

# TOWN OF GOSHEN VERMONT

Annual Report  
July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022

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Town Meeting  
At the Goshen Town Hall  
March 6, 2023  
7:00 p.m.



Above Photo:  
Hogback in Green  
Photo by Thomasina Magoon

Cover Photo:  
A moose wandering through the hills on Hogback Mountain  
Photo by Michael Pallozzi and Charlotte Reider-Smith



**Welcome to the Goshen Town Report,  
covering the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year!**

Please bring this report with you to the town meeting. You may want to use it to follow along, ask questions, and take notes.

<p><b>Goshen Town Meeting</b> 7 PM March 6th, 2023 Goshen Town Hall 50 Carlisle Hill Road Goshen, VT 05733</p>	<p><b>Voting Day</b> 9 AM - 7 PM March 7th, 2023 Goshen Town Hall 50 Carlisle Hill Road Goshen, VT 05733</p>
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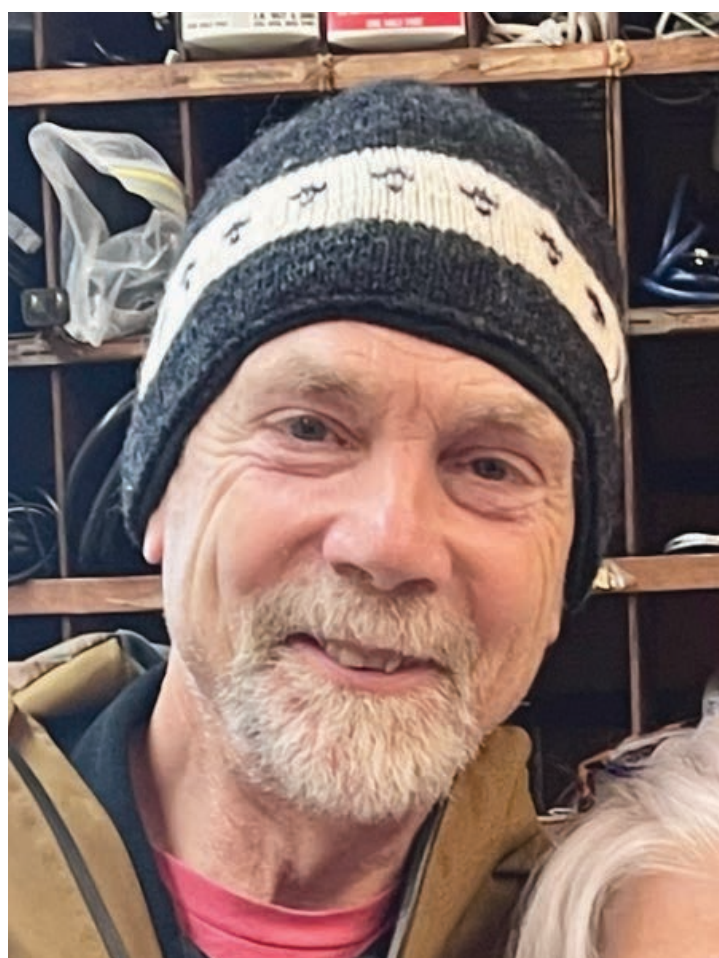


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## Dedication

# Chad Chamberlain

Chad Chamberlain was born in 1955 and raised in Still River, Massachusetts. He graduated from Keene State College in 1977 with a degree in Outdoor and Physical Education. He worked with at-risk-youth for several years, taking them into the wilderness to connect them to nature. In 1983, the same year he met his wife, Fernanda Canales, he purchased the land in Goshen on which he first built a cabin and eventually, a home for his family. Chad and Fernanda, with their then 18 month old daughter Emily, moved to Goshen full time in 1988. Fernanda worked locally at Blueberry Hill Inn, while Chad was still commuting to his teaching job in Massachusetts. In 1989, two years before his son Ben was born, Chad began teaching physical Education in small rural town schools near Goshen: Leicester, Salisbury, Sudbury and Whiting, where he taught for 32 years with a focus on the outdoors until his retirement in 2021. Now he enjoys working on the land and spending time with his grandchildren, Owen and Eliza. Chad's love of Goshen runs deep. He loves exploring the woods and hiking up Mt Romance to sled or jack jump his way down, which he has done hundreds of times. He enjoys learning the history of the town and has served on the Planning Commission since 1990. Recently, we had the pleasure to partake in a community gathering at Blueberry Hill Inn and met several of the younger families now living and raising their children in Goshen, making Chad smile with a grateful heart for the next Goshen generation!





# *In Memory of* **Tony Clark**



Anthony Morell “Tony” Clark was born in Wales, United Kingdom, on March 21, 1944 and grew up in France before coming to the states in the late 60’s.

In 1969 Tony and his first wife, Martha, bought Blueberry Hill Inn (BBH) from the Masterton family. The property was originally a 1,000 acre farm from the Goshen four corners all the way almost to Goshen Dam, purchased in the day for \$25,000.

Martha and Tony embarked on an adventure displaying beautiful gardens, home grown delicious food and a cross-country ski business. For many years BBH hosted state-wide cross-country ski competitions. In addition, these trails were the site of ski races like the “Great American Ski Race,” and foot races such as the “Goshen Gallop” which is now in its 45th year and is branded as “the toughest 10k in New England”, as well the iconic Pig Race in March. Many Goshen kids and residents learned to ski at Blueberry Hill have fond memories of these adventures.

Over those years Tony befriended countless neighbors and visitors, sharing stories over delicious and creative meals, or along the trails or just by the side of the road. Tony could often be seen or found on his tractor mowing the fields or clearing trails. If you were lucky your roadside conversation continued inside the inn with tea and cookies. Tony absolutely loved being a host to thousands of visitors from all over the world, neighbors, and friends at Blueberry Hill.

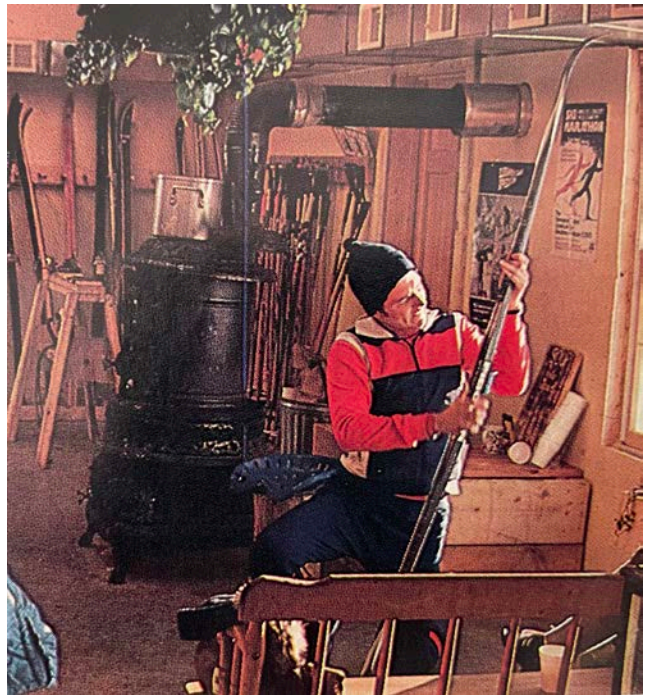
Tony owned and operated the Blueberry Hill Inn & XC Ski Center for over 50+ years. Throughout his lifetime he built and maintained a network of more than 35 kilometers of cross-country skiing and hiking trails around the inn and on U.S. forest lands. He was committed to providing access to year-round outdoor recreational experiences throughout his life and it was this passion that led him to work as part of the foundational leadership in the Moosalamoo Association and the U.S. Forest Service to develop the Moosalamoo National Recreation Area. This designation in the Green Mountains is a unique designation that will protect recreational opportunities in the region for generations to come.

Tony was a true legacy in Goshen. On Saturday, March 26, 2022, Tony passed away peacefully with family at his side. His wit will be greatly missed at town meetings, on the side of the road, or on the trail.

Tony is survived by his former wife and inn business partner Shari Brown. She continues to invest in their shared passion for BBH, honoring his legacy while creatively seeking additional recreational opportunities for new generations of travelers anticipating adventures, delicious food, and mountain loads of memories in the land of Goshen.

Tony also leaves behind his four children – Britta Clark of Portland Maine, Timothy Clark of Leicester, Christopher Clark of Winthrop, Wash., and Oliver Clark of Denver, CO; three granddaughters, Ashley Clark of Leicester, and Sisú and Neva Clark of Winthrop, Wash.







# *In Memory of* Geryll Robinson



Geryll Ann Robinson moved to Vermont in 1968, when she was 18 years old, and never looked back. She was a Goshen resident for 41 years! She loved living in Goshen. She moved here in the early eighties to raise her family. It was here that she made a life for herself and her family, tucked away in the Green Mountains, where she mastered the art of “going your own way.”

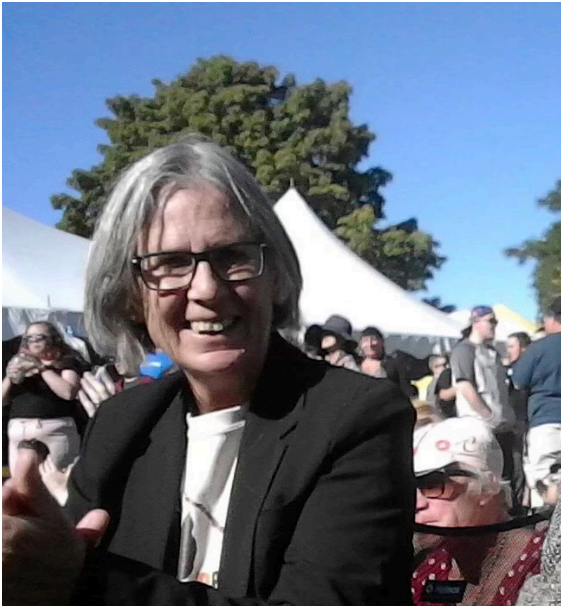
She worked for Goshen Mountain Landscaping, owned by her dear friend, Tammy Walsh. Together with Susan Munger, her 30-year life partner, they designed and built beautiful stonework as a lasting testament all over Goshen and Vermont. She had a voracious appetite for learning and in her life mastered many skills, including the art of carpentry, landscaping, stonemasonry, baking, marathon running, and on and on and on. She was fearless in the face of obstacles and never shied away from a challenge. It was this resourcefulness and fortitude that made her an inspiration to all who were lucky to know her.

She also served as an auditor for the town and worked on the recycling committee. She was a house painter, both interior and exterior, again for many folks here in Goshen. She was also clever with any computer or internet problem and would always try to help.

Geryll adored nature and was an avid hiker, spending days in the mountains, hiking the Long Trail, alone or with her friends and family. Her official trail name, given to her by her best hiking friend, Dave Pflander, was “Wrong Way.” Never one to be deterred, she always found the right way eventually. She was an extraordinary mother to Bryna, and friend to many, taking many a misfit under her wing. Geryll encouraged a strong sense of individuality and independence in her biological and chosen children, gifting them with the freedom and confidence to become anything they wanted. Her Goshen home was a safe harbor for all who needed comfort and peace. She was a wild, weird, and wonderful woman with a fierce, loving, and generous heart. Our secret weapon until the end. A-Holé!

Geryll passed away peacefully on March 26, 2022, at her home in Goshen surrounded by her loving family and friends. She was a true Renaissance woman and will be missed.





**Elected Officials**

<u>Office</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
<b>Selectboard – 3 years</b>		<b>Town Clerk – 3 years</b>	
Thomasina Magoon	2025	Rosemary McKinnon	2025
Tammy Walsh (appointed)	2023		
William J. Mathis, Chair (appointed)	2023	<b>Town Treasurer – 3 years</b>	
Jeff Cathcart (resigned)	2023	Susanne George	2025
Diane O'Classen (resigned)	2024		
<b>Listers – 3 years</b>		<b>Delinquent Tax Collector – 1 year</b>	
Madine Reed	2025	Vickee Whiting	2023
Fran Viko	2024		
Barbara Walsh	2023	<b>Justice of the Peace – 2 Years</b>	
<b>Auditors – 3 years</b>		Kenneth Brown	2025
Charlotte Reider-Smith	2025	Marci Hayes	2025
Barbara Walsh	2024	Jasmine Horta Hoffman	2025
Lori Lovell (appointed)	2023	Diane O'Classen	2025
Fran Viko (resigned)	2023	Barbara Walsh	2025
<b>Trustee of Public Funds – 3 years</b>		<b>Moderator – 1 year</b>	
Vickee Whiting	2025	William J. Mathis	2023
Diane O'Classen	2024		
Tammy Walsh	2023	<b>First Constable – 2 years</b>	
<b>Otter Valley School Director – 3 years</b>		Marci Hayes	2023
Fernanda Canales	2023	<b>Second Constable – 2 years</b>	
		David McKinnon	2024

**Appointed Officials**

<u>Office</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
<b>Planning Commission – 3 years</b>		<b>Board of Adjustment – 1 year</b>	
Chad Chamberlain, Chair	2025	David Bishop, Chair	2023
Madine Reed	2025	Kenneth Brown	2023
Dick Conrad	2024	Dick Conrad	2023
Annina Seiler	2023	Annina Seiler	2023
Jim Pulver	2023	Barb Walsh	2023
<b>ACRPC Representative – 3 years</b>		<b>Zoning Administrator – 1 year</b>	
Jim Pulver	2024	Marci Hayes	2023
<b>ACRPC Alternate – 1 year</b>			
Chad Chamberlain	2023		



**Appointed Officials (continued)**

<b>Office</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>	<b>Office</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
<b>Road Foreman – 1 year</b> James Hayes	2023	<b>Selectboard Clerk – 1 year</b> Marci Hayes	2023
<b>Road Crew – 1 year</b> Marci Hayes	2023	<b>911 Coordinator – 1 year</b> Aaron Corman	2023
<b>Cemetery Committee – 1 year</b> Ken Brown	2023	<b>Fire Warden – 5 years</b> Shawn Martin	2024
Madine Reed	2023	<b>Tree Warden – 1 year</b> Selectboard	2023
Lee Baker	2023	<b>Service Officer – 1 year</b> Kathy Mathis	2023
<b>Health Officer – 3 years</b> David McKinnon	2023	<b>Grand Juror – 1 year</b> James Hayes	2023
<b>Deputy Health Officer – 3 years</b> James Hayes	2024	<b>Pound Keepers – 1 year</b> Constables	2023
<b>Emergency Management Coordinator – 1 year</b> David McKinnon	2023	<b>Weigher of Coal – 1 year</b> David Sabatini	2023
<b>Emergency Management Alternate – 1 year</b> Marci Hayes	2023	<b>Occupational Drug Testing Rep. – 1 year</b> Rosemary McKinnon	2023
<b>Town Energy Coordinator – 1 year</b> Bob West	2023	<b>Fence Viewers – 1 year</b> Selectboard	2023
<b>ACSWMD Representative – 1 year</b> Annina Seiler	2023	<b>Inspector of Lumber, Shingles &amp; Wood – 1 year</b> Selectboard	2023
<b>ACSWMD Alternate – 1 year</b> David Sabatini	2023		
<b>Otter Creek Watershed Insect Representative – 1 year</b> Chad Beckwith	2023		
Jeff Whiting	2023		
<b>Otter Creek Watershed Insect Alternate – 1 year</b> David Bishop	2023		
David Sabatini	2023		





**TOWN of GOSHEN  
WARNING  
2023**

The legal voters of the Town of Goshen are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Goshen Town Hall on Monday, the 6th day of March 2023 at 7:00 PM to transact the following from the floor:

**Article I:** To hear and act on the Report of the Selectboard.

**Article II:** To hear and act on the Report of the Town Officers.

**Article III:** To see if the Town of Goshen will appropriate \$4,000.00, such sum to be raised by taxes, annually for the next five (5) years to be placed in the Town Hall Renovations Fund to be used for said renovations. Said sum upon approval will be added to Article IV, the General Expense appropriation.

**Article IV:** To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$244,163.00 to defray the General Expenses of the Town for the 2024 fiscal year, the amount of such sum to be raised by taxes to be reduced by receipts, state aid, grants, and other income.

**Article V:** Shall the Town of Goshen elect by Australian ballot a three member Cemetery Commission, these positions shall be for three years each. If passed, the vacancies shall be filled by appointment until Town Meeting 2024. The appointments shall be: one for one year, one for two years and the third for three years. Then thereafter they shall be elected, one per year, for a three-year position, at the regular Town Meeting.

**Article VI:** To see if the Town of Goshen will offer garbage, recycling, and food waste collection.

**Article VII:** To see if the Town of Goshen will appropriate a sum not to exceed \$32,000 to be awarded to the lowest responsive bidder to provide curb-side collection for residences; or if this article fails:

**Article VIII:** To see if the Town of Goshen will appropriate a sum not to exceed \$32,000 to be awarded to the lowest responsive bidder to provide drop-off collection of garbage, recycling, and food compost.

**Article IX:** To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$176,500 to defray the Highway Expenses of the Town for the 2024 fiscal year, the amount of such sum to be raised by taxes to be reduced by receipts, state aid, grants, and other income.

**Article X:** To see if the Town will authorize collection of taxes on real and personal property by its Treasurer, payable in three equal installments, due on or before August 15th, 2023, November 15th, 2023, and January 15th, 2024.

**Article XI:** To see if the Town will assess delinquent taxes on one percent interest per month or fraction thereof for the first three months, and thereafter one and one-half percent per month or fraction thereof, from the due date of each installment, plus fees as provided in VSA Title 32§4873.

**Article XII:** To see if the Town of Goshen will use the Town's portion of interest earned in the Goshen Town Forest timber sale account amounting to \$2,000.00 to help pay for renovations of the Town Buildings.

**Article XIII:** To see if the Town of Goshen will appropriate \$1,500.00, to contribute to the Brandon Library Renovation Fund, such sum to be raised by taxes.

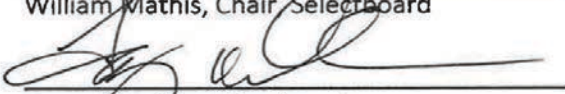
**Article XIV:** To do any other business, legal and proper at this time.

At the close of the above business, the meeting shall be recessed until Tuesday, March 7th, 2023, at 9:00 AM to 7 PM at the Goshen Town Hall to vote by Australian Ballot on the following matters, to wit:

1. Auditor – three (3) Years
2. Collector of Delinquent Taxes – one (1) Year
3. Lister – three (3) Years
4. Moderator of Town Meeting – one (1) Years
5. Selectman – three (3) Years
6. Selectman – remainder of three (3) Year (term expires 2024)
7. Trustee of Public Funds – three (3) Years
8. First Constable – two (2) Years

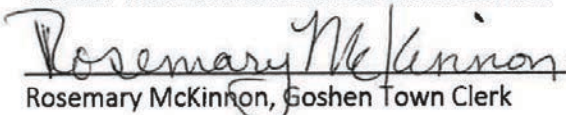
Selