

# SANDGATE, VERMONT ANNUAL REPORT



## TOWN & SCHOOL DISTRICT 2022 FISCAL YEAR

# SANDGATE TOWN WARNING

The legal voters of the Town of Sandgate, Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Sandgate Town Hall on Monday, March 6th, 2023 at 7:00 pm for the purpose of acting on the following articles, with the exception of Article 1 which will be voted on by Australian Ballot on Tuesday, March 7th, 2023. Absentee and early voting is permitted on all matters to be voted on by Australian Ballot. The polls will be open at the Town Hall on March 7th, 2023 between 10:00 am and 7:00 pm.

ARTICLE 1. To vote on the following Town and School Officers using Australian Ballot:

Auditor, three-year term	Selectboard, one-year term
Cemetery Commissioner, three-year term	Selectboard, one-year term
Delinquent Tax Collector, one-year term	Selectboard, one-year term
Lister, three-year term	Town Agent, one-year term
School Director, three-year term	Constable, one-year term
Grand Juror, one-year term	Town Moderator, one-year term
Selectboard, three-year term	School Moderator, one-year term

ARTICLE 2. Shall the Town authorize the Selectboard to borrow money, in anticipation of taxes, to pay current expenses of the Town for the ensuing year?

ARTICLE 3. \*Shall the Town authorize the Selectboard to spend budget surplus funds, that have been collected into a Highway and General "Rainy Day" Fund?

ARTICLE 4. Shall the Town of Sandgate vote to approve the collection of the Town and School taxes to be due on or before October 1, 2023?

ARTICLE 5. Shall the Town of Sandgate appropriate \$7,500 to the Arlington Rescue Squad?

ARTICLE 6. Shall the Town of Sandgate vote \$1,200 in support of Arlington Nursing Services?

ARTICLE 7. Shall the Town of Sandgate vote \$3,000 in support of Arlington Recreation Park?

ARTICLE 8. Shall the Town of Sandgate appropriate \$3,800 for the Martha Canfield Library?

ARTICLE 9. Shall the Town of Sandgate vote to appropriate the total sum of \$2,957 for the following: Arlington Area Childcare, \$750; Arlington Community House, \$100; Bennington County Child Advocacy, \$200; Bennington County Conservation District, \$300; Bennington-Rutland Opportunity Council (BROC), \$137; Center for Independent Living, \$95; Center for Restorative Justice, \$250; Green-Up Day, \$50; PAVE, \$100; Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging, \$600; Tutorial Center, \$200; VT Association of Conservation Districts, \$100?

ARTICLE 10. Shall the Town vote to adopt a budget of \$675,830 to defray expenses of the Town for the period from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024?

\*As amended and passed, at the May 9,2022 Special Meeting, Article 3 from that meeting states- Shall the Town authorize the Selectboard to put surplus funds (if there are any) into a "Rainy Day Fund" in the next fiscal year and all future years. These funds have been separated into a Highway and General fund.

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## 2022 SELECTBOARD NOTES

Joe Nolan, Chair; Karen Dzialo, John Phelps, Charlie Pike, Karen Tendrup

This past year, the Board welcomed new members Charlie Pike and John Phelps. Joe Nolan was appointed Chair. The position of Minute Taker was dissolved and a new position of Secretary to the Board formed to which Sandy Reidy was appointed.

The board hired Jay Wilson and Skipper Wilson as the new road crew.

The Town continues to improve the roads to bring them up to State standards. Much work was done this past summer to mitigate erosion control and reinforce stream banks as well as general road repair. The Town has secured all the FEMA permits needed to start the next phase of permanent fixes. Special thanks to Jim Henderson for his help in securing Better Roads Program and FEMA grants.

The Town Plan was updated this year and available for viewing on the website at [sandgatevermont.org](http://sandgatevermont.org). A new Local Emergency Plan was adopted and the town purchased a 2014 Mack tandem dump truck.



## SANDGATE CONSERVATION COMMISSION 2022

Jean Eisenhart, Chair; Jim Henderson, Harry Rich, Phoebe Sheres

We all remember the torrential deluge on July 29<sup>th</sup> 2021. Our road crews, including Mike, Willy and Tom, should be commended on their immediate and ongoing response! Unfortunately, the damage to private properties did not reach the monetary level to warrant federal disaster assistance. It should be noted that all the private properties that were damaged had little or no vegetated buffer strip along their waterfront. Vegetated buffers provide erosion control, flood hazard protection and wildlife habitat. Our emphasis has been expanding riparian buffer zones along our rivers and streams. We are offering all owners of waterfront property free trees and shrubs to be planted along their stream banks. Interested landowners should contact Jim Henderson (802-681-5374) to schedule a site visit or simply place an order for plants. Not interested in adding trees and shrubs? Then do your property and the water a favor and stop mowing to the river's edge.



## TOWN CLERK'S COMMENTS FOR 2022

Sandra Reidy, Sandgate Town Clerk

The Town Clerk office is open Monday through Thursday 9:30 to 12:30 and the vault is open during those office hours.

The Town Website is [www.sandgatevermont.org](http://www.sandgatevermont.org). The minutes of Selectboard meetings are posted online after each meeting and we post them on the bulletin board outside the office.

We are in volume 61 in the Sandgate Land Records. All volumes have been microfilmed up to and including volume 55. The Vermont State archives have a copy.

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## VITAL RECORDS FOR 2022

**BIRTHS:** Ezra Yosef Altus, Ryder Allen Gorski, Jude E. Lerner, Alias Severin Reidy

**MARRIAGES:** Thomas J. Michaels to Nicole Blake

**DEATHS:** Richard H. Kulmane, Daniel J. O'Brien, Robert Edward Weiss

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## WUERSLIN-STUECKLEN ARTS GRANT COMMITTEE

Jean Eisenhart, Chair; Pat Hall, Dona McAdams, Hasso Wuerslin, Jeanne Zoppel

There were no grants awarded in 2022 and no applications were received.

The "Arts" means creative endeavors including, but not limited to, visual arts, performing arts, and literature. The amount of each award will be determined by the Award Committee. It is for one year only. The Award check will be sent, when applicable, directly to the chosen institution or supplier of services. The number and amount of awards will vary depending on available funds.

Application forms are available at the Town Clerk's office or online at [sandgatevermont.org](http://sandgatevermont.org). Here is a chance for you or your child to do something in the Arts, compliments of your town.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jean Eisenhart

## AUDITORS' REPORT

Valerie dePeyster, Sheila Kearns, Katie Kenny

We have audited the orders, invoices, checks, and bank statements of the Town of Sandgate for 2022. To the best of our knowledge, the consolidated balance sheet and other financial statements represented in this town report fairly reflect the financial position of the Town as of 12/31/2022. Town auditors do not serve as auditors for the town school district, nor are they responsible for audits of incorporated school districts, union school districts, or supervisory unions.

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## LISTERS' REPORT

Valerie dePeyster, Jeanne Zoppel

Sandgate's 2022 Grand List contained 345 parcels and seven non-tax parcels totaling \$78,223,300 after exemptions. We are pleased to say that there are no outstanding appeals.

The town wide reappraisal is finely finished, with the state having us at 97.75% of fair market value. We do not see another town wide reappraisal in our future.

REMINDER: By law all residents must file Form HS-122 by April 15. If you are no longer a resident, file Form HS-122W, the non-resident form.

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## 2022 FOREST FIRE WARDEN'S REPORT

Lynn Fielding

I am happy to report that there were no fires this year. 26 burn permits were issued for 2022. If you have any questions about burning or need a permit, please call Lynn Fielding at 802-375-2211. You do not need a burn permit when there is snow on the ground around the fire. **Burning in April and May is strongly discouraged.**



# ROAD FORMAN REPORT

Jay Wilson, Skip Wilson

Our time here in Sandgate started in March 2022 with mud season when the roads were starting to fill up with ruts and the mud was getting deeper by the day. We started slowly grading off the ruts and filling in mud holes with stone to keep roads passable. Roads finally started to dry out so we could haul gravel and grade roads throughout the spring months.

We soon realized just how much FEMA work needed to be completed from the flooding in 2021. We started this work in June, ditching and hauling stone and gravel. We completed Tudor Road, Southeast Corners Road, Woodcock Road and a stone lined ditch in the Notch. Next, we assisted Woodard Construction with the construction of stacked rock walls to armor stream embankments on Wilcox Hollow Road, Hamilton Hollow Road, and two sections along the Green River. We have a section of stream embankment to complete this summer on Chunk's Brook Road and a section on Lincoln Lane. Also, a large culvert replacement on Lincoln Lane that will complete the FEMA work.

We received a \$20,000 grant from the Vermont Better Roads Program for stone lined ditches and culvert replacement on Rupert Road and we are waiting to hear about a second grant from Better Back Roads for Snow Road which would include stone lined ditches, gravel and culvert replacement for another \$20,000. Thanks to Jim Henderson for his help with the grants and his work with FEMA. We couldn't have done it without him.

All of the work accomplished this year would not have been so economically possible without the purchase of our 2014 Mack dump truck. It was used to haul ditch material, gravel, stone and large rocks for FEMA projects and general road maintenance. During the winter months the truck has cut down on time having to come back to reload and the wing has pushed back snow for two cars to pass on narrow dirt roads. We would like to thank the public for their patience during traffic delays due to road work as we get accustomed to new equipment and plow routes. For any questions, comments or concerns feel free to contact us at 802-375-8358 or stop down at the town garage to see us.



## BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY (BCA)

The Board of Civil Authority consists of the Town Clerk, the Selectboard, and the Justices of the Peace. Their obligations include all things involved in the conducting of elections and serving as members to hear Tax Appeals and Tax Abatements.

In 2022, the BCA heard and ruled on one Town taxpayer's tax appeal and met to review the voter checklist prior to the general election in November.

# 2022 ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Sheila Kearns

Activities for the past year include the issuance of 14 building permits: one for a new residence, one for a camp, seven for accessory buildings, and five for remodel/alterations. A decision on a subdivision was also approved. The list of permits/decisions is provided below.

In addition to permit activities, the Zoning Administrator provided support to the Planning Commission in completing the update to the Town Plan. This was done with the assistance of grant funding obtained through the Bennington County Regional Commission (BCRC). Sections of the Town Plan that were updated include: Historic Resources, Land Use, and Energy. Work on updates of the Zoning Bylaws will begin in 2023. The first review of proposed updates to the Bylaws will be presented and discussed at the March 15, 2023 meeting of the Planning Commission. All residents are encouraged to participate in this discussion by attending the meeting or by reviewing minutes of the meeting and contacting the Planning Commission Chair Richard Zoppel, or the Zoning Administrator with any comments or concerns.

The adoption of the Zoning Bylaws will include at least two public hearings: one held by the Planning Commission and another by the Select Board. These meetings are expected to occur starting in August 2023.

## Permit Applications as of January 1, 2022:

Applicant	Location	Request	Action
Gardner	419 Tudor Road (Property ID 42800-00L)	Accessory Building	Approved
Country Creek Estates	Swearing Hill Road (Property ID 114800-0L)	Camp/Variance	Approved
Walters	190 Swearing Hill Road (Property ID 114000-0L0)	Remodel/Alteration	Approved
Bushee	1793 West Sandgate Rd (Property ID 708500-00L)	Accessory Building	Approved
Martin	3919 West Sandgate Rd. (Property ID 731000-00L)	Residence	Approved
Trombley	2566 Rupert Rd. (Property ID 60700-00R)	Remodel/Alteration	Approved
Whipkey	West Sandgate Rd (Property ID 703000-00L)	Accessory Building	Approved
McDonald	2729 Sandgate Rd. (Property ID 112000-00L)	Accessory Building	Approved
Rowe/Tunzi	2566 Rupert Rd. (Property ID 607000-005)	Accessory Building	Approved
Zoppel	1419 W. Sandgate Rd. (Property ID 705800-00B)	Accessory Building	Approved
Santelli	Campbell Rd. (Property ID 354100-00R)	Accessory Building	Approved
Sundquist	527 Woodcock Rd. (Property ID 234000-00L)	Remodel/Alteration	Approved
Smith	86 Littman Lane (Property ID 351500-0L0)	Remodel Alteration	Approved
Frenke	759 West Rd. (Property ID 339500-00L)	Remodel/Alteration	Approved
Bly Hollow LLC	Beattie Hollow Rd. (Property ID 501000-0R0)	Subdivision	Approved
Secoy	104 Tate Hill Rd. (Property ID 301500-00R)	Remodel/Alteration	Approved

## **PLANNING COMMISSION / ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

**Richard Zoppel, Chair; James Aschmann, Clerk; Brad Kessler, Caroline Kimball,  
Rob Viglas, and Jean Eisenhart, Alternate**

In 2022, Caroline Kimball was appointed to the PC/ZBA to fill the position left open by Joe Nolan's resignation. In addition to regular review of the permit activity, the PC/ZBA devoted much of its work during 2022 to the update to the Town Plan.

