61	\$ (5,100.00)	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 37,197.79
Salt Shed Reserve	\$ 9,513.71	\$ 33.79	\$ (19,547.50)	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -
Sunderland Hill Rd Safety Reserve	\$ 29,728.85	\$ 4.00	\$ (58,277.78)	\$ 30,403.98	\$ 1,859.05
Technology Reserve	\$ 2,028.64	\$ 12.34		\$ 2,000.00	\$ 4,040.98
TOTAL	\$ 477,401.58	\$ 1,297.30	\$ (285,524.60)	\$ 221,078.98	\$ 414,253.26

LOAN SAVINGS SCHEDULE

Vermont Municipal Bond Bank
2017 Series 4 Refunding Bonds

Series 2013-1

Sunderland Town

Loan #21

Original Principal: \$351,000

Date	Loan Principal	Interest	Loan Debt Service	Annual Loan Debt Service	Savings Allocation	Adjusted Loan Debt Service	Annual Adjusted Loan Debt Service
8/2/2017	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11/1/2017	17,550.00	5,581.33	23,111.33	23,111.33	875.00	22,236.33	22,236.33
5/1/2018	-	5,391.63	5,391.63	-	-	5,391.63	-
11/1/2018	17,550.00	5,391.63	22,941.63	28,333.26	238.00	22,703.63	28,095.28
5/1/2019	-	5,187.70	5,187.70	-	-	5,187.70	-
11/1/2019	17,550.00	5,187.70	22,737.70	27,925.40	224.00	22,513.70	27,701.40
5/1/2020	-	4,954.82	4,954.82	-	-	4,954.82	-
11/1/2020	17,550.00	4,954.82	22,504.82	27,459.64	248.00	22,256.82	27,211.64
5/1/2021	-	4,698.24	4,698.24	-	-	4,698.24	-
11/1/2021	17,550.00	4,698.24	22,248.24	26,946.48	243.00	22,005.24	26,703.48
5/1/2022	-	4,416.22	4,416.22	-	-	4,416.22	-
11/1/2022	17,550.00	4,416.22	21,968.22	26,382.44	245.00	21,721.22	26,137.44
5/1/2023	-	4,112.26	4,112.26	-	-	4,112.26	-
11/1/2023	17,550.00	4,112.26	21,682.26	25,774.52	244.00	21,418.26	25,530.52
5/1/2024	-	3,793.38	3,793.38	-	-	3,793.38	-
11/1/2024	17,550.00	3,793.38	21,343.38	25,136.76	782.00	20,561.38	24,354.76
5/1/2025	-	3,459.58	3,459.58	-	-	3,459.58	-
11/1/2025	17,550.00	3,459.58	21,009.58	24,469.16	702.00	20,307.58	23,767.16
5/1/2026	-	3,109.99	3,109.99	-	-	3,109.99	-
11/1/2026	17,550.00	3,109.99	20,659.99	23,769.98	686.00	19,973.99	23,083.98
5/1/2027	-	2,749.87	2,749.87	-	-	2,749.87	-
11/1/2027	17,550.00	2,749.87	20,299.87	23,049.74	673.00	19,626.87	22,376.74
5/1/2028	-	2,380.10	2,380.10	-	-	2,380.10	-
11/1/2028	17,550.00	2,380.10	19,930.10	22,310.20	663.00	19,267.10	21,647.20
5/1/2029	-	1,998.80	1,998.80	-	-	1,998.80	-
11/1/2029	17,550.00	1,998.80	19,549.80	21,549.60	762.00	18,787.80	20,787.60
5/1/2030	-	1,609.84	1,609.84	-	-	1,609.84	-
11/1/2030	17,550.00	1,609.84	19,159.84	20,769.68	660.00	18,499.84	20,109.68
5/1/2031	-	1,214.62	1,214.62	-	-	1,214.62	-
11/1/2031	17,550.00	1,214.62	18,764.62	19,979.24	661.00	18,103.62	19,318.24
5/1/2032	-	813.28	813.28	-	-	813.28	-
11/1/2032	17,550.00	813.28	18,363.28	19,176.52	573.00	17,790.28	18,603.52
5/1/2033	-	407.51	407.51	-	-	407.51	-
11/1/2033	17,550.00	407.51	17,957.51	18,365.02	365.00	17,592.51	18,000.02
5/1/2034	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11/1/2034	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5/1/2035	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11/1/2035	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5/1/2036	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11/1/2036	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5/1/2037	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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5/1/2039	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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5/1/2042	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11/1/2042	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5/1/2043	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11/1/2043	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5/1/2044	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11/1/2044	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5/1/2045	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11/1/2045	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5/1/2046	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11/1/2046	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5/1/2047	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11/1/2047	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	298,350	166,169	464,509	464,509	8,844	395,665	395,665

TOWN OF SUNDERLAND
TOWN CLERK'S STATEMENT OF DOG LICENSE SALES
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

2020	
5 Neutered Males & Spayed Females @\$13.00	\$ 65.00
6 Males & Females @ \$17.00	\$ 102.00
1 Neutered Male @ \$9.00	\$ 9.00
2021	
171 Neutered Males & Spayed Females @\$13.00	\$ 2,223.00
42 Males & Females @\$17.00	\$ 714.00
7 Fines @ \$10.00	\$ 70.00
Less Town Clerk Fee 225 @ \$4.00	\$ (900.00)
Less State of Vermont 225 @ \$5.00	\$ (1,125.00)
Amount Deposited in Town General Fund	\$1,158.00

VITAL STATISTICS - 2021**BIRTHS**

NAME	DATE
HULETT, Hadley Katherine	2/24/2021
THOMPSON, Hailey Renee	2/25/2021
BIANCHI, Margot Constance	3/16/2021
LEWICKI, Kennedy Faye	4/30/2021
SECOY, Piper Snow	4/6/2021
KEAGY, Lilie Mae Thomas	5/14/2021
KELLEY, Bellamy Wayne	9/14/2021
GOODRICH, Harvey Norville	10/13/2021
TRAVIS, Magnolia Grace	11/6/2021

DEATHS

NAME	DATE
STARK, Zita Lane	12/5/2020
COFFIN, Martha J	2/2/2021
WILSON, Ward Wells	2/6/2021
SARGOOD, Edith M	2/7/2021
CHRISTIANSEN, Brian	2/27/2021
SOUPPA, William A	4/00/2021
DEVANEY, Sheila Lee	5/27/2021
SPARKS, John	7/7/2021
RUSSO, Karen Caufield	8/19/2021
ROSS, Weiland A	10/2/2021
FISHER, Doris Gean	10/16/2021
HAWLEY, BRYAN M	12/9/2021

MARRIAGES

Applicant A Applicant B	DATE
CROFT, Katrina Louise FRAZER, Luther Eugene	2/14/2021
MARSH, Abby Elizabeth KRISTAN, Adam Robert	5/22/2021
MACHOWSKI, John Frederick MEEHAN, Jr, Michael Condon	8/3/2021
HASTINGS, Rebecca Lynn CASSAN, Devin Alexander	9/4/2021
HAYDEN, Kendra Janelle SEISER, Cameron Charles	9/25/2021
FINNEGAN, Margaret Jane REINDOLLAR, Jonathan Davis	9/25/2021
MARCHINETTI, Michael Paul LAFOUNTAIN, Amber Melody M	10/15/2021
LACOSTE, Julia Anne HAYES, Caleb Edward	10/16/2021

Town of Sunderland Delinquent Tax Collectors Report

Delinquent taxes as of 12/31/2021

ParcelID	Property Owner	Tax Year 2020	Tax Year 2021	Total
0835	Phyliss Allen	\$41.50	\$83.28	\$124.28
0497	Fred Blackmer	\$0	\$267.87	\$267.87
0646	Valerie Donatelli	\$2583.76	\$2592.22	\$5175.78
0832	Barbara Porcaro	\$1028.09	\$5017.86	\$6045.95
0883	Harry Simonds	\$0	\$138.23	\$138.23

I would like to thank Rose and Susan for all their help working with me and the taxpayers of the Town of Sunderland. I am currently working with these few taxpayers to get them back out of delinquent status.

