

**TOWN OF
ATHENS, VERMONT**

2021

TOWN AND SCHOOL

REPORTS

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TOWN OF ATHENS

POPULATION 2020 CENSUS

380

REGISTERED VOTERS

291

Town Garage	802 869-3312
Constable	802 869-3207
Fire and Rescue	911
Ambulance	911
State Police	1-802-875-2112
Windham County Sheriff's Department	1-802-365-4942
Town Clerk Office	802 869-3370
Athens Elementary School	802 869-2633
Grafton School	802 843-2495
Emergency Management Director	802 869-3268
Weather Emergency Committee	
Donald Capponcelli	802 869-2590
Tim Stevenson & Sherry Maher	802 869-2141
Lynn Morgan	802 869-2227
Tina White	802 869-3478
Wichie Artu	802 869-3669
Cheree Alsvig	(802) 428-3016
Gordon Pugh	802 869-3456

Town Clerk Hours: Monday 9-1 or by appointment

Select Board Meetings: 3rd Thursday of the month at 7pm

Town office mailing address

25 Brookline Rd., Athens, VT 05143

Email

townofathens@hotmail.com

School Board Meeting: 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm in Grafton /

Westminster alternating between the two. Contact Lynn Morgan or school to find out where for the meeting you may want to attend

Notice

The Brattleboro Reformer is the paper used for official town publishing

Residents in need of emergency shelter or other basic necessities, such as heat, food, or

water due to a weather related emergency can contact a member of the

Athens Volunteer

Emergency Committee

Property Taxes are due on the 10th of September

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**REPORT
OF
THE TOWN AND SCHOOL
FINANCIAL RECORDS
TOWN OF ATHENS
VERMONT**

We the auditors, have examined and verified the financial records of the

Town and School for year ending

Town – December 31, 2021

School – June 30, 2021

Michael Bates James Trimble

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WARNING

ANNUAL TOWN OF ATHENS TOWN MEETING

The legal voters of the Town of Athens are hereby notified and warned to act on the following articles and elect Town Officers required by law on the 1st of March AD 2022 at 10:00 am at the Athens Elementary School. All voting for Town Officers will be by Australian ballot. Polls will be open between 10:00am until 7:00pm at the Athens Elementary School.

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town shall eliminate the position of elected Road Commissioner and that the Select Board perform all the duties now conferred by law upon the Road Commissioner of the town as of the first Tuesday in March of 2023.

ARTICLE 2: Shall the Town of Athens expand the Select Board from 3 to 5 members.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town shall vote to authorize the Select Board to borrow money, respectively, if necessary, for current expenses in anticipation of collection of taxes.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town shall vote to collect taxes on the 10th of September, 2022.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town shall vote to publish a list of Delinquent tax payers in the Town Report.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will approve \$578,489.20 with \$374,232.31 to be raised by Taxes to defray Town expenditures.

ARTICLE 7: Shall the Town of Athens vote to start a matching grant fund using \$15,000.00 of surplus from the 2021 budget year to be used for highway and Town of Athens projects approved by the Select Board.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town of Athens will vote to appropriate the sum of \$250.00 to support Women's Freedom Center to provide quality advocacy and support to the women and children of Athens.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town of Athens will vote to appropriate the sum of \$330.00 to support Youth Services to serve the needs of youth and families in and around Windham County.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town of Athens will raise and appropriate \$1,000.00 to Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA) to assist Athens in responding to the emergency needs of the community and providing all available and applicable services.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$250.00 for the Bellows Falls Senior Center.

ARTICLE 12: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$1,350.00 to help support the home health, maternal and child health, and hospice care provided in patient's homes and in community settings by the Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice of VT and NH.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town of Athens will raise and appropriate \$1,000.00 to assist Grafton Cares in providing a variety of assistance to the people of Athens.

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town shall raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 to assist Senior Solutions.

ARTICLE 16: To set the time of future Town meetings.

ARTICLE 17: To transact any further business proper to come before said meeting.

Dated this 20st day of January, 2022 at Athens, Vermont.

Athens Board of Selectmen

David Bemis

Denise Randall

Janet Perry

Moderator:
 Town Clerk:
 Town Treasurer:
 Road Commissioner:
 Selectmen:
 Lists:
 Term Expires:
 Auditors:
 Campbell Fund Trustee:
 Meetinghouse Committee:
 Cemetery Commission:
 Constable:
 Collector of Delinquent Taxes:
 Town Grand Juror:
 U.S.D. #37 Representative:
 Town Agent:
 * Resigned

TOWN OFFICERS

	Term Expires:	
Moderator:	David Bemis	2022
Town Clerk:	Darlene Wyman	2022
Town Treasurer:	Darlene Wyman	2022
Road Commissioner:	Matthew Perry	2022
Selectmen:	David Bemis	2022
	Demise Randall	2023
	Janet Perry	2024
Listers:	Amber Stevens	2022
	Sandra Capponcelli	2023
	Carol Bingham	2024
Auditors:	Michael Bates	2022
	James Trimble	2022
	Angel Squires *	2024
Campbell Fund Trustee:	Tina White	2022
	Carol Bingham	2023
	Katherine Woodbury	2024
Meetinghouse Committee	Candace Damon	2022
	Janet Perry	2023
	Sherry Maher	2024
	Ginger Maciejowski	2025
	Pamela Russo	2026
Cemetery Commission:	Donald Capponcelli	2022
	David Bemis	2023
	James Neathawk	2024
	Harold Noyes	2025
	Stephen W. Oakes	2026
Constable:	Stephen W. Oakes	2022
Collector of Delinquent Taxes:	Darlene Wyman	2022
Town Grand Juror:	Stephen Fine	2022
U.H.S.D. #27 Representative:	Stephen Fine	2022
Town Agent:	Stephen Fine	2022

* Resigned

Appointed Town Officials

Fence Viewers	Donald Capponcelli Robert Anderson Adrian Tenney	
Housing Grant Committee	Stephen Fine Darlene Wyman David Bemis Denise Randall Janet Perry	
Planning Commission	Timothy Stevenson Ivor Stevens Janet Perry Select Board	Term Expires 2022 2023 2024
Ex Officio		
Sexton ,Athens Valley & West Cemetery Surveyor, Wood & Coal Health Officer Tree Warden Town Service Officer Windham Regional Commission	Cemetery Commission Donald Capponcelli Stephen W. Oakes Robert Anderson Lynn Morgan Andrew Toepfer Robert Anderson David Bemis David Bemis Hannah Regier Michael Bates Carol Bingham Janet Perry Amber Stevens	
State Appointed Forest Fire Warden Athens Emergency Management Director Budget Committee	David Bemis David Bemis Hannah Regier Michael Bates Carol Bingham Janet Perry Amber Stevens	2022 2023 2023 2024 2024
Southern Windsor/Windham Solid Waste Management District Representative	David Bemis Denise Randall: Alternate	
Elected Justices of the Peace	David Bemis Kate Bova Sandra Capponcelli Stephen W. Oakes Janet Perry	