After a public hearing on August 24, 2022, the final draft of the plan was approved by the PC/ZBA, and was then delivered to the Select Board for their review. The plan was submitted to the BCRC for review and was confirmed as meeting the required goals for Town Plans under the Vermont Municipal and Regional Planning and Development Act, Title 24 V.S.A Chapter 117 (the Act) and was also confirmed as being in compliance with Act 174 Energy requirements. The Select Board held a public hearing on December 19, 2022, to review the plan. After discussion, the Select Board voted to give their approval to the plan as drafted and it was officially adopted on that date. The adoption of the Town Plan prepares for PC/ZBA's work on updating the Sandgate Zoning Bylaws. The goal is to complete a draft of the updates and submit them to the Select Board in time for adopting by the end of 2023. Anyone with interest in working with the PC/ZBA on these updates should contact Richard Zoppel.

The PC/ZBA voted to adopt a standard welcome letter to be sent to new property owners when property transfers are filed with the Town. The purpose of this letter is to advise new owners about permit requirements and the public availability of the Zoning Bylaws and the Subdivision Regulations. Information is also provided about the monthly PC/ZBA meetings and the availability of the Zoning Administrator to assist with permit questions.

The PC/ZBA also approved a Final Plat application for a 2-lot Minor Subdivision submitted by Bly Hollow, LLC and The Conservation Fund (applicants & owners) for a 2,739 acre property located on Beattie Hollow Road and identified as Parcel Number 501000-0R0 (BK 58/PG 455). The parcel is in the Forest 2 district. As subdivided Lot 2 (the Egg Mountain site) will be 89.6 acres on which no new development is proposed and Lot 1 is 2,649 acres and contains the remaining land owned by Bly Hollow, LLC.

Respectfully submitted,  
Richard Zoppel

# SANDGATE CEMETERY COMMISSION 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

Julie Robertson, Kathleen Hill, Kathy Wagner

*“Most people say about graveyards, Oh, it is just a bunch of dead people; Its creepy. But for me, there is an energy to it that is not creepy or dark. It has a positive sense to it.” —Tim Burton*

Center Hill Cemetery had much of our attention this year. We are still trying to finish the stone straightening and cleaning of markers on the older side through the good work of J.A. Mahar Monuments. The Town Road Crew has helped us with maintenance of the driveway and we are looking forward to the placement of a new culvert that connects the old and new sections of the cemetery.

In 2022 we accommodated an unusually high number of burials and cremations. Our sympathies go out to the families of those neighbors and friends that have passed in the year.

We are very pleased with the maintenance we have received from Cassan Landscaping, Sunderland, VT. They have mowed and trimmed both the Center Hill Cemetery and the West Side Cemetery these past few years and have agreed to continue our relationship. In 2022, they also replaced the split rail fencing at the Center Hill entrance for us.

Our policy for reserving burial space remains the same. We can support 4 cremations per site or one casket. We require the deceased to be a resident or landowner of the town. Some situations may need to come before the Cemetery Commissioners for review. The current donation is \$400 to secure a plot and we require corner markers to be placed. Corner markers can be purchased through any funeral service at your expense. The Center Hill Cemetery is the only town cemetery currently available for burial.



Kathy Wagner, one of our faithful commissioners, has chosen not to pursue another term of office and we especially would like to thank her for all the work she has done for the cemeteries, both physically by trimming brush, moving felled trees, hauling materials, repairing fences, etc. and in being an ambassador for the cemeteries. We will miss her input and enthusiasm.

The townspeople have always been an encouragement to us and we ask you to consider bequeathing property or donations to the Town Cemeteries for continued maintenance and improvements. Thank you for all your support.

## **SANDGATE PROPERTY TRANSFERS**

**January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022**

John Walsh of Arlington, VT to James Rowe of Union Bridge, MD

John Wilcox of Arlington, VT to John, James & Robin Wilcox of Arlington, VT

Richard Colgan of Sandgate, VT to Derick Pike of Arlington, VT

Linda Diasparra of Patterson, NY to Michael Diasparra of Bethel, CT

Matthew Moore of Dorset, VT to Randy Downey of West Rupert, VT

Sandra LaPointe of Townsend, MA to Ronald LaPointe of Lunenburg, MA

Colleen Hunkler of Sandgate, VT to Colleen Hunkler of Sandgate VT

Country Creek Estates, Inc of Clarks Summit, PA to Lara Plimpton of Wainscott, NY

Kurt Grimmelmann of Victor, ID to Kurt Grimmelmann Revocable Trust of Victor, ID

Deborah Grimmelmann of Victor, ID to Deborah Grimmelmann Revocable Trust of Victor, ID

David Beresford-Redman of Las Vegas, NV to Juanita Beresford-Redman of Las Vegas, NV

Akira REI or Arlington, VT to Thomas Duch of Wycoff, NY

Juanita Beresford-Redman of Las Vegas, NV to Bruce A Beresford-Redman of Las Vegas, NV

Ambrose O'Donnell of Sandgate, VT to Ambrose O'Donnell Trust of Sandgate, VT

Douglas R Gorski of Sandgate, VT to Douglas R Gorski Irrevocable Trust of Sandgate, VT

Lindsley K Colligan of Torrington, CT to Marlee C Dalton of Torrington, CT

Fletcher Family Revocable Trust of Wilmington, NC to David Starr of New York, NY

Bly Hollow LLC of Arlington, VA to The Archaeological Conservancy of Albuquerque, NM

Archaeological Conservancy of Albuquerque, NM to The Vermont Housing and Conservation Board of Montpelier, VT

**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**Cash Receipts & Disbursements - General Fund**  
**July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022**

<b>Bank Balance: 7/1/2021</b>	\$47,382
<b>Receipts:</b>	
Current Taxes Paid as of 6/30/22	\$1,503,246
Building Permit Fees	\$675
Town Clerk Fees	\$6,124
Delinquent Tax Collector	\$5,841
General Fund Checking Interest	\$425
Hold Harmless Money	\$17,662
<b>TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE</b>	<b>\$1,533,972</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>	
School Tax Share	\$844,195
Highway Property Tax Share	\$414,776
<b>TOTAL TRANSFERS</b>	<b>\$1,258,971</b>
<b>SELECT BOARD SALARY AND EXPENSES</b>	
Select Board Salaries	\$5,195
<b>TOWN OFFICIAL SALARY AND EXPENSES</b>	
Auditors Salary	\$633
Town Clerk Salary	\$10,984
Town Clerk Fees	\$6,124
Assistant Town Clerk	\$2,800
Treasurer Salary	\$12,927
Assistant Treasurer	\$3,050
Delinquent Tax Collector	\$5,841
Constable Salary	\$1,236
Lister's Salary & Expenses	\$16,317
Misc Mileage & Reimbursement	
Zoning Administrator Salary	\$2,052
Zoning Administrator Expenses	\$1,582
ZBA Planning Expenses	
Payroll Tax	\$4,586
Training Town Officers	
<b>GENERAL MAINTENANCE AND SUPPLIES</b>	
Town Hall Utilities	\$6,741
School House Utilities	
Office Supplies	\$2,412
Computers, Software & Internet	\$5,293
Office Equipment Maintenance	
Town Hall Major Repairs	\$645
Town Hall Maintenance	\$5,818
Postage	\$397
Town Report Expense	\$1,566
Legal and Professional Fees	

**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
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<b>GENERAL SERVICES</b>	
Solid / Hazardous Waste / Recycle	\$3,771
BCSWA	\$2,082
BCRC	\$3,000
Fire Protection	\$24,276
Insurance and Bonding	\$16,342
BCA Meetings/Poll Workers	\$345
VLCT Dues	\$3,291
Animal Control	\$250
Sheriff Patrol Expense	
County Tax	\$4,343
<b>APPROPRIATIONS</b>	
Arlington Area Childcare	\$750
Arlington Community House	\$100
Arlington Nursing Service	\$1,200
Arlington Recreation Park	\$3,000
Arlington Rescue Squad	\$7,500
Bennington County Conservation District	\$300
Bennington-Rutland Opportunity Council (BROC)	\$137
Burdett Commons- Unestablished	
Cemetery Commission	\$6,000
Center for Independent Living	\$95
Center for Restorative Justice	\$250
Green Up Day	\$142
Martha Canfield Library	\$3,800
Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging	\$600
Tutorial Center	\$200
VT Association of Conservation Districts	\$100
Wuerslin-Stuecklen Scholarship	\$350
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>	
<b>GENERAL FUND EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$178,422</b>
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<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$1,437,393</b>
<b>BALANCE TO ACCOUNT FOR</b>	<b>\$96,579</b>
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Accounted for as follows:	
General Fund Checking (Balance 6/30/22)	\$138,563
Plus Outstanding Checks	\$404
<b>Surplus Funds</b>	<b>\$138,967</b>

## TREASURER'S REPORT

### Reserve Accounts, 1 Year - July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022

<b>Planning / Zoning Fund</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/21	\$379
Interest earned	\$1
Bank balance: 6/30/22	\$380
<b>Emergency Management Fund</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/21	\$1,304
Interest earned	\$1
Bank balance: 6/30/22	\$1,305
<b>Records Restoration/Town Hall Building Fund</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/21	\$9,253
Interest earned	\$14
Bank balance: 6/30/22	\$9,267
<b>Property Reappraisal Fund</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/21	\$33,411
State Money	\$3,036
Interest earned	\$148
Minus Reappraisal Transfer	\$15,971
Bank balance: 6/30/22	\$20,624
<b>Wuerslin / Stuecklen Scholarship</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/21	\$5,555
Appropriation	\$350
Interest earned	\$9
Bank balance: 6/30/22	\$5,914
<b>Wuerslin / Stuecklen CD</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/21	\$3,513
Interest earned	\$35
Bank balance: 6/30/22	\$3,548
<b>School House Fund</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/21	\$5,744
Interest earned	\$9
Bank balance: 6/30/22	\$5,753

<b>Holiday Party Fund</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/21	\$780
Interest earned	\$1
Bank balance: 6/30/22	\$781
<b>Office Equipment Fund</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/21	\$1,059
Interest earned	\$2
Bank balance: 6/30/22	\$1,061
<b>Miscellaneous Fund</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/21	\$11,992
Interest earned	\$20
Bank balance: 6/30/22	\$12,012
<b>Legal Professional Fund</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/21	\$22,068
Interest Earned	\$36
Bank balance: 6/30/22	\$22,104
<b>Tax Stabilization Fund</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/21	\$18,982
Interest Earned	\$15
Bank balance: 6/30/22	\$18,997
<b>Independent Audit</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/21	\$6,168
Interest earned	\$9
Bank balance: 6/30/22	\$6,177
<b>Computer Grant</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/21	\$792
Interest Earned	\$1
Bank balance: 6/30/22	\$793

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Bank balance: 7/1/2022 - Rainy Day Fund - Surplus	\$138,563
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**RECEIPTS**

Current Taxes	\$1,578,635
Building Permit Fees	\$240
Town Clerk Fees	\$5,884
Delinquent Tax Collector	\$6,186
General Fund Checking Interest	\$1,924
Hold Harmless Money	
Tax Prebates	\$0
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$1,592,868</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE</b>	<b>\$1,592,868</b>

**EXPENSES**

School Property Tax Share	\$938,504
Highway Property Tax Share	\$418,469
<b>TOTAL TRANSFERS</b>	<b>\$1,356,973</b>

**SELECTBOARD SALARY AND EXPENSES**

Selectboard Salaries	\$250
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**TOWN OFFICIAL SALARY AND EXPENSES**

Auditors Salary	\$292
Town Clerk Salary	\$5,884
Town Clerk Fees	\$3,636
Delinquent Tax Collector	\$6,186
Assistant Town Clerk	\$1,410
Treasurer Salary	\$6,374
Assistant Treasurer	\$1,410
Constable Salary	\$637
Lister's Salary & Expenses	\$4,088
Misc Mileage & Reimbursement	\$0
Zoning Administrator Salary	\$1,735
Zoning Administrator Expenses	\$94
ZBA Planning Expenses	\$0
Emergency Coordinator	\$0
Health Officer Salary	\$0
Health Officer Expenses - Phone/Mileage	\$0
Payroll Tax	\$2,508
Training Town Officers	\$0

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<b>GENERAL MAINTENANCE AND SUPPLIES</b>	
Town Hall Utilities	\$1,605
School House Utilities	\$0
Office Supplies	\$1,860
Computers Software & Internet	\$5,000
Town Hall Maintenance	\$7,740
Town Hall Major Repairs and Improvements	\$11,831
Postage	\$256
Town Report Expense	\$0
Website Management	\$500
Legal and Professional Fees	\$186
<b>GENERAL SERVICES</b>	
Solid / Hazardous Waste / Recycle	\$878
Bennington County Sheriffs	\$0
Bennington County Solid Waste	\$2,292
BCRC	\$3,000
Fire Protection	\$24,521
Insurance and Bonding	\$10,470
BCA Meetings/Poll Workers	\$621
VLCT Dues	\$253
Animal Control	\$0
County Tax	\$5,551
<b>APPROPRIATIONS</b>	
Arlington Area Childcare	\$750
Arlington Community House	\$100
Arlington Nursing Service	\$1,200
Arlington Recreation Park	\$3,000
Arlington Rescue Squad	\$7,500
Bennington County Child Advocacy	\$200
Bennington County Conservation District	\$300
Bennington-Rutland Opportunity Council (BROC)	\$137
Burdett Commons	\$0
Cemetery Commission	\$6,000
Center for Independent Living	\$95
Center for Restorative Justice	\$250
Green Up Day	\$50
Martha Canfield Library	\$3,800
PAVE	\$100
Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging	\$600