Richard Davis II

**SOUTHWEST VERMONT REGIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO V009
WARNING OF ANNUAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 28TH AND MARCH 1ST, 2022**

The legal voters of the Southwest Vermont Regional Technical School District Service Region (consisting of Arlington, Bennington, Dorset, Glastenbury, Manchester, North Bennington, Pownal, Readsboro, Sandgate, Searsburg, Shaftsbury, Stamford, Sunderland, and Woodford) are hereby warned to participate in the meeting by videoconference by joining Zoom Meeting Link <https://svrsu.zoom.us/j/86878579658?pwd=SORISEZOUJNkZWx4akZibUhhYOW9jOT09> at 6:00 PM in the evening, on Monday, February 28, 2022 to transact the following business from the floor.

- ARTICLE 1: To establish the annual salaries of the District Directors at \$1,000 each.
- ARTICLE 2: To establish the annual salary of the District Treasurer at \$14,200.
- ARTICLE 3: To establish the annual salary of the District Clerk at \$1,200.
- ARTICLE 4: To establish the annual salary of the Assistant District Clerk at \$600.
- ARTICLE 5: To establish the annual salary of the District Moderator at \$10.
- ARTICLE 6: To authorize the School District Board to borrow money in anticipation of revenues to meet current operating expenses of the District.
- ARTICLE 7: To hold a public informational hearing on articles to be voted upon by Australian Ballot on March 1, 2022.
- ARTICLE 8: To transact any other business found proper when met.

The legal voters of Southwest Vermont Regional Technical School District #V009 are hereby WARNED FURTHER to meet on Tuesday, March 1, 2022, when the polls will be open to transact business by Australian Ballot as follows:

- ARTICLE A: To elect 4 (Four) School Directors, who are legal residents of the Service Region as listed above in accordance with the bylaws of the Southwest Vermont Regional Technical School District for 3 (three) year terms.
- ARTICLE B: To elect a Moderator for a term of 3 (three) years.
- ARTICLE C: To elect a Treasurer for a term of 3 (three) years.
- ARTICLE D: To elect a Clerk for a term of 3 (three) years.
- ARTICLE E: Shall the voters of the Southwest Vermont Regional Technical School District approve the school board to expend \$4,227,688, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year?
- ARTICLE F: Shall the voters of the Service Region of Southwest Vermont Regional Technical School District increase the existing Reserve Fund for Capital Improvements and existing Reserve Fund for Equipment by the sums of \$60,000 and \$20,000 respectively?

Voting on Tuesday, March 1, 2022 shall be at large by Australian ballot. The polls will be open as indicated below for each respective town, as follows:

Residents of Arlington vote at Arlington Memorial High School, 529 East Arlington Road, Arlington, Vermont. Polls will be open from 10 AM to 7 PM.

Residents of Bennington vote at the Bennington Fire Department, 130 River Street, Bennington, Vermont. Polls will be open from 7 AM to 7 PM.

Residents of Dorset vote at Dorset Town Offices, 112 Mad Tom Road, East Dorset, Vermont. Polls will be open from 7 AM to 7 PM.

Residents of Glastenbury vote at the Shaftsbury Town Garage, 526 North Road, Shaftsbury, Vermont. Polls will be open from 7 AM to 7 PM.

Residents of Manchester vote at the Manchester Town Hall, 40 Jeff Williams Way, Manchester Center, Vermont. Polls will be open from 8 AM to 7 PM.

Residents of North Bennington vote at the Village Trustees Office, 2 Depot Street, North Bennington, Vermont. Polls will be open from 7 AM to 7 PM.

Residents of Pownal vote at the Pownal Center Fire House, 2872 North Pownal Road, Route 7, Pownal Center, Vermont. Polls will be open from 10 AM to 7 PM.

Residents of Readsboro vote at the Readsboro Central School Gym, 301 Phelps Lane, Readsboro, Vermont. Polls will be open from 10 AM to 7 PM.

Residents of Sandgate vote at the Sandgate Town Hall, 3266 Sandgate Road, Sandgate, Vermont. Polls will be open from 10 AM to 7 PM.

Residents of Searsburg vote at the Searsburg Town Offices, 18 Town Garage Road, Searsburg, Vermont. Polls will be open from 10 AM to 7 PM.

Residents of Shaftsbury vote at the Town Garage, 526 North Road, Shaftsbury, Vermont. Polls will be open from 7 AM to 7 PM.

Residents of Stamford vote at the Stamford Community Room, 986 Main Road, Stamford, Vermont. Polls will be open from 10 AM to 7 PM.

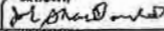
Residents of Sunderland vote at the Municipal Office Building, 104 Mountain View Road, Sunderland, Vermont. Polls will be open from 10 AM to 7 PM.

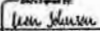
Residents of Woodford vote at the Woodford Town Office Building, 1391 VT Route 9, Woodford, Vermont. Polls will be open from 7 AM to 7 PM.


Register to Vote: Residents of Member Towns may register to vote at their Town Clerk's Office or online at www.olvr.sec.state.vt.us. Eligible residents registering on Election Day must do so at the polling place where they will cast their Town Meeting ballot.

Interpreting services for this meeting will be provided upon request. If this service is required, please notify SVRTSD at 447-0220, at least three (3) days before the meeting.


Signatures

John MacDonald, Chair 

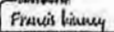
Leon Johnson, Vice Chair 


Jacqueline Kelly, Clerk 

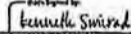
Michael Cutler 

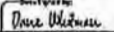
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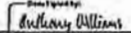
Art Haytko 


Francis Kinney 

Todd Siclar 

Kenneth Swierad 

Dane Whitman 

Anthony Williams 

Received for recording this 25 day of January, 2022
Cassandra Barbeau, Clerk or Kayla Thompson, Assistant Clerk SVRTSD, 

SELECTBOARD REPORT 2021

First and foremost, the Town of Sunderland Selectboard would like to thank Rose Keough, our Town Clerk and Treasurer, for her incredibly dedicated service to the Town of Sunderland for over 30 years. Rose has decided to retire and the Selectboard and the individuals serving on it will greatly miss her guidance, input, and knowledge. We considered it an honor and a privilege to have worked alongside such a dedicated and professional individual as Rose. From the bottom of our hearts thank you Rose for helping make Sunderland a better community.

Two years later and we are still dealing with the Covid 19 pandemic. Through it all though the Town of Sunderland has continued to thrive and adapt to the ever-changing rules and restrictions. Beginning in August 2021, the town began receiving funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). The Selectboard has held meetings seeking Sunderland residents' input on how to best use these funds. We will continue to seek residents' input as the deadline for obligating the funds is December 31, 2024, with expenditure by December 31, 2026.

The Town of Sunderland has seen an increase in population since the last census. We are constantly looking for people to fill the empty seats on various Town Boards as well as Town Positions. Many of these positions require minimal time commitments but are vital in keeping the town running smoothly. Please visit the town website at www.sunderlandvt.org.

**TOWN OF SUNDERLAND
MINUTES
INFORMATIONAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 22, 2021
AND
TOWN MEETING ELECTION RESULTS
MARCH 2, 2021**

Selectboard Chairman Jon French called the Town of Sunderland Informational Meeting to order at 7:00 PM via Zoom with approximately 23 participants. This meeting is to discuss and answer questions on the articles that will be voted upon on March 2, 2021 by Australian ballot.

State Representative Kathleen James gave an overview of her activities in the House of Representatives. Representative James is on the House Education Committee and they have been working on a literacy bill, school construction bill, yield bill, community schools bill, and on the Select Committee discussing higher education. Representative James also has been involved with H171 which concerns affordable childcare and the fiscal year 2022 budget.

Representative Seth Bongartz is on the Natural Resources Committee and stated that he is working on the bottle bill to include wine bottles, the care of wetlands and changes to the current use system. Representative Bongartz has been attending the pension workshops.

Representative David Durfee stated that he is on the Ways and Means Committee and has been working on the yield bill and at this point of time the State Education tax rate is going up one cent or less. Representative Durfee also has been involved with how we fund schools, there could be a change from property taxation to an income tax basis.

Jon French then opened discussion on questions that were sent in prior to the meeting.

