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# Town of Sharon

## Annual Report 2022

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Town Reports for Fiscal Year 2022  
Proposed Budget for FY24  
March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Town Meeting Updates  
Australian Ballot Voting Information

## **SELECTBOARD STATEMENT**

Professional Independent Auditors Mudgett Jennett & Krogh-Wisner PC, CPA have completed an audit of the Town's financial records for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

Copies of the complete FY2022 Town Audit Report are available at the Town Office. The report is also available as a download from the Town's website [www.sharonvt.net](http://www.sharonvt.net).

2022 Financial reports submitted by non-profit organizations have not been audited by the Town.

Thank you to all volunteers, staff, and town officials for all the work you have done to prepare your reports to comply with the deadlines for voting on March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

**Sharon Selectboard**

Kevin Gish, Chair

Mary Gavin, Vice-Chair

Sarah Pfeiffer, Clerk

## **DECLARATION OF INCLUSION**

The Town of Sharon condemns racism and welcomes all persons, regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, gender identity or expression, age, disability, or socioeconomic status, and wants everyone to feel safe and welcome in our community.

As a town, we formally condemn all discrimination in all of its forms, commit to fair and equal treatment of everyone in our community, and will strive to ensure all of our actions, policies, and operating procedures reflect this commitment.

The Town of Sharon has and will continue to be a place where individuals can live freely and express their opinions.

Adopted by the Town of Sharon Selectboard on December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

*Thank you to Brittany Kelton for providing the 2022 cover photo.*

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**Sharon Old Home Day  
August 13, 2022**

Photo credit: Jennifer Donahue



## **A Tribute to Margaret Raymond**

We want to take a moment to recognize the contributions of Margaret Raymond. Throughout the years, Margaret has dedicated her time and energy to the Town while remaining actively involved in her local community. Despite her many commitments, Margaret always finds time for her friends and family.

Margaret first served as Town Auditor after being elected in 1986, and she continued in that role until she was elected as Town Treasurer in 1990. Margaret served as the Town Treasurer for a remarkable 32 years until she retired in October of 2022. Throughout the years, Margaret also has been a member of the Conservation Commission and has served as an Assistant Town Clerk.

Although Margaret has retired as the Town Treasurer, she continues to participate in local governance. In November 2022, Margaret was elected to a two-year term as a Justice of the Peace.

**Thank you, Margaret, for over three decades of  
continued service to the Town of Sharon!**

# Town Meeting

## 2023

### **How shall the Annual Meeting be conducted?**

The Annual Town Meeting will be following our traditional format with all Town business, other than the election of certain officers, to be conducted in person.

**LOCATION:** Sharon Elementary School Gymnasium

**DATE:** Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**TIME:** 9:00AM

### **What business will be transacted by Australian Ballot this year?**

The Australian Ballot includes Article 1 for the election of Town Officers. Candidates who filed nominating petitions are listed below.

### **How do voters meet with candidates on the Australian Ballot?**

Join the Australian Ballot Informational Hearing hosted by the Selectboard. This will be a fully remote meeting accessible via Zoom only.

**DATE:** MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**TIME:** 6:00PM

**REMOTE PARTICIPATION via Zoom:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87826853545?pwd=mFawYnMjkazcpBeUUeQ0h4yzHNuK8t.1>

Dial by your location +1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

To find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87826853545?pwd=mFawYnMjkazcpBeUUeQ0h4yzHNuK8t.1>

**Meeting ID:** 878 2685 3545

**Passcode:** 706799

### **Who can answer questions about voting and voter registration?**

Town Clerk Catherine Sartor is available to answer questions regarding voter registration and voting.

Hours: Monday – Thursday 8AM – 3:30PM or by appointment

Phone: (802) 763-8268 (press 1); Email: [clerk@sharonvt.net](mailto:clerk@sharonvt.net)

### **Do I have to request an absentee ballot for early voting?**

Yes. Please see “Notice to Voters” below.



## Candidates Who Filed for Election\*

**Town Moderator** for 1-year term..... No candidate  
**Collector of Delinquent Taxes** for 1-year term.....Ken Wright  
**Selectboard member** for 3-year term..... Kevin Gish  
**Lister** for 3-year term..... Helen Barrett  
**1st Constable** for 1-year term..... No candidate

\*These positions shall be voted on by Australian Ballot. All other Articles listed in the Warning shall be voted on from the floor during Town Meeting.

## Notice to Voters

### **BEFORE ELECTION DAY**

**FEBRUARY 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023: VOTER CHECKLIST POSTED** at Clerks' Office. If your name is not on the checklist, then you must register to vote.

### **HOW TO REGISTER TO VOTE**

There is no deadline to register to vote. You will be able to register to vote on the day of the election. You can register prior by visiting the town clerk's office or going online to [olvr.vermont.gov](http://olvr.vermont.gov).

### **WAYS TO REQUEST EARLY or ABSENTEE BALLOTS**

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15<sup>th</sup>:** Ballots will be available from the Town Clerk's Office during regular business hours.

**FEBRUARY 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023:** Last day **for SAMPLE BALLOTS** to be posted.

**MONDAY, MARCH 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 3:30PM** is the deadline to request early or absentee ballots from the Town Clerk.

### **WAYS TO VOTE YOUR EARLY BALLOT**

- You may vote in the Town Clerk's office before the deadline.
- Voter may take his or her ballot(s) out of the clerk's office and return in same manner as if the ballots were received by mail.

- Have ballot mailed to you, and mail or deliver it back to the clerk's office before Election Day or to the polling place before 7:00 p.m. on Election Day.
- If you are sick or disabled before Election Day, ask the town clerk to have two justices of the peace bring a ballot to you at your home. (Ballots can be delivered on any of the eight days preceding the day of the election or on the day of election.)

### **ON ELECTION DAY**

**If your name was dropped from the checklist in error or** has not been added even though you submitted a timely application for addition to the checklist, you can fill out a new registration form.

- ! If the clerk or Board of Civil Authority does not add your name, you can appeal the decision to a superior court judge, who will settle the matter on Election Day. Call the Secretary of State's Office at 1-800-439-VOTE (439-8683) for more information.

**If you are a first-time voter who submitted your application to the checklist individually by mail and did not submit the required document,** you must provide a current and valid photo identification, or a bank statement, utility bill, or government document that contains your name/current address.

**If you have physical disabilities,** are visually impaired or can't read, you may have assistance from any person of your choice. If any voters you know have disabilities let them know they can have assistance from any person of their choice.

**If you know voters who cannot get from the car into the polling place** let them know that ballot(s) may be brought to their car by two election officials. **If you have any questions or need assistance while voting, ask your town clerk or any election official for help.**

### **NO PERSON SHALL:**

- Vote more than once per election, either in the same town or in different towns.
- Mislead the board of civil authority about your own or another person's true residency or other eligibility to vote.
- Hinder or impede a voter going into or from the polling place.
- Socialize in a manner that could disturb other voters in the polling place.
- Offer bribe, threaten or exercise undue influence to dictate or control the vote of another person.

**FOR HELP OR INFORMATION: Call the Secretary of State's Office at 1-800-439-VOTE (439-8683). (Accessible by TDD)**

**If you believe that any of your voting rights have been violated,** you may file an Administrative Complaint with the Secretary of State's Office, 128 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05633.

**If you believe you have witnessed efforts to commit any kind of fraud or corruption in the voting process,** you may report this to your local United States Attorney's Office.

**If you have witnessed actual or attempted acts of discrimination or intimidation in the voting process,** you may report this to the Civil Rights Division of the United States Department of Justice at (800) 253-3931.



## INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTE TABULATOR BALLOTS

### CHECK-IN AND RECEIVE BALLOTS

- Go to the entrance checklist table.
- Give name and, if asked, street address to the election official in a loud voice.
- Wait until your name is repeated and checked off by the official.
- An election official will give you a ballot.
- Enter within the guardrail and go to a vacant voting booth.

### MARK YOUR BALLOT

- For each office listed on the ballot, you will see instructions to “Vote for not more than one, or Vote for not more than two, etc.”
- To vote for a candidate, fill in the oval to the right of the name of the candidate you want to vote for.
  - WRITE-IN candidate(s). To vote for someone whose name is not printed on the ballot, use the blank "write-in" lines on the ballot and either write-in the name or paste on sticker, then fill in the oval.

**CAST YOUR VOTE** by depositing your voted ballot into the vote tabulating machine.

**LEAVE** the voting area immediately by passing outside the guardrail.



**Town of Sharon  
Annual Town Meeting Warning  
MARCH 7, 2023**

The legal voters of the Town of Sharon are hereby NOTIFIED and WARNED to meet at the Sharon Elementary School, 135 School Street in said Town on **TUESDAY, MARCH 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 9:00AM** to vote on the Articles herein.

The polls will be open from 7AM – 7PM at the Sharon Elementary School Gym for Australian Ballot voting.

**ARTICLE TO BE VOTED ON BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT**

- Article 1. To elect the following Town Officials by Australian Ballot:  
Town Moderator for 1-year term  
Collector of Delinquent Taxes for 1-year term  
Selectboard for 3-year term  
First Constable for 1-year term  
Lister for 3-year term

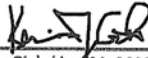
**ARTICLES TO BE VOTED ON FROM THE FLOOR ON TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2023  
AT 9:00AM**

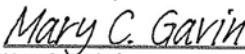
- Article 2. To elect the following Town Officers:  
Trustee of Public Funds – 3-year term  
Trustee of Baxter Library – 3-year term  
Trustee of Baxter Library – 3-year term  
Trustee of Downer Fund – 3-year term
- Article 3. To receive the reports of Town Officers.
- Article 4. Shall the voters of the Town of Sharon allocate \$6,195.00 for FY24 for the Intermunicipal Regional Energy Coordinator?
- Article 5. Shall the voters of the Town of Sharon appropriate the amount of **\$1,908,948** for necessary Town expenses, including highways, of which **\$1,395,700** shall be raised by property taxes, and to authorize the Selectboard to set a tax rate sufficient to provide the same?
- Article 6. Shall the voters of the Town of Sharon authorize the Town Treasurer to collect General Fund, Highway Fund, and School District current taxes on real and personal estate?


- Article 7. Shall the voters of the Town of Sharon authorize payment of real and personal property taxes in two (2) installments for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, the first being on or before Wednesday, September 13, 2023 and the second being on or before Wednesday, February 14, 2024?
- Article 8. Shall the voters of the Town of Sharon vote that overdue taxes shall bear an interest rate of one percent (1%) per month or part thereof for each installment until paid in full?
- Article 9. Shall the voters of the Town of Sharon vote that tax payments made after the second installment due date of February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024 be assessed a late fee of two percent (2%) for payments made on or before Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024?
- Article 10. Shall the voters of the Town of Sharon vote that tax payments made after February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024 be assessed an additional six percent (6%) late fee for a total of eight percent (8%) for any delinquency?
- Article 11. Shall voters of the Town of Sharon vote to schedule its next Town Meeting for 9AM Tuesday, March 5th, 2024?
- Article 12. To transact any other non-binding business relevant to this meeting?

**Warning dated at Sharon, Vermont this 30th day of January 2023.**

**By the Sharon Board of Selectmen**

/s/   
\_\_\_\_\_  
/s/ Kevin Gish (Jan 30, 2023 22:54 EST)

Kevin Gish  
/s/   
\_\_\_\_\_  
/s/ Mary C. Gavin (Jan 31, 2023 05:52 EST)

Mary Gavin  
/s/   
\_\_\_\_\_  
/s/ Sarah Pfeiffer (Jan 31, 2023 06:56 EST)

Sarah Pfeiffer

Received for record before being posted this 31 day of January, 2023 at Sharon.

Attest: /s/   
\_\_\_\_\_, Town Clerk

**SHARON SELECTBOARD**  
**Australian Ballot Informational Hearing**  
**Special Meeting Minutes FINAL**  
**Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022**  
**6:00PM**

*This meeting was held in compliance with 2022 Amendments to the VT Open Meeting law  
for fully-remote electronic meetings due to ongoing pandemic conditions.*

Total Attendees: 48

Attending via Zoom: Selectboard Members: Chair, Joe Ronan, Vice Chair, Kevin Gish, Clerk, Mary Gavin; Town Staff: Margy Becker, SB Assistant; Nicola Shipman, SB Assistant; Deb Jones, Finance Manager; Participants: Holly Potter; Alex Bird, SB Candidate; Dee Gish; Cat Buxton, Resident; Sarah Pfeiffer, SB Candidate; Galen Mudgett, Lister; Margaret Raymond, Treasurer; Ken Wright, Delinquent Tax Collector; Laura DeCapua, Library Trustee Candidate; Helen Barret, Resident; Elizabeth Sowerwine, Resident ; Bob Ferguson, Downer Fund Trustee Candidate

1. Call to Order

Joe Ronan convened the meeting at 6:00PM.

2. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda

Joe Ronan asked if there were any changes or revisions to the agenda.

**Mary Gavin made a motion to accept the agenda as written. Kevin Gish seconded.**

Deb Jones then asked a clarifying question to see if there would be an executive session at the end of the meeting. Joe Ronan confirmed there would be. And Joe also took a moment to remind everyone that the meeting was being recording.

**Kevin Gish made an amendment to the motion on the floor to accept the agenda to include the addition of the executive session at the end of the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.**

3. Introductory Remarks

Joe Ronan made introductory remarks explaining the purpose for the informational hearing and the format.

Joe also reminded the participants that he would be stepping down from the Selectboard and wanted to take a few minutes to appreciate some of the people he has worked with during his tenure on the Selectboard. He first wanted to appreciate Kevin Gish and Mary Gavin and thank them for their hard work and dedication.

Also, Joe extended a thank the town employees, starting with the Road Crew, Frank Rogers, Brad Howe, Allen Wight, and Joe Robinson. The road crew has done a tremendous job with the roads. Also, Joe extended a thank you to the current town clerk, Cathy Sartor and former town clerk, Debbie St. Peter. Joe also thanked the Town Listers, Galen Mudgett, Ken Wright and Helen Barrett. Ken Wright is also the Delinquent Tax Collector, Margaret Raymond Treasurer, Librarian Shana Hickman, Joni Lyman, Judi Kehoe, new Selectboard Assistant Nicola Shipman, and Town Health Officer, Alex Bird.

Joe also made mention of the importance of Sharon's volunteers: those who serve on the Planning Commission, the volunteer Fire Department, the Trustees of the Library, those who served on the COVID-19 Incident Command Board in response to the pandemic, the Conservation Commission, the school volunteers, the Historical Society Volunteers, Green Up Day volunteers and the combination of dedicated employees and great volunteers that make the town of Sharon such a great place.

Joe, Mary and Kevin also shared words of appreciation for two town employees who are soon to be retiring, Margy Becker, the Selectboard Assistant, and Deb Jones, the Finance Manager. There is a tribute to both Deb and Margy in the town report and Joe encouraged people to read it.

Joe shared that the town has been very fortunate to have such knowledgeable and dedicated staff members. Mary mentioned that Margy has worked for the town for close to 27 years. Both Mary and Kevin shared that Margy has a tremendous amount of knowledge not only about the town, but also state law and applicable grants available for the which has been a huge help to the entire community. Margy has done a great job keeping the selectboard organized especially given the wide variety of issues that come before the selectboard. Additionally, Deb Jones, who is also retiring this year, has been a partner working on budgets, as well as steering the town in a strong direction and has supported keeping the financial house in order. The town is in better financial shape due to the professional insights provided by Deb. Both Deb and Margy will be sorely missed.

Nicola Shipman presented an overview of how to fully participate via phone and computer.

Kevin Gish made a comment clarifying the title of the Town Report, which is for FY2021. Kevin Gish also referenced ARPA, which is not addressed, but pertains to the federal money that will be coming to the town of Sharon. Kevin wanted to encourage residents to get involved in conversation with the board as to how to spend this money. We also need two Sharon representatives for the Ashley Community Forest Committee.

Holly Potter asked about the Ashley Community Forest Committee job description. Kevin responded with an overview and Mary Gavin mentioned there is a job description available and is posted on the website and will be shared by email by request.

**Kevin Gish read ARTICLE 1.**

**Article 1. To elect the following Town Officers:**

<b>Town Moderator for a 1-year term</b>	<b>Galen Mudgett, Jr.</b>
<b>Town Treasurer for a 3-year term</b>	<b>Margaret Raymond</b>
<b>Collector of Delinquent Taxes for a 1-year term</b>	<b>Ken Wright</b>
<b>Selectboard member for a 3-year term</b>	<b>Alex Bird; Sarah Pfeiffer</b>
<b>Lister for a 3-year term</b>	<b>Ken Wright</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Constable for a 1-year term</b>	<b>Vacancy</b>
<b>Trustee of Public Funds for a 3-year term</b>	<b>Vacancy</b>
<b>Trustee of Baxter Library for a 3-year term</b>	<b>Sandy Johnston</b>
<b>Trustee of Baxter Library for a 3-year term</b>	<b>Laura DeCapua</b>
<b>Trustee of Chester Downer Fund for a 3-year term</b>	<b>Bob Ferguson</b>

There was a brief introduction by several candidates, including both Selectboard Candidates, Alex Bird and Sarah Pfeiffer as well as a Question-and-Answer Session with Selectboard Candidates.

Suzanne Jones asked what the strongest skill Alex Bird feels he brings to the selectboard. Alex responded that he gets along with people, and he tries to find a common ground. He also said that it is important to keep an open mind and listen and not become polarized.

Cat Buxton asked Alex Bird what he thinks about preparedness for future flooding and other rain events that will cause future infrastructure damage in town. Alex responded that Irene effected his business when the road failed and was closed. He would keep an open dialogue with the road crew and finding out what the budgetary needs are for the roads would be guides.

Cat Buxton asked Sarah Pfeiffer asked a question about climate change preparedness. Sarah responded that she was not in Sharon during Irene but is a member of the fire department and would turn to her chief, such as the other selectboard members. Sarah would want to be out helping in the best way she could. Climate change is an issue that Sarah cares about and would look into it in any way that she could.

Suzanne Jones asked Sarah Pfeiffer what she would be bringing to the town and what she would hope to improve. Sarah is apt to be interested in the local schools, the library, the fire department, and outdoor recreation. Sarah feels she brings a different lens as a younger resident of the town. Sarah has been active in the community and continues to be involved.

**Mary Gavin read Articles 2, 3 and 4.**

**Article 2. Shall the voters of the Town of Sharon appropriate the amount of \$1,861,675 for necessary Town expenses, including highways, of which \$1,320,000 shall be raised by property taxes?**

Mary Gavin shared a brief presentation on the FY23 budget. She noted that the budget shows a municipal tax rate increase of just 3 cents. The Selectboard has worked hard to avoid big swings in the municipal tax rate.

Holly Potter asked if there were already ideas identified for the ARPA funding. Mary said there have been ideas generated and that those are available to view. Also Mary mentioned that there would be continued discussion in the near future, and the Selectboard welcomes ideas for how this funding could be appropriated. Mary also directed Holly to the website.

Elizabeth Sowerwine asked about the motivation for increasing the contracted hours for the police. Kevin Gish responded that the Selectboard was hearing that the community was looking for a little more policing. The town currently contracts 16 hours per week with the Windsor County Sheriff Department, and the Selectboard has increased that to 20 hours per week in FY23. Additionally, there will be an increase in the cost of \$2.00/hour

**Article 3. Shall the voters of the Town of Sharon authorize the Town Treasurer to collect General Fund, Highway Fund, and School District current taxes on real and personal estate?**

No public questions or comments

**Article 4. Shall the voters of the Town of Sharon authorize payment of real and personal property taxes in two (2) installments for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023, the first being on or before Wednesday, September 14, 2022, and the second being on or before Wednesday, February 15, 2023?**

No public questions or comments

**Kevin Gish read ARTICLE 5**

**Article 5. Shall the voters of the Town of Sharon vote that overdue taxes shall bear an interest rate of one percent (1%) per month or part thereof for each installment until paid in full, and a late fee of eight percent (8%) following any delinquency after the second installment due date?**

No public questions or comments

**Joe Ronan read ARTICLE 6, ARTICLE 7 and ARTICLE 8**

**Article 6. Shall the voters authorize the Selectboard to appoint a town treasurer as provided in 17 V.S.A. § 2651f?**

Joe explained that this is an idea that still needs to be worked out at the selectboard level, but the position is important and would not be eliminated, but possible the role would evolve in concert with the Finance Manager position. Joe noted that Margaret Raymond is running for a three-year term, and if she is elected, as she likely will be, and if this article is approved, then the



Selectboard would potentially take action to appoint a treasurer and there is a process in the statute to appoint a treasurer with a waiting period in place.

No public questions or comments

**Article 7. Shall the town provide notice of the availability of the annual report by postcard, mailed to registered voters, at least 30 days before the annual meeting instead of mailing or otherwise distributing the report to the voters of the town pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 1682(a)?**

Joe communicated the details that a postcard would make residents aware that the report would be available in print at the town office and on the website. This could save the town both the printing and mailing costs.

Helen Barrett asked Joe to revisit Article 6. She asked that if the treasurer is appointed by the Selectboard, how does the town accomplish the constitutional checks and balances on the Selectboard. Joe Ronan responded that the process is contemplated by the Vermont Statutes. It is a valid concern that is addressed by the legislature and that residents elect the Selectboard members who serve the town. Also, visibility into the financial transactions and transparency of town records and transactions is critical.

Cat Buxton asked about the potential changes to the method of delivery for the Town Report. Cat has struggled to get her town report for many years. Cat noted that it is worth considering who has and who may not have access to the website and wanted to offer a word of caution. Joe Ronan responded that there would be copies available at the town office as well as on the website.

Helen Barrett commented that she concurred with Cat Buxton and feels this would be a “pennywise and pound foolish” change.

**Article 8. Shall the town no longer elect or appoint a second constable?**

Joe Ronan noted that the first constable position is hard to fill, and the second constable seems to be vestigial at this point. Kevin Gish added that the Selectboard was advised that this did not have to be on the ballot, but they chose to add it so residents would be aware.

Holly Potter asked what type of support would be offered, such as job description and compensation.

Joe Ronan clarified that there is a description of the position but no compensation currently. Kevin Gish mentioned that compensation would be considered if there were a qualified candidate, and if the candidate had a certain level of police training. Traditionally a constable with no police training is extremely limited in what they can accomplish in the role.

Holly Potter then asked for clarification of the purpose of a First Constable with no training. Kevin Gish replied that the position is statutorily required despite being a difficult position to fill and is possibly outdated but required. Joe Ronan responded that is why the elimination of the Second Constable position is on the ballot.

4. Discussion of other non-binding business

Kevin Gish noted that current Chair, Joe Ronan, is stepping down at the end of this term, and he thanked him for his service to the town over the past four years. Joe's legal expertise has been valuable particularly during the opioid settlements, the Ashley Community Forest settlement and Joe is a soothing person in the face of conflicting points of view.

Mary Gavin expressed her gratitude and thanked Joe for looking for good solutions and feels she has learned from him in that regard.

Dee Gish offered her thanks to Deb Jones and Margy Becker for their dedication to the town.

5. Entertain Motion to adjourn Australian Ballot Informational Hearing

**Mary Gavin made a motion to adjourn the information hearing and move into the Special Selectboard Meeting. Seconded by Kevin Gish. Motion unanimously approved.**

6. Convene Special Selectboard Meeting

7. Approve Minutes

Kevin Gish made a motion to approve the minutes from February 7<sup>th</sup> as published. Mary Gavin seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Kevin Gish made a motion to approve the minutes from February 10<sup>th</sup> as published. Mary Gavin seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Approve Warrants

**Kevin Gish made a motion to ratify the Payroll Warrant for Period ending 2/12/22 for \$20,136.27. Mary Gavin seconded. Motion approved unanimously.**

**Mary Gavin made a motion to ratify the AP Warrant 1373 for \$574.71**  
With payments to Eyemed \$70.42; Nicola Shipman \$504.29 reimbursement for Town Report Mailing. **Kevin Gish seconded. Motion approved unanimously**

**Mary Gavin made a motion to approve AP Warrant 1276 for \$14612.66**  
With payments to: BCBS of VT \$4700.20; Business Tech Management \$1432 for new computer and monitors for Town Clerk; Cargill \$2382.35; Casella Waster \$150.30; Evans Motor Fuels \$2924.17; Foley Services \$115.86; GUVSWS \$2475 for 50 punch cards; Indelible \$117.50 web service; Kofile \$315.28 Binder. **Kevin Gish seconded. Motion approved unanimously.**

**Kevin Gish made a motion to approve AP Warrant 1277 for \$34608.54 with payments to:** Magee OP \$233.85; Royal Auto Parts \$54.62; Sabil & Sons \$686.80; Sharon Firemen's Association \$25925.00; So Ro Rescue \$6824.50; Suburban Propane \$696; Tarrant Gillies & Shems \$187.20 for Town Plan readoption assistance. **Mary Gavin seconded. Motion approved unanimously.**

**Joe Ronan made a motion to approve AP Warrant 1278 for \$13754.79 with payments to:** Chase Site Services \$3000; Delta Dental \$467.64; Madison National Life \$207.16; Valley News \$464.40; VMERS DB \$3641..59; Windsor Cty Sheriffs \$5974.00. **Mary Gavin seconded. Motion approved unanimously.**

**Kevin Gish made a motion to approve AP Warrant 1279 for \$9225.00 with payments to:** COTT Systems Inc \$9225 for prepayment of RecordRoom for digitizing land records to be paid with SLFRF funds. **Mary Gavin seconded. Motion approved unanimously.**

9. Executive Session

**Kevin Gish made a motion to enter Executive Session at 7:28PM for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter. Seconded by Mary Gavin. Motion passes unanimously.**

Selectboard members lost connection to the Executive session meeting room. Executive Session reconvened at 7:38 PM.

**Kevin Gish made a motion to exit Executive session at 7:49PM. Seconded by Mary Gavin. Motion passes unanimously.**

10. Reconvene Open Meeting

Mary Gavin made a motion to approve a wage increase for the Finance Manager to \$30/hour effective beginning Feb 27, 2022. Seconded by Kevin Gish. Motion passes unanimously.

Kevin Gish made a motion to approve a retirement bonus for Finance Manager and Selectboard Assistant in the amount of \$2,000 each to be paid with the pay period ending Feb 26, 2022. Mary Gavin seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

11. Other Business

No other business

12. Adjourn

Kevin Gish made a motion to adjourn at 7:55PM. Seconded by Mary Gavin. Motion passes unanimously. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Nicola Shipman

## **Elected Officials Who Served in 2022**

### **Elected by Australian Ballot:**

**Town Moderator** ..... (term ends 2023 1-year term) .....Galen Mudgett, Jr.  
**Town Clerk**..... (term ends 2024 3-year term) ..... Catherine Sartor  
**Delinquent Tax Collector** (term ends 2023 1-year term) .....Ken Wright  
**1<sup>st</sup> Constable** .....(term ends 2023 1-year term).....*Vacancy*

**Selectboard** (term ends 2023 3-year term) ..... Kevin Gish  
**Selectboard** (term ends 2024 3-year term) ..... Mary Gavin  
**Selectboard** (term ends 2025 3-year term) ..... Sarah Pfeiffer

**Lister** (term ends 2023 (3-year term) .....Helen Barrett  
**Lister** (term ends 2024 (3-year term) .....Galen Mudgett, Jr.  
**Lister** (term ends 2025 (3-year term) .....Ken Wright

### **Justices of the Peace (Elected Nov 2022 general election)**

Term ends Jan 31, 2025 (2-year term) ..... Victoria Fullerton  
Term ends Jan 31, 2025 (2-year term) ..... John Lanza  
Term ends Jan 31, 2025 (2-year term) ..... Nara Moore  
Term ends Jan 31, 2025 (2-year term) .....Margaret B. Raymond

### **Trustee of Public Funds**

Term ends 2023 (3-year term) ..... Martha Fisk  
Term ends 2024 (3-year term) .....Phyllis Potter  
Term ends 2025 (3-year term) .....Mary Ayer

### **Trustees of Baxter Memorial Library**

Term ends 2023 (3-year term) ..... Emma Basham  
Term ends 2023 (3-year term) .....Marian Weatherbee  
Term ends 2024 (3-year term) .....Kit Hood  
Term ends 2025 (3-year term) ..... Laura Decapua  
Term ends 2025 (3-year term) ..... Sandy Johnston

### **Trustees of the Chester Downer Fund**

Term ends 2023 (3-year term) ..... Martha Fisk  
Term ends 2024 (3-year term) ..... Jim Kearns  
Term ends 2025 (3-year term) .....Robert Ferguson

### **Town Officers Appointed by Selectboard**

**Animal Control/Pound Keeper** .....*Vacancy*  
**Emergency Management Director** ..... Nathan Potter, Fire Chief  
**Emergency Co-coordinators** ..... Becky Owens, Keith Lyman, Jr.  
**E911 Coordinator**.....Galen Mudgett, Jr.  
**Fire Warden** ..... Dustin Potter  
**Deputy Fire Warden** ..... Andrew Brackett

**Health Officer** ..... Alex Bird  
**Treasurer** ..... Deborah Jones  
**Tree Warden** ..... Vince Gross  
**Vermont Green Up** ..... Sharon Conservation Commission

**Sharon Town Administrative Staff:**

Assistant Town Clerk ..... Judi Kehoe  
Assistant Town Clerk ..... Carol Flint  
Flood Hazard Bylaw Administrator ..... Tom (“Geo”) Honigford  
Accounts Payable Clerk ..... Joni Latuch-Lyman  
Planning and DRB Administrator ..... Andrea Morgan  
Finance Manager ..... Lucy Pierpont  
Selectboard Assistant ..... Nicola Shipman

**Highway Department:**

Road Foreman ..... Frank Rogers  
Road Crew ..... Brad Howe  
Road Crew ..... Allen Wight  
Road Crew ..... Joe Robinson

**Appointed Members of Boards/Commissions**

**Sharon Planning Commission\***

Term ends 2023 (3-year term) ..... Sue Sellev  
Term ends 2024 (3-year term) ..... Ira Clark  
Term ends 2024 (3-year term) ..... Paul Kristensen  
Term ends 2025 (3-year term) ..... John Roe  
Term ends 2025 (3-year term) ..... Lee Simek

*(\*SPC members also serve as members of the Development Review Board, which administers land use regulations including our Subdivision Regulations and the Flood Hazard Area Bylaw).*

**Sharon Cemetery Committee** (1-year terms): Dave Phillips, Stacey Lober, Cole Hull

**Sharon Conservation Commission** (1-year terms): Michael Zwickelmaier, Scott Chesnut, Dick Ruben, Dan Daneen, Sam Brakely

**Sharon Energy Committee** (1-year terms): Dee Gish, Jill Wilcox, Zach Stremlau, Ryan Haac  
(Chair and Liaison to Regional Energy Coordinator)

**Sharon Recreation Committee** (1-year terms): Georgia Potter, Samantha Potter (Pres.), Tiffany Clark

## **Regional Boards & Commissions**

### **Ashley Community Forest Board**

Term ends 2024.....Erik Skarsten

Term ends 2025.....Rob Stainton

### **East Central VT Telecommunications District (EC Fiber)**

Representative.....David Karon

Alternate Representative.....Clare Holland

### **Greater Upper Valley Solid Waste District**

Representative (2-year term ends March 2024).....Mary Gavin

Alternate Rep (2-year term ends March 2024).....Kevin Gish

### **South Royalton Rescue Advisory Committee**

Representatives .....Tom Lober, Mary Gavin, Dustin Potter

### **Stagecoach Transportation (dba Tri-Valley Transit)**

Town Representative (1-year term ends 2022)..... *Vacancy*

### **Two Rivers Ottauquechee Regional Planning Commission (“TRORC”)**

Town Commissioner ..... Ira Clark

Town Alternate.....Sue Sellew

Transportation Advisory Committee Representative.....Nicola Shipman

## **Town Organizations**

### **Volunteer Fire Department**

Chief..... Nathan Potter

Assist. Chief..... Dustin Potter

President..... Andrew Brackett

Vice President ..... Kenny Moore

Treasurer ..... Tom Lober

Clerk..... Keith Lyman Jr.