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Tutorial Center	\$200
VT Association of Conservation Districts	\$100
Wuerslin-Stuecklen Scholarship	\$350
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>	
<b>GENERAL FUND EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$135,800</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$1,492,773</b>
<b>BALANCE TO ACCOUNT FOR</b>	<b>\$100,095</b>

Accounted for as follows:

<b>General Fund Checking Balance: 12/31/22</b>	<b>\$181,595</b>
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## TREASURER'S REPORT

### Reserve Accounts, 6 Month - July 1, 2022 - December 31, 2022

<b>Planning / Zoning Fund</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/22	\$380
Interest earned	\$5
Bank balance: 12/31/22	\$385
<b>Emergency Management Fund</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/22	\$1,305
Interest earned	\$13
Bank balance: 12/31/22	\$1,318
<b>Town Hall Building Fund/ Records Restoration</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/22	\$9,267
Interest earned	\$205
Bank balance: 12/31/22	\$9,472
<b>Property Reappraisal Fund</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/22	\$20,624
Interest earned	\$3
Bank balance: 12/31/22	\$20,627
<b>Wuerslin / Stuecklen Scholarship</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/22	\$5,914
Appropriation	\$350
Interest earned	\$4
Bank balance: 12/31/22	\$6,268
<b>Wuerslin / Stuecklen CD</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/22	\$3,548
Interest earned	\$0
Bank balance: 12/31/22	\$3,548
<b>School House Fund</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/22	\$5,753
Interest earned	\$17
Bank balance: 12/31/22	\$5,770

<b>Holiday Party Fund</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/22	\$781
Interest earned	\$6
Bank balance: 12/31/22	\$787
<b>Office Equipment Fund</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/22	\$1,061
Interest earned	\$13
Bank balance: 12/31/22	\$1,074
<b>Miscellaneous Fund</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/22	\$12,012
Interest earned	\$142
Bank balance: 12/31/22	\$12,154
<b>Legal Professional Fund</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/22	\$22,104
Interest Earned	\$200
Bank balance: 12/31/22	\$22,304
<b>Tax Stabilization Fund</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/22	\$18,997
Interest Earned	\$15
Bank balance: 12/31/22	\$19,012
<b>Independent Audit</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/22	\$6,177
Interest Earned	\$68
Bank balance: 12/31/22	\$6,245
<b>Computer Grant</b>	
Balance in Fund: 7/1/22	\$793
Interest Earned	\$6
Bank balance: 12/31/22	\$799

**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**Cash Receipts & Disbursements - Highway**  
**July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022**

Bank balance: 7/1/2021	<b>\$82,005</b>
<b>Receipts:</b>	
Property Tax Share	\$414,776
VT State Highway Aid	\$62,034
Highway Checking Interest	\$236
Hold Harmless Money	\$52,986
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$530,032</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE</b>	<b>\$612,037</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Road Foreman Salary	\$55,243
Road Foreman Overtime	\$4,645
Road Worker Pay	\$42,650
Uniforms/Shop Towels	\$2,929
Payroll Tax Expenses	\$5,583
Retirement Contribution	\$4,638
Health Insurance	\$4,500
Unemployment Insurance	
Workers' Comp. Insurance	
Drug Testing	
Training / Mileage	
Misc. Expenses	\$2,594
Garage Maintenance	\$2,498
Heating Oil	\$1,237
Electric	\$887
Phone/ Internet/Radios	\$3,719
Equipment Maintenance	\$19,033
Tires	\$1,332
Fuel and Oil (Trucks/Equipment)	\$26,582
Oil and Lube	\$1,335
Tools & Supplies	\$3,800
Insurance & Liability (Garage / Vehicle)	
Road/Ditch Materials and Hauling	\$54,909
Sand (delivered)	\$24,080
Salt (delivered)	\$19,202
Calcium Chloride (delivered)	\$2,754
Tree and Brush Removal	\$360

**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**Cash Receipts & Disbursements - Highway**  
**July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022**

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Contracted Services	\$4,310
Pavement Maintenance	\$189
Bridge / Culvert Program	\$22,200
Guard Rails	
Construction account	\$20,089
Road Equipment Fund Appropriation	\$42,603
Grant Funding	\$212,234
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$586,135</b>
<b>Balance to account for</b>	<b>\$25,902</b>
Accounted for as follows:	
Bank Balance: 6/30/22	<b>\$179,535</b>
<b>Total Rainy Day Fund (end of budget surplus)</b>	<b>\$153,633</b>
<b>Paving Fund</b>	
Balance as of 7/1/21	\$25
Interest	
Balance in fund as of 6/30/22	\$25
<b>Bridge &amp; Culvert Fund</b>	
Balance as of 7/1/21	\$116,471
Additions	
Interest	\$186
Balance in fund as of 6/30/22	\$116,657
<b>Materials &amp; Hauling Fund</b>	
Balance as of 7/1/21	\$21,340
Additions	
Interest	\$34
Balance in fund as of 6/30/22	\$21,374
<b>Road Equipment Fund</b>	
Balance as of 7/1/21	\$40,721
Expenditures	\$83,206
FY 21/22 Budget Amount	\$50,000
Interest	\$281
Balance in fund as of 6/30/22	\$7,796

**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**Cash Receipts & Disbursements - Highway**  
**July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022**

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<b>Miscellaneous Fund</b>	
Balance as of 7/1/21	\$3,860
Expenses	
Interest	\$7
Balance in fund as of 6/30/22	\$3,867
<b>Grant Proposal Fund</b>	
Balance as of 7/1/21	\$10,893
Interest	\$19
Balance in fund as of 6/30/22	\$10,912
<b>Construction Fund</b>	
Balance as of 7/1/21	\$24,389
Interest	\$44
Balance in fund as of 6/30/22	\$24,433



**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**Cash Receipts & Disbursements - Highway**  
**July 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022**

Bank balance: 7/1/2022 - Rainy Day Fund	\$153,633
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Property Tax Share	\$418,469
VT State Highway Aid	\$31,857
Highway Checking Interest	\$589
Hold Harmless Money	\$74,939
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$525,853</b>
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE</b>	<b>\$525,853</b>
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<b>Expenses</b>	
Road Foreman Salary	\$28,548
Road Foreman Overtime	\$3,250
Road Worker Salary	\$27,759
Road Worker Overtime	\$3,186
Uniforms/shop towels	\$820
Payroll Tax Expenses	\$4,800
Retirement Contribution	\$1,220
Health Insurance	
Unemployment Insurance	
Workers' Comp. Insurance	
Drug Testing	
Training / Mileage	
Garage Maintenance	\$1,127
Heating Oil	
Electric	\$585
Phone / Internet/Radios	\$2,321
Equipment Maintenance	\$7,251
Tires	\$3,065
Fuel and Oil (Trucks/Equipment)	\$24,456
Oil and Lube	\$407
Tools & Supplies	\$2,176
Insurance & Liability (Garage/Vehicle)	\$47
Road/Ditch Materials and Hauling	\$17,571
Sand (delivered)	\$12,960
Salt (delivered)	\$4,109
Calcium Chloride (delivered)	
Tree and Brush Removal	
Contracted Services	\$30,469

**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**Cash Receipts & Disbursements - Highway**  
**July 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022**

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Pavement Maintenance	\$98
Bridge / Culvert Program	\$4,785
Guard Rails/Signs	\$82
Grant Funding	\$91,436
Road Equipment Appropriation	\$50,000
Misc. Expenses	\$708
Construction Account	
Sub-total:	\$323,235
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<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$323,235</b>
<b>Balance to account for</b>	<b>\$202,618</b>
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<b>Bank Balance: 12/31/22</b>	<b>\$319,121</b>
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<b>Paving Fund</b>	
Balance as of 7/1/22	\$25
Receipts:	
Interest	
Balance in fund as of 12/31/22	\$25
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<b>Bridge &amp; Culvert Fund</b>	
Balance as of 7/1/22	\$116,657
Interest	\$337
Balance in fund as of 12/31/22	\$116,994
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<b>Materials &amp; Hauling Fund</b>	
Balance as of 7/1/22	\$21,374
Interest	\$62
Balance in fund as of 12/31/21	\$21,436

**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**Cash Receipts & Disbursements - Highway**  
**July 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022**

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<b>Road Equipment Fund</b>	
Balance as of 7/1/22	\$7,796
FY 21/22 Appropriation	\$50,000
Additions	\$10,200
John Deere Backhoe loan payment	\$14,441
John Deere Tractor loan payment	\$15,939
Dump truck loan payment	\$26,849
Interest	\$33
Balance in fund as of 12/31/22	\$10,800

<b>Miscellaneous Fund</b>	
Balance as of 7/1/22	\$3,867
Interest	\$12
Balance in fund as of 12/31/22	\$3,879

<b>Grant Proposal Fund</b>	
Balance as of 7/1/22	\$10,912
Interest	\$31
Balance in fund as of 12/31/22	\$10,943

<b>Construction Account</b>	
Balance as of 7/1/22	\$24,433
Interest	\$69
Balance as of 12/31/22	\$24,502



**SANDGATE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
FY21/22 Actual Budget**

<b>Bank Balance – 7/1/21</b>	<b>\$116,512.93</b>
Revenues FY21/22	\$856,421.00
Expenditures FY21/22	-\$906,359.70
Interest	\$540.15
<b>Total Funds Available – 6/30/22</b>	<b>\$67,114.38</b>

**FY22/23 Budget 7/1/22-12/31/22**

<b>Actual Balance – 7/1/22</b>	<b>\$67,114.38</b>
Revenue	\$988,757.10
Expenditures	-\$109,185.90
Interest	\$301.32
<b>Fund Balance – 12/31/22</b>	<b>\$946,986.90</b>

**Bus Reserve Fund 7/1/21 – 6/30/22**

<b>Beginning Balance – 7/1/21</b>	<b>\$74,663.24</b>
Interest	\$56.37
<b>Balance – 6/30/22</b>	<b>\$74,719.61</b>

**Bus Reserve Fund 7/1/22 - 12/31/22**

<b>Beginning Balance – 7/1/22</b>	<b>\$74,719.61</b>
Interest	\$215.67
<b>Balance – 12/31/22</b>	<b>\$74,935.28</b>

**Tuition and Special Ed Reserve Fund**

<b>Bank Balance -7/1/21</b>	<b>\$200,263.90</b>
Interest	\$420.84
<b>Bank Balance - 12/31/22</b>	<b>\$200,684.74</b>

**Total All School District Funds 12/31/22 - \$1,222,610**

**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET - TOWN FUNDS**  
**July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022**

FUND	General	Highway	Equipment	Pavement	Bridge & Culvert	Materials & Hauling
Bank Balance: 7/1/21-surplus	\$47,382	\$82,005	\$40,721	\$25	\$116,471	\$21,340
<b>Revenues</b>	\$1,533,972	\$530,032	\$50,281		\$186	\$34
Total Funds Available	\$1,533,972	\$612,037	\$91,002		\$116,657	\$21,374
<b>Expenditures</b>	\$1,437,393	\$586,135	\$83,206			
Revenues minus Expenditures	\$96,579	\$25,902	\$7,796	\$25	\$116,657	\$21,374
Available Funds: 6/30/2022	\$138,563	\$179,535	\$7,796	\$25	\$116,657	\$21,374

GF Account Balances 6/30/22 - Computer Grant: \$793; Emergency Management: \$1,305; Holiday party: \$781; Independent Audit: \$6,177; Legal & Professional: \$22,104; Misc. Fund: \$12,012; Office Equip: \$1,061; Planning/Zoning: \$380; Property Reappraisal: \$20,624; Records Restoration/Town Hall Fund: \$9,267; School House: \$5,753; Tax Stabilization: \$18,997; Wuerslin-Stuecklen Scholarship: \$5,914

HW Misc. Fund: \$3,867; Grand Proposal Fund: \$10,912; Construction Account: \$24,433

Recovery Fund (ARPA) Balance 6/30/22- \$57,066

**Total All Town Funds 6/30/22- \$665,396**

**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET - TOWN FUNDS**  
**July 1, 2022 - December 31, 2022**

FUND	General	Highway	Equipment	Pavement	Bridge & Culvert	Materials & Hauling
Bank Balance: 7/1/22	\$138,563	\$153,633	\$7,796	\$25	\$116,657	\$21,374
<b>Revenues</b>	\$1,592,868	\$525,853	\$60,233		\$337	\$62
Total Funds Available	\$1,592,868	\$679,486	\$68,029	\$25	\$116,994	\$21,436
<b>Expenditures</b>	\$1,492,773	\$323,235	\$57,229			
Revenues minus Expenditures	\$100,095	\$356,251	\$10,800	\$25	\$116,994	\$21,436
	\$181,595	\$319,121	\$10,800	\$25	\$116,994	\$21,436

GF Account Balances 12/31/22 - Computer Grant: \$799; Emergency Management: \$1,318; Holiday Party: \$787; Independent Audit: \$6,245; Legal & Professional: \$22,304; Misc.Fund: \$12,154; Office Equipment: \$1,074; Planning/Zoning: \$385; Property Reappraisal: \$20,627; School House: \$5,770;

Tax Stabilization: \$19,012; Town Hall/Records Restoration: \$9,472; Wuerslin-Stuecklen Scholarship: \$6,268

HW Misc: \$3,879; Grant Proposals: \$10,943; Construction Account: \$24,502.

