

TOWN OF JERICHO

# ANNUAL TOWN REPORT



FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING  
JUNE 30, 2022  
(July 1, 2021 ~ June 30, 2022)

Mt. Mansfield Lodge #26 will be serving breakfast before Town Meeting

There will be in-person Town Meeting this year, held at the Mount Mansfield Union High School at 9 a.m. (Polls open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.)

### Monthly Committee Meetings

Meetings are held at the Town Hall in the conference room unless specified.

#### SELECTBOARD

1<sup>ST</sup> & 3<sup>RD</sup> Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

#### PLANNING COMMISSION

1<sup>ST</sup> & 3<sup>RD</sup> Tuesday at 7 p.m.

#### DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

2<sup>ND</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup> Wednesday at 7 p.m.

#### AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE

2<sup>ND</sup> Tuesday at 7 p.m.

#### CONSERVATION COMMISSION

3<sup>RD</sup> Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the Jericho Town Library

#### MOBBS COMMITTEE

4<sup>TH</sup> Monday at 7 p.m.

#### JERICO ENERGY TASK FORCE

3<sup>RD</sup> Monday at 7 p.m.

#### JERICO TRAILS COMMITTEE

2<sup>ND</sup> Monday at 7 p.m.

#### JERICO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORP

4<sup>TH</sup> Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

#### DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION COMMITTEE

1<sup>ST</sup> Monday at 7 p.m.

## JERICOVT.ORG

Sign up on our website to receive information or participate in discussions on municipal happenings in Jericho.

### Community Meetings

#### MOUNT MANSFIELD UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

Please check the website [mmuusd.org](http://mmuusd.org) for dates

#### JERICO TOWN LIBRARY

2<sup>ND</sup> Monday at 5:30 p.m.

#### JERICO UNDERHILL LIBRARY DISTRICT

3<sup>RD</sup> Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Deborah Rawson Library

#### JERICO UNDERHILL PARK DISTRICT

1<sup>ST</sup> & 3<sup>RD</sup> Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the Deborah Rawson Library

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

TOWN MEETING DAY

1<sup>ST</sup> Tuesday in March

RENEW DOG LICENSE

Deadline is April 1<sup>st</sup>

PROPERTY TAX DUE DATES

September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023 & March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024

## In Memory of Robert “Bob” Penniman



Bob Penniman, a long time Jericho resident who was active in local government passed away at his retirement home in Florida at the end of November 2022. Bob was a person who cared about Jericho and served his community in many ways. He served on the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) starting in 1998 until 2009 serving as treasurer, vice chair and chair of the organization during his time on the Board.

He also served on the Jericho Planning Commission starting in 2000 until his election to the chair of the SelectBoard in 2002 where he served until his retirement in 2009. During his time as chair of the Board, he oversaw the renovation of the Town Hall as well as the Streetscape project in Jericho Corners to install the period streetlighting and additional sidewalk. There is a bench in front of Town Hall to memorialize this effort. The Town was fortunate to have him as a member of the community.

## A VOTER'S GUIDE TO DOING BUSINESS AT TOWN MEETING

by Dave Barrington, Moderator

Town Meeting is your chance to speak your mind about the issues relating to town business, so go ahead, speak up! (Only registered voters of the town of Jericho may speak or vote at town meeting, except by suspension of the rules, a special motion.) The Jericho moderator uses Robert's rules of order (as required by the State of Vermont), except where there is a Vermont law that specifies otherwise.

Ordinarily, you must be recognized by the moderator to speak. Always wait for a microphone and give your name for the minutes when you begin to speak, even if you have spoken before in the meeting.

It is a Jericho tradition for the moderator to read and ask you what you wish to do with the various warned articles in the town report. Help the moderator do the town's business by making a motion to accept (not reject) each of the articles. You can also be the one to second the motion. You must give your name when you do these things. Only motions that have been warned in the town report can, if approved, be binding for the voters and officers of the town; all other motions are taken as advice.

You can modify an existing motion ("I wish to amend article # to read...") or make a new motion ("I move that..."). If your sense is that all the points of view have been made on an issue and we are going over the same ground again, you can make a motion (not interrupt) to move to vote on the previous question (meaning the motion on the floor - often said as, "I call the question"). This motion to call the question requires a two-thirds majority to pass.

Though it is my first priority to give all the voters their say, it is also important to me to finish in time to allow the school meeting to begin at the warned time. My ground rules related to time: 1) you may not speak again on a motion until all others have had the opportunity; 2) you may speak a total of twice on a motion; and 3) please speak for a maximum of one minute each time.

My best tool for moving things along is to ask the voters for unanimous consent on a motion if it seems non-controversial to me. The way I do this is to say, "if there is no objection...". This is your invitation to object. It only takes one person, and I am happy to consider anything that any one person wants to. On the other hand, I can avoid a vote and the time it takes with this phrase.

The moderator will ask for a voice vote to begin with on all motions that require a simple majority. Once the ayes and nays have been voiced the moderator will say, "The ayes (or nays) appear to have it...", which is your invitation to disagree with the moderator's opinion by saying "Division". Division means that the voters proceed to a vote by count of hands; it takes only one person asking to require a vote by hands. Any seven voters can require a paper ballot, if it comes to that.

The job of the moderator is to make sure that all the voters who wish to speak are heard, and that order prevails in town meeting. I have considerable influence on the course of events by choice of procedure and the like. If you are unhappy with my procedure please either speak up in meeting (the voters have the privilege of voting on an appeal of the moderator's decision on procedure) or speak privately to me.

New, 2009: If it's on the Australian ballot (the one you fill out in the booth) you can talk about it in town meeting, except that you cannot speak for or against someone running for town office during town meeting.

•exceptions include appealing my procedure decisions, calling for a division (show of hands) or written ballot, asking for a point of information, or making a point of order

*It is this moderators conviction that we in Vermont are in the business of modeling how to the run a democracy for the rest of our country.*

# Policy for Collection of Delinquent Taxes

1. A notice of taxes due (including interest and penalties if applicable) will be sent to taxpayers who have not paid their taxes in a timely manner. A notice will be sent each month while the taxes are delinquent unless the Town Treasurer determines otherwise.
2. No payment arrangements will be accepted.
3. Interest will be charged at the rate of 1% per month (interest rate will increase to 1½% three months after final installment payment is due)-no fraction of a month will be considered-until the taxes are paid in full. Interest will be charged on the day following the due date of each installment and will be charged on that same date in the following months.
4. An 8% penalty will be applied the day after the final installment due date.
5. Notice will be sent to mortgage holders or lien holders 30 days after final payment is due. (Letter to include notice that the process to sell the property at a tax sale will begin within 30 days.)
6. It is the responsibility of the taxpayer to ensure that the Town has the proper address for mailing property tax bills, notices, etc.
7. Partial payments will be applied first to the interest portion of the amount due, and the remainder will be divided proportionally between the principal amount of the tax and the 8% penalty fee, if applicable.
8. All delinquent taxes will be turned over to the Town Attorney for purposes of tax sales within 60 days of the due date of the final installment.
9. The Town Attorney shall be instructed to send an initial letter to the delinquent taxpayer within 10 days of receiving the list. Such letter shall demand payment within 15 days of mailing letter to taxpayer. If payment in full is not received by the due date, Town Attorney shall begin the process to sell the property at a tax sale within 30 days. Such letter shall contain a notice that each taxpayer has a right to apply for abatement of property taxes based on grounds listed in 24 V.S.A. § 1535.
10. Costs of preparing and conducting the tax sale, including legal fees up to a maximum of 15% (or amount specified by current statute) of the amount of the delinquent tax, will be charged to the delinquent taxpayer.
11. A listing of delinquent taxes will be available in the Town's office for viewing by the public.
12. In the event no one purchases the property at tax sale, or, if in the judgement of the Town Treasurer, proceeding with the tax sale is unadvisable, the Town Treasurer shall collect the delinquent taxes (including interest, penalties and other costs) using any or all of the methods permitted by law.
13. This collection policy is to be published in the Town's Annual Report and is to be publicly displayed in the Town's offices.

# DIRECTORY

67 Vermont Route 15, PO Box 39  
Jericho, VT 05465

## Municipal Office

John Abbott, Town Administrator.....	(802) 899-9970 x 3
Paula Carrier, Assistant Town Administrator.....	(802) 899-9970 x 3
Amy Morse, Financial Coordinator.....	(802) 899-9970 x 5
Brian Stevens, Town Treasurer.....	(802) 899-9970 x 5
Jessica Alexander, Town Clerk.....	(802) 899-4936 x 1
Megan Davis, Assistant Town Clerk.....	(802) 899-4936 x 1
Chris Flinn, Zoning Administrator.....	(802) 899-2287 x 2
Linda Blasch, Town Planner.....	(802) 899-2287 x 6
Lynn Wagner, Summer Recreation Director.....	(802) 899-9970 x 7
Terri Sabens, Assessor.....	(802) 899-2640 x 4
Lori Dykema, Head Lister.....	(802) 899-2640 x 4
Adam Magee, Highway Foreman.....	(802) 899-3180
Felix Streeter, Highway	
Roger Miller, Highway	

## Police/Fire

Emergency	911
Non-Emergency State Police	(802) 878-7111
Mat Champlin, Fire Chief	(802) 899-4025
Underhill Jericho Fire Department	(802) 899-4025
Todd Fischer, Fire Warden	(802) 343-6428

## Schools

Jericho Elementary School	(802) 899-2272
Browns River Middle School	(802) 899-3711
Camels Hump Middle School	(802) 434-2188
Mt. Mansfield Union High School	(802) 899-4690

## Jericho Water Districts

Village of Jericho Water District	(802) 899-2938
Jericho Underhill Water District	(802) 899-3297
Jericho Fire District #1 Foothills	<a href="mailto:prudential_committee@jerichofoothills.org">prudential_committee@jerichofoothills.org</a>

## Libraries

Jericho Town Library	(802) 899-4686
Deborah Rawson Memorial Library	(802) 899-4962

# HOURS & CONTACT - *Office hours may change*

## Town Administrator's Office

John Abbott, Town Administrator  
Paula Carrier, Assistant Town Administrator

7:30 AM -4PM

[jabbott@jerichovt.gov](mailto:jabbott@jerichovt.gov)  
[pcarrier@jerichovt.gov](mailto:pcarrier@jerichovt.gov)

## Town Clerk's Office

Jessica Alexander, Town Clerk  
Megan Davis, Assistant Town Clerk  
Barb McVicar

8AM – 4PM Monday – Thursday

8AM – Noon Friday

[jerichovermont@yahoo.com](mailto:jerichovermont@yahoo.com)  
[mdavis@jerichovt.gov](mailto:mdavis@jerichovt.gov)

## Treasurer's Office

Brian Stevens, Treasurer  
Amy Morse, Financial Coordinator

7:45 AM – 2:45 PM Monday – Thursday

[treasurer@jerichovt.gov](mailto:treasurer@jerichovt.gov)  
[amorse@jerichovt.gov](mailto:amorse@jerichovt.gov)

## Lister's Office

Lori Dykema, Head Lister  
Terri Sabens, Assessor

9AM – 1PM Monday – Thursday

[listers@jerichovt.gov](mailto:listers@jerichovt.gov)  
[assessor@jerichovt.gov](mailto:assessor@jerichovt.gov)

## Planning Office

Linda Blasch, Town Planner

8AM – 4PM

[lblasch@jerichovt.gov](mailto:lblasch@jerichovt.gov)

## Zoning Office

Chris Flinn, Zoning Administrator

8AM-4PM Monday, Wednesday, & Thursday

[cflinn@jerichovt.gov](mailto:cflinn@jerichovt.gov)

## Highway Department

Adam Magee, Road Foreman

7AM – 3PM (Winter hours)

6AM – 4PM (Summer hours)

[jerichohighway@jerichovt.gov](mailto:jerichohighway@jerichovt.gov)

## Summer Recreation Department

Lynn Wagner, Summer Rec Director

[lwagner@jerichovt.gov](mailto:lwagner@jerichovt.gov)

### TOWN OFFICE OBSERVED HOLIDAYS

New Year's Day	Bennington Battle Day
Martin Luther King Jr.'s Day	Labor Day
President's Day	Indigenous Peoples Day
Memorial Day	Veterans Day
Juneteenth	Thanksgiving Day & Following Day
Independence Day	Christmas Day
Administrator's Choice	

**OFFICIAL BALLOT  
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION  
JERICO, VERMONT  
March 07, 2023**

**INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS**

- Use BLACK Pen to fill in the oval. **DO NOT USE PENCIL.**
- To vote for a person whose name is printed on the ballot, fill in the oval to the right of the name of that person.
- To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write his or her name in the blank space provided and fill in the oval to the right of the write-in line.
- Do not vote for more candidates than the "VOTE for NOT MORE THAN #" for an office.
- If you make a mistake, tear, or deface the ballot, return it to an election official and obtain another ballot. **DO NOT ERASE.**

<b>MODERATOR</b> Vote for not for one year more than ONE	<b>CEMETERY COMMISSIONER</b> Vote for not for three years more than ONE	<b>MT MANSFIELD UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS</b> Vote for not for three years more than TWO
DAVID BARRINGTON <input type="radio"/>	ROBERT GRANDCHAMP	
(Write-in)	(Write-in)	
<b>TOWN CLERK</b> Vote for not for one year more than ONE	<b>JERICO – UNDERHILL LIBRARY DISTRICT TRUSTEE</b> Vote for not for four years more than ONE	<b>EDYE GRANING</b> Vote for not for three years more than TWO
JESSICA R. ALEXANDER	IRENE BIHUN	STUART MORIGEAU
(Write-in)	(Write-in)	(Write-in)
<b>SELECT BOARD</b> Vote for not for three years more than ONE	<b>JERICO – UNDERHILL PARK DISTRICT TRUSTEE</b> Vote for not for three years more than ONE	
CATHERINE McMANS	BRUCE BLOKLAND	
(Write-in)	(Write-in)	

# OFFICIAL WARNING

## Town of Jericho

The legal voters of Jericho, Vermont are hereby notified and warned to meet on Tuesday, March 7, 2023, to vote on the following articles at the Mount Mansfield Unified Union High School in said town of Jericho at 9:00am to transact the following:

- ARTICLE I Shall the voters approve the proposed fiscal year ending 2024 budget of \$3,382,480, including spending unanticipated funds such as State and Federal grants and gifts?
- ARTICLE II Shall the voters appropriate \$520,672 of the total \$839,793 Underhill Jericho Fire Department budget, to the department, for the purpose of providing fire protection/suppression, emergency response services and certified first response services in the community 24 hours a day, 7 days a week during FY2024?
- ARTICLE III Shall the Town authorize the Selectboard to borrow money for the temporary needs of the Town?
- ARTICLE IV Shall the Town collect its taxes by its Treasurer in accordance with 32 VSA Section 4791?
- ARTICLE V Shall the Town collect its taxes in equal installments due in the Town Offices on September 15, 2023, and March 15, 2024, with postmarks acceptable?
- ARTICLE VI Shall the town exempt from property taxation the lands and premises known as the Jericho Center Preservation Association, which consists of 0.35 acres with the Community Center Building (BT329X), and 1.77 acres more or less (BT330X) recreational acreage in Jericho Center, for a period of 5 years?
- ARTICLE VII Shall the town exempt from property taxation the lands and premises known as the Jericho Historical Society, which consists of the Old Mill building and 7.5 acres, a residential duplex building, and the old bindery building (RM003X = 2 acres, RM004X=5.5 acres and RM007X=O) for a period of 5 years?
- ARTICLE VIII Shall the town exempt from property taxation the lands and premises known as the Mt. Mansfield Lodge #26, which consist of 0.33 acres (VT064X) and the Mt. Mansfield Lodge #26 building for a period of 5 years?
- ARTICLE IX Shall the town exempt from property taxation the lands and premises known as the Winooski Valley Park District, which consists of 11.48 acres (RM020X), used for park, for a period of 5 years?
- ARTICLE X We the citizens of Jericho propose the formation of Jericho as a vital Food Hub for the citizens of it's Town and environs. A Food Hub Commission will be established, with the goal of increasing food self-sufficiency via the production, manufacture and distribution of local food

ARTICLE XI To hear the reports of the Town Officers

ARTICLE XII Other Town business thought proper when met

Polls for voting by Australian ballot will be open on Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at the Mount Mansfield High School from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., at which time the polls will close, to vote on the following articles:

ARTICLE XIII To elect a Moderator for a one-year term.

ARTICLE XIV To elect a Town Clerk for a one-year term.

ARTICLE XV To elect a Selectboard member for a three-year term.

ARTICLE XVI To elect a Cemetery Commissioner for a three-year term.

ARTICLE XVII To elect a Jericho Underhill Library District Trustee for a four-year term.

ARTICLE XVIII To elect a Jericho Underhill Park District Trustee for a three-year term

ARTICLE XIX Mount Mansfield Unified Union School District Board of Directors for a three-year term. **(VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN TWO)**

JERICHO SELECTBOARD

Dated this 26 day of January, A.D., 2023

Catherine L. McMains  
Catherine McMains

Wayne Howe  
Wayne Howe

Erik Johnson  
Erik Johnson

Received for record this 30 day of January, A.D., 2023

Levin A. Meranda  
Town Clerk

# APPOINTED TOWN COMMITTEE MEMBERS—with term expiration dates

## AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE

Stacy Burnett	2023
Vacant	2023
Wayne Ellis	2024
Erik Glitman	2024
Friederike Keating	2024
Richard Hankins	2025
SarahJane Dube (Chair)	2025

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Ann Kroll Lerner	2023
Karina Dailey	2023
Laura Vallett	2024
Allaire Diamond	2024
Tom Baribault (Chair)	2024
Vacant	2025
Sabina Ernst	2025

## DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

Vacant (Alternate)	2023
Phyl Newbeck	2023
Joe Flynn (Alternate)	2023
Jeff York (Chair)	2024
Ben Barron	2024
Vacant	2025
Andrew Chardain	2025

## DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION COMMITTEE

Sonnet Lawson	2023
Soit Ole Musa	2023
SarahJane Dube	2024
Rev. Arnold Thomas	2024
Brian Walsh	2025
Maria Rinaldi	2025
Wendy Verei Berenback	2025

## JERICO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORP

Erik Johnson  
Susan Harritt  
Robert Mulcahy  
Don Foote  
Joel Bedard

## JERICO ENERGY TASK FORCE

Phyl Newbeck	Catherine McMains (Chair)
Larry Lamb	Adam Wechsler
Eric Bishop	Stuart Alexander
Roger Putzel	Red Sims

## JERICO TOWN LIBRARY (4 year terms)

Lindsey Halman	2023
Beth Davis Seniw (Chair)	2024
Susan McMillan	2025
Barbara Adams	2025
Linda Porter	2025
Jeff York	2026
Tom Dowd	2026

## JERICO TOWN TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Erik Johnson  
Joel Bedard

## JERICO TRAILS COMMITTEE

Kayla Donahue	2023
Adam Popkin	2023
Vacant	2024
Steven Schwartz (Chair)	2024
Vacant	2024
Vacant	2025
Niels Rinehart	2025
Jessica Dion	2025

## MOBBS COMMITTEE

Andy Dumas	2023
Pete Davis (Chair)	2023
George Bennum	2023
Jessica Dion	2024
Sam Gaulty	2024
Patrick Hayden	2024
Nancy Bolt	2024
Terry Hook	2025
Riley Glanz	2025
Chris Smith	2025

## PLANNING COMMISSION

Sabina Ernst	2023
Wendy Verrei Berenback	2023
Heidi Klein	2024
Chris Brown	2024
Erik Glitman	2024
Susan Bresee (Chair)	2025
Sarah MacLeod	2025

# ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS-*with term expiration dates*

## JERICHO CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Stuart Alexander	2023
Isabella Martin	2024
Bert Lindholm	2025

## JERICHO UNDERHILL LIBRARY DISTRICT TRUSTEES

Jen Greenwood (J)	2023
Barbara Yerrick (U)	2023
Nancy Karlson (J)	2024
Connell Gallagher (U)	2024
Bill McMains (J)	2024
Sharon Lockwood (J)	2024
Ellen Arrowsmith (U)	2025
Sven Lindholm (J) (Chair)	2026
Carolyn Green (U)	2026

## JERICHO UNDERHILL PARK DISTRICT TRUSTEES

Vacant (U)	2023
Chris Tardi (J)	2023
Donna Pratt (J)	2024
Bruce Blokland (J)	2024
James Massingham (U)	2024
Livy Strong (J) (Chair)	2025
Dave Williamson (U)	2025

## SELECTBOARD

Catherine McMains	2023
Erik Johnson	2024
Wayne Howe	2025

## TOWN CLERK

Jessica Alexander	2023
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## TOWN MODERATOR

David Barrington	2023
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## JUSTICES OF THE PEACE-2-year *term 2-1-23*

Peter Booth  
 Mary Jane Dickerson  
 Thomas Cheney  
 Tom Joslin  
 Megan Sullivan  
 Michele Tulis  
 Mike Weinberg  
 Cathy Paris  
 Carol Smith  
 Kathleen Bassett Cramer  
 Carly Schuckers  
 Michael Sweeney