Town Real Estate (VLCT Insurance Replacement Values) 2021 (do not confuse with market values)

Athens Town Office	\$ 240,805.00
Athens Town Office contents	10,500.00
Athens Town Garage	450,708.00
Athens Brick Meeting House	618,584.00
Town Acquired School Building	442,730.00
Town Acquired School Building contents	10,000.00
Silk Picture	3,000.00
Athens Valley Cemetery	
Athens West Cemetery	
Total	\$ 1,776,328.00

Town Garage - Vehicles, Equipment and Tools

2012 Freightliner Dump Truck	\$ 40,048.00
2019 Ford F 550	72,725.00
Sander	2,000.00
2017 Caterpillar Backhoe	123,500.00
2004 caterpillar Grader	108,000.00
Emergency Trailer and Equipment	3,570.00
Plows Henke 11'	7,921.00
Housatonic 10'	4,200.00
Everest 12'	1,300.00
Bush Bandit 150XP Chipper	7,000.00
York Rake	6,000.00
Blower	8,200.00
Welder	3,500.00
Total	\$ 387,964.00

Equipment

1K Gallon Fuel Tank	1,000.00
Chloride Tank	600.00
1 Safety Fuel Cans	50.00
2 Service Jacks	300.00
1 Grease Guns	200.00
Battery Charger	125.00
Water Pump	400.00
Fill Rite Pump	300.00
Steam Cleaner	2,500.00
Generac	951.00
Air Compressor	600.00
Chain Saw	450.00
2 Weed Trimmers	300.00
Sweeper	275.00
Pole Saw	300.00
Lawn Mower	240.00

Snatch Block	63.00
Skil Saw	115.00
DEF Pump	90.00
2 Oil Containment Units	900.00
Grizzly	3,800.00
Total	\$13,559.00

Tools

Grinder 4"	50.00
3"	50.00
Power Drill	60.00
Wrenches	

Gear 1/4" to 1"	75.00
Neiko 1 3/8" to 2"	150.00
Chine 11/4" to 2"	175.00
2 air ratchets 1/2" and 3/4"	300.00

Impact

Chrome Vanadium 3/4"	49.00
Wisdom 1/2"	60.00
Job Smart 1/2"	50.00
Crowfoot 1/2" to 3/8"	99.00
3/8" to 3/4"	99.00

Pipe (2)	100.00
Metric 7 to 20mm	150.00
Adjustable 8" to 15"	100.00
Screwdriver Set	21.99
Tool Chest	1,200.00
Tools	3,000.00
Hand Truck	59.99
Chains ! - 20' and 3- 8'	300.00
Chain Binders 4	400.00
Traffic Cones 30	1,200.00
Road Signs	2,400.00
Drop Lights 2	80.00
Radio System	
2 Mobile	1,750.00
4 Hand Held	1,300.00

Items added 2020

Torch Set and Cart	600.00
Ratchet extensions 1/2"	40.00
Air Chisel	60.00
Air Ratchet	60.00
Air Disc Grinder	40.00
Air Lift Bottle Jack 20 Ton	220.00
Leaf Blower	599.00
Computer	630.00
Printer	89.00

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Town Real Estate (VLO) Insurance Premium Total \$15,616.98

Town Office
 Computer 1,800.00
 Laptop 971.00
 Furniture 5,500.00
 Generator 7,500.00
Total \$15,771.00

Athens Brick Meeting House
 Town Acquired School Building contents
 Town Acquired School Building
 Silk Picture 60.00
 Athens Valley Cemetery
 Athens West Cemetery 75.00
Total \$1,776,327.15

Town Garage - Vehicle Equipment and Tools
 2012 Freightliner Dump Truck 60,000.00
 2019 Ford F 550 60.00
 Sander 50.00
 2017 Caterpillar Backhoe 99.00
 2014 Caterpillar Grader 99.00
 Emergency Trailer and Equipment 800.00
 Plow Hanks 11' 180.00
 Housatonic 100.00
 Eveready 12' 21.99
 Bush Bantam 150XP Road haul 1,200.00
 York Bar 3,000.00
 Blower 59.99
 Welder 300.00
 400.00
Total 67,967.98
 Equipment 1,200.00
 1K Gallon Fuel Tank 2,400.00
 Chloride Tank 80.00
 1 Safety Fuel Cans
 2 Service Jacks 1,750.00
 1 Grease Guns 1,300.00
 Battery Charger
 Water Pump 600.00
 Fill Rate Pump 40.00
 Steam Cleaner 60.00
 Generator 60.00
 Air Compressor 40.00
 Chain Saw 220.00
 2 Weed Trimmers 299.00
 3 Paper 690.00
 Pole Saw 69.00
 Lawn Mower

2021 STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED

Rate Name	Tax Rate	x	Grandlist	
Municipal	1.15		\$ 367,144.95	\$ 422,216.69
			Total Municipal	<u>\$ 422,216.69</u>
Education				
Non-residential	1.4446	x	159,664.99	230,652.09
Homestead	1.575	x	207,876.96	<u>327,406.55</u>
			Total Education	\$ 558,058.64
HS 1222 Late Payment				163.42
Total Taxes Raised				\$ 980,438.75
Total				\$ 980,438.75
Accounted for as follows				
Collection				
By Treasurer			Town	\$351,809.26
			School	435,789.02
			State Payments	151,505.72
			Hs122 Late Payment	<u>163.42</u>
				\$939,267.42
By Delinquent Tax Collector				<u>19,331.94</u>
				\$958,599.36
Uncollected				\$29,709.09
Credits				(190.25)
Revised bills subtracted				(7,679.92)
Overpayment				(0.13)
Fractional difference				<u>0.60</u>
Total				\$980,438.75

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Comparative Budget Report and 2022 Proposed Town Budget

AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TOWN TAXES IN 2022:	\$374,232.31
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	Budget 2020	Actual 2020	Budget 2021	Actual 2021	Budget 2022
REVENUES					
Tax Related					
Current Taxes	\$445,532.40	\$387,782.05	\$393,183.05	\$404,142.75	\$374,232.31
Delinquent Taxes	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$339.59	\$0.00
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	\$0.00	\$4,177.01	\$3,000.00	\$4,232.23	\$3,000.00
Tax Collector Fee	\$0.00	\$4,578.53	\$0.00	\$3,923.28	\$0.00
Tax Sale Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Property redemptions	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Municipal Tax Adjustment	\$0.00	\$51,683.00	\$0.00	\$40,883.93	\$0.00
PILOT State Payment	\$4,000.00	\$4,020.60	\$4,000.00	\$4,020.60	\$4,000.00
Current Use State Payment	\$29,000.00	\$30,933.00	\$30,000.00	\$29,757.00	\$30,000.00
School Tax Refund	\$0.00	\$8,411.90	\$0.00	\$6,316.06	\$0.00
Budget adjustment for Previous Year Surplus/Deficit	\$56,947.85	\$0.00	\$77,000.00	\$0.00	\$56,206.89
Total Tax Related Revenue	\$535,480.25	\$491,586.09	\$507,183.05	\$493,615.44	\$467,439.20
Grants/Other Governments					
State Aid to Highways	\$45,000.00	\$46,778.35	\$45,000.00	\$49,106.77	\$45,000.00
Vt State Civil Fines	\$2,000.00	\$1,868.00	\$2,000.00	\$3,143.00	\$2,500.00
State Grants	\$0.00	\$3,186.81	\$0.00	\$2,502.99	\$5,000.00
Federal Grants	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$45,000.00
Misc. State Payments	\$0.00	\$12,016.78	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Grant/Governmental Revenue	\$47,000.00	\$63,849.94	\$47,000.00	\$54,752.76	\$97,500.00
Clerks Office					
Clerk Fees	\$0.00	\$3,727.00	\$0.00	\$4,699.00	\$0.00
Animal License	\$0.00	\$77.51	\$0.00	\$130.28	\$0.00
Copies	\$200.00	\$683.95	\$300.00	\$683.00	\$400.00
Clerk Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Clerks Office Revenue	\$200.00	\$4,488.46	\$300.00	\$5,512.28	\$400.00
Service Fee	\$150.00	\$1,164.00	\$400.00	\$1,520.00	\$1,000.00
Service Fee (Trash Bags)	\$15,000.00	\$12,657.50	\$12,500.00	\$12,037.00	\$12,000.00
Public Works/Highway	\$50.00	\$110.00	\$50.00	\$80.00	\$50.00
Interest on Investments	\$150.00	\$149.72	\$150.00	\$94.04	\$100.00
Elementary School Building				\$522.00	\$0.00
Micellaneous	\$0.00	\$15.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL REVENUES	\$598,030.25	\$574,020.71	\$567,583.05	\$568,133.52	\$578,489.20

	Budget 2020	Actual 2020	Budget 2021	Actual 2021	Budget 2022
EXPENDITURES					
Salaries & Benefits					
Selectboard	\$1,750.00	\$1,770.00	\$1,750.00	\$1,890.00	\$1,750.00
Clerk	\$3,000.00	\$3,360.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,426.00	\$3,000.00
Assistant Clerk	\$250.00	\$20.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Treasurer	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Assistant Treasurer	\$1,250.00	\$1,099.69	\$1,200.00	\$1,310.13	\$400.00
Constable	\$500.00	\$303.75	\$520.00	\$0.00	\$550.00
Health Officer	\$500.00	\$382.50	\$520.00	\$0.00	\$550.00
Moderator	\$45.00	\$15.00	\$45.00	\$30.00	\$45.00
Elections	\$750.00	\$511.92	\$225.00	\$587.53	\$950.00
BCA/BOA	\$100.00	\$16.00	\$100.00	\$36.00	\$100.00
Listers	\$3,000.00	\$1,020.97	\$2,500.00	\$2,136.52	\$3,000.00
Auditors	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$350.00
Del Tax Collector	\$0.00	\$3,466.04	\$0.00	\$3,792.96	\$0.00
Clerk Fees	\$0.00	\$3,678.00	\$0.00	\$4,671.00	\$0.00
Clerk / Treasurer Hourly					\$5,275.00
Social Security	\$950.00	\$1,979.33	\$1,400.00	\$1,645.30	\$1,875.00
Workers Comp Ins	\$100.00	\$98.00	\$100.00	\$24.00	\$105.00
Total Salaries & Benefits	\$13,945.00	\$18,721.20	\$12,610.00	\$20,549.44	\$19,950.00
Town Office Expenditures					
Office Supplies	\$750.00	\$851.72	\$1,325.00	\$1,222.12	\$1,485.00
Postage	\$500.00	\$992.90	\$1,000.00	\$510.00	\$1,000.00
Training	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Office Equipment Purchase	\$1,000.00	\$64.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$650.00
Office Equipment Service	\$325.00	\$0.00	\$325.00	\$650.00	\$325.00
Printing /Advertizing	\$500.00	\$315.30	\$500.00	\$336.60	\$500.00
Town Report	\$325.00	\$291.00	\$325.00	\$280.50	\$325.00
Computer Related	\$2,250.00	\$940.21	\$3,710.00	\$6,310.95	\$16,977.20
Electricity	\$550.00	\$508.70	\$550.00	\$517.48	\$550.00
Telephone	\$910.00	\$958.33	\$910.00	\$914.97	\$950.00
Heating Oil	\$850.00	\$678.63	\$1,050.00	\$388.14	\$1,800.00
Propane	\$150.00	\$436.81	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
Building Maintenance	\$500.00	\$328.00	\$250.00	\$232.70	\$250.00
Generator Maintenance	\$350.00	\$329.00	\$350.00	\$339.00	\$350.00
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$21.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Town Office Expenses	\$9,210.00	\$6,715.60	\$11,745.00	\$11,702.46	\$26,062.20
General Expenses					
Trash/Recycling Removal	\$36,000.00	\$37,452.28	\$44,000.00	\$40,146.43	\$36,500.00
Supplies (Trash Bags)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00
VLCT Dues	\$1,550.00	\$1,613.00	\$1,700.00	\$1,613.00	\$1,625.00
Windham Regional Dues	\$1,045.00	\$1,045.00	\$1,050.00	\$1,061.54	\$1,070.00
Northeast Resource Recove	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
County Tax	\$2,500.00	\$2,879.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,879.00	\$3,000.00
Legal Services	\$3,000.00	\$5,760.31	\$5,000.00	\$4,335.00	\$5,000.00
Tax Sale Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Property redemptions	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Professional Svcs	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
VLCT Insurance	\$3,500.00	\$3,407.00	\$3,407.00	\$644.50	\$3,500.00
Tax Abatements	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Micellaneous	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
Total General Expenses	\$49,195.00	\$52,206.59	\$59,257.00	\$50,729.47	\$54,295.00

	Budget 2020	Actual 2020	Budget 2021	Actual 2021	Budget 2022
Public Safety					
Saxtons River Fire Dept.	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00
SWNH Fire Mutual Aid	\$7,250.00	\$7,631.00	\$7,500.00	\$8,013.00	\$8,500.00
Windham County Sheriff	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.04	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.04	\$5,500.00
Golden Cross Ambulance	\$4,600.00	\$4,644.00	\$4,600.00	\$4,644.00	\$4,600.00
Animal Quarantine	\$350.00	\$350.00	\$500.00	\$350.00	\$500.00
Total Public Safety Expenses	\$22,200.00	\$22,625.04	\$22,600.00	\$18,007.04	\$24,100.00
Athens Elementary Sch. Building					
School Bldg. Electricity	\$1,300.00	\$811.11	\$1,000.00	\$891.24	\$1,200.00
School Bldg. Telephone	\$1,800.00	\$1,670.65	\$1,700.00	\$1,752.09	\$1,700.00
School Bldg. Heating Oil	\$2,000.00	\$1,901.33	\$1,390.00	\$1,671.46	\$2,470.00
School Bldg. Insurance	\$1,500.00	\$1,478.00	\$1,478.00	\$450.50	\$1,800.00
School Building Maintenan	\$1,750.00	\$7,043.95	\$2,000.00	\$901.50	\$8,000.00
School Grounds Maintenan	\$800.00	\$900.00	\$800.00	\$1,000.00	\$800.00
Total Elementary Sch. Building	\$9,150.00	\$13,805.04	\$8,368.00	\$6,666.79	\$15,970.00
Highway Payroll					
Highway Foremen	\$50,641.40	\$48,318.44	\$50,176.80	\$49,137.32	\$51,840.00
Highway Labor	\$39,588.80	\$39,452.80	\$41,385.60	\$40,427.60	\$44,280.00
Highway Flagger	\$1,500.00	\$1,017.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00
Social Security	\$6,902.61	\$6,874.21	\$7,004.53	\$5,809.52	\$7,350.00
Retirement	\$5,188.24	\$5,240.65	\$5,493.74	\$5,528.34	\$6,000.00
Health Insurance	\$32,923.20	\$33,044.64	\$34,380.38	\$34,203.92	\$32,262.00
Unemployment	\$100.00	\$142.00	\$266.00	\$232.00	\$180.00
Workers Comp Insurance	\$7,500.00	\$6,468.00	\$6,307.00	\$2,996.00	\$5,600.00
Total Highway Payroll Expenses	\$144,344.25	\$140,557.74	\$146,514.05	\$138,334.70	\$150,012.00
Highway Garage					
General Supplies	\$1,600.00	\$4,177.17	\$4,400.00	\$2,198.62	\$4,000.00
Electricity	\$600.00	\$779.86	\$825.00	\$698.58	\$875.00
Telephone	\$1,465.00	\$1,194.17	\$1,200.00	\$1,501.53	\$1,235.00
Heating Oil	\$4,250.00	\$4,090.07	\$3,130.00	\$3,302.28	\$5,590.00
Trash Removal	\$2,000.00	\$633.85	\$1,400.00	\$2,534.80	\$1,400.00
Building Maintenance	\$1,000.00	\$135.13	\$1,000.00	\$1,033.57	\$1,000.00
New Construction	\$32,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Highway Dept. Training			\$1,000.00	\$150.00	\$500.00
Miscellaneous		\$1,131.83	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Highway Garage Expenses	\$42,915.00	\$12,142.08	\$12,955.00	\$11,419.38	\$14,600.00
Highway Equipment					
VLCT Insurance	\$4,000.00	\$3,895.00	\$3,895.00	\$1,043.25	\$4,200.00
Special Tools/Equip	\$2,000.00	\$885.59	\$3,500.00	\$1,509.58	\$1,500.00
Radio Maintenance	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
General Repair Supplies	\$4,000.00	\$1,785.57	\$4,000.00	\$1,177.10	\$3,000.00
R&M 2012 Frieghtliner	\$9,000.00	\$22,916.33	\$12,500.00	\$11,073.08	\$8,500.00
R&M Ford 550	\$3,000.00	\$2,795.66	\$1,500.00	\$2,049.40	\$1,750.00
R&M Grader	\$7,800.00	\$1,845.95	\$9,300.00	\$8,852.50	\$2,000.00
R&M 2017 Cat420F2 Backhoe	\$3,000.00	\$255.31	\$1,500.00	\$1,488.78	\$1,500.00
Gasoline	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$105.56	\$500.00
Diesel Fuel	\$8,000.00	\$7,915.54	\$7,618.00	\$8,903.47	\$13,500.00
Total Highway Equipment Expenses	\$41,350.00	\$42,294.95	\$44,363.00	\$36,202.72	\$36,450.00

	Budget 2020	Actual 2020	Budget 2021	Actual 2021	Budget 2022
Road Maintenance					
Highway Equip Rental	\$1,500.00	\$50.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Gravel	\$25,000.00	\$21,163.40	\$25,000.00	\$28,774.50	\$16,450.00
Salt	\$36,000.00	\$20,949.84	\$32,000.00	\$11,912.06	\$35,000.00
Stone				\$0.00	\$11,050.00
Sand	\$15,000.00	\$14,056.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,546.50	\$16,000.00
Chloride	\$3,000.00	\$2,325.00	\$3,200.00	\$1,900.00	\$3,500.00
Cold Patch	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$118.28	\$500.00
Contracted Services	\$20,000.00	\$12,100.00	\$9,200.00	\$9,300.00	\$9,000.00
Road Resealing	\$8,800.00	\$0.00	\$8,800.00	\$0.00	\$8,800.00
Bridge Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Small culverts	\$2,860.00	\$0.00	\$2,860.00	\$5,594.90	\$4,000.00
Stormwater permit / program		\$0.00	\$500.00	\$6,051.75	\$500.00
Underdrains		\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$920.31	\$2,000.00
Emergency Road Work				\$51,043.80	\$0.00
Miscellaneous Highway	\$1,000.00	\$4,877.83	\$1,000.00	\$41.53	\$500.00
Total Highway Maintenance	\$113,660.00	\$75,522.07	\$100,060.00	\$131,203.63	\$107,300.00
Voted Appropriations					
SEVCA	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	
Bellows Falls Senior Ctr	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	
Visiting Nurses	\$1,350.00	\$1,350.00	\$1,350.00	\$1,350.00	
Women's Freedom Ctr	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	
Senior Solutions	\$250.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	
Youth Services	\$330.00	\$330.00	\$330.00	\$330.00	
Grafton Cares	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	
HCRS	\$356.00	\$356.00	\$356.00	\$356.00	
Total Voted Appropriations	\$4,786.00	\$4,836.00	\$4,836.00	\$4,836.00	
Tranfers to Other Funds					
Town Office Renovation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Athens Brick Mtg House	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Athens Cemetery Comm.	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Long Term Highway Projects	\$11,500.00	\$11,500.00	\$9,500.00	\$9,500.00	\$9,500.00
Paving Fund	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00
Equipment Fund	\$37,900.00	\$37,900.00	\$37,900.00	\$37,900.00	\$49,250.00
Emergency Preparedness	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Planning Commission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Equip Fund (Cat 420F2ST)	\$25,875.00	\$25,875.00	\$25,875.00	\$25,875.00	\$0.00
Emergency Reserve Fund	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Total Transfers to Other Funds	\$147,275.00	\$147,275.00	\$144,275.00	\$144,275.00	\$129,750.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$598,030.25	\$536,701.31	\$567,583.05	\$569,090.63	\$578,489.20

Saturday March 5, 2022
10:30 am-12:00pm
ATHENS TOWN OFFICE
\$15.00 per Animal

DELINQUENT TAX REPORT

Year	Charged to	Total Tax	Collected	Tax Balance
	Collector	Collected	Interest	Due as of
	<u>2021</u>	<u>2021</u>		<u>12/31/2021</u>
2015	\$1,196.81	\$ 553.40	\$ 402.33	\$ 643.41
2016	1,925.64	0.00	0.00	1,925.64
2017	2,027.76	0.00	0.00	2,027.76
2018	2,657.90	572.54	180.09	2,085.36
2019	7,189.47	1,769.45	320.78	5,420.02
2020	35,833.48	30,125.36*	1,942.73	5,708.18
2021	<u>49,041.03</u>	<u>19,331.94</u>	<u>214.32</u>	<u>29,709.09</u>
Totals	\$99,872.09	\$ 52,352.63	\$ 3,060.25	\$ 47,519.46
		*abated \$836.40		

DELINQUENT TAX PAYERS

2015 Paul and Judith Bemis	2021 Louis A. Santini
2016 Paul and Judith Bemis	Paul and Judith Bemis
2017 Paul and Judith Bemis	Jaqueline Garrow
2018 Paul and Judith Bemis	Don and Jayne Elliott
2019 Louis A. Santini, Jr.	Diane P. Shepard et al
Paul and Judith Bemis	Jason and Diane Taylor
Diane P. Shepard et al	Amy Jo Aldrich
Emily Garrow	Matthew Tenney
2020 Louis A. Santini, Jr.	Bruce Tenney Jr.
Paul and Judith Bemis	Andrew MacIntyre
Diane P. Shepard et al	Stephen W. and Carol Oakes
Matthew Tenney	Jeffrey Grindlay
Emily Garrow	Richard Leary
	Emily Garrow
	Elaine and Carrie Kies
	Stephen W. Oakes

DOG LICENSE REPORT

RECEIPTS

45 Spayed/Nuetered Dogs @	\$9.00	\$405.00
5 Unspayed/Unnuetered Dogs @	13.00	65.00

LATE FEES:

11 Spayed/Nuetered Dogs @	11.00	121.00
8 Unspayed/Unneutered Dogs @	17.00	<u>136.00</u>

69 Dogs Total

TOTAL RECEIPTS \$727.00

EXPENDITURES

State of Vermont:

69 Dogs @	5.00	\$ 345.00
Clerk Fees:		
69 Dogs @	2.00	138.00
Town of Athens:		
45 Dogs @	2.00	90.00
11 Dogs @	4.00	44.00
5 Dogs @	6.00	30.00
8 Dogs @	10.00	<u>80.00</u>

TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$ 727.00

RABIES CLINIC

Saturday March 5, 2022
10:30 am-12:00pm
ATHENS TOWN OFFICE
\$15.00 per Animal

2021 Fund Balances

General / Highway Fund

Jan 1, 2021 Starting Balances

Checking Account	\$7,208.42
Savings Account	\$457,135.39
Due to Other Funds	-\$255,999.24
Del Tax Receivable	\$51,409.88
Current Tax Receivable	\$534.53
Tax Interest & Penalty	\$9,492.95
Total Assets	\$269,781.93

Jan 1, 2021 Liabilities (Outstanding bills, delinquent tax principle, advance payments on taxes)

Total Liabilities	\$57,649.88
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Jan 1, 2021 Assets minus Liabilities \$212,132.05

2021 Annual Revenues (See budget page for revenue breakdowns)

Total Revenues	\$568,133.52
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2021 Annual Expenses (See budget page for expense breakdowns)

Total Expenses	\$573,926.63
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Dec 31, 2021 Ending Balances

Checking Account	\$3,064.53
Savings Account	\$625,098.26
Due to Other Funds	-\$427,045.99
Del Tax Receivable	\$47,519.46
Current Tax Receivable	\$534.53
Tax Interest & Penalty	\$10,400.04
Total Assets	\$259,570.83

Dec 31, 2021 Liabilities (Outstanding bills, deferred tax principal, & advance payments on taxes)

Total Liabilities	\$53,231.89
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Dec 31, 2021 Assets minus Liabilities \$206,338.94

Athens Brick Meetinghouse Fund

2021 Starting Balance

Meetinghouse Fund		\$12,436.87
Total Assets		\$12,436.87

2021 Revenues

Grants	\$0.00
Transfer from GF	\$2,500.00
Donations	\$0.00
Total Revenues	\$2,500.00

2021 Expenses

Contracted Svcs	\$700.00
Other Professional Svcs	\$547.59
Building Maintenance	\$130.00
Loan payment to Housing Rehab	\$0.00
Total Expenses	\$1,377.59

2021 Ending Balance

Meetinghouse Fund		\$13,559.28
Total Assets		\$13,559.28

Due to Housing Rehab Fund		\$15,000.00
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Campbell Fund

2021 Starting Balances

Cert of Deposit		\$35,578.90
Savings		\$2,670.16
Total Assets		\$38,249.06

2021 Revenues

Interest	409.21
Total Revenues	\$409.21

2021 Expenses

Total Expenses	\$0.00
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2021 Ending Balances

Cert of Deposit		\$35,986.77
Savings		\$2,671.50
Total Assets		\$38,658.27

Town Office Renovation Fund

2021 Starting Balances

Town Office Renovation Fund	\$28,941.71
<u>Total Assets</u>	<u>\$28,941.71</u>

2021 Revenues

Grant Revenue	\$344.50
Transfer In From GF	\$0.00
<u>Total Revenues</u>	<u>\$344.50</u>

2021 Expenses

<u>Total Expenses</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
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2021 Ending Balances

Town Office Renovation Fund	\$29,286.21
<u>Total Assets</u>	<u>\$29,286.21</u>

Cemetery Commission Fund

2021 Starting Balances

Cemetery Fund	\$22,485.73
<u>Total Assets</u>	<u>\$22,485.73</u>

2021 Revenues

Plot sales	\$500.00
Grant revenue	\$0.00
Interest Income	\$0.00
Transfer In from GF	\$3,000.00
<u>Total Revenues</u>	<u>\$3,500.00</u>

2021 Expenses

Materials	\$145.26
Contracted Services	\$2,500.00
<u>Total Expenses</u>	<u>\$2,645.26</u>

2021 Ending Balances

Cemetery Fund	\$23,340.47
<u>Total Assets</u>	<u>\$23,340.47</u>

Cemetery Trust Fund

2021 Starting Balances

Stella Holden CD	\$501.26
Charles Colton CD	\$501.26
Total Assets	\$1,002.52

2021 Revenues

Interest Income	\$2.48
Total Revenues	\$2.48

2021 Expenses

Total Expenses	\$0.00
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2021 Ending Balances

Stella Holden CD	\$502.50
Charles Colton CD	\$502.50
Total Assets	\$1,005.00

Equipment Fund

2021 Starting Balances

Reserved for Small Truck Replacement	-\$11,110.00
Reserved for Large Truck Replacement	\$32,804.75
Reserved for Backhoe Replacement	\$30,000.00
Reserved for Grader Replacement	\$20,000.00
Reserved for Small Equipment Purchase	\$2,034.10
Reserved for Cat 420F25ST Payment	-\$246.23
Total Assets	\$73,482.62

2021 Revenues

Transfer In From GF	\$63,775.00
Total Revenues	\$63,775.00

2021 Expenses

Capital Equipment	\$11,355.43
Payments for Cat 420F25T	\$25,873.74
Total Expenses	\$37,229.17

2021 Ending Balances

Unreserved	-\$8,149.99
Reserved for Small Truck Replacement	\$1,290.00
Reserved for Large Truck Replacement	\$41,304.75
Reserved for Backhoe Replacement	\$40,000.00
Reserved for Grader Replacement	\$25,000.00
Reserved for Small Equipment Purchase	\$828.67
Reserved for Cat 420F25ST Payment	-\$244.97
Total Assets	\$100,028.46

Housing Rehabilitation Fund

2021 Starting Balances

Housing Rehabilitation Fund	\$11,839.61
<u>Total Assets</u>	<u>\$11,839.61</u>

2021 Revenues

Total Revenues	\$0.00
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2021 Expenses

Total Expenses	\$0.00
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2021 Ending Balances

Housing Rehabilitation Fund	\$11,839.61
<u>Total Assets</u>	<u>\$11,839.61</u>

Due from Meetinghouse Fund	\$15,000.00
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Paving Fund

2021 Starting Balances

Paving Fund	\$32,230.60
<u>Total Assets</u>	<u>\$32,230.60</u>

2021 Revenues

Transfer In From GF	\$60,000.00
Grants	\$0.00
<u>Total Revenues</u>	<u>\$60,000.00</u>

2021 Expenses

Contracted Services	\$0.00
<u>Total Expenses</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>

2021 Ending Balances

Paving Fund	\$92,230.60
<u>Total Assets</u>	<u>\$92,230.60</u>

Reappraisal Fund**2021 Starting Balances**

Reappraisal Fund	\$24,042.44
<u>Total Assets</u>	<u>\$24,042.44</u>

2021 Revenues

Grant Revenue Per Parcel	\$2,235.50
Grant Listers Education	\$263.00
<u>Total Revenues</u>	<u>\$2,498.50</u>

2021 Expenses

Office Supplies	\$379.64
<u>Total Expenses</u>	<u>\$379.64</u>

2021 Ending Balances

Reappraisal Fund	\$26,161.30
<u>Total Assets</u>	<u>\$26,161.30</u>

Weather Emergency Fund**2021 Starting Balances**

Checking Account	\$2,254.45
<u>Total Assets</u>	<u>\$2,254.45</u>

2021 Revenues

Transfer in from GF	\$500.00
<u>Total Revenues</u>	<u>\$500.00</u>

2021 Expenses

Miscellaneous	\$257.94
<u>Total Expenses</u>	<u>\$257.94</u>

2021 Ending Balances

Emergency Preparedness Fund	\$2,496.51
<u>Total Assets</u>	<u>\$2,496.51</u>

Long Term Highway Projects Fund

2021 Starting Balances

Reserved for Guardrails	\$8,449.00
Reserved for Culverts	\$24,236.20
Total Assets	\$32,685.20

2021 Revenues

Transfer In From GF	\$9,500.00
Total Revenues	\$9,500.00

2021 Expenses

Total Expenses	\$0.00
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2021 Ending Balances

Reserved for Guardrails	\$13,449.00
Reserved for Culverts	\$28,736.20
Total Assets	\$42,185.20

Planning Commission Fund

2021 Starting Balances

Planning Commission Fund	\$1,227.59
Total Assets	\$1,227.59

2021 Revenues

Total Revenues	\$0.00
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2021 Expenses

Total Expenses	\$0.00
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2021 Ending Balances

Planning Commission Fund	\$1,227.59
Total Assets	\$1,227.59

Emergency Reserve Fund

2021 Starting Balances

Emergency Reserve Fund	\$15,000.00
Total Assets	\$15,000.00

2021 Revenues

Transfer in from GF	\$5,000.00
Total Revenues	\$5,000.00

2021 Expenses

Total Expenses	\$0.00
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2021 Ending Balances

Emergency Reserve Fund	\$20,000.00
Total Assets	\$20,000.00

ARPA Grant Fund

Created August 2021

2021 Starting Balances

Total Assets	\$0.00
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2021 Revenues

Grant Revenue	\$65,318.35
Total Revenues	\$65,318.35

2021 Expenses

Total Expenses	\$0.00
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2021 Ending Balances

ARPA Grant Fund	\$65,318.35
Total Assets	\$65,318.35

Balance All Funds	\$673,675.79
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Respectfully submitted,
Don Capponcelli

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Athens Brick Meetinghouse (ABMH) Town Report 2021

While still meeting remotely, the ABMH committee began the year compiling a scope of work for the projects still to be completed. Bids for painting, window restoration, floor sanding and refinishing, plaster repair and future ADA access to the building were solicited for purposes of completing grant applications. We were thrilled to learn that the facade improvement project was awarded a Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grant in the amount of \$50,000 in February 2021. This is a subgrant through Preservation Trust Vermont funded by the National Park Service. Being a federal grant, it comes with many guidelines and restrictions. As a consequence of those requirements, it wasn't until November that we received the letter of acceptance from the Vermont Division of Historic Preservation to go ahead with the project as stated in our scope of work. The committee will now begin reaching out to contractors for bids on the project with hope that the work can begin in spring of 2022.

Fundraising and social events for the Meetinghouse went ahead and are more and more successful each year. The very popular Memorial Day plant sale was well attended even in 40 degree, rainy weather. The committee is thankful for the help and support of the Athens Garden Club for contributing to the plant sale's success. The plant sale was followed by a tree-planting memorial for Eleanor Beamis, a long time member of the Brick Meetinghouse Committee.

Further activities included a visit to the Brookline Meetinghouse, a well-attended concert and Ice cream social, and, in August, a booth at the Windham County History Fair on the Newfane Green. A silent auction was held for a lumber donation. We also saw the return of the MH firewood raffle.

In the Fall, the committee planted daffodils around the Meetinghouse and to bring an end to the season, had our second annual tree lighting with another beautiful Christmas tree donated by Jay and Ginger Maciejewski, an event that was attended by at least 27 townspeople and two 4-legged friends.

The committee is very thankful for all the support and cooperation of the residents and taxpayers of Athens, as well as its many friends and supporters as we continue to improve and restore this beautiful part of our history.



Cemetery Commission Report

It was a quiet year for repairs in the cemeteries, with no volunteer work having been scheduled in 2021. Chairman Don Capponcelli is looking to the resumption of monument and tablet repairs in both cemeteries in 2022, as well as the completion of row marker installation in the new section of the West Cemetery.

The Commission wishes to thank the Ivor Stevens Grounds Maintenance crew for their work during the 2021 season. The crew has been maintaining the cemeteries for more than a decade now, and commissioners have noted earlier in the year how favorably the work in the Athens cemeteries compares with other cemeteries in the area. The Commission also wishes to thank Matt Perry for his continued work in maintaining the area around Memorial Rock.