Recovery Fund (ARPA) Balance 12/31/22- \$114,132

**Total All Town Funds 12/31/22- \$903,397**

## TREASURER'S REPORT

### Cash Receipts & Disbursements - Cemetery Fund

July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022

Balance in Checking (7/1/21)	\$16,501
Receipts:	
Donations	\$1,200
Appropriation	\$6,000
Interest	\$25
Disbursements	-\$7,632
<b>Balance in Checking (6/30/22)</b>	<b>\$16,094</b>
<b>Cemetery CD Balance: 6/30/22</b>	<b>\$12,105</b>

### Cash Receipts & Disbursements - Lomberg Cemetery CD

July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

Balance in bank (7/1/21)	\$10,330
Interest	\$48
Balance in bank (6/30/22)	\$10,378

### Cash Receipts & Disbursements - Cemetery Fund

July 1, 2022- December 31, 2022

Balance in Checking (7/1/22)	\$16,094
Receipts:	
Appropriation	\$6,000
Donation	
Interest	\$32
Disbursements	-\$6,900
<b>Balance Checking (12/31/22)</b>	<b>\$15,226</b>
<b>CD Balance: 12/31/22, matures on 7/10/23</b>	<b>\$12,640</b>

### Cash Receipts & Disbursements - Lomberg Cemetery CD

July 1, 2022 - December 31, 2022

Balance in bank (7/1/2022)	\$10,378
CD Matures on 6/14/23	\$13
Balance in bank (12/31/2022)	\$10,391

# STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED

as of December 31, 2022

Total Grand List	\$788,188
Total Taxes Billed: Due 10/01/22	\$1,600,504
Taxes Received in Good Time	\$1,470,378
Delinquent Taxes before penalty and interest as of 10/02/22	\$126,982
<b>Total Taxes Accounted for</b>	<b>\$1,600,504</b>

## HOLD HARMLESS FUNDS

as of December 31, 2022

Highway Portion	\$74,938.50	75%
Town Portion	\$24,979.50	25%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$99,918</b>	

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## HIGHWAY STATE AID

as of December 31, 2022

22 July	\$15,928.49
22 October	\$15,928.44
23 January	\$15,928.44
23 April	\$15,928.44
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$63,713.81</b>

## CASH ON HAND - 07/01/2022

The cash on hand was not subtracted from the budget total in the Tax Rate calculation.  
As stated in voted Article 3.

## TAX RATE FOR 2022-2023 FISCAL YEAR

<b>MUNICIPAL BUDGET</b>	
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	
Admin. Expenses	\$53,605
Maintenance	\$22,500
General Services	\$60,600
Appropriations	\$18,807
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$155,512</b>
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND TO BE RAISED</b>	
<b>\$155,512</b>	
<b>HIGHWAY</b>	
Total Highway Budget	\$480,503
Highway State Aid	-\$62,034
<b>TOTAL HIGHWAY TO BE RAISED</b>	
<b>\$418,469</b>	
<b>TOTAL MUNICIPAL TAXES TO BE RAISED</b>	
<b>\$573,981</b>	
Grand List: Total Municipality	\$783,188
General Fund Tax Rate (per 100)	0.198563
Highway Tax Rate (per 100)	0.534315
TOTAL MUNICIPALITY RATE (per 100)	0.732878
<b>MUNICIPAL TAX RATE WILL RAISE</b>	
<b>\$573,981</b>	
<b>SCHOOL BUDGET</b>	
Homestead Tax Rate	\$1.2597
Non Residential Tax Rate	\$1.3366
Grand List: Homesteads	\$256,643.00
Non-Residential	\$526,545.00
Total Raised: Homesteads	\$323,293.19
Total Raised: Non Residential	\$703,780.05
<b>TOTAL SCHOOL BUDGET TAXES TO RAISE</b>	
<b>\$1,027,073</b>	
<b>LOCAL AGREEMENT TAX RATE</b>	
Local Agreement Tax Rate	\$0.0027
Municipal Grand List	\$783,188
<b>TOTAL LOCAL AGREEMENT TAXES TO BE RAISED</b>	
<b>\$2,360</b>	
<b>TOTAL TAXES TO BE RAISED</b>	
<b>\$1,603,414</b>	
Homestead Tax Rate, Municipal	\$0.7329
Homestead Tax Rate, School	\$1.2597
Homestead Tax Rate, Local Agreement	\$0.0027
<b>TOTAL HOMESTEAD RATE</b>	
<b>\$1.9952 (per thousand)</b>	
Non-Residential Tax Rate, Municipal	\$0.7329
Non-Residential Tax Rate, School	\$1.3366
Non-Residential Tax Rate, Local Agreement	\$0.0027
<b>TOTAL NON-RESIDENTIAL RATE</b>	
<b>\$2.0721 (per thousand)</b>	

<b>2022/23 LOCAL AGREEMENT RATE</b>		
Homestead Education Rate	1.2597	Set by State
Veterans Exemptions	\$160,000.00	The local agreement rate is found by dividing the forgone revenue by the total grand list.
Foregone Revenue	\$2,077.04	
Total Grand List	\$783,188.00	
Local Agreement Rate	0.0027	

## MAIN DRIVERS OF TAX CHANGES VERSUS LAST YEAR

	<b>Municipal Grand List</b>	
	2021/2022	2022/2023
Grand List	\$637,800.19	\$783,188.00

<b>2021-2022 RATE</b>			<b>2022-2023 RATE</b>		
	Homestead	Non-residential		Homestead	Non-residential
Municipal	0.8893	0.8893	Municipal	0.7329	0.7329
School	1.3790	1.5770	School	1.2597	1.3366
Local Agreement	0.0037	0.0037	Local Agreement	0.0027	0.0027
<b>Total</b>	<b>2.2720</b>	<b>2.3700</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>1.9953</b>	<b>2.0722</b>

<b>DIFFERENCE FROM LAST YEAR</b>	<b>HOMESTEAD</b>	<b>NON-RESIDENTIAL</b>
Municipal	-0.2767	-0.2978
School	-0.1193	-0.2404
Local Agreement	-0.0010	-0.0010
<b>Total</b>	<b>-0.3970</b>	<b>-0.5392</b>

### GRAND LIST

FY 22/23 Grand List is \$145,387.81 higher than last year.

### MUNICIPAL BUDGET

FY 22/23 rate is 0.1422 higher than last year.

Total GF budget to be raised is \$3122 higher than last year.

Total HW budget to be raised is \$3693 higher than last year.

The increases are due to rising prices.

### SCHOOL BUDGET

Homestead Rate for FY 22/23 is 0.1193 lower than last year.

Non-Residential Rate for FY 22/23 is 0.2404 lower than last year.

### LOCAL AGREEMENT

The Local Agreement is .0010 lower than last year.

# ASSETS & COMPENSATION

## COMPENSATION 7/1/22 - 6/30/23

Auditors	Min wage
Board of Civil Authority	Min wage
Constable	1,273/year
Health Officer	250/year
Listers	Min wage
Lister Reappraisal Years	15/hour
Road Foreman	28.14/hour
Road Worker	27.58/hour
School Board Salaries	2,439/year
Select Board Chair	1,288/year
Select Board Member	618/year
Select Board Secretary	20/hour
Town Clerk	11,255/year
Assistant Town Clerk	3,077/year
Treasurer	13,506/year
Assistant Treasurer	3,077/year
Webmaster	500/year
Zoning Administrator	25/hour

## FIXED ASSETS

Cemetery Equipment
Constable Safety Items
Fire Pumps & Related Equip.
Office Equipment
Vault
2018 International Dump Truck
2014 Mack Tandem Axle Dump Truck
2019 Ford F350 ¾-ton pickup w/plow & sander
2014 John Deere 670G Grader
2016 John Deere 6120E tractor/mower
2019 John Deere 310SL Backhoe
3 Sanders
2 Stone Rakes
Ditch Leaf Blower
2015 2500 gal. Chloride Tank
2015 525 gal. Chloride Tank
2015 Pump for Chloride
Cemeteries, Town Garage, Town Hall/Office

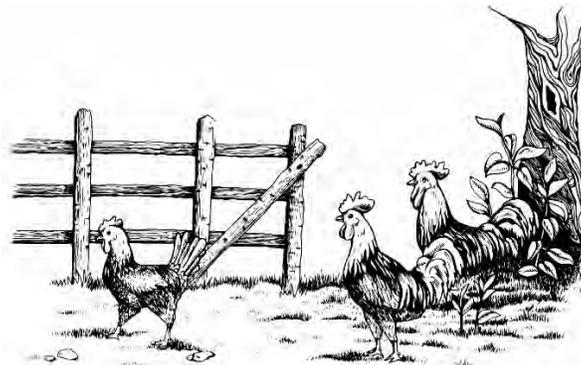
## INDEBTEDNESS

The Sandgate General Fund and the School Fund have no indebtedness.

The Sandgate Highway Fund owes:

\$28,924 on the 2019 John Deere backhoe

\$29,630 on the 2016 John Deere tractor/mower



## PROPOSED 2023 - 2024 SANDGATE BUDGET - GENERAL

	FY21/22 Budget	FY21/22 Actual	FY22/23 Budget	FY22/23 as of 12/31/22	FY23/24 Budget to Vote	Proposed % change	\$ Change
<b>SALARY &amp; EXPENSES</b>							
Assistant Town Clerk	\$2,987	\$2,800	\$3,077	\$1,410	\$3,169	3%	\$92
Assistant Treasurer	\$2,987	\$3,050	\$3,077	\$1,410	\$3,169	3%	\$92
Auditor's Salaries	\$1,500	\$633	\$1,545	\$292	\$1,545		
Constable Salary	\$1,236	\$1,236	\$1,273	\$637	\$1,277	3%	\$4
Health Officer Expenses	\$250		\$250		\$250		
Health Officer Salary	\$250		\$250		\$250		
Listers Salaries & Expenses	\$4,120	\$16,317	\$4,240	\$4,088	\$4,240		
Office Training	\$500		\$500		\$500		
Payroll Tax Expenses	\$4,635	\$4,586	\$4,774	\$2,508	\$5,000	5%	\$226
Selectboard Salaries	\$5,202	\$5,195	\$5,358	\$250	\$5,519	3%	\$161
Town Clerk Salary	\$10,927	\$10,984	\$11,255	\$250	\$11,593	3%	\$338
Treasurer Salary	\$13,113	\$12,927	\$13,506	\$5,884	\$13,911	3%	\$405
Website Management	\$500		\$500	\$500	\$500		
Zoning Administrator Expenses	\$1,000	\$1,582	\$1,000	\$94	\$1,000		
Zoning Administrator Salary	\$3,000	\$2,052	\$3,000	\$1,735	\$3,000		
<b>TOTAL SALARIES/EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$52,207</b>	<b>\$61,362</b>	<b>\$53,605</b>	<b>\$19,058</b>	<b>\$54,923</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>\$1,318</b>
<b>MAINTENANCE &amp; SUPPLIES</b>							
Independent Audit	\$1,000		\$1,000		\$1,000		
Legal & Professional Fees	\$1,000		\$1,000	\$186	\$1,000		
Town Hall Major Repairs	\$1,000	\$646	\$1,000	\$11,831	\$1,000		
Computer Software & Internet	\$3,000	\$5,293	\$3,000	\$5,000	\$3,000		
Office Equipment	\$1,000	\$110					
Office Equipment Maintenance			\$3,000		\$3,000		
Office Supplies	\$2,000	\$2,412	\$2,000	\$1,860	\$2,000		
Postage	\$700	\$397	\$700	\$256	\$700		
Schoolhouse Utilities	\$300		\$300		\$300		
Town Hall Maintenance/Repairs	\$4,000	\$5,818	\$4,000	\$7,740	\$4,000		
Town Hall Utilities	\$4,000	\$6,741	\$4,500	\$1,605	\$4,500		
Town Report Expense	\$2,000	\$1,566	\$2,000		\$2,000		
<b>TOTAL MAINT &amp; SUPPLIES</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>	<b>\$22,983</b>	<b>\$22,500</b>	<b>\$28,478</b>	<b>\$22,500</b>		
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$72,207</b>	<b>\$84,345</b>	<b>\$76,105</b>	<b>\$47,536</b>	<b>\$77,423</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>\$1,318</b>
<b>GENERAL SERVICES &amp; FEES</b>							
Animal Control	\$400	\$250	\$400		\$400		
BCA Mtgs / Poll Workers	\$500	\$345	\$500	\$621	\$500		
BCRC	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000		
BCSWA	\$2,100	\$2,082	\$2,100	\$2,292	\$2,100		
Traffic Control	\$6,000		\$6,000		\$6,000		
Cemetery Commission	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000		