## TOWN OFFICERS -APPOINTED

*(CCRPC 2-year terms expire 2024)*

CCRPC Representative	Catherine McMains
CCRPC Alternate	Wayne Howe
CCRPC PAC Representative	
CCRPC PAC Alternate	Wayne Howe
CCRPC TAC Representative	Wayne Howe
CCRPC TAC Alternate	
CCRPC CWAC Representative	Tom Joslin
CCRPC CWAC Alternate	

CSWD Representative	Leslie Nulty
CSWD Alternate	Tom Joslin
Delinquent Tax Collector	Amy Morse
Emergency Management	
Tree Warden	Don Tobi
Trustee of Public Funds	Selectboard
Winooski Valley Park Dist Rep-	Sonya Schuyler
Zoning Administrator (2025)	Chris Flinn

Town of Jericho

Proposed General Fund Budget FY2023/2024

		ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET CHANGE 2023 TO 2024	
		FY2021	FY2022	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	Incr / (Decr)	Incr / (Decr)
							\$ CHANGE	% CHANGE
<b>REVENUES - DETAIL</b>								
<b>PROPERTY TAXES</b>								
1	GENERAL TAX REVENUE	\$ 2,624,319	\$ 2,698,098	\$ 2,708,236	\$ 2,813,219	\$ 2,913,030	\$ 99,811	3.5479%
<b>TOTAL PROPERTY TAXES</b>		<b>\$ 2,624,319</b>	<b>\$ 2,698,098</b>	<b>\$ 2,708,236</b>	<b>\$ 2,813,219</b>	<b>\$ 2,913,030</b>	<b>\$ 99,811</b>	<b>3.5479%</b>
<b>PENALTIES AND INTEREST</b>								
2	INTEREST ON DELINQUENT TAXES	15,345	16,500	13,925	15,000	15,000	-	
3	PENALTIES ON DELINQUENT TAXES	18,933	19,000	23,257	18,000	18,000	-	
4	PRIOR YEAR DELINQUENT TAX	-	-	-	4,000	4,000	-	
<b>TOTAL PENALTIES AND INTEREST</b>		<b>\$ 34,279</b>	<b>\$ 35,500</b>	<b>\$ 37,182</b>	<b>\$ 37,000</b>	<b>\$ 37,000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	
<b>INTERGOVERNMENTAL</b>								
5	CURRENT USE	42,539	38,250	48,074	48,000	48,000	-	
6	PILOT STATE ANR/UVM PAYMENT	974	1,200	985	1,200	1,200	-	
7	STATE AID FOR ROADS	193,200	152,000	170,539	150,000	170,000	20,000	13.3%
8	CLASS 2 STRUCTURE GRANT	-	-	-	-	-	-	
9	CLASS 2 ROAD GRANT	-	-	-	-	-	-	
10	ACT 60 REVENUE	2,125	2,100	2,133	2,100	2,100	-	
11	ACT 68 REVENUE	19,468	18,000	20,863	19,000	19,000	-	
12	STATE GRAND LIST ASSISTANCE	18,063	17,800	18,130	17,800	17,800	-	
13	MUNICIPAL ROAD GRANT IN AID	-	10,000	16,698	-	24,000	24,000	
14	SPECIAL GRANTS	28,484	-	-	-	-	-	
<b>TOTAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL</b>		<b>\$ 304,854</b>	<b>\$ 239,350</b>	<b>\$ 277,422</b>	<b>\$ 238,100</b>	<b>\$ 282,100</b>	<b>\$ 44,000</b>	<b>18.5%</b>
<b>LICENSES AND FINES</b>								
15	PLANNING AND ZONING FEES	36,829	22,000	19,534	27,500	27,500	-	
16	LAW ENFORCEMENT FINES	28,327	35,000	52,018	35,000	35,000	-	
17	DOG LICENSES	1,244	1,800	2,103	1,300	1,700	400	30.8%
18	EXCESS WEIGHT PERMITS	1,325	1,250	1,315	1,250	1,250	-	
19	ALL OTHER LICENSES	765	550	582	550	550	-	
20	COPIER FEES	5,366	4,500	4,570	4,500	4,500	-	
21	RECORDING FEES	83,318	40,000	54,580	40,000	40,000	-	
22	MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS	-	250	110	150	150	-	
23	MARRIAGE LICENSES	1,540	1,200	1,451	1,200	1,200	-	
24	ALL OTHER FEES	3,415	2,500	2,975	2,000	2,000	-	
25	RESTORATION AND COMPUTERIZATION	64,937	20,000	20,789	15,000	18,000	3,000	20.0%
<b>TOTAL LICENSES AND FINES</b>		<b>\$ 227,066</b>	<b>\$ 129,050</b>	<b>\$ 160,027</b>	<b>\$ 128,450</b>	<b>\$ 131,850</b>	<b>\$ 3,400</b>	<b>2.6%</b>
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>								
26	INTEREST ON CHECKING	\$ 3,623	\$ 6,000	\$ 2,306	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ -	
27	SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL	-	-	1,430	-	-	-	
28	NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION GRANT	-	-	29,710	-	-	-	
29	SOLAR LEASE	12,000	18,000	-	12,000	12,000	-	
30	SALE OF EQUIPMENT	-	-	-	-	-	-	
31	COMCAST LEASE	-	-	-	-	-	-	
32	NOT CLASSIFIED	5,298	100	2,925	2,500	2,500	-	
<b>TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS</b>		<b>\$ 20,921</b>	<b>\$ 24,100</b>	<b>\$ 36,371</b>	<b>\$ 18,500</b>	<b>\$ 18,500</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>		<b>\$3,211,439</b>	<b>\$3,126,098</b>	<b>\$3,219,238</b>	<b>\$3,235,269</b>	<b>\$3,382,480</b>	<b>\$147,211</b>	<b>4.6%</b>

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	ACTUAL FY2021	BUDGET FY2022	ACTUAL FY2022	BUDGET FY2023	BUDGET FY2024	Incr / (Decr) \$ CHANGE	Incr / (Decr) % CHANGE
<b>EXPENDITURES - DETAIL</b>							
<b>TOWN TREASURER</b>							
100 SALARIES	\$ 44,531	\$ 46,894	\$ 53,113	\$ 49,093	\$ 62,662	\$ 13,569	27.6%
101 BENEFITS	37,457	40,587	38,638	38,470	43,593	5,123	13.3%
102 LEGAL EXPENSE	-	500	-	500	500	-	-
103 TRAVEL, MEETINGS & SUBSCRIPTIONS	223	500	198	500	500	-	-
104 ADVERTISEMENTS	-	100	-	100	100	-	-
105 OTHER PURCHASED SERVICES	-	250	109	250	250	-	-
<b>TOTAL TOWN TREASURER</b>	<b>\$ 82,210</b>	<b>\$ 88,831</b>	<b>\$ 92,058</b>	<b>\$ 88,913</b>	<b>\$ 107,605</b>	<b>\$ 18,692</b>	<b>21.0%</b>
<b>ADMINISTRATOR AND SELECTBOARD</b>							
106 SALARIES	\$ 151,792	\$ 153,369	\$ 134,902	\$ 155,362	\$ 167,557	\$ 12,195	7.8%
107 BENEFITS	62,996	69,045	53,211	55,750	49,209	(6,541)	-11.7%
108 OUTSIDE ANNUAL AUDIT	13,000	13,000	13,000	15,000	17,000	2,000	13.3%
109 LEGAL EXPENSE	19,410	24,000	11,645	24,000	12,000	(12,000)	-50.0%
110 COMPUTER SUPPORT/REPAIRS	29,940	22,000	55,006	24,000	35,000	11,000	45.8%
111 OFFICE EQUIPMENT/COMPUTERS	5,473	15,000	6,156	10,000	17,500	7,500	75.0%
112 POSTAGE	7,355	6,000	5,383	7,500	7,500	-	-
113 TRAVEL, MEETINGS & SUBSCRIPTIONS	1,752	5,000	6,019	2,000	2,000	-	-
114 TRAINING & EDUCATION	-	-	-	3,000	3,000	-	-
115 ADVERTISING	2,013	3,000	2,150	3,000	3,000	-	-
116 TOWN REPORT	3,919	4,000	4,229	4,500	6,000	1,500	33.3%
117 TELEPHONE	6,535	4,500	6,467	7,000	7,000	-	-
118 SUPPLIES/EXPENSES -INTERDEPART	14,919	12,000	10,663	15,000	15,000	-	-
119 PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANTS	6,699	15,000	21,027	5,000	5,000	-	-
120 CLEAN WATER INITIATIVE - GR	3,620	-	-	-	-	-	-
121 OTHER PURCHASED SERVICES	4,486	3,500	5,279	4,000	4,000	-	-
<b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>\$ 333,908</b>	<b>\$ 349,414</b>	<b>\$ 335,137</b>	<b>\$ 335,112</b>	<b>\$ 350,766</b>	<b>\$ 15,655</b>	<b>4.7%</b>
<b>TOWN CLERK</b>							
122 SALARIES	\$ 91,051	\$ 86,934	\$ 78,648	\$ 94,096	\$ 101,765	\$ 7,669	8.1%
123 BENEFITS	26,319	25,961	26,401	34,644	48,817	14,173	40.9%
124 BOARD FEES/ELECTIONS	11,174	4,000	3,372	8,600	4,000	(4,600)	-53.5%
125 LEGAL EXPENSE	-	150	-	150	150	-	-
126 BOOK RESTORATION/DIGITIZATION	48,830	42,000	14,837	15,000	15,000	-	-
127 TRAVEL, MEETINGS & SUBSCRIPTIONS	359	2,580	2,028	1,700	2,000	300	17.6%
128 OTHER PURCHASED SERVICES	-	100	-	-	-	-	-
129 LICENSE PAYMENTS TO STATE	9,050	6,050	1,740	6,050	6,050	-	-
<b>TOTAL TOWN CLERK</b>	<b>\$ 186,784</b>	<b>\$ 167,775</b>	<b>\$ 127,026</b>	<b>\$ 160,241</b>	<b>\$ 177,782</b>	<b>\$ 17,542</b>	<b>10.9%</b>
<b>LISTING</b>							
130 SALARIES	\$ 28,656	\$ 31,942	\$ 26,920	\$ 33,496	\$ 36,217	\$ 2,721	8.1%
131 BENEFITS	2,179	2,444	2,141	2,562	2,771	208	8.1%
132 TRAVEL, MEETINGS & SUBSCRIPTIONS	140	800	242	400	400	-	-
133 MAPPING	1,075	3,000	2,558	2,500	2,500	-	-
134 PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANT	1,807	1,800	-	1,950	1,950	-	-
135 REAPPRAISAL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL LISTING</b>	<b>\$ 33,857</b>	<b>\$ 39,986</b>	<b>\$ 31,861</b>	<b>\$ 40,909</b>	<b>\$ 43,838</b>	<b>\$ 2,929</b>	<b>7.2%</b>
<b>HEALTH OFFICE</b>							
136 HEALTH OFFICER	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ -	-
137 TRAVEL, MEETINGS & SUBSCRIPTIONS	-	150	-	150	150	-	-
138 DOG WARDEN	1,244	4,000	3,959	4,500	4,500	-	-
<b>TOTAL HEALTH OFFICE</b>	<b>\$ 3,244</b>	<b>\$ 6,150</b>	<b>\$ 5,959</b>	<b>\$ 7,150</b>	<b>\$ 7,150</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>PLANNING AND ZONING</b>							
139 SALARIES	\$ 107,869	\$ 103,532	\$ 123,131	\$ 111,007	\$ 113,490	\$ 2,483	2.2%

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140	BENEFITS	78,087	83,322	80,102	78,861	65,763	(13,098)	-16.6%
141	LEGAL EXPENSE	4,698	6,000	46,599	6,000	20,000	14,000	233.3%
142	TRAVEL, MEETING & SUBSCRIPTIONS	500	2,000	841	1,000	1,000	-	
143	ADVERTISEMENTS	1,337	4,000	1,837	4,000	4,000	-	
144	PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANTS	4,519	15,000	2,492	15,000	25,000	10,000	66.7%
145	OTHER PURCHASED SERVICES	77	100	6,644	100	100	-	
	<b>TOTAL PLANNING AND ZONING</b>	<b>\$ 197,087</b>	<b>\$ 213,954</b>	<b>\$ 261,646</b>	<b>\$ 215,968</b>	<b>\$ 229,353</b>	<b>\$ 13,384</b>	<b>6.2%</b>
	<b>HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES</b>							
146	SALARIES	\$ 286,310	\$ 290,236	\$ 303,811	\$ 312,443	\$ 363,782	\$ 51,338	16.4%
147	OVERTIME	22,987	47,248	27,955	50,863	50,000	(863)	-1.7%
	<b>SALARIES AND OVERTIME</b>	<b>\$ 309,297</b>	<b>\$ 337,484</b>	<b>\$ 331,766</b>	<b>\$ 363,306</b>	<b>\$ 413,782</b>	<b>\$ 50,476</b>	<b>13.9%</b>
148	BENEFITS	164,156	181,616	166,280	178,869	180,636	1,766	1.0%
149	OFFICE EQUIPMENT/MAINTENANCE	40	500	250	800	800	-	
150	TRAVEL, MEETING & SUBSCRIPTIONS	49	800	239	500	500	-	
151	TELEPHONE	5,598	4,200	5,436	5,800	5,800	-	
152	ELECTRICITY	5,816	3,500	4,328	6,000	6,000	-	
153	BUILDING HEAT	8,337	11,000	15,018	10,000	10,000	-	
154	BUILDING MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS	7,116	10,000	9,136	10,000	25,000	15,000	150.0%
155	EQUIPMENT PURCHASE/LEASE	-	-	61,169	-	-	-	
156	PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANT	-	-	-	15,000	15,000	-	
157	SMALL EQUIPMENT/SUPPLIES	24,144	15,000	15,679	15,000	18,000	3,000	20.0%
158	EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE & REPAIRS	88,094	75,000	77,465	85,000	90,000	5,000	5.9%
159	HIRED EQUIPMENT	29,862	25,000	35,952	25,000	31,000	6,000	24.0%
160	SUMMER ROADS GRAVEL/STONE	45,438	40,000	47,282	50,000	60,000	10,000	20.0%
161	WINTER SAND	59,960	60,000	59,988	60,000	64,000	4,000	6.7%
162	SALT	113,643	100,000	97,902	110,000	130,000	20,000	18.2%
163	SALT ALTERNATIVES	-	-	-	-	-	-	
164	ROAD IMPROVEMENT	322,263	295,000	274,963	295,000	295,000	-	
165	CILLEY HILL ROAD UPGRADE	-	-	103,182	-	-	-	
166	BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT	552	50,000	-	-	-	-	
167	BRIDGE 15 UPGRADE	-	-	43	-	-	-	
168	GAS, OIL AND DIESEL	47,501	65,000	76,963	65,000	68,000	3,000	4.6%
169	CULVERTS	1,362	10,000	9,492	15,000	15,000	-	
170	GUARDRAILS	-	8,000	-	8,000	8,000	-	
171	COLD & HOT PATCH	1,031	7,000	4,591	12,000	12,000	-	
172	CHLORIDE	28,232	35,000	17,164	30,000	30,000	-	
173	SIGNAGE & STRIPING	8,702	25,000	13,353	12,000	12,000	-	
174	TREE/BRUSH MAINTENANCE	13,085	20,000	43,681	25,000	30,000	5,000	20.0%
175	MUD SEASON GRAVEL	17,210	20,000	13,765	20,000	20,000	-	
176	OTHER PURCHASED SERVICES	9,505	12,000	11,242	12,000	12,000	-	
	<b>TOTAL HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES</b>	<b>\$ 1,310,993</b>	<b>\$ 1,411,100</b>	<b>\$ 1,496,329</b>	<b>\$ 1,429,276</b>	<b>\$ 1,552,517</b>	<b>\$ 123,242</b>	<b>8.6%</b>
	<b>SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM</b>							
177	SUMMER RECREATION FEES	\$ 65,342	\$ 115,000	\$ 119,208	\$ 115,000	\$ 125,000	\$ 10,000	8.7%
178	SALARIES	85,717	86,000	93,142	95,860	99,536	3,676	3.8%
179	BENEFITS	6,557	9,000	7,125	7,273	7,454	181	2.5%
180	SUPPLIES/EQUIPMENT	12,264	8,000	5,349	8,000	8,000	-	
181	TRAVEL	315	8,000	4,488	10,000	10,000	-	
182	PROGRAMS	-	2,500	1,850	2,500	3,000	500	20.0%
183	ADVERTISEMENTS	-	60	-	60	60	-	
184	FACILITY RENTAL	1,750	2,000	970	2,000	2,000	-	
185	FIELD TRIPS	-	25,000	15,392	25,000	25,000	-	
186	CIT PROGRAM	1,000	1,600	2,090	2,000	2,000	-	
187	OTHER PURCHASED SERVICES	-	5,400	39	2,500	2,500	-	
	<b>TOTAL SUMMER RECREATION EXPENSES</b>	<b>107,603</b>	<b>147,560</b>	<b>130,445</b>	<b>155,193</b>	<b>159,550</b>	<b>4,357</b>	<b>2.8%</b>
	<b>NET SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM</b>	<b>\$ 42,261</b>	<b>\$ 32,560</b>	<b>\$ 11,237</b>	<b>\$ 40,193</b>	<b>\$ 34,550</b>	<b>\$ (5,643)</b>	<b>-14.0%</b>

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<b>INSURANCES</b>							
188 UNEMPLOYMENT	\$ 1,486	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,808	\$ 2,800	\$ 2,000	\$ (800)	-28.6%
189 WORKERS COMPENSATION	22,561	21,000	26,426	25,000	26,000	1,000	4.0%
190 PROPERTY, CASUALTY & LIABILITY	20,143	30,000	23,795	34,000	34,000	-	
<b>TOTAL INSURANCES</b>	<b>\$ 44,190</b>	<b>\$ 53,000</b>	<b>\$ 53,029</b>	<b>\$ 61,800</b>	<b>\$ 62,000</b>	<b>\$ 200</b>	<b>0.3%</b>
<b>PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY</b>							
191 RESCUE SQUAD -ESSEX	\$ 15,600	\$ 15,600	\$ 15,600	\$ 46,858	\$ 77,310	\$ 30,452	65.0%
192 RESCUE SQUAD - RICHMOND	16,000	18,000	18,000	18,000	14,000	(4,000)	-22.2%
193 POLICE SERVICES	141,384	120,000	132,459	135,000	140,000	5,000	3.7%
<b>TOTAL POLICE AND SAFETY</b>	<b>\$ 172,984</b>	<b>\$ 153,600</b>	<b>\$ 166,059</b>	<b>\$ 199,858</b>	<b>\$ 231,310</b>	<b>\$ 31,452</b>	<b>15.7%</b>
<b>BUILDING AND PROPERTY MAINTENANCE</b>							
194 BUILDING-ELECTRICITY	\$ 7,612	\$ 8,000	\$ 7,772	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000	\$ -	
195 STREET LIGHTS	15,355	15,500	15,617	15,500	16,000	500	3.2%
196 BUILDING HEAT	2,029	2,800	2,404	2,500	2,800	300	12.0%
197 CASTLE AND LOWERY CEMETERIES	2,750	5,200	1,938	5,750	6,000	250	4.3%
198 JERICHO CENTER CEMETERY	3,994	6,200	3,030	6,875	7,100	225	3.3%
199 JERICHO GREENS	8,920	8,400	8,600	8,400	10,700	2,300	27.4%
200 MAINTENANCE/REPAIR - TOWN FACILITIES	23,639	31,500	18,784	31,500	31,500	-	
201 SIDEWALKS - MAINTENANCE	21,950	22,000	21,950	22,000	22,000	-	
202 SIDEWALKS - CONSTRUCTION PLANNING	-	-	8,829	-	-	-	
203 TREE WARDEN	-	1,000	810	5,000	5,000	-	
204 STORMWATER - PERMITS/MAINTENANCE	13,403	4,000	28,542	4,000	4,000	-	
<b>TOTAL BUILDING AND PROPERTY</b>	<b>\$ 99,652</b>	<b>\$ 104,600</b>	<b>\$ 118,276</b>	<b>\$ 109,525</b>	<b>\$ 113,100</b>	<b>\$ 3,575</b>	<b>3.3%</b>
<b>JERICHO CONSERVATION AND PUBLIC USE</b>							
205 SPECIAL PROJECTS	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 275	\$ -	-	\$ -	
206 JERICHO CONSV COMMISSION	-	1,700	2,332	1,000	3,000	2,000	200.0%
207 LAND IMPROVEMENTS	2,461	10,000	4,833	5,000	-	(5,000)	
208 MOBBS FARM - LAND IMPROVEMENTS	3,939	3,200	7,848	3,200	13,200	10,000	312.5%
209 TRAILS COMMITTEE	-	-	-	5,000	5,000	-	
210 POST CLOSURE LANDFILL COSTS	1,800	5,000	1,900	3,000	3,000	-	
<b>TOTAL CONSERVATION AND PUBLIC USE</b>	<b>\$ 8,200</b>	<b>\$ 20,900</b>	<b>\$ 17,188</b>	<b>\$ 17,200</b>	<b>\$ 24,200</b>	<b>\$ 7,000</b>	<b>40.7%</b>
<b>TOWN CENTER LIBRARY</b>							
211 SALARIES & BENEFITS	\$ 46,228	\$ 50,545	\$ 51,250	\$ 56,400	\$ 63,000	\$ 6,600	11.7%
212 GENERAL EXPENSES	24,000	24,300	24,300	25,200	26,000	800	
213 LIBRARY MAINTENANCE	5,922	-	-	-	-	-	
214 BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS	155	10,000	26,500	10,000	10,000	-	
<b>TOTAL TOWN LIBRARY</b>	<b>\$ 76,305</b>	<b>\$ 84,845</b>	<b>\$ 102,050</b>	<b>\$ 91,600</b>	<b>\$ 99,000</b>	<b>\$ 7,400</b>	<b>8.1%</b>
<b>APPROPRIATIONS</b>							
<b>MANDATED</b>							
215 CHITTENDEN COUNTY TAX	\$ 29,253	\$ 29,588	\$ 29,837	\$ 29,750	\$ 32,185	\$ 2,435	8.2%
216 CHITTENDEN RPC	7,339	7,396	7,396	7,604	7,758	154	2.0%
217 JERICHO-UNDERHILL PARK DISTRICT	31,587	31,587	31,587	34,272	37,699	3,427	10.0%
218 VERMONT LEAGUE OF CITIES AND TOWNS	7,321	7,321	7,321	7,552	7,832	280	3.7%
<b>TOTAL MANDATED</b>	<b>\$ 75,500</b>	<b>\$ 75,892</b>	<b>\$ 76,141</b>	<b>\$ 79,178</b>	<b>\$ 85,474</b>	<b>\$ 6,296</b>	<b>8.0%</b>
<b>NON-MANDATED</b>							
219 AGE WELL	\$ 3,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 1,000	25.0%
220 BROWNS RIVER LITTLE LEAGUE	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	-	
221 CHILD CARE RESOURCE	200	2,928	2,928	2,914	2,244	(670)	-23.0%
222 COMMITTEE ON TEMPORARY SHELTER	750	750	750	750	1,000	250	33.3%
223 CHITTENDEN UNIT ON SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS	9,431	9,390	9,390	7,558	8,000	442	5.8%
224 FARMERS MARKET	3,840	3,840	3,840	3,840	4,840	1,000	26.0%
225 FEEDING CHITTENDEN	700	700	700	1,000	1,200	200	20.0%