Article 1: Joseph Boutin asked how much money is in the Equipment Reserve Fund and what equipment does the town plan to purchase. Richard Timmerman stated that there is \$70,747.00 in the fund and the town is looking to purchase a loader, probably a used one. Richard Timmerman noted that the piece of equipment that is used as a loader broke down and Woodard Construction let us borrow one until ours was fixed.

Article 2: Joseph Boutin asked how much money is in the Paving Reserve Fund and what projects are anticipated and how much will they cost for the upcoming season. Bruce Mattison stated that there is \$5,735.53 in the Paving Reserve Fund and there are no projects planned because it takes a few years to build up the fund before doing anything. It was explained that last year the North Road was done.

Article 3: Joseph Boutin asked how much money is in the Road Projects Reserve Fund and what are the projected projects for this upcoming season. Bruce Mattison stated that there is \$40,484.18 in the fund and nothing is currently projected.

Article 4: There were no questions.

Article 5: There were no questions.

Article 6: Joseph Boutin asked how much the budget would increase should article six be approved. Richard Timmerman stated that the salt shed has been completed and the money will be transferred into the Highway Fund. Rose Keough stated that whatever is left in the Salt Shed Reserve Fund would go into the Highway Fund and this would help decrease the amount needed

to be raised in taxes. The estimated amount is \$11,825.00 and the Selectboard cannot spend this money and it will be applied against what is needed for the Highway Fund next year.

Articles 7 – 15: There were no questions.

Article 16: Joseph Boutin asked if the Cemetery Commissioners were asking for an increase in their salary. Jon French noted that the Cemetery Budget does show the increase and each member would receive \$750.00 annually up from \$500.00. Joseph Boutin asked how often they meet and what their responsibilities are. Jon French noted that the Cemetery Commissioners meet once a month except in the winter months and they are responsible for the maintenance of the cemeteries such as contracting the mowing, they sell, layout and draw up the deeds for the cemetery lots. Jon French noted that the cemeteries look exceptionally good. Peter Van Haverbeke stated that the statement of receipts and disbursement on page 8 of the annual report states that over \$8,000.00 was spent on miscellaneous which is an exceptionally large amount for miscellaneous. Rose Keough explained that the miscellaneous expense was \$36.87, and the mowing expense was \$8,050.00. Peter and Lily Van Haverbeke stated that it did not appear that way in the online version. Rose Keough stated that it could be considered mislabeling. Stephen Bendix stated that the page numbering on the online version did not match the printed version.

Articles 17-19: Joseph Boutin noted that the pay for the Constables is lowest rate of pay and does this mean we do not need Constables. Jon French stated that at the 2000 annual meeting the voters decided to take away all law enforcement capabilities unless the constable completed the law enforcement training. We now have one Constable, Wayne Godfrey, that has completed the training and he has stated that he does not want to be paid as Constable and he and Kevin Hewes are donating their time to Sunderland.

Steven Bendix asked if the Selectboard had come to a decision as to whether they will hire a professional auditor or go with the three Town Auditors. Jon French stated that a professional will be hired because it has been a few years since there has been an outside audit. Steven Bendix asked why the sublet services went up by \$6,000.00. Richard Timmerman explained that we are going to contract someone to haul gravel to let the Road Crew work on other things and it will help to decrease the cost of maintenance of the trucks. Steven Bendix asked if the town will be doing a reappraisal this year and Jon French noted that the Listers will most likely handle it in house and do a few adjustments on items like land value. Steven Bendix noted that there is \$112,910.87 in the Reappraisal Reserve Fund and the State of Vermont contributes to the reserve each year.

Jon French introduced Jeffrey Dexter as a member of the Energy Committee and asked him to report to the town. Jeffrey Dexter stated that the Energy Committee has been working since 2019 and some of the seminars they hope to have are e-vehicle, e-bike, incentives and rebates, do it yourself projects and heat pumps. The window inserts project will continue in the fall. The Energy Committee is also involved in Green Up which is being held on May 1, 2021. Jeffrey Dexter stated that the committee needs feed back which can be done on Facebook and the committee will beef up the information on the town website: sunderlandvt.org.

Jon French introduced Mark Hyde who is a representative from Sunderland on the Southern Vermont Communications Union District (CUD). Mark Hyde stated that CUD was formed about a year ago and they are in the final stages of the business plan. The plan has shown that we are not viable as a stand-alone entity and we should join with another partner. Mark Hyde stated that there are significant funding opportunities at the state level which could allow for the CUD to start working on the high level of design of a network.

Jon French thanked Richard Timmerman, who is stepping down, for his years of service on the Selectboard and he is welcome back anytime. Richard Timmerman urged people to get involved. Jon French stated that the polls are open at the Sunderland Municipal Offices at 104 Mountain View Road on March 2, 2021 from 10:00am until 7:00pm for Sunderland residents to cast their ballots if they decided not to mail them.

Richard Zens moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Richard Timmerman. Jon French declared the meeting adjourned at 7:54pm.

The ballot boxes were declared open on March 2, 2021 at 10:00am by Town Clerk Rose Keough and closed at 7:00pm. The results follow:

Article 1. Shall the voters of Sunderland appropriate the sum of \$65,000.00 to be added to the Highway Equipment Reserve Fund?

Yes 191 No 31 Blank 3 **TOTAL 225**

Article 2. Shall the voters of Sunderland appropriate the sum of \$65,000.00 to be added to the Paving Reserve Fund?

Yes 193 No 29 Blank 3 **TOTAL 225**

Article 3. Shall the voters of Sunderland appropriate the sum of \$15,000.00 to be added to the Road Projects Reserve Fund?

Yes 198 No 23 Blank 4 **TOTAL 225**

Article 4. Shall the voters of Sunderland appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 to be added to the State/Town Bridge Co-Op Reserve Fund?

Yes 202 No 20 Blank 3 **TOTAL 225**

Article 5. Shall the voters of Sunderland appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 to be added to the Guardrail Reserve Fund?

Yes 191 No 31 Blank 3 **TOTAL 225**

Article 6. Shall the voters of Sunderland authorize the transfer of any remaining funds in the Salt Shed Reserve Fund to the Highway Fund?

Yes 202 No 18 Blank 4 Overvote 1 **TOTAL 225**

Article 7. Shall the voters of Sunderland appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 to be added to the Technology Reserve Fund?

Yes 192 No 30 Blank 3 **TOTAL 225**

Article 8. Shall the voters of Sunderland appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 to be added to the Building Maintenance Reserve Fund?

Yes 203 No 19 Blank 3 **TOTAL 225**

Article 9. Shall the voters of Sunderland appropriate the sum of \$700.00 for the support of **Arlington Area Childcare, Inc.** (Happy Days Playschool) to provide services to the residents of the town?

Yes 174 No 47 Blank 4 **TOTAL 225**

Article 10. Shall the voters of Sunderland appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 for the support of **Arlington Community Public Health Nursing Service, Inc.** to provide services to the residents of the town?

Yes 203 No 21 Blank 1 **TOTAL 225**

Article 11. Shall the voters of Sunderland appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for the support of the **Recreation Park in Arlington** to provide services to the residents of the town?

Yes 191 No 31 Blank 3 **TOTAL 225**

Article 12. Shall the voters of Sunderland appropriate the sum of \$9,100.00 for the support of the **Martha Canfield Memorial Free Library, Inc.** to provide services to the residents of the town?

Yes 172 No 51 Blank 2 **TOTAL 225**

Article 13. Shall the voters of Sunderland appropriate the sum of \$150.00 for the support of **Project Against Violent Encounters (PAVE)** to provide victim services to the residents of the town?

Yes 194 No 26 Blank 4 Overvotes 1 **TOTAL 225**

Article 14. Shall the Town of Sunderland vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$300.00 for the support of **Shire Kids** to provide books and reading programs for young children and families in Sunderland?

Yes 198 No 26 Blank 1 **TOTAL 225**

Article 15. Shall the voters of Sunderland appropriate the sum of \$700.00 for the support of **Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging** to provide elder services to the residents of the town?

Yes 199 No 24 Blank 2 **TOTAL 225**

Article 16. Shall the voters of Sunderland approve the sum of \$18,850.00 for the Cemetery Maintenance Budget?

Yes 180 No 41 Blank 4 **TOTAL 225**

Article 17. Shall the voters of Sunderland approve the sum of \$355,680.00 for the General Fund Budget?