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	FY21/22 Budget	FY21/22 Actual	FY22/23 Budget	FY22/23 To date	FY23/24 Budget to Vote	Proposed % change	\$ Change
County Tax	\$5,000	\$4,343	\$5,500	\$5,551	\$5,600	2%	\$100
Fire Protection	\$24,276	\$24,276	\$25,000	\$24,521	\$25,500	2%	\$500
Insurance & Bonding	\$6,000	\$16,342	\$6,500	\$10,470	\$6,500		
ISWAP	\$2,500	\$3,771	\$4,000	\$878	\$4,000		
VLCT Dues	\$1,500	\$3,291	\$1,600	\$253	\$1,600		
<b>TOTAL GENERAL SERVICES</b>	<b>\$57,276</b>	<b>\$63,699</b>	<b>\$60,600</b>	<b>\$53,586</b>	<b>\$61,200</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>\$600</b>
<b>TOTAL GF TO BE VOTED</b>	<b>\$129,483</b>	<b>\$148,044</b>	<b>\$136,705</b>	<b>\$101,122</b>	<b>\$138,623</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>\$1,918</b>
<b>APPROPRIATIONS</b>							
Arlington Area Childcare	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$750		
Arlington Community House	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100		
Arlington Nursing Service	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200		
Arlington Recreation Park	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000		
Arlington Rescue Squad	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$7,500		
Benn. Co. Child Advocacy	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200		
BCCD	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300		
BROC	\$137	\$137	\$137	\$137	\$137		
Burdett Commons (closed)	\$75	\$75	\$75			-100%	-\$75
VCIL	\$95	\$95	\$95	\$95	\$95		
CRJ	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250		
Green-Up Day	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50		
Wuerslin-Stuecklen Scholarship	\$350	\$350	\$350	\$350	\$350		
Martha Canfield Library	\$3,800	\$3,800	\$3,800	\$3,800	\$3,800		
PAVE	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100		
SWVT Area Council on Aging	\$600	\$600	\$600	\$600	\$600		
Tutorial Center	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200		
VACD	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100		
<b>Appropriations to be voted</b>	<b>\$18,807</b>	<b>\$18,807</b>	<b>\$18,807</b>	<b>\$18,732</b>	<b>\$18,732</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>-\$75</b>
<b>Total GF &amp; Appropriations</b>	<b>\$148,290</b>	<b>\$166,851</b>	<b>\$155,512</b>	<b>\$119,854</b>	<b>\$157,355</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>\$1,843</b>



## PROPOSED 2023 - 2024 SANDGATE BUDGET HIGHWAY

	FY21/22 Budget	FY21/22 Actual	FY22/23 Budget	FY22/23 as of 12/31/22	FY23/24 Budget to Vote	Proposed % change	\$ Change
<b>Salaries/Wages/Expenses</b>							
Drug Testing	\$250		\$250		\$250		
Health Insurance	\$15,000	\$4,500	\$15,000		\$15,000		
Payroll Tax Expenses	\$8,000	\$5,583	\$8,000	\$4,800	\$9,000	13%	\$1,000
Retirement Contribution	\$4,650	\$4,638	\$4,790	\$1,220	\$8,000	67%	\$3,210
Road Foreman Overtime	\$9,600	\$4,645	\$9,600	\$3,250	\$9,600		
Road Foreman Salary	\$56,822	\$55,243	\$58,527	\$28,548	\$60,287	3%	\$1,761
Road Worker Salary	\$35,000	\$42,649	\$36,050	\$27,759	\$59,087	64%	\$23,037
Road Worker Overtime				\$3,186	\$9,500	100%	\$9,500
Training/Mileage	\$400		\$400		\$400		
Unemployment Insurance	\$650		\$650		\$650		
Uniforms/Shop Towels	\$3,000	\$2,929	\$3,000	\$820	\$3,000		
Workers' Comp Insurance	\$14,420		\$14,420		\$15,000	4%	\$580
<b>Total Salaries/Wages/Expenses</b>	<b>\$147,792</b>	<b>\$120,187</b>	<b>\$150,687</b>	<b>\$69,583</b>	<b>\$189,775</b>	<b>25.9%</b>	<b>\$39,088</b>
<b>Garage Equipment and Maintenance</b>							
Construction Account	\$25,000	\$20,089	\$25,000			-100%	-\$25,000
Electric	\$816	\$887	\$816	\$585	\$1,200	47%	\$384
Equip Maint/Parts/Repairs	\$20,000	\$19,033	\$20,000	\$7,251	\$20,000		
Fuel & Oil (Trucks & Equip)	\$17,000	\$26,582	\$17,000	\$24,456	\$35,000	106%	\$18,000
Garage Maintenance	\$2,500	\$2,498	\$2,500	\$1,127	\$2,500		
Heating Oil	\$3,000	\$1,237	\$3,000		\$5,000	67%	\$2,000
Ins & Liability (Garage/Vehicle)	\$7,500		\$7,500	\$47	\$8,000	7%	\$500
Oil & Lube (fuel oil)	\$3,000	\$1,335	\$3,000	\$407	\$4,000	33%	\$1,000
Phone/Internet/Radios	\$4,500	\$3,719	\$4,500	\$2,321	\$5,000	11%	\$500
Tires & Chains	\$4,000	\$1,332	\$4,000	\$3,065	\$4,000		
Tools & Supplies	\$2,500	\$3,800	\$2,500	\$2,176	\$3,500	40%	\$1,000
<b>Total Equip. &amp; Maint.</b>	<b>\$89,816</b>	<b>\$80,512</b>	<b>\$89,816</b>	<b>\$41,435</b>	<b>\$88,200</b>	<b>-2%</b>	<b>-\$1,616</b>
<b>Materials &amp; Hauling</b>							
Calcium Chloride (delivered)	\$9,000	\$2,754	\$9,000		\$9,000		
Road/Ditch Materials & Hauling	\$50,000	\$54,909	\$50,000	\$17,571	\$50,000		
Salt (delivered)	\$25,000	\$19,202	\$25,000	\$4,109	\$25,000		
Sand (delivered)	\$29,000	\$24,080	\$29,000	\$12,960	\$29,000		
<b>Total Materials &amp; Hauling</b>	<b>\$113,000</b>	<b>\$100,945</b>	<b>\$113,000</b>	<b>\$34,640</b>	<b>\$113,000</b>		

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	FY21/22 Budget	FY21/22 Actual	FY22/23 Budget	FY22/23 as of 12/31/22	FY23/24 Budget to Vote	Proposed % change	\$ Change
<b>Projects</b>							
Bridge/Culvert Program	\$20,000	\$22,200	\$20,000	\$4,785	\$20,000		
Contracted/Equip Rental	\$20,000	\$30,304	\$20,000	\$30,469	\$20,000		
Guard Rails/Signs	\$2,000		\$2,000	\$82	\$2,000		
Pavement Maintenance	\$30,000	\$189	\$30,000	\$98	\$30,000		
Tree & Brush Removal	\$4,000	\$360	\$4,000		\$4,000		
<b>Total Projects</b>	<b>\$76,000</b>	<b>\$53,053</b>	<b>\$76,000</b>	<b>\$35,434</b>	<b>\$76,000</b>		
<b>Other</b>							
Equip Reserve Fund Appropriation	\$50,000	\$42,603	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000		
Misc. Expenses	\$1,000	\$2,594	\$1,000	\$708	\$1,500	50%	\$500
Grant Funding		\$212,234		\$91,436			
<b>Total Other</b>	<b>\$51,000</b>	<b>\$257,431</b>	<b>\$51,000</b>	<b>\$142,144</b>	<b>\$51,500</b>	1%	<b>\$500</b>
<b>TOTAL H.W. EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$477,608</b>	<b>\$612,128</b>	<b>\$480,503</b>	<b>\$323,236</b>	<b>\$518,475</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>\$37,972</b>
Less Anticipated State Aid	\$62,832	\$62,832	\$62,034	\$62,034		-100%	-\$62,034
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$414,776</b>	<b>\$549,296</b>	<b>\$418,469</b>	<b>\$261,202</b>	<b>\$518,475</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>\$100,006</b>



## DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Eleanor LaCross, Collector

Town taxes are due upon receipt of your yearly tax bill. The final date for the treasurer to receive payment for 2022-2023 taxes was October 1st 2022. A mailing date of October 1st does not constitute payment of taxes in a timely manner and the 8% penalty and 1% interest will be applied to all taxes which do not arrive at town hall **on or before** October 1st of each year, 1% interest on the principal is charged per month or portion of the month that the tax remains unpaid. This is an interest rate of 12% per year.

### STATEMENT OF DELINQUENT TAXES AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2022

NAME	PARCEL	TOTAL
<b>2022</b>		
Arrington, Lee	725500-00R	4,124.59
Filipp, Alexander	424500-00L	5,156.71
Grogan, Heath E	307500-00R	4,437.59
Koscinski, Michael	424000-00L	1,740.57
Maue, Eugene	148500-00R	3,184.09
Miller, Charles	704700-00L	76.42
Mitchell, Edward	501000-00B	502.37
Mitchell, Edward	501500-00B	1,858.20
Mitchell, Edward	501000-0R0	32.57
Salmon-Holgren, Lorraine	612000-00R	605.36
Stroffoleno, Mary	134000-00R	1,775.57
	<b>TOTAL FOR 2022</b>	<b>\$23,494.04</b>
<b>2021</b>		
Koscinski, Michael	424000-00L	1,431.76
	<b>TOTAL FOR 2021</b>	<b>\$1,431.76</b>
	<b>TOTAL DELINQUENT TAXES</b>	<b>\$24,925.80</b>

# **DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTION POLICY**

## **Town of Sandgate, Vermont**

1. All delinquent taxes must be remitted to the Collector of Delinquent Taxes. The Town Treasurer is not authorized to accept any payment toward delinquent taxes.
2. As soon as the Tax Collection Warrant has been received from the Treasurer, the Delinquent Tax Collector will send a notice to each delinquent taxpayer each month for three months. The third letter will contain notice of the possibility of a tax sale.
3. Partial payments may be made on a monthly basis; however, payment arrangements which completely pay the bill before April 1st of the year succeeding the current tax due date will be required.
4. Mortgage and lien holder will be notified of the tax delinquency 30 days after the first notice has been sent if the delinquent taxpayer has not paid the taxes or contracted the Collector to make arrangement for payment.
5. There will be a \$20 fee charged for any returned check or other faulty payment of delinquent taxes.
6. Six months after the due date, the Collector will send notice of impending tax sale to sell as much of the property as is necessary to pay the taxes, costs, and fees associated with such a sale.
7. If no satisfactory payment arrangements have been made in one month or if the arrangements agreed to have not been met, the Collector of Delinquent Taxes will instruct a lawyer to begin the following actions to sell as much of the property on which the tax is due, as is necessary to pay the tax, cost and fees.
  - a) The delinquent taxpayer will be notified of the tax sale decision, that full payment must be received prior to the posted date of the impending tax sale, and that the costs of the tax sale will be borne by the taxpayer.
  - b) All mortgage holders and lien holders will be notified of the tax sale.
  - c) If full payment has not been received by the posted time and date of the tax sale, the tax sale will be held according to the procedure specified in 32V.S.A Section 5252.
  - d) Costs of preparing and conducting the sale, including legal fees up to a maximum of 15% of the amount of the delinquent tax, will be charged to the delinquent taxpayer.
8. In the event that no one purchases the property at tax sale, or if in the judgement of the Delinquent Tax Collector, proceeding with tax sale is unwise, the Collector shall collect the delinquent taxes using any or all the methods permitted by law.
9. Each taxpayer has the right to apply for abatement of property taxes based on any of the grounds listed in 24 V.S.A Section 1535, which may be viewed in the Town Clerk's office.

Eleanor LaCross, Collector of Delinquent Taxes  
802-375-2801

# DOG LICENSES

Sandy Reidy, Town Clerk

In 2021 there were 81 dogs licensed in the Town of Sandgate. I would like to thank all the people who cooperated with the licensing process.

If your dog has passed away, please contact the office, otherwise we need to see a current Rabies certificate and you need to license your dog.

**Please don't forget to license your dogs. Licenses are ready by the first of January each year for your convenience. All dogs must be licensed by April 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. There are late fees if animals are not licensed by that date.**

Lost or found animals should be reported to Erin McDermott (small animals), 375-2201 or Suzanne dePeyster (large animals), 375-6005. You should also call Second Chance Animal Shelter at 375-0249 because they run a hotline for lost or found animals.

## SCHEDULE OF DOG LICENSES AND FEES

	Before April 1 <sup>st</sup>	After April 1 <sup>st</sup>
Neutered/spayed dogs etc.	\$11.00	\$16.00
Unaltered dogs etc.	\$16.00	\$23.50

NOTE: If you become an owner/keeper of a dog that is over six months old after April 1<sup>st</sup>, you have 30 days to license that animal. All unlicensed dogs should be reported to the Town Clerk. Sandgate has an Animal Control Ordinance.

**A PERSON WHO FAILS TO LICENSE A DOG OR WOLF-HYBRID IN THE REQUIRED MANNER SHALL BE FINED UP TO \$500 (20 V.S.A. § 3550). The Rabies Control Hotline number is 1-800-4-Rabies.**

## RABIES VACCINATION LAW

All dogs or wolf-hybrids over three months of age shall be vaccinated against rabies. Initial vaccination is valid for 12 months. Within 9-12 months the animal must receive a booster vaccination. All subsequent vaccinations are valid for 36 months. (20 V.S.A. § 3581)



## **SANDGATE, VERMONT ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, FEBRUARY 28, 2022**

The legal voters of the Town of Sandgate, Vermont met at the Sandgate Town Hall on Monday, February 28, 2022 at 7:00 pm for the purpose of acting on the following articles.