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226 GREEN MOUNTAIN TRANSIT SERVICE	15,597	15,597	15,597	15,597	16,221	624	4.0%
227 JERICO CENTER PRESERVATION	8,750	8,750	8,750	9,000	9,000	-	
228 JERICO FOODSHELF	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	-	
229 JERI-HILL XYZ SENIORS	1,750	1,750	1,750	1,750	1,750	-	
230 MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE	-	300	161	350	350	-	
231 MMCTV	6,270	2,270	2,270	2,900	2,900	-	
232 MMMUSD-TENNIS COURT FUND	-	1,000	-	-	-	-	
233 OUR COMMUNITY CARES CAMP	500	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	-	
234 STEPS TO END DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	3,700	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	-	
235 THE HOWARD CENTER	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	-	
236 UVM HOME AND HEALTH HOSPICE	18,081	18,081	18,081	20,000	22,000	2,000	10.0%
237 VERMONT CARES	500	500	500	500	500	-	
238 VT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING	150	150	150	150	150	-	
239 WINOOSKI VALLEY PARK DISTRICT	13,749	14,309	14,309	15,338	15,935	597	3.9%
<b>TOTAL NON-MANDATED</b>	<b>\$ 94,468</b>	<b>\$ 98,815</b>	<b>\$ 97,676</b>	<b>\$ 100,147</b>	<b>\$ 105,590</b>	<b>\$ 5,443</b>	<b>5.4%</b>
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<b>\$ 169,968</b>	<b>\$ 174,707</b>	<b>\$ 173,817</b>	<b>\$ 179,325</b>	<b>\$ 191,064</b>	<b>\$ 11,739</b>	<b>6.5%</b>
<b>NET CASH OUTLAY FOR EQUIPMENT</b>							
240 PURCHASE COST OF HEAVY EQUIPMENT	\$ 290,598	\$ -	\$ 178,475	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
241 LOAN PROCEEDS TO ACQUIRE EQUIPMENT	(214,733)	-	(178,475)	-	-	-	
<b>CASH OUTLAY FOR EQUIPMENT</b>	<b>\$ 75,865</b>	<b>\$ -</b>					
<b>NET CASH OUTLAY FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS</b>							
242 OIL STORAGE TANK REMOVAL AND INSTALLATION	-	-	\$ 37,675	-	-	\$ -	
243 STATE LOAN - HIGHWAY STORAGE TANK	-	-	(35,400)	-	-	-	
244 SIDEWALKS - CONSTRUCTION	370,893	325,000	-	600,000	-	(600,000)	
245 SIDEWALK GRANTS	(349,123)	(252,000)	-	(480,000)	-	480,000	
<b>CASH OUTLAY FOR IMPROVEMENTS</b>	<b>\$ 21,770</b>	<b>\$ 73,000</b>	<b>\$ 2,275</b>	<b>\$ 120,000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (120,000)</b>	
<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>							
246 INTEREST ON DEBT	\$ 26,213	\$ 15,896	\$ 27,075	\$ 16,000	\$ 16,924	\$ 924	5.8%
247 PRINCIPAL PAYMENTS	169,883	212,200	262,505	154,400	156,320	1,920	1.2%
<b>TOTAL DEBT SERVICE</b>	<b>\$ 196,096</b>	<b>\$ 228,096</b>	<b>\$ 289,580</b>	<b>\$ 170,400</b>	<b>\$ 173,244</b>	<b>\$ 2,844</b>	<b>1.7%</b>
<b>TRANSFERS FROM RESERVE FUNDS</b>							
248 ROAD IMPACT FEES	\$ 67,500	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ -	
249 RECREATIONAL IMPACT FEES	-	-	-	-	-	-	
250 HEAVY VEHICLES & EQUIPMENT FUND	-	12,220	12,220	-	-	-	
251 REAPPRAISAL FUND	-	-	-	-	-	-	
252 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT FUND	-	-	-	-	-	-	
253 RECORDS PRESERVATION FUND	-	22,000	22,000	-	-	-	
254 SIDEWALK AND PATHS FUND	-	-	-	-	-	-	
255 BUILDINGS AND PROPERTY FUND	-	-	-	-	-	-	
256 ROAD UPGRADE FUND	-	-	-	-	-	-	
257 STORMWATER MITIGATION FUND	-	-	-	-	-	-	
258 CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	-	-	-	-	-	-	
259 BUILDINGS AND PROPERTY FUND	-	-	-	-	-	-	
260 TOWN CENTER LIBRARY FUND	-	-	-	-	-	-	
<b>TOTAL RESERVE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$ 67,500</b>	<b>\$ 84,220</b>	<b>\$ 84,220</b>	<b>\$ 50,000</b>	<b>\$ 50,000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	
<b>TRANSFERS TO RESERVE FUNDS</b>							
261 HEAVY VEHICLES & EQUIPMENT FUND	-	\$ -	\$ -	-	-	\$ -	
262 REAPPRAISAL FUND	17,800	7,800	7,800	17,800	35,000	17,200	96.6%
263 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT FUND	100,000	-	-	-	-	-	
264 RECORDS PRESERVATION FUND	15,722	-	5,952	-	-	-	
265 SIDEWALK AND PATHS FUND	-	-	-	-	-	-	
266 BUILDINGS AND PROPERTY FUND	-	-	-	-	-	-	

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	ACTUAL FY2021	BUDGET FY2022	ACTUAL FY2022	BUDGET FY2023	BUDGET FY2024	Incr / (Decr) \$ CHANGE	Incr / (Decr) % CHANGE
267 ROAD UPGRADE FUND	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
268 STORMWATER MITIGATION FUND	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
269 CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
270 BUILDINGS AND PROPERTY FUND	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL TRANSFERS TO RESERVE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$ 133,522</b>	<b>\$ 7,800</b>	<b>\$ 13,752</b>	<b>\$ 17,800</b>	<b>\$ 35,000</b>	<b>\$ 17,200</b>	<b>96.6%</b>
<b>NET RESERVE FUND ACTIVITY</b>	<b>\$ 66,022</b>	<b>\$ (76,420)</b>	<b>\$ (70,468)</b>	<b>\$ (32,200)</b>	<b>\$ (15,000)</b>	<b>\$ 17,200</b>	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 3,121,397</b>	<b>\$ 3,126,098</b>	<b>\$ 3,213,059</b>	<b>\$ 3,235,269</b>	<b>\$ 3,382,480</b>	<b>\$ 147,211</b>	<b>4.6%</b>
<b>NET CHANGE IN GENERAL FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 90,042</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 6,179</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>		
<b>OTHER COLLECTIONS AND REMITTANCES:</b>							
<b>COLLECTIONS</b>							
UNDERHILL-JERICO FIRE DEPARTMENT	\$ 367,165	\$ 371,985	\$ 371,985	\$ 409,699	\$ 520,672	\$ 110,973	27.1%
DEBORAH RAWSON LIBRARY	167,851	167,649	167,649	172,207	180,799	8,592	5.0%
OLD RED MILL		18,560	18,432	18,560	19,058	498	2.7%
CONSERVATION FUND	33,737	33,737	34,138	33,737	35,292	1,555	4.6%
<b>TOTAL COLLECTIONS</b>	<b>\$ 568,753</b>	<b>\$ 591,931</b>	<b>\$ 592,204</b>	<b>\$ 634,203</b>	<b>\$ 755,821</b>	<b>\$ 121,618</b>	<b>19.2%</b>
<b>REMITTANCES</b>							
UNDERHILL-JERICO FIRE DEPARTMENT	\$ 367,165	\$ 371,985	\$ 371,985	\$ 409,699	\$ 520,672	\$ 110,973	27.1%
DEBORAH RAWSON LIBRARY	167,851	167,649	167,649	172,207	180,799	8,592	5.0%
OLD RED MILL		18,560	18,432	18,560	19,058	498	2.7%
CONSERVATION RESERVE FUND	33,737	33,737	34,138	33,737	35,292	1,555	4.6%
<b>TOTAL REMITTANCES</b>	<b>\$ 568,753</b>	<b>\$ 591,931</b>	<b>\$ 592,204</b>	<b>\$ 634,203</b>	<b>\$ 755,821</b>	<b>\$ 121,618</b>	<b>19.2%</b>
<b>NET COLLECTIONS AND REMITTANCES</b>	<b>\$ -</b>						
<b>BUDGET SUMMARY:</b>							
<b>GENERAL TAX ASSESSMENT</b>	<b>\$ 2,624,319</b>	<b>\$ 2,698,098</b>	<b>\$ 2,708,236</b>	<b>\$ 2,813,219</b>	<b>\$ 2,913,030</b>	<b>\$ 99,811</b>	<b>3.5%</b>
<b>OTHER REVENUE</b>							
PENALTIES AND INTEREST	\$ 34,279	\$ 35,500	\$ 37,182	\$ 37,000	\$ 37,000	\$ -	-
INTERGOVERNMENTAL	304,854	239,350	277,422	238,100	282,100	44,000	18.5%
LICENSES AND FINES	227,066	129,050	160,027	128,450	131,850	3,400	2.6%
MISCELLANEOUS	20,921	24,100	36,371	18,500	18,500	-	-
<b>TOTAL OTHER REVENUE</b>	<b>587,120</b>	<b>428,000</b>	<b>511,002</b>	<b>422,050</b>	<b>469,450</b>	<b>47,400</b>	<b>11.2%</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ 3,211,439</b>	<b>\$ 3,126,098</b>	<b>\$ 3,219,238</b>	<b>\$ 3,235,269</b>	<b>\$ 3,382,480</b>	<b>\$ 147,211</b>	<b>4.6%</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>							
TOWN TREASURER	\$ 82,210	\$ 88,831	\$ 92,058	\$ 88,913	\$ 107,605	\$ 18,692	21.0%
ADMINISTRATION	333,908	349,414	335,137	335,112	350,766	15,655	4.7%
TOWN CLERK	186,784	167,775	127,026	160,241	177,782	17,542	10.9%
LISTING	33,857	39,986	31,861	40,909	43,838	2,929	7.2%
HEALTH OFFICE	3,244	6,150	5,959	7,150	7,150	-	-
PLANNING & ZONING	197,087	213,954	261,646	215,968	229,353	13,384	6.2%
HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES	1,310,993	1,411,100	1,496,329	1,429,276	1,552,517	123,242	8.6%
SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM (NET OF FEES)	42,261	32,560	11,237	40,193	34,550	(5,643)	-14.0%
INSURANCES	44,190	53,000	53,029	61,800	62,000	200	0.3%
PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY	172,984	153,600	166,059	199,858	231,310	31,452	15.7%

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	<u>ACTUAL FY2021</u>	<u>BUDGET FY2022</u>	<u>ACTUAL FY2022</u>	<u>BUDGET FY2023</u>	<u>BUDGET FY2024</u>	<u>Incr / (Decr) \$ CHANGE</u>	<u>Incr / (Decr) % CHANGE</u>
BUILDING AND PROPERTY MAINTENANCE	99,652	104,600	118,276	109,525	113,100	3,575	3.3%
CONSERVATION AND PUBLIC USE	8,200	20,900	17,188	17,200	24,200	7,000	40.7%
TOWN CENTER LIBRARY	76,305	84,845	102,050	91,600	99,000	7,400	8.1%
APPROPRIATIONS	<u>169,968</u>	<u>174,707</u>	<u>173,817</u>	<u>179,325</u>	<u>191,064</u>	<u>11,739</u>	<u>6.5%</u>
<b>TOTAL OF EXPENSES</b>	<b>2,761,644</b>	<b>2,901,422</b>	<b>2,991,672</b>	<b>2,977,069</b>	<b>3,224,235</b>	<b>247,166</b>	<b>8.3%</b>
<b>NET CASH OUTLAY FOR EQUIPMENT</b>	<b>\$ 75,865</b>	<b>\$ -</b>					
<b>NET CASH OUTLAY FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS</b>	<b>\$ 21,770</b>	<b>\$ 73,000</b>	<b>\$ 2,275</b>	<b>\$ 120,000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (120,000)</b>	
<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>							
PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST PAYMENTS	\$ 196,096	\$ 228,096	\$ 289,580	\$ 170,400	\$ 173,244	\$ 2,844	1.7%
<b>SUMMARY OF RESERVE FUND ACTIVITY</b>							
TRANSFERS FROM RESERVES	\$ (67,500)	\$ (84,220)	\$ (84,220)	\$ (50,000)	\$ (50,000)	\$ -	
TRANSFERS TO RESERVES	<u>133,522</u>	<u>7,800</u>	<u>13,752</u>	<u>17,800</u>	<u>35,000</u>	<u>17,200</u>	<u>96.6%</u>
<b>NET RESERVE FUND ACTIVITY</b>	<u>66,022</u>	<u>(76,420)</u>	<u>(70,468)</u>	<u>(32,200)</u>	<u>(15,000)</u>	<u>17,200</u>	<u>-53.4%</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 3,121,397</b>	<b>\$ 3,126,098</b>	<b>\$ 3,213,059</b>	<b>\$ 3,235,269</b>	<b>\$ 3,382,480</b>	<b>\$ 147,211</b>	<b>4.6%</b>
<b>NET</b>	<b>\$ 90,042</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 6,179</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	
	<u>0</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	
<b>TRANSFER ACTIVITY:</b>							
TRANSFERS FROM RESERVE FUNDS	\$ 282,233	\$ 84,220	\$ 262,695	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ -	
TRANSFERS TO RESERVE FUNDS	<u>(133,522)</u>	<u>(7,800)</u>	<u>(13,752)</u>	<u>(17,800)</u>	<u>(35,000)</u>	<u>(17,200)</u>	
<b>Net Transfers</b>	<b>\$ 148,711</b>	<b>\$ 76,420</b>	<b>\$ 248,943</b>	<b>\$ 32,200</b>	<b>\$ 15,000</b>	<b>\$ (17,200)</b>	
<b>Net Need</b>					<b>\$ 2,913,030</b>		

**TOWN OF JERICO  
CAPITAL BUDGET 2023/24**

Project	Line	Budget FY23	Budget FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	Total Cost
<b>PROJECTS:</b>							
<b>BUILDINGS &amp; PROPERTY</b>							
Jericho Library Improvements	214	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 50,000
Highway Garage Improvements	200	31,500	31,500	10,000	10,000	10,000	93,000
Land Improvements	207	5,000	-	-	-	-	5,000
<b>HIGHWAYS</b>							
Asphalt Highway Improvement	164	-	-	340,000	340,000	340,000	1,020,000
Skunk Hollow Road Paving		295,000	295,000				590,000
<b>BRIDGES &amp; CULVERTS</b>							
Sub and Superstructure Concrete Repairs	166						
Beam Cleaning and Painting	166						
<b>HEAVY/EQUIPMENT/VEHICLES</b>							
Highway - Equipment/Vehicles	240	-	-	150,000	155,000	160,000	465,000
<b>SIDEWALKS</b>							
Riverside Sidewalk	244	600,000	-				600,000
Ethan Allen to MMU Path	244	-	-	50,000	600,000	600,000	1,250,000
<b>TOTAL PROJECT COSTS</b>		<u>\$ 941,500</u>	<u>\$ 336,500</u>	<u>\$ 560,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,115,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,120,000</u>	<u>\$ 4,073,000</u>
<b>SOURCES OF FUNDING:</b>							
Grants State/Federal/Other	245	\$ 480,000	\$ -	\$ -			
Paving Grants							
Reserve Funds		-					
Operating Funds	1	461,500	336,500	410,000	960,000	960,000	3,608,000
Road Impact Fees	256						
Loans	241		-	150,000	155,000	160,000	465,000
<b>TOTAL FUNDING</b>		<u>\$ 941,500</u>	<u>\$ 336,500</u>	<u>\$ 560,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,115,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,120,000</u>	<u>\$ 4,073,000</u>

**TOWN OF JERICHO RESERVE FUND  
ACCOUNT ACTIVITY**

		FY21 (Actual)				FY22 (Actual)				FY23 (Budgeted)				
	Actual Fund Bal 7/01/20	Transfer From General Fund	FY21 Withdrawals	Activity	Actual Fund Bal 6/30/21	Transfer From General Fund	FY22 Withdrawals	Activity	Actual Fund Bal 6/30/22	Transfer From General Fund	FY23 Withdrawals	Activity	Projected Fund Bal 6/30/23	Transfer From General Fund
<b>RESERVE ACCOUNTS</b>														
Sidewalks and Paths Fund	\$ 26,493			\$ 53	\$ 26,546			\$ 27	\$ 26,573				\$ 26,573	\$ -
Records Preservation Fund	153,332	15,722		291	169,345	5,952	(22,000)	162	153,459				153,459	-
Heavy Vehicles & Equipment Fund	44,037	-		89	44,126		(12,220)	44	31,950				31,950	-
Reappraisal Fund	101,679	17,800		206	119,685	7,800		111	127,596	17,800			145,396	35,000
Bridge Replacement Fund	60,182	100,000		121	160,303			100	160,403				160,403	-
Stormwater Mitigation Fund	20,497			41	20,538		-	21	20,559				20,559	-
Jericho Town Center Library Fund	22,186			13,532	35,718		(37,541)	39,318	37,495				37,495	-
Road Upgrade Fund	116,236			235	116,471			116	116,587				116,587	-
Buildings and Property Fund	26,907			63	26,970			27	26,997				26,997	-
Capital Projects Fund	27,111			54	27,165			27	27,192				27,192	-
Conservation Reserve Fund	47,631			33,835	81,466		(10,000)	34,232	105,698			33,737	139,435	
Old Red Mill Fund					-		(147,592)	226,200	78,608			18,560	97,168	
Unassigned General Fund Balance	740,800			90,042	830,842			6,173	837,015			-	837,015	
American Rescue Plan Act Funds						746,622			746,622			-	746,622	
<b>Total Reserve Accounts</b>	<b>\$ 1,387,091</b>	<b>\$ 133,522</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 138,562</b>	<b>\$ 1,659,175</b>	<b>\$ 760,374</b>	<b>\$ (229,353)</b>	<b>\$ 306,558</b>	<b>\$ 2,496,754</b>	<b>\$ 17,800</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 52,297</b>	<b>\$ 2,566,851</b>	<b>\$ 35,000</b>
<b>TOWN IMPACT FEES</b>														
Road Impact Fund	\$ 164,316		\$ (67,500)	\$ 67,866	\$ 164,682		\$ (50,000)	\$ 20,189	\$ 134,871		\$ (50,000)		\$ 84,871	
Recreational Impact Fund	20,593		-	4,095	24,688		-	1,225	25,913		-		25,913	
<b>Total Town Impact Fees</b>	<b>\$ 184,909</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (67,500)</b>	<b>\$ 71,961</b>	<b>\$ 189,370</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (50,000)</b>	<b>\$ 21,414</b>	<b>\$ 160,784</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (50,000)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 110,784</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>EXPENDABLE TRUSTS</b>														
Bentley Cemetery Fund	\$ 2,728			\$ 7	\$ 2,735			\$ 7	\$ 2,742				\$ 2,742	
Maude Brown Fund	3,977			10	3,987			10	3,997				3,997	
Stevens Fund	16,522			27	16,549			38	16,587				16,587	
<b>Total Expendable Trusts</b>	<b>\$ 23,227</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 44</b>	<b>\$ 23,271</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 55</b>	<b>\$ 23,326</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 23,326</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,595,227</b>	<b>\$ 133,522</b>	<b>\$ (67,500)</b>	<b>\$ 210,567</b>	<b>\$ 1,871,816</b>	<b>\$ 760,374</b>	<b>\$ (279,353)</b>	<b>\$ 328,027</b>	<b>\$ 2,680,864</b>	<b>\$ 17,800</b>	<b>\$ (50,000)</b>	<b>\$ 52,297</b>	<b>\$ 2,700,961</b>	<b>\$ 35,000</b>

## FINANCES

Thanks to attentive financial management and reporting by our Town Treasurer, Brian Stevens, and Financial Coordinator, Amy Morse, the TOJ received another clean audit report. According to the 2022 audit, the cost of the Town's programs was \$3,764,529 as compared to the cost of \$3,720,511 the previous year. The fiscal year 2021 finished with a surplus of \$90,042 leaving an unassigned Fund Balance of \$830,842.

## PROPOSED BUDGET

The proposed FY24 budget is \$3,382,480. On the revenue side, the amount raised by taxes is increasing by 4.6%. Major projects included in the budget are paving (line 164), construction of the sidewalk along Lee River from Sunny View to Route 15 (line 242), and preliminary work on the Route 15 Riverside sidewalk from Jericho Market to Park Street Extension (line 243).

## PERSONNEL/ADMINISTRATION

We are pleased to report that since we are no longer in pandemic operation, Town of Jericho staff are enthused to be back in Town Hall with the option to work remotely when needed. Select Board and other municipal meetings have largely returned to in person format. The Town continues to include residents via Zoom access and MMCTV, both providing live remote coverage of proceedings. This coverage is also recorded and archived, assuring that Jericho residents can participate regardless of personal health or mobility limitations. The installation of new cameras and microphones in the conference room, as well as recent upgrades to our modem & server, ensures all can be seen, heard and recorded accurately. The State of VT has provided municipalities the ability to conduct online (and/or hybrid) meetings until December 31, 2023—and will revisit remote options beyond this date.

Our new Town Administrator and Jericho resident, John Abbott, has now been on the job since September of 2021. In July of this year, long time Town Planner, Katherine Sonnicks, left to take a position as Director of Community Development with the newly independent, Town of Essex. Following Katherine's departure, we contracted the services of Jericho resident and town planning consultant, David White of Sterling Mtn. Associates. David's thirty years of experience as a municipal planner was a tremendous asset in supporting position advertisement, candidate recruitment and selection processes. After an extensive search and hiring effort, in early December we welcomed Jericho resident Linda Blasch as our next Town Planner. Most recently, Linda worked as a regional planner and project manager for Northwest Regional Planning in St. Albans. In this role she provided critical support to smaller communities undertaking infrastructure development and transportation projects. Among her many strengths, Linda brings a breadth of experience as a grant writer and manager. She also worked for several years with the State of Vermont Agencies of Transportation and has already provided suggestions for funding sources that will serve future road, paving, bridge and culvert improvements. Another valuable addition to our team in Town Hall has been Megan Davis.

Megan began in her role as Asst. Town Clerk over the summer. In addition to her artistic talents, we are fortunate recipients of maple candy produced by her husband's sugaring operation in Underhill.

#### Project Updates:

- Conservation of the Mobbs Farm property (to ensure that natural resources, habitat, trails, recreational and educational opportunities, forest land and view sheds continue to be enjoyed by future generations) is now complete.
- The foundation repair to the Old Red Mill had to be temporarily halted due to stability concerns surrounding the underlying bedrock. The Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) grant funding is currently on hold-- until further evaluation determines that the preferred alternative for foundation repair can proceed, without compromising the structural integrity of the bed surface or building. Work at river level will resume in Summer 2023.
- Work has begun to survey Jericho residents in an effort to prioritize American Rescue Plan Act funding. The Town of Jericho has received a total of \$ 1,493,000 with the final payment having been received in May 2022. In consideration of survey results, the Planning Commission has made priority recommendations to the Select Board. Public outreach and community meetings to assess priorities with community members will be taking place toward the middle of 2023.

#### HIGHWAY:

Paving and culvert lining work was completed this summer on Griswold Street. An extensive repair to Cilley Hill Rd. was also completed. Municipal Roads Grants-in-Aid funding of \$14,800 was secured in support of this project. Tree removal and trimming within the Town road right of way along Lee River Rd. was also completed.

#### SIDEWALKS & TRAILS

Easement agreements for the grant funded construction of a sidewalk along Lee River Rd between Sunnyview Dr and Rt 15 hit a temporary roadblock. The Town, the State Dept. of Transportation and VHB project manager are exploring relocation potential.

#### GRANT FUNDED PROJECTS:

In 2023 we will continue working with Chittenden County Regional Planning (CCRPC) project managers and selected consultants to advance the following initiatives:

- The design and implementation of the final section of sidewalk in the Riverside district of Jericho, along Rt. 15. This will connect where the sidewalk ends at the intersection of River Rd. to the existing sidewalk that ends on the W side of Rt. 15 at Park St.

- A wastewater infrastructure feasibility study that will determine the potential, scope and alternatives for community septic in each of our designated village centers: Jericho Center, Jericho Corners and Riverside.
- A scoping study to research the viability of a multi-modal (bike/pedestrian) path that would connect the Riverside area to Jericho Corners

**MILESTONES:**

The Select Board would like to officially extend a note of gratitude to Barry King, who stepped down from his role as Chair of the Development Review Board after 15 years of service. Barry was incredibly committed to the work of the DRB and was an expert facilitator—assuring that zoning rules and regulations were applied correctly and fairly. We’d also like to acknowledge our dynamic Summer Recreation Program Director, Lynn Wagner, for her 23 years of service in support of the kids and families of Jericho. Lynn is the longest standing employee of the Town of Jericho and Summer Recreation Camp is an annual highlight for the kids who attend--many of whom have gone on to become staff members. Finally, we’d like to acknowledge all of our staff members with more than 5 years of service:

Roger Miller	7/9/2001	21 years 4 months
Jessica Alexander	3/6/2001	21 years 9 months
Paula Carrier	5/24/2006	16 years 7 months
Lori Dykema	12/2/2009	13 years
Amy Morse	7/27/2009	13 years 5 months
Chris Flinn	5/25/2016	6 years 7 months
Lynn Wagner	6/25/1999	23 years 6 months

**IN MEMORIAM:**

We were saddened to learn of the passing of Honorary Chief of the Underhill Jericho Fire Department, David Tillotson. Dave joined the Underhill Jericho Fire Department in February of 1972. He proudly served the communities of Underhill and Jericho as a Firefighter, Lieutenant, Captain, Assistant Chief, and Chief. David received his final promotion to the rank of Honorary Chief in 2001. David also served the department as its moderator and treasurer. David obtained his life membership status in 1997 while serving as the Chief of the Department. David also served as the Fire Warden for the Town of Jericho for many years.

Catherine McMains, Chair  
Wayne Howe  
Erik Johnson

# AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE REPORT

The mission of Jericho's Affordable Housing Committee (AHC) is "to increase the availability of affordable housing in order to support a more diverse, vibrant and inclusive community by lowering economic, racial and social barriers to living in Jericho." We serve in an advisory capacity to the Town's regulatory bodies and commissions. 2022 AHC members include Stacy Burnett, Sarahjane (SJ) Dube, Wayne Ellis, Erik Glitman, Richard Hankins, and Friederike Keating

The AHC's largest deliverable this fiscal year, July 2021 – July 2022, has been the completion of a **Housing Needs Assessment** (using the Vermont Housing Data website, [housingdata.org](https://housingdata.org)). This assessment produced a summary report which is available on the town's website. The assessment notes that Jericho is home to 1,975 households – 97% are white (compared to 93% in Chittenden County) and 67% are headed by someone older than 45 (versus 60% county-wide). This older demographic is reflected in the shrinking size of Jericho households over the last three decades. In 2018 only 40% of Jericho households consisted of three or more people. This coincides with declining student enrollment reported by our school board.

Jericho ranks among the wealthiest municipalities in Chittenden County. In 2019, the median household income in Jericho was 140% of the county-wide median. The cost of owning a home in Jericho is among the highest in VT, making homeownership here a challenge for even a median income household in Chittenden County. Rental units in Jericho account for approximately 11% of all households in the town, below Chittenden county's 38%. Roughly 3,000 people work in Jericho, but only 16% also live here. Mt. Mansfield Unified Union School District is Jericho's largest employer. According to their 2021-2023 Agreement, a teacher's base salary is roughly \$43,000. The median home sale price in Jericho in 2021 was just under \$430,000, affordable to a household making at least \$124,397 (according to VHFA's mortgage calculator).

The AHC will continue analyzing these trends as newer data, beyond 2019, become available. However, we expect these disparities to have only increased in the last three years, as the pandemic has exacerbated the housing crisis. Reports like this one help to identify where and how the town can act to increase housing stock diversity and accessibility.

As an advisory committee, the primary focus of the AHC is **education and outreach**. The AHC has, and will continue, to create opportunities for learning and communication. We have sent delegates to state-wide housing conferences where they have made connections with others actively working on affordable housing across the state and brought information back to Jericho. We have invited guest speakers for public meetings to learn about what other towns are doing, how to utilize state and federal funding, spark ideas, and initiate partnerships. Finally, the AHC has worked to collaborate more closely with the Planning Commission in the 2021/22 fiscal period. This effort culminated in a package of **zoning amendments** that relaxed restrictions around Accessory Dwelling Units, incentivized Planned Unit Developments to build clustered and affordable units, and permitted multi-household dwellings (duplexes, etc.) in more areas of Jericho. We look forward to building on this work and to making housing a central part of the upcoming Town Plan rewrite.

Whether it be on Front Porch Forum, or in response to the Selectboard's ARPA survey, affordable housing continues to be a priority within the Jericho community. You, our neighbors, are a critical piece of the conversation. We encourage you to continue to share your concerns and ideas. In 2022-2023 the AHC is committed to doing more direct outreach to community members and stake holders. Please, feel welcome to reach out personally to any committee member (chair email, [SJDube@jerichovt.org](mailto:SJDube@jerichovt.org)) or join the conversation on the **2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm**.

The AHC is currently looking to fill a **vacant seat**. If you are interested in joining this important committee, please fill out an application on [www.jerichovt.org](http://www.jerichovt.org)!

# BROWNS RIVER LITTLE LEAGUE REPORT

Thank you to the Town of Jericho for its continued support of the Browns River Little League ("BRL") baseball program. The 2022 season was back to being closer to our pre-covid ways. We had 231 players, ages 4-12, participate in our regular spring season, with another large contingent of players participating in extra summer and fall short seasons. We also added softball to the league with 30 girls ages 8-12 participating in the inaugural softball season which turned out to be a huge success and the league looks forward to continuing to build up the softball program moving forward. The majority of BRL players reside in Jericho, with the rest coming from Underhill. Interest and enthusiasm in youth baseball remains high in both towns and the league continues to expand and offer quality instruction in a safe, enjoyable atmosphere to more and more kids each year.

The league continues to be dedicated to providing a healthy environment as we work to come out of the Covid pandemic. Continuing the equipment allocation as a result of covid that began in 2021, much of the funds received from the town last year went toward the purchase of new equipment for players - new helmets and catchers' gear specifically. This allowed most players to have their own equipment for the season, eliminating the need for sharing potentially unsanitary, contaminated gear.

Many visiting teams and their families remark at the quality of our fields, and that is due to the unwavering commitment of our board members, league volunteers, sponsors, and in large part, the town. BRL, unlike most other Little Leagues in Vermont, plays ball at the various school baseball fields. The league enjoys a great relationship with the school district. Yet this puts our league at a disadvantage. While other leagues play in public parks funded by taxpayers and corporate sponsors (purchasing advertisements on sports fields via banners, etc), BRL plays on school grounds with no corporate sponsors or tax funds earmarked for public fields. Thus, BRL has to rely on player registration fees, corporate donations, and finally, discretionary money from the town to cover everything from player uniforms to equipment to field maintenance. Field maintenance, in particular, is very expensive, and town funding goes a long way in assisting with that. We have beautiful baseball fields as a result, but they need maintenance every year.

Per capita, Jericho continues to have one of the largest player participation in little league in the region. BRL will never turn a child down due to financial hardship - we provide free registration annually and provide equipment to those in need. This is also one of the benefits of the aid given by the town.

The league would again like to thank the town for their continued support of the Browns River Little League baseball program. If you have any questions or comments please contact Casey Knudsen, BRL President, at [caseyknudsen@gmail.com](mailto:caseyknudsen@gmail.com), or email our league in general at [brownsriverll@gmail.com](mailto:brownsriverll@gmail.com).

-Browns River Little League Board of Directors

# CHITTENDEN SOLID WASTE DISTRICT REPORT

## Fiscal Year 2022 Summary

Thanks to conservative budgeting and significant belt-tightening, the Chittenden Solid Waste District remained on strong financial footing in Fiscal Year 2022 (July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022). The District's FY22 total operating expenses were \$12,336,755 and operating revenues were \$16,569,666 for a net surplus of \$4,232,911. This surplus was applied to CSWD's reserves following the Board-approved prioritization schedule (see "Budget Memo" under FY2023 Budget on the Financial Information page of *cswd.net*.)

The residents, businesses, and institutions of our 18 member towns and cities generated an estimated 305,389 tons of materials to be managed in calendar year 2021, compared with 270,207 tons in 2020, with the increase likely due to increased construction and overall economic activity. Chittenden County continues to be among the national leaders in landfill diversion, with an estimated 66.7% of those materials recovered in 2021 via composting (food scraps, leaves, and yard trimmings), anaerobic digestion, and recycling of Blue-Bin materials, Special Recycling, and Construction and Demolition materials. (The 2021 Diversion Report will be posted in October 2022.)

This foundation enabled CSWD to focus on strengthening our infrastructure and our commitments to our members, staff, and our mission: *To reduce and manage the solid waste generated within Chittenden County in an environmentally sound, efficient, effective, and economical manner.*

### **STRENGTHENING CSWD'S INFRASTRUCTURE**

#### **Preparing for a New Materials Recovery Facility**

In March 2022, the CSWD Board of Commissioners voted unanimously in favor of CSWD submitting a bond request to the voters of Chittenden County in the November 2022 General Election enabling CSWD to borrow \$22 million to build a new Materials Recovery Facility.

#### **Organics Diversion Facility: Phase 1 work completed, foodware ban implemented**

The first phase of a three-part expansion of CSWD's Organics Diversion Facility (or ODF – where Green Mountain Compost is made) was completed in FY22. This phase included implementation of a windrow turner that replaced four pieces of heavy equipment and reduced windrow-turning time from two weeks to three hours. The completion of a new curing and sales area enabled staff to remove all sales traffic to a separate gate, decreasing congestion and increasing safety for all facility users.

Due to increased contamination from non-compostable materials, the ODF began accepting only food scraps, paper towels and napkins, and newspaper, paper bags, and certified compostable bags used for lining food scrap collection containers as of January 1, 2022. CSWD provided just shy of a year of notice to vendors, commercial and institutional consumers of compostable products, food scrap haulers, and the public. A blog post on the drivers for this decision is on the CSWD website.

#### **New Administration Building approved**

COVID-19 demonstrated the necessity of healthy and safe working facilities and the shortcomings of CSWD's Administration offices at 1021 Redmond Road in this regard. CSWD's Board of Commissioners approved planning for new offices to be pursued into FY23.

Other operational changes included the end of CSWD operation of the Drop-Off Center in Richmond after almost 30 years. CSWD submitted a bid for continued operation of the facility, but the Richmond Select Board voted to award the contract to Casella Waste Systems when CSWD's lease expired on December 31, 2021. Though it was not the outcome we desired, the removal of this facility reduced CSWD operating expenses, enabled us to deploy experienced staff to other sites, and provided an opportunity for CSWD to re-evaluate our community's needs.

## **STRENGTHENING OUR COMMITMENT TO OUR COMMUNITY AND EMPLOYEES**

CSWD was not immune to the labor shortages experienced across Vermont, and the Board of Commissioners convened an Ad Hoc Committee to review employee compensation and benefits, ensuring the District is competitive in the labor marketplace and the compensation structure is clear and fair.

The Board adopted a Declaration of Inclusion at their May meeting, with staff forming a Justice, Equity, Diversion, and Inclusion (JEDI) Committee devoted to ensuring and exploring opportunities for implementation of the Declaration's principles.

The CSWD Board passed resolutions recognizing retiring employees Nancy Plunkett (30 years) who implemented mandatory recycling in Chittenden County in 1993 and expanded CSWD's education and research programs, and Lee Tuure (29 years), who transformed "town dump" locations into CSWD's beloved Drop-Off Centers. The Board also recognized the volunteer service of Commissioners Abby Foulk (Shelburne-nine years) and Doug Taff (Hinesburg-12 years).

CSWD staff reported on the 2021 (biannual) Household Solid Waste Survey Report, with key findings including that 93% of respondents reported a favorable impression of CSWD, and strong support for bonding for a new MRF. The survey also revealed opportunities for CSWD to provide more communication on appropriate materials management, particularly to new residents. Staff began the process for amending the CSWD Solid Waste Management Ordinance, which will wrap up in FY23.

Overall, FY22 proved an extremely busy year as CSWD staff and Board of Commissioners rebooted projects stalled by the pandemic and looked ahead to opportunities to build on the District's 35 years of public service to Chittenden County.

Paul Ruess

Chair, Board of Commissioners

Sarah Reeves

Executive Director

# CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

Jericho's Conservation Commission members have made community resilience in the face of climate change the major focus of the established mission. Residents have experienced the negative impacts of environmental imbalance with an uptick in tick-borne diseases, conflicts between wildlife and pets, and a never ending battle with invasive plant and insect pests, such as Emerald Ash borer. All of us are pondering the dilemma of balancing habitat loss with the lack of affordable housing across the region. We have a collective responsibility to think about how our daily choices and activities impact the environment. How do you source your food? Do you maintain more lawn than you actually use (or need?) Are you able to get outside and avail yourself of the many recreational opportunities here in town? The Conservation Commission is committed to ongoing cooperative efforts with all other Town committees and staff to develop dynamic conservation policies and better serve the community. Each of us should support policies which strengthen Jericho's, Vermont's and the country's commitment to mitigate the impacts of climate change and make our lands more resilient to its effects. Protecting our natural areas on public and private land by keeping ecosystems intact and functional will be more important than ever in keeping Jericho a healthy place for us all to live.

The yearly budget is often supplemented via grant awards (both private and public). Continuing engagement with local schools and landowners, professional consultants, and neighboring towns' conservation commissions is essential in carrying on our mission.

## 2022 Community Initiatives:

- Collaborated with the Mobbs Committee to use \$10,000 of the Jericho Conservation Reserve Fund to supplement the cost of the permanent Conservation Easement which was finalized this year.
- Participated in the Association of Vermont Conservation Commissions Annual Summit in October
- Assisted the Planning Commission and Zoning Office in implementing the objectives of the Natural Resource Overlay District
- Began planning for a replacement tree nursery adjacent to Town Garage with trees donated by the 350 Vermont organization
- Initiated landscaping improvements at Town Hall with the planting of four new Serviceberry trees
- Maintained a Pollinator Garden as well as monitored health of established trees at Jericho Center Green with timely watering, weeding, mulching and pruning, responsibilities associated with prior grants from the Native Plant Trust and VT Urban and Community Forestry Program, respectively

## 2022 Public Education:

- Presented a Pollinator Plant Workshop by Jane Sorenson of Riverberry Farm at the Jericho Community Center on April 19th
- Sponsored "Bat Night" in May at the Jericho Center Green
- Posted current information and resources on our web page regarding Invasive Plant ID, Forest Management, Ecological Services of working lands, Habitat Gardens, etc.

## 2023 Ongoing Projects:

- Contract with Arrowwood Environmental Consultants to update Forest Block resource inventory pursuant of VT Act 171
- Assist the Planning Commission in drafting an updated Natural Resources section of the 2024 Jericho Town Plan
- Encourage deeper connections between members of the community and the natural systems within the town with more public education programs
- Coordinate a town-wide Ash Tree Inventory with our Tree Warden Don Tobi (Consider volunteering for this effort in your neighborhood!)