Yes 194 No 24 Blank 5 Overvotes 2 **TOTAL 225**

Article 18. Shall the voters of Sunderland approve the sum of \$395,300.00 for the Highway Fund Budget?

Yes 193 No 26 Blank 5 Overvotes 1 **TOTAL 225**

ARTICLE 19. To elect by Australian Ballot the following officers, as required by law:

Auditor, 3-yr term

Write in Others	8
Blank	217
TOTAL	225

Cemetery Commissioner, 3-yr term

Write-in Others	13
Blank	212
TOTAL	225

Auditor, 2 years of a 3-yr term

ADAM ANNUNIZIATA	171*
Other	1
Blank	53
TOTAL	225

Delinquent Tax Collector, 1-yr term

RICHARD A. DAVIS, II	187*
Others	1
Blank	37
TOTAL	225

First Constable, 1-yr term

WAYNE M. GODFREY	175*
Write in Others	7
Blank	43
TOTAL	225

Second Constable, 1-yr term

KEVIN HEWES	229*
Write in Others	5
Blank	52
TOTAL	225

Lister, 3-yr term

PETER VAN VLECK, JR	185*
Other	1
Blank	39
TOTAL	225

Lister, 2 years of a 3-yr term

ROBERT GOODFELLOW	182*
Write in Others	1
Blank	42
TOTAL	225

Lister, 1-year of a 3-yr term
 MICHAEL de ZAYAS 175*
 Write in Others 1
 Blank 49
TOTAL 225

Selectboard Member, 3-yr term
 JON FRENCH 192*
 Write in Others 2
 Blank 29
 Defective 2
TOTAL 225

Selectboard Member, 1-yr term(Vote for 2)
 RICHARD ZENS (DIXIE) 181*
 Write in Others 10
 Blank 259
TOTAL 450

Town Agent, 1-yr term
 JAMES S. AYREY 188*
 Blank 36
 Defective 1
TOTAL 225

Town Grand Juror, 1-yr term
 JAMES S. AYREY 189*
 Write in Others 1
 Blank 35
TOTAL 225

Town Moderator, 1-year term
 Write-in Others 14
 Blank 211
TOTAL 225

*denotes elected.

Respectfully submitted,
 ROSE M. KEOUGH
 Sunderland Town Clerk

Sunderland Town Report

Arlington Area Childcare

Arlington Area Childcare (formally known as Happy Days) has provided quality early childhood education to the town of Arlington for 38 plus years with the focus on families and child centeredness. In January, Arlington Area Childcare hired a new Executive Director: Jennifer (Jenny) Edwards. As an active professional in the Early Childhood Sector, she has administered and taught award winning, non-profit preschools. Her hard work in NY has earned her local awards and state and national recognition. Jenny is an active member in NAEYC (National Association for Education of Young Children) and is an active member in the NY and VT chapters. She is also an active member in Starting Points Director's Network for Bennington County, as well as part of the advocacy effort for childcare through Let's Grow Kids. Additionally, Jenny is the Chair of the Advisory and Review Boards for HVCC's Education Department and serves as a member of HVCC's President's Board.

During last school year (January 2021 – May 2021) the childcare operated under all Covid-19 safety protocols. We built our enrollment back from our 2020 closure, and only had one empty classroom during this time. We took this time to repair, repaint, and refurbish each classroom. At the same time, we were able to provide high quality care for the families we currently had enrolled. We provide services to the children of the area, providing vision screenings, partnering with Children's Integrated Services, Vermont Childcare subsidy, and many other support services. Additionally, our outdoor playgrounds got some much needed care and updating through some grant money.

When Jenny settled in, she realized that the center serves a variety of demographics, but the majority of the families qualified for free or reduced lunch. Therefore, in March we created a new Family Advocate Position. We could not think of a better person to do this important work than our own Kayla Croft. Through our Family Advocate Program we have been able to help our families secure federal and state assistance, such as WIC. We also help the families apply for subsidized childcare and navigate all the necessary paperwork. Word got around and some local citizens donated to the program. That began our Family Assistance Fund. Through this fund we help with groceries, gas cards, diapers, and clothing for the children. In our lobby we have a mini food pantry for the families to take what they need. If their need is more, then we have partnered with the Arlington Food Pantry to assist certain families. We also have a scholarship fund that helps parents catch up on their tuition bills. When families are asked to quarantine with their young children, it makes paying bills almost impossible. Through our Family Advocate Program, we ease some of the burden.

Each year Arlington Area Childcare strives to bring families together and host individual classroom family events, fundraisers, and center-wide gathers. With the pandemic we were not able to gather and make connections like we used to, yet this summer we did host a Family Fun Day and Open House. One way we have made up for the lack of in-person connection is through our newsletters. In our monthly newsletters, that the executive director authors, she has a page dedicated to parental education. We strive to make new ways to connect with families and still be part of our little community that we love so much. We hope to get back to being able to gather and make those connections and build stronger relationships with families.

One way that Arlington Area Childcare stays connected with families is through our childcare software called Procure. Through this program we post pictures and interact with families throughout the day. This software helps us stay connected with families and make them feel like they are part of the classroom. This way

families are able to stay connected with the classroom teachers as well. Families are allowed in the building to drop their children off and converse with the teacher as long as the visit is kept under fifteen minutes. We were able to conduct our parent-teacher conferences outside this last spring. Winter conferences will be either in person or video calls.

Arlington Area Childcare supports staff development by offering online training through Childcare Education Institute (CCEI). Our staff clocks over 30 hours of training in the Early Childhood Profession every year. We currently have 6 staff members continuing their education in early childhood. One is enrolled in Fundamentals. We have five other staff enrolled in the early childhood education classes at the Community College of Vermont in Bennington.

Thank you to the Arlington Community for continuing to support our programs, goals, and mission. As members of this community, we invite you all to come and visit our beautiful childcare. Feel free to call our office and set up a tour.

Arlington Community Public Health Nursing Service, Inc.
P.O. Box 62 Arlington, Vermont 05250

December 11, 2021

Town of Sunderland Select Board
104 Mountain View Rd.
Sunderland, VT 05250

Dear Members of the Select Board,

On behalf of the Arlington Community Public Health Nursing Service, I am writing to express our appreciation for the continued financial support of the board and the citizens of Sunderland. The Nursing Service is respectfully requesting that the board consider funding for the year 2022 in the amount of \$1500. The costs of Rutland Area Visiting Nurses providing home care to our residents in need continues as well as various other medical assistance needs that are appropriately funded as they arise in our community. Our scholarship program continues each year as well, with four scholarships in place to four worthy graduating students who receive it for their entire four years depending on their diligently continuing their studies. We sincerely hope you are able to grant our request, so we may continue to provide these important services.

On behalf of the thirty citizens that make up our board we thank you for your service to our town and for your support of our missions.

Sincerely,



Donna Gunther, President
Arlington Community Public Health Nursing Service, Inc.

Arlington Rescue Squad Inc is a nonprofit organization that provides Emergency Medical Services to your town. Our mission shall be to maintain a twenty-four (24) hour ambulance, first aid, and rescue services to the surrounding communities, by preparing the membership and staff to care for and answer any emergency that comes within the scope of medical services and to perform other services as may be deemed appropriate by the organization. Every day, our volunteer members and staff work hard to provide the highest level of care to all our patients and communities. And we say Thank you. Thank you for all your support, without which, Arlington Rescue Squad Inc could not do the things we do for our community. Just like everyone else, COVID has played a huge part in our world over the last 2 years. We have seen the impact of this pandemic on our community and we have seen the devastation it has brought on individuals and their families. Our jobs are not easy as we use personal protective equipment on every call to help everyone in their time of need. Protecting our providers and our community is our top priority. Because without healthy providers and first responders our community could not get the service we guarantee. Our providers and first responders have been amazing in the help they provide and continue to provide our friends and families. The help we have received from new first responders and providers has been a lifesaver for our organization and allows us to continue providing advanced-level life support to our community. Our goals over the next year are simple. Continue our work of providing a very high level of care to our community and find people like you, to help provide that care. Now, with the help of a new Vermont EMS Rules (effective Jan 1st, 2022), it is very easy to get involved. We can start folks out with a weekend-long class and from there, we can help you become a provider. We understand that not everyone wants to be a provider. First responders provide a very important role in any emergency. They help our providers on scenes, they help with basic things like CPR, stopping bleeding, even driving ambulances, and helping out with community events. The first responder program is open to any able person over the age of 16. We also offer an Explorer program for ages 14 to 20. (If you fall into the age range of the Explorer program, you will be enrolled in that program. It is full of useful training above and beyond regular monthly EMS training like Leadership, Wilderness First Aid, and Search and Rescue.) With the everchanging rise in health costs, Arlington Rescue Squad needs your help and support. The money we receive from town appropriations does a lot for us and our community. It helps us continue our operations to pay staff and maintain equipment. Without volunteers, our cost to provide you with the medical protection you are accustomed to will **double**. Right now, just to staff our organization for one year, that cost is over \$220,000. To staff a paid nighttime crew 7 days a week, that crew would be an additional \$220,000 per year. Currently, our infrastructure will not support 24/7 paid coverage. Our station is designed for a daytime crew. It is not a facility where a crew can sleep, cook, and shower. For over 50 years, Arlington Rescue Squad has relied on our community to help provide evening and nighttime coverage for emergencies. I believe we can still follow this model of support. I believe we still have community members that want to help their friends and neighbors. With your help, we can continue to provide life-saving services. Without Arlington Rescue Squad, our community could wait up to **20 to 35 minutes longer** for help and an ambulance. In a true emergency, minutes are what saves lives. Help us continue the legacy started 54 years ago of neighbors helping neighbors. Support Arlington Rescue Squad in any way you can. Visit our website for information on getting involved as a provider, as a first responder, and to donate. Thank you.

Josh Williams the Executive Director of Arlington Rescue Squad Inc. jwilliams@arsvt.org

The Bennington County Conservation District

The mission of the Bennington County Conservation District is to protect natural resources and promote rural livelihoods in southwestern Vermont. The goals of the District are, to the extent possible, to:

1. Promote agriculture in Bennington County and adjacent areas.
2. Promote open space and natural resource conservation in Bennington County.
3. Strengthen the county's rural economic base by promoting resource-conserving rural livelihoods.
4. Promote conservation and science education for primary and secondary school-aged children in Bennington County.
5. Build an educated and skilled staff and Board and a secure, predictable funding base so as to guarantee the District's effectiveness and longevity.

Here are a few of the projects that we have been working on this past year.

Trees for Streams: We have partnered with the Poultney-Mettawee Conservation District, the Climate Advocates of Bennington, 350VT and Vermont DEC to plant riparian buffers throughout the county. Over 2,000 trees/shrubs were planted in the Batten Kill, Mettawee, and Walloomsac watersheds this year.

Agricultural: We continue to partner with the Poultney-Mettawee Conservation District to provide local producers with technical assistance, free no-till seed drill rentals, soil sampling and exclusion fencing.

Culvert Replacement: We continue to work with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Trout Unlimited, and environmental engineers to develop designs for a large culvert replacement in Danby. Replacing this culvert will improve the natural dynamics of the stream while improving aquatic organism passage including native Brook Trout.

Outreach: The District is providing technical assistance to landowners who wish to learn more about improving their property to enhance water quality and wildlife habitats.

We all have a role to play in local natural resource conservation. Your support enables us to champion the working lands in our community and we are sincerely grateful for your help.

Jim Henderson

Bennington County Conservation Chair

Bennington County Regional Commission

The Bennington County Regional Commission (BCRC) works with and on behalf of its member municipalities to build strong, resilient, and sustainable communities, to foster economic prosperity, and to promote a high quality of life for residents of the region. The BCRC plays an important role in coordinating work among local governments, state and federal agencies, regional public and nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, and private interests. The organization is governed by local appointees from seventeen area municipalities and commissioners who represent interests ranging from public health to economic development. Regular meetings are held on the third Thursday of every other month, with frequent special meetings throughout the year (information at: www.bcrvvt.org).

In addition to its ongoing role in supporting the comprehensive planning work of municipal officials, the BCRC is a regional center for programs in community and economic development, transportation, energy, environmental conservation, water quality, public health, solid waste management, and emergency management. BCRC staff is available to provide direct assistance in these areas and to serve as a liaison with state and federal agencies.

During the past year, the BCRC has worked to implement its comprehensive plan through a variety of programs and cooperative work with member municipalities. Economic development planning at the BCRC is conducted by dedicated staff and supported by a committee with representatives appointed by the regional development corporation. The goal of this BCRC program is to support business retention, growth, and recruitment. Related BCRC planning and community development initiatives support redevelopment initiatives in downtowns and village centers, grant assistance for local businesses, and have produced reuse planning studies for key properties such as the former SVC campus and the recently idled Energizer complex. Concern over the state's water quality has led the BCRC to identify and implement local projects that not only reduce stormwater runoff, but also protect roads, bridges, culverts, and private property from damage. Other important activities have included: an assessment of land use regulations affecting housing in each town and village, expanded staff capacity to assist with implementation of local energy plans, village center and neighborhood development area designations, implementation of the regional solid waste management plan, and planning for roadway, bicycle and pedestrian, and public transportation improvements.

In the coming year, the BCRC will continue to provide information and resources to assist business and local governments response to the Covid-19 pandemic, and to take advantage of opportunities created through the federal American Rescue Plan and other programs. We expect to see continued focus on infrastructure (including broadband) improvement projects, pandemic recovery and business support services, planning for workforce housing, and measures to support implementation of the Vermont Climate Action Plan.

While our downtown Bennington offices, located at 210 South Street, have reopened, staff still work remotely at times, so it generally is easiest to contact us via email (see contacts at www.bcrvvt.org). Fortunately, technology has allowed us to continue work with little interruption in progress on any projects. Post-pandemic, we hope to have regular office hours at the Manchester Town Offices as well.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Sullivan, Director

Bennington County Solid Waste Alliance

Arlington, Bennington, Dorset, Glastenbury, Manchester, Pownal, Rupert, Sandgate, Searsburg, Shaftsbury, Stamford, Sunderland, and Woodford

The Bennington County Solid Waste Alliance works to reduce the amount of waste disposed in landfills by promoting recycling and reuse as well as resource conservation. The Alliance offers education and outreach to businesses, schools, institutions, and event organizers in complying with the Universal Recycling Law and other solid waste management requirements primarily by increasing reuse and recycling. These programs help residents, businesses, schools, and institutions find solutions to recycling, food scrap diversion and the disposal of items such as electronic waste, fluorescent bulbs, paint, and others that are banned from landfills.

The Alliance launched an expanded website at www.bcswa.org and hosts a Facebook page (www.facebook.com/solidwastealliance) which provide information on:

- battery recycling through the Call2Recycle program
- disposal of used motor oil at retail establishments and transfer stations that accept motor oil
- recycling of paint through the PaintCare program, including retail stores that accept paint
- prescription drug disposal including drop-off locations
- recycling of textiles by the Apparel Impact, Goodwill, and others
- events for disposing household hazardous waste
- disposing of fluorescent bulbs, compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs) and other mercury items at transfer stations and retail establishments
- disposal of E-Waste at area transfer stations, Goodwill, and retail establishments
- diverting food scraps by composting and annual sales of compost bins and kitchen containers
- resources for businesses, schools, events, institutions and residents

During 2021 the Alliance assisted forty businesses, several major event organizers including Garlic Town, made a recycling presentation to summer campers at Lake Paran, and hosted tables at several farmers markets. On-site presentations were provided to Bennington Elementary and Sunderland Elementary schools to teach students about recyclable materials. Forty pieces of composting equipment were also sold through two distribution events.

The Alliance held three household hazardous waste events serving 666 households, a number that continues to increase each year. In 2022, three household hazardous waste events will be held for residents and small businesses of all thirteen towns within the Alliance. The spring event will be in Bennington and the fall in Dorset. A third event will be held for residents and businesses of Searsburg and Stamford to accommodate the greater distance they have to either of the other events. Visit bcswa.org for updates and details. The Alliance receives most of its funding from the thirteen towns along with grants from the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources and the Agency of Agriculture and Markets.



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 41 Sunderland 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.