32 people were present. Chris Barlow, Town Moderator, brought the meeting to order at 7:01 pm

**Article 2: Shall the Town of Sandgate authorize the Selectboard to borrow money, in anticipation of taxes, to pay current expenses of the Town for the ensuing year?**

Valerie dePeyster moved the question. Phyllis Skidmore seconds. Article 2 passed

**ARTICLE 3: Shall the Town authorize the Selectboard to spend budget surplus funds (if there are any) in the next fiscal year?**

George Dyke asks how the surplus would be spent. Selectboard member, Karen Tendrup, answers that the money would be put aside for unexpected expenses.

Marge Peff states that the surplus be separated into Highway and General funds. She states that in the past, as Town Clerk, she was told the highway money must stay in the Highway fund.

Kathy Wagner states that during the widespread power outage a few weeks ago, the Arlington School opened the gym so people had a place to get warm. She suggests that Sandgate should open the Town Hall in emergency situations and get a wood stove for heat.

Jim Henderson asks what happened to the surplus funds in the past. Treasurer, Sandy Reidy, answers that in past years we counted our cash on hand against the amount to raise in taxes.

Suzy dePeyster states that she would like to see how the money will be spent, otherwise she would like to have the surplus funds be used to lower taxes.

George Dyke asks why the Town Hall does not have a generator? Karen Tendrup states that the Selectboard is already looking into that matter.

George Dyke asks how many Selectmen are in this town and how many are present this evening? Karen Tendrup says that there are 5 Selectmen and 2 are present, Joe Nolan and herself. George mentions that it should be mandatory that all Selectmen are present at the Town Meeting.

Betsy Rathbun-Gunn asks if the question can be passed. She states that we need more clarity concerning this question. Joe Nolan makes a motion to pass over Article 3. Betsy Rathbun-Gunn seconds. Article 3 has been passed over, to be discussed at a later date.

**ARTICLE 4: Shall the Town of Sandgate vote to approve the collection of the Town and School taxes to be due on or before October 1, 2022?**

Valerie dePeyster moves the question. Margaret Phelps seconds. Article 4 passed.

**ARTICLE 5: Shall the Town of Sandgate appropriate \$7,500 to the Arlington Rescue Squad?**

Jean Eisenhart moves the question. Jim Henderson seconds. Article 5 passed.

**ARTICLE 6: Shall the Town of Sandgate vote \$1,200 in support of Arlington Nursing Services?**

Kathy Wagner asks how money is used. Karen Tendrup answers that it goes toward hospice and other aid.

Kathy Wagner moves the question. Jim Henderson seconds. Article 6 passed.

**ARTICLE 7: Shall the Town of Sandgate vote \$3,000 in support of Arlington Recreation Park?**

Phyllis Skidmore moves the question. Betsy Rathbun-Gunn seconds. Article 7 passed.

**ARTICLE 8: Shall the Town of Sandgate appropriate \$3,800 in support of the Martha Canfield Library?**

Margaret Phelps moves the question. Valerie dePeyster seconds. Article 8 passed.

**ARTICLE 9: Shall the Town of Sandgate vote to appropriate the total sum of \$2,957 for the following: Arlington Area Childcare, \$750; Arlington Community House, \$100; Bennington County Child Advocacy, \$200; Bennington County Conservation District, \$300; Bennington-Rutland Opportunity Council (BROC), \$137; Burdett Commons, \$75; Center for Independent Living, \$95; Center for Restorative Justice, \$250; Green-Up Day, \$50; PAVE, \$100; Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging, \$600; Tutorial Center, \$200; VT Association of Conservation Districts, \$100?**

Suzy dePeyster moves the question. Phil Frost seconds. Article 9 passed.

**ARTICLE 10: Shall the Town vote to adopt a budget of \$636,015 to defray expenses of the Town for the period from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023?**

Suzy dePeyster asks if this is the total for the general fund and highway budget. Sandy Reidy states that is correct.

Jim Henderson moves the question. Richard Zoppel seconds. Article 10 passed.

Moderator, Chris Barlow asks if anyone wants to make a motion to hear our State Representatives speak. Phyllis Skidmore moves the question. Jeanne Zoppel seconds.

Kathleen James speaks first. She mentions that she and Seth Bongartz have left their Town Report on the table, for anyone interested in what they had accomplished in the past year. She states that they post often on their Facebook page. Kathleen says the State of Vermont received \$1.2 billion dollars from ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds. She continues, that about 60 million dollars is going out towards work force retention bonuses. Payments are going to the workers on the front line, such as health care, human services and childcare. Also, 50 million dollars for housing has been allocated. Seth Bongartz speaks next. He states that they have been working on a bill called H5-11, that is the key piece of housing legislation this year, it will make it easier to build priority housing and more homes in towns.

Betsy Rathbun-Gunn makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dottie Sundquist seconds. All in favor meeting adjourned at 8:31 pm.

## **SANDGATE SPECIAL MEETING**

**May 9, 2022 at 6:00 in the Sandgate Town Hall**

**All voters of Sandgate Welcome**

**ATTENDANCE:** Chris Barlow, Sandra Reidy, Karen Tendrup, Karen Dzialo, Joe Nolan, Charlie Pike, John Phelps, Margaret Phelps, Marge Peff, Sheila Kearns, Dottie Sundquist, Suzanne dePeyster, Valerie dePeyster, Margareta Pero, Rob Viglas, Jean Eisenhart.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Moderator Chris Barlow calls the meeting to order at 6:00.

**DISCUSS AND VOTE ON ARTICLE 3:** Article 3 states, "Shall the town authorize the Selectboard to spend budget surplus funds, if there are any, in the next fiscal year." Suzanne dePeyster states that the money should be put into a "rainy day fund". She suggests amending the Article. Marge Peff states that the surplus money needs to be separated into 2 funds, 1 for Highway and 1 for General Fund. Shelia asks if the Treasurer can make sure to account for any expenditures on the surplus money. Sandra Reidy answers that she could report monthly in the Treasurer's reports any expenditures with the Town's surplus money. Valerie dePeyster states that she was under the impression when this Article was voted on the ballot last year, that the Article would remain that way from year to year. Sandra Reidy answers that the wording in the article states "in the next fiscal year". Sheila Kearns suggests that the article can be voted down and then vote to amend the wording of the article. Suzanne dePeyster calls the question. Chris Barlow calls the vote. The nays have the vote. Article 3 is voted down. Suzanne dePeyster states that she would like to amend the article 3 to state that any surplus money will go into a "rainy day fund" in the next fiscal year and all future years. Suzanne dePeyster makes a motion to amend the article as stated. Valerie dePeyster seconds. Suzanne dePeyster calls the question. Chris Barlow calls a vote on the article as amended: "Shall the town authorize the Selectboard to put surplus funds, if there are any, into a "rainy day fund" in the next fiscal year and all future years." All in favor of amending the article as stated. Suzanne dePeyster makes a motion to vote the amended article. Sheila Kearns seconds. Chris Barlow calls the vote. All in favor.

**ADJOURN:** Sheila Kearns makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sandra Reidy seconds. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:20.

Respectfully submitted by Sandra Reidy.

## SANDGATE ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS

As of December 31, 2022

	Term ending	
Town & School Moderator	2023	Chris Barlow
Town Clerk	2025	Sandra Reidy
Assistant Town Clerk		Eleanor LaCross (appointed by Town Clerk)
Assistant Town Clerk		Pat Hall (appointed by Town Clerk)
Treasurer	2025	Sandra Reidy
Assistant Treasurer		Eleanor LaCross (appointed by Treasurer)
Selectboard (Chair)	2025	Joe Nolan
Selectboard	2023	Karen Dzialo
Selectboard	2023	John Phelps
Selectboard	2023	Charlie Pike
Selectboard	2023	Karen Tendrup
State Officer & Constable	2023	Richard Dahm
Delinquent Tax Collector	2023	Eleanor Lacross
Auditor	2025	Sheila Kearns
Auditor	2024	Valerie dePeyster
Auditor	2023	Katie Kenny
Lister	2025	Valerie dePeyster
Lister	2023	Shelley Finn
Lister	2024	Jeanne Zoppel
Town Agent	2023	Jean Eisenhart
Town Grand Juror	2023	Jean Eisenhart
Cemetery Commission	2025	Julie Robertson
Cemetery Commission	2024	Kathleen Hill
Cemetery Commission	2023	Kathy Wagner
School Director	2024	Celeste Keel
School Director	2024	Allan Tschorn
School Director	2023	Jeanne Zoppel
Justices of the Peace	2025	Valerie dePeyster, Margaret Phelps, Julie Robertson, Joyce Trachte, Nancy Tschorn

# SANDGATE APPOINTED OFFICERS

as of December 31, 2022

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Jean Eisenhart, Chair; Jim Henderson, Harry Rich, Rob Viglas, Dottie Sundquist

## PLANNING COMMISSION / ZONING BOARD

Richard Zoppel, Chair; Brad Kessler, James Aschmann, Caroline Kimball, Rob Viglas, Jean Eisenhart, Alternate

## 911 ADDRESSES

Road Foreman, Town Clerk

## ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

Sheila Kearns

## FIRE WARDENS

Lynn Fielding (State appointed)

## POUND KEEPER

Erin McDermott - Small Animals

Suzanne dePeyster - Large Animals

## TOWN SERVICE OFFICER

Karen Tendrup

## EMERGENCY FUEL COORDINATOR

Select Board

## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR

Select Board

## BCRC REPRESENTATIVES

Sheila Kearns

## BCSWA/ISWAP REPRESENTATIVE

Karen Dzialo

## INSPECTOR OF LUMBER, SHINGLES & WOOD

Dona McAdams

Karen Tendrup, Sandy Reidy

## FENCE VIEWERS

Suzanne dePeyster, Joe Nolan

## TREE WARDEN

Joe Nolan

Select Board

## ARTS GRANT SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Jean Eisenhart, Pat Hall, Dona McAdams, Hasso Wuerslin, Jeanne Zoppel

## SANDGATE TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT WARNING

Legal voters of the Town of Sandgate School District of Sandgate, County of Bennington, State of Vermont, are hereby warned and notified to meet at 10:00 a.m. at the Sandgate Town Hall on **Tuesday March 7, 2023** to transact the following business:

- Article 1 To hear and act on the report of the School District Officers.
- Article 2 To authorize the School Board to borrow money by issue of notes not to exceed of anticipated revenue for the fiscal year July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.
- Article 3 To elect one School Board Director for a three-year term by Australian ballot March 7, 2023.
- Article 4 Shall the voters of Sandgate School District approve the school board to expend \$1,299,351, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal? It is estimated that the proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$20,510 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 11.5% higher than the spending for the current year.
- Article 5 To transact any other business proper to be brought before said Town School District Meeting.

Absentee voting is permitted on all matters to be voted by Australian ballot. For purposes of Australian balloting, the polls will be open from 10:00a.m. until 7:00p.m. on March 7, 2023.



## **SANDGATE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2022-2023 (FY2023)**

Jeanne Zoppel (Chair), Allan Tschorn (Clerk), Celeste Keel

The Sandgate School District currently has 72 students attending 10 schools. Pre-K students are enrolled in Fisher Elementary. Elementary schools attended by Sandgate students include: Fisher Elementary, Flood Brook, Grace Christian, Hiland Hall, Manchester Elementary (MEMS), Maple Street, and Saratoga Independent School. Secondary Schools receiving Sandgate students include Arlington Memorial High School, Burr & Burton, Hiland Hall, Long Trail and Mount Anthony.

Our average daily membership (ADM), this year calculated on student enrollment for a period of 20 days beginning the 11<sup>th</sup> day of school and ending the 30<sup>th</sup> day of school, is 71.35. Comparatively, our ADM for last year was 66. The equalized pupil is a two-year average of the average daily membership of the school district, and weights student's needs, such as poverty level, English as a second language, and students at the secondary level to establish an equalized *pupil* figure. Our State calculated equalized pupil this year is 55.41 (compared to last year's 53.68). We are projecting an equalized pupil figure of 63.4 for FY24. This is a factor in calculating our tax rate for next year.

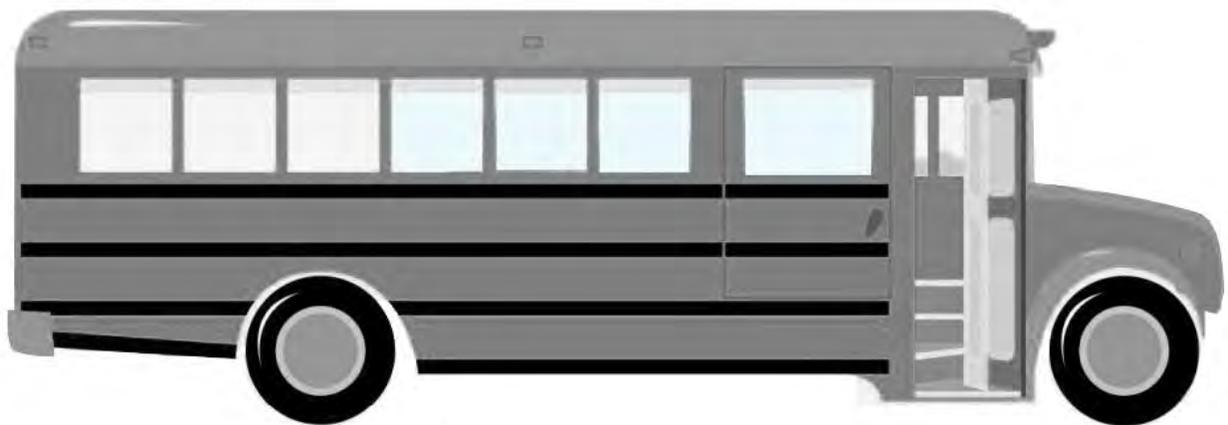
The Sandgate School District pays the prevailing tuition rate to public schools and up to the announced State average to approved private or independent schools. Currently, the State announced average for elementary tuition is \$16,020; the State announced average for 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade is 17,278. It is important to note the State averages are only among larger union schools and do not average in the higher tuition rates common to smaller non-union schools. The announced tuitions to Arlington schools this year (FY23) is \$13,800 for elementary school and \$17,700 for grades 7 - 12. For the purpose of building the budget, an estimated 5% increase in State average tuitions (allowable tuition to private or independent schools) was used making the anticipated tuition to elementary schools \$16,821 and tuition to secondary schools \$18,142. The announced tuition for FY24 at Arlington is \$15,500 for elementary and \$19,000 for grades 7- 12.