### **Old Home Day Committee**

2022 President..... Jennifer Donahue

2022 Volunteer..... Scott Fisk

2022 Treasurer .....Doris Backus

2022 Secretary ..... Morgan Hackett

### **Pine Hill Cemetery**

President.....Doris Backus

Vice President ..... Pam Brackett

Secretary .....Doris Backus

Treasurer ..... Martha Fisk

Sexton .....Joseph Willis

### **Sharon Historical Society**

President.....Mary Ayer

Vice President .....Dave Phillips

Treasurer ..... Martha Fisk

Co-Curator .....Phyllis Potter

Co-Curator ..... Joyce Amsden

Co-Curator .....Kelly Clark

Director ..... Gene Paige

Director .....Helen Barrett

Secretary .....Sue Sellew



## Selectboard Report 2022

Hello, Sharon residents and welcome to the Selectboard's highlights for the year 2022 in Sharon, Vermont. As of this writing, we have made the decision to resume holding an in-person Town Meeting, and we look forward to getting back to some bit of normalcy for conducting Town business.

The current Selectboard consists of Sarah Pfeiffer, Mary Gavin and Kevin Gish. The Selectboard works closely with the Selectboard Assistant (Nicola Shipman), Finance Manager (Lucy Pierpont) and our Road Foreman (Frank Rogers). In addition, we work in conjunction with the Town's other elected officials and appointed staff.

The past few years have been challenging in many respects, as we have all reacted and adapted to changes necessitated by the COVID pandemic. Among Town staff, our many volunteers and all residents, it has been remarkable to witness the flexibility and desire to continue to support each other and simply get the job done within our Town – thank you!

### Some highlights from the past year include:

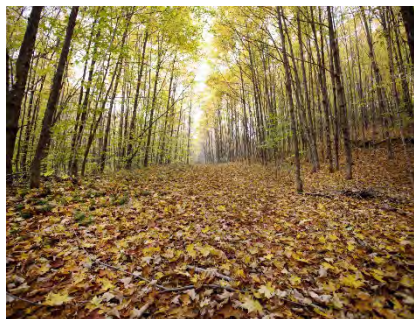


Photo credit: Michael Sacca

The Towns of Sharon and Strafford saw the realization of the Ashley Community Forest. The Ashley Community Forest Board was established, and Rob Stainton and Erik Skarsten were appointed as Town of Sharon representatives to the Board. A forestry management plan was drafted and, as of this writing, is near adoption following a period of public input. If you haven't yet been to the Ashley Forest, we encourage you to get out and explore this beautiful piece of land!

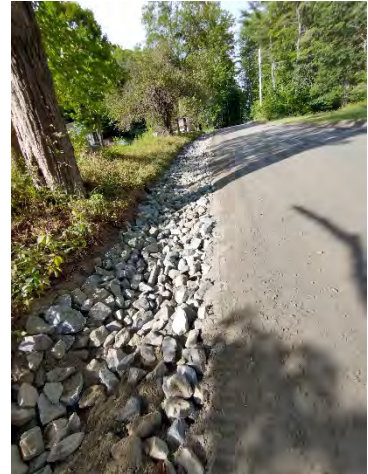
- The Selectboard saw a change in membership, as Joe Ronan exited the Board, and Sarah Pfeiffer was elected to fill the open seat.
- The Selectboard also hired three new employees including Andrea Morgan, Planning Commission Clerk, Lucy Pierpont, Finance Manager and Nicola Shipman, Selectboard Assistant.
- Margaret Raymond, the Town Treasurer for 32 years, retired from her position with the Town in October of 2022.
- Deb Jones officially retired from her role as Finance Manager and was appointed as the Town Treasurer on November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022. You may recall that the Town Treasurer went from an elected position to appointed at our last Town Meeting.



- Our Road Crew has had a busy and productive year. We are seeing the benefits of several years of well-planned preventative maintenance work on our roads, bridges, ditches and culverts. In contrast to some surrounding Towns, we have had minimal damage during a rather rough mud season and through several intense rain events.

A few additional highway department highlights include:

- The Town hired Lewco LLC for the removal and replacement of a failing wing wall for Bridge 10 on Quimby Mountain Road.
- The Town received funding from the Grants-in-Aid Program for ditching and culvert work on Fay Brook Road and Krivak Road. The Road Crew has been focused on meeting the Municipal Roads General Permit for hydrologically-connected roads, and their ditching and culvert work received excellent commendations following evaluation by the State.
- The Town took ownership of a new six-wheeled dump truck.
- The Town was awarded the FY23 VTrans Structures Grant which will help the Town pay for the replacement of an undersized culvert on Downer Road next year.
- The Town was awarded FY23 Grants-in-Aid funding for additional ditching and culvert work in 2023.
- The Sharon Conservation Commission installed the John Sears Memorial Kiosk at the Downer State Forest.
- The Sharon Recreation Committee worked hard to ensure that children had access to baseball, soccer and baseball in spite of the continued challenges posed by COVID-19 during the year.
- The Sharon Historical Society, in partnership with the Town, was awarded grant funding from the Vermont Arts Council to fund a replacement ADA-compliant ramp for the Old Town Hall building.
- The Broad Brook River Access received some significant upgrades, including an improved trail, stone steps to the river and improved parking.
- The Town saw the growth of the cemetery committee to three members strong. The Committee has been actively working to care for the Town's older cemeteries in conjunction with the dedicated volunteers who also mow the cemeteries.
- Lacaille's Professional Painting has contracted with the Town to paint the Town Offices, the Old School House (Sharon Academy Middle School), and the wooden trim on the Old Town Hall (Sharon Historic Society) starting in late spring of 2023.



- American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)/State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF):
  - Sharon has received \$457,356.82 in funding.
  - A public hearing to gather input on possible uses of this funding was held on Feb 10, 2022.
  - Funds, totaling \$83,749, have been obligated for the following projects to date:
    - Installation of a heat pump and ERV in the Baxter Memorial Library building to reduce heating costs and to ensure the library can continue to serve as an area cooling station during heat waves.
    - South Royalton Rescue Squad toward their building fund along with the Town of Tunbridge and South Royalton.
    - Digitization of land records and online accessibility.
    - AEDs to be installed at the Town Office, Baxter Memorial Library and the Town Garage
  - The Selectboard continues to consider further projects and uses for this one-time funding opportunity.

As residents of Sharon, you are welcome and invited to join Selectboard meetings on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month, starting at 6:30 PM.

Selectboard members may be reached via the Selectboard Office at: [selectboard@sharonvt.net](mailto:selectboard@sharonvt.net) and at 802-763-8268 ext. 4.

Contact information for individual Selectboard members is as follows:

- Kevin Gish, Chair; [kgish@sharonvt.net](mailto:kgish@sharonvt.net)  
419 Harlow Road, (802) 839-9799 (cell); (802) 763-8539 (home)
- Mary Gavin, Vice Chair; [mgavin@sharonvt.net](mailto:mgavin@sharonvt.net)  
423 Fay Brook Road, (802) 359-2013 (cell)
- Sarah Pfeiffer, Clerk; [spfeiffer@sharonvt.net](mailto:spfeiffer@sharonvt.net)  
963 Beaver Meadow Road, (718) 938-7676 (cell)

The Selectboard would like to sincerely thank all appointed and elected officials, Town employees, and the tremendous volunteers who improve our community and simply make it happen in Sharon.

THANK YOU!

## Municipal Comparative Budget Summary

Account Description	FY2022 BUDGET	FY2022 ACTUAL	FY2023 BUDGET	PROPOSED FY2024 BUDGET	% Over (Under) Prior Year	\$ Over (Under) Prior Year
<b>REVENUE</b>						
Total Revenue General Fund	656,604	641,314	703,427	<b>727,321</b>	3.4%	23,894
Total Revenue Highway Fund	972,785	989,995	1,003,000	<b>1,073,310</b>	7.0%	70,310
<b>TOTAL MUNICIPAL REVENUE</b>	<b>1,629,389</b>	<b>1,631,309</b>	<b>1,706,427</b>	<b>1,800,631</b>	5.5%	94,204
<b>EXPENSES (INCLUDING TRANSFERS)</b>						
Total Expenses General Fund	681,432	670,532	790,775	<b>786,461</b>	-0.5%	(4,314)
Total Expenses Highway Fund	1,007,311	985,286	1,070,900	<b>1,122,488</b>	4.8%	51,588
<b>TOTAL MUNICIPAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>1,688,743</b>	<b>1,655,817</b>	<b>1,861,675</b>	<b>1,908,949</b>	2.5%	47,274
<b>NET REVENUE OR (EXPENSES)</b>	<b>(59,354)</b>	<b>(24,509)</b>	<b>(155,248)</b>	<b>(108,318)</b>	-30.2%	46,930
<b>FUND BALANCE*</b>						
GEN Fund Balance at Start of Year	411,555	411,555	382,337	<b>294,989</b>	-22.8%	(87,348)
Net Change in General Fund Balance	(24,828)	(29,218)	(87,348)	<b>(59,140)</b>		28,208
GEN Fund Balance at End of Year	386,727	382,337	294,989	<b>235,849</b>	-20.0%	(59,140)
HWY Fund Balance at Start of Year	234,882	234,882	239,591	<b>171,691</b>	-28.3%	(67,900)
Net Change in Highway Fund Balance	(34,526)	4,709	(67,900)	<b>(49,178)</b>		18,722
HWY Fund Balance at End of Year	200,356	239,591	171,691	<b>122,513</b>	-28.6%	(49,178)
<b>COMBINED FUND BALANCE TOTAL</b>	<b>587,082</b>	<b>621,928</b>	<b>466,680</b>	<b>358,362</b>	-23.2%	(108,318)

### Total Projected General & Highway Fund Balances 6/30/24

**358,362**

Highway Fund Balances Related to  
Combined Expenses

**18.8%**

Per the Town's Fund Balance Policy, combined general & highway fund balances strive to be between 10-20% of their combined total annual expenses.

\*The **fund balance** is the accumulated surplus from all prior years.

## Municipal Comparative Property Tax Summary

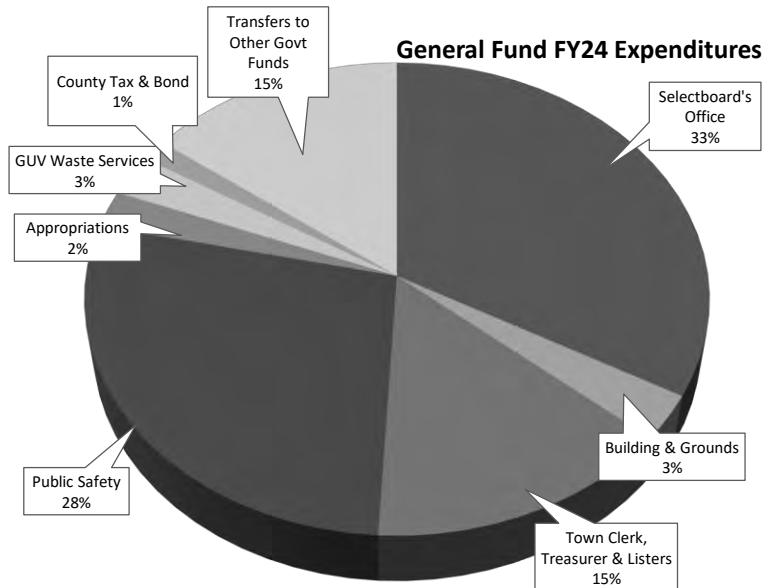
PROPERTY TAX	BUDGET FY2022	ACTUAL FY2022	BUDGET FY2023	PROPOSED BUDGET FY2024
General Fund Property Tax Revenue	423,599	424,994	450,000	<b>475,000</b>
Highway Fund Property Tax Revenue	842,970	842,970	870,000	<b>920,700</b>
<b>TOTAL PROPERTY TAX REVENUE</b>	<b>1,266,569</b>	<b>1,267,964</b>	<b>1,320,000</b>	<b>1,395,700</b>
\$ Tax Increase (Decrease) between FY23 and FY24				<b>\$75,700</b>
% Increase/(Decrease) between FY23 and FY24				<b>5.7%</b>
Estimated** Tax Rate Increase (Decrease) in cents between FY23 and FY24				<b>0.045</b>

\*\*The value of the Grand List for tax year FY24 will determine the Tax Rate relative to the amount of taxes to be raised.

Grand List FY2023 as of August 2022 Tax Billing	1,681,548	FY24 Taxes Proposed			1,395,700
Estimated Tax Impact Comparison on Property Assessed at \$200,000 in Value	Tax Rate (Taxes Divided by Grand List)	\$200,000 Value Taxed at 1%	Municipal Tax (School Tax not Included)	\$ Variance from Prior Year	
FY24 Municipal Tax Burden as Proposed	0.8300	2,000.00	\$ 1,660.02	\$ 90.04	
FY23 Municipal Tax Burden	0.7850	2,000.00	\$ 1,569.98	\$ 42.37	
FY22 Municipal Tax Burden	0.7638	2,000.00	\$ 1,527.61	\$ 6.72	
FY21 Municipal Tax Burden	0.7672	2,000.00	\$ 1,534.34	\$ 17.14	
FY20 Municipal Tax Burden	0.7586	2,000.00	\$ 1,517.20	\$ 142.20	
FY19 Municipal Tax Burden	0.6875	2,000.00	\$ 1,375.00		

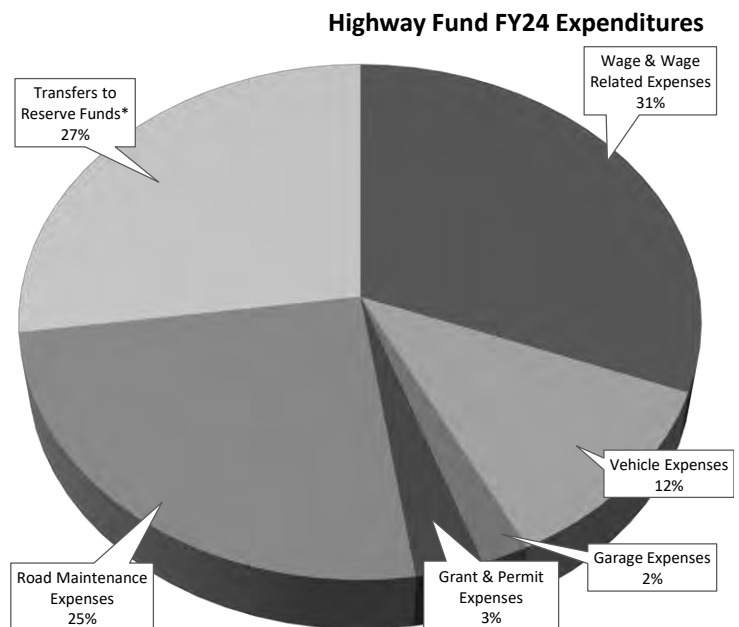
**FY2024 PROPOSED EXPENDITURES FOR  
GENERAL AND HIGHWAY OPERATING FUNDS**

<b>General Fund FY24 Expenditures</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>%</b>
Selectboard's Office	260,462	33%
Building & Grounds	24,377	3%
Town Clerk, Treasurer & Listers	115,198	15%
Public Safety	217,424	28%
Appropriations	19,654	2%
GUV Waste Services	22,040	3%
County Tax & Bond	11,700	1%
Transfers to Other Govt Funds	115,606	15%
<b>Total</b>	<b>786,461</b>	<b>100%</b>



<b>Highway Fund FY24 Expenditures</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>%</b>
Wage & Wage Related Expenses	346,862	31%
Vehicle Expenses	131,400	12%
Garage Expenses	23,576	2%
Grant & Permit Expenses	33,000	3%
Road Maintenance Expenses	282,450	25%
Transfers to Reserve Funds*	305,200	27%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,122,488</b>	<b>100%</b>

\*Includes \$121,466 Bond Principal & Interest Payments for Howe Hill, Fay Brook, Quimby & Broad Brook Paving Projects done in FY2020-2021.



## **Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Notes for the General and Highway Funds**

The budget process for FY2024 was a difficult one. The Selectboard, elected officials, and staff grappled with weighing inflationary pressures against the knowledge that any budget increase, no matter how necessary, would ultimately affect taxpayers. Some of the highlights of those decisions are found below.

The amount to be raised by **General Fund Property Tax Revenue** is budgeted to increase by 5.56% or \$25,000 for the Fiscal Year 2024. **Highway Fund Property Tax Revenue** is budgeted to increase by 5.83% or \$50,700. The combined increase is \$75,700, a 5.73% increase over FY23's amount raised by taxes, and an estimated 4.5 cent increase in the municipal tax rate.

**Employee wages** have increased for most positions in FY2023 with another increase planned in FY2024. CDL drivers are in demand and providing a competitive wage to maintain our road crew was a big consideration. The road crew recently received a 7% increase (3% more than was planned in last year's budget and only keeping pace with inflation) and is scheduled to receive 3% in FY24. The Town Clerk is budgeted for a 7% increase in FY24.

**Health insurance** premiums for the 2023 calendar year increased and employees are sharing the expense of the increase. The reduction in budgeted health expenses, therefore, are more reflective of changes in census participating in the program.

**Police** services are budgeted to increase by \$2,080 to \$64,480, a 3.3% increase. The Town is currently contracting with the Windsor County Sheriff's Department.

**The Capital Building Improvement Reserve** is budgeted to decrease to \$40,000 in the General Fund and stay at \$30,000 in the Highway Fund to build a reserve for maintenance projects. The highway garage needs extensive repairs and perhaps replacement. Investigating these needs will likely be funded in part with ARPA funds.

**Diesel Fuel** budget figures were increased by \$27,900 (51.67%) to \$81,900 for the FY2023 to reflect the volatility in rate and the increased amount of hauling the road crew has been providing for material for extended/multiple mud seasons and for a grit sand product to mix with brown sand for the winter.

**Salt** used for blacktop roads during the winter has gone up in price per ton this year but usage was down last year due to winter weather conditions, resulting in \$16,716 in savings in FY2022. We expect more icy storms in the future so are cautiously budgeting a \$4,550 decrease.

**The General Fund Balance** (accumulated surplus) was \$382,377 at the end of FY2022, is projected to be \$294,989 by the end of FY2023, and \$235,849 by the end of FY2024. FY2022 closed with a loss of \$29,218 of which \$4,390 was over the amount of loss budgeted to the fund balance. The loss in FY2022 is largely due to the \$34,732 adjusting entry required to increase the liability in uncollected delinquent taxes. The **FY2024 budget proposal uses \$59,140 of the General Fund Balance** to avoid an even higher tax rate increase and to balance the budget shortfall. **The Highway Fund Balance** was \$239,591 at the end of FY2022, is projected to be \$171,691 by the end of FY2023, and \$122,513 by the end of FY2024. FY2022 closed with a gain of \$4,709 to the highway fund balance. The **FY2024 budget proposal uses \$49,178 of the Highway Fund Balance** to minimize the tax rate increase and to balance the budget shortfall.

Respectfully submitted by Lucy Pierpont, Finance Manager

**GENERAL OPERATING FUND PROPOSED BUDGET FY2024, BUDGET FY2023, & BUDGET- TO-ACTUAL FY2022**

Account Description		FY22 Budget	FY22 Actual	\$ Over (Under) Budget	FY2023 BUDGET	FY24 PROPOSED BUDGET	% Over (Under) Prior Year	\$ Over (Under) Prior Year
<b>General Fund Revenue</b>								
<b>TAXES &amp; TAX INTEREST</b>								
1	GENERAL FUND PROPERTY TAX REVENUE	423,599	424,994	1,395	450,000	475,000	6%	25,000
2	STATE PAYMENT FOR TAX COLLECTION	4,700	5,347	647	5,400	5,400	0%	-
3	TAX & INTEREST ABATEMENT	-	(10)	(10)	-	-		-
4	ADJUSTMENT FOR DELINQUENT TAXES		(34,732)	(34,732)	-	-		-
5	CURRENT LAND USE PAYMENTS	96,000	105,936	9,936	105,000	105,000	0%	-
6	STATE PILOT / LAND TAXES	34,000	32,544	(1,456)	34,000	34,000	0%	-
7	INTEREST DELINQUENT TAXES	18,000	26,014	8,014	18,000	18,000	0%	-
8	INTEREST LATE TAXES	3,200	3,365	165	4,500	2,500	-44%	(2,000)
9	PENALTY ON DELINQUENT TAX	10,600	9,938	(662)	12,000	12,000	0%	-
10	<b>Total Taxes &amp; Tax Interest</b>	<b>590,099</b>	<b>573,396</b>	<b>(16,703)</b>	<b>628,900</b>	<b>651,900</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>23,000</b>
<b>FEES</b>								
11	ALCOHOL & TOBACCO LICENSES	325	185	(140)	325	185	-43%	(140)
12	RECORDING & LAND RECORDS FEES	14,520	16,188	1,668	18,700	18,000	-4%	(700)
13	VAULT FEES	450	545	95	500	500	0%	-
14	CERTIFIED COPIES	300	500	200	500	500	0%	-
15	DOG LICENSE FEES	700	2,409	1,709	1,000	2,400	140%	1,400
16	DMV REGISTRATION FEES	50	72	22	120	150	25%	30
17	MARRIAGE LICENSE FEES	260	460	200	320	900	181%	580
18	LAND RECORDS PRESERVATION FEE	5,280	5,842	562	6,800	6,544	-4%	(256)
19	GREEN MOUNTAIN PASS	20	6	(14)	50	20	-60%	(30)
20	ORDINANCE FEES	100	-	(100)	100	50	-50%	(50)
21	GUWSW COUPON SALES	6,500	6,980	480	5,500	5,500	0%	-
22	GUWSWD STICKER SALES	3,400	3,306	(94)	2,500	2,500	0%	-
23	ONLINE RECORD ACCESS FEE			-	-	710		710
24	COPY MACHINE & MISC FEES	800	304	(496)	600	100	-83%	(500)
25	COPIES OF LAND RECORDS	600	1,473	873	1,200	1,200	0%	-
26	SUBDIVISION FEES	500	1,307	807	2,000	1,600	-20%	(400)
27	FISH & GAME FEES					100		100
28	LAND USE CHANGE ASSESSMENT FEE	1,200	4,651	3,451	1,000	4,650	365%	3,650
29	<b>Total Fees</b>	<b>35,005</b>	<b>44,228</b>	<b>9,223</b>	<b>41,215</b>	<b>45,609</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>4,394</b>
<b>OTHER INCOME</b>								
30	FINES, LAW ENFORCEMENT	17,000	16,455	(545)	20,000	16,500	-18%	(3,500)
31	INTEREST ON INVESTMENTS	2,000	302	(1,698)	800	800	0%	-
32	CV RAILROAD	4,000	4,012	12	4,012	4,012	0%	-
33	MISC INCOME/INSURANCE REFUND	-	272	272	-	-		-
34	NET METERING CREDIT	1,000	1,109	109	1,000	1,000	0%	-
35	INCOME GRANT FUNDS	7,500	1,430	(6,070)	7,500	7,500	0%	-
36	GREEN UP DAY REVENUE		111	111				
37	ASHLEY FOREST LAND CAPITAL GIFT	-	199,548	199,548	-	-		-
38	ASHLEY FOREST LAND CAPITAL RECEIVED	-	(199,548)	(199,548)	-	-		-
39	<b>Other Income</b>	<b>31,500</b>	<b>23,691</b>	<b>(7,809)</b>	<b>33,312.00</b>	<b>29,812</b>	<b>-11%</b>	<b>(3,500)</b>
40	<b>TOTAL REVENUE GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>656,604</b>	<b>641,314</b>	<b>(15,290)</b>	<b>703,427</b>	<b>727,321</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>23,894</b>
<b>General Fund Expense</b>								
<b>SELECTBOARD EXPENSE</b>								
41	SELECTBOARD STIPEND	4,500	4,500	-	4,500	4,500	0%	-
42	ADMINISTRATION DEPT WAGES	35,935	53,028	17,093	50,000	48,672	-3%	(1,328)
43	FINANCE DEPT WAGES	40,303	52,870	12,567	50,000	47,645	-5%	(2,355)
44	FICA	6,309	8,181	1,872	8,132	7,820	-4%	(312)
45	HEALTH INSURANCE	31,690	15,154	(16,536)	24,762	25,000	1%	238
46	RETIREMENT	4,550	6,459	1,909	6,619	6,750	2%	131
47	DENTAL INSURANCE	2,000	1,626	(374)	1,680	1,680	0%	-
48	LIFE/AD&D, SHORT & LONG TERM DISAB INS	679	786	107	720	780	8%	60
49	POSTAGE, SUPPLIES, ADS	3,300	3,810	510	3,300	3,500	6%	200
50	LEGAL NOTICES & JOB POSTINGS	225	1,438	1,213	300	300	0%	-
51	MEETINGS, SEMINARS	400	641	241	600	600	0%	-
52	PAYROLL SERVICE	2,700	2,734	34	2,800	2,800	0%	-
53	IT, WEB & MISC CONSULTANT SERVICES	10,000	8,788	(1,212)	10,000	10,000	0%	-
54	GENERAL LEGAL SERVICES	7,000	2,400	(4,600)	7,000	5,000	-29%	(2,000)
55	HEALTH OFFICER EXPENSE	800	455	(345)	1,000	1,000	0%	-