GNAT-TV	WAYS TO WATCH
Service	COMCAST CABLE
Territory:	CHANNELS:
Arlington	1074 (PUBLIC)
Dorset	1084 (GOVERNMENT)
Londonderry	1094 (EDUCATION)
Manchester	GNAT-TV.ORG
Peru	YOUTUBE
Rupert	ROKU & APPLE TV
Sandgate	LISTEN VIA PODCAST
Stratton	
Sunderland	
Weston	
Winhall	

GNAT-TV Operating Revenue / Expense Summary Year Ending 9.30.2021

Operating Revenue	
Mandated Cable Funding	\$416,195
Municipal Contributions (7 Towns)	\$14,000
Program Services, Contributions, Grants	\$64,915
Investments / Other	\$12,649
Total Operating Revenue	\$526,546
Operating Expenses	
Program / Production	\$372,979
General / Management	\$94,147
Fundraising	\$322
Total Operating Expense	\$467,126

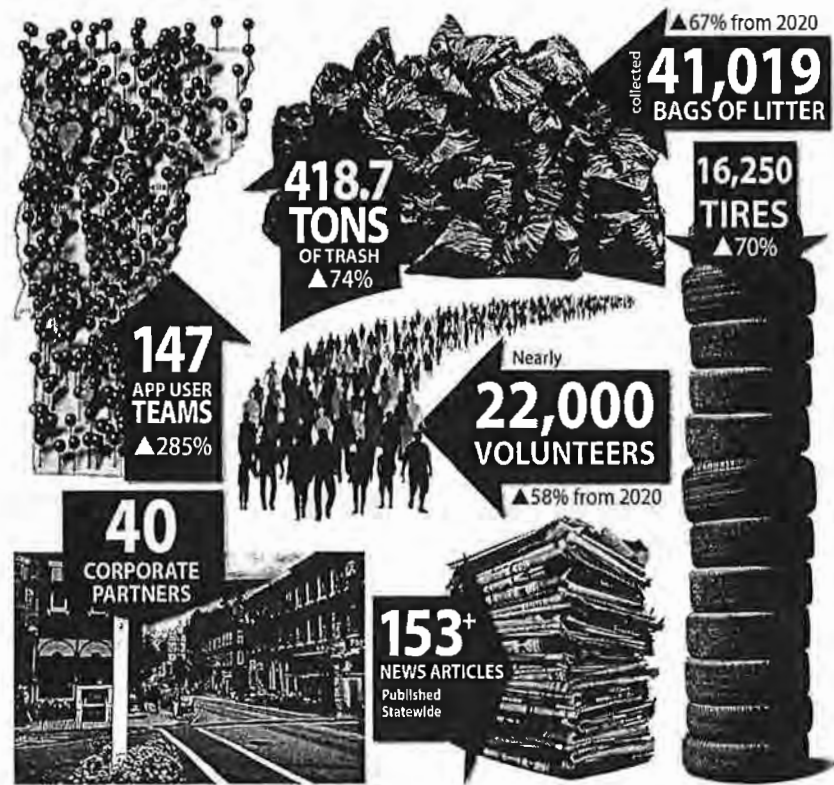
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2021 Usage Data
680 Local Public Programs Produced
195 Government Meetings
86 Community Video Announcements
143 Community Bulletin Board Announcements
282,792 Online Video Views
583 Equipment & Facility Reservations
250 Training Sessions
345 People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



GREEN UP VERMONT
www.greenupvermont.org

Green Up Day
May 7, 2022



Green Up Day on May 1, 2021 was a huge success thanks to nearly 22,000 volunteers statewide who Greened Up. The infographic shows that all your hard work to beautify Vermont is needed and that it makes where we get to live, work, and play a very special place. As one of Vermont's favorite holidays, it is imperative for today and for future generations to keep building pride, awareness, and stewardship for a clean Vermont environment.

Support from your municipality is essential to our program. Funds help pay for Green Up Day supplies, promotional outreach, and educational resources including activity books, contests for kids, and a \$1,000 scholarship.

Along with Green Up Day, we work year-round to further our impact with waste reduction initiatives, additional clean-up efforts, and educational programs.

Green Up Vermont is a private nonprofit organization that relies on your town's support to execute the tradition of cleaning up our roads and waterways, while promoting civic pride, and community engagement. Thank you for your support of this crucial program that takes care of all our cities and towns.

Your donations make a huge impact and can be made on Line 23 of the Vermont State Income Tax Form or anytime online at www.greenupvermont.org.

Visit our website, like us on Facebook (@greenupvermont), and follow us on Instagram (greenupvermont). greenup@greenupvermont.org 229-4586

Martha Canfield Library

Town Report 2021

The Martha Canfield Library is here to help you read, learn and expand your horizons in a variety of ways. Even with a pandemic, we have worked to find ways that you can still access the majority of our services with curbside pickup for books, movies, games and puzzles, interlibrary loan, and printing services. We have 24/7 online access to audio and ebooks, along with other databases for research and classes through the links on our website: marthacanfieldlibrary.org. All you need is your library card barcode. Our library assistant Holly has held virtual storytimes on Facebook, and we have offered virtual programs for adults as well as children. And, thanks to a grant from the Berkshire Bank, we were able to provide activity kits and free books for over 125 children during our summer reading program, Tails & Tales.

Despite fewer in person research visits 2021 was an active year for the Russell Collection. Researchers from as far away as Finland and Oregon contacted us for research on family history and genealogy building histories, local and Vermont history, yearbook and cemetery research, and church history.

There were several important donations. These included two ledgers from a local general store from the 1850 period and one ledger from Kelley Stand hotel from the 1860s (thanks to Kevin Walsh and Tim Thomas). We also received a valuable collection of personal letters between Dorothy Canfield Fisher and Drs. Julita and Carlos Layug following World War II with the help of Don Keelan and Brian Allen. Randy and Claire Clayton donated the Harrington Newspaper Collection containing newspapers from about 1855 through the 1880s. Other items include the early sign from the State Seal Pine site, genealogy of the Prince family, World War II Civil Defense Records and pennant donated by St. James Episcopal Church, photographs, and Vermont history books.

In conjunction with the Arlington Common and Don Trachte, Jr. we installed the popular Rockwell and Arlington exhibit at the Watkins House. We also gave a short outdoor presentation on Lucy Prince. As always, donations of photographs, family history, memorabilia, and local ephemera are always welcome.

We greatly appreciate your support through the years as we strive to provide services essential to a well-informed community. Let us know how we can help: check our webpage, follow us on Facebook, email with requests and questions, call us.

Respectfully submitted, Phyllis Skidmore, Director, Laura Crosslin, President, Board of Trustees

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Northshire Day School (NDS) is a quality, licensed non-profit childcare and early education center, which provides a safe and loving environment for local children from birth to age 5. We have been serving area families for over 50 years and currently serve 87 children.

Quality early childhood care is critical infrastructure for our local economy. It enables families to participate in the workforce and strengthens our community, providing more positive outcomes for children. When you invest in childcare, you invest in our community.

While working with a \$250,000 annual deficit, we strive to provide access to quality programming that is affordable for families. In the 2020-2021 fiscal year, it cost Northshire Day School \$17,613 to educate each child, but the average family paid only \$13,725. Our current starting rate for an early childhood educator is \$13/hour. While every family makes a significant contribution to their child's care, it is not enough to pay our educators a livable wage, even if they have completed higher education and certifications. To continue making a positive impact, we need community support.

To help us close half of our operational budget gap we are seeking funding from our Northshire towns to ensure that we can continue the important work of caring for our young children. We have submitted appropriation requests to the voters of Manchester, Dorset, and Sunderland. The amounts we are requesting from each community is based upon the percentage of students we serve from each of those communities. The appropriation requests are as follows:
Manchester - \$87,000, Dorset - \$13,000, and Sunderland - \$11,000.

The NDS Trustees are committed to securing private donations to cover the other half of our operational gap. We recently hired a Development Director to focus on building financial sustainability through philanthropic donations, grant writing, and community outreach.

When you vote "yes" for Northshire Day School, you are saying "yes" to children and their families. You are saying "yes" to local businesses who need employees. And, you are saying "yes" to the greater Northshire community.

Our annual report is viewable online at https://issuu.com/northshiredayschool/docs/2020-2021_nds_growth_report_final.