The total budgeted expenditures for FY23 as approved at the annual meeting were \$1,020,065. At this time we are anticipating a slight deficit in the current budget year of \$989. For FY24, the board has proposed a spending budget of \$1,299,351, which is an increase in expected expenses of about 27% and is reflective of increased student counts in the district as well as anticipated increases in tuition rates. The FY23 homestead educational tax rate for the current year is 1.2597. Based upon several factors, including State aid to education and a projected decrease in the Common Level of Appraisal (CLA), the anticipated homestead tax rate for FY24 is estimated to be 1.3555 – an increase of \$0.0958.

Article 4 on the Warning is asking the voters to approve an expenditure budget of \$1,299,351 for the 2023 - 2024 academic year. The article also fully discloses, as required by State law, the spending per equalized pupil to be \$20,510 and that this represents an 11.5% increase in per equalized pupil spending than the spending for the current year. Our proposed budget also reflects a 2.4% increase in SU administrative cost; the proposed \$46,255 is up from \$37,373 in FY23. Additionally, there is a significant increase in Special Education spending of 44%. Our anticipated Special Ed costs in the current budget are \$36,884 which is an increase of \$11,333 over the FY23 budget figure of \$25,551.

The board has authorized the SVSU, on behalf of the district, to look into various options and grants for Electric Vehicles or clean diesel incentives for replacing our aging school bus within the next year or so. There is no article on the warning this year to fund the bus sinking fund as we feel we already have enough in the fund with the trade in value of our existing bus to cover the cost of a traditional school bus. Electric busses are quite a bit more in acquisition cost and a grant would have to be obtained to make that a reality. An analysis of contracting a bus service last year proved to be quite expensive and lacked the flexibility of owning and operating our own bus. To be sure tuition payments are not delayed, we ask that parents notify the School District via the office of the Superintendent of tuition requests or changes in receiving schools as soon as possible. The district uses a verification of residency form for all new tuition requests. Our meeting schedule has been a bit more sporadic this year and we have met on an as-needed-basis with a physical location at the SVSU office in Bennington and via a zoom link. Please let us know if you would be interested in joining one of our virtual meetings and we will be sure the proper links are provided.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Allan Tschorn



## **SANDGATE, VERMONT ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING, MARCH 1, 2022**

Legal voters of the Town of Sandgate School District, County of Bennington, State of Vermont, were warned and notified to meet at 10:00 am at the Sandgate Town Hall on Tuesday, March 1, 2022 to transact the following business:

Moderator; Chris Barlow brought the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

There were 11 people present. Also present: Superintendent of BVSU; Bill Bazyk, and Director of Finance for SVSU; Renee Gordon.

Chris Barlow asks if anyone would like to make a motion to allow the Superintendent to speak.

Rick Dahm makes a motion to allow Bill Bazyk to speak first. Pauline Frost seconds. All in favor.

Bill speaks about the budget and some of the reasons the budget has increased this year. He says the tuition costs are higher this year. About half the children in town attend the Arlington schools, with the other half attending higher tuition schools. There is a count of 66 students in Sandgate currently. He mentions that tuition cost is an average of about \$18,000, which is higher than the state average. He continues that in previous years our CLA (common level of appraisal) has been between 1.2%-1.1%, and this year it has dropped to .89%. The drop in CLA is due to homes selling for more money in town. This affects the State funding formula. The equalized pupils this year, given by the state is 55. This is due to elementary school and highschoolers being given different percentages for the states funding calculations. The total spending has risen due to increased students. He continues that in the past the Town of Sandgate has had historically low tax rates. The School District Tax Stabilization Fund has \$200,223.69. Bill asks if there are any questions. Betsy-Rathbun Gunn asks if we are receiving any ARPA funds for the school district. Bill answers that money has been allocated, but will go directly to the schools. He continues that there are no direct funds to go towards lowering tuition currently. Rick Dahm asks if the school has any plan for remote learning in the future. Bill answers that he believes remote schooling is not very effective. He continues that most of the children are attending the schools in person. The omni variant has caused a lot of children to remain home, when exposed. He believes we are over the peak of that variant. Lister; Jeanne Zoppel comments that the Listers are in an appraisal year and are working out the values to level out our CLA. Allan Tschorn points out that when the CLA has been raised, it means that the house values have been increased and our tax rates will not decrease.

**ARTICLE 1:** To hear and act on the report of the School District Officers.

Rick Dahm moves the question. Valerie dePeyster seconds. All in favor. Article 1 passed.

**ARTICLE 2:** To elect one School Board Director for a three-year term by Australian ballot March 1, 2022.

Valerie dePeyster moves the question. Jeanne Zoppel seconds. All in favor. Article 2 passed.

**ARTICLE 3:** Shall the voters of Sandgate School District authorize the School Board to borrow money by issuance of notes not in excess of anticipated revenue for the fiscal year July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023?

Betsy-Rathbun Gunn moves the question. Margaret Phelps seconds. All in favor. Article 3 passed.

**ARTICLE 4:** Shall the voters of the Sandgate School District authorize the Board of School Directors to allocate its current fund balance without effect upon the District Tax Levy, as follows: Assign seventy-six thousand, six hundred and fifty-nine dollars (\$76,659) as revenue for future budgets?

School Board Member; Allan Tschorn states that this is a fund balance from previous years that will be used to offset the budget this year.

Valerie dePeyster moves the question. Margaret Phelps seconds. All in favor. Article 4 passed.

**ARTICLE 5:** Shall the voters of the school district approve the school board to expend \$1,020,065 which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that the proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$18,394.96 per equalized pupil. The projected spending per equalized pupil is 15.31% higher than the spending for the current year.

Rick Dahm questions the way this article is written. Bill Bazyk answers that it is written based on state statute. Margaret Phelps asks what the average tuition for schools, other than Arlington public school. Bill answers that Sandgate pays the state average and any school attended will have the same tuition paid out by Sandgate and the parent or guardian must make up the difference for the choice schools, with larger tuition.

Richard Zoppel moves the question. Betsy-Rathbun Gunn seconds. All in favor. Article 5 passed.

**ARTICLE 6:** To transact any other business proper to be brought before said Town School District Meeting.

Allan Tschorn states that Bill Bazyk will be leaving next year and he would like to extend his gratitude to him for all the hard work. A round of applause and thanks given.

Rick Dahm makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Valerie dePeyster seconds. Meeting is adjourned at 10:51 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandra Reidy; Town Clerk

**Sandgate School District**

	Actual FY20	Actual FY21	Actual FY22	Budget FY23	Budget FY24	Variance	% Var
General Interest	\$ 3,305	\$ 592	\$ 506	\$ 800	\$ 800	\$ -	0.00%
Misc	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,430	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	--
General State Aid	\$ 826,957	\$ 923,495	\$ 853,110	\$ 1,014,177	\$ 1,300,340	\$ 286,163	28.22%
Tech Center Tuition	\$ 4,495	\$ 13,968		\$ 5,088	\$ -	\$ (5,088)	-100.00%
Fund Balance					\$ (1,789)	\$ (1,789)	--
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ 834,757</b>	<b>\$ 938,055</b>	<b>\$ 858,046</b>	<b>\$ 1,020,065</b>	<b>\$ 1,299,351</b>	<b>\$ 279,286</b>	<b>27.38%</b>

**EXPENDITURES**

	Actual FY20	Actual FY21	Actual FY22	Budget FY23	Budget FY24	Variance	% Var
Sandgate Borrowing Interest	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -	0.00%
<b>TOTAL DEBT SERVICE</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>		<b>\$ 500</b>	<b>\$ 500</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
Board Salaries	\$ 2,200	\$ 2,200	\$ 2,200	\$ 2,200	\$ 2,200	\$ -	0.00%
Board Fica/Medicare	\$ 168	\$ 168	\$ 168	\$ 168	\$ 168	\$ -	0.00%
Legal	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -	0.00%
Advertising/Printing/Postage	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ -	0.00%
Board Supplies	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 210	\$ 210	\$ -	0.00%
Board Dues/Memberships	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 900	\$ 900	\$ -	0.00%
<b>TOTAL BOARD OF ED</b>	<b>\$ 2,368</b>	<b>\$ 2,368</b>	<b>\$ 2,368</b>	<b>\$ 4,078</b>	<b>\$ 4,078</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
Audit Assessment	\$ 9,029	\$ 5,375	\$ 5,375	\$ 5,570	\$ 4,400	\$ (1,170)	-21.01%
<b>TOTAL AUDIT</b>	<b>\$ 9,029</b>	<b>\$ 5,375</b>	<b>\$ 5,375</b>	<b>\$ 5,570</b>	<b>\$ 4,400</b>	<b>\$ (1,170)</b>	<b>-21.01%</b>
Treasurer Supplies	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	--
<b>TOTAL TREASURER SUPPLIES</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>		<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>--</b>
Transportation Assessment	\$ 13,313	\$ 12,393	\$ 15,387	\$ 12,084	\$ 26,639	\$ 14,555	120.45%
<b>TOTAL TRANSPORTATION</b>	<b>\$ 13,313</b>	<b>\$ 12,393</b>	<b>\$ 15,387</b>	<b>\$ 12,084</b>	<b>\$ 26,639</b>	<b>\$ 14,555</b>	<b>120.45%</b>
Transfer	\$ 219,363	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	--
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 219,363</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>--</b>				
PreSchool Tuition - Public	\$ 10,068	\$ 19,262	\$ 10,608	\$ 3,656	\$ 11,292	\$ 7,636	208.86%
PreSchool Tuition - Private / Independent	\$ -	\$ -			\$ -	\$ -	--
<b>TOTAL PRE-K</b>	<b>\$ 10,068</b>	<b>\$ 19,262</b>	<b>\$ 10,608</b>	<b>\$ 3,656</b>	<b>\$ 11,292</b>	<b>\$ 7,636</b>	<b>208.86%</b>

**Sandgate School District**

	Actual FY20	Actual FY21	Actual FY22	Budget FY23	Budget FY24	Variance	% Var
Early Childhood SpEd Assessment	\$ 5,868	\$ 9,908	\$ 6,829	\$ -	\$ 64,043	\$ 64,043	--
<b>TOTAL EARLY CHILDHOOD (EEE)</b>	<b>\$ 5,868</b>	<b>\$ 9,908</b>	<b>\$ 6,829</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 64,043</b>	<b>\$ 64,043</b>	<b>--</b>
Elem Tuition- Sunderland	\$ 28,644	\$ -	\$ 286,889	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	--
Elem Tuition- Manchester	\$ 14,245	\$ -		\$ 34,600	\$ 18,500	\$ (16,100)	-46.53%
Elem Tuition- Fisher Elem	\$ 244,607	\$ 225,533		\$ 289,800	\$ 279,000	\$ (10,800)	-3.73%
Elem Tuition- Salem Elementary / Other	\$ 4,424	\$ 26,505		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	--
Elem Tuition-Flood Brook					\$ 18,500		--
Elem Tuition-Maple St Scl	\$ 42,789	\$ 60,810	\$ 141,235	\$ 62,545	\$ 50,463	\$ (12,082)	-19.32%
Elem Tuition-Long Trail	\$ 21,865	\$ -		\$ -		\$ -	--
Elem Tuition - Southshire	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	--
Elem Tuition- Hiland Hall	\$ 36,400	\$ 39,567		\$ 58,710	\$ 41,097	\$ (17,613)	-30.00%
Elem Tuition - Grace Christian					\$ 8,589		--
Elem Tuition - Saratoga Independent Sch	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 31,395		--
Prior Year Adjustment		\$ -				\$ -	--
<b>TOTAL ELEMENTARY TUITION</b>	<b>\$ 392,974</b>	<b>\$ 352,415</b>	<b>\$ 428,125</b>	<b>\$ 445,655</b>	<b>\$ 447,544</b>	<b>\$ 1,889</b>	<b>0.42%</b>
SU Sped Assessment - Elem	\$ 23,581	\$ 9,917	\$ 11,084	\$ 25,093	\$ 17,890	\$ (7,203)	-28.70%
<b>TOTAL ELEM RESOURCE RM</b>	<b>\$ 23,581</b>	<b>\$ 9,917</b>	<b>\$ 11,084</b>	<b>\$ 25,093</b>	<b>\$ 17,890</b>	<b>\$ (7,203)</b>	<b>-28.70%</b>
Sec Tuition- Arlington	\$ 130,202	\$ 199,266	\$ 255,277	\$ 230,100	\$ 385,500	\$ 155,400	67.54%
Sec Tuition- Mt. Anthony	\$ 14,700	\$ 14,800		\$ 46,500	\$ -	\$ (46,500)	-100.00%
Sec Tuition- Taconic & Green	\$ -	\$ 16,200		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	--
Sec Tuition-Burr & Burton	\$ 66,607	\$ 71,946	\$ 136,894	\$ 104,084	\$ 139,909	\$ 35,825	34.42%
Sec Tuition-Long Trail	\$ 31,866	\$ 32,466		\$ 34,695	\$ 18,142	\$ (16,553)	-47.71%
Sec Tuition - Red Fox	\$ 42,789			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	--
Sec Tuition - Manchester	\$ -			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	--
Sec Tuition - Maple St Schl	\$ 15,933	\$ 16,233		\$ 34,694	\$ 54,426	\$ 19,732	56.87%
Sec Tuition - Hiland Hall	\$ 13,650	\$ 18,600		\$ -	\$ 20,549	\$ 20,549	--
On Behalf Tech Center Payment	\$ 4,495	\$ 13,968	\$ 3,219	\$ 5,088	\$ 11,529	\$ 6,441	126.59%
Vocational Tuition-Local	\$ 3,522	\$ 2,962	\$ 3,294	\$ 5,344	\$ 9,772	\$ 4,428	82.86%
Prior Year Adjustment	\$ -	\$ -				\$ -	--
<b>TOTAL SECONDARY TUITION</b>	<b>\$ 323,763</b>	<b>\$ 386,441</b>	<b>\$ 398,684</b>	<b>\$ 460,505</b>	<b>\$ 639,826</b>	<b>\$ 179,321</b>	<b>38.94%</b>