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	Account Description	FY22 Budget	FY22 Actual	\$ Over (Under) Budget	FY2023 BUDGET	FY24 PROPOSED BUDGET	% Over (Under) Prior Year	\$ Over (Under) Prior Year
56	COVID-19 RELATED EXPENSE	-	-	-	-	-		-
57	TRAVEL EXPENSE & MILEAGE	350	-	(350)	500	250	-50%	(250)
58	GRANT EXPENSE	10,000	2,050	(7,950)	10,000	9,400	-6%	(600)
59	<b>Total Selectboard Expense</b>	<b>160,741</b>	<b>164,921</b>	<b>4,179</b>	<b>181,913</b>	<b>175,697</b>	-3%	(6,216)
<b>MEMBERSHIP DUES</b>								
60	TWO RIVERS-OTTAUQUECHEE RPC DUES	2,298	2,298	-	2,465	2,543	3%	78
61	GREEN MTN ECONOMIC DEV CORP DUES	500	1,500	1,000	765	787	3%	22
62	VT COUNCIL ON RURAL DEVELOPMENT	250	250	-	-	-		-
63	VT LEAGUE OF CITIES & TOWNS DUES	2,938	2,938	-	3,051	3,154	3%	103
64	<b>Total Membership Dues</b>	<b>5,986</b>	<b>6,986</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>6,281</b>	<b>6,484</b>	3%	203
<b>INSURANCE EXPENSE</b>								
65	INSURANCE - LIABILITY	11,338	8,863	(2,475)	10,000	8,000	-20%	(2,000)
66	INSURANCE - BUILDINGS	11,549	9,078	(2,471)	10,000	7,500	-25%	(2,500)
67	INSURANCE - WORKERS COMP & UNEMP	1,518	1,467	(51)	1,600	1,500	-6%	(100)
68	<b>Total Insurance</b>	<b>24,405</b>	<b>19,408</b>	<b>(4,997)</b>	<b>21,600</b>	<b>17,000</b>	-21%	(4,600)
<b>BUILDINGS &amp; GROUNDS</b>								
69	CLEANING OFFICE BUILDING	1,734	1,388	(346)	1,800	1,400	-22%	(400)
70	OFFICE REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	4,000	2,442	(1,558)	4,000	4,000	0%	-
71	HISTORIC TOWN HALL BLDG REPAIRS	1,000	-	(1,000)	1,000	1,000	0%	-
72	GROUNDS MAINTENANCE	2,800	2,697	(103)	2,800	2,800	0%	-
73	MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES	250	120	(130)	250	250	0%	-
74	<b>Total Bldgs, Grounds &amp; Capital Expense</b>	<b>9,784</b>	<b>6,646</b>	<b>(3,138)</b>	<b>9,850</b>	<b>9,450</b>	-4%	(400)
<b>GENERAL OFFICE EXPENSE</b>								
75	OFFICE EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	550	602	52	550	650	18%	100
76	TELEPHONE	3,550	3,339	(211)	3,550	3,550	0%	-
77	ELECTRICITY	6,500	7,009	509	6,500	7,500	15%	1,000
78	HEATING FUEL	2,600	3,186	586	2,600	3,825	47%	1,225
79	TRASH	450	121	(329)	450	300	-33%	(150)
80	FURNITURE, FIXTURES, & COMPUTERS	5,000	5,913	913	5,000	3,500	-30%	(1,500)
81	<b>Total General Office Expense</b>	<b>18,650</b>	<b>20,170</b>	<b>1,520</b>	<b>18,650</b>	<b>19,325</b>	4%	675
<b>ELECTION EXPENSE</b>								
82	BALLOT CLERK WAGE	300	-	(300)	600	300	-50%	(300)
83	FICA	23	-	(23)	46	23	-50%	(23)
84	POSTAGE	75	706	631	800	800	0%	-
85	SUPPLIES & ADVERTISING	500	1,092	592	2,200	1,100	-50%	(1,100)
86	<b>Total Election Expense</b>	<b>898</b>	<b>1,798</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>3,646</b>	<b>2,223</b>	-39%	(1,423)
<b>TOWN CLERK EXPENSE</b>								
87	TOWN CLERK SALARY	43,642	43,919	277	45,388	48,565	7%	3,177
88	ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK	2,600	1,891	(709)	4,012	4,000	0%	(12)
89	FICA	3,538	3,505	(33)	3,779	4,021	6%	242
90	HEALTH INSURANCE	16,520	16,248	(272)	16,555	14,470	-13%	(2,085)
91	RETIREMENT	2,673	2,777	104	3,064	3,278	7%	214
92	DENTAL INSURANCE	850	468	(382)	840	840	0%	-
93	LIFE/AD&D, SHORT & LONG TERM DISAB INS	206	375	169	384	410	7%	26
94	POSTAGE, SUPPLIES	375	610	235	400	600	50%	200
95	MEETINGS, MILEAGE, MEMBERSHIPS	400	401	1	400	400	0%	-
96	MARRIAGE LICENSE STATE FEE	-	600	600	200	750	275%	550
97	DOG LICENSE SUPPLIES & POSTAGE	200	1,091	891	500	250	-50%	(250)
98	STATE DOG LICENSE FEE	-	-	-	-	960		960
99	RECORDS PRESERVATION	4,000	6,197	2,197	4,000	2,600	-35%	(1,400)
100	LAND RECORD BOOKS	600	1,245	645	600	600	0%	-
101	ONLINE ACCESS TO LAND RECORDS	1,200	510	(690)	3,000	2,100	-30%	(900)
102	<b>Total Town Clerk Expense</b>	<b>76,804</b>	<b>79,836</b>	<b>3,032</b>	<b>83,122</b>	<b>83,844</b>	1%	722
<b>TREASURER EXPENSE</b>								
103	TREASURER	3,000	3,034	34	3,500	4,640	33%	1,140
104	ASSISTANT TREASURER	750	780	30	788	825	5%	37
105	FICA	287	292	5	328	418	28%	90
106	ADVERTISING, POSTAGE & SUPPLIES	1,600	1,524	(76)	1,600	1,700	6%	100
107	BANK SERVICE FEES & CHECK SUPPLIES	200	230	30	300	300	0%	-
108	MEETINGS, MILEAGE & MEMBERSHIPS	50	90	40	300	300	0%	-
109	<b>Total Treasurer Expense</b>	<b>5,887</b>	<b>5,949</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>6,816</b>	<b>8,183</b>	20%	1,367

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	Account Description	FY22 Budget	FY22 Actual	\$ Over (Under) Budget	FY2023 BUDGET	FY24 PROPOSED BUDGET	% Over (Under) Prior Year	\$ Over (Under) Prior Year
	<b>TOWN REPORT &amp; AUDITING EXPENSE</b>					-		
110	TOWN REPORT PREPARATION WAGE	1,000	1,964	964	1,000	-	-100%	(1,000)
111	FICA	77	150	73	77	-	-100%	(77)
112	POSTAGE, SUPPLIES & MILEAGE	500	511	11	500	250	-50%	(250)
113	PROFESSIONAL AUDIT SERVICES	13,000	10,200	(2,800)	13,000	13,500	4%	500
114	AUDIT PREPARATION		-	-	2,500	-	-100%	(2,500)
115	TOWN REPORT PRINTING & PRODUCTION	1,800	2,251	451	1,800	1,800	0%	-
116	<b>Total Report &amp; Auditor Expense</b>	<b>16,377</b>	<b>15,076</b>	<b>(1,301)</b>	<b>18,877</b>	<b>15,550</b>	<b>-18%</b>	<b>(3,327)</b>
	<b>LISTERS EXPENSE</b>							
117	LISTERS	10,000	8,519	(1,481)	15,000	15,000	0%	-
118	FICA	765	652	(113)	1,148	1,148	0%	-
119	POSTAGE, SUPPLIES & MILEAGE	350	305	(45)	350	350	0%	-
120	ADVERTISING	250	51	(199)	250	250	0%	-
121	MEETINGS, SEMINARS & DUES	400	78	(322)	400	400	0%	-
122	CAMA LICENSES	2,350	1,991	(359)	3,800	3,800	0%	-
123	<b>Total Lister Expense</b>	<b>14,115</b>	<b>11,597</b>	<b>(2,519)</b>	<b>20,948</b>	<b>20,948</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>-</b>
	<b>COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES EXPENSE</b>							
124	DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTION	10,600	6,889	(3,711)	12,000	12,000	0%	-
125	FICA	811	527	(284)	918	918	0%	-
126	SUPPLIES	50	-	(50)	50	50	0%	-
127	MEETINGS & SEMINARS	60	-	(60)	60	60	0%	-
128	<b>Total Collector of Delinquent Tax Expense</b>	<b>11,521</b>	<b>7,416</b>	<b>(4,106)</b>	<b>13,028</b>	<b>13,028</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>-</b>
	<b>ENERGY &amp; CONSERVATION EXPENSE</b>							
129	GREENUP DAY EXPENSES	300	146	(154)	300	300	0%	-
130	CONSERVATION EXPENSES	500	424	(76)	750	750	0%	-
131	ENERGY COMMITTEE	250	250	-	250	250	0%	-
132	REGIONAL ENERGY COORDINATOR	6,195	5,576	(620)	6,195	-	-100%	(6,195)
133	VITAL COMMUNITIES - ENERGY PROGRAM	100	100	-	100	100	0%	-
134	<b>Total Energy Committee Expense</b>	<b>7,345</b>	<b>6,495</b>	<b>(850)</b>	<b>7,595</b>	<b>1,400</b>	<b>-82%</b>	<b>(6,195)</b>
	<b>PLANNING COMMISSION &amp; DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD</b>							
135	CLERK WAGE	2,500	2,050	(450)	2,750	4,800	75%	2,050
136	FLOOD HAZARD BYLAW ADMIN	800	200	(600)	800	800	0%	-
137	FICA	252	172	(80)	272	428	57%	156
138	POSTAGE	450	314	(136)	450	450	0%	-
139	SUPPLIES, ADVERTISING & NOTICES	200	652	452	500	500	0%	-
140	PLANNING COMMISSION SEMINARS	-	20	20	-	-	-	-
141	LEGAL EXPENSE	2,200	707	(1,493)	2,200	5,000	127%	2,800
142	<b>Total Planning Commission Expense</b>	<b>6,402</b>	<b>4,115</b>	<b>(2,287)</b>	<b>6,972</b>	<b>11,978</b>	<b>72%</b>	<b>5,006</b>
	<b>LAW ENFORCEMENT</b>							
143	CONSTABLE	150	-	(150)	150	150	0%	-
144	POLICE	50,000	56,811	6,811	62,400	64,480	3%	2,080
145	ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER	300	240	(60)	1,500	1,500	0%	-
146	Animal control FICA	-	18	18	-	115	-	115
147	POUND OPERATION EXPENSE	750	-	(750)	750	750	0%	-
148	<b>Total Law Enforcement Expense</b>	<b>51,200</b>	<b>57,069</b>	<b>5,869</b>	<b>64,800</b>	<b>66,995</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>2,195</b>
	<b>FIRE &amp; RESCUE</b>							
149	E-911 EXPENSES	250	-	(250)	250	250	0%	-
150	FIRE DEPARTMENT	51,850	51,850	-	53,150	56,950	7%	3,800
151	SOUTH ROYALTON RESCUE	81,894	81,894	-	89,686	92,979	4%	3,293
152	HARTFORD EMERGENCY SERVICES	1,000	-	(1,000)	1,000	250	-75%	(750)
153	<b>Total Fire &amp; Rescue Expense</b>	<b>134,994</b>	<b>133,744</b>	<b>(1,250)</b>	<b>144,086</b>	<b>150,429</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>6,343</b>
	<b>CEMETERIES</b>							
154	CEMETERIES-OTHER REPAIRS & MAINT	2,750	395	(2,355)	2,750	2,750	0%	-
155	PINE HILL CEMETERY APPROPRIATION	5,750	5,750	-	5,750	5,750	0%	-
156	PINE HILL CEMETERY FUEL COST	250	-	(250)	250	250	0%	-
157	<b>Total Cemetery Expense</b>	<b>8,750</b>	<b>6,145</b>	<b>(2,605)</b>	<b>8,750</b>	<b>8,750</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>-</b>
	<b>COMMUNITY APPROPRIATIONS</b>							
158	STAGECOACH	4,454	4,054	(400)	4,054	4,054	0%	-
159	WINDSOR COUNTY MENTORS	250	250	-	375	500	33%	125
160	HEALTH CARE & REHAB SERVICES	100	100	-	100	100	0%	-
161	VNA VNH	3,500	3,500	-	3,500	3,500	0%	-

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162	CLARA MARTIN MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES	750	750	-	750	750	0%	-
163	SAFELINE	700	700	-	700	700	0%	-
164	WHITE RIVER PARTNERSHIP	500	500	-	500	500	0%	-
165	VT ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND	150	150	-	150	150	0%	-
166	HIV/HCV RESOURCE CTR (formerly ACORN)	300	300	-	300	300	0%	-
167	VT RURAL FIRE PROTECTION TASK FORCE	100	100	-	100	100	0%	-
168	<b>Total Community Appropriations</b>	<b>10,804</b>	<b>10,404</b>	<b>(400)</b>	<b>10,529</b>	<b>10,654</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>125</b>
<b>GUVSW &amp; RELATED</b>								
169	GREATER UPPER VALLEY SOLID WASTE DIST	16,522	16,522	-	15,600	14,040	-10%	(1,560)
170	GUVSW COUPONS	6,500	6,435	(65)	5,500	5,500	0%	-
171	GUVSW STICKERS	3,400	3,440	40	2,500	2,500	0%	-
172	<b>Total GUVSW &amp; Related Expense</b>	<b>26,422</b>	<b>26,397</b>	<b>(25)</b>	<b>23,600</b>	<b>22,040</b>	<b>-7%</b>	<b>(1,560)</b>
<b>SENIOR CITIZEN SUPPORT</b>								
173	CENTRAL VT COUNCIL ON AGING	750	750	-	750	750	0%	-
174	SO ROYALTON SENIOR CENTER	2,500	2,500	-	2,500	3,500	40%	1,000
175	SHARON HEALTH INITIATIVE	3,000	3,000	-	3,000	4,000	33%	1,000
	<b>Total Senior Citizen Support Services</b>	<b>6,250</b>	<b>6,250</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,250</b>	<b>8,250</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>2,000</b>
<b>OLD HOME DAY</b>								
176	OLD HOME DAY	750	750	-	750	750	0%	-
177	<b>Total Old Home Day Expense</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>LIBRARY BUILDING</b>								
178	CLEANING WAGE	1,000	926	(74)	1,000	1,000	0%	-
179	FICA	77	71	(6)	77	77	0%	-
180	ELECTRICITY	750	667	(83)	750	2,600	247%	1,850
181	BUILDING REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	2,500	11	(2,489)	2,500	2,500	0%	-
182	HEATING FUEL	1,400	1,568	168	1,400	-	-100%	(1,400)
183	<b>Total Library Building Expense</b>	<b>5,727</b>	<b>3,242</b>	<b>(2,484)</b>	<b>5,727</b>	<b>6,177</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>450</b>
<b>COUNTY TAX, INTEREST &amp; MISC.</b>								
184	MISC EXPENSE	-	331	331	-	-		-
185	COUNTY TAX & BOND PAYMENTS	11,340	11,141	(199)	11,700	11,700	0%	-
186	<b>Total County Tax, Interest &amp; Misc Exp</b>	<b>11,340</b>	<b>11,472</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>11,700</b>	<b>11,700</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>-</b>
187	<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND OPERATING EXP</b>	<b>615,152</b>	<b>605,887</b>	<b>(9,265)</b>	<b>675,490</b>	<b>670,855</b>	<b>-1%</b>	<b>(4,635)</b>
188	<b>NET OPERATING REVENUE (EXPENSES)</b>	<b>41,452</b>	<b>35,427</b>	<b>(6,025)</b>	<b>27,937</b>	<b>56,466</b>		<b>28,529</b>
<b>TRANSFERS TO (FROM) OTHER FUNDS</b>								
189	CAPITAL BLDG IMPROV RESERVE TRANS OUT	6,000	6,000	-	45,000	40,000	-11%	(5,000)
190	LIBRARY OPERATING FUND TRANSFER OUT	24,000	24,000	-	28,485	30,562	7%	2,077
191	RECORD PRESERVATION TRANSFER OUT	1,280	(355)	(1,635)	2,800	3,944	41%	1,144
192	CONSERVATION FUND TRANSFER OUT		-	-	-	-		-
193	RECREATION TRANSFER OUT			-	4,000	6,100	53%	2,100
194	EMERGENCY CTR RESERVE TRANSFER OUT	4,000	4,000	-	4,000	4,000	0%	-
195	LEGAL FEE TRANSFER OUT	1,000	1,000	-	1,000	1,000	0%	-
196	FIRE EQUIP RESERVE TRANSFER OUT	30,000	30,000	-	30,000	30,000	0%	-
197	<b>Total Transfers to Other Funds</b>	<b>66,280</b>	<b>64,645</b>	<b>(1,635)</b>	<b>115,285</b>	<b>115,606</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>321</b>
198	<b>Total Expenses &amp; Transfers</b>	<b>681,432</b>	<b>670,532</b>	<b>(10,900)</b>	<b>790,775</b>	<b>786,461</b>	<b>-1%</b>	<b>(4,314)</b>
199	<b>NET REVENUE (EXPENSES)</b>	<b>(24,828)</b>	<b>(29,218)</b>	<b>(4,390)</b>	<b>(87,348)</b>	<b>(59,140)</b>		<b>28,208</b>
	Prior Year End Fund Balance	411,555	-		382,337	294,989		
<b>GENERAL FUND BALANCE ALLOCATED TO</b>								
200	<b>BALANCE BUDGET IF NEEDED</b>	<b>24,828</b>	<b>29,218</b>		<b>87,348</b>	<b>59,140</b>		
					ACTUAL	PROJECTED		
201	Ending Fund Balance	386,727	382,337		294,989	235,849		

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Account Description		FY22 Budget	FY22 ACTUAL	\$ Over (Under) Budget	FY2023 BUDGET	FY2024 PROPOSED BUDGET	% Over (Under) Prior Year	\$ Over (Under) Prior Year
<b>Highway Revenue</b>								
1	HIGHWAY FUND TAX REVENUE	842,970	842,970	-	870,000	920,700	6%	50,700
2	STATE AID FOR HIGHWAYS	111,800	114,584	2,784	115,000	115,000	0%	-
3	GRANT REVENUE	17,000	24,657	7,657	17,000	31,000	82%	14,000
4	OVERWEIGHT VEHICLE PERMITS	415	390	(25)	400	400	0%	-
5	NET METERING CREDIT - HWY	600	591	(9)	600	600	0%	-
6	SALE OF AN ASSET	-	-	-	-	-		-
7	MISC HWY REVENUE/INSURANCE REFUND	-	6,802	6,802	-	5,610		5,610
8	<b>Total Highway Revenue</b>	<b>972,785</b>	<b>989,995</b>	<b>17,210</b>	<b>1,003,000</b>	<b>1,073,310</b>	<b>7.0%</b>	<b>70,310</b>
<b>Highway Expense</b>								
<b>WAGE &amp; WAGE RELATED EXPENSES</b>								
9	ROAD CREW REGULAR WAGES	177,061	184,318	7,257	192,954	206,313	7%	13,359
10	ROAD CREW OVERTIME WAGES	23,667	24,718	1,051	25,639	25,384	-1%	(255)
11	FICA	15,356	15,991	635	16,722	17,725	6%	1,003
12	HEALTH INSURANCE	58,052	47,035	(11,017)	59,154	54,900	-7%	(4,254)
13	DENTAL INSURANCE	3,308	3,122	(186)	3,180	3,300	4%	120
14	RETIREMENT FUND-EMPLOYER PORTION	12,295	12,990	696	14,755	15,640	6%	885
15	LIFE/AD&D, SHORT & LONG TERM DISAB INS	1,557	1,486	(71)	1,500	1,600	7%	100
16	UNIFORMS	3,000	2,906	(94)	3,200	3,200	0%	-
17	MEDICAL CARDS	800	-	(800)	800	400	-50%	(400)
18	WORKERS COMPENSATION INSURANCE	18,870	18,609	(261)	18,870	18,000	-5%	(870)
19	UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE	400	433	33	450	400	-11%	(50)
20	<b>Total Wage &amp; Wage Related Expense</b>	<b>314,366</b>	<b>311,608</b>	<b>(2,758)</b>	<b>337,224</b>	<b>346,862</b>	<b>2.9%</b>	<b>9,638</b>
<b>VEHICLE EXPENSE</b>								
21	TRUCKS & LIABILITY INSURANCE	14,321	11,898	(2,423)	12,000	10,500	-13%	(1,500)
22	TIRES, CHAINS, & PLOW EDGES	10,500	8,524	(1,976)	17,500	12,000	-31%	(5,500)
23	2015 Western Star Tandem	7,000	574	(6,426)	-	-		-
24	2022 Western Star Tandem Dump TRUCK #1		2,574	2,574	2,500.00	2,500	0%	-
25	2023 Western Star Single Axle Dump Truck #3		90	90		2,500		2,500
26	2020 FORD F550 One-ton Dump TRUCK #4	4,000	2,357	(1,643)	3,500.00	2,500	-29%	(1,000)
27	2017 Freightliner Single Axle AWD Dump TRUCK #10	7,000	5,393	(1,607)	6,500.00	-	-100%	(6,500)
28	2018 Freightliner Tandem Dump TRUCK #11	6,500	5,173	(1,327)	6,500.00	5,500	-15%	(1,000)
29	Cat LOADER #5	3,000	4,992	1,992	4,500.00	4,500	0%	-
30	Cat GRADER #6	6,500	12,420	5,920	6,000.00	6,000	0%	-
31	JCB BACKHOE #7	2,250	967	(1,283)	2,600	1,500	-42%	(1,100)
32	John Deere TRACTOR/MOWER #8	2,750	1,555	(1,195)	2,500	2,000	-20%	(500)
33	FUEL	50,000	74,995	24,995	54,000	81,900	52%	27,900
34	<b>Total Vehicle Expense</b>	<b>113,821</b>	<b>131,512</b>	<b>17,691</b>	<b>118,100</b>	<b>131,400</b>	<b>11.3%</b>	<b>13,300</b>
<b>GARAGE EXPENSES</b>								
35	PROPERTY INSURANCE	4,124	3,228	(896)	3,500	3,000	-14%	(500)
36	TELEPHONE	1,100	2,012	912	1,776	1,776	0%	-
37	ELECTRICITY	1,800	1,692	(108)	1,800	2,000	11%	200
38	TRAININGS, SEMINARS AND MILEAGE	800	1,041	241	800	800	0%	-
39	SHOP EXPENSES	6,500	6,499	(1)	6,750	6,750	0%	-
40	ADVERTISING RFP's, JOB & ROAD POSTINGS	1,000	547	(453)	1,000	750	-25%	(250)
41	BUILDING & GROUNDS	9,200	5,774	(3,426)	9,200	5,000	-46%	(4,200)
42	SAFETY EQUIPMENT	2,000	262	(1,738)	2,000	1,500	-25%	(500)
43	COVID-19 RELATED EXPENSES		-	-				-
44	TOOLS SMALL EQUIPMENT	2,500	2,195	(305)	2,500	2,000	-20%	(500)
45	<b>Total Garage Expenses</b>	<b>29,024</b>	<b>23,251</b>	<b>(5,773)</b>	<b>29,326</b>	<b>23,576</b>	<b>-19.6%</b>	<b>(5,750)</b>
<b>GRANT &amp; PERMIT EXPENSES</b>								
46	PERMIT COMPLIANCE EXPENSE	-	-	-	-	-		-
47	PERMITS, LICENSING & FEES	1,350	1,350	-	2,000	2,000	0%	-

**Highway OPERATING FUND PROPOSED BUDGET FY2024, BUDGET FY2023, & BUDGET- TO-ACTUAL FY2022**

Account Description		FY22 Budget	FY22 ACTUAL	\$ Over (Under) Budget	FY2023 BUDGET	FY2024 PROPOSED BUDGET	% Over (Under) Prior Year	\$ Over (Under) Prior Year
48	GRANT EXPENSE	17,000	6,251	(10,749)	17,000	31,000	82%	14,000
49	<b>Total Grant &amp; Permit Expenses</b>	<b>18,350</b>	<b>7,601</b>	<b>(10,749)</b>	<b>19,000</b>	<b>33,000</b>	<b>73.7%</b>	<b>14,000</b>
<b>ROAD MAINTENANCE EXPENSE</b>								
50	CULVERTS & BRIDGES	10,000	11,817	1,817	10,000	12,000	20%	2,000
51	SAND	70,000	65,022	(4,978)	70,000	70,000	0%	-
52	GRAVEL & STONE	55,000	55,270	270	55,000	65,000	18%	10,000
53	GRASS SEED	1,000	80	(920)	1,000	1,000	0%	-
54	SIGNS	4,000	4,441	441	4,000	4,000	0%	-
55	GUARDRAILS	7,500	4,143	(3,357)	7,500	5,000	-33%	(2,500)
56	CHLORIDE (SUMMER)	17,750	16,558	(1,192)	17,750	18,000	1%	250
57	SALT (WINTER)	54,000	37,284	(16,716)	54,000	49,450	-8%	(4,550)
58	BLACKTOP	3,000	338	(2,662)	3,000	3,000	0%	-
59	PAVEMENT CRACK SEALING	12,000	10,541	(1,459)	12,000	12,000	0%	-
60	HIGHWAY 1 MILE ANNUAL TOP-DRESSING	18,000	20,378	2,378	18,000	18,000	0%	-
61	CONTRACTED SERVICES	17,500	23,440	5,940	20,000	25,000	25%	5,000
62	<b>Total Road Maintenance Expenses</b>	<b>269,750</b>	<b>249,313</b>	<b>(20,437)</b>	<b>272,250</b>	<b>282,450</b>	<b>3.7%</b>	<b>10,200</b>
63	<b>Total Highway Fund Operating Expenses</b>	<b>745,311</b>	<b>723,286</b>	<b>(22,026)</b>	<b>775,900</b>	<b>817,288</b>	<b>5.3%</b>	<b>41,388</b>
64	<b>NET HWY OPERATING REVENUE (EXPENSE)</b>	<b>227,474</b>	<b>266,709</b>	<b>39,235</b>	<b>227,100</b>	<b>256,022</b>		<b>28,922</b>
<b>HIGHWAY TRANSFERS TO (FROM) OTHER FUNDS</b>								
65	HWY INFRASTRUCTURE TRANSFER OUT TO RESERVE	7,197	7,197	-	12,390	18,534	50%	6,144
66	HWY INFRASTRUCTURE BOND DEBT SERVICE TRANSFER	119,803	119,803	-	122,610	121,466	-1%	(1,144)
67	HWY BUILDING IMPROVEMENT - TRANSFER OUT	10,000	10,000	-	30,000	30,000	0%	-
68	EQUIPMENT TRANSFER OUT TO RESERVE	125,000	125,000	-	130,000	135,200	4%	5,200
69	<b>Total HWY Transfers</b>	<b>262,000</b>	<b>262,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>295,000</b>	<b>305,200</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>10,200</b>
70	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES &amp; TRANSFERS</b>	<b>1,007,311</b>	<b>985,286</b>	<b>(22,026)</b>	<b>1,070,900</b>	<b>1,122,488</b>	<b>4.8%</b>	<b>51,588</b>
71	<b>NET REVENUE (EXPENSES)</b>	<b>(34,526)</b>	<b>4,709</b>	<b>39,235</b>	<b>(67,900)</b>	<b>(49,178)</b>		<b>18,722</b>
	<b>Prior Year End Fund Balance</b>	234,882	-		239,591	171,691		
	HIGHWAY FUND BALANCE ALLOCATED TO BALANCE							
72	BUDGET IF NEEDED	34,526	(4,709)		67,900	49,178		
			ACTUAL			PROJECTED		
73	Ending Fund Balance	200,356	239,591		171,691	122,513		

## TOWN OF SHARON

## HIGHWAY INFRASTRUCTURE FUND: Large project schedule - paving, bank stabilization, culverts

DESCRIPTION	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030	FY2031
<b>CAPITAL PLAN CASH FLOW SCHEDULE</b>												
Ending Fund Balance from Prior Fiscal Year	290,793.31	659,276	206,223	157,450	151,639	55,173	74,856	100,716	110,575	148,938	143,803	190,516
<b>Inflows</b>												
Bond Debt Service Transfer In from Hwy Fund	-	21,662	119,803	122,610	121,466	120,317	119,140	117,919	116,637	115,134	113,288	111,142
Non-bond Related Transfer In from Hwy Fund	115,000	98,338	7,197	12,390	18,534	19,683	25,860	32,081	38,363	44,866	51,712	48,858
<b>Transfer in from Highway Fund Subtotal</b>	115,000	120,000	127,000	135,000	140,000	140,000	145,000	150,000	155,000	160,000	160,000	160,000
Grant Revenue for Paving - AOT (80/20)					200,000					200,000		
Grant Revenue for Structures - AOT (90/10)	-		61,466	163,800				200,000				200,000
Grant Revenue: ARPA SLFRF*					150,000							
Loan Proceeds from Bond Issuance for Paving	1,100,000											
<b>Total Actual or Projected Inflows</b>	1,215,000	120,000	188,466	298,800	490,000	140,000	145,000	350,000	155,000	360,000	160,000	360,000
<b>Outflows</b>												
Engineering/Planning Expense/Pre-Construction	(16,916)		(1,937)									
Site Engineer Expense	(11,700)	(6,413)										
Legal Fees & Legal Notices	(2,951)											
Reclaiming Projects (Rte 132, Beaver Mdw, and/or River Rd)					(250,000)					(250,000)		
Reclaim & Repave Howe Hill Rd	(746,941.36)	(277,610)										
Repave Portion of River Rd (Bridge to Howe Hill)	-	(83,505)										
Reclaim & repave Portion of Fay Brook Rd	(50,857.00)	(94,175)										
Repave Portion of Broad Brook Rd	-	(52,861)										
Crackseal & Patch per 1c Schedule		(2,246)										
1" Overlay Detail (Circle at Elem Sch & TSA) FY24*	-	-	(43,580)		(100,000)							
1 1/4" Overlay - Quimby Mtn paved area	-											
Culverts & ditching prep for repaved areas	(12,021)	(41,321)										
AOT Structures Project Expense - FY23 Downer, FY27 Quimby	-		(68,161)	(182,000)				(222,222)				(222,222)
Bank Stabilization & wing wall Quimby Mtn Rd FY24*					(115,000)							
Debt Service 10yr Principal Transfer In from Hwy Op Fund			(110,000)	(110,000)	(110,000)	(110,000)	(110,000)	(110,000)	(110,000)	(110,000)	(110,000)	(110,000)
Debt Service Interest Transfer In from Hwy Fund	(5,131)	(14,923)	(13,560)	(12,610)	(11,466)	(10,317)	(9,140)	(7,919)	(6,637)	(5,134)	(3,288)	(1,142)
<b>Total Actual or Projected (Outflows)</b>	(846,517)	(573,054)	(237,239)	(304,610)	(586,466)	(120,317)	(119,140)	(340,141)	(116,637)	(365,134)	(113,288)	(333,364)
<b>Projected Ending Fund Balance for Fiscal Year</b>	659,276.27	206,223	157,450	151,639	55,173	74,856	100,716	110,575	148,938	143,803	190,516	217,151
<b>Fiscal Year End June 30</b>	<b>FY2020</b>	<b>FY2021</b>	<b>FY2022</b>	<b>FY2023</b>	<b>FY2024</b>	<b>FY2025</b>	<b>FY2026</b>	<b>FY2027</b>	<b>FY2028</b>	<b>FY2029</b>	<b>FY2030</b>	<b>FY2031</b>
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Projected	Projected	Projected	Projected	Projected	Projected	Projected	Projected	Projected

\* Bank stabilization &amp; wing repair wall: no known grant source \$80k funded from ARPA

\* School St &amp; Academy Dr not eligible for AOT Paving Grant, \$70k funded from ARPA

TOWN OF SHARON				HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND					REPLACEMENT SCHEDULE					
VEHICLES & LARGE EQUIPMENT as of 6/30/2022	age in yrs 6/30/22	Date Acquired	useful life in years	Purchase Price with Warranty	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029
2023 Western Star 4700SF 6 Wheel D&P Truck	0	6/15/2022	7	198,412.00			Purchase	Debt Service	Debt Service	Debt Service	Debt Service	Debt Service		
2022 Western Star 4700SF Tandem D&P Truck	0.8	9/1/2021	7	209,428.00			Purchase	Debt Service	Debt Service	Debt Service	Debt Service	Debt Service		
2020 Ford550 1Ton w/ dump body & plow	2	6/3/2020	5	114,708.00	Purchase	Debt Service	Debt Service	Debt Service	Debt Service	Debt Service	Purchase	Debt Service	Debt Service	Debt Service
2018 Backhoe JCB 3CX15 Super	3.5	12/17/2018	10	116,996.00	Debt Service	Debt Service	Debt Service	Debt Service						
2018 Freightliner 114SD Tandem Dump/Plow Truck	4.4	2/9/2018	7	185,496.00	Debt Service	Debt Service	Debt Service	Debt Service		Purchase	Debt Service	Debt Service	Debt Service	Debt Service
2017 Freightliner 108SD AWD Truck&bodyscraper	traded	2/6/2017	7	190,500.00	* paid in fy19	Debt Service	Debt Service							
2016 Caterpillar 12M 3 Grader	6	6/24/2016	10	358,900.00	Debt Service	Debt Service					Purchase	Debt Service	Debt Service	Debt Service
2015 Western Star 4700SF dump/plow truck	traded	10/28/2015	7	191,681.00	Debt Service	Debt Service								
2015 Ford550 1Ton w/ dump body & plow	traded	5/28/2015	5	94,318.30	Trade Jun20									
2012 Caterpillar Loader Model 930K	9.9	8/30/2012	10	158,948.00				Purchase 50k	Debt Service	Debt Service	Debt Service	Debt Service	Debt Service	Debt Service
2022 or 2023 John Deere Mower Unit			10										Purchase	Debt Service
2010 John Deere 6330 Tractor	11.8	10/11/2010	10	95,040.00										Debt Service
				Fund Balance Start	72,649	78,562	45,048	88,978	41,235	65,051	83,803	55,124	36,335	87,455
				HWY Transfer In	115,000	120,000	125,000	130,000	135,200	140,600	146,200	152,000	158,000	164,300
				Loan Proceeds	80,000		270,000	-	120,000	120,000	360,000	-	80,000	-
				Trade-In	43,500		155,000	-	40,000	80,000	130,000	-	15,000	-
				Large Eq Purchase	(114,138)		(407,835)	(50,000)	(180,000)	(210,000)	(500,000)	-	(80,000)	-
				Small Eq Purchase	(4,500)	-	-	(5,000)	(5,000)	(5,000)	(5,000)	(5,000)	(5,000)	(5,000)
				Principal Pmt	(107,400)	(147,400)	(92,887)	(112,000)	(79,000)	(94,000)	(138,000)	(150,000)	(104,000)	(136,000)
				Interest Pmt	(6,549)	(6,114)	(5,348)	(10,743)	(7,383)	(12,849)	(21,879)	(15,789)	(12,880)	(10,920)
				Fund Balance End	78,562	45,048	88,978	41,235	65,051	83,803	55,124	36,335	87,455	99,835
				Actual	Actual	Actual	Projected	Projected	Projected	Projected	Projected	Projected	Projected	Projected
Total Principal				346,400	358,113	367,113	367,113	451,113	368,000	312,000				
Interest				8660	10743.39	12,848.96	12,878.96	15,788.96	10,920.00					
				2.50%	3.00%	3.50%	3.50%	3.50%	3.50%					



**BALANCE SHEET - GENERAL OPERATING FUND**

<b>Account</b>	<b>AS OF JUNE 30, 2021</b>	<b>AS OF JUNE 30, 2022</b>
CASH TOWN CLERK	150.00	150.00
CASH SELECTBOARD'S OFFICE	350.00	350.00
GENERAL FUND CHECKING MB	155,623.24	297,656.05
PAYROLL CHECKING	28,349.12	32,578.32
GENERAL FUND MMKT MB	858,137.52	908,186.88
US BANK BOND PROCEED ACCT	-	-
ONLINE PAYMENT ACCOUNT	40,059.85	27,272.62
PREPAID EXPENSES	15,260.54	21,438.98
CURRENT TAXES RECEIVABLE	-	-
CURRENT TAX INTEREST RECEIVABLE	-	-
DELINQUENT TAXES RECEIVABLE	139,721.44	176,417.50
DELINQUENT INT/OTH RECEIVABLE	51,527.67	76,375.20
ACCTS RECEIVABLE OTHER	11,415.81	13,679.84
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>1,300,595.19</b>	<b>1,554,105.39</b>
DEFERRED REVENUE OTHER	6,092.67	6,456.81
DEFERRED REVENUE DELINQUENT TAXES	137,026.55	171,758.55
SCHOOL TAXES PAYABLE	-	-
ACCRUED WAGE	5,031.74	8,176.09
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	7,875.33	2,044.19
HEALTH INSURANCE PAYABLE	681.14	683.26
DENTAL INSURANCE PAYABLE	-	128.33
EYEMED PAYABLE	3.53	4.86
RETIREMENT PAYABLE	0.15	0.41
INTERFUND - CASH HELD FOR OTHER FUNDS	732,329.07	982,515.84
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>889,040.18</b>	<b>1,171,768.34</b>
GENERAL FUND BAL TOTAL PRIOR YEARS	401,071.67	411,555.01
FUND BALANCE CURRENT YEAR	10,483.34	(29,217.96)
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>411,555.01</b>	<b>382,337.05</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>1,300,595.19</b>	<b>1,554,105.39</b>

**BALANCE SHEET - HIGHWAY OPERATING FUND**

<b>Account</b>	<b>AS OF JUNE 30, 2021</b>	<b>AS OF JUNE 30, 2022</b>
PREPAID EXPENSES HWY	9,650.31	7,993.89
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	2,770.51	674.50
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>12,420.82</b>	<b>8,668.39</b>
ACCRUED WAGE	6,554.12	7,839.98
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	10,444.78	7,099.65
INTERFUND	(239,459.88)	(245,862.12)
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>(222,460.98)</b>	<b>(230,922.49)</b>
HIGHWAY FUND BAL TOTAL PRIOR YEARS	120,710.55	234,881.80
FUND BALANCE CURRENT YEAR	114,171.25	4,709.08
<b>TOTAL HIGHWAY FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>234,881.80</b>	<b>239,590.88</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>12,420.82</b>	<b>8,668.39</b>

**GOVERNMENT INTERFUND BALANCES AS OF JUNE 30, 2022**

<b>INTERFUND</b>	<b>CASH HELD FOR &amp; DUE TO DEBIT</b>	<b>CASH DUE FROM CREDIT</b>
<i>Interfund is also known as "Due To/Due From"</i>		
100-1899-00.00 GENERAL OPERATING FUND INTERFUND	-	982,515.84
200-1899-00.00 HWY EQUIP INTERFUND	90,253.25	-
222-1899-00.00 HWY OPERATING INTERFUND	245,862.12	-
325-1899-00.00 ARPA FUNDS	206,773.41	-
333-1899-00.00 FEMA/FHWA	-	-
600-1899-00.00 DOWNER FUND	-	-
650-1899-00.00 BAXTER MEMORIAL LIBRARY	725.94	-
720-1899-00.00 JAMES JUDSON MEM INTERFUND	-	0.09
740-1899-00.00 STEENKEN LEASE LAND INTERFUND	0.10	-
800-1899-00.00 LEGAL RESERVE	5,000.00	-
900-1899-00.00 GRANTS - OTHER INTERFUND	5,112.69	-
925-1899-00.00 RECORD PRESERVATION INTERFUND	28,526.21	-
926-1899-00.00 SOLAR DECOMMISSIONING FUND	-	-
995-1899-00.00 APPRAISAL RESERVE INTERFUND	88,560.04	-
999-1899-00.00 CAPITAL ASSET RESERVE INTERFUND	311,702.17	-
<b>TOTAL (Debit and Credit should always be equal)</b>	<b>982,515.93</b>	<b>982,515.93</b>

# **GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITY - FIXED ASSETS - BALANCE SHEET AS OF JUNE 30, 2022**

WORK IN PROGRESS - LIBRARY HEAT PUMP & ERV	3,460
LAND - INCLUDES ASHLEY FOREST CONTRIBUTION OF \$199,548	442,810
ART	3,700
BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS	138,271
BUILDINGS	391,251
EQUIPMENT	175,696
VEHICLES	1,487,924
INFRASTRUCTURE	6,040,420
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>8,683,533</b>
ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION	2,449,111
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>2,449,111</b>
FUND BALANCE FROM PRIOR YEARS	6,533,529
CHANGE TO FUND BALANCE CURRENT YEAR (Depreciation Expense)	(299,107)
<b>TOTAL FIXED ASSET FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>6,234,422</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; FIXED ASSET FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>8,683,533</b>

## **LONG-TERM DEBT - BALANCE SHEET AS OF JUNE 30, 2022**

<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>-</b>
MERCHANTS BANK - 5 YR \$120K JUL 2016 - 2017 FREIGHTLINER	-
MASCOMA BANK - 5 YR \$120K FEB 2018- 2018 FREIGHTLINER	24,000
MASCOMA BANK - 5 YR \$90K OCT 2018- 2018 JCB BACKHOE	27,000
COMMUNITY BANK NA \$80k 5y JUN 2020- 2020 F550	48,000
COMMUNITY BANK NA \$120k 5y AUG 2021 - 2022 WSTAR	109,113
COMMUNITY BANK NA \$150k 5y JUN 2022 - 2023 WSTAR	150,000
MUNICIPAL BOND LOAN 10YR \$1.1M MAR 2020 - PAVING	990,000
ACCRUED COMPENSATION	41,145
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>1,389,258</b>
LONG-TERM DEBT FUND BALANCE	(1,348,113)
ACCRUED COMPENSATION BALANCE	(41,145)
<b>TOTAL LONG-TERM DEBT FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>(1,389,258)</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; LONG-TERM DEBT FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>-</b>

## **VMERS PENSION LIABILITY AS OF JUNE 30, 2022**

PENSION DEFERRED OUTFLOW	(79,110)
NET PENSION LIABILITY	133,449
PENSION DEFERRED INFLOW	88,441
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>142,780</b>
PENSION BEGINNING EQUITY	(136,657)
NET CHANGE IN CURRENT YEAR'S FUND BALANCE	(6,123)
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>(142,780)</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>-</b>

## TOWN OF SHARON

## RESERVE &amp; SPECIAL REVENUE FUND ACTIVITY AS OF JUNE 30, 2022

	TOWN OF SHARON RESERVE FUNDS AS OF JUNE 30, 2022	Town Building Improvement Reserve Fund	Highway Building Improvement Reserve Fund	Highway Infrastructure Reserve Fund	Fire Equipment Reserve Fund	Emergency Operations Center Reserve Fund	Reappraisal Fund	Record Preservation Fund	Highway Equipment Reserve Fund	Conservation Fund
FY2021	FY2020 Ending Balance	15,022.63	-	659,276.27	67,607.06	5,290.00	69,454.04	22,439.70	78,562.25	1,072.50
	Gen Fund Transfer In *	6,000.00		-	30,000.00	4,000.00	3,953.00	6,441.66		288.00
	Hwy Transfers In			120,000.00					120,000.00	
	Grant Revenue						7,543.50			
	Interest Earned									
	Escrowed									
	Fire Equipment Expense				(5,383.10)					
	Baxter Mem Library Drainage Engineering	(460.00)								0.10
	Paving Project Expense - Contractor			(549,472.29)						
	Paving Project Expense - Engineer & Testing			(6,412.50)						
	Bond Loan Interest (includes accrued)			(14,922.62)						
	Crackseal			(2,246.12)						-
	Truck & Equipment Loan Principal								(147,400.00)	-
	Loan Interest								(6,114.09)	
FY2022	FY2021 Ending Balance	20,562.63	-	206,222.74	92,223.96	9,290.00	80,950.54	28,881.36	45,048.16	1,360.60
	Gen Fund Transfer In *	6,000.00		-	30,000.00	4,000.00	-	(355.15)		
	Hwy Transfers In		10,000.00	127,000.00					125,000.00	
	Alliance 50% funding for Ashley Comm Forest									
	Loan Proceeds				-				270,000.00	
	Equip Trade Ins \$80K '15WS + \$75k '17WS								155,000.00	
	Grant Revenue			61,465.77			7,609.50			
	Interest Earned									0.17
	Deferred Revenue									
	Escrowed									
	Fire Equipment Expense				(19,973.53)					
	TRORC Consulting re Rte 132			(1,937.24)		-				-
	Paving Project Expense - Contractor			(43,580.00)						-
	Structures Grant Contractor - Qmby Mtn			(68,161.00)						-
	Bond Loan Principal			(110,000.00)						-
	Bond Loan Interest (includes accrued)			(13,560.46)						-
	Purchase 2022 & 2023 West Star dump trucks								(407,835.00)	-
	Truck & Equipment Loan Principal								(92,886.98)	-
	Loan Interest								(5,347.75)	-
	FY2022 Ending Balance	26,562.63	10,000.00	157,449.81	102,250.43	13,290.00	88,560.04	28,526.21	88,978.43	1,360.77
		FUND 999	FUND 999	FUND 999	FUND 999	FUND 999	FUND 995	FUND 925	FUND 200	FUND 300
	Combined Total for Capital Reserve Fund 999					309,552.87				

	ADDITIONAL TOWN OF SHARON RESERVE & SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS AS OF JUNE 30, 2022	ARPA Fund (SLFRF)	Honor Roll	James Judson Mem Fund	Steenken Lease Land	James Judson Parker Fund (ToPF)	Ashley Community Forest Fund	Legal Reserve Fund	Grants - Other	Rte 132 Solar Decommission Fund Norwich Tech
FY2021	FY2021 Ending Fund Balance	-	78.66	255.93	1,000.26	42,321.25	-	4,000.00	5,075.82	-
FY2022	Gen Fund Transfer In			-				1,000.00		
	Hwy Transfers In									
	Alliance 50% funding for Ashley Comm Forest						10,000.00			
	Norwich Technologies 132 Decom Pmt per Sched									5,000.00
	Grant Revenue - Town Portion	80,086.13								
	Grant Revenue - County Portion	148,592.28								
	Interest Earned	-	-	0.24	0.83	103.25				33.72
	Deferred Revenue	(206,773.41)					(10,000.00)			
	Escrow									(5,033.72)
	SLFRF RR Digitize Records	(18,445.00)								
	SLFRF RR Heat Pump & ERV	(3,460.00)				-				
	Resident Utility Assistance					(200.00)				
	FY2022 Ending Fund Balance	-	78.66	256.17	1,001.09	42,224.50	-	5,000.00	5,075.82	-
		FUND 325	FUND 700	FUND 720	FUND 740	FUND 760	FUND 780	FUND 800	FUND 900	FUND 926

As of FY22  
\$206,773.41 is  
Deferred  
Revenue

As of FY22  
\$10,000 is  
Deferred Revenue

As of FY22  
\$20,052.27 is  
Escrowed

**ARPA SLFRF Funding for the Town of Sharon****\$ 457,356.82 Funds Received as of October 11, 2022**

The Town of Sharon has received its full grant funding from the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF), a part of the American Rescue Plan (ARPA). The funding consists of the Town's share and a per capita portion of Windsor County's share.

These funds are intended to support local governments in their response to and recovery from the COVID-19 public health emergency. The SLFRF program provides substantial flexibility for each jurisdiction to meet local needs. Below is the current status of the Town of Sharon's spending plan. Public input is welcome and can be given during public comment at any Selectboard meeting or through reaching out to Sarah Pfeiffer, Selectboard Member, at [spfeiffer@sharonvt.net](mailto:spfeiffer@sharonvt.net) or Deb Jones, Treasurer, at [treasurer@sharonvt.net](mailto:treasurer@sharonvt.net) or by calling 802-763-8268 x3 for Deb or x4 for Nicola Shipman, Selectboard Assistant.

PROJECTS	Obligated	Notes	% Total Grant Funds
<b>SELECTBOARD OBLIGATED FUNDS</b>			
Digitizing Land Records and Online Accessibility	18,445.00	Approved FY22	
Heat Pump and ERV for Baxter Memorial Library	34,604.00	Approved FY22	
So Royalton Rescue Building Study/Design	25,000.00	Approved 10/28/22	
Safety Equipment i.e. AED with training	5,700.00	Approved 10/28/22	
Total Obligated Funds as of 10/28/22	83,749.00		18%
<b>BALANCE AVAILABLE</b>	<b>373,607.82</b>		82%
PROJECTS	Not Obligated		% Total Grant Funds
<b>Administrative and Small Projects</b>			
Direct Cost for Grant Administration	607.82		
Outdoor message board kiosk	2,000.00	Under construction, final cost not known	
Administrative & Small Project Subtotal	2,607.82		1%
<b>Building Infrastructure</b>			
Building Infrastructure: Hwy Garage Study/Concept	50,000.00	rfp draft under review	
Building Infrastructure: Hwy Garage Remodel Stage 1 Arch design	50,000.00		
Historical Society Structural Repairs	21,000.00	suggested 12/19/22	
Building Infrastructure Subtotal	121,000.00		26%
<b>Other Infrastructure</b>			
Paving & Bank Stabilization Costs not eligible for AOT Grants	150,000.00	suggested 12/28/22	
Drainage at Baxter Memorial Library	15,000.00	suggested 12/19/22	
Public Assistance for Home Energy Improvements	20,000.00		
Pedestrian/Bike Study (Town Portion of State Grant)	15,000.00	SB approved 10/28/22 if grant approved	
Other Infrastructure Subtotal	200,000.00		44%
<b>Projects TBD from Community Input</b>			
Amount to survey public and/or to receive requests	50,000.00		
<i>Examples of items to be considered for the survey</i>			
Improved and safer access to the White River			
Community health-related programming			
Community meeting space creation or enhancement			
Financial support for the arts			
Community Input Projects Subtotal	50,000.00		11%
<b>TOTAL PROPOSED ALLOCATION OF BALANCE</b>	<b>373,607.82</b>		<b>82%</b>
<b>TOTAL OBLIGATED AS OF 10/28/2022</b>	<b>83,749.00</b>		<b>18%</b>
<b>TOTAL ARPA SLFRF GRANT</b>	<b>457,356.82</b>		<b>100%</b>

**To avoid having to return unused funds, the Town of Sharon must appropriate all of the allotted \$457,356.82 funds by December 31, 2024 and have expended all funds by December 31, 2026.**

## Ashley Community Forest Board – 2022 Report

In January 2022, the towns of Strafford and Sharon took possession of the 256.4-acre Ashley Community Forest as a gift from the local non-profit Alliance for Vermont Communities. In addition to the gift of land, the Alliance for Vermont Communities provided a \$20,000 cash payment to seed a long-term management fund for the forest.

The Selectboards of both towns each appointed two members to the Ashley Community Forest Board. In Strafford, the appointments were Annie Penfield for a term of 3 years and David Paganelli for a term of 2 years. The Sharon Selectboard appointed Rob Stainton for a term of 3 years and Erik Skarsten for a term of 2 years. The four appointed Board members met for the first time on March 30, 2022 and chose Michael Sacca of Tunbridge as the fifth “at large” Board member with a 3-year term. As President of the Alliance for Vermont Communities, Michael was instrumental in the purchase of the forest and shepherded its transition to municipal ownership. Together, the Ashley Community Forest Board has worked to set in motion a positive vision of community forest ownership and to build lasting conservation relationships in our four-town area and beyond.

Much of 2022 has involved discussions and field tours with local and regional experts to define future management objectives and strategies. The Ashley Community Forest Board has drafted a 10-year Forest Stewardship Plan that **balances** forestry, wildlife habitat, ecological reserves, recreation, and education. In October 2022 we held a public meeting to solicit input on the plan and the Board accepted written input through November. The Stewardship plan is currently in the final stage of revision before being submitted to the Vermont Land Trust and Vermont Housing and Conservation Board for final approval.

While the bulk of our time this year was taken up with development of the Forest Stewardship Plan, we also sponsored several programs and events at the forest, including a celebration and walking tours.

During October 2022, volunteers from both towns cut several black locust trees at the forest. Black locust is a very rot-resistant wood. The logs were pulled to the landing with a volunteer’s tractor and sawn into posts for kiosks to be built at the Ashley Community Forest, at the neighboring Manning Farm Trail and others to be built on town land in Royalton, Sharon and Tunbridge. Additional black locust was provided to the Strafford Townhouse Advisory Committee to be sawn into timbers that are expected to be used in the restoration of the bell tower of the historic Strafford Townhouse. The Ashley Community Forest Board and the Alliance for Vermont Communities partnered to pay the minor costs of sawing the lumber and all wood was donated to the towns of Strafford, Sharon, Royalton, and Tunbridge to contribute to these worthwhile community projects.

At the end of December 2022, the Alliance for Vermont Communities donated an additional \$17,169 to the Ashley Community Forest management fund.

During 2023, the goals for the forest are to implement pre-commercial forest stand improvement (crop tree release), initial treatment of invasive plants (handpulling by volunteers), boundary marking, taking stock of the existing trails and look for ways to improve them, building a short section of trail on the north end of the forest and exploring grants for an informational kiosk, and composting toilet. In addition, we plan to host a variety of outdoor programs for the public. There may be potential to harvest black locust in a commercial timber sale in stand 3.

The Ashley Community Forest is a self-supporting forest. Volunteers do most of the work at the forest (mowing, trail construction and maintenance, invasive plant treatment, boundary maintenance, forest stand improvement) and annual ownership costs are expected to be sustained by periodic timber sale revenue, donations and grants. Discussions are underway to plan annual fundraisers that will supplement the Ashley Community Forest management fund. If you would like to support the Ashley Community Forest, either by volunteering your time or by making a donation, please contact the Ashley Community Forest Board at [ashleycommunityforest@gmail.com](mailto:ashleycommunityforest@gmail.com). Thank you to the citizens of Strafford and Sharon for your ongoing support of this wonderful community resource.

Ashley Community Forest Board meetings are open to the public. Meetings occur on the second Thursday of each month and alternate between Strafford and Sharon locations.

Respectfully Submitted by the Ashley Community Forest Board:

David Paganelli, Annie Penfield, Michael Sacca, Erik Skarsten and Rob Stainton

FY2024 PROPOSED BUDGET				
		Cost	Revenue	Notes
Invasive Plant Treatment Program		\$1,000.00		in-kind community work/ budget \$ as back-up
Forest Stand Improvement	patch cuts and tree selection	\$200.00		
July Mowing		\$500.00		in-kind community work/ budget \$ as back-up
Trail Construction Phase 2		\$0.00		volunteer and in-kind donations
Trail Signs Phase 1	wood from forest \$20/sign	\$0.00		
Interpretative signs	Flora / Fauna / Historical	\$500.00		
Walking Tour Signage		\$500.00		
Annual Appeal/ Grants			\$2,000.00	
Fundraisers that worked from 2023			\$500.00	
Trail Construction/Stream crossing	excavator	\$500.00		
Widening Parking Area	crushed stone; excavator	\$500.00		
Architectural mapping		\$0.00		
		<b>\$3,700.00</b>	<b>\$2,500.00</b>	

## Baxter Memorial Library

P.O. Box 87 / 5114 Rte. 14, Sharon VT 05065

802-763-2875 / [www.sharonvtlibrary.com](http://www.sharonvtlibrary.com)

M-W 2-6pm, Th 11am-7pm, Sat 10am-12pm



Baxter Memorial Library is inspired by our community's generosity and we're so grateful for the support we receive from our annual town appropriation, the efforts of our many volunteers who donate their time and energy, and the legacy of generosity represented by our endowment.

We're proud to be able to provide the community with digital literacy assistance; opportunities for job training and placement; resources for exploring

nearly any interest, from astronomy to Zumba; hundreds of new books, movies, and audiobooks each year; cherished community programs; and access to free digital resources including ebooks, digital audiobooks, online classes, databases, and periodical subscriptions – all for **free** to everyone.

This year, we've added lots of brand new books for emerging and newly independent readers, as well as a collection of Spanish and bilingual books, board and card games, fun learning kits, and lots of space to display books and spark curiosity. Our summer reading program this year featured a reading contest, a storyteller, a dance workshop, and even a snow cone party with live music and prizes. We were also able to set up a permanent, changeable Storywalk® around the building! We held our immensely popular weekly *Magic the Gathering* gathering all summer long and started a weekly toddlers & preschoolers story time. We've extended our hours on Thursdays and are now open 11am-7pm. And, thanks to our volunteers, Saturday mornings at the library are back!

BML provides more than 6,000 books and audio-visual items with access to thousands more through the interlibrary loan system, plus reliable internet service that is accessible inside and outside the building 24/7. Check out these stats from the past year:

- 3350 patron visits (up 75%)
- Over 4000 checkouts
- 1250 digital checkouts
- 476 interlibrary loans
- 621 new items added to the collection

A big thank you to all our Saturday volunteer librarians, as well as to everyone who volunteered to bake for our Cookie Walk and Everything Apple fundraisers. Thank you to those who supported our annual Plant, Book & Bake Sale, and to everyone who donated to our annual appeal campaign. Thanks, also, to everyone who helps maintain our beautiful gardens each year. A special thanks goes out to Eileen Lanza for continuing to donate her gorgeous quilts to benefit the library. Our goal is to continue to be the heart of Sharon, Vermont, but we can't do it without you. Please contact Shana at the library or see the library's web page for volunteer opportunities.

Baxter Memorial Library Trustees: Emma Basham, Marian Weatherbee, Kit Hood, Laura DeCapua, and Sandy Johnston; and Library Director Shana Hickman

**BAXTER MEMORIAL LIBRARY**
**BUDGET TO ACTUAL FOR FY2022; FY2023 BUDGET; PROPOSED BUDGET FY2024**

	Account Description	BUDGET FY2022	ACTUAL FY2022	BUDGET FY2023	PROPOSED BUDGET FY2024	% of FY23 Budget	\$ Over (Under) FY23 Budget
	<b>Revenue</b>						
1	Transfer from General Fund	24,000	24,000	28,485	30,562	7%	2,077
2	Transfer from Permanent Fund: Dividends	5,500	5,373	5,500	5,500	0%	-
3	Donations & Fundraising	5,000	8,646	7,000	7,000	0%	-
4	Grant Revenue	4,200	14,455	5,000	5,000	0%	-
5	Bank Interest	35	25	50	50	0%	-
6	Misc Revenue		4	-	-		-
7	<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>38,735</b>	<b>52,503</b>	<b>46,035</b>	<b>48,112</b>	<b>5.4%</b>	<b>2,077</b>
	<b>Expenses</b>						
	<b>PROGRAM &amp; OPERATING EXPENSES</b>						
8	Library Director Wage	25,295	25,365	32,032	33,314	4%	1,282
9	FICA	1,935	1,940	2,450	2,549	4%	99
10	Library Director Retirement	1,581	1,575	2,163	2,249	4%	86
11	Library Supplies	500	534	400	400	0%	-
12	Adult Books, DVD, Audio	1,650	1,511	2,000	2,000	0%	-
13	Downloadable Audio Books	450	470	470	530	13%	60
14	Program Services	800	844	800	1,000	25%	200
15	Children Books, DVD, Audio	1,350	1,217	1,350	1,500	11%	150
16	Circulation Software	720	732	735	780	6%	45
17	Interlibrary Lending Delivery Fees	1,200	1,154	1,200	1,200	0%	-
18	PO Box Rental	100	100	105	120	14%	15
19	Telephone & Internet	1,224	1,243	1,250	1,250	0%	-
20	Fund Raising Expenses	600	258	300	300	0%	-
21	Mileage	100		-			-
22	Education	100		-			-
23	Dues, Fees, Subscriptions, & Misc Exp	350	441	350	350	0%	-
24	Furniture/Equipment Expense	350	410	-	120		120
25	Website Fee	60	48	60	50	-17%	(10)
26	Grant Expense	370	11,623	370	400	8%	30
27	<b>Total Program &amp; Operating Expenses</b>	<b>38,735</b>	<b>49,465</b>	<b>46,035</b>	<b>48,112</b>	<b>4.5%</b>	<b>2,077</b>
28	<b>NET REVENUE (EXPENSES)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,039</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>		<b>(0)</b>

**CASH & CASH EQUIVALENTS:**

	As of June 30, 2022		
PETTY CASH	157	Stock/#of Shares	Total \$ Value
COMMUNITY BANK	25,408	AT&T / 1808	37,389
MASCOMA BANK CDs (2)	12,564	Comcast / 542	21,127
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	-	Verizon / 492	24,659
TOTAL CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	<b>38,128</b>	Warner BD WBD	5,838
Net Change in Cash on Hand	(4,221)	Lumen /35	382
LIABILITIES		Vodafone /142	2,212
WAGE ACCRUED TO PRIOR YEAR	(1,059)	Teradata /37.5	1,388
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE and DUE TO/DUE FROM	(4,085)	TOTAL VALUE	<b>92,995</b>
DEFERRED REVENUE - GRANT	(2,116)		
NET REVENUE (EXPENSES)	<b>3,039</b>		

**As of June 30, 2022**

Balance Sheet	Operating Fund	Stock Fund	Total Combined
<b>Total Assests</b>	38,128	92,995	131,124
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	7,260	-	7,260
<b>Total Fund Balance</b>	30,868	92,995	123,864
<b>Fund Balance + Liabilities</b>	38,128	92,995	131,124



Chester Downer Endowment Fund  
Trustees Report for the year 2022

During the fiscal year 2022, your Trustees with the assistance of the Town Treasurer continued the management of the Endowment fund. These investments, in accordance with the Downer Will, can only be in US government securities, and are only authorized for expenses as specified in the will and limited to 75% of the current year income earned by those investments. A copy of the will is available at the town offices.

During the last fiscal year there were no formal applications made to the Downer Fund for grants. At the Fund's annual meeting, on October 19, 2022, the trustees approved the ongoing annual expenses of the Fund, including the Probate court fee of \$85.00 and the interest reimbursement to the Pine Hill Cemetery for \$180.00. Please note that the Fund also pays for the maintenance of the town grounds.

The trustees also authorized the town Treasurer to purchase a new 5 year note in the amount of \$55,000. This is in keeping with your trustees maintaining a ladder of 5 year maturity notes, one of which will mature each year. The interest rate on the new note, which matures in October 2027 is 4.25%. The annual Chester Downer Endowment Fund report was also reviewed and accepted by all trustees.

We remind all residents that all applications for grants from the Fund are first reviewed by your Trustees. Then, if approved, they must be forwarded to the Probate Court for final confirmation. This is to assure that all grants are in strict accordance with the requirements of the Downer will.

The trustees want to thank Margaret Raymond for all the years of service she has provided to the town of Sharon as its treasurer. In that capacity and on behalf of the Downer fund, Margaret has managed the Treasury direct account for making all the treasury note investments.

At this time I would also like to thank all the current trustees for their many years of service. Anyone interested in becoming a trustee in the future, please contact Jim Kearns at 802 299 8700. Thank you.

The Trustees  
Jim Kearns  
Martha Fisk  
Bob Ferguson

**TRUST OF CHARLES DOWNER administered through the CHESTER DOWNER FUND**  
**FY22 REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES AND BALANCE SHEET AS OF 6/30/22**

<b>Chester Downer Fund</b>	<b>Ending Balance 6/30/21</b>	<b>Revenue 7/1/21-6/30/22</b>	<b>Less Expenses 7/1/21-6/30/22</b>	<b>Ending Fund Balance 6/30/22</b>
Nonspendable Fund Balance*	235,713.21	880.71	-	<b>236,593.92</b>
Restricted Fund Balance**	14,920.99	2,642.13	(1,527.53)	<b>16,035.59</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>250,634.20</b>	<b>3,522.84</b>	<b>(1,527.53)</b>	<b>252,629.51</b>

**REVENUE & EXPENSE REPORT**

**FY2022**

**Revenue**

Interest - Checking	1.84
Realized Gain - Tnote	6.30
Interest - Treasury	3,514.70
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>3,522.84</b>

**Expenses**

Fees & Service Charges	85.00
Maintenance - Grounds	1,262.53
Pine Hill Cemetery	180.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>1,527.53</b>

**Net Fund Balance Change** 1,995.31

**BALANCE SHEET**

**6/30/2022**

**Assets**

Checking	15,161.70
Treasury Bonds	237,467.81
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>252,629.51</b>

**Liabilities**

Total Liabilities	-
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Prior Year Nonspendable Fund Bal	235,713.21
Prior Year Restricted Fund Bal	14,920.99

Fund Bal Current Yr Nonspendable	880.71
Fund Bal Current Yr Restricted	1,114.60

**TOTAL Fund Balance** 252,629.51

**Liabilities and Fund Balance** 252,629.51

**Investments: US Treasury Notes as of 6/30/22**

<b>Date of Purchase</b>	<b>Purchase Amount</b>	<b>Rate of Return</b>	<b>Date of Maturity</b>	<b># of Yrs</b>	<b>Value at Maturity</b>
9/30/2016	32,493.70	1.125%	9/30/2021	5 years	32,500.00
9/30/2021	(32,493.70)				(32,500.00)
10/2/2017	54,911.73	1.875%	10/2/2022	5 years	55,000.00
1/31/2019	44,840.51	2.576%	1/31/2024	5 years	45,000.00
10/31/2019	52,822.26	1.500%	10/31/2024	5 years	53,000.00
11/30/2020	51,943.42	0.375%	11/30/2025	5 years	52,000.00
11/1/2021	32,949.89	1.125%	10/30/2026	5 years	33,000.00
<b>TOTAL AS OF 6/30/2022</b>	<b>237,467.81</b>				<b>238,000.00</b>

Definition of Terms: Nonspendable fund balance\* includes amounts associated with inventory, prepaid expenditures, longterm loans or notes receivable, and trust fund principal to be held in perpetuity. Restricted fund balance\*\* includes amounts that can be spent only for the specific purposes stipulated by constitution, external resource providers, or through enabling legislation. Fund Balance descriptions are from Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 54

## TOWN OF SHARON

## BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

JUNE 30, 2022

	General Fund	Highway Fund	ARPA Grant Fund	Capital Reserve Fund	Chester Downer Fund	Town Equipment Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>								
Cash & Cash Equivalents	1,266,194	-	-	-	15,161	-	32,150	1,313,505
Investments	-	-	-	-	237,468	-	125,611	363,079
Property Taxes Receivable	252,793	-	-	-	-	-	-	252,793
Accounts Receivable	13,680	675	-	-	-	-	65	14,420
Prepaid Expenses	21,439	7,994	-	-	-	-	-	29,433
Due From Other Funds	-	245,862	206,773	311,702	-	90,253	127,925	982,515
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>1,554,106</b>	<b>254,531</b>	<b>206,773</b>	<b>311,702</b>	<b>252,629</b>	<b>90,253</b>	<b>285,751</b>	<b>2,955,745</b>
<b>LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES &amp; FUND EQUITY</b>								
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>								
Accounts Payable	2,045	7,100	-	2,149	-	1,275	6,001	18,570
Accrued Expenses	8,993	7,840	-	-	-	-	1,059	17,892
Decommissioning Escrow	-	-	-	-	-	-	20,052	20,052
Due To (From) Other Funds	982,515	-	-	-	-	-	-	982,515
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>993,553</b>	<b>14,940</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,149</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,275</b>	<b>27,112</b>	<b>1,039,029</b>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES:</b>								
Deferred Property Taxes	171,759	-	-	-	-	-	-	171,759
Deferred Grant Revenue	-	-	206,773	-	-	-	2,153	208,926
Taxes Collected in Advance	6,457	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,457
<b>TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	<b>178,216</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>206,773</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,153</b>	<b>387,142</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>								
Nonspendable	21,439	7,994	-	-	236,594	-	3,250	269,277
Restricted	-	-	-	-	16,035	-	253,236	269,271
Committed	-	231,597	-	309,553	-	88,978	-	630,128
Unassigned	360,898	-	-	-	-	-	-	360,898
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>382,337</b>	<b>239,591</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>309,553</b>	<b>252,629</b>	<b>88,978</b>	<b>256,486</b>	<b>1,529,574</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES &amp; FUND EQUITY</b>	<b>1,554,106</b>	<b>254,531</b>	<b>206,773</b>	<b>311,702</b>	<b>252,629</b>	<b>90,253</b>	<b>285,751</b>	<b>2,955,745</b>

"Governmental funds may report five categories of fund balances... *Nonspendable* fund balance includes amounts associated with inventory, prepaid expenditures, longterm loans or notes receivable, and trust fund principal to be held in perpetuity. *Restricted* fund balance includes amounts that can be spent only for the specific purposes stipulated by constitution, external resource providers, or through enabling legislation. *Committed* fund balance includes amounts that can be used only for specific purposes determined by the Town's highest level of decision making authority, the voters, as a result of articles passed at Annual or Special Meetings. Assigned fund balance includes amounts that are intended to be used by the Town for specific purposes as authorized by the Selectboard. *Unassigned* fund balance is the residual classification for the government's General Fund and includes all spendable amounts not contained in another classification. Deficits are also considered to be unassigned. The Town's policy is to apply expenditures to fund balance in the order of restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned unless the Selectboard specifies otherwise." *Fund Balance descriptions are from Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 54*

**TOWN OF SHARON      STATEMENT OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES FOR FY2022 - OTHER GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**

	Conservation Fund	Recreation Fund	Record Preservation Fund	Reappraisal Fund	Honor Roll	James Judson Memorial Fund	Steenken Lease Land Fund	Baxter Memorial Library Fund	Legal Reserve Fund	Grant Fund - Other	Solar Decom-missioning Fund	Totals
<b>INFLOWS</b>												
Intergovernmental - State	-	-	-	7,609	-	-	-	14,455	-	-	-	22,064
Contributions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,646	-	-	-	8,646
Investment Income	0	1	-	-	-	0	1	(15,576)	-	-	-	(15,574)
Charge for Services	-	3,945	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,945
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	61	-	-	-	61
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,946</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,609</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7,586</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>19,142</b>
<b>OUTFLOWS</b>												
General Government	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Culture & Recreation	-	8,266	-	-	-	-	-	49,465	-	-	-	57,731
Due To Other Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,266</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>49,465</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>57,731</b>
<b>EXCESS OF INFLOWS OR (OUTFLOWS)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(4,320)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,609</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>(41,879)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(38,589)</b>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>												
Transfers in (out)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	(355)	-	-	-	-	24,000	1,000	-	-	24,645
<b>NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(4,320)</b>	<b>(355)</b>	<b>7,609</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>(17,879)</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(13,944)</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES AS OF JUNE 30, 2021</b>	<b>1,361</b>	<b>7,084</b>	<b>28,881</b>	<b>80,951</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>141,742</b>	<b>4,000</b>	<b>5,076</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>270,430</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES AS OF JUNE 30, 2021</b>	<b>1,361</b>	<b>2,764</b>	<b>28,526</b>	<b>88,560</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>1,001</b>	<b>123,863</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>5,076</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>256,486</b>

**OLD SCHOOL HOUSE (OSH) RENTAL PROPERTY - BALANCE SHEET AS OF JUNE 30, 2022**

CASH & CASH EQUIVALENTS	51,492
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	291,891
BUILDING	250,000
ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION	(385,232)
PREPAID EXPENSE	1,379
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>209,529</b>
SECURITY DEPOSIT	600
DEFERRED REVENUE	2,511
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	581
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>3,692</b>
NET POSITION BEGINNING OF FISCAL YEAR	180,037
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	25,800
<b>NET POSITION END OF FISCAL YEAR</b>	<b>205,837</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; NET POSITION</b>	<b>209,529</b>

**OSH REVENUE & EXPENSE FOR FY20 JULY 1, 2021 - JUNE 30, 2022**

RENTAL REVENUE	28,032
INTEREST INCOME	10
MISC REVENUE	542
CAPITAL ASSET CONTRIBUTION	25,175
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>53,759</b>
INSURANCE	7,340
REPAIRS, MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENTS	8,297
MANAGEMENT EXPENSE	662
DEBT SERVICE - CAPITAL WATER PROJECT	2,377
DEPRECIATION EXPENSE	9,282
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>27,959</b>
<b>EXCESS REVENUE OR (EXPENSE)</b>	<b>25,800</b>

Proprietary funds are used to account for a municipality's business-type activities.

**SHARON RECREATION FUND FY2022 Budget to Actual, Budget FY23, and FY2024 Proposed Budget**

	Budget FY2022	Actual FY2022	Budget FY2023	Proposed Budget FY2024	\$ Change
<b>REVENUE</b>					
Revenue From Soccer	400	1,180	400	1,000	600
Revenue From Basketball	800	1,125	800	800	-
Revenue From Baseball	1,600	1,640	1,600	1,600	-
Bank Interest	3	1	3		
Transfer In from General Fund			4,000	6,100	2,100
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>2,803</b>	<b>3,946</b>	<b>6,803</b>	<b>9,500</b>	<b>600</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>					
<b>Recreation Committee Programs</b>					
Soccer Related Expenses	200	296	200	300	100
Basketball Related Expenses	400	649	400	500	100
Baseball Related Expenses	1,900	2,292	1,900	2,300	400
Other Recreational Expenses	200	130	200	200	-
Portapotty Rental	500	1,200	500	1,200	700
Advertising & Subscriptions	130	-	130		(130)
Subtotal Recreation Comm Expenses	3,330	4,566	3,330	4,500	1,170
<b>Selectboard Appropriations</b>					
Sprouty Related Expenses	700	700	700	700	-
Ice Skating Shed					
Summer Camp - One Planet	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	-
CCC Pond Weed Harvesting		-	-	2,000	2,000
Subtotal Selectboard Expenses	3,700	3,700	3,700	5,700	2,000
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>7,030</b>	<b>8,266</b>	<b>7,030</b>	<b>10,200</b>	<b>3,170</b>
<b>NET REVENUE / (EXPENSES)</b>	<b>(4,227)</b>	<b>(4,321)</b>	<b>(227)</b>	<b>(700)</b>	<b>(2,570)</b>

<b>ASSETS</b>	<b>AS OF JUNE 30, 2022</b>
TOTAL CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	3,953.74
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>3,953.74</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	1,190.00
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>1,190.00</b>
<b>FUND BALANCE</b>	
PRIOR YEAR END FUND BALANCE	7,084.34
CHANGE IN CURRENT YEAR FUND BALANCE	(4,320.60)
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCE AT END OF FISCAL YEAR</b>	<b>2,763.74</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>3,953.74</b>

## **James Judson Parker Memorial Fund**

Report of Trustees of Public Funds

July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022

Balance on hand as of July 1, 2021

Certificate of Deposit	41,298.42	
Check Book	<u>1,022.83</u>	
Total Balance on Hand		42,321.25

Inflows

CD Interest to Checking	103.25
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Outflows

Check to Utility for Resident	<u>(200.00)</u>
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Net Change (96.75)

Balance on hand as of June 30, 2021

Certificate of Deposit	41,298.42	
Check Book	<u>926.08</u>	
Total Balance on Hand		42,224.50

## **Ross Grindle Fund**

January 1, 2022 - December 31, 2022

This fund is a bequest left for use by Sharon residents needing assistance with payment of Gifford Hospital medical bills. The funds are accounted for and managed by the Hospital.

Please find January 2022 - December 2022 information below.

Ross Grindle Principal	26735.00
Realized Gain/Loss	12820.20
Income	2530.63

Stephen Conti

Controller

Gifford Hospital

802-728-7755

[sconti@giffordhealthcare.org](mailto:sconti@giffordhealthcare.org)

## Sharon Town Clerk Report

This year the Town Clerks office has been open to the public. We were able to secure an updated records management system, which has allowed us to get many of our land records available online.

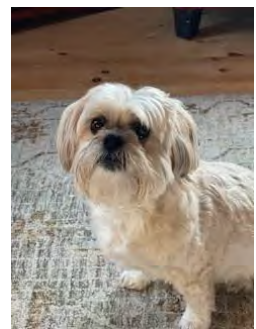
316 documents, 630 back filings, all survey maps and 85 PTTR's were recorded. 16 marriage licenses issued, 201 landfill stickers and coupons, 43 certified copies, 23 car registration renewals, 188 dogs registered, and the list goes on!

Please remember that all dogs must be registered annually before the end of March. Valid rabies vaccination certificates must accompany your application. Drop by our office to register or give us a call to discuss alternative methods if this is not an option for you.

Many thanks to Carol Flint for her continued service with the town. I am lucky enough to have her as Assistant Town Clerk.

A big shout out to all the volunteers who helped with elections this year. I could not have asked for a better team! You amaze me.

Please feel free to stop by anytime, you will find us open Monday-Thursday from 8am-3:30PM.



Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Sartor

Town Clerk





***188 dogs were registered in the Town of Sharon in 2022***

### **DOG & WOLF HYBRID LICENSE INFORMATION**

All dogs and wolf hybrids must be licensed within 30 days of acquiring an animal, when it reaches 6 months of age, or by April 1st of each year. Spay/neuter certificates and rabies certificates, issued by a licensed veterinarian in accordance with Section 3581 of Title 20, must be filed at the time of licensing.

**For the licensing of a dog or wolf hybrid, a current vaccination against rabies means:**

1. A dog or wolf hybrid of less than 1 year of age must be vaccinated.
2. A dog or wolf hybrid of 1 or more years of ages but less than 2 years of age has been vaccinated within the preceding 12 months.
3. A dog or wolf hybrid of 2 or more years of age has been vaccinated within the preceding 24 months.

### **License Fees**

**Neutered dog or wolf hybrid - \$9.00**

**Unneutered dog or wolf hybrid - \$13.00**

*Penalties will apply after April 1<sup>st</sup>.*

Sharon has an Animal Control Ordinance, copies of which can be found in the Town Clerk's Office, or on the town website.

**Vermont Rabies Hotline: 1-800-4-RABIES (1-800-472-2437)**

## TIME TO SPAY AND NEUTER YOUR CATS AND DOGS!

The VT Spay Neuter Incentive Program (VSNIP), under the VT Department of Children & Families, is administered by VT Volunteer Services for Animals Humane Society. **Funded by a \$4.00 fee added to the licensing of dogs, this monetary resource is limited by the number of dogs licensed, which is required by law at six months of age.** By statute, unlicensed dogs can be confiscated. Puppies and kittens can have the first rabies vaccination after 12 weeks of age. If unable to schedule an appointment with a veterinary office for this vaccination, Tractor Supply Stores hold monthly clinics. Call for their schedules. After the vaccination, contact your town clerk and provide proof of the rabies vaccination to license your dog.

Rabies IS in Vermont and it IS deadly.

### 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 still needs immediate medical attention}.
- 3) Protects your animal if they bite another animal {or person – which could result in the quarantine of your dog or possibly euthanized in order to test for rabies if not currently vaccinated}.
- 4) Pays for this necessary program addressing the population situation in VT.

For a VSNIP Application and a List of Participating Offices, send a 10" SASE: Self-Addressed, Stamped Envelope to: VSNIP, PO Box 104, Bridgewater, VT 05034. Note if your request is for a cat, dog or both. Once fully completed, please mail it back. If approved, you will receive a Voucher and instructions.

The cost for the surgery to you is only \$27.00, providing there are no complications. Fellow Vermonters pays the balance of your account from funds collected at the time of dog licensing. Please be **SURE** your cat or dog is completely flea and tick free **before** the visit, or you will be charged for treatment. Pain medication is highly recommended **after** the surgery, but would be your responsibility. It is also wise to buy an "E" collar to avoid having sutures pulled out. These are the right choices!

Animals left UN-neutered are more prone to forms of cancer.

Thank veterinarians for their participation in this important program. **These altruistic veterinarians are the backbone of the program!** If your veterinarian is not a participant, please encourage them to join. Several veterinarians have retired, leaving a reduced number of participating offices. VSNIP offices are accepting less reimbursement than what they would usually charge for their services. We NEED them :) Let them know you appreciate the difference they have made in our state over the years when euthanasia was the routine means of animal over-population control. Those days are behind us ~ let's keep it that way!

Sue Skaskiw, Administrator 1-800-HI VSNIP (1-844-448-7647)

## **Report of the Collector of Delinquent Taxes January 2023**

February 2022, as Collector of Delinquent Taxes, I received the warrant to collect taxes on 49 parcels delinquent for FY2022.

The total amount of taxes owed on these properties was \$212,765.64.

The number of parcels delinquent as of 12/31/2022 has been reduced to 11. Of these, 7 have a history of multiple years of delinquency.

The total amount of delinquent property tax owed as of December 31<sup>st</sup> 2022 is \$115,203.03.

As of December 31<sup>st</sup> 2022:

Property tax for multiple years remains unpaid on the following parcels:

S14129-L	Honkala, Jon B.	2017-2022
R01071-L	MacDonald, Scott	2020-2022
R23090-LR	Owen, Arthur	2021-2022
S14480-L	Pillsbury, Rhoena	2020-2022
R01176-R	Pinette, Tamara	2019-2022
R02360-R	Rodewald, Steven V.	2018-2022
R01060-L2	Silvia, Raymond	2016-2021

Property tax owed for some or all of FY2022 only:

R11035-L2	Coates, Thomas J
S14295-L	Soares, Richard A
S14470-L9	Walz, Rhonda Y
S14280-L2	Wood, Zacchary

Respectfully submitted:

Ken Wright

Collector of Delinquent Taxes

Sharon, Vermont

## Vermont Homeowner Assistance Program

Assistance offered to Vermont residents having trouble paying Property taxes as a result of complications relating to COVID 19.

During 2022, Governor Scott announced the **Vermont Homeowner Assistance Program (VHAP)**, which helps Vermont homeowners facing pandemic hardships. The program is managed by the Vermont Housing Finance Agency (VHFA) and is now accepting applications. The program, funded by \$50 million from the Federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), provides grants up to \$30,000 per household towards overdue mortgage payments, utility bills, property taxes, and property association charges. VHFA anticipates that the program will run for multiple years to help reduce the long-term risk of foreclosure and home loss due to the pandemic.

The Homeowner Assistance Program is available to any Vermont homeowner meeting the eligibility criteria and is not limited to VHFA mortgage borrowers. The program is meant to help homeowners pay down expenses on their primary residence that are the direct result of hardship related to the coronavirus pandemic after January 21, 2020.

Because this funding is a one-time only grant, the VHFA highly recommends homeowners talk to a HUD-approved housing counselor before applying.

The contact for Windsor County is Jeremy Paquette at the Windham and Windsor Housing Trust: [jpaquette@homemattershere.org](mailto:jpaquette@homemattershere.org)

Your contact within the Sharon Town Offices is Lucy Pierpont (802) 763-8268 Ext. 8 or [financemgr@sharonvt.net](mailto:financemgr@sharonvt.net)

For a more complete description of this grant program visit:  
**[vermonthap.vhfa.org](http://vermonthap.vhfa.org)**

There you will find a Prescreening Questionnaire, FAQ's, more resources and a "map" of the steps required from preapplication to disbursement of funds.

## Listers' Report For 2023

2022 continued to be a challenging year for the Listers. Even though interior visits could not be conducted, the listers were able to complete the 2022 Grand List with cooperation from the property owners. The bad news is that due to the real estate sales, the Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) for the 2023 Education Grand List will be 78.07% down from 88.55% for FY2022. The Coefficient of Dispersion (COD) of 15.54% is down from 9.95%. The COD is a measure of how fairly distributed the property tax is within the town. The town will receive notice, this year, of having to do a mandatory reappraisal. Sharon is not alone. Of the 254 Vermont municipalities, 165 will be under a mandatory reappraisal order. This will require your listers to validate the information from the 2011 reappraisal and determine updated data and depreciation. It should be noted that the Property Record Cards are not only used to determine a property's tax liability but are used by appraisers for mortgages, and insurance agents to determine insurance values.

As one can see from the attached sales report, the Sharon Real Estate Market was still active with 37 sales; however, as of this writing, the inventory of properties for sale includes only two residential and one land parcels. This may change as the market opens back up in the spring. The demand for housing far exceeds the available supply. This will probably keep the values from returning to pre-pandemic levels.

How will a reappraisal effect the amount of taxes on an individual parcel? If every parcel increases in value 22 per cent, the tax liability will stay the same as the tax rate will decrease 22%. Remember, the tax rate is based on the budget that is passed at Town Meeting. The budgets for Town and School rise every year so the tax liability changes accordingly. Remember, 22% is an average. Some properties will increase more than that and some will increase less.

**After this reappraisal is completed, there will likely be some retirements of the present listers. This would be an excellent time for anyone interested in becoming a lister to get involved.** One could learn from the three seasoned listers that now comprise the Board. This part time job gets you to know the members of the community. If you love working with numbers, have an analytical mind, can work with computer programs, and need something to do in retirement, this is the perfect job for you. All assessed values are derived from the real estate market and the sales data is derived from the Property Transfer and Tax Report filed with the State. There are many lister training courses every year sponsored by the Department of Taxes that lead to certifications. If no one is willing to become a lister, the town may be forced to hire a part time assessor that will definitely impact the budget. Except for the Town Clerk, the listers are the only elected officials that the individual taxpayer may meet. If you might be interested, contact one of the listers and work alongside them in the reappraisal.

The listers will abide by all Covid protocols. All property owners will be notified when the listers will be working in a neighborhood. Interior visits are essential to determining depreciation, however, other arrangements may be made.

**The income tax and Homestead Declaration filing deadline this year is 18 April.** Please file by this date to avoid penalties and the confusion of corrected tax bills. Just a reminder, every Vermont resident homeowner must file a Homestead Declaration on their primary residence.

In 2022, there were 128 parcels consisting of 14,750.66 acres (or 64.73% of the total acreage of Sharon) enrolled in the Use Value Appraisal Program. Homestead property owners had their taxes reduced by \$90,796.65. Non-homestead property owners saw a reduction of \$249,141.59. Many of the Non-homestead parcels are owned by town or state residents but do not qualify for Homestead designation.

Veterans with at least a 50% VA disability designation are allowed a \$40,000 reduction in property value. One must file with the Office of Veteran Affairs in Montpelier. Applications must be postmarked no later than 1 May.

If you have any questions about your property assessment, please feel free to contact the Listers' Office at (802) 763-8268 ext 2 or email at [listers@sharonvt.net](mailto:listers@sharonvt.net).

Listers for the Town of Sharon: Helen Barrett, Galen E Mudgett Jr, and Ken Wright

## TOWN OF SHARON GRAND LIST AS OF 12/31/2022

REAL ESTATE Category/Code	CODE	PARCEL COUNT	MUNICIPAL LISTED VALUE	HOMESTEAD ED LISTED VALUE	NON-RES ED LISTED VALUE	EDUCATION LISTED VALUE
Residential I	R1	260	49,857,200	37,079,200	12,778,000	49,857,200
Residential II	R2	274	86,172,500	54,680,400	31,492,100	86,172,500
Mobile Homes-U	MHU	16	412,800	221,600	191,200	412,800
Mobile Homes-L	MHL	28	2,561,700	1,086,200	1,475,500	2,561,700
Seasonal I	S1	6	271,100	0	271,100	271,100
Seasonal II	S2	26	5,044,800	122,100	4,922,700	5,044,800
Commercial	C	26	6,834,400	0	6,834,400	6,834,400
Commercial Apts	CA	2	1,085,000	0	1,085,000	1,085,000
Industrial	I	2	88,300	0	88,300	88,300
Utilities-E	UE	6	12,055,900	0	12,055,900	12,055,900
Utilities-O	UO	0	0	0	0	0
Farm	F	2	1,101,000	323,900	777,100	1,101,000
Other	O	21	7,241,100	1,105,200	6,135,900	7,241,100
Woodland	W	45	7,410,500	118,200	7,292,300	7,410,500
Miscellaneous	M	61	3,299,900	0	3,299,900	3,299,900
<b>TOTAL LISTED REAL</b>		<b>774</b>	<b>182,672,700</b>	<b>94,736,800</b>	<b>87,935,900</b>	<b>182,672,700</b>
<b>EXEMPTIONS</b>						
Veterans 10K		8	80,000	70,000	10,000	80,000
Veterans >10K			240,000		0	0
<b>TOTAL VETERANS</b>		<b>6</b>	<b>320,000</b>	<b>70,000</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>80,000</b>
<b>CURRENT USE</b>		<b>128</b>	<b>14,022,100</b>	<b>3,823,500</b>	<b>10,198,600</b>	<b>14,022,100</b>
<b>SPECIAL EXEMPTIONS</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6,983,200</b>	<b>6,983,200</b>
<b>TOTAL EXEMPTIONS</b>			<b>14,342,100</b>	<b>3,893,500</b>	<b>17,191,800</b>	<b>21,085,300</b>
<b>TOTAL MUNICIPAL GRAND LIST</b>			<b>1,683,306.00</b>			
<b>TOTAL EDUCATION GRAND LIST</b>				<b>908,433.00</b>	<b>707,441.00</b>	<b>1,615,874.00</b>
# OF HOMESTEADS DECLARED		410				
TOTAL # OF TAXABLE PARCELS		774		TOTAL # OF ACRES	22,789.50	
TOTAL LAND VALUE			80,882,900			
TOTAL BUILDING VALUE			101,789,800			
<b>TOTAL REAL VALUE</b>			<b>182,672,700</b>			

2022 Real Estate Sales in Sharon						
DATE	BUYER	SELLER	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	ACRES	SALE PRICE
1/7/2022	HEWES, JENNIFER & CONRAD, GEOFFREY R	RADICIONI, WALTER JR	4735 VT RT 14	RANCH	1	220,000
2/8/2022	GRAHAM, GEORGE A JR TRUST	BROCK, TRUDI M & KRISTENSEN, PAUL	KRIVAK RD	LAND	51.5	171,000
2/18/2022	FINKELSTEIN, NOAM S & PAIGE L	DION, ROBERT T & JOYCE RICHARDSON	10 TREELINE DR	LAND	1.22	30,000
2/23/2022	GRIGSBY, CASEY & AMADA	FITZGERALD, JUSTIN J	678 CARPENTER RD	CAMP	40	180,000
3/10/2022	VAN GUIDEN, CARLEEN	UPPER VALLEY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY	LUKE'S LANE	LAND	3	30,000
3/15/2022	HENKELS, SCOTT	VAN WILLIGEN, BEN & DEBORAH	249 O'DONNELL FARM RD	LAND	15.1	86,000
3/16/2022	HEILMAN, ADRIENNE MOROSINI	MITCHELL, KRIS A & ERIKA A	200 SHARON MEADOWS	CONTEMPORARY 2S	10.39	622,000
3/23/2022	GARROW, CHEYANNE	PRATTE, EDWARD	1432 VT RT 14	SINGLE WIDE (1989) A.GAR, D.GAR	1.1	68,000
4/12/2022	TRIMPI, JOSHUA L & FINNIE A	REMLAP GROUP	927 KENYON HILL RD	LOG HOME CAPE, A.GARAGE	108.6	585,000
4/21/2022	JAFFE, DAVID A & SOCHA, HEATHER N	BOYLE, KELLY J	33 O'DONNELL FARM RD	CONTEMPORARY 1 1/2S, D/APT	10.1	325,000
4/26/2022	LINCOLN, ALEXANDER & ELIZABETH S	ADAMS, SHARON A	1335 QUIMBY MT RD	CAPE, D.GARAGE, D.SHEDS	4.5	382,600
4/29/2022	SENGER, JOEL & MAY, KRISTIN	R. L. VALLEE INC	5054 VT RT 14	2S DWL, A.GARAGE, SINGLE-WIDE	0.4161	285,000
5/6/2022	KELLEY, RAND A & DUNCAN, JENNIFER	PETTENGILL, HELEN KEANY TRUST	181 LUKE'S LN	LAND	3	35,000
6/15/2022	OBUCHOWSKI, RAYMOND J & MARIE	H H EATON LLC	TOWN FARM RD	LAND	37.7	75,000
6/16/2022	AFONSO,CAMILO A	CAMP CURTIS LLC	178 POWELL FARM RD	LAND	5.6	68,000
6/22/2022	HULL, ADAM R & CHRISTINA M	BENSON, MIRIAM & BRANSTETTER, TIM	BREEZY LN	LAND	14.6	60,000
7/6/2022	WEIR, THOMAS & COUSENS-WEIR, EMILY	ROSENQUEST, CHRISTOPHER B & RYAN	1513 FAY BROOK RD	CONTEMPORARY 2S & GREENHOUSE	0.6	300,000
7/7/2022	ROSE, KATHERINE & JOSHUA	BENSON, MIRIAM & BRANSTETTER, TIM	501 BAXTER MT RD	CONTEMPORARY 2S, D.GARAAGE	5.35	525,000
7/7/2022	ROSENQUEST, CHRISTOPHER B & RYAN	ROMEO, ROBERT G & CATHERINE	37 VT RT 132	2S DWL, D.GARAGE	0.72	250,000
7/15/2022	DEL FRARI, BENJAMIN & MELANIE L	RHODES, JOHN	484 LEON'S LANE	LAND	2.6	45,000
7/18/2022	DAVILA, RICHARD & PAULA J	BROWNING, TULLIO ROGER & SKEET, A	1977 MOORE RD	CONTEMPORARY 2S	0.5	406,850
7/19/2022	REIMANIS, ERIK P & CATHERINE L	COLGATE, CARA MJ	161 KRIVAK RD	LAND	126	232,000
8/15/2022	DEMARA, MARIELLE	RIKERT, ROY IRVING REVOCABLE TRUST	257 TOWN FARM RD	RANCH, D.GARAGE & SINGLE-WIDE	6	212,000
8/19/2022	STEINBECK, JACOB E & MARIOTTI, JEN	MATHER, PAMELA A REVOCABLE TRUST	4959 VT RT 14	CAPE	0.5	175,000
9/6/2022	GRIFFO, JOSEPH & SHANNON	MAURER, HUGH F & SHERRIE E	4478 HOWE HILL RD	COLONIAL	40	100,000
9/9/2022	FOX, KYLE ANDREW & LAURA JEAN	DUDLEY, CAROL L	848 HIGH LAKE RD	CAPE		625,000
9/12/2022	TAYLOR, CHRISTINE	JONES, DOUGLAS R	3500 FAY BROOK RD	LAND	1	45,000
9/21/2022	UNDERWOOD, LUCAS C & ANGELA N	POPE, ETHAN J & ESTELLE P	1936 RIVER RD	COLONIAL, D.SHED	2	500,000
9/28/2022	CANTLIN, MARC ALAN & CANTLIN, MEGAN	GELINAS, JAMES M	252 VT RT 14	MODIFIED SALTBOX	0.38	357,250
9/29/2022	JOSLER, WILLIAM N & DOUGLAS E	H. H. EATON LLC	474 VT RT 132	CAPE	25	130,000
10/5/2022	LANZA, JOHN P & EILEEN F	FASULLO, MICHAEL H JR & JANE MARIE	167 LEON'S LANE	LAND	10.3	15,000
10/5/2022	MOORE, KENNETH & KARINA	FASULLO, MICHAEL H JR	LEON'S LANE	LAND	16	35,000
10/6/2022	MCLAUGHLIN, SCOTT & VELEZ, LISANNE	LOWES, JOSEPH E III & CANTERBURY, S E	780 LEON'S LANE	CONTEMPORARY 2S	2	280,000
10/13/2022	BLANCHARD, WYATT	QUIMBY-SEYMOUR LLC	CAMP RD	LAND	13.7	105,000
12/6/2022	OGREEN, KYLER G & MORGAN A B	BALDWIN, MAYNARD F JR & CYNTHIA A	497 VT RT 132	CONTEMPORARY 2S & BARN	10.76	300,000
12/12/2022	RADICIONI, FAITH	GOODWIN, NEIL REVOCABLE TRUST	821 BROAD BROOK RD	LAND	0.99	5,000
12/20/2022	ZAPLETAL, BENNETT & COTE, TERTIA M	PERRON, FRANK E JR & COLE, BEATRICE	4160 HOWE HILL RD	LAND	5	42,500

## **Sharon Conservation Commission**

Thanks to Mike Zwikelmaier for leading us through a productive year. We proudly built a kiosk in Downer Forest in honor of John Sears. Greg Elder crafted the sign which reads John Sears Memorial Trails. Approximately 80 people attended a dedication in Downer Forest for the kiosk and the excellent bench Ria Blass crafted at John's Lookout. A neighborhood group headed by Jill Wilcox and Joyce Dion organized the event, which was held on a beautiful day in October. Thanks to Sam for coordinating the kiosk construction, to Mike for obtaining all the materials, and to Tim Morton and Brian Renfro of the Vermont Department of Forest Parks and Recreation for their continued guidance and support.

Thanks to Dick Ruben for managing Green Up Day in Sharon and for all his efforts as a liaison with the Ashley Forest project.

Special thanks go to the Alliance for Vermont Communities which donated \$2000.00 to the town's conservation reserve fund.

Sam Brakeley is leading the creation of a new x-country ski trail in the annex portion of Downer Forest that traverses a beautiful ridge with lovely views of Gile Mountain. As of this writing, there have been two work days, and about half of the trail has been cleared. Stay tuned for more chances to volunteer! Remember that our meetings happen on the 2nd Monday of the month at the town offices at 6:30 pm.

## **Sharon Conservation Commission**

Sam Brakeley, Scott Chesnut, Dan Deneen, Dick Ruben, Mike Zwikelmaier

## **Green Up Day Report**

The 2022 May Green Up Day (GUD) turned out to be a pleasant day to walk the roads and a nice day to help folks with unloading their roadside trash. With help from 7 at the Town Garage (Thanks to the help from Frank and the road crew for making the Garage space available), we made short work of helping the 30 or so people who contributed 1200# of roadside trash, 3.4 tons of scrap metal and 2/3 ton of tires to the cause. We again netted enough from scrap metal and tire disposal fees to more than break even financially so the Town again benefitted both financially and aesthetically from the effort.

Looking forward to 2023, we on the Conservation Commission look forward to more volunteers and more input from the Town, including students, to police and beautify our space.

Yes, it's no fun picking up other people's garbage, but, the rewards of clean roadsides, and the opportunity to dispose of old tires and metal scrap for the benefit of all makes it worth the while. As Charlie Nardozzi on NPR says, "See you in the (OUR) garden spot".

- Dick Ruben, Green Up Coordinator



## Sharon Energy Committee Report – 2022

The Sharon Energy Committee, made official by the Selectboard in January of 2006, is compelled to provide resources, guidance, and support to the Town and its inhabitants with respect to energy consumption and related expenditures.

*We are humbled by the breadth and scale of the human predicament: society has overshoot growth limits and a destabilization of the Earth system is in progress.*

*Indeed, various disruptive climate-influenced events lie in the years and decades ahead. Humans will continue to migrate to protected temperate areas that are endowed with ubiquitous natural resources (i.e., Sharon, Vermont). We are obliged to prepare for the ensuing reality both individually and as a community. Please help.*

### Sharon Energy Committee Highlights for 2022:

- Hosted the Upper Valley e-bike Lending Library (UVELL) at the Sharon Elementary School in April, which provided Sharon residents opportunities to borrow and ride a variety of e-bikes. Targeted demo-days were held for Sharon residents, Town staff, staff at SES, and students/staff at TSA.
- Worked with the Selectboard and Intermunicipal Regional Energy Coordinator (IREC) to replace a past-end-of-life oil furnace with a cold-climate air-source heat pump at the Baxter Library. The work was paid for with American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds and is projected to save the Town 20 to 30% on annual heating costs. The heat pump also provides cooling and dehumidification in the summer.
- Supported the digital thermal imaging camera as a community tool in the Baxter Memorial Library.

### In 2023, the Sharon Energy Committee plans to:

- Continue to work with the IREC to bring grant money, professional expertise, and novel programs to Sharon.
  - Among other tasks, the IREC will provide professional expertise in securing funding for energy-related capital investments for the Town.
- Ensure that we are apprised of and prepared to take advantage of funding that will continue to become available from the State of Vermont and Federal Government
- Continue participation in the evolving Upper Valley E-bike Lending Library
- Explore the potential for community solar and EV charging stations in Sharon
- Act on your ideas! Please consider attending an Energy Committee meeting.

**Meetings** are held on the fourth Monday of each month at 6:00 PM (18:00). We utilize a hybrid format: physical meeting space is provided at the Town Office and remote access is available via telephone at (978) 990-5179, Access Code 7753983.

**Current Energy Committee Members** are Dee Gish, Ryan Haac (Chair), Zach Stremlau, and Jill Wilcox.

Please contact us at [sharonenergycommittee@gmail.com](mailto:sharonenergycommittee@gmail.com) or simply show up at a meeting.

## **Sharon Planning Commission & Development Review Board 2022 Annual Report**

We were sorry to say goodbye to Margy Becker when she retired in 2022. She was our subdivision administrator on top of all her other duties in town, and her knowledge of Sharon and its residents is missed. However, we are fortunate to have Andrea Morgan, our new assistant, keeping us organized.

Anyone who plans to subdivide their property in Sharon needs to contact Andrea to obtain a Subdivision Application and schedule a meeting with the Development Review Board to discuss their project. Andrea's contact information is 802-763-8268 ext. 10 or email [planning@sharonvt.net](mailto:planning@sharonvt.net). Subdivision Applications forms can be found at <https://sharonvt.net/organization/planning-commission/>

The Planning Commission (PC) and Development Review Board (DRB), (made up of the same members), had a very busy 2022. The Commission continued work on the next edition of the Town Plan, editing that has been underway since 2019! Public hearings will be held in the spring of 2023. The Plan has been drafted with help from Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Commission (TRORC) and with input from town residents. The PC also had extensive discussions with Black River Quarries (formerly Quimby Mountain Stone) to arrive at a shared understanding of how expansion of its business operations could be accomplished while remaining compatible with the terms of the Town Plan.

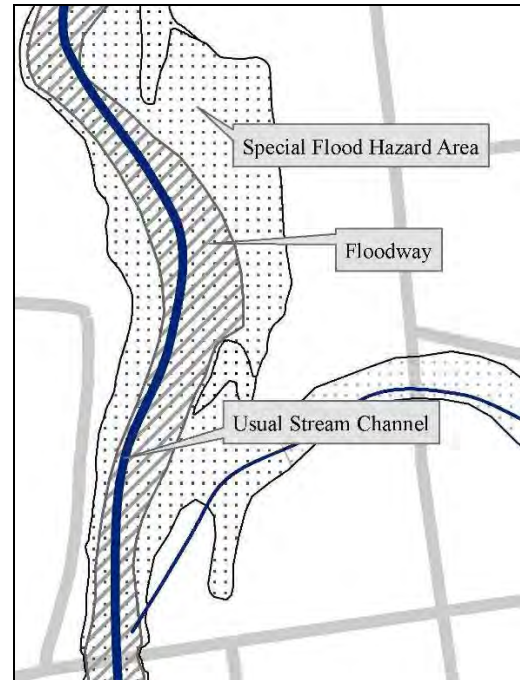
**The Sharon Town Plan**, in accordance with Vermont statutes, is the place where the Sharon community's vision of the town's future is documented. The Plan includes recommendations for both voluntary and regulatory actions to implement this vision, and it is used as a benchmark in certain Act 250 proceedings.

The DRB reviews applications and site plans for subdivision of land based on the *Sharon Subdivision Regulations*. The DRB approved five subdivision applications creating a total of seven new lots: (Chase; Canterbury/Lowes; Curtis; Rodewald; and Ainsworth). Each application typically requires three review meetings (initial, preliminary and final) plus a site visit prior to final approval. Additionally, the DRB held three site visits and hearings to review proposed projects in the flood hazard area. Accomplishing these tasks required a huge time commitment by the five members of our all-volunteer board!

**2010 Flood Hazard Area Bylaw** – A Flood Hazard Area bylaw is required by FEMA to ensure that the Town of Sharon, its citizens and businesses will be eligible for federal flood insurance, federal disaster recovery funds, and hazard mitigation funds as a result of flood damage. Its main purpose is to help avoid and minimize the loss of life, property, disruption of commerce,

impairment of the tax base, and the extraordinary public expenditures and demands on public services that result from flooding.

The Bylaw regulates development in two flood hazard areas: 1) The **Floodway** (aka Fluvial Erosion Hazard Area or River Corridor) is the channel of a river or brook and the adjacent land that is needed to accommodate the flood waters so that they don't increase in elevation by more than one foot above bank height during a so called 100-year flood. 2) The **Special Flood Hazard Area** has special flood, mudflow, or flood-related erosion hazards and is defined by FEMA maps. The two hazard areas can overlap. Sharon flood maps are currently being updated by FEMA to reflect the most recent data and flood modeling.



The Bylaw applies to the mapped areas along the main stem of the White River and its major tributaries: Broad Brook, Elmers Brook, Fay Brook, and Quation Brook. The bylaw also applies to lands within 50 feet of Broad Brook, Mitchell Brook, High Pole Branch (upstream to Carpenter Road), and Honey Brook (upstream to Howe Hill Road) whether or not they are mapped; and within 25 feet of all other perennial streams as measured perpendicular to the top of the stream bank even though they are not mapped by FEMA.

Prior to beginning any new construction, landowners along the White River or any perennial brooks and streams no matter what their size are advised to read the *Flood Hazard Bylaw* and view the maps available online and at the Town Offices. Geo Honigford, Administrative Officer, is available to provide guidance: [ninefingergeo@gmail.com](mailto:ninefingergeo@gmail.com) or 802-359-3027. The bylaw is available for download from <https://sharonvt.net>.

The PC/DRB welcomes all members of the community to our meetings held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00PM, currently held via Zoom and in person at the Town Office.

*Ira Clark is stepping down from the Planning Commission after 12 years of service. We will miss his attention to detail and organizational skills. Thank you, Ira!*

Submitted by: Ira Clark, Paul Kristensen, John Roe, Sue Sellew and Lee Simek

November 29, 2022

Town of Sharon  
P.O. Box 250  
Sharon, VT 05065

Dear Sharon Selectboard,

Thank you for thinking through the goals that you would like Sharon to pursue through the IREC program. The following memo outlines Sharon's accomplishments and my recommendations for the town with respect to the following three goals you recently provided for the IREC position:

Goal 1: Committing to initiatives that improve residents' quality of life while conserving current resources and reducing overall energy use.

Goal 2: Weatherizing town buildings.

Goal 3: Educating and assisting commercial and residential property owners on the benefits of weatherization and funding opportunities.

Securing grant funding for efficiency improvements at the Old School House and the Baxter Memorial Library heat pump project are examples of progress made towards the first two goals. We are also working towards the third goal through the Upper Valley Community Action subgroup of the IREC Climate Action Plan, which is developing informative resources for residents and will be organizing educational events around clean energy and sustainable practices. The success of this subgroup will directly advance Goal 3 and will benefit Sharon residents.

Additionally, I have provided a concise summary of the energy-related components of the Town Hall, Old School House, and the Baxter Memorial Library. The information includes the buildings' **existing conditions as well as recommendations for improvement**, as gathered by EEI, VT Mechanical, and myself. More creative solutions could be considered if Sharon receives funding through the Municipal Energy Resilience Initiatives.

I hope that this document provides a valuable roadmap as the town continues to pursue its energy and climate goals with the Energy Committee and through the IREC program. It has been a pleasure working with you all, and I look forward to seeing the town's **continued** success.

Sincerely,

Geoff Martin  
Intermunicipal Regional Energy Coordinator  
TRORC

Gerald Fredrickson, Chair ~ Peter G. Gregory, AICP, Executive Director  
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## Goal 1 - Committing to initiatives that improve residents' quality of life while conserving current resources and reducing overall energy use

### IREC Achievements

1. Old School House Improvements – around \$25,000 in lighting and HVAC improvements in the Old School House were paid for through an Efficiency Vermont grant. These improvements reduce energy costs, greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, and lower the cost to taxpayers to maintain the building. This grant was stewarded and secured by the IREC.
2. Baxter Memorial Library heat pump project – installed a ducted heat pump/energy recovery ventilation system to replace the oil furnace. These improvements will lower energy costs and GHG emissions, provide a cool space for the public on hot summer days, and promote a healthy environment for staff and the public.
3. Clean School Bus Program – developed a **successful application to EPA's Clean School Bus Program**, funding the replacement of two diesel buses with all-electric buses for the Sharon Elementary School and the installation of charging infrastructure at the school. The White River Valley Supervisory Union will receive \$1.185 million for the buses and infrastructure, which will provide cleaner and safer transportation for students at Sharon Elementary. Although this is not a direct benefit to the Town, it directly benefits town residents and will logically lead to funded electrical vehicle charging infrastructure in the Village.

### IREC Recommendations

1. ARPA-funded town energy grant program – use the Sharon Energy Grant Program memo dated June 8, 2022 to Ryan Haac and subsequent overview of the program (Attachment 1) as the basis for creating a program that would help income-qualified residents weatherize and install heat pumps. Such a program would help lower energy costs for energy-burdened residents, while reducing GHG emissions in town.

## Goal 2 - Weatherizing town buildings

IREC Achievements: See IREC Achievements 1 and 2 above. Additionally, the work completed by EEI in 2021 can serve as a baseline for the town to understand the existing conditions of its buildings, opportunities for improvement, and an estimate of costs for those improvements. Appendix A (also provided as a spreadsheet in **Appendix B**) summarizes these findings.

### IREC Recommendations

Utilize the forthcoming Municipal Energy Resilience Initiatives (MERI) program.<sup>1</sup> The program will provide grants of up to \$500,000 for municipalities to improve town-owned buildings to reduce energy consumption and fossil fuel use. Further, MERI includes

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<sup>1</sup> [Act 172 – An act relating to municipal energy resilience initiatives](#), passed during the FY 22 legislative session

funding for towns to perform “energy resilience assessments” to help quantify a scope of work for improvements covered under this grant program.<sup>2</sup>

While it is possible that the program will allow municipalities to use energy audits completed outside of the MERI program as a basis for funding for the implementation of energy improvements, I recommend the Town wait for the program to launch and use one of the auditors selected by the state specifically for this program to take advantage of the free audit and eliminate any risk of ineligibility. Such funding could unlock creative projects such as considering district heating with ground source heat pumps.

### Goal 3 -Educating and assisting commercial and residential property owners on the benefits of weatherization and funding opportunities

#### IREC Achievements

In 2022, I oversaw the formation of the Upper Valley Community Action group, one of the subgroups that formed through the IREC Climate Action Plan process. Sharon’s IREC Steering Committee member is an involved member of this subgroup.

#### Recommendations

1. The Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) will provide thousands of dollars (on top of state funding programs) for residents and businesses to weatherize and switch to fossil-fuel free sources of heating and transportation. Initiate an outreach campaign to inform residents and businesses of the funding programs coming out of the Inflation Reduction Act.
  - a. The UV Community Action Group is developing informative resources that support this initiative. Participation in this IREC subgroup group will directly benefit this goal and residents of your town.

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<sup>2</sup> The cost of an audit through the MERI program will be covered.

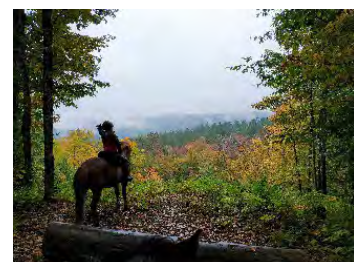


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# Community Reports

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Thank you to all the Sharon volunteers who give their time and talents to create a wide range of community-focused events and to ensure access to vital resources.





**Supporting Central Vermonters to Age with Dignity and Choice**  
**CVCOA Helpline: 1-802-477-1364**

**Central Vermont Council on Aging (CVCOA) Report for Town of Sharon:**

**The Central Vermont Council on Aging (CVCOA) is dedicated to the mission of supporting older Vermonters to age with dignity and choice. CVCOA services are available to those age 60 and up, or to adults with disabilities. For more than 40 years, CVCOA has assisted older Vermonters to remain independent for as long as possible. CVCOA serves 54 towns throughout the Central Vermont region.**

CVCOA makes a difference in the lives of older Vermonters by connecting them to the network of benefit programs and services that they need to thrive, free of charge. CVCOA utilizes town funding to provide individualized support to Sharon residents through our care coordination team, which includes case management, information and assistance, options counseling, resource and benefit enrollment (nutrition, transportation, mental health counseling, legal services, health insurance counseling, etc), care coordination planning, family caregiver support, and more.

**CVCOA provided individualized support to 30 residents of Sharon. CVCOA Case Manager Karen Eddy was designated to serve older adults in Sharon.**

CVCOA served 2,974 unduplicated clients in FY21, plus 2,597 additional interactions with community members for outreach and support. CVCOA mobilized 238 volunteers to provide direct service, deliver meals on wheels, support nutrition sites, provide wellness classes, provide companionship and creative encouragement, and more.

**All of us at CVCOA extend our gratitude to the residents of Sharon for their ongoing commitment to the health, well-being, independence, and dignity of older Vermonters in the Sharon community.**



## CLARA MARTIN CENTER

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

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

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

Farmhouse  
P O Box 278, Bradford, VT 05033  
(802) 222-4477

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

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

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

Regional Alternative Program  
Norwich Avenue, Wilder, VT 05088  
(802) 295-8628

Wilder  
PO Box 816, Wilder VT 05088  
(802) 295-1311

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Clara Martin Center provides a multitude of services throughout greater Orange County to best meet the needs of community members in a holistic approach. These include individual, couples, and group therapy and services for co-occurring mental health and substance use. We also offer psychiatric consultations and evaluations and medication management services. Services are confidential and include:

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

Clara Martin Center is your local community mental health agency, providing behavioral health and substance use services to the greater Orange County and the greater Upper Valley area for the last 56 years.

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

With 56 years of experience and leadership under our belt, Clara Martin Center remains positioned to rise to meet the needs and challenges of the communities we serve. As we continue to experience the lingering effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Clara Martin Center remains committed to meeting both the short and long-term mental health and substance use care needs that the pandemic has impacted.

Clara Martin Center is proud to be the first Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) in the State of Vermont, a federal model of care designed to ensure access to a comprehensive range of mental health and substance use services regardless of ability to pay, including crisis mental health services, screening, assessment and diagnosis, patient-centered treatment planning, outpatient mental health and substance use services, primary care screening and monitoring, targeted case management, psychiatric rehabilitation services, peer support and family support services, and services for members of the armed services and veterans.

FY22 TOTAL SERVED AT CMC		TOTAL SERVED Sharon	
Children & Family Services	505	Children & Family Services	15
School Services	116	School Services	6
JOBS	67	JOBS	1
Adult Services	686	Adult Services	12
CSP Services	147	CSP Services	1
Supportive & Transitional Housing	27	Supportive & Transitional Housing	0
Substance Abuse Services	317	Substance Abuse Services	11
Corrections Services	98	Corrections Services	0
Emergency Contacts/Walk-in Clinic	236	Emergency Contacts/Walk-in Clinic	2
Access	845	Access	21
CCBHC Services	1,087	CCBHC Services	22
Total Served - unduplicated	2,078	Total seen:	48
CVSAS	447	CVSAS	0



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## **ECFiber and the Town of Sharon**

Sharon is a member of the East Central Vermont Telecommunications District, the state's first communications union district (CUD), whose mission is to provide world-class fiber-optic based internet service to homes and businesses in its area. The District consists of 31 member towns, and owns the business which operates under the trade name ECFiber. The business added over 1,000 new customers since our last report, despite critical labor shortages, and now serves over 7,700 premises in 28 towns via 1,700 miles of network. When fully built out, ECFiber will bring fiber-to-the-premises (FTTP) to about 31,500 locations over more than 2,000 miles network.

In Sharon, ECFiber has completed construction of its network. As of November, 2022, there were 375 customers, 50% of our 749 premises, along 69 miles of network.

The District contracts with ValleyNet, Inc., and Great Works Internet (GWI) to operate the business. The addition of GWI to the operations team should enable ECFiber to expand its customer service hours and start the work of bringing its network up to carrier-grade status, which will enable us to offer service level agreements to larger business clients.

Unlike the new CUDs, we have built our network almost entirely using borrowed money, and, since 2016, borrowing only in the municipal revenue bond market. With \$63.3 million in bonds issued, the District anticipates additional borrowing in early 2023, during which time we hope to finally become a rated entity which will allow more institutions to purchase our bonds and consequently lead to lower interest rates. Unfortunately, all the new federal grants are only for construction after March of 2021.

The greatest factor slowing expansion and implementation of fiberoptic networks, is the shortage of qualified workers. ECFiber is actively participating in state and regional workforce development efforts. If you are or know of someone who may be interested in these well-paid jobs, please let us know!

We invite you to visit our website, [www.ecfiber.net](http://www.ecfiber.net) to learn more about ECFiber, and encourage you to subscribe. You won't be charged anything until we start service.

David Karon and Clare Holland,

Sharon's delegates to the ECFiber Governing Board

[Sharon@ECFiber.net](mailto:Sharon@ECFiber.net)

## 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

### GREATER UPPER VALLEY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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

- GUV held three special collections in 2022 in West Fairlee, Strafford and Thetford. We collected 6 tons of tires; 4.6 tons of “covered” electronics; and approximately 7 tons of “big” trash. GUV collection events are open to any resident or business within the district.
- As of mid-November, the residents and businesses in the GUV District had recycled 2 tons of batteries. Please be reminded that you may recycle your batteries outside of the Sharon Town Offices and at participating hardware stores. Find drop-off locations at <https://www.call2recycle.org/>
- 310 GUV residents (14 from Sharon) participated in three household hazardous waste events. Total cost for three events was \$87,823.00, not including labor or administration for either participating solid waste district. We encourage people to find non-toxic alternatives for cleaning, fertilizing, and getting rid of “pests.”
- The state law banning food scraps from the landfill went into effect on July 1, 2020. If for any reason you are finding it difficult to sort your food scraps for composting, please contact our office. You will not be arrested! We’re here to help.
- GUV assisted in the third annual maple sap line collection event at the South Woodstock Fire Station on November 5. It was organized by the Windsor County Maple Producers Association, with help from the Northwest, Greater Upper Valley, and S. Windsor/Windham Counties solid waste management districts. Funding came from the WCMPPA and participants, who paid a nominal drop-off fee. 9 participants brought 2,000 lbs. of unwanted tubing and spouts. Bales of clean material will be shipped to a processing facility in Texas where it will be re-processed into synthetic fuel. We hope to continue this event in 2023.
- 2023 GUV collection event dates will be posted on our website, Facebook page, town list serves, and in newspapers.
- In FY2022, Mary Gavin once again represented Sharon on the GUVSWMD Board of Supervisors. We thank her for her dedication and ongoing support of our work.
- Please check the town list serv for updates and notices about recycling, etc.
- For information call Ham Gillett at 802-674-4474, email [hgillett@marcv.org](mailto:hgillett@marcv.org), or visit [www.guvswmd.org](http://www.guvswmd.org).



## **GREEN MOUNTAIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

Green Mountain Economic Development Corporation (GMEDC) is one of twelve statewide Regional Development Corporations (RDCs), serving a 30-town region in Orange and northern Windsor counties. Our primary function is to develop economic vitality and prosperity consistent with the goals of the communities we serve.

In 2022, dues from member towns contributed \$19,592 of our annual budget of \$264,183. Town dues are assessed at \$0.50/resident, as determined by population data from the VT Department of Health and the U.S. Census Bureau. Remaining revenue comes from business memberships and federal, state, and other funding sources. Your support helps provide client specific economic development services free of charge and available to new entrepreneurs, established and expanding businesses. Services include business development guidance, relocation support, and project development; for requests that are beyond our level of expertise, GMEDC has a ready referral network to meet client needs. Additionally, the RDCs work collectively throughout the legislative session to promote the needs and interests of the business community. GMEDC and our local partners have assisted over 80 businesses and municipalities seeking additional information on economic development activities, local business projects, funding opportunities, legislative action and more.

2022 activities include:

- Federal Reserve Bank of Boston Working Communities Challenge White River Valley Consortium project, working to improve housing opportunities for entry level employees and new entrepreneurs in 14 towns in the White River Valley.
- Bringing state officials and private developers to the table to better understand regional housing challenges and opportunities.
- Partnering with Orange County Parent and Child Center to develop a flagship childcare facility offering 88 new childcare spots in the Randolph region.
- Collaborating with Black River Innovation Campus in Springfield on a \$1.5 million award from the Economic Development Administration to create the Randolph Innovation Hub in partnership with the Advanced Manufacturing Collaborative at Vermont Technical College and Norwich University.
- Securing funding to implement a Phase II Environmental Site Assessment at the former Upper Valley Regional Landfill in Thetford.
- Supporting numerous funding applications for capital investment, brownfield assessment and redevelopment, project planning and pre-development.

On behalf of the GMEDC Board of Directors and all of our members, I would like to thank the Town of Sharon for your continued support and partnership. For further information about GMEDC, call us at (802) 295-3710 or visit our new website at [www.gmedc.com](http://www.gmedc.com)

Erika C. Hoffman-Kiess, Executive Director

## **HIV/HCV Resource Center Report for the Town of Sharon**

For more than 33 years, the HIV/HCV Resource Center has worked to support people whose lives are affected by HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis C to live fully and with dignity, while halting the spread of these diseases through education, information and understanding. The HIV/HCV Resource Center is a comprehensive AIDS Service Organization. Located in Lebanon, NH, we offer case management for individuals living with HIV, prevention/education programs, and syringe exchange. All our services are free of charge to residents of Windsor and Orange counties in Vermont and Grafton and Sullivan counties in New Hampshire.

Between January 1, 2022 and December 1, 2022, we provided services for 83 individuals living with HIV – helping to ensure that they maintained stable housing and access to medications. Our syringe service program dispensed 453,956 sterile syringes to 222 unique clients across 32 different towns (including the Town of Sharon) in Vermont and New Hampshire. We distributed 2,837 doses of naloxone, which resulted in reports of 254 overdose reversals.

In addition to clean injection supplies, naloxone and overdose prevention education, we offer HIV and Hepatitis C testing, and referrals to medical and mental health care and to medication-assisted treatment. In order to circumvent the systemic barriers faced by our clients when trying to access medical care, we developed an “enhanced referral” system where clients can receive medical attention and prescriptions through telemedicine. Individuals are more willing to get care when they are not obligated to go to the hospital or emergency room, having faced stigma in the past. Over the past year, we referred dozens of individuals to medical and substance use treatment.

We would be happy to distribute naloxone, the overdose reversal medication, to anyone who is using opioids – or stimulants that contain opioids – or friends and family members of people who use drugs. We offer trainings in how to recognize signs of overdose and how to administer naloxone nasal spray. Please contact us if you are interested.

We very much appreciate the continued support of the Town of Sharon and welcome questions and requests for information.

Laura Byrne, Executive Director (603-448-8887) <http://www.h2rc.org/>



## One Planet Afterschool Program

Bethel, Chelsea, Newton, Sharon, Stockbridge,  
Rochester, Royalton, Tunbridge

Dear Sharon Recreation Dept and Selectboard,

December 1, 2022

We want to thank you for your support of \$3,000 for our 2022 summer camp. Please see our report below. In addition, we would like to officially request a town appropriation of \$3,000 for fiscal year 23-24 to support our 2023 summer camp.

### **REPORT:**

*One Planet's mission is to create a dynamic learning environment after school and during the summer that inspires and supports students in becoming compassionate global citizens and lifelong learners.*

*This summer the Sharon One Planet Summer Camp engaged 69 children in grades K-6<sup>th</sup> with exciting theme-based projects for 5 weeks. Activities ranged widely this summer depending on the week's theme. The 5 themes this year included S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math), Alien Galaxy, Carnival, Leadership, and Harry Potter. Students also participated in a number of exciting field trips. This summer campers traveled to Get Air, Circus Smirkus, The Squam Lake Science Center, and a variety of swim trips. Finally, we continued to offer our Counselors-in-Training program which gives local middle school students the opportunity to join the program giving them leadership roles and the power to make decisions.*

*Thanks to the support of the Town of Sharon, we were able to continue to offer families reduced summer pricing. We also provided a sliding scale and scholarships for those families in need. Parents were truly grateful to see their kids smiling, connecting with their peers and having a summer camp experience.*

Thank you for your support, and we look forward to continuing to serve the local community in partnership with the Town of Sharon.

Sincerely,

Hayley Zoerheidell, One Planet Program Director  
[hzoerheide@wrvsu.org](mailto:hzoerheide@wrvsu.org), 802-763-3812



**Pine Hill Cemetery Association**  
**July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022**

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE June 30, 2021	\$	2,741.67
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INCOME:

Town of Sharon	5,750.00		
Interest earned & donations	304.25		
Burials, lots & corner stones	6,095.00		
Downer Fund	1,442.53		
Total Income	13,591.78	\$	16,333.45

EXPENSES:

Labor & Taxes	2,884.03		
Parts, Repairs, Maintenance	1,517.88		
Burials, Cornerstones	215.00		
Insurance	2,434.00		
Misc.	684.99		
Total Expenses:	7,735.90	\$	(7,735.90)

Balance on June 30, 2022	\$	8,597.55
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REGULAR SAVINGS ACCOUNT:

Balance on June 30, 2021		128.47
Deposit		-
Interest		0.01
Balance June 30, 2022	\$	128.48

PERPETUAL CARE ACCOUNT

Balance on June 30, 2021		102.34
Interest earned		0.01
Balance on June 30, 2022	\$	102.35

Respectfully submitted,

*Martha Fisk*

Martha A. Fisk, Treasurer

**SAFELINE, INC.**  
P.O. Box 368, Chelsea, VT 05038  
safelineinfo@safelinevt.org  
(802) 685-7900 office  
(800) 639-7933 24/7 hotline

Safeline, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that provides free and confidential services for victims of domestic violence, sexual abuse and stalking in Orange County and northern Windsor County.

During the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, Safeline provided 2,305 services for 337 victims of domestic violence, sexual abuse and stalking. During the Covid-19 pandemic Safeline continued to be available 24/7 for victims and their families. Calls to Safeline started to increase as survivors had more flexibility to reach out and as children went back to school where mandated reporters could contact authorities about potential abuse. 29 services were provided for 6 residents in Sharon. These statistics could be understated, as victims often choose not to give any identifying information out of fear for their safety.

A trained advocate is always available to provide crisis support, safety planning, resources, information and referrals through Safeline's 24 hours a day/7days a week Hotline (1-800-639-7233). Survivors can also choose from a wide array of additional services including legal advocacy, day shelter services, job readiness skills development, and financial management education.

In addition to providing direct services, Safeline is a resource for the community at large and is committed to changing the culture of violence. As part of this work, Safeline offers a full range of prevention education for community organizations, schools, medical centers, faith communities, youth groups, and anyone who is seeking information about domestic violence, sexual abuse and stalking.

We thank the voters for your support as we work to end domestic violence and sexual abuse in Sharon.

### **Health Care & Rehabilitation Services Narrative Report from FY22 for Town of Sharon**

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

During FY22, HCRS provided 2,113 hours of services to 17 residents of the Town of Sharon. The services provided included all of HCRS' programs resulting in a wide array of supports for the residents of Sharon.

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



Sharon Firemen's Association, Inc.  
PO Box 74, 5808 VT Route 14  
Sharon, VT 05065  
(802) 763-7331  
[Sharonfirehouse@gmail.com](mailto:Sharonfirehouse@gmail.com)



Chief  
*Nathan Potter, 802-299-6555*  
Assistant Chief  
*Dustin Potter, 802-299-8715*

### Report for July 2021 – June 2022

In Fiscal Year 2022, the department responded to 65 calls, 12 were fire calls and the rest were fire / ems calls. The department has reduced membership this year, currently with 20 active members. This year we added one firefighter, Victoria Stevenson. Welcome to the team Vic! The current list of Officers is noted below:

<b>Chief</b>	Nathan Potter	<b>President</b>	Andrew Brackett
<b>Assistant Chief</b>	Dustin Potter	<b>Vice President</b>	Kenny Moore
<b>Captain</b>	Tom Lober	<b>Clerk</b>	Keith Lyman Jr.
<b>Captain</b>	Keith Lyman Jr.	<b>Treasurer</b>	Tom Lober
<b>Captain</b>	Andrew Brackett		

Another year has passed and we have been back to standard operating level all year. The primary project we completed this year was a cold storage garage behind the Fire House. We were able to construct a 24' x 30' two bay storage garage, fully financed through fund raising that our membership has conducted over the past years.

This year, we were able to restart the tradition of hosting the Fire Prevention Day at the Sharon Elementary School. Several Fire Fighters spent a morning with the Sharon Elementary students reviewing and practicing the fundamentals of fire safety.

This year, we were also able to hold the annual chicken BBQ at the Sharon Old Home Days. There was a great turn-out and we were able to provide a free meal to many of the town seniors. Thank you to everyone for their support!

Burn permits are required for any planned burning in town. Please contact the Town Fire Wardens Dustin Potter & Andrew Brackett to obtain a burn permit. The phone number is posted on the Fire Safety sign on the front of the Fire House.

The Sharon Firemen's Association would like to thank all who continue to support our department in any way. If you are interested in learning more about the department, please contact the fire chief or stop in to one of our meetings held the last Tuesday of each Month.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Lober, Treasurer  
Sharon Firemen's Association

**Sharon Fireman's Assoc. Inc.**

	2020		2021		2022		2023		2024	
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Insurance	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 12,592.00	\$ 13,500.00	\$ 12,205.00	\$ 13,500.00	\$ 12,107.00	\$ 13,500.00	\$ 13,500.00	\$ 13,500.00	\$ 13,500.00
Dispatch / Communication	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 13,078.48	\$ 13,500.00	\$ 13,265.90	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 14,973.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,500.00	\$ 15,500.00
Electricity	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,700.75	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 2,032.71	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,804.81	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 2,100.00
Heating	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,787.32	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 2,132.03	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 3,754.64	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,500.00
Repairs (Equipment)	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,746.54	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 12,474.65	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 2,328.87	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 3,200.00
Truck Fuel	\$ 750.00	\$ 819.93	\$ 750.00	\$ 884.67	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 634.71	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00
Telephone / Internet	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,328.20	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,965.10	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,770.66	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,400.00
New Equipment	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 11,757.97	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 6,949.07	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 5,510.90	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,500.00
Training	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 271.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 850.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 390.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 2,200.00
Building, Supplies, Misc.	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,468.24	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 3,432.71	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 5,370.51	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Trash Removal	\$ 300.00	\$ 114.60	\$ 250.00	\$ 76.40	\$ 250.00	\$ 76.40	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
Sub-Total	\$ 48,150.00	\$ 51,665.03	\$ 50,100.00	\$ 56,268.24	\$ 51,850.00	\$ 48,721.50	\$ 53,150.00	\$ 53,150.00	\$ 56,950.00	\$ 56,950.00
New Equipment Reserve Fund	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
Total	\$ 78,150.00	\$ 81,665.03	\$ 80,100.00	\$ 86,268.24	\$ 81,850.00	\$ 78,721.50	\$ 83,150.00	\$ 83,150.00	\$ 86,950.00	\$ 86,950.00

## Sharon Health Initiative Town Report 2022

Early on in 2022, the Sharon Health Initiative (SHI) welcomed new community health care worker (and former board member) Dena Wilkie. Dena is an Occupational therapist by training and brought to this role a strong medical background, holistic approach to care and focus on mental health. Dena is passionate about helping people to age as safely and independently as possible and is a proponent of the fostering of intergenerational relationships to combat isolation.

Approximately 10 seniors a week are served directly with home visits or phone calls and many more reach out for one- or two-time needs. Many of these seniors are isolated, without support, and are additionally impacted by financial burden. While advocacy, education and referrals to resources are a mainstay of our work, we are also able to meet the client's specific needs. Examples of necessary assistance the SHI has provided include emergency response to a mental health crisis, assistance in selling a client's car, facilitation of eye doctor appointments that resulted in restoration of vision and the ability for a client to use their oil furnace. Community education in the form of list serve and social media posts help to spread health awareness throughout the community. This past month we were able to offer a return to our monthly in-person tea parties, a great opportunity to socialize and reminisce.

A major focus this year has been facilitating the use of technology to help our clients to stay engaged in their health care. We have also been working to expand our volunteer program by offering more training and support. An exciting new music project rolled out this year thanks to a grant from the Council on Aging (COA). We have been able to provide 7 seniors with CD players, headphones and custom CDs to listen to. The feedback has been very positive and suggests decreased feelings of loneliness and boredom and positive feelings of reminiscence of happier times. Soon the Baxter Library will have loaner CD players and music for all to enjoy!

The SHI has been working to create lasting partnerships to benefit Sharon residents, including collaboration with Gifford and their Community Health Teams, as well as with the South Royalton Rescue, Patient Volunteer Corp out of DHMC and with the National and Vermont Associations of Community Health Care Workers.

INCOME	
Town appropriation	\$4,000.00
Grants/Foundations	\$12,000.00
Individual Donations	\$5,000.00
Total	\$21,000.00
EXPENSES	
Contingency	\$800.00
Fund Raising	\$400.00
Insurance	\$710.00
License	\$0.00
PR	\$0.00
Professional Developmt	\$600.00
Rent	\$1,200.00
Salary	\$16,840.00
Supplies	\$300.00
Travel	\$150.00
Total	\$21,000.00

The SHI would like to send a heartfelt thank you to the people of Sharon for their support, funding and volunteerism; we couldn't provide this amazing complimentary resource to your neighbors without you. We remain open to feedback and ideas for how to best serve the residents of Sharon.

We may be reached via email at [sharonhealthinitiative@gmail.com](mailto:sharonhealthinitiative@gmail.com), or by cell at 802-230-8458.

## Sharon Historical Society Report

**Thank You!** The Sharon Historical Society had a very busy and successful 2022 season thanks to the support of our members, volunteers, and the Sharon community!

At our July meeting, a documentary entitled the “Life and Times of Local Legend Floyd van Alstyne” produced by retired PBS filmmaker, Neil Goodwin, was presented. Floyd, who is 102 years young, spoke afterward about some of his experiences in WWII and of logging when it was done using hand saws. The evening was a smash hit, more than 50 people attended and the potluck was delicious!

At our August meeting, Tom Giffin spoke about his work on Vermont’s Old Cemeteries. We had a great turnout with 27 people sharing a community potluck supper. We hoping to have Tom and a crew help Sharon’s Cemetery Commission clean up the Howe Hill Cemetery in 2023.

At our September meeting, Jackson Evans, from the Preservation Trust of Vermont (PTV) spoke to us about the importance of Old Town Halls. (The Sharon Historical Society Museum, built in the 1830s, was Sharon’s Town Hall and is owned by the Town.) Jackson energized everyone with his ideas and suggestions for the building and offered that PTV evaluate the structural damage found in the gable end beams of the building. We are working with the Selectboard and will apply for additional grants in 2023 to help cover the cost of repair.

Joyce Amsden was elected to the position of Curator joining Phyllis Potter and Kelly Clark in that position. All other officers remain the same: Mary Ayer, President; Dave Phillips, Vice-President; Martha Fisk, Treasurer; and Sue Sellew, Secretary. Joyce participated in cataloging classes and a mentorship through the Vermont Historical Society and has begun updating, digitizing and completing the collection catalog. We look forward to an enhanced ability to search our catalog, and to share our wonderful pieces of Sharon history with the community.

Membership January 1 – December 31

### **The SHARON HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.**

Enclosed is a check for membership in the following category:

- ☐ Individual membership (\$5.00) ☐ Supporting membership (\$50.00)  
☐ Family membership (\$10.00) ☐ Patron of the Society (\$100.00)  
☐ Friend of the Society (\$25.00)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you for supporting the Sharon Historical Society.**

**By providing your email address you can save SHS postage.**

**Mail to: Martha Fisk, SHS Treasurer, 4626 VT Rte. 14, Sharon VT 05065**

**\$441.36**

## INCOME

Town of Sharon	\$750.00
Coffee and Donuts	\$30.00
Donation	\$65.00

SUB Total	\$850.00
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**\$1,291.36**

## EXPENSES

Postage	\$54.00
So. Royalton Town Band	\$400.00
Porta Potty	\$125.00
Bouncy House	\$262.35

**\$841.35**

Total for end of year

**\$450.01**

### OFFICERS for 2023:

President

**Jennifer Donahue**

**Vice- President**

**Scott Fisk**

Secretary

Morgan Hackett

**Treasurer**

**Doris Backus**

### Parade Chairman

**Richie Hackett**

Respectfully Submitted,

Walter Beckus

**Doris Backus**



## Sharon Old Home Day

### Vermont

## **Sharon PTO**

The Sharon PTO is a group of parents, staff, and teachers meeting monthly to bring parents, teachers, staff, and caregivers together to enhance the educational experience of the Sharon children. We consider all parents, caregivers, teachers, and staff to be part of the Sharon PTO and encourage you to come to our monthly meeting held on the second Thursday of the month, at 6:00 pm via Zoom in the winter months, and outside under the gazebo in the summer. The meetings are posted on the school website and the school's Facebook page. The minutes and agenda for those meetings can be found at [sharonelementary.org/pto/](http://sharonelementary.org/pto/)

### **Highlights of 2022**

Over the years, the PTO has raised funds to buy new winter clothes for children in need in our own community, to offer scholarships for One Planet summer camp and Sharon Recreation programs, to offer funds for the annual school Book Fair so all kids can participate, to provide monthly supplemental snacks for classrooms and many events throughout the school year to recognize the hard work of the teachers, staff, students, and parents in the school community.

The Sharon Elementary PTO has aimed to support our school and community with a special interest in fundraising, community involvement, welcoming new families, and supporting those in need. We hosted a very well-attended Yard Sale and Maker's Market in June. We offered a Spooky Night again this year which was another huge success. We held an in-person Winter Clothes Sale. The PTO helped to provide the school with extra classroom supplies and water bottles for students. We also received a grant that helped pay for winter clothes for students in need. We also had two successful apparel sales, which not only brought in much-needed funds but also provided a sense of community.

Additionally, we aim to continually provide recognition and appreciation of the essential, compassionate, and truly exceptional work of the teachers and staff at Sharon Elementary School. Throughout the year, we have provided a Supper-to-Go for staff, Hot Cocoa bar, chalk messages of thanks in the parking lot as well as Teacher Appreciation week activities and prizes.

Thank you all for your support. If you are interested in participating in any efforts to enhance the children, teachers, staff, parents/caregivers' experience at the school, please be in touch with any of us if you would like to help. We look forward to hearing from you!

PTO Officers for 2022 - 2023

Chair, Briana Paronto

Vice-Chair, Angie Carpenter-Henderson

Treasurer, Stephanie Jarrait

Secretary, Stephanie Davis

## **SOUTH ROYALTON AREA SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER**

The South Royalton Area Senior Citizen Center (SRASCC) serves the towns of Bethel, Royalton, Sharon and Strafford. Many times, seniors from other towns will come to the center for meals and other activities, all are always welcome. To qualify as a senior, you must be 60 years old or older.

The Board of Directors is composed of three representatives from each of the four towns. Sue Pirie is the director for both meal sites, one being in South Strafford at Barrett Hall, serving meals on Wednesday and the other in Royalton, at the Royalton Academy building, serving meals on Tuesday and Thursday. We are fortunate to have Ed Eastman as the cook for Strafford and Brandon Hamilton the cook for Royalton. The nutritional program provides one-third of the daily adult nutritional required. We served a total of 14,145 meals for the year 2021-2022. The food cost per meal was \$2.96 total cost per meal \$9.56.

Due to COVID many things had to change, the meal sites were closed down until August 2021 after they reopened the numbers have remained low for attendance at the centers, however the curb side and home deliveries have remained high.

There is an established fund that offers assistance to any senior who may have a need. Any senior needing assistance may contact Sue Pirie, the Senior Director, Karen Eddy, the Senior Advisor, or one of your Senior Board Representatives with their request. Requests are reviewed in a confidential manner.

Fundraising events were held over the year. Twice we set up with food at the Sharon Rest area which were very successful. A raffle of firewood and a quilt was also a great success.

Willing Hands donated approximately 4,300 pounds of fresh produce and eggs to the senior meal sites this year. Panera Bakery donated 100 large boxes of bread, sweets and bagels. Several local farms also donate lots of fresh produce and fruits. We thank them all.

Sharon's Senior Representatives are:

Martha Fisk  
Mary Ayers  
Norma Vincent

Submitted by,  
SRASCC Board of Directors  
Martha Fisk, President  
Kay Ingraham, Vice President  
Corinne Ingraham, Secretary  
Susan Coburn, Treasurer

SO. ROYALTON SENIOR CENTER	2021-2022	END OF YEAR FIGURES
<b>INCOMES</b>		
CVCOA		\$ 66,551.74
TOWN FUNDS		\$ 12,500.00
MEAL DONATIONS- CONG		\$ 4,013.41
MEAL DONATIONS- MOW		\$ 9,261.00
MEAL DONATIONS- CURBSIDE		\$ 3,722.00
VCIL		\$ 728.00
FROM CHART. FUNDS FOR FOOT		\$ 430.00
FUNDRAISING		\$ 10,000.00
MISC. DONATIONS & INCOME		\$ 2,355.25
INTEREST		\$ 8.18
INCOME FROM PAPER SUPP.		\$ 5,439.54
REFUNDS		\$ 340.32
INCOME FROM OTHERS FOR FOOD		\$ 352.23
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>\$ 115,701.67</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
SALARY		\$ 44,977.59
TAXES		\$ 14,623.28
MILEAGE		\$ 4,035.81
SUPPLIES		\$ 2,208.57
RENT BUILDING/ COPY MACH.		\$ 9,792.48
TELEPHONE/ INTERNET		\$ 1,655.19
POSTAGE		\$ 968.42
EQUIPMENT/REPAIRS		\$ 468.14
FOOD		\$ 41,809.41
INSURANCE		\$ 3,169.28
ADVERTISING		\$ 211.98
DUES & BANK FEES		\$ 716.39
PAPER GOODS ( MOW CONT.)		\$ 10,512.44
DONATIONS TO HELP SENIORS		\$ 550.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$ 135,698.98</b>





## South Royalton Rescue

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*Serving the Communities of Royalton, Sharon, Tunbridge*

To the Residents of Royalton, Sharon and Tunbridge,

South Royalton Rescue has proudly served our communities since the 1960's, and we continue to provide 24/7/365 on-duty staffing in order to serve our communities.

Requests for service remained about the same for Fiscal Year 2022 as in recent years at 469. The percentage of requests that did not require transport has increased. These include requests to assist individuals that have fallen but are uninjured, medical alarms and automatic crash notifications without injury. These requests are not billable.

We extend our sincerest thanks to all who participated in our two fundraisers this year—Duck Race and Coin Drop. Both of these fundraisers were successful. We use the funds raised to buy necessary equipment to ensure the ambulance is stocked. All of the ambulance services in our area are increasing their rates. Those vary from 10.7% to 27%. South Royalton Rescue's increase this year is 3.9%

Each year comes with its unique challenges. This year was expenses. We have all seen an increase in fuel prices and the cost of goods. We have also experienced labor issues. We are actively seeking certified individuals to fill openings on our roster. Even with these challenges we have been able to maintain our staffing with quality personnel and stay within budget

South Royalton staff have been busy in the community. Our Deputy Administrator returned home, right after Thanksgiving, from a deployment with FEMA to assist with the aftermath of Hurricane Ian. We had 6 of our personnel staff vaccine clinics sponsored by the VT Department of Health. Two employees are in Paramedic school.

We have 4 new employees this year. We are seeking additional staff and, right now, most class tuitions are covered by grants and state funding. If anyone is looking for employment opportunities contact South Royalton Rescue for more information.

In order to improve our ability to respond to requests and improve the working conditions of our staff we are plan to bring our office, crew quarters and ambulance bay under one roof. We are exploring grants and other funding sources.

We would like to Thank Victoria Paquin for her contributions to our development as she moves onto other endeavors. Thanks to our communities for your ongoing support to this essential service.

Respectfully,

Stephen Sanborn, NRP  
Administrator

<b>South Royalton Rescue Squad</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>
	JUL'21	Jul '22	Jul '23
	JUN '22	Jun '23	Jun '24
<b>Income</b>			
303 - Emergency services			
Total 303 - Emergency Services	<b>\$215,350.00</b>	\$227,216.00	\$229,600.00
Other Income			
Total Other Income	<b>\$29,550.00</b>	<b>\$30,250.00</b>	<b>\$27,650.00</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$244,900.00</b>	<b>\$257,466.00</b>	<b>\$257,250.00</b>
<b>Expense</b>			
Contract Services			
Total Contract Services	<b>\$45,365.00</b>	<b>\$49,975.00</b>	<b>\$50,800.00</b>
Duck Race			
Fund Raising Exp- Duck Race			
Duck Race Project	\$4,800.00	\$3,500.00	\$0.00
Duck Race Total	<b>\$4,800.00</b>	<b>\$3,500.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
Coin Drop			
Coin Drop Total	<b>\$2,500.00</b>	<b>\$2,500.00</b>	<b>\$1,600.00</b>
Insurance			
Total Insurance	<b>\$28,700.00</b>	<b>\$31,375.00</b>	<b>\$30,651.75</b>
Maintenance & Repairs			
Total Maintenance & Repairs	<b>\$2,136.64</b>	<b>\$2,136.64</b>	<b>\$2,136.64</b>
Prof. Membership & Train.			
Total Prof. Membership & Train.	<b>\$6,725.00</b>	<b>\$6,805.00</b>	<b>\$6,125.00</b>
Office			
Total Office	<b>\$3,620.00</b>	<b>\$3,620.00</b>	<b>\$3,370.00</b>
Payroll			
Total Payroll	<b>\$338,575.00</b>	<b>\$362,292.61</b>	<b>\$376,193.49</b>
Supplies & Equipment			
Total Supplies & Equipment	<b>\$23,900.00</b>	<b>\$20,854.00</b>	<b>\$18,950.00</b>
Utilities			
Total Electric	\$1,000.00	\$1,250.00	\$1,400.00
Total Heat	\$2,000.00	\$2,040.00	\$2,500.00
359 - Communications			
Total Communications	<b>\$1,826.00</b>	<b>\$1,900.00</b>	<b>\$2,360.00</b>
360 - Trash removal	\$0.00		
362 - Rescue Water & Sewer			
TOTAL WATER & SEWER	<b>\$750.00</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>
Total Utilities	<b>\$5,576.00</b>	<b>\$6,190.00</b>	<b>\$7,260.00</b>
Total Rent	<b>\$11,760.00</b>	<b>\$11,760.00</b>	<b>\$12,240.00</b>
Vehicle			
Total Vehicle	<b>\$36,600.00</b>	<b>\$36,727.09</b>	<b>\$39,096.72</b>
Total Expense	\$510,257.64	\$537,735.34	\$548,423.60
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-\$265,357.64</b>	<b>-\$280,269.34</b>	<b>-\$291,173.60</b>
Total Appropriation Needed	\$265,357.64	\$280,269.34	\$291,173.60
Total Capita All 3 towns (4,828)	4,828.00	4,875.00	4,854.00
<b>Charge Per Capita</b>	<b>\$54.96</b>	<b>\$57.49</b>	<b>\$59.99</b>
Covered Town Population			
Royalton	2,773.00	2,750.00	2,750.00
Sharon	1,490.00	1,560.00	1,550.00
Tunbridge	565.00	565.00	554.00
Total Covered Population	4,828		4,854.00
308 - Town Appropriations			
308a-Royalton	\$152,410.26	\$158,100.65	\$164,962.38
308b-Sharon	\$81,893.72	\$89,686.19	\$92,978.80
308c - Tunbridge	\$31,053.66	\$32,482.50	\$33,232.42
Total	<b>\$265,357.64</b>	<b>\$280,269.34</b>	<b>\$291,173.60</b>
Net			
Appropriations YOY		5.62%	3.89%

## **The Sharon Academy - Town Report 2022**

*The mission of The Sharon Academy is to nurture intelligent, independent and creative thinking in a small school community, awakening students to their immense potential and the difference they can make in the world*

While COVID-related absences are still noticeable, it has been a relief to return to “normal” operations this year. One example of where it was especially wonderful to be generally mask-free was during this year’s high school Interim—**“The Addams Family”** was performed the week before Thanksgiving and was thoroughly successful as the community-building adventure it was designed to be. We look forward to the Middle School equivalent—this year’s **Circus**—on Friday, March 24 (6pm Carnival, 7pm show) and 25 (3pm Carnival, 4pm show), on the High School campus.

Other events to look forward to are **Arts Day** (April 2, and back after a two-year COVID-related hiatus), our second annual **Phoenix Phest** (Saturday, June 3) and our graduation ceremonies (Middle School on 6/16, High School on 6/17).

In the meantime, we are in the midst of our 10-year NEASC Accreditation process, led by Assistant Head of School Kate Fabrikant. We are finding this round to be as constructive and enlightening as our first 10 years ago, and look forward to the Program Visit at the beginning of April.

New initiatives at both the high school (our modular schedule) and middle school (community-focused Wednesdays) are in full swing, and a rigorous feedback process focused on identifying needed adjustments for next year has begun. We are thrilled to see Middle School teacher Fallon Abel off to Finland on a Fulbright Award to study social-emotional learning, and eagerly look forward to supporting her in implementing a robust, 7–12 social-emotional learning program after her return. Faculty and staff at both campuses continue to explore ways of designing “deep learning” experiences for our students, focusing on teaching the skills needed for connecting and flourishing in our constantly changing, increasingly complex, and technologically infused world.

Lastly, the STEAM Wing project has gone out to bid, and while at the time this report is being written we are still waiting to see the bids, by the time it is read we expect to be preparing to break ground!

Thank you to all of you who have donated time, expertise, and financial support to TSA and our students. Your support helps us to fulfill our mission of knowing, valuing, and challenging each student so that they may become the thinkers, creators, problem-solvers, and leaders our world needs.

Please consider coming by for a visit or attending one of the events mentioned above. TSA considers itself to be a part of the local community - you are always welcome.

Mary Newman

Head of School  
The Sharon Academy



## The Sprouty 2022

The 12th Annual Sprouty 5K/ 10K Race was held this year on September 10, 2022 on another beautiful late summer day with a wonderful crowd of participants and volunteers. The race committee worked through the spring and summer to plan for what turned out to be another fun community event.

The Sprouty 2022 Race raised over \$4,000 which allows the event to put some of the income toward future event expenses and our rainy day fund *and* make a donation to The Sharon Elementary School. Funds were raised through participant fees, a large donation from the Jack and Dorothy Byrne Foundation, and donations from The Town of Sharon, Mascoma Bank, Horizons Engineering, Hyertherm, Vermont Law School, Green Mountain Electric Supply, Gifford Health Care, and many other companies and individuals. This donation will benefit Sharon Elementary School's outdoor education and farm-to-school programs.

Community spirit and a commitment to health and wellness could be felt from all the participants that day. Of the people who registered for the races, 150 ran or walked that day and people ranged in age from 74 years all the way down to a 4 year-old who participated in the 5K. There were about 30 kids who ran the fun run loop around the field after the main 5K and 10K were completed and each participant received a small prize. People from 35 towns and 5 different states were represented and over 40 community members volunteered their time to make the event a great success.

We benefited from in-kind donations of 500 lettuce plants from Dandelion Acres, a new t-shirt design from Scott Fisk, signage from Red Door Printing, and live music performed by The Seven Stars Community Fiddle Ban. Finally, Building A Local Economy (BALE) again served as our fiscal agent for the event. The mission of The Sprouty 5K/ 10K event is to Grow a Healthy Community and each year Sharon Elementary School benefits greatly from this mission and fundraising. Students in preschool through 6th grade spend time outdoors each week for traditional instruction, gardening,

physical education, art, and many more learning activities. Teachers utilize the pizza pavilion, woods, fields, gardens, and their strong skills and experience with creating outdoor learning experiences for students. Harvested foods from the gardens are cooked and eaten and some local foods are purchased for the cafeteria program and the classroom-based cooking program. The school also uses a small amount of Sprouty funds to sustain our on-site compost program with volunteer help from local experts and community members. In all, The Sprouty and the funds donated to Sharon Elementary School allow our students to learn hands-on, relevant skills that we hope will enrich their elementary years and teach valuable life skills for their futures.

**Approximate income and expenses were as follows:**

Total 2022 Sprouty Income: \$ 8,010.00

Total 2022 Net:	\$ 3,343.16
Total 2022 Sprouty Expenses:	\$ 4,666.84

The Sprouty Committee looks forward to 2023 and the continued support of the Town of Sharon and greater community. We are very grateful to all who came out for the event, or supported us from afar.

## Thank you to our sponsors!

The Jack and Dorothy Byrne Foundation  
Town of Sharon



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Chelsea Green Publishing • Co-op Food Stores • Echo Farm Bread  
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## REPORT TO SHARON ON TRI-VALLEY TRANSIT (TVT) SERVICES October 2022

Thank you for the Town of Sharon's generous support last year. During the past four years, your support helped us provide an annual average of **1,680 free Dial-A-Ride trips** for Sharon residents either by volunteer drivers or on wheelchair accessible vehicles. TVT's Dial-A-Ride and Shuttle Bus Systems provided a total of 158,302 rides for the year. All of TVT's transportation programs enable community members to maintain their independence, gain and keep employment and access critical healthcare and quality-of-life services.

**Dial-A-Ride Programs** – Focus on specialized populations including elders, persons with disabilities and low-income families/individuals who are unable to access the bus system. **In Sharon, Dial-A-Ride offer direct access from home to: medical treatments, meal site/senior programs, adult day care services, pharmacies, food shopping, social services, vocational rehabilitation, radiation & dialysis and substance abuse treatment.**

**Bus System** – Promotes economic development, energy conservation, mobility independence and quality of life. **Sharon residents can access the 89'er South commuter routes and rural extensions from the Park & Ride at Exit 2.**

The state and local grants through which we provide these services require us to raise up to 20% "local match" dollars. TVT's requests from towns account for approximately 5% of the 20% requirement.



## TRORC 2022 YEAR-END REPORT

The Two Rivers-Ottauquechee Regional Commission is your regional planning commission. We are governed by a Board of Representatives appointed by each of our 30 member towns. We work to make the area better today, and to articulate a vision for tomorrow that has a thriving regional economy and keeps the Region's outstanding quality of life. The following are highlights from our work in 2022.

### **Technical Assistance on Planning Issues**

Our staff support your local officials by being a wealth of information on many subjects, enabling them to serve you better. We provide advice on zoning, capital budgeting, and preventing flood damage; review solar and cell tower projects; stay abreast of state and federal initiatives so that local government can take advantage of these; and have worked hard to address the region's housing crisis. TRORC staff have also assisted numerous towns with revisions to municipal plans, bylaws and studies.

### **Economy and Public Health**

This year, TRORC obtained Federal grant funding to support the Region's talented artists, food producers, and other parts of the creative economy sector through training and networking events. We also were able to provide many small businesses with grant funds to weather Covid, as well as guidance to towns on using their federal recovery funds. TRORC worked on public health projects with local hospitals, helped towns grapple with new cannabis legislation, and incorporated health-related goals and policies into town plans.

### **Emergency Management and Preparedness**

TRORC staff continued to serve as liaisons between Vermont Emergency Management and local emergency responders, organizations, and town officials on emergency planning. TRORC assisted several communities with updating their Local Hazard Mitigation Plans, helping to reduce future damages from disasters and enable greater state and federal funding when they do happen. When disasters happen, we actively become part of the state and local long-term recovery process.

### **Energy/Climate Change**

TRORC assisted six towns on Enhanced Energy Plans to save money for communities and further the State energy goal of meeting 90% of energy needs from renewable sources by 2050. TRORC has continued working to support town Energy Committees on energy efficiency outreach and education with funding from Efficiency Vermont. We also work on state-level climate policy and local adaptation measures.

### **Transportation**

TRORC managed the Municipal Roads Grants-In-Aid program in our Region getting funding for towns to implement projects including grass and stone-lined ditches, upsizing and replacement of culverts, and stabilizing catch basin outlets. We also work to support our transit agencies, build park and ride lots, and help towns with traffic counts and speed studies.

Specifically in Sharon this past year, TRORC assisted the town in updating its Town Plan. As part of the Grants in Aid program, staff worked with the town to complete ditching and culvert improvements on Fay Brook Road and Krivak Road. Staff also assisted the town with a Municipal Highway Mitigation grant for the construction of a retaining wall along a section of Route 132 to reduce erosion. Staff worked with the town to install a heat pump system at the library and assisted the town in receiving Clean School Bus Program funding to replace two diesel school buses.

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

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







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

### **Report of Services for Town of Sharon**

The Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired's 2022 Fiscal Year saw the organization's continued success in adapting to the ever-evolving COVID-19 pandemic.

This is an excellent time for VABVI not only to reflect on changes from the past several years, but also set goals based on an increased number of clients and schools and other public environments being re-opened. As projected in recent years, the aging population of our state promises a continued increase of clientele. We believe that the innovations developed as a result of the pandemic are a demonstration of VABVI's ability to accommodate increased demand in even the least ideal circumstances. Moving forward, it is exciting to imagine the strides we will make in enabling blind and visually impaired Vermonters to be more independent, develop adaptive skills, and improve their quality of life.

**SMART Device Training Program:** The SMART Device Training Program has served a higher number of Vermont seniors each year we've offered it, especially because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Due to social distancing protocols, technology has become essential for our clients to be able to live independently while remaining social and connected to their communities. Clients who received technology training prior to COVID-19 have reported that the skills learned in this program have been invaluable throughout the pandemic, and clients who sought out our help during the pandemic will continue to use SMART Technology in the future.

**PALS (Peer-Assisted Learning and Support) Group:** PALS Groups, held throughout Vermont, are monthly meetings where members share coping strategies and discuss the practical, social and emotional challenges of vision loss. While PALS groups have been operating remotely via Zoom and telephone over the past two years, arrangements are being made to resume in-person meetings by the end of 2022.

**HAPI (Helping Adolescents Prepare for Independence):** The HAPI program enables Teachers of the Visually Impaired and Certified Vision Rehabilitation Therapists to work one-on-one with students to practice daily living skills.

**IRLE Summer Camp (Intensive Residential Life Experience):** IRLE camp helps VABVI students develop social skills, meet fellow visually impaired peers, learn independent living skills, and improve self-advocacy skills. This year's camp took place in Upstate New York at Six Flags Great Adventure Lodge and nearby attractions such as rail biking and bowling.

In FY22 VABVI served 1,145 clients in the state of Vermont, including 2 adults and 2 students in Sharon, and 95 adults and 34 students in Windsor County.

For more information about VABVI's services or volunteer opportunities, please contact Samantha Gougher, Development Associate, at [sgougher@vabvi.org](mailto:sgougher@vabvi.org). Thank you very much for your support

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## Local Health Report for SHARON

Twelve Local Health Offices around the state are your community connection with the Vermont Department of Health. Your district office is in White River Junction at the address and phone number above. We provide a wide range of resources and services to 22 Vermont towns of the Upper Valley to promote health and wellness for all Vermonters. For example, in 2022 we:

**Supported health for everyone in the community:** We worked on a variety of projects and programs in partnership with schools, worksites, town offices, and local providers. Though we did not serve individuals and families in our office due to COVID, we look forward to in-person services starting in 2023. Our focus is on health equity because all people should have a fair and just opportunity to be healthy.

**Provided WIC food and nutrition education to families:** We served more than 700 residents of our district with the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Nutrition Education and Food Supplementation Program including 60 percent of infants and children under 5 on Medicaid in Sharon. WIC provides individual nutrition education and breastfeeding support, healthy foods, and a debit card to buy fruit and vegetables.

**Ensured emergency preparedness:** We worked with local partners, including schools, hospitals, and emergency personnel for an effective pandemic response and to be sure we are prepared to distribute medicine, supplies, and information during any future public health emergency.

**Worked to prevent and control the spread of disease:** In our district we responded to 74 reports of COVID-19 in congregate care settings including 21 outbreaks and 132 reports of COVID-19 in schools. In collaboration with community partners, we hosted 46 COVID-19 vaccination clinics across the district. In addition to COVID-19 we also investigated enteric and tickborne diseases and delivered presentations about preventing tickborne illnesses to 6 area senior centers.

**Student health and youth empowerment:** According to the Vermont Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 58 percent of students in Windsor County agree or strongly agree that they “believe they matter to people in their community.” Regionally, we see efforts like mentoring and afterschool enrichment programs helping to ensure youth feel valued and included.

**Substance misuse and abuse:** Regional substance abuse prevention consultants worked with community groups, schools, human service agencies, hospitals, and law enforcement. One example is the availability of no-cost mail back envelopes to help residents dispose of unwanted medication.

Learn more at <https://www.healthvermont.gov/local/white-river-junction>

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

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.

**Member Benefits** - All 247 Vermont cities and towns are members of VLCT, as are 142 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 and technical assistance**, including prompt responses to member questions that often involve how to comply with state and federal requirements. During the past year, staff responded to thousands of member questions and published guidance, templates, research reports, and FAQs. In 2022, VLCT began offering additional government finance training and consulting services and launched the new Federal Funding Assistance Program (FFAP). FFAP offers communities advice on complying with federal rules surrounding pandemic funding, provides direction and insight on accessing billions of dollars in federal infrastructure funding, and provides input to state leaders on designing and implementing grant programs for municipalities.
- **Trainings and timely communications on topics of specific concern to officials** who carry out their duties required by state law. The League provided training via webinars, onsite classes, and during the hallmark annual event, Town Fair, the largest gathering of municipal officials in the state. VLCT's Equity Committee also published an online equity toolkit that assists municipalities in centering the work of justice, diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging in their decision making, policies, practices, and programs.
- **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. Specific success in 2022 includes securing \$45 million in funding to help municipalities make energy improvements in their buildings, securing \$250,000 for VLCT's Federal Funding Assistance Program, increasing Municipal Planning Grants to \$870,000, securing \$250,000 for the Vermont Office of Racial Equity to launch the Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Action, Leadership Program, and increasing municipal authorities in statute. Members are also represented at the federal level to Vermont's Congressional delegation and through our partner, the National League of Cities.
- **Access to 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 Unemployment Insurance Trust provides unemployment insurance at stable pricing. VLCT also provides members with the option to purchase life, disability, dental, and vision insurance products at a competitive price. All the programs offer coverage and products that members need and ask for, help Vermont municipalities stretch their budgets, and are *only* available to VLCT members.

Members are welcome to contact VLCT anytime to ask questions and to access resources to help them carry out the important work of local government. **To learn more about the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, visit [vlct.org](https://vlct.org).** Recent audited financial statements are available at [vlct.org/AuditReports](https://vlct.org/AuditReports).



## Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force

Vermont Association of Conservation Districts (VACD)  
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December 21, 2022

Re: **Request for Town Appropriation - Vermont Rural Fire Protection Program**

Dear Board of Selectpersons, Town Clerks and Auditors:

On behalf of the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force, I am writing to request your support for the Vermont Rural Fire Protection (RFP) Program, formerly called the Dry Hydrant Grant Program. The RFP program helps Vermont communities protect lives, property, and natural resources by enhancing fire suppression resources. Program Manager and Engineering Technician Troy Dare helps local fire departments identify appropriate sites for dry hydrants and other rural water supply systems, designs installations, and finds financial resources to support the costs of construction. During the **25+ years** of the program, almost **1200 grants** totaling over **\$2.6 million** have been provided to Vermont towns for the installation of new rural fire protection systems, as well as for replacements and repairs.

The Rural Fire Protection Program is managed by the Vermont Association of Conservation Districts (VACD). VACD is the membership association of Vermont's fourteen Natural Resources Conservation Districts, whose mission is to work with landowners and communities to protect natural resources and support the working landscape throughout the state.

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

The annual expense of the Rural Fire Protection Program in FY 2022 was **\$285,901**, of which **\$165,422** was paid in grants to support the construction and repair of **27 rural fire protection projects** throughout Vermont. The remaining budget covered site assessments, project design and program oversight. Most of our funding comes from the Division of Fire Safety of the Vermont Department of Public Safety, through annual appropriations by the Vermont Legislature. In addition, the program receives support from the US Forest Service through the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation. Unfortunately, these

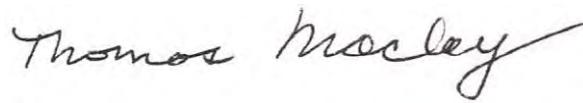
grants do not completely cover the costs of the program. Therefore, we are respectfully requesting that you include a \$100 appropriation in your town budget to support the Rural Fire Protection Program. In FY 2022, we received over **\$9,000** in town appropriations from **over 90 towns**. We are deeply grateful for your ongoing support.

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

Enclosed please find a summary report for the Rural Water Supply Grant Program, as well as an invoice and W-9 from VACD in case they are required. VACD's tax form 990 is also available upon request. Please feel free to contact me, Troy Dare, or Jill Arace, Executive Director of VACD, with any questions you may have. Our contact information is provided below. If you would like to receive this appropriation request by mail instead of by email, please contact Troy Dare.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Tom Maclay, Chair  
Rural Fire Protection Task Force  
(802) 426-3265 | [83creameryst@fairpoint.net](mailto:83creameryst@fairpoint.net)

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Vermont Rural Fire Protection Program  
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Vermont Association of Conservation Districts (VACD)  
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**Rural Fire Protection Task Force Members:**

Tom Maclay, Chair, Marshfield Volunteer Fire Department  
Bill Sanborn, Vice-Chair, Town of Maidstone  
Walter Bothfeld, Jr., Cabot Volunteer Fire Department  
Tyler Hermanson, VT Enhanced 9-1-1  
Mike Greenia, Vermont Division of Fire Safety, Department of Public Safety  
Christine Kaiser, Stowe, VT  
Lars Lund, VT Department of Forest Parks & Recreation  
Haley Pero, Senator Bernie Sanders Office

**Visiting Nurse and Hospice for Vermont and New Hampshire**  
**Home Health, Hospice and Pediatric Services**

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

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

Between July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2022, VNH made 444 in-home visits to 34 residents. This included approximately \$8,194 in unreimbursed care to residents.

- **Home Health Care.** 265 home visits to 31 residents with short-term medical or physical needs.
- **Hospice Services.** 175 home visits to 2 residents who were in the final stages of their lives.
- **Long-Term Care.** 4 home visits to 1 residents with chronic medical problems who need extended care in home to avoid admission to a nursing home.

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

It is with your help that we are able to provide services like this to those in need. Sharon's annual appropriation to VNH helps to ensure that all have access to quality care when and where it is needed most. On behalf of the people we serve, we thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

*Anthony Knox*

Anthony Knox  
Community Relations Manager

## White River Partnership 2022 Annual Report to Sharon

The White River Partnership (WRP) is a member-supported, nonprofit organization formed in 1996 by a group of local people who shared an interest in keeping the White River healthy. The WRP envisions a White River valley in which individuals and communities work together to make informed decisions that result in clean water, fewer flood damages, improved access to the river, and more. Here are some highlights from our work in 2022:

- WRP staff and 25 volunteers completed the 5th year of our White River Water Trail Stewardship Program, **monitoring river access sites every month during the summer** to remove trash and to report hazardous conditions. We started and ended the season with river cleanup events – in sum, 100 volunteers **removed 8,000 pounds of man-made trash** from the river in Bethel, Hartford, Pomfret, Randolph, Rochester, Royalton, Sharon, Stockbridge, and Tunbridge.
- WRP staff and 25 trained volunteers **completed the 22nd year of our water quality monitoring program**, testing bacteria, conductivity, and turbidity at 22 swimming holes in 13 towns – including The Sharon Academy pulloff on Rte 14 – every two weeks from June through September. We shared results via email, our website, and our Facebook and Instagram pages.
- The WRP worked with willing landowners, partners, and two work crews to **plant 5,535 native trees and shrubs along the White River and its tributaries** in 8 locations to improve water quality, fish and wildlife habitat, and flood resilience.
- The WRP worked with 3 towns to complete on-the-ground projects that **improve clean water and recreational river access**: 1) new infrastructure at the Rochester Town Garage eliminates polluted runoff into the river; 2) a new gravel path and stone stairway improves river access at Broad Brook Access in Sharon; and 3) a kiosk & sign will educate visitors at the new White River Park in Stockbridge.
- The WRP engaged 1,250 students and teachers from 30 schools – including Sharon Elementary School and The Sharon Academy – in **hands-on education programs that raise awareness about watershed health**, including crayfish sampling & identification, Freshwater Snorkeling with the Green Mountain National Forest, Trout in the Classroom with Greater Upper Valley Trout Unlimited, waterbugs sampling & identification, wildlife track & sign monitoring along the river, and more!

### For more information

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## WINDSOR COUNTY COURTHOUSE

The calendar year 2022 has seen some significant changes in Windsor County; the most significant will have come to pass prior to your reading this; there will be two new Assistant Judges at the helm of the County Government, and a new Sheriff as well as of February 1, 2023. Judge Terie, who had served the County for eight years, decided to step down and pass the torch, and Judge Ricci, who served for over a year after Judge Anderson retired, is also stepping down. In their stead will be newly elected Assistant Judge Alison Johannensen of Taftsville, and former Assistant Judge David Singer of Hartland. Sheriff Ryan Palmer will be replacing Sheriff Michael Chamberlain who had served the County since 1998. Another change is that Windsor County will have a new Deputy Treasurer, as Dianne Bumps will also be stepping down. Pepper Tepperman who is the County Clerk, and Bruce Page who is the Superintendent of our two buildings (the Courthouse, and the County Building) are remaining in their posts. They are *all* to be thanked for their past, and continued years of dedicated service to the constituents of Windsor County.

Other happenings include a slow, cautious re-opening of the Courts to the public for in-person hearings. The Judiciary is aware that Covid is still amongst us, and thus, as of the writing of this report, in-person hearings are still intermittent- some of them are in person, and others are either remote, using Webex, or a hybrid combination. The HVAC system at the Windsor County Courthouse is still in the process of being upgraded to insure the safety of litigants and staff.

The Windsor County Assistant Judges held the preliminary county budget meeting on December 14, 2022, and the final budget meeting was held January 18<sup>th</sup> 2023. The County Budget for fiscal year 2023-24 had to be increased a bit due to the enormous spike in heating oil prices. I'm sure that doesn't come as a surprise to anyone who heats their residence with oil and/or propane. We are all hopeful that by the time a new budget needs to be crafted for the next fiscal year, heating prices will recede a bit so future budget increases can be kept at a minimum. There has also been some work at the County Building to adjust the heating system there. Additionally, the phone system and the Internet services at the County Building have been upgraded, at a *lower* cost! Increases in spending in all other areas have been kept to a minimum.

Another noteworthy occurrence that will take place in 2023 is that this will be the last year that Windsor County Towns will be making payments for the Courthouse Renovation Bond; the renovation to upgrade the Courthouse and make it handicap accessible was completed 2014. The Courthouse, located in the Shire town of Woodstock, serves the needs of the constituents of Windsor County; it is a historic gem to be admired by all. Do drive by, or visit to see what your tax dollars have accomplished!





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## **Town Narrative - Sharon For July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022**

For almost 50 years, Windsor County Mentors has been creating and nurturing intensive community- and school-based mentoring partnerships, free of charge, to any Windsor County child between 5 and 18 who could benefit from a long-term, trusting relationship with an adult in their community.

Strong evidence shows that mentoring offers vulnerable youth opportunities to share experiences with reliable adults to widen their vision of themselves, helping them to become confident, contributing members of their community and increasing their social and mental wellbeing.

Youth with mentors have:

- Increased high school graduation rates, including higher college enrollment rates and higher educational aspirations
- Enhanced self-esteem and self-confidence
- Improved behavior, both at home and at school
- Stronger relationships with parents, teachers, and peers
- Decreased likelihood of initiating drug and alcohol use

In FY 2022, WCM served and supported school- and community-based mentorships with children from towns throughout Windsor County including two (2) in Sharon. Collectively, our mentors volunteered thousands of hours to their communities.

Our surveys demonstrate the positive effects of mentoring:

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

Finally, a recent study by the Washington State Institute for Public Policy found almost 30 dollars in benefits to children returned to the community for every dollar spent on mentoring!

WCM employs regional outreach coordinators around Windsor County, assuring that we are able to grant each town the attention it deserves. Financial support from Windsor County towns helps ensure the well-being of children and their families.

For more information on our mentorships, find us on Facebook, visit our website [www.wcmentors.org](http://www.wcmentors.org), or contact us at [ProgramsWC@outlook.com](mailto:ProgramsWC@outlook.com) 802-674-5101.

WCM thanks the voters of Sharon for their support for the children of Windsor County.  
Matthew Garcia  
Executive Director



## General Contact Phone Numbers

<b>EMERGENCY FIRE &amp; AMBULANCE .....</b>	<b>911</b>
<b>Need Assistance? Vermont 2-1-1 .....</b>	<b>211</b>
Ambulance & Fire (Hartford Dispatch Non-Emergency) .....	295-9425
Vermont State Police .....	234-9933
Fish & Wildlife Warden.....	234-9933
Windsor County Sheriff's Dept. ....	457-5211
<b>Sharon Fire Station.....</b>	<b>763-7331</b>
<b>Sharon Town Garage.....</b>	<b>763-7194</b>

**Sharon Town Office (Offices open to general public; check website for details) ..... 763-8268**  
**Regular Office hours 8AM – 3:30PM Mon-Thursdays; closed Fridays.**

Town Clerk .....	Ext. 1
Listers.....	Ext. 2
Treasurer (by appointment).....	Ext. 3
Selectboard Assistant .....	Ext. 4
Collector of Delinquent Taxes (by appointment) .....	Ext. 5
Planning Commission and DRB Clerk .....	Ext. 7
Finance Manager.....	Ext. 8

Baxter Memorial Library .....	763-2875
Animal Control Officer (Selectboard as default ACO) .....	763-8268
Health Officer, Alexandre Bird.....	763-5236
Fire Chief, Nathan Potter .....	802-299-6555
Forest Fire Warden, Dustin Potter .....	802-299-8715
Deputy Forest Fire Warden, Andrew Brackett .....	802-356-4328
The Sharon Academy.....	763-2500
Sharon Elementary School.....	763-7425
Sharon Post Office .....	763-7637
Superintendent of Schools, Jamie Kinnarney .....	763-8840

## Notice of Regularly Scheduled Meetings

Baxter Memorial Library-----	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursdays at 6:00PM
Sharon Conservation Commission-----	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday at 6:30PM
Sharon Energy Committee-----	4 <sup>th</sup> Monday at 5:30PM
Sharon Planning Commission/DRB -----	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 7:00PM
Sharon Recreation Committee-----	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday at 6:30PM
Sharon School Board -----	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays at 5:30PM; check S.E.S. website
Sharon Selectboard-----	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday at 6:30PM
Sharon Fire Department -----	last Tuesday at 7:00PM

**For up-to-date meeting information and agendas, visit <https://sharonvt.net>.**

**We are also on [Facebook](#) and regularly post to the Sharon Listserv.**