Thank you,

Julie Mackey
President of the Board of Trustees
Northshire Day School



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Town of Sunderland

This year marked PAVE's 40 year anniversary of providing compassionate, concrete support to survivors of domestic and sexual abuse. PAVE continues to be the only agency providing these services in Bennington County. Our goal is to promote a world where all peoples can be empowered to have fulfilling, safe relationships free from violence. We do this by providing services (that) (not only) provide services in times of crisis but provide services that educate, heal and empower as well.

In the last 40 years PAVE has grown from a crisis hotline to an agency offering multiple, comprehensive services. The cycle of abuse is often multi-generational and because of this knowledge PAVE offers prevention services through education and community outreach as well as direct services to survivors.

This past year brought unique challenges due to COVID 19 and the precautions that we all needed to take to keep our communities safe. PAVE understood that to quarantine would create new barriers for survivors trying to flee domestic or sexual violence. In response, our hotline remained open and fielded 293 calls. In addition, we received 805 calls seeking services and support to our main agency line during the past year.

Our advocates worked hard to continue offering support to survivors, while working remotely providing 101 interactions through internet contact alone. Despite the challenges of the pandemic, PAVE remained available and vital to the community. PAVE served 4 residents from the town of Sunderland, providing them with 16 supportive interactions in the past year. Our supervised visitation program also remained active providing remote visit options to parents and children, to keep them connected, despite not being able to physically see each other. This program offered 376 visits throughout the past year and has moved back to offering in person visits.

Domestic violence is the third leading cause of homelessness among families. For this reason our shelter remained open throughout the pandemic. Our shelter offers the only short term emergency housing for survivors of domestic violence in the county. Pave provided 1,057 nights of shelter last year, to survivors fleeing domestic or sexual violence.

PAVE is asking for level funding this year; \$150.00.

On behalf of our board of directors, staff, and the families we served, I thank the Town of Sunderland for your ongoing support. It allows us to create greater opportunities for those that are impacted by domestic and/or sexual violence, and need our services each year.

Respectfully submitted,

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Report to the Citizens of Sunderland

This report describes the services that the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging (SVCOA) provided to elders in Sunderland in 2021:

Nutrition Support

The Council helped provide 248 meals that were delivered to the home of 2 elders in your community. This service is often called “Meals on Wheels”. In addition, 1 Sunderland elder came to a luncheon site in your area to enjoy a nutritious meal and the company of others; 76 meals were provided.

Additionally, SVCOA provided 3.5 hours of one-on-one nutrition support, including nutrition assessments and resource connections and referrals, to 2 residents of Sunderland.

Case Management Assistance:

SVCOA case management and outreach staff helped 6 elders in your community for a total of 67.75 hours. Case managers meet with an elder privately in the elder’s home or at another agreed upon location and assess the elder’s situation. They will work with the elder to identify needs and talk about possible services available to address those needs. If the elder desires, the case manager will link the client to appropriate services, coordinate and monitor services as necessary, and provide information and assistance to caregivers. Case managers also help elders connect with in-home assistance programs, including a program called Choices for Care. This program is especially helpful to frail elders facing long term care placement who still wish to remain at home.

Other Services and Support:

1) “Senior Helpline” assistance at 1-800-642-5119. Our Senior HelpLine staff provide telephone support to elders and others who need information on available programs and community resources; 2) Medicare and health benefit counseling information and assistance through our State Health Insurance Program; 3) Legal service assistance through the Vermont Senior Citizens Law Project; 4) Information about elder issues and opportunities via various agency articles and publications 5) Nutrition education and counseling services provided by SVCOA’s Registered Dietician; 6) Senior Companion support for frail, homebound elders; 7) Outreach services to elders dealing with mental health issues through our Elder Care Clinician. This service is provided in cooperation with Rutland Mental Health; 8) Transportation assistance; 9) Caregiver support, information and respite to family members and others who are providing much needed help to elders in need of assistance; 10) Money Management programs that offer either a volunteer bill payer or representative payee services to elders and younger disabled individuals.



Help navigating health and human services for information and resources is only 3 digits away...**211**. Vermont 211 is a statewide Information and Referral program of the United Ways of Vermont. The Vermont 211 system is at the fingertips of every resident and every phone **24/7**. 211 is cost-effective, high-quality, personal, flexible and community-based.

Can't find what you need? You can always reach one of our trained Information & Referral Specialists by phone or by text. Vermont 211 is here to offer help and to offer hope.

- One call gives you access to resources across your community. 211 is efficient, fast and easy to use.
- No more wrong numbers; no more wasted time trying to find the right resource(s).
- 211 is a private and confidential call; most often the name of the caller is not even taken.
- 211 maintains the integrity of the 9-1-1 system; saving that vital community resource for life-and-death emergencies.
- 24/7 availability every day of the year; 211 is always there for you by phone, at www.vermont211.org, and by texting your zip code to 898211 Monday-Friday 8:00am-10:00pm.
- 211 is an easy way to find or give help in your community.
- Language translation services are also available.

In times of disaster, Vermont 2-1-1 plays a critical role in bringing information to the people most affected by the events and relaying the needs of callers back to the government officials and the first responders.

What are the needs in your community?

Vermont 211 collects town, county and statewide data and feeds it back to communities to help make systemic change. Monthly reports showing the needs of your county are available on our website.

In Fiscal Year 2021, residents of **Bennington County** contacted 211 by phone or text 1,468 times. There were 488 searches of 211's database conducted by people identifying themselves as Bennington County residents.

The top areas of need were: Basic Needs, Income Support and Employment, Organizational and Community Services, Health Care, and Environmental and Public Health/Safety. The top services sought were housing/shelter; public assistance; and public health and safety, primarily related to COVID-19 concerns.

Agencies receiving the greatest number of referrals included: Department for Children and Families—Economic Services Division; Vermont Department of Health; Vermont Foodbank; BROCC Community Action; Greater Bennington Interfaith Community Services; Help Me Grow Vermont; Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging; and Bennington County Coalition for the Homeless.

Want to subscribe to our monthly newsletter?

Our e-newsletter shares monthly statistics on the needs of Vermonters, highlights resources and keeps you up-to-date on new initiatives. To see or subscribe to our newsletter, go to: <http://www.vermont211.org/news/monthly-newsletter>



Vermont 211 Partners with Help Me Grow Vermont

Help Me Grow VT provides a centralized resource center that promotes family well-being by connecting children and their families to community-based services and resources for children birth through age eight. They offer care coordination and help with navigating services to ensure families connect to the resources and services they need. Help Me Grow Child Development Specialists also answer questions about children's behavior and development and offer developmental screenings to help identify children who are at risk for delays, so that services can begin as early as possible. Help Me Grow Child Development Specialists are available from 8:00am-5:00pm Monday-Friday by dialing 211, extension 6. You may also text **HMGVT** to **898211**, or email: info@helpmegrowvt.org.

To contact 211:

Dial 211 or
1-866-652-4636

www.vermont211.org

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

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

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

- **Legal, consulting, and education services**, including prompt responses to member questions that often involve how to comply with state and federal requirements. During the past year, VLCT's timely legal and technical assistance included answering more than 4,000 legal questions and publishing guidance, templates, research reports, and several new groups of FAQs explaining how municipalities can implement the state's COVID-19 requirements. To support Vermont's towns and cities in responding to the pandemic, VLCT quickly researched, assembled, and distributed important information about fiscal impacts, grant opportunities, and how to hold public meetings remotely.
- **Trainings and timely communications on topics of specific concern to officials** who carry out their duties required by state law, as well as pertinent statewide topics. In response to the pandemic, the League provided online trainings, a virtual week-long conference, and timely announcements and information from state officials about how to comply with requirements and access to funding and assistance.
- **Representation before the state legislature, state agencies, and the federal government**, ensuring that municipal voices are heard collectively and as a single, united voice. VLCT's recent legislative efforts have helped provide cities and towns additional resources to respond to the pandemic, address road and bridge repair, tackle cybersecurity, improve housing and economic growth, promote renewable energy, provide emergency medical services, address equity and inclusion, and ensure the quality of our drinking water. Members are also represented at the federal level to Vermont's Congressional delegation and through our partner, the National League of Cities. This federal partnership was instrumental in securing more than \$200 million in local pandemic aid through the American Rescue Plan Act, and ensuring it reached every city, town, and village in Vermont.
- **Access to two exceptional insurance programs.** The Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund (PACIF) provides comprehensive and cost-effective property, liability, and workers' compensation insurance coverage, programs, and services that protect the assets of your community. The VLCT Employment Resource and Benefits (VERB) Trust provides unemployment insurance, life, disability, dental, and vision insurance products to members at a competitive price. Both programs offer coverage and products that members need and ask for, help Vermont municipalities stretch their budgets, and are *only* available to VLCT members.
- **Access to a host of educational and informative materials and member conferences**, including a news magazine, handbooks, reports, articles, and events that all focus on the needs of local government and provide additional educational and networking opportunities.

At the heart of all these activities is VLCT's commitment to serving as a good steward of member assets, and we are proud of the progress we continue to make in that effort. Members are welcome to contact VLCT anytime to ask questions, and to access resources that can help them carry out the important work of local government. For a comprehensive list of member benefits and services, please visit vlct.org/memberguide.

To learn more about the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, visit the VLCT website at vlct.org.

The VT Spay Neuter Incentive Program aka "VSNIP", under the oversight of the VT Economic Services Department, is administered by VT Volunteer Services for Animals Humane Society (VWSA). VSNIP helps financially challenged Vermont residents spay/neuter cats and dogs for \$27.00. The balance is paid by fellow Vermonters when dogs are licensed by an added \$4.00 fee, the major funding for this important program. Funds are determined by the number of dogs licensed, which is required by law when a dog is six months of age. A current rabies vaccination is required to register, and a rabies vaccination can be administered after 12 weeks of age for both cats and dogs.

Prostate and mammary cancer is more likely to occur in unsterilized cats and dogs. It's not pretty and they're likely to die. Animals live longer and happier when they're spayed and neutered, are less likely to fight for territory, and mark what they claim to be "theirs"!

Licensing a dog: 1) helps identify your dog if lost, 2) provides proof your dog is protected from rabies in the event your dog is bitten by a rabid animal, but would still need immediate medical attention, 3) if your dog bites an animal or person – which could result in quarantine or possible euthanasia to test for infection, and 4) helps pay for VSNIP, addressing the population situation in Vermont.

Farms with cats should especially be aware that one rabid cat or dog can affect an entire population of animals on the premise. The answer is neutering through VSNIP which includes a rabies vaccination and the first of the two part distemper series.

Look for Rabies Clinics in March across the state. You can call your veterinarian and ask the cost of a rabies vaccination only, or call your nearest Tractor Supply Store for their Monthly Rabies Clinic schedule. Rabies IS in Vermont and it IS deadly.

To receive a VSNIP Application, send a 9" S.A.S.E to: VSNIP, PO Box 104, Bridgewater, VT 05034. Indicate if it's for a cat, dog or both. For more information, call 802-672-5302.

Please visit our website: www.VWSAHS.org
VWSA will be hosting Rabies Clinics in March. Call for dates and locations.

The animals thank you in advance! *Together We Truly Do Make A Difference!!*

Sue Skaskiw, VWSA Humane Society Executive Director/VSNIP Administrator

State Representatives Legislative Update

Reps. Kathleen James and Seth Bongartz

Bennington-4 District: Arlington, Manchester, Sandgate, and part of Sunderland

The 2022 legislative session started on January 4 and will continue through May.

Rep. Kathleen James serves as clerk of the Education Committee and in December 2021 was elected Assistant Majority Leader. Rep. Seth Bongartz serves on the Natural Resources, Fish and Wildlife Committee and the Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules.

A key focus of the legislature's work this session is investing Vermont's remaining federal ARPA dollars — more than \$500 million — to boost recovery and lay the groundwork for a stronger future, as well as tackling the interconnected challenges of workforce, childcare and housing. These are top priorities.

In October 2021, Bongartz and James hosted an all-day housing summit in Arlington. Leading state, regional and local officials presented a series of nuts-and-bolts workshops on how communities can build more housing for low- and middle-income residents. Bongartz and James have introduced a bill (H.511) that builds on these ideas and will make it easier to build housing in our town centers.

On May 2, 2022, they are hosting a Career Expo at Burr and Burton Academy that will feature dozens of leading Bennington County employers, business leaders and entrepreneurs, as well as reps from the Vermont State Colleges, UVM and VSAC. With a focus on long-term workforce development, the goal is to inform high-school students and job-seeking adults about Vermont's best-bet career pathways and training programs.

During the 2022 session, all floor and committee meetings are live-streamed and available for public viewing on YouTube at legislature.vermont.gov.

James and Bongartz are also hosting online constituent coffee hours on the second Saturday of each month. The meetings are held via Zoom for now, and future dates are February 12, March 12, April 9, May 14 and June 11 from 9 to 10 a.m. The informal conversations will offer constituents the opportunity to hear updates from the statehouse and to share ideas, questions, and concerns with Kath and Seth.

To join the coffee hour, please email KJames@leg.state.vt.us at least 30 minutes prior to each Saturday's meeting for the Zoom link. She'll also post the information on her legislative Facebook page (@Kathleen James VT State Representative).

Both legislators are active in several tri-partisan issue-oriented caucuses, including the Rural Economic Development Working Group, the Tourism Caucus, the Climate Solutions Caucus, and the Social Equity Caucus. They work closely together on a wide range of issues and encourage constituents to reach out and stay in close touch.

Rep. Kathleen James (KJames@leg.state.vt.us, cell 802.733.1435). Learn more and sign up for her newsletter at her website: kathjamesforstaterep.com. Follow on Facebook: Kathleen James VT State Representative.

Rep. Seth Bongartz (SBongartz@leg.state.vt.us, cell 802.598.3477). Learn more and sign up for his newsletter at his website: seth4house.com. Follow on Facebook: Seth Bongartz for VT State Representative.

2021 Legislative Report

By Rep. David Durfee

Vermont's 2021 legislative session was conducted entirely over Zoom. From our swearing in on the morning of January 6, through our adjournment resolution in May, the House chamber was quiet as we took testimony, debated and voted from our home offices and kitchen tables.

Nevertheless, we managed to do the necessary work—including passing a balanced budget and transportation bill, adopting emergency covid legislation and putting federal recovery grants to work—while also making headway on some of the deeply entrenched structural challenges facing the state. We moved ahead on redesigning our childcare system and passed a major broadband bill that invests state resources where private telecoms have been unwilling to go. Other legislation that we passed restricts PFAS (“forever chemicals”) in packaging, addresses climate change, and makes voting access easier. Two bills that I introduced—one facilitating telehealth, and the other easing tax filing for farmers—passed both chambers and were signed into law.

At the start of the session, I was appointed by the Speaker to serve on the House Ways & Means Committee. This committee is primarily responsible for any legislation involving state revenue (taxes and fees). The Committee's work included in-depth reviews of tax policy and the structure of our tax system, as well as crafting legislation specific to the pandemic that exempted PPP grants and unemployment income from taxation. Significantly, we were also able to reduce the statewide education tax rate by a cent and a half.

Much of our revenue work will continue into the 2022 session, including a long-awaited overhaul to the pupil weighting system (which would further benefit property-tax payers in many towns, including Sunderland), finalizing fees for cannabis operations, modernization of the corporate income tax, and a proposed new child tax credit.

Vermont has benefited tremendously from federal funding in the past year. Partly as a result, state revenues continue to track well above normal and beyond expectations. We begin 2022 with an unprecedented \$200 million general fund surplus. While there are many critical needs that can be addressed with these funds, we will also use some of the money to pay down state debts, thus reducing future costs, and to make a down payment on a recently negotiated overhaul to the pension system.

It has been a pleasure to represent Sunderland in the State House over the last year, alongside Reps. Bongartz and James. Any residents and businesses located east of North Road/Route 7 or north of Borough Road are technically in my district, but I am always happy to speak with anyone in town. As we return to the State House, you can contact me there at 802 828-2228 or 802 491-7832 with input on legislation, or for assistance with issues related to state government. I can also be reached at ddurfee@leg.state.vt.us.

Respectfully submitted,

David Durfee, State Representative, Bennington 3

Shaftsbury, Sunderland & Glastenbury