<b>Sandgate School District</b>	<b>Actual FY20</b>	<b>Actual FY21</b>	<b>Actual FY22</b>	<b>Budget FY23</b>	<b>Budget FY24</b>	<b>Variance</b>	<b>% Var</b>
S.U. Office Assessment - Administration	\$ 41,211	\$ 38,327	\$ 37,715	\$ 37,373	\$ 23,778	\$ (13,595)	-36.38%
<b>TOTAL ASSESSMENT - SU Administration</b>	<b>\$ 41,211</b>	<b>\$ 38,327</b>	<b>\$ 37,715</b>	<b>\$ 37,373</b>	<b>\$ 23,778</b>	<b>\$ (13,595)</b>	<b>-36.38%</b>
S.U. Office Assessment - Business Office	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,854	\$ 9,854	--
<b>TOTAL SU ASSESSMENT - FISCAL</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 9,854</b>	<b>\$ 9,854</b>	<b>--</b>
S.U. Office Assessment - HR	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 960	\$ 960	--
<b>TOTAL ASSESSMENT - SU Human Resources</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 960</b>	<b>\$ 960</b>	<b>--</b>
S.U. Office Assessment - Tech Admin	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,663	\$ 11,663	--
<b>TOTAL ASSESSMENT - SU Tech Admin</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 11,663</b>	<b>\$ 11,663</b>	<b>--</b>
S.U. Office Assessment - Operations/Maint	\$ 2,688	\$ 1,915	\$ 2,073	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	--
<b>TOTAL ASSESSMENT - SU Operations/Maintenance</b>	<b>\$ 2,688</b>	<b>\$ 1,915</b>	<b>\$ 2,073</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>--</b>
S.U. Sped Assessment- Secondary SpEd	\$ 23,475	\$ 15,393	\$ 14,604	\$ 21,693	\$ 32,349	\$ 10,656	49.12%
<b>TOTAL SECONDARY SPED ASSESSMENT</b>	<b>\$ 23,475</b>	<b>\$ 15,393</b>	<b>\$ 14,604</b>	<b>\$ 21,693</b>	<b>\$ 32,349</b>	<b>\$ 10,656</b>	<b>49.12%</b>
S.U. Sped Admin Assessment	\$ 6,157	\$ 4,159	\$ 3,642	\$ 3,858	\$ 4,535	\$ 677	17.55%
<b>TOTAL SPED ADMIN ASSESSMENT</b>	<b>\$ 6,157</b>	<b>\$ 4,159</b>	<b>\$ 3,642</b>	<b>\$ 3,858</b>	<b>\$ 4,535</b>	<b>\$ 677</b>	<b>17.55%</b>
<b>TOTAL SANDGATE BUDGET</b>	<b>\$ 1,073,858</b>	<b>\$ 857,873</b>	<b>\$ 936,494</b>	<b>\$ 1,020,065</b>	<b>\$ 1,299,351</b>	<b>\$ 279,286</b>	<b>27.38%</b>

District: **Sandgate**  
 SU: **Southwest Vermont**

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Property dollar equivalent yield

**15,479**

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Homestead tax rate per \$15,479 of spending per equalized pupil

**1.00**

**17,600**

Income dollar equivalent yield per 2.0% of household income

**Expenditures**

		FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	
1.	<b>Budget</b> (local budget, including special programs, full technical center expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures)	\$927,787	\$857,129	\$1,020,065	\$1,299,351	1.
2.	plus Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting	-	-	-	-	2.
3.	minus Act 144 Expenditures, to be excluded from Education Spending (Manchester & West Windsor only)	NA	NA	NA	-	3.
4.	<b>Locally adopted or warned budget</b>	\$927,787	\$857,129	\$1,020,065	\$1,299,351	4.
5.	plus Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any	-	-	-	-	5.
6.	plus Prior year deficit repayment of deficit	-	-	-	\$1,789	6.
7.	<b>Total Expenditures</b>	\$927,787	\$857,129	\$1,020,065	\$1,301,140	7.
8.	S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data	-	-	-	\$83,139	8.
9.	Prior year deficit reduction (included in expenditure budget) - informational data	-	-	-	\$1,789	9.

**Revenues**

10.	Offsetting revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)	\$800	\$800	\$800	\$800	10.
11.	plus Capital debt aid for eligible projects pre-existing Act 60	-	-	-	-	11.
12.	minus All Act 144 revenues, including local Act 144 tax revenues (Manchester & West Windsor only)	NA	NA	NA	NA	12.
13.	<b>Offsetting revenues</b>	\$800	\$800	\$800	\$800	13.

14.	<b>Education Spending</b>	\$926,987	\$856,329	\$1,019,265	\$1,300,340	14.
15.	Equalized Pupils	52.50	53.68	55.41	63.40	15.

		FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	
16.	<b>Education Spending per Equalized Pupil</b>	\$17,656.90	\$15,952.48	\$18,394.96	\$20,510.10	16.
17.	minus Less ALL net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil	-	-	-	-	17.
18.	minus Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$60,000 for an individual (per eqpup)	-	-	\$19.69	-	18.
19.	minus Less amount of deficit if deficit is SOLELY attributable to tuitions paid to public schools for grades the district does not operate for new students who moved to the district after the budget was passed (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-	19.
20.	minus Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer equalized pupils (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-	20.
21.	minus Estimated costs of new students after census period (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-	21.
22.	minus Total tuitions if tuitioning ALL K-12 unless electorate has approved tuitions greater than average announced tuition (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-	22.
23.	minus Less planning costs for merger of small schools (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-	23.
24.	minus Teacher retirement assessment for new members of Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System on or after July 1, 2015 (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-	24.
25.	minus Costs incurred when sampling drinking water outlets, implementing lead remediation, or retesting.	-	-	-	-	25.
26.	Excess spending threshold	threshold = \$18,756	threshold = \$18,789	threshold = \$19,997	threshold = \$22,204	26.
27.	plus Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)	\$18,756.00	\$18,789.00	\$19,997.00	\$22,204.00	27.
28.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Equalized Tax Rate	\$17,657	\$15,952	\$18,395	\$20,510.10	28.
29.	District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%)	160.546%	140.960%	138.163%	132.503%	29.
		based on yield \$10,883	based on yield \$11,317	based on \$13,314	based on \$15,479	

**Prorating the local tax rate**

30.	Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate (to be prorated by line 30) [(\$20,510.10 ÷ (\$15,479 + \$1.00))	\$1.6055	\$1.4096	\$1.3816	\$1.3250	30.
31.	Percent of Sandgate equalized pupils not in a union school district	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	31.
32.	Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town (100.00% x \$1.33)	\$1.6055	\$1.4096	\$1.3816	\$1.3250	32.
33.	<b>Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)</b>	110.08%	102.22%	109.68%	97.75%	33.
34.	Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (\$1.3250 / 97.75%)	\$1.4585	\$1.3790	\$1.2597	\$1.3555	34.
		based on \$1.00	based on \$1.00	based on \$1.00	based on \$1.00	

If the district belongs to a union school district, this is only a **PARTIAL** homestead tax rate. The tax rate shown represents the estimated portion of the final homestead tax rate due to spending for students who do not belong to a union school district. The same holds true for the income cap percentage.

35.	Anticipated income cap percent (to be prorated by line 30) [(\$20,510.10 ÷ \$17,600) x 2.00%]	2.61%	2.32%	2.31%	2.33%	35.
36.	Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (100.00% x 2.33%)	2.61%	2.32%	2.31%	2.33%	36.
37.	#N/A	-	-	-	-	37.
38.	#N/A	-	-	-	-	38.

- Following current statute, the Tax Commissioner recommended a property yield of \$15,479 for every \$1.00 of homestead tax per \$100 of equalized property value, an income yield of \$17,600 for a base income percent of 2.0%, and a non-residential tax rate of \$1.386. These figures use the estimated \$64,000,000 surplus from the Education Fund. **New and updated data will likely change the proposed property and income yields and perhaps the non-residential rate.**  
 - Final figures will be set by the Legislature during the legislative session and approved by the Governor.  
 - The base income percentage cap is 2.0%.

# TOWN OF SANDGATE PHONE DIRECTORY

## Emergency Calls (Ambulance, Fire & Police) - 911

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER - Large Animals	Suzanne dePeyster	802-375-6005
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER - Small Animals	Erin McDermott	802-379-9246
ARLINGTON MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL		802-375-2589
ARLINGTON POST OFFICE		802-375-6904
ARLINGTON TOWN CLERK	Robin Wilcox	802-375-2332
BENNINGTON COUNTY REGIONAL COMMISSION		802-442-0713
CASELLA LANDFILL Transfer Station: 4561 Sunderland Hill Road, Arlington, VT 05250 Hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri - 7:30-2:00; Sat, 7:30-11:30; Closed Wed, Sun & Holidays		802- 375-7345
CEMETERY COMMISSION	Kathleen Hill	802-375-6543
DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR	Eleanor LaCross	802- 375-2801
FIRE DEPARTMENT (Other than emergency)		802-375-2323
FIRE WARDEN - Burning Permit	Lynn Fielding	802-375-2211
FISHER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, ARLINGTON		802-375-6409
SANDGATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT	Town Garage	802-375-8358
LISTERS		802-375-9270
MARTHA CANFIELD LIBRARY	Phyllis Skidmore	802-375-6153
PLANNING COMMISSION/ZONING BOARD	Richard Zoppel	802-375-9270
ANIMAL CONTROL, ARLINGTON/SUNDERLAND	Robyn Champine	802-430-9564
ANIMAL CONTROL, RUPERT	Kelli Raymond	802-379-3004
RESCUE SQUAD (Other than emergency)		802-375-6589
RUPERT TOWN CLERK	Andrea Lenhardt	802-394-7728
SECOND CHANCE ANIMAL SHELTER		802-375-2898
SELECTBOARD		802-375-9075
STATE POLICE (Other than emergency)		802-442-5421
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS		802-447-7501
BENNINGTON SHERIFF'S OFFICE		802-442-4900
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE	Sandra Reidy	802-375-9075
TREASURER'S OFFICE	Sandra Reidy	802-375-9075
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR	Sheila Kearns	802-379-9961



# **FIRE WARNING**

**A permit is required from the Fire Warden for any outdoor burning except when there is snow on the ground at the scene of the fire.**

**For brush and forest fires burning out of control or threatening buildings, call 911.**

**For a permit call Lynn Fielding at 375-2211.**

**PLEASE HELP US AVOID FIRES  
REPORT ANY UNATTENDED FIRES**

**NO SMOKING IN THE TOWN HALL**

**FOR EMERGENCIES (POLICE, FIRE, AMBULANCE) CALL 911**

**For non-emergencies:**

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**Police Department: 442-5421**

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**Fire Department: 375-2323**

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**Rescue Squad: 375-6589**

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## **ALL PUBLIC MEETINGS REQUIRE MINUTES**

The open meeting law requires minutes to be kept of all public meetings (1 V.S.A. § 312). The purpose of this rule is to make it easy for the public to know, within five days of the meeting, who was present, what was discussed, and what was decided at the meeting. Minutes do not have to be taken of executive sessions, although the vote to go into executive session, including mentions of the subjects to be discussed should be reflected in the minutes of the meeting (1 V.S.A. § 313). No minutes need to be taken of deliberative sessions of a board since this meeting is not a public meeting under law (1 V.S.A. § 310).