The year 2021 ended with a town ledger fund balance for cemeteries in the amount of \$23,340.47. The Commission allots this fund balance into the following categories:

Operating budget balance	\$ 2,438.37	
Valley Cemetery major repairs	\$ 16,482.08	
Valley Cemetery ground levelling	\$ 216.76	
West Cemetery major repairs	\$ 1,500.00	
West Cemetery construction	<u>\$ 2,703.26</u>	
TOTAL fund balance	\$ 23,340.47	town ledger fund balance
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Loan to the Colton Trust Fund	\$ 31.53	
Loan to the Holden Trust Fund	<u>\$ 162.58</u>	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 23,534.58	

- . The \$16,482.08 dedicated to Valley Cemetery major repairs is currently what remains of the liquid assets (checking account balance, stocks & CDs) transferred from the Athens Valley Cemetery Association to the Town of Athens in 2006, plus plot sales since that time.
- . The \$1,500.00 dedicated to West Cemetery major repairs is the total of cash sales for plots in the new section of the cemetery since its opening.
- . The loans to the Colton and Holden Trust Funds were needed in 2020 in order to bring those funds to a balance of \$500.00 each, thereby avoiding monthly bank fees applied to smaller account balances.

Regular meeting times for the Athens Cemetery Commission are on the first Wednesdays of the months of April, June, September and December at the Athens Town Office (or other locations as warned). Meetings are posted at bulletin boards located at the Town Garage, the Athens Town Office and the Athens Brick Meeting House, and are posted on the Town of Athens website. The Commission continues to face a backlog of work with regard to monument & tablet repairs and levelling as well as map& records updating. Volunteer help is always needed and deeply appreciated, as well as private donations in any amount. For more information please contact Don Capponcelli at 869-2590.

Respectfully submitted,
Don Capponcelli

As part of our educational mission, the WHPA sponsored a naturalist from The Nature Museum in Grafton who provided programming on the trails for students from the Westminster Center School. In addition, students from the Compass School worked

CAMPBELL FUND TRUSTEES REPORT 2021

The Campbell Fund was established in 1876 at the Bequest from David R. Campbell of \$4,000.00 to the residents of the town of Athens "to support and aid the paupers,, indigent, and poor of said town of Athens." The principal amount is to remain unused with the interest or income to be used in the aid and benefit of Athens residents. This fund is administered by three (3) elected Trustees by the Town of Athens.

In 2001 the Campbell Fund Trustees published in the Town Report, guidelines for the use of such funds as follows:

The following guidelines have been established for financial assistance from the Campbell Fund of Athens.

1. Fuel oil, propane, heat, etc.
2. Utility payment when accompanied by a disconnect notice.
3. Food for the table.
4. Emergency prescriptions.
5. Doctor's visits.
6. Hospital bills, under some circumstances

Because the Campbell Fund was given to be self-perpetuating, persons receiving aid are asked to repay the amount. There is no time limit and no interest is charged. Campbell Fund Request Applications are available at the Athens Town Office and may be returned to the town office in a sealed envelope marked "Campbell Fund Trustees".

Funding available at present is from the Savings Account only until the Certificate of Deposit matures on 9-24-22.

Trustees

Katherine Woodbury

Tina White

Carol Bingham

For 2021 Annual Report

The Windmill Hill Pinnacle Association was formed 30 years ago to ensure public access to the Pinnacle peak and cabin and to honor the late Jamie Latham, who had grown up in Westminster West. At about 1,683 feet, the Pinnacle is the highest and most scenic peak in the town of Westminster, with views on a clear day stretching to Mount Greylock in Massachusetts to Equinox Mountain and Killington.

Today, our mission is to maintain a series of trails while protecting more than 2,700 acres in six towns—Athens, Brookline, Grafton, Rockingham, Townshend, and Westminster.

The Pinnacle network includes more than 26 miles of trails for people to hike, bike, and enjoy nature, both along the Windmill Ridge and other conserved land in Grafton and Athens to the west and the Bald Hill Reserve to the east in Westminster.

The lands we hold are protected in perpetuity through conservation easements, most held jointly by the Vermont Land Trust and the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board. WHPA is committed to making the land available as an educational and inspirational resource to individuals and to local public and private institutions. Hunting is also allowed on most Pinnacle property.

The WHPA is a volunteer non-profit 501(c)(3) organization with over 1,300 members. Last year the Pinnacle paid almost \$12,000 in property taxes on the land it is protecting and keeping open to the public.

Accomplishments in 2021:

— The WHPA acquired the 615-acre Massey property in Brookline, Athens, and Townshend, helped both by local donations and grants from groups interested in protecting open land.

Now known as Lily Pond Highlands, the parcel is just west of the Pinnacle ridgeline, directly within view of the Pinnacle summit, and is part of a high-priority block of habitat in the Grassy Brook headwaters. The land includes bear and moose habitat and two pristine ponds that are home to beaver colonies, a heron rookery, and several species of ducks.

— As part of our educational mission, the WHPA sponsored a naturalist from The Nature Museum in Grafton who provided programming on the trails for students from the Westminster Center School. In addition, students from the Compass School worked

on trail maintenance on the Bald Hill trails, under the direction of Compass teacher Ron Bos-Lun.

— Working with West Hill Shop and High Meadows Farm, Pinnacle volunteers helped host the annual West Hill Grinder in late September, drawing more than 90 people from New England who biked Pinnacle trails and routes in Windham County.

— The Pinnacle sponsored several events to get people into the woods or onto the Windmill Ridge, including a Bald Hill hike in November; the annual Accessibility Day offering rides to a spot on the ridgeline with sweeping views, for people who are unable to hike; and an Athens Dome loop walk in October.

— While also ensuring COVID-19 precautions, the WHPA reopened the Pinnacle shelter for hikers and for overnight stays, with a reservation.

— The WHPA annual meeting included a video recounting the dedication of the Jamie Latham trail and an interview with Libby Mills and Rosalyn Shaoul, board members and authors of *The Windmill Hill Pinnacle Association's Story: How did they get all that land?* (copies of the book are available for a \$25 donation).

—After heavy rains and washouts, road repairs were undertaken and waterbars were upgraded near Paul's Ledges and Old County Road.

—The WHPA completed a strategic planning process and welcomed two new board members, Nora Gordon and Sean Long.

Thank you for your interest in our organization. We hope you can enjoy the WHPA trails.

For more information: email whpatrails@gmail.com, visit the website www.windmillhillpinnacle.org, or follow us on Facebook @windmillhillpinnacle.

To reserve the shelter at the Pinnacle overnight, call 802-376-8365. Shelter reservations are mandatory.

Grafton Cares
Town of Grafton 2022

Grafton Cares was established in 1993 by a group of townspeople concerned with providing help and support to their neighbors. Many new programs have been instituted in the past few years, along with efforts that have been in place for many years. The virus has put a few of our programs on hold. This includes the Wednesday Lunch and the two community suppers. We hope to be "back in business" when this is finally over. The following programs are still functioning.

Financial Assistance Committee

This committee, often working in collaboration with other organizations, offers a helping hand to those with a variety of temporary or long-term needs, ranging from transportation to medical appointments, to financial assistance for families or individuals with urgent needs. Grafton Cares also offers, for temporary or long-term use, a variety of medical equipment for special health needs. A Fuel Assistance Program that includes cordwood has been in operation for many years with the generous support of various donors. This program has filled an important niche by providing emergency fuel aid for those with a temporary need or who are awaiting more long-term support from other agencies.

Gas Card Program

The gas card program began many years ago with the generous contribution of gas cards from Old Tavern guests, via the Windham Foundation. Grafton Cares now funds this program. We distribute these cards to community members to meet emergency needs involving medical transportation issues or financial hardship.

Meals On Wheels

Meals On Wheels are available from the Dam Diner. Delivered by Grafton Cares' volunteer drivers. Meals On Wheels, is available through Senior Solutions (formerly the Council On Aging). Call Dennis Hunt at 869-2674 for more information.

Sunshine Baskets

Sunshine Baskets, filled with fresh fruit, are given to our older neighbors and to those who have had surgery just to give a boost to all. Board members enjoy visiting with these people as much as delivering the baskets.

Strong Living

Strong Living is a popular program where participants ages 40 and up attend two, one hour sessions per week. Led by trained folks through a series of stretching and weightlifting exercises, this program has become a fixed date on many participants' calendars and a great way to catch up on the local news. A donation is suggested to cover the cost of equipment and facilities.

Welcome Bags

The Welcome Bag Program has been greatly appreciated by recipients who are new to Grafton and Athens. It contains a variety of "goodies" and all kinds of information to welcome new folks to town.

Grafton Cares Knitters

A group of local knitters keeps busy with various projects such as beautiful shawls for those in need of comfort and baby blankets, which are combined with board books and a book bag from the Grafton Library, to welcome little ones born to area families.

Rides Coordinator

To facilitate the coordination of transportation needs, a rides coordinator can help with rides for medical appointments. If you or a family member requires transportation to medical appointments, you can give this program a try.

Additional Events

80+ Luncheon. Each Fall, we invite all 80+ year olds and guests from Grafton and Athens to our annual luncheon at the Chapel. Our goal is to celebrate their contributions to the quality of life in our two towns. The Sixth Grade joins us to help serve the meal and visit with guests. This year, because of the virus, we cancelled the luncheon and delivered over 40 "goodie bags" to the 80+ folks.

Christmas Day Dinner. For the last few years we have sponsored a Christmas Day Dinner at 12:00 in the Chapel building. A good number of residents have attended this special meal. This dinner is also cancelled due to the virus.

For more information about Grafton Cares or any of its programs, contact, Kate Bova, President of Grafton Cares at 869-1527.

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Athens Report

As Vermont forges toward the goal of an endemic with COVID-19, the Windham County Sheriff's Office continues to work on modernization of our profession as we continue to serve our community. This year, our department adopted the statewide policy which controls how force is used by our deputies as well as every law enforcement officer in Vermont; contributed to the development of the statewide policy on body worn cameras; furthered our work in de-escalation, fair and impartial policing, law enforcement response to mental health calls; all while working to support partners through changing times. This is not to say the work is done. We continue to navigate legal, interpersonal, and complex issues with stakeholders with the vested interest of getting the above work right.

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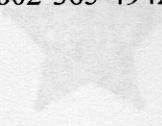
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The Windham County Sheriff's Office is pleased to serve the people of Athens and look forward to the upcoming year. If you have a need for our services, please don't hesitate to contact our office at 802-365-4942 for non-emergencies or 911 for emergencies.

Respectfully submitted,

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VITAL RECORDS
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DEATHS

May 27, 2021	Alice A. White
June 16, 2021	Ezekial Richard Neathawk

BIRTHS

March 13, 2021	Zariah Lynn Derby Jennifer Karen Smith and Leonard Howard Derby III
March 29, 2021	Amicia Jaide Valov China Jaide Witham and Bryan Jack Valov
October 22, 2021	Kyle William Waters II Hayleigh Lynna Mayer and Kyle William Waters I
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MARRIAGES/CIVIL UNIONS

June 25, 2021	Wichie Artu and Isaac Sohn Leslie
June 26, 2021	Richard Gene Bubar to Carrie Jean Kies
October 16, 2021	Alexis Marie McCallister to Tyson James Taylor
October 23, 2021	Emily Rachel Davignon to Joshua James Ferenc

Minutes

Special Town Meeting

December 15, 2021

The Special Town Meeting was held at the former Athens Elementary School in Athens, Vermont. Moderator David Bemis called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

The moderator read the warning. He stated the meeting would follow Roberts Rule of Order and would not be in conflict of Vermont Law. The moderator asked that all attending wear masks. The moderator asked that all issues be directed to the moderator.

The clerk took a roll call of the checklist. A total of 84 registered voters answered the roll call of 286 voters on the checklist.

Article 1: Shall the Town of Athens elect its Town officers At all future Annual and Special Town Meetings by Australian ballot pursuant to 17 V.S.A. §2680(b)?

Janet Perry made the motion the Town of Athens elect its Town officers At all future Annual and Special Town Meetings by Australian ballot pursuant to 17 V.S.A. §2680(b). Don Capponcelli seconded. Discussion followed. Wichie Artu asked for clarification on who could speak at town meeting. David said if it was not a registered voter, there would have to be a majority of the voters giving permission for that person to speak. There were concerns about the process needed to put your name on the ballot, how the turnout could be affected by Australian ballot, and how the Australian ballot was handled at last year's Town Meeting. Tom Taylor called the question and asked for a paper ballot. A paper ballot was taken. The results of the ballot were 50 yes, 34 no. The Town officers will be elected by Australian ballot at the annual Town Meeting.

Article 2: Shall the Town of Athens adopt all budget articles and monies At all future Annual and Special Town Meetings by Australian ballot pursuant to 17 V.S.A. §2680©?

Carol Bingham made the motion the Town of Athens adopt all budget articles and monies At all future Annual and Special Town Meeting by Australian ballot pursuant to 17 V.S.A. §2680(c). Denise Randall seconded. Discussion followed. Harold Noyes moved the article. A vote was taken. The results were yes to move the article. A paper ballot was taken. The results of the ballot were 71 yes, 13 no. The motion was defeated. All budget and monies will not be voted by Australian ballot.

Further business. Don Capponcelli wished to thank the teens who helped clean out the school's attic.

There being no further business, Denise Randall made the motion to adjourn. Don Capponcelli seconded. Put to a vote. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:06pm.

Approved this 16th day of December, 2021

Athens Board of Selectmen

David Bemis

Denise Randall

Janet Perry