- Collaboration with Bee The Change to install a Pollinator Plant Garden at Jericho Elementary School
- Pursue additional outside funding appropriate for the scope of environmental projects intended for the benefit of Jericho citizens
- Enlist volunteers to assist in local invasive plant removal efforts, GreenUp activities and restoration projects in natural areas in Jericho
- Serve as a nexus of information on pollinator garden and meadow establishment for landowners in conjunction with regional organizations such as Native Plant Trust (formerly the New England Wildflower Society), the Xerxes Society, and the Vermont Entomological Society

We encourage you to find the latest information regarding our work for the town at the Join In Jericho link to the Conservation Commission (<https://jerichovt.org/conservation-commission>). Meeting times/formats, meeting minutes and monthly agendas are posted as well. Visit our website page here:



Please consider volunteering for this town committee, as there are currently 3 open positions. Monthly meetings (7 PM every 3rd Wednesday) are always open to the public by remote link at Join In Jericho. Current appointed members are: Ann Kroll Lerner, Laura Vallett, Karina Dailey, Allaire Diamond, Sabina Ernst, and Tom Baribault (chair). Feel free to contact any of us with your questions or comments.  
**Stay Well Everyone and Get Outside - *Nature is the Solution!***

## DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD REPORT

The purpose of the Development Review Board (DRB) is to review land development submissions to see that they conform to the Jericho LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS. These regulations are developed by the Planning Commission and Town Planner and adopted by the Selectboard or by referendum. Specific types of land use proposals require review by the DRB.

The DRB is a group of volunteers appointed by the Selectboard and assisted by town staff. The DRB normally meets on the second and fourth Wednesday if there are applications to review. Public comment is always welcome on any application reviewed before or at the meeting.

As chair, I would like to thank outgoing chair Barry King for his years of service to Jericho as chair of this board. I'd also like to thank the volunteer board members: Ben Barron, Andrew Chardain, Phyl Newbeck and Joe Flynn for their time and commitment.

## JERICO CASTLE/LOWREY CEMETERY REPORT

### CASTLE CEMETERY

Major work in the cemetery consisted of lawn mowing. Late in year there are two monuments and part of the fence line in need of repair. These items will be addressed next year.

### LOWREY CEMETERY

The Commission continued to maintain this cemetery. No record exists of the family or individuals buried. Verbal accounts have stated that approximately thirty or more burials were in existence many years ago. At some time, the monuments were smashed and broken. Now only pieces of the original markers are in place.

The Commission looks to install a new name marker and an access stairway up the hillside from Raceway Road into the cemetery. This work will progress next year.

The Cemetery Commission looks to provide interest, support, and participation in maintaining Town of Jericho Cemeteries that contain original Jericho settlers and founders. Your suggestions or comments

Bert Lindholm

Stuart Alexander

Isabella Martin

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## JERICO CENTER CEMETERY REPORT

Burials: The cemetery this year had two cremation burials and one vault burial. With the virus slowing down activity has returned to a more normal activity.

Roadway Improvement: Roadway repair was delayed for three years. 1bis is a pea stone layer addition on the back section turn around and the back roadway. This prevents roadway water collection to prevent water puddles. This work makes the roadway presentable for all visitors.

Lawn Mowing: This is the major annual cemetery expense. A contract coordinated between cemetery and Town was continued this year. The contractor provided satisfactory summer mowing. We look for him to continue next year.

Extra work: A contract with Cedric Davis cleared brush and overgrown trees in the rear area and along the ditch in other areas of the cemetery. Volunteers trimmed and cleared a number of the bushes and garden areas.

Monuments: Three monuments were removed and repaired in the hillside section. These fall and break. No family members are available, so rather than lose the family identity we provide repair service as funds allow.

As volunteer time, and donations permit, the Association continues to provide cemetery improvements.

Many, many THANKS go out to everyone for their continued interest, support and participation in the cemetery. Please let us know of your suggestions or comments.

Bert Lindholm  
Jason Stockwell

Stuart Alexander  
Isabella Martin

Mary Jane Dickerson  
Terry Hook

Wayne Ellis  
Martha Prince

Jim Adams

# JERICO CENTER PRESERVATION REPORT

The Community Center in Jericho is owned by the Jericho Center Preservation Association (JCPA) and since 1993 has provided Jericho and its neighboring towns with a historic setting in which residents gather, learn, play and are entertained. It enhances the sense of community among the people who live here -- that feeling of belonging to, caring about and enjoying our wonderful community.

Since our purchase from the Town School District of Jericho, this 1847 building has undergone several major renovation projects. Thanks to the generosity of the Town, the VT Department of Housing and Community Development, the Preservation Trust of VT, and numerous businesses and residents, in the past several years we have been able to restore the building foundation, correct drainage issues, insulate the cellars, replace attic insulation, increase building accessibility, replace the front stairs, repaint the auditorium ceiling, and most recently, restore the historic windows.

The Community Center is a vibrant part of the village; This past year activities through August included over 2200 participant visits. The Center is open and available to rent for meetings, private parties, classes, and other events for a nominal fee. Chairs and tables for use elsewhere are also available. For further information or to schedule use of the Community Center, you may contact our Building Manager, Jen Greenwood (ccjvermont@gmail.com or 802-274-4024).

If you are interested in joining a dedicated group of Jericho residents and being involved with the enjoyable and rewarding Community Center Operating Committee, please email us at ccjvermont@gmail.com. You may see further information about the Center on our website: <https://www.ccjvermont.com>.

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# JERICO ENERGY TASK FORCE REPORT

Current members of the Jericho Energy Task Force are Catherine McMains, chair, Phyl Newbeck, secretary, Reed Sims, Larry Lamb, Roger Putzel, Eric Bishop, Noah Burke and Adam Wechsler. The JETF meets the third Monday of the month at 7pm currently on Zoom.

Covid spikes and concerns continued to limit our activities, especially indoor winter events in fiscal year 2022. However, members attended an assortment of webinars on climate and energy as well as the Chittenden County Energy Committee Roundtable events on Zoom.

Plans were made for an outdoor E-bike event at Harvest Market. In the end, Local Motion did not have enough bikes for a large event and opted to not have a small one. Planning then started even earlier for an E-bike event in coordination with the Underhill Energy committee for an active transportation demonstration with Local Motion in September of 2022 (FY 23).

Discussions were also held with the Underhill Committee to do more events together. They had placed an order for a blower door to be able to do preliminary audits for weatherization to show people how much energy they were losing and could benefit by a full audit. The spring of 2022 also saw combined interest in having events at the Farmers' Market to demonstrate electric lawn equipment and tools.

We continued discussions for a presentation by Drive Electric, not only about EVs, but also about charging stations including long distance trip planning as well as the mechanisms to add additional local stations.

The JETF's scope of interest includes programs to save energy, weatherization, electric vehicles and other equipment, as well as climate issues since those issues are intertwined. These and other topics like local agriculture are an important part of Jericho's goals for sustainability.

The JETF is actively seeking new members and encouraging anyone interested in energy or climate to join.

# JERICO FARMERS MARKET REPORT

The Jericho Farmers Market has three primary goals; to provide a local sales outlet for small businesses, provide access to fresh, local products for all community members, and to facilitate a festive, family-friendly community gathering place.

Our mission to create a local sales outlet and help small businesses grow was very successful this year. The aggregate sales of our vendors showed a 5.5% growth rate in sales over last year. This type of growth is vital in allowing small businesses and local entrepreneurs to thrive. In addition to growth of already existing businesses, the JFM works to welcome and support brand new businesses in the community. Over 45% of our vendors in the 2022 Season were new to the market this year! Due to community support we are able to keep our vendor fees low, enabling local entrepreneurs to find an accessible sales outlet and build their businesses right here in the community.

Another goal of the Farmers Market is to facilitate access to fresh local food for all community members. As part of this mission, we administer several programs for food insecure community members. These programs allow for the use of federal 3SquaresVT benefits at the market, as well as several grants to double buying power at the market. In 2022, these programs funneled over \$4,000 in federal money into our local economy. According to a recent study, “for every dollar of sales, direct marketers [generate] twice as much economic activity within the region, as compared to producers who are not involved in direct marketing.”<sup>1</sup> As well as supporting food access, these programs have a powerful ripple effect through the local economy.

The JFM's third goal is to create a community location for friends and neighbors to gather, meet one another, and enjoy the summer. We welcome families to our market with kids programming including the Power of Produce (POP) Program. This programming for kids ages six through twelve is based on the simple but powerful concept of choice and exploration as learning tools. Each week, participating children complete an activity and are then given coupons to purchase fresh fruits & vegetables of their choice from our vendors. We also run the Music at the Market program, bringing local musicians to the market to play each week. This program both supports small local musicians and creates a festive backdrop for picnicking, visiting, and shopping.

Like so many community organizations, the Jericho Farmers Market relies upon a group of dedicated volunteers to help keep our market running. A massive thank you to the volunteers who staff our office, run programming, help with setup and breakdown, and so much more! If you are interested in our mission and want to find out more about volunteering with us, please contact the Market Manager, Elizabeth King at [jerichofarmersmarket@gmail.com](mailto:jerichofarmersmarket@gmail.com).

We look forward to seeing you on May 25 from 3-6:30pm, at Mills Riverside Park, for the first market of the 2023 Season!

Submitted by: Elizabeth King, Jericho Farmers' Market Manager

<sup>1</sup>Feenstra GW, Lewis CC, Hinrichs CC, Gillespie Jr GW & Hilchey D. (2003). Entrepreneurial Outcomes and Enterprise Size in US Retail Farmers Markets. *American Journal of Alternative Agriculture* 18, 46-55.

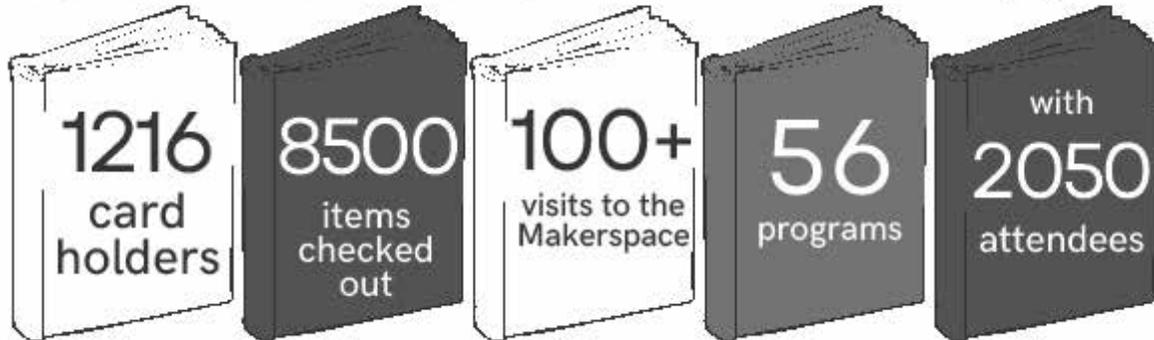
# Jericho Town Library

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Open: 10-7 Tuesday, 10-4 Wednesday to Friday, 10-2 Saturday



## 2022 BY THE NUMBERS

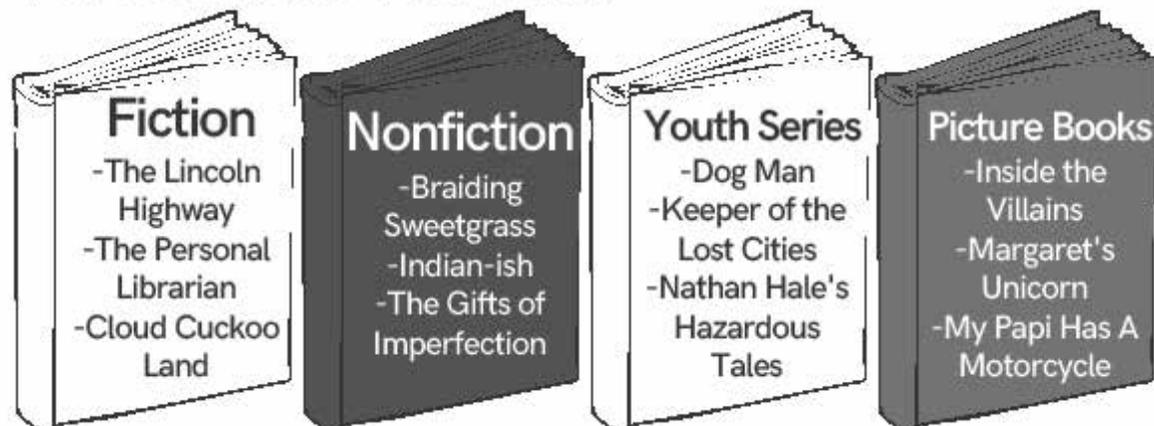


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## TOP BOOKS OF THE YEAR



# JERICO TRAILS COMMITTEE REPORT

The year 2022 proved to be a challenging year for the Jericho Trails Committee. Keeping the focus on trails activity and working to move forward with connectivity, we continue to work through the Jericho Town Forest as a primary connector from Packard Road to Ross Lane / Griswold, Starbird Drive and other surrounding neighborhoods. Adding our Kiosk to the Easement from Starbird Lane will allow us to post a pending trail map of the Forest, with indicators of direction to other areas of Jericho using the Forest. As well, once getting to Packard and following to Route 15, possible connection to the also pending Commercial District (in paper development phase). Once this would be completed in the future, it could allow for people to get from the Lee River Road area to the Riverside area of Jericho with minimal interaction with Route 15.

We have been working with the town and other PUDs to connect from Cilley Hill Road through to the Jericho Market / Riverside area by way of trail following the Browns River. However, with recent impact of erosion on certain sections of the trail, this opportunity has been delayed until a viable path completion at the point of erosion is (re)developed and determined as useful by the community without impacting personal property. We find this trail to be very valuable to the community overall, whereas it allows people to travel the length of from the Corners to Riverside without traveling on Route 15.

Jericho connectivity as a whole continues to be our focus as it allows for all to move throughout the town without getting in our cars. Leaving room and idea for community spaces to be developed bringing us closer together. We always welcome everyone's ideas and input. This is a collective process. Your ideas are valuable.

In 2022, we are represented with the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission (CCRPC) to develop an Official Map of Jericho. This map allows us to draw out our current trails systems. And determine potential aspirant trails (i.e., sidewalks, dirt paths, other trails) that would benefit not only the town of Jericho, but the capability of moving throughout Chittenden County staying off of primary roads/ The map is very much in the early progressive stages and moving along. We use other town completed Official Maps as guidelines and hope to complete a comprehensive map and plan working with the community prior to mutual agreement and completion. There is still a lot of work to do. Stay tuned!

We are in the process of redrawing and reprinting our maps as many of you have picked up from local businesses. We found we needed to make some important updates to the maps in order to be more accurate with our information. Rest assured that this will be completed soon. We hope to have our updated maps back in local businesses for you to find, helping you to discover some of the great trail's areas of our town.

The Trails Committee has taken an impact of committee size due to personal needs of committee members. We are a committee of 5 currently. And, had been as many as 7. We very much would like to get our numbers back to 7. And hope to grow to 9 at some point. We look to the you, our neighbors and friends, as important pieces of expertise and information and would love to have you join us on our committee. Please be sure to contact anyone on our committee. Or the town administration with your interest. It is fun and exciting working to understand how we can grow together

# JERICHO UNDERHILL LIBRARY DISTRICT REPORT

## Board of Trustees Report 2022

Next month – January 2022 – the Deborah Rawson Memorial Library celebrates its 25<sup>th</sup> year of existence. We are so grateful to our library community for your tremendous support over the last year. Mostly, we are thrilled to see you in the library and hope you can help us celebrate by being an active patron.

As one-year closes and a new one begins, the Board is especially thankful for the staff and leadership of the library for their welcoming attitude, dedication, and creativity as programs restart and new ones are devised.

The past year has reminded us that our relationships in our community are fundamental to our survival and growth. It is our responsibility to work towards a balance where we – the library and the communities it serves – can thrive.

Considering the changing needs of the community, the Board of Trustees formed a strategic planning committee in May 2022. It was tasked to develop a plan to meet the current and near future needs of the two communities the library serves. A survey was developed to obtain public input. Thank you to everyone who took the time to fill it out.

The Board decided that this plan would encompass a three-year evolving and adaptable window. We welcome hearing from you throughout its life, and ask that our patrons help the Board keep the plan in line with community needs. Here are a few highlights of the strategic plan:

Goal 1: The library continues to be a resource for people to feel engaged in the community. Surveys showed that growth should come in the number and variety of programs AND to increase physical space and better use the space now in the library.

Goal 2: strengthen the library's digital infrastructure, as well as its digital and technology collections. The last few years have shown increase in e-books being signed out and this collection is already beginning to grow.

It has been many years since libraries were only a place to borrow books. These days, libraries do more.

We had an exciting summer full of activities, including the Summer Reading Program, story time and book group discussions.

We continue to be a vibrant hub in the community and offer in-person programming for youth and adults. We have hosted a Wine & Desert Night, a silent auction, the annual Book Barn sale, the Basket Raffle – all successful fundraising events. For youth and children, there many different activities - a monthly scavenger hunt, Lego club, an animation club, Dungeons & Dragons, crafts for kids of all ages, puppetry camp, and a young writers' club.

These are some of the programs that show how the library is more than books. It is a place to learn, to share, to create.

Thank you for your support. You are what makes the Deborah Rawson Memorial Library a special place.

Sven Lindholm, Chair

## **Library Director's Report**

### **Library Statistics and information:**

The Deborah Rawson Memorial Library had 14,690 uses of the library either in person or using curbside pick-up. This past year 51,942 items were checked out. The library is now completely open for use including our program room. Programs for youth and adults are being held in person as well as a few on Zoom. Many previous programs have returned such as Mah Jongg and preschool story hour held in the story corner. The library continues provided books to the Jeri-Hill Apartments. Contactless homebound delivery is available if you physically are unable to come to the library. Call to arrange a visit, 802-899-4962. You can place your items on hold through our online catalog and staff will contact you when your item is ready to be picked up. You can come in or use curbside pickup.

Currently the library has 24,662 items that include books, magazine subscriptions, DVDs, Books on CD and Music CDs. Any item the library doesn't have we are happy to borrow from another library either in Vermont or out of state. Downloadable audiobooks and ebooks are also available using our website and a current library card. All our items can be found on our website [www.drml.org](http://www.drml.org) as well as our consortium member libraries items. No fines are charged on late items.

WiFi is available 24/7 with no password needed. It is available anywhere around the perimeter of the library including our parking lot!

Our Master Gardeners and volunteers again delivered to the Jericho Underhill food shelf and Jeri-Hill Apartments produce from the library gardens. The great Potato Dig was again this year very successful! This past year the theme of the garden was The Secret Garden. The self-guided poetry walk in the Mills Riverside Park featured Louisa May Alcott and our StoryWalk® was up by the library.

The library hours are: 10-8 Tuesday and Thursday, 10-6 Wednesday and Friday, Saturday 10-2 and Sundays 1-4 September to May. Masks are recommended but no longer required. We do have computers available as well as faxing and copying. Stay safe and stay well. The staff looks forward to seeing you!

Holly Hall, Director

### **Friends of the Deborah Rawson Memorial Library 2022 Report**

During 2021 and 2022 and despite the pandemic challenges, the Friends of the DRML have continued to coordinate resources and programming opportunities with our local library board and staff.

The Friends of the DRML provide the library with requested program support, supplies, and equipment that enhance the DRML. Recently, the Friends has invested in a variety of diverse museum memberships throughout the state to support both youth and adult interests. This year the outdoor patio furniture was replaced; providing accessibility and encouraging the use of additional space for library patrons and staff.

Revenues are raised by way of donations to the Friends of the DRML, the sale of puppets, books, tote bags, and bumper stickers. Opportunities to engage with the Friends of DRML and support the important and valuable asset of our community library are posted on the Friends of the DRML bulletin board above the library photo copier. Hope to see you at the DRML!

Friends of the DRML

Christine Ryan, Secretary/ Treasurer

# JERICO UNDERHILL PARK DISTRICT REPORT

This year, the Jericho Underhill Park District (JUPD) has been focused on the **only** public entrance to Mills Riverside Park, our bridge. Following the advice of engineers, the “covered” portion of the bridge was removed in November 2021 and safety rails installed at a cost of \$36,000. The concern was the roof’s integrity, especially with a snow load going into winter. The expectation was that the “covered” portion would be rebuilt subject to funding. As the months rolled on, complications multiplied. According to an engineering study, the abutments were not sufficient to support new walls and a roof for many years. They would need to be rebuilt at an estimated cost of over \$300,000. State requirements for abutment replacement would also probably require the Park District to relocate the abutments and expand the length of the bridge considerably. This would necessitate a new deck. All of this work would shut the park down for community enjoyment for at least four months unless an alternative bridge was built across the Browns River. This temporary span had an estimated cost of \$62,000. The more information that the Park District received, the more we realized that the cost to replace the “covered” portion of our bridge, and therefore, the abutments and a new deck, was just too expensive. The decision was made to **not** rebuild the covered bridge at this time. The existing abutments are sufficient to support the newer deck and side rails for pedestrian traffic and occasional light vehicular use. The park’s popularity continues to grow year to year with over 370 visitors per day using this vital span during the warmer months. At some future point, we certainly hope to add the special entry to Mills Riverside Park that only a covered bridge can bring.

The Jericho Underhill Park District board members were also busy assessing the park’s trails and playing field needs. Two grants for additional trail work were submitted to the state’s Department of Forests, Parks, and Recreation. We are delighted to report that our second effort succeeded, and we look forward to completing the restoration of the West Fieldstone Loop.

Our sport fields have not received any attention for many years. Hundreds of players depend on a level, grassy surface. After careful consideration of our increasing sport needs, the Park District will be adding soil aeration and fertilization to help maintain the sport lawn. Mowing of the park continues to be our highest expense.

With the increasing enjoyment of Mills Riverside Park, the entrance and exit driveways, parking area and front lawn need enhancement. The annual expense for the routine maintenance of regrading, adding gravel, and staking off muddy areas, is growing. The Park District is reviewing possible improvements and funding.

Throughout the year, Mills Riverside Park hosts many events at the pavilion, popular summer concerts, the Farmers’ Market, cross country runs, school field trips, all season recreational enjoyment and so much more. We thank our community for cherishing this exceptional land and helping to take care of it.

Special thanks to the hardworking board members of the Jericho Underhill Park District who are dedicated to managing Mills Riverside Park.

Livy Strong (Chairperson)  
Dave Williamson (Vice-chair)  
Donna Pratt (Treasurer)

Bruce Blokland (Bridge sub-committee, trails)  
Chris Tardie (Outdoor stewardship)  
Amber Renshaw (Publicity, graphic design)

# JERICO UNDERHILL WATER DISTRICT REPORT

The Jericho-Underhill Water District provided drinking water and fire hydrant access to 326+ residential and business connections representing about 900 people within the District. During the past year drinking water supplied to the district averaged about 40,000 gallons per day. Water delivered to District customers this year was of high quality and adequate quantity and met all State and Federal requirements.

Our Chief Operator, Kirk Patch of Champlin Associates in Essex, VT resigned from his duties and was replaced by Lucas DiMauro, Chief Operator, and Mike Johnson, Operator in Training, both Champlin Associates' employees. We hired Brian Picotte of Underhill as our assistant Operator. The Trustees consisted of Joseph P. O'Brien, President from Underhill, Tanner Palmer, Trustee from Jericho, and Stephen Jennings, Trustee from Underhill. Nancy Benson served as Clerk and Treasurer. Andy Foresberg served as Delinquent Bill Collector and back-up support for the system. Auditors were Vicki Milton, Harland Blodgett, and Bill VanDeVenter. Marc Maheux continued to manage our website and was available for consultations. Helen Miller was our local water tester. The Trustees wish to thank everyone for their work this past year.

Listed below are some highlights of the past year:

- Weekly testing along with yearly testing for lead and copper were completed. Results for all testing were very good with all levels well below state and federal requirements. We also tested for coliform, iron, manganese, Asbestos, and VOC (volatile organic compound) tests. Specific test for Haloacetics and Trihalomethanes along with all other tests were within or below the Federal and State regulations.
- We were fortunate over the winter to have no leaks on any service line. We did repair a service line connector leak for the dance studio on River Road.
- Flushing of main lines was completed in the spring and late fall to clear lines of mineral sediments and residue.
- Our Consumer Confidence Report was distributed to all customers either electronically or hand delivered, and our Source Protect Plan was updated.
- We applied for a grant from the State Water Resources and AARPA for assistance in extending our service northeast on Poker Hill to homes and businesses that have experienced dry wells. We have appealed a denial from the State, as funds are targeted for water quality improvement. Extension of service was not approved even though some homeowners have run out of water in the past.
- New digital 5G *Mission Radio Unit* software was installed at Maple Ridge tank for redundant controls of the well pumps.
- We changed operators in February when Kirk Patch left Champlin Associates. Lucas DiMauro and Mike Johnson were hired by Champlin to be our operators.
- A power outage occurred in early April that was caused by a major fuse failure at the control building. Timely replacement allowed continued service after using our standby generator. The outage did cause some mineral sediment in the Maple Ridge tank which was distributed to customers. Our operators flushed the main lines right after the outage.
- All three tanks were inspected in June using a submersible drone and camera. The tanks were in great structural shape but had a significant amount of mineral sediment collecting on the tank bottoms. The Trustees plan to have the tanks drained and cleaned this fall.
- The trustees apologize for the limited discolored water that some customers experienced over the summer. There were three major occurrences that caused minerals in the main lines to be stirred up. Hopefully flushing in September will eliminate this issue.
- We are appreciative to the United Church of Underhill for allowing us space for our month meetings.

Joseph P. O'Brien, President

## JERIHILL XYZ SENIORS REPORT

We are the X.Y.Z. (Xtra Years of Zest) Seniors, not to be confused with the Jeri-Hill Senior Housing Complex. The Jeri-Hill XYZ Senior Citizens has just started meeting again in person as of September 2022 at the Catalyst Church on Raceway Road.

Seniors 50 years or older from both Underhill and Jericho are welcome to attend and enjoy a nice nutritious meal, fellowship, games, friendships and more. Funds that are given to the Senior Citizens group go towards cost of food, help cover outings, group activities, entertainment and much more. We are blessed to have real good cooks in the group to help with the meals. There is no good way to assess how the group (program) helps better their lives except from the smiles and laughter from the room.

Currently this group meets once a month (3<sup>rd</sup>. Wednesday) until next spring. The membership is comprised of President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer who meet 3-4 times a year and more if needed. We wish to thank all Jericho residents for their past support and future support. These funds have been used in the past year toward food, supplies, entertainment costs and bus rentals. They have also been used for flowers, cards and postage for our ill member.

President-Douglas Keith ~ (802) 899-2582, Vice-President -Gail Jenkins ~ (802) 899-3238, Secretary-Murray Hunt ~ (802) 324-9641, Treasurer-Loreen Teer ~ (802) 899-1363.

# LISTERS' REPORT

The Lister's Office once again wants to give out a huge **THANK YOU** to the members of our community with building permits in assisting us with the permit inspection process. We would have a difficult time completing the job without this level of cooperation. If you have a permit that requires an "interior" inspection, we would appreciate if you would call or email us 802-899-2640 Ext 106 or [listeners@jerichovt.gov](mailto:listeners@jerichovt.gov) so that we can get the information that we need or come up with a plan for inspection. Exterior inspections are ongoing and do not require direct contact with the homeowner. We will leave a door hanger if we have been to your property. Again, thank you for your assistance and cooperation. It is APPRECIATED! 😊

The real estate market is still lacking inventory and the pool of anxious buyers is still a reality however the interest rate hikes over the past several months has calmed it some. We are still seeing elevated sales prices however with the higher interest rates we should start to see a shift in months to come. The new construction industry is continuing to reap benefits from this shortage however they are facing their own woes with supply shortages, long wait periods and rising prices. The zoning office is seeing a slowdown in permit requests and the Listers Office is seeing fewer property transfers showing a slowdown in sales is already in progress.

We are about to reach Phase 2 of the software upgrade being introduced by the State. The process has been smooth to this point. I believe the target date for being completely changed over will be with the 2023-2024 Grand List. Your patience is greatly appreciated as we navigate through this.

## **GRAND LIST 2022**

The 2022 Grand List total as of December 31, 2022, is \$6,933,112. This is a **1.19%** increase over the 2021 Grand List. This change is due to new construction and permit activity from April 1, 2021, to April 1, 2022.

## **COMPARISON IN COMMON LEVEL OF APPRAISAL (CLA)**

The Common Level of Appraisal is essentially a measure of how close a town or city's local appraisal is to fair market value.

<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>93.09%</b>	<b>89.12%</b>	<b>TBD</b>

## **COMPARISON IN COEFFICIENT OF DISPERSION (COD)**

The COD is a measure of uniformity of appraisals for all properties on the Grand List. Zero is a perfect score as a coefficient of dispersion. It indicates absolute fairness insofar as every taxpayer is appraised at the same percentage (fair market value). The higher the number, the greater the disparity in how properties are assessed in that town.

<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>7.25%</b>	<b>7.97%</b>	<b>TBD</b>

**The Selectboard** has approved the Listers/Assessor request for a townwide reappraisal based on the dropping CLA and have asked for bids from several companies with a February 2023 deadline for submitting. Because there are many towns in the same position as Jericho and only a handful of companies that perform this service, these companies are booking out 4 or more years. We have asked for completion to be in the year 2025 or 2026.

# MOBBS FARM COMMITTEE REPORT

The MOBBS FARM Committee (MFC) is a group of nine, Jericho residents who work with the Selectboard to manage the Town-owned 234-acre, open-space, rural property. Committee members are appointed by the Selectboard on a rotating basis. Individuals interested in serving on the committee may contact committee members or Town Hall to express their interest. Current members include:

Pete Davis, Chair  
Sam Grouly, Vice Chair  
Christine Smith

Andrew Dumas  
Terry Hook  
Riley Glanz

George Bennum  
Jessica Dion  
Patrick Hayden

The MFC manages a Facebook page, posts important information on Front Porch Forum, and maintains a presence on the Town website, where monthly newsletters, meeting agendas and minutes are available. Two kiosks may be found at both parking lots used by visitors to Mobbs Farm. Notices from the MFC and the town are posted on each of the kiosks, on an as-needed basis. The MFC meets on the 4th Monday of every month, 7:00 PM, at the town hall. Currently, meetings are still being conducted on the ZOOM meeting platform. The ZOOM meeting link, for all meetings, is posted on the town website and the public is welcome and encouraged to attend these monthly meetings, virtually. The Mobbs Farm Management Plan is updated every five years. The MFC will be updating the management plan in 2024 and look forward to hearing from Jericho residents for their feedback and suggestions for updating the document. The Mobbs Farm Management Plan may be found on the Mobbs Farm section of the town website.

2022 was an especially noteworthy year as the MFC wrapped up a multi-year long process, to establish the Conservation Easement with the Vermont Land Trust, permanently conserving Mobbs Farm, so that it will remain open and available for future generations to enjoy! A short video overview, detailing the conservation initiative may be seen here: <https://vimeo.com/506944959>

Since the outbreak of Covid-19, Mobbs Farm has experienced a huge increase in visitor use. With the pandemic limiting the kinds and types of activities in which people were able to engage, Mobbs Farm provided an incredibly valuable resource for Jericho residents. Families and individuals visiting Mobbs Farm have been able to enjoy the great outdoors, while remaining socially distant.

Working with the local mountain bike organization, Fellowship of the Wheel (FOTW), the MFC and FOTW re-routed some badly eroded sections of trails on the meadow section of the property in 2022. FOTW conducts multiple trail maintenance projects during the year including leaf blowing trails, recruiting volunteers to assist with trail maintenance and meeting with the MFC to discuss ongoing and future trail projects.

Trails accessing the "Hillside" section of Mobbs Farm, from the Browns Trace parking lot, were re-routed around the new 6,000 panel Solar Farm, built by Encore Renewable Energy on the nearby dump cap. Trails that previously cut across the dump cap were re-routed so that the Mobbs Farm trail network remains accessible from the Browns Trace parking area. Currently, users may access all Hillside trails, utilizing marked, detour trails, until more permanent trails are constructed.

The MFC has been updating the existing Mobbs Farm trail maps to reflect new trails, assign trail names and identify newly re-routed sections. The mapping project is anticipated to be completed by the end of 2022 and the updated maps are currently available on the Trailforks app: [trailforks.com/region/mobbs-farm](https://trailforks.com/region/mobbs-farm), the town website and parking lot kiosks.

The SNOWDOG snow grooming machine, purchased by the committee in 2019, will once again be used to establish winter trails, pack down loose snow and make walking, skiing and snowshoeing much more enjoyable for winter enthusiasts at Mobbs Farm. The machine also has an accessory that may be used to set Nordic ski tracks, which will vastly improve the classic skiing experience at Mobbs. Special thanks to Christine and Dan Smith, both of whom have put in an amazing amount of time and energy to make the dream of improved winter trails, a reality.

Trail mowing and brush hogging was contracted to All Seasons Property Maintenance. All three sections of the meadow, west of Fitzsimonds Road, were mowed in November 2022 to control growth of undesirable species of plants and trees. The MFC is currently reviewing the one-third, rotation plan for next year and beyond. Timing of the annual brush hogging is scheduled to take place after the first killing frost of the winter, to avoid damaging bird nests in spring and pollinator-dependent species in late summer; the trails are mowed on an as-needed basis.

Fruit trees planted in 2017 were pruned, fertilized and mulched in the Hillside Orchard section in 2022. Three additional fruit trees (two apple and one peach) were added this past year, as well as 4 new blueberry bushes. The Hillside Orchard section of the property features a number of older apple trees in addition to the newly planted apple varieties including Macoun, Honey Crisp, MacIntosh, Empire and Northern Spy. As the young trees mature, they will provide food for both residents and wildlife. Pear, plum, and a variety of apple trees are tended to by committee members. Hand painted signs identifying each of the juvenile trees may be seen on each of the wildlife-damage-protective tree enclosures. The MFC hope that visitors to Mobbs Farm will enjoy harvesting fruits and berries as these trees and bushes mature!

Groups using Mobbs Farm for educational purposes this past year included but were not limited to: Essex Youth Summer Programming Group and the Mount Mansfield Union High School. MMU students pitched in for their Community Service Day, moving mulch and tending to trail work. Many thanks to the MMU students, staff and teachers for their efforts!

In addition to ongoing maintenance, the MFC will be working to identify boardwalk sections and bridges in need of repair or replacement. Committee members plan to apply for grants to help fund these efforts, in addition to allocating a significant portion of the annual MFC budget in this effort.



Jericho residents join MFC members and financial donors who contributed to fund the Vermont Land Trust Conservation Easement, October 2022

Holding framed photos, left to right: Bob Heiser, VLT, Tom Baribeault Jericho Conservation Committee, Livy Strong, Jericho Underhill Land Trust and Jericho Town Clerk, Jessica Alexander.

# PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

The Jericho Planning Commission is responsible for planning for the community, focusing on land use, development, and growth. Planning integrates land use with priorities for housing, transportation, economic development, recreation, energy use, natural resources conservation, and healthy living. Jericho's plans and zoning regulations must comply with state laws and goals, and with the Chittenden County regional plan.

## Vermont's primary land use planning goal:

**To plan development so as to maintain the historic settlement pattern of compact village and urban centers separated by rural countryside.**

Here's what the PC worked on in 2022:

- **Housing Assessment:** The PC and the Affordable Housing Committee came together to look at housing in Jericho. We found that while construction increased in recent years, most newer homes are expensive, large, and designed for single families. We heard from friends, adult children, parents, and co-workers who want to live in Jericho, but they cannot find homes available at moderate prices. Rental and multi-family housing are scarce. The lack of right-sized, right-priced homes contributes to employers' staffing challenges. Jericho's population has become older and less socio-economically diverse.
- **Zoning for Housing:** We developed changes to Jericho's land use and development regulations (zoning). Most of the changes were designed to encourage a greater variety of housing types - namely, multi-family, smaller units, senior units, affordable units, and clustered subdivisions - with incentives to locate in the Village Center areas near schools, libraries, and stores. The Selectboard adopted the changes in January 2022. The PC will follow-up these initial zoning changes with additional recommendations in 2023.
- **ARPA** - Jericho will receive \$1.4 million from the American Rescue Plan Act. The PC followed a diligent process to develop a recommendation to the Selectboard for how at least some of the money should be spent. We learned how other Towns will use ARPA funds, we reviewed our Town Plan, we revisited studies, and we considered residents' comments from the past few years. Our conclusion was to recommend that the Selectboard prioritize housing-related investments for the ARPA funds, and we delivered a list of priority actions for next steps, including infrastructure investments for the Riverside Village Center (aka the Flats).
- **Town Plan 2024:** The Town Plan expresses the hopes and dreams of the community about our shared future and ties those goals to realistic actions and policies to make the vision come true. We applied for and were awarded a planning grant so we could hire a consultant to lead this process. We invited planning experts to submit proposals, and in September the Town selected Sterling Mountain Community Planning & Design. According to state law, Jericho must adopt a new Town Plan by January 2024. This project is ongoing.
- **Official Map:** We worked with the Trails Committee and the Regional Planning Commission to explore developing an Official Map for Jericho. An Official Map gives a Town more authority to require developers to make way for public facilities such as sidewalks, paths, roads, public buildings, and community infrastructure. This project is ongoing but is on hold pending design of a path which would connect Jericho Corners/Jericho Elementary School with Riverside/Browns River Middle School.

- Staff - Town Planner: The PC was sorry to say goodbye to Katherine Sonnick, Jericho's Town Planner June 2022, who took a new position with the Town of Essex. The PC operated most of 2022 without a staff planner but was assisted by an interim planner contracted by the Town. The PC helped to update the Town Planner's job description and recruiting package. We interviewed applicants, and we are excited about working with Linda Blasch, the new Town Planner (and a Jericho resident!), as of December 2022.

Looking ahead to 2023 -

The PC will spend most of 2023 to develop the new Town Plan. We will bring together community members to talk about Jericho's future - what are our opportunities, challenges, and values? What do we love about living here? What would we like to preserve and what should change? We look forward to hearing from as many residents as possible. In addition to the Town Plan, the PC will continue to improve zoning regulations, to expand housing opportunities while protecting our natural resources. The PC will support the Selectboard to build out more walking and biking connections, and we will advocate for investments which will benefit the community for the long-term.

Planning Commission Members: Sarah MacLeod, Heidi Klein, Erik Glitman, Sabina Ernst, Christian Brown, Susan Bresee, Wendy Verrei Berenback

# RICHMOND RESCUE

In 2022 we celebrated the 40th anniversary of Andy Squires as a volunteer of Richmond Rescue. Andy began volunteering before many of our members were even born. His dedication to our organization and to the people we serve has been extraordinary. We look forward to celebrating his 45th anniversary in 2027.

The year began with many COVID vaccine clinics and presented another unique opportunity to partner with the State of Vermont. We were able to cross train some of our AEMTs and paramedics to work as phlebotomists in a state-run blood bank held at UVM to address a critical shortage of donated blood. By the end of the pilot program, we had obtained 225 pints of blood which was all used at local hospitals. As of the end of 2022, we had administered 17,800 COVID vaccines and more continue to happen each month.

This was our first full year of covering the Towns of Hinesburg and St. George. The additional call volume has allowed our members to use their training more often and maintain their proficiency. The additional service area added 342 calls and 195 transports to our previous call volume.

We were excited to get back to providing our usual array of community outreach activities. We held our 5th bike helmet giveaway and distributed more than 125 bike helmets to children. We also taught CPR and first aid to 195 people. Having citizens trained in CPR leads to much better outcomes in cardiac arrest.

The Camels Hump Backcountry Rescue Team provided their services for a number of challenging calls. The most notable response was for a male hiker in his sixties suffering from chest pain, high on the Long Trail on Camels Hump. Our team responded with a number of other teams and provided ambulance level care in backcountry. He was safely carried out of the woods to a waiting ambulance and received care for a heart attack at UVM. Thanks to a generous donation from the patient, we were able to purchase a portable 12-lead EKG machine for use in the backcountry. We're excited to continue to increase our capabilities.

Statistics from 2022:

Total requests for service: 1190  
Calls for service in primary service area in Jericho: 36  
Calls for service as mutual aid in northern Jericho: 50  
Average ambulance response time in Jericho: 15 minutes  
Number of active volunteers in 2022: 45  
Total volunteer hours: 23,480  
Address signs made in 2022: 84  
Total address signs made since start of program: 1030

2023 will be a year of planned vehicle purchases. We are remounting the box from our 2014 ambulance onto a new 2023 Ford F550 chassis. By remounting the box, we are able to save about 30% over the price of a new ambulance. We are also purchasing an SUV response vehicle to enhance our capabilities. Due to the long lead-time for vehicles, these purchases have been in the planning phase for years.

Beyond responding to 911 calls, we are proud to offer a number of other public health services. We continue to offer affordable E911 address signage, courses and bystander trainings through our CPR training center and car seat fitting. As a public health organization, we consider these initiatives central to our mission.

We are grateful for the privilege of serving our communities and look forward to the coming year.

Sincerely,  
The Board of Directors and Members of Richmond Rescue

# SUMMER RECREATION REPORT

The Jericho Summer Recreation, under the Direction of Lynn Wagner, opened the doors to another successful camp season on Monday, June 20th and completed the summer on Friday, July 29th. The Jericho Elementary camp served a total of 240 different campers and the Brown River Camp served a total of 127 different campers throughout the 6 weeks of camp. Seventeen campers received scholarships from local organizations, churches, community donors, and businesses which are coordinated by Janet Grant. If you would like to contribute to the scholarship fund, please contact Janet Grant (899-5534) for further information.

Campers explored many different activities throughout the summer such as basketball, scavenger hunts, floor hockey, volleyball, many creative arts & crafts projects, water activities, tag games, nature walk/activities, ball games, building, volleyball, lacrosse, kickball, outdoor games, board games, card games, dance and many more! The Jericho Elementary camp ventured to 4 different field trips that included the following: Ethan Allen Boat Cruise with Ice Cream Sundae, Bowling, Get Air, and Smugglers Notch. This camp also housed a Recreation in house movie theater where popcorn and gummies were served as movies in various rooms were available. A carnival week included bouncy castle and obstacle course, popsicles and a visit from Marko the Magician. The Browns River camp ventured into five different field trips: Get Air, Stowe Bowling and Mini Golf, Majestic 10 Movie, Smugglers Notch and Jay Peak. The Browns River camp held the traditional Olympic Week where campers compete for the Olympic title. A BBQ and a Supersounds Dance was held on the last day of camp celebrating our fun summer together.

Our camps also worked in collaboration with the district to serve many students receiving summer services. This collaborative and creative approach allows students to enroll in summer camp and have services throughout the day as needed by school staff. In addition, our school district provided food for all campers throughout the summer.

For more information about the Recreation Program, please visit the Town of Jericho website at [jerichovt.org](http://jerichovt.org). This website will provide information such as counselor and counselor in training applications, an informational brochure, a registration form and newsletters that describe the daily activities that are offered. Please also feel free to email the camp Director, Lynn Wagner at [lwagner@jerichovt.gov](mailto:lwagner@jerichovt.gov).

Lynn Wagner, Director of Jericho Summer Camp  
[lwagner@jerichovt.gov](mailto:lwagner@jerichovt.gov)



# Jericho Town Clerk Report 2022

Jessica R. Alexander, Town Clerk,  
Megan Davis & Barb McVicar Assistant Town Clerks

## November 8 Election Stats



- 4,176 Ballots mailed to active voters
- 2,318 Absentee Ballots returned
- 767 Voted in person on Election Day
- 73.7% Active voter participation
- 4,417 Jericho Voters on Checklist
- 19 Voters registered on Election Day
- 6 Jerihill voters at the mobile polling place
- 231 Challenged voters
- 499 affidavits of no vote cast signed
- 24 of those unreadable

## Land Records



1117 documents recorded. A total of 3,823 image pages during the calendar year



## Preservation Fund

Completed electronic imaging of records back to Volume 64.



View Jericho Land Records at [USLandRecords.com](http://USLandRecords.com)



## Dog Licenses

778 dogs registered  
87 delinquent dogs  
(highest number of delinquent dogs in the history of Jericho)

## Gratitude

Thank you to the Jericho Congregational Church for providing a space for the 40th Army Band to set up for the Independence Day concert on the Green in Jericho Center

## Gratitude

Thank you to MMU staff and students for hosting the 2022 General Election while school was in session



## Vital Records

44 Births  
29 Deaths  
32 Marriages

## REPRESENTATIVE TREVOR SQUIRRELL

Dear Jericho friends and members of the community,

I am honored to be one of your two State Representatives to the Vermont Legislature and am now embarking on the first year of my fourth term. My first six years have been a great experience and, of course, 2022 was an incredibly challenging year in terms of legislating as we conducted our business in a hybrid (in person/ZOOM) environment.

For my first two biennia I served on the House Natural Resources, Fish and Wildlife. In this biennium I was appointed to the House Appropriations committee. I am also Vice Chair of the Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules (LCAR). LCAR's purpose is oversight and review of State Agency rulemaking. I also served on the Joint Legislative Justice Oversight Committee in 2022.

Our biggest challenge in House Appropriations in the upcoming session will continue to be how best to strategically deploy the resources we have available to us, continuing pandemic Federal funding, State revenue surpluses, and general fund monies. Housing, broadband, workforce development, childcare, clean water, infrastructure, and paid family leave are important areas of concern as well as investments in the health and wellbeing of families and small businesses to create an equitable, resilient Vermont.

Helping and supporting members of our community to access programs and services is one of the most important roles I have as a State Representative. I encourage you to reach out to me with any issues that I might help to address and also welcome your feedback on issues before us in the legislature.

I look forward to seeing you and speaking with you at Town Meeting. Rep. Edye Graning and I also invite you to meet us at the Deborah Rawson Library, monthly, from January to May. Watch Front Porch Forum for the schedule. Feel free to contact me any time via email at [tsquirre@sover.net](mailto:tsquirre@sover.net) or [tsquirrell@leg.state.vt.us](mailto:tsquirrell@leg.state.vt.us) , call me at 899-2382 or write to me at PO Box 128, Underhill Center 05490.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you.

## REPRESENTATIVE EDYE GRANING

I'd like to thank the voters of Jericho and Underhill for placing your trust in me to represent you in Montpelier. I am honored and humbled and will do my best for you and for all Vermonters.

I was assigned to the Commerce and Economic Development Committee where our charge is to consider matters pertaining to workforce development, training programs, consumer protection, insurance, business development and similar matters. The scope is broad and the issues impact all of us. We will be very busy this session.

On the campaign trail the concerns that I heard most were regarding the lack of affordable housing, workforce shortages, the need for more mental health services, and scarce childcare. These are my main priorities, and I am working with both the veteran and new legislators on these issues.

Trevor Squirrell and I will be hosting monthly constituent meetings at the Deborah Rawson Library January-May. This will be a great time for us to share the legislative progress with you and for us to hear your thoughts, questions, and concerns.

Please reach out to me by email at [EGraning@Leg.State.Vt.Us](mailto:EGraning@Leg.State.Vt.Us) or [Edye.Graning@gmail.com](mailto:Edye.Graning@gmail.com) , or by mail 44 Mansfield Drive, Jericho VT 05465

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you!

*Edye Graning*

## OUTSIDE AGENCY INFORMATION

A full report of these agencies can be found in the Town Administrator's Office. Outside Agencies are organizations and institutions that provide diverse services to the citizens of the Town of Jericho. For any outside agency to be awarded monies from the Town of Jericho they need to submit the following: A discretionary funding application, a letter of support for the request and explanation of the benefits to Jericho Residents.

### Mandated:

Chittenden County Tax 175 Main Street, Burlington, VT 05401		
Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission 110 West Canal Street, #202, Winooski, VT 05404	(802) 846-4490	Ccrpcvt.org
Jericho Underhill Library District/Deborah Rawson Memorial Library 8 River Road, Jericho, VT 05465	(802) 899-4962	Drml.org
Jericho Underhill Park District PO Box 164, Underhill, VT 05489	(802) 899-2693	Millsriversidepark.org
Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) 89 Main Street, #4, Montpelier, VT 05602	(802) 229-9111	Vlct.org

### Non-Mandated:

Age Well 875 Roosevelt Highway, Suite 210 Colchester, VT 05446	(802) 865-0360	Agewellvt.org
Browns River Little League PO Box 350, Jericho, VT 05465	(802) 999-3046	Brownsriverlittleleague.com
Child Care Resource 300 Cornerstone Drive, #128, Williston, VT 05495	(802) 863-3367	Childcareresource.org
Chittenden Unit for Special Investigations (CUSI) 50 Cherry Street, Suite 102, Burlington, VT 05404	(802) 652-6800	Cusi-vt.org
Committee on Temporary Shelter (COTS) PO Box 1616, Burlington, VT 05402	(802) 864-7402	Cotsonline.org
Essex Rescue, Inc. 1 Educational Drive, Essex Jct., VT 05452	(802) 878-4859	Essexrescue.org
Feeding Chittenden 228 N. Winooski Ave., Burlington, VT 05401	(802) 658-7939	Feedingchittenden.org
Greater Burlington Industrial Corp. PO Box 786, 60 Main Street, Burlington, VT 05402	(802) 862-5726	Gbicvt.org
Green Mountain Transit 101 Queen City Park Road, Burlington, VT 05401	(802) 864-2282	Ridegmt.com
Howard Center 208 Flynn Avenue, Suite 3J, Burlington, VT 05401	(802) 488-6000	Howardcenter.org
Jericho Center Preservation (Community Center) PO Box 1018, Jericho, VT 05465	(802) 274-4024	Cjvermont.com
Jericho Farmers Market 26 Saxon Lane, Jericho, VT 05465		Jerichofarmersmarket.com
Jericho Food Shelf-Essex/Jericho/Underhill Ecumenical Ministry PO Box 65, Jericho, VT 05465	(802) 899-3932	Ejufoodshelf.wixsite.com
Jericho Town Library 7 Jericho Center Circle, Jericho, VT 05465	(802) 899-4686	Jerichotownlibraryvt.org
Jeri-Hill XYZ Seniors		
Memorial Day Observance (Flags on grave sites)		
MMCTV Richmond Town Center Bldg. 203 Bridge Street, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor, Richmond, VT 05477	(802) 434-2550	Mtmansfieldctv.org

Our Community Cares Camp PO Box 503, Richmond, VT 05477	(802) 434-6006	Ourcommunitycarescamp.org
Richmond Rescue 216 Railroad Street, Richmond, VT 05477	(802) 434-2394	Richmondrescue.org
Steps to End Domestic Violence PO Box 1535, Burlington, VT 05402	(802) 658-3131	Stepsvt.org
Underhill Jericho Fire Department PO Box 150, Underhill, VT 05489	(802) 899-4025	Ujfd.org
University of Vermont Health Network-Home Health & Hospice 1110 Prim Road, Colchester, VT 05446	(802) 658-1900	Uvmhomehealth.org
Vermont Cares 187 Saint Paul Street, Burlington, VT 05402	(802) 863-2437	Vtcares.org
Vermont Center for Independent Living 11 East State Street, Montpelier, VT 05602	800-639-1522	Vcil.org
Winooski Valley Park District Ethan Allen Homestead, Burlington, VT 05408	(802) 863-5744	Wvpd.org

**Other Agencies:**

Chittenden Solid Waste District 1021 Redmond Road, Williston, VT 05495	(802) 872-8111	Cswd.net
Pleasant View Cemetery		
Jericho Underhill Land Trust PO Box 80, Jericho, VT 05465	(802) 899-2693	Jult.org
Jericho Underhill Water District PO Box 174, Underhill, VT 05489	(802) 899-3297	Jerichounderhillwater.org
Village of Jericho Water District 4B Red Mill Drive #B, Jericho, VT 05465	(802) 899-2938	

**UNDERHILL – JERICO FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC**

420 VT Route 15, Underhill, VT 05489  
(802) 899-4025

January 15, 2023

Dear Underhill and Jericho Selectboard members,

The Underhill Jericho Fire Department dedicates this annual report on behalf of Life Member and Honorary Chief David Tillotson who passed away on August 26, 2022. David joined the Underhill Jericho Fire Department in February of 1972. David proudly served the communities of Underhill and Jericho as a Firefighter, Lieutenant, Captain, Assistant Chief, and Chief. David received his final promotion to the rank of Honorary Chief in 2001. David also served the department as its moderator and treasurer. David obtained his life membership status in 1997 while he was serving as the Chief of the Department. David also served as the Fire Warden for the Town of Jericho for many years. During his years of service David received many awards from the UJFD, Chittenden County Fire Association and the Vermont State Firefighters Association.

In January of 2022 Andy Forsberg became the newest fulltime staff member of the UJFD. Andy had been a dedicated member of the UJFD as a volunteer for a number of years and decided to fill our vacancy on the department. Andy did not have a steep learning curve, having been a longtime volunteer on the department, so he was able to get to work quickly. Andy has been a great addition to the department.

During the year the UJFD responded to 588 calls. The breakdown of those calls is as follows;

Fires	17	Underhill	219
EMS calls	394	Jericho	353
Car Crashes	41	Essex	4
Other	120	Williston	3
Mutual Aid	16	Richmond	3
		Cambridge	3
		Westford - Automatic	2
		Requested	1

Covid-19 and the economy are certainly impacting the UJFD, just like all of citizens and the communities as well. We work hard to manage our costs while still being prepared to respond whenever the community needs us.

We continue to train regularly every Tuesday for the fire personal and on the third Thursday for our EMS team. We continue to maintain an above 90% call coverage for our EMS calls. This is an outstanding level and one of the best in the entire State of Vermont for a volunteer first response agency. We continue to look for new members to bolster our volunteer numbers. Our biggest challenge is the manpower to support our call volume. We have had some good new recruit classes lately and those new members are making an impact in the community.

Thank you to the communities for your continued support of the department and its members. Thank you to the families of the members who sacrifice family time to allow us to serve those in need.

Best Regards,



Mathew Champlin, Chief  
Underhill – Jericho Fire Department, Inc.

**UNDERHILL-JERICHO FIRE  
DEPARTMENT INC.  
2021 - 2022 Budget Report**

	<b>BUDGET 2021-2022</b>	<b>2021-2022 ACTUAL</b>
<b>INCOME:</b>		
1 UNDERHILL	\$247,990	\$247,990
2 JERICHO	\$371,985	\$371,985
3 MISCELLANEOUS	\$9,900	\$14,214
4 DONATIONS		\$4,438
5 TRANSFER FROM RESERVES	\$19,500	\$19,500
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$649,375</b>	<b>\$658,127</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>		
7 PAID ON CALL STIPENDS	\$70,000	\$65,056
<b>FULL TIME STAFF</b>		
8 SALARY	\$120,000	\$93,923
9 MEDICAL BENEFITS	\$29,000	\$0
10 PAYROLL TAXES	\$13,300	\$10,790
<b>PROFESSIONAL SERVICES</b>		
11 LEGAL	\$1,000	\$2,181
12 ACCOUNTING	\$6,000	\$17,636
13 AUDIT	\$10,000	-
FEES (Bank, payroll, etc)	\$3,000	\$0
<b>INSURANCE</b>		
14 WORKERS COMPENSATION	\$13,000	\$18,259
15 AUTO	\$18,000	\$20,034
16 FIRE DEPARTMENT PACKAGE	\$24,000	\$22,789
17 ACCIDENT / DISABILITY	\$6,000	\$5,004
18 UTILITIES	\$20,000	\$20,011
19 VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	\$25,000	\$35,369
20 FUEL	\$4,000	\$6,948
21 EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	\$3,000	\$4,663
22 NFPA REQUIRED TESTING	\$4,700	\$6,073
23 STATION MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS	\$20,000	\$39,554
24 FIREFIGHTER/EMT SAFETY EQUIPMENT	\$13,000	\$15,899
25 EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS	\$8,000	\$5,407
26 NEW EQUIPMENT AND HOSE	\$11,000	\$9,868
27 EMS SUPPLIES	\$15,000	\$12,968
28 EXTRICATION & HAZMAT EQUIPMENT	\$3,000	\$4,491
29 PHYSICALS, NEW MEMBERS AND ANNUAL FOR FF	\$10,000	\$5,960
30 FIRE PREVENTION / MEMBER TRAINING	\$5,000	\$7,645
31 ANNUAL AWARDS AND APPRECIATION	\$3,500	\$3,731
32 MISCELLANEOUS	\$500	\$0
33 OFFICE EXPENSE	\$9,000	\$12,344
34 CAPITAL LOAN PAYMENTS	\$163,074	\$163,124
35 New Station	\$0	\$0
36 NEW CAPITAL PURCHASES	\$0	\$2,172
38 TRANSFER TO CAPITAL RESERVE FUND	\$18,301	\$19,423
39 TRANSFER TO RESERVES	\$0	\$4,433
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$649,375</b>	<b>\$635,755</b>

**UNDERHILL-JERICHO FIRE  
DEPARTMENT INC.  
2023 - 2024 Budget Request**

	<b>BUDGET 2022-2023</b>	<b>BUDGET REQUEST 2023-2024</b>
<b>INCOME:</b>		
1 UNDERHILL	\$251,106	\$319,121
2 JERICHO	\$409,699	\$520,672
3 MISCELLANEOUS		
4 DONATIONS		
5 TRANSFER FROM RESERVES	\$93,183	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$753,988</b>	<b>\$839,793</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>		
6 PAID ON CALL STIPENDS	\$85,000	\$105,000
<b>FULL TIME STAFF</b>		
7 SALARY	\$123,000	\$135,000
8 MEDICAL BENEFITS	\$53,000	\$59,000
9 PAYROLL TAXES	\$14,850	\$16,800
<b>PROFESSIONAL SERVICES</b>		
10 LEGAL	\$1,000	\$2,000
11 ACCOUNTING	\$7,000	\$19,000
12 AUDIT	\$10,000	
13 FEES (Bank, payroll etc)	\$3,000	
<b>INSURANCE</b>		
14 WORKERS COMPENSATION	\$16,600	\$32,000
15 AUTO	\$19,200	\$21,000
16 FIRE DEPARTMENT PACKAGE	\$23,500	\$24,200
17 ACCIDENT / DISABILITY	\$6,000	\$6,000
18 UTILITIES	\$26,000	\$26,000
19 VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	\$28,000	\$35,000
20 FUEL	\$6,000	\$10,000
21 EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	\$3,000	\$4,000
22 NFPA REQUIRED TESTING	\$5,600	\$7,500
23 STATION MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS	\$20,000	\$25,000
24 FIREFIGHTER/EMT SAFETY EQUIPMENT	\$13,000	\$16,000
25 EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS	\$30,000	\$30,000
26 NEW EQUIPMENT AND HOSE	\$11,000	\$11,000
27 EMS SUPPLIES	\$19,000	\$25,000
28 EXTRICATION & HAZMAT EQUIPMENT	\$3,000	\$3,000
29 PHYSICALS, NEW MEMBERS AND ANNUAL FOR FF	\$6,000	\$7,500
30 FIRE PREVENTION / MEMBER TRAINING	\$5,000	\$5,000
31 ANNUAL AWARDS AND APPRECIATION	\$3,500	\$5,000
32 MISCELLANEOUS	\$500	\$500
33 OFFICE EXPENSE	\$12,000	\$15,000
34 CAPITAL LOAN PAYMENTS	\$90,238	\$88,863
36 NEW CAPITAL PURCHASES	\$110,000	\$60,000
37 TRANSFER TO CAPITAL RESERVE FUND	\$0	\$0
38 TRANSFER TO RESERVES	\$0	\$45,430
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$753,988</b>	<b>\$839,793</b>



## Mount Mansfield Unified Union School District

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January 12, 2023

### **Mount Mansfield Unified Union School District Annual Report**

The Mount Mansfield Unified Union School District (MMUUSD) Annual Report will be available February 16, 2023. The report will include a proposed 2023-24 school district budget, tax rate information and a review of operations, activities and assessment results for Mount Mansfield Unified Union's nine schools:

- Smilie Memorial School (PK-4)
- Brewster Pierce Memorial School (PK-4)
- Jericho Elementary School (K-4)
- Richmond Elementary School (PK-4)
- Underhill ID School (Preschools)
- Underhill Central School (K-4)
- Browns River Middle School (Grades 5-8)
- Camels Hump Middle School (Grades 5-8)
- Mt. Mansfield Union High School (Grades 9-12)

The Annual Report can be found at your local town office, public school, MMUUSD Central Office or online at <https://www.mmuUSD.org/>. Upon request, a printed copy will be mailed to you by calling 434-2128.

If you have questions, please contact the Central Office at 434-2128 or by email at [mmuUSD.office@mmuUSD.org](mailto:mmuUSD.office@mmuUSD.org).

## Mount Mansfield Unified Union School District Our Schools



### Smilie Memorial School

**Derek Howard, Principal**

**Enrollment: Prek-4 76**

As the new Principal at Smilie Memorial School, it was my pleasure to welcome new and returning faculty and staff to Smilie. Amanda Allemeier finished last academic year as a paraeducator and returned this year to continue in the role. An alumnus of the Smilie School, Colby Antonacci joined us as the paraeducator in preschool and is now also working 1-1 with students utilizing his psychology degree and interpersonal skills. Emma Parent, another MMU alumnus, moved from preschool to teach in a first and second grade classroom leaving space for Shannon Zachary to join us to teach in the preschool. Bridgette Tozzi joined us from Colchester Middle School as our music teacher. Claire Tourin joined Kyle Dubois to teach grades three and four. David Rye became our PE teacher working at both Smilie and Brewster-Pierce. A lot of new faces have enhanced the culture and learning opportunities at Smilie Memorial School.



On September 19th, we hosted an Open House - our first in-person in 3 years. This was an ideal opportunity to show the community the hard work that the Smilie School Community had done to update the front of our school. It was fitting that the event started with Barbara Tomasi-Gay unveiling the murals installed on the school that were created by students and parents. The school opened and welcomed parents and community members into the building to meet and greet with teachers and stroll through the hallways and classrooms.

During the month of September, kindergarten, first and second grades visited Adams Apple Orchard and picked apples for some baking projects. Unfortunately, the all-school hike to Bolton Dome and Bolton Valley Resort had to be canceled due to the weather but our 3rd and 4th graders were able to visit Petra Cliffs in December where they had an introduction to climbing.



Coming out of the pandemic has meant that students have to relearn 'normal' school. One of the first priorities was to teach and reteach all of our school drills. This included fire drills, securing the building, hold in place and our evacuation drill. The evacuation drill at Smilie Memorial School was conducted in collaboration with Bolton Fire Department. Smilie staff and students evacuated to Bolton Fire Station from the school where everyone got a tour of the fire trucks and the station building.



In October we created a name and voted for our local VTrans snowplow. Then in November 'The Bolton Yeti' visited the students at Smilie School.

The Smilie Memorial School community donated nonperishable food items and gifts for the Crate of Cheer and The Giving Tree. These items



were distributed throughout our community to families in need. Thank you to everyone who contributed!

During a wonderful December morning at Smilie Memorial School, the K/1/2 students welcomed the adults in their lives to the Books and Bagels event. The classes made bagels the day before and shared the treats and their love of reading.

Since September, the Smilie faculty have been meeting weekly in their grade level teams analyzing the data to improve learning for all students. Weekly, the teachers and support staff look at academic data from different curriculum areas including Math, ELA, Science, and Social Studies. During these meetings, student support staff also give feedback to teachers regarding the social emotional supports being implemented for students. Faculty meetings occur twice monthly, the agenda for these is set by our guided coalition that also meets twice monthly. The collaboration between all staff, parents, and community is what makes Smilie Memorial School a safe and welcoming learning environment for all students.



## **Brewster-Pierce Memorial School**

**Sally Hayes, Principal**

**Enrollment: PreK-4 110**

As we continue to emerge from the pandemic, Brewster-Pierce staff and families continue to work collaboratively to meet a new set of needs for our learners. Our students continue to grow academically, socially and emotionally and have persevered through many obstacles presented by the pandemic. This fall we were thrilled to welcome family members back into school. Family members volunteer at BPMS in a variety of ways including helping with special projects, assisting in small group math, volunteering on outdoor days and helping to serve lunch. Our parent group continues to work tirelessly supporting educational projects, field trips and providing special teaching resources. Families contribute so much to the culture at BPMS and continue to support many enriching educational opportunities; we are grateful for their continued support.

BPMS students enjoy learning in many content areas including math, literacy, science, social studies, unified arts and social emotional learning. We continue to work on integrating and combining content in order to provide opportunities for children to make cross curricular connections. As we prepare our young readers we have shifted our focus in the past two years to include a focus on phonemic awareness and phonological awareness. Studies have proven that when children receive direct instruction in phonics and phonological awareness, it lays a strong foundation as they're learning to read. We have been adjusting our teaching practices to strengthen literacy skills in all grades K-4 and improve overall reading readiness. During math practice we focus on repeated practice of foundational skills to provide a strong scaffold for harder math concepts; one goal is learning to apply math to real life situations. Social and emotional learning has been a critical area of learning especially as children work through identifying strong emotions and learning strategies for self regulation. We continue to prioritize managing peer relations and self management including: mindfulness, emotional regulation and restorative practices.

BPMS staff continues to focus on integrating themes of equity, diversity and inclusion throughout our teaching practices with a goal of embedding these practices into our school culture. With the guidance of Kat Yun, equity and inclusion coach, and our school based ABAR team we will work on updating lessons and exploring identity throughout this school year. The identity work will begin first as an entire staff as well as with students. We continue to read culturally responsive texts during lessons which enrich our learning by presenting multiple perspectives and diverse representations. As educators, we realize that our success in this important work will in part be measured by how we can engage our students in these dialogues in compassionate and developmentally appropriate ways.



Modeling and teaching wellness has always been a priority at Brewster- Pierce. We have always valued our farm to school food program which prioritizes providing nutritious meals and snacks for our students and staff using local ingredients and presenting a rainbow of delicious foods at every meal. Our school food program thrived for over thirty years under the leadership of Alison Forrest and after her retirement in June she passed the important work to Hilary Redman, Anne Martell and Peter Merritt. With our new leadership team our school food program continues to thrive and is truly a gold standard in providing nutritious food choices and acts as a lesson in healthy eating every day.

Outdoor Learning experiences are enjoyed by students and staff weekly at BPMS. The preschool students lead the way and enjoy outdoor experiences every single day in their Forest Classroom and many areas surrounding our school including: the Huntington Community Forest, Brush Brook and the Huntington River. The goal for outdoor education is to immerse children in the natural world and guide them in place based learning. Outdoor learning opportunities provide unstructured time that encourages children to make choices about their learning, persevere through challenges and take healthy risks. Outdoor education is designed to foster a child's natural inquisitiveness, creativity, and desire to learn. Outdoor Education is embedded into our school culture and learning.



## Jericho Elementary School

**Todd Rohlen, Principal**

**Enrollment: K-4 312**

Hello! My name is Todd Rohlen and I am the new principal here at JES. I live in Jeffersonville with my wife and two kids. I have been in education for a long time, as a pK-8 principal, a middle school science teacher, and even before that, I was an instructor for Outward Bound, leading canoeing and backpacking trips in Maine. I have spent my career empowering students to work harder and do more for themselves, and I look forward to continuing that work here in Jericho. Since I began in July, I have been working to get to know the school, staff, students, and the community. I love getting to visit classrooms, where everyday I see passionate teachers engaging curious kids on a variety of different subjects. Our kids look forward to being here because it is a remarkable school!

After a few years of Covid restrictions, we have loved having families back in the building, as well as getting our classes back out into the community. We have welcomed families into the school with some grade level open houses, some celebrations of writing, and more. It's been great to have more engagement between the school and homes, as well as the bigger community. We have had some exciting field trips so far, including taking advantage of a piece of property on Nashville Road, lovingly called "Camp Swampy." Kids have been learning ecology and more onsite there. The whole 3rd grade got to learn while sailing on Lake Champlain with the Lake Champlain Community Sailing Center! The 4th grade visited the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum to learn more about the history and ecology of the lake, and the 1st grade just went to the Vermont Teddy Bear Factory. While our learning in school is certainly at the core of what we do, it has been wonderful to bring back some of these enriching experiences in the greater community.

A big focus across the District is meeting the needs of each learner in our schools. As we know, students come with a variety of needs and learning styles. We are working hard on our Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS), which are the systems we have set up around the school to help meet the needs of every student. This means we are



continually assessing what our kids know, and where they might need extra support. Staff then works to get students the help they need. As you might imagine, it takes a lot of planning and attention to detail to create a system like this and to keep it running.

We have also been making sure our building is well maintained and updated. Last spring, we replaced much of the fire alarm system to make sure that was up to date. Over the summer, we updated to digital control for the heating system. We have started replacing the boards on the boardwalk and that work will continue when the weather warms. We have also started construction on a roof for the outdoor pizza oven, which will help that last much longer.

Lastly, I want to give a large thank you to our parent organization, Partners in Education, PIE. They are working so hard to help provide enriching experiences for students, to help the staff feel appreciated, and to take care of our amazing school and grounds.



## **Richmond Elementary School**

**Jeremy Rector, Principal**

**Enrollment: PreK-4 322**

The RES Parent Teacher Organization is in full swing this year! After tremendous growth over the past 3 years, the PTO meets monthly with roughly eight members attending every meeting, and several others joining as they are able to. While the energy and support of the community has been extremely positive and overflowing throughout the pandemic, this year there is a new feel and a community “charge” as we are rallying together to build several new play structures across the campus. Additionally, with fewer restrictions and health protocols, RES has seen a resurgence of guest visitors, community events, and facilities use!

Student voice is a critical component to a healthy and resilient school community. With that, we continue to work collectively to provide an engaging curriculum that naturally weaves student choice and voice into daily practice. Students are seen as partners to solving the problems and challenges of the day; be it academic, social-emotional, or structural. PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention Systems) remains a core component of what we do at RES, helping students by providing direct instruction and intentional learning opportunities that help students to develop agency and self advocacy all while celebrating the strength of the individual and the group. It is with this sense of agency and recognition that the students brought their voice to the playground redesign process. Last April I provided students with a “Principal's Challenge” and asked them to consider the playground we have in place and to reimagine it: What are the components that we have that they appreciate? What would they like to have that isn't already there? What would they like it to look like? As you could imagine, nearly every single student sent me a drawing and a list of the things they love and the things they would love to see. It was with their voice that a new design was built upon, and the students are so excited to see the project moving forward.

A primary curricular focus this year is centered around working in collaboration to support the diverse needs that have resulted from the pandemic. Teachers and staff are working diligently to hone in on the specific needs of individuals, and working collectively to find resolution. Coming together weekly, grade level teachers meet with interventionists, special educators, and administrators to collectively ask these four essential questions: What do we expect our students to learn? (Guaranteed and Viable Curriculum) How will we know they learned it? (Formative Assessment) What will we do when they don't learn it? (Reteaching/Additional Time and Support) and What will we do when they do learn it? (Extension). Through these team meetings and the work of our larger faculty meetings, we have begun to deepen our collective commitments toward a Professional Learning Community and take important next steps toward a robust Multi-tiered System of Supports.





## Underhill Central School

**Jennifer Cote, Principal**

**Enrollment: K-4 149**

The staff at Underhill Central School kicked off the 22-23 school year feeling energized and inspired. We welcomed eight new staff members to our school this year! The energy from the new and existing staff is positive and vibrant. Our teaching and support staff are strong, collaborative and cohesive. We are also thrilled to be welcoming families and community members back into our building this year to help support and provide enrichment opportunities for our students. We are excited to bring back the All School Meeting this year. The entire school comes together during this time to celebrate our learners, community and various other initiatives and events that are happening. Each classroom leads an All School Meeting once a year to promote student's confidence and leadership skills. Other events and celebrations this year include the Welcome Back School Picnic, Morning Open House, Turkey Trot, Recycle Rhonda, Mask Parade, and Snow Motion. Building community is a core value at UCS and we cherish opportunities to come together to celebrate.



UCS staff are committed to strengthening diversity, equity and inclusion in our school and throughout the Underhill community. We use character traits such as empathy, gratitude and kindness as points for discussing diversity, equity and inclusion. Teachers use a variety of children's books for students to explore these character traits and deepen their understanding of what each trait looks like, feels like and sounds like at school, at home and in their community. With the support of the district and school-based ABAR committees, our staff continue to examine their own biases and assumptions.

Staff continue to work with our district coaches to focus on strategies for engaging and improving student learning in literacy, math, science and social studies. A priority for our work this year has been creating benchmarks for literacy and a scope and sequence for phonics work in PreK-4th grade. We continue to reflect and revise our practices in all content areas as we interact with current research and engage in professional development. Additionally, we prioritize social and emotional learning for all students. Staff use mindfulness, responsive classroom and restorative practice approaches to support students with emotional regulation, self management, and connection with themselves and others.

As we develop a robust Multi-Tiered System of Supports, grade level teams are engaging in Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) this year. PLC's promote a culture of collaboration with a focus on student learning and results. This time is essential for teaching and learning. Teams composed of classroom teachers, related service providers, interventionists, and building administrators meet each week to collaborate and analyze student data and adjust instruction to meet the needs of our various learners.



On behalf of our entire staff, we thank you for your continued support of our efforts. We are committed to maintaining the high-quality level of education for our students and appreciate the Underhill community's support of our school.



## **Browns River Middle School**

**Kevin Hamilton, Principal**  
**Rebecca Marsh, Assistant Principal**

**Enrollment: 5-8 368**

This school year Browns River Middle School students and staff are looking to rebuild our community and routines after being in COVID protocols for the past two and a half years. This will be the first year that our current 8th grade class will be able to experience a normal middle school year without modifications and restrictions from the pandemic.



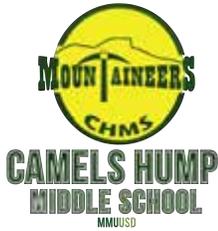
The focus on reconnecting our community begins with our school wide advisory program known as Nest. Every Wednesday morning our students are broken down into small multi grade level groups of approximately 8-10 children. Each group known as a flock, meets with the same adult advisor for 30 minutes and all groups focus on the same activity. Students will have the same advisor for their entire 4 year experience while at BRMS. The beginning of the year focused on getting to know each other and to build community within the groups. Throughout the year we will be focusing on other topics that we want to address as a school community. As we move into the new year we will be talking about what it means to be a positive member of a community and how we can all work together as unique individuals. There has been positive feedback from both our students and staff about how this advisory has helped us to reconnect as a school community and make new friendships.

Our teachers continue to collaborate closely with the staff at Camels Hump Middle School to make sure that our curriculum and instruction is closely aligned so that our students have a similar experience when they enter MMUHS. Our academic coaches meet regularly with our teachers during the school and for after school meetings as they look to improve their instructional practices. The monthly early release days have been focused on the science and social studies curriculum. This is another opportunity for our staff to work closely with teachers from across the district. Our staff is also beginning to work in groups known as Professional Learning Communities as they look at specific student data to improve instruction and student learning outcomes.



Our student activities and clubs continue to have high participation rates. In addition to our athletic and music programs, our after school clubs have provided wonderful and healthy opportunities for our students to gather socially and build skills of working together. Some of our club offerings include: Cooking, Dungeons and Dragons, Math, Pride, NANOWRMO, Magic, Engineering, Drama, Newspaper, Volleyball, and Minecraft. Additionally we have added a vertical climbing wall and traverse wall to our gymnasium. Our Drama program is returning this spring with a performance that will be presented to the community in the spring! This will be the first production for our students since the fall of 2019. We are also excited that our students will be returning to the waters of Lake Champlain in February. The Penguin Plunge tradition is returning to BRMS! Over the past 15 years we have raised \$250,000 for the Vermont Special Olympics by fundraising for this event. Parent volunteers are always welcome to join us in the plunge!

We are looking forward to 2023 and the opportunities that lie ahead for our staff and students!



## Camels Hump Middle School

**Gretchen Muller, Principal**

**Wilhelmina Picard, Assistant Principal**

**Enrollment: 5-8 309**

Camels Hump Middle School had a great start to the 2022-2023 school year and welcomed a large 5th grade class. We are so proud of these new Camels Hump Mountaineers. They have transitioned well into middle school life, have been enjoying more independence and are making new connections every day with their peers. Our 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students have been incredible role models and have been thriving in an environment that finally feels less restrictive now that we are moving forward from two and half years of COVID protocols.

This year had additional positive highlights with the excitement of welcoming families into the school again. We were thrilled to offer an in-person open house which allowed families to move about the school to see classrooms, meet teachers and get a feel of what their student's day looks like. For some families this was the first time they've been in the school even though their student has been attending CHMS for several years. The connections and relationships that were made were wonderful. In addition to an in-person open house, we also hosted in-person family/teacher/student conferences, a 6th grade fun fair and grade-level project celebrations. The number of attendees has been fantastic and students have truly enjoyed the opportunity to share their learning with their peers and their families.

This year we also used feedback from students and teachers to reframe our schoolwide expectations as well as further develop our advisory program. We created guidelines for what it means to be a Mountaineer in all aspects of CHMS life. Students have embraced this new approach and continue to model and practice the qualities and behaviors of being an engaged, supportive and respectful Mountaineer. During advisory, students are in small grade-level groups once a week. Advisory is a time when we create a smaller community within our larger school community where students are welcomed, heard, seen, creating brave spaces for each other and building connections that are positive, caring and meaningful. Advisory is a big part of being a Mountaineer.

We are also collaboratively working to strengthen other aspects of CHMS specifically tied to the various ways in which we support our students academically and socially and emotionally. Our advisory program is tied to strengthening how we support students socially and emotionally. For supporting students academically, we are using different meeting structures, using data to inform our planning as well as identifying additional supports we need to put into place to assist students when we determine specific areas of growth. We feel incredibly fortunate to have experienced classroom teaching staff as well as experienced special educators, interventionists and support staff all working together to help students be successful.

Finally, our students are thrilled to be able to participate on athletic teams and to be able to choose different clubs to participate in after school. The ability for CHMS to offer these other opportunities for students helps to support them in a different way, allows for new bonds to be created, and brings joy to our school community. We are so grateful for the motivation and dedication of our faculty and staff that have created all these opportunities for our students inside and outside the classrooms.



Our Camels Hump Mountaineers are doing a fantastic job!



## Mt. Mansfield Union High School

**Michael Weston, Principal**  
**Krystina Fernandez, Assistant Principal**

**David Marlow, Activities Director**  
**Enrollment: 9-12 766**

The 2021-2022 school year was our first step back to a “typical” school year. Students attended 5 days a week and classes returned to a bit more of a typical setting. We continued to wear masks and did not eat lunch in the cafeteria until March, but by the end of the year things looked very much like they did prior to the pandemic. Just as it was a process for our structures to return to normal, it was a process for our staff and students to return to the regular flow and demands of high school. However, as the year went all adjusted and we returned to focusing on how to move forward instead of how to adjust. We saw student success in many areas: MMU students achieved a proficient score on 82% of the AP Exams taken, MMUHS students take the SAT during their junior year and our scores continue to exceed state and national average, and our students earned 93% of their Proficiency Based Graduation Requirements. Another point I want to highlight is that over 72% of our student body were involved in at least one extracurricular activity. When we combine our extracurricular involvement with our Advisory program we believe we are creating an environment that allows for the formation of a healthy and supportive community.



The pinnacle of the year was the 55th Graduation Ceremony held at MMUHS on our soccer/lacrosse field. There were 192 members of the Class of 2022 and they celebrated their graduation on a cloud free warm Saturday morning. This class dealt with a lot in their time at MMU but when it came time for them to lead they did so with a smile and a positive attitude, this was appreciated by all and helped us through what could have been a very difficult year. The Class of 2022 has spread out across the globe and I know they are making all of us proud. I would be remiss if I did not take a moment to say thank you to everyone in this community who have created the environment that allows this school to be what it can be.

## Mount Mansfield Community Television (MMCTV)

MMCTV is celebrating 25 years of capturing local meetings, stories & events for Jericho, Richmond and Underhill. We offer hyperlocal content on Comcast cable channels 1076 (public/educational) and 1086 (government), and online at Internet Archive (<http://bit.ly/MmctvVideos>).

We are a small, but dynamic 501c3 nonprofit organization, part of a network of 24 media centers in Vermont. In 2022 alone, MMCTV processed 345 local meetings and 100+ non-meeting videos!

**LOCAL DEMOCRACY:** We take our civic role seriously, connecting you with local meetings and election info. Too tired to Zoom? You can catch many local board meetings LIVE on our cable and Youtube channels. Links to meeting videos are also organized daily by town/board at our website [MtMansfieldCtv.org](http://MtMansfieldCtv.org).

**COMMUNITY & EDUCATION:** We also help other nonprofit organizations get the word out and provide anyone in our towns with gear and knowledge to tell their own stories. Let us know if you are interested in either of these services.

A growing area for us is youth media education/training. We offer free workshops at the Richmond Free Library and Deborah Rawson Memorial library and are looking to expand our popular and affordable Middle School summer TV camp. In recent years our campers remade Hollywood movie scenes, as a part of the statewide Crowdsourced Cinema VT project.

Key MMCTV projects in 2022 included work on The Talk, Vermont (formerly Racism in America) series, as well as videos for the Community Senior Center & local concerts/parades. We also hire MMU students to stream/film concerts and sports and undertake special events like “haunting” Richmond Town Center with spooky animations on Halloween.

**FEEDBACK & DONATIONS:** Always welcome! Contact: Angelike Contis, Director, MMCTV, 203 Bridge St., 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor/P.O. Box 688, Richmond, VT 05477. Tel. 802 434-2550. Online: [MtMansfieldCtv.org](http://MtMansfieldCtv.org), e-mail [angelike@mmctv15.org](mailto:angelike@mmctv15.org)

## Mt. Mansfield Lodge #26, F&AM 2023 Town Report

Mount Mansfield Lodge # 26 F&AM will be offering Breakfast sandwiches prior to the Town Meeting at Mount Mansfield High School from 7 AM until 10 AM on March 7th in the Lobby.

Choice of sandwiches on an English muffin:

Egg and Cheese	\$4.00
Canadian Bacon, Egg, and Cheese	\$5.00
Sausage, Egg, and Cheese	\$5.00
Coffee	\$1.00

Like many organizations our yearly operations were severely reduced during the COVID 19 Pandemic. Our usual community projects-Jeri-Hill Senior Dinners, Food Bank Support, Town Meeting Breakfasts, Christmas meal deliveries, Town Green Up Day, among other activities-were curtailed due to the precautions and guidelines in effect over the past couple of years.

As an organization, we kept our community spirit alive by maintaining our fraternal connections through monthly Zoom Video conferences rather than face-to-face meetings. This allowed us to stay in contact, provide help and assistance to our members where needed and do some planning for our post-pandemic projects. Since we couldn't gather at our building, we took the opportunity to complete some much-needed maintenance. We upgraded the building's electrical system to code and the entry foyer was remodeled with a new ceiling, floor and fresh paint. The main meeting area, dining room and western side exterior were repainted. In October we had an Open House to provide visibility to visitors and answer questions about our Fraternity. This spring we will have the front of the building facing Rte. 15 painted.

Our Community Outreach Committee has made arrangements to again provide breakfast sandwiches at this year's Town Meeting in March. All proceeds will go to the Jericho-Underhill Ecumenical Ministry's food shelf. Plans are also in place to provide a banquet in May and a BBQ in early Fall for the Senior Citizens at the Jeri-Hill Apartments. As well, we will resume our Green-Up Day participation in May and provide a Community Pancake Breakfast fundraiser in the spring. Also, keep an eye out for us in the Jericho-Underhill Memorial Day Parade to honor those who have made the supreme sacrifice for our country.

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**BACK COVER:** Marcia was a long time Jericho resident and artist who passed away in late 2021. She was a frequent participant in the Town Hall Art Project. "Daffodils" was an admired piece in the retrospective exhibition of her work because of its cheeriness.

It is with great thanks that the Town of Jericho appreciates the donation of "Daffodils" to the Town by Norm Rosberg and family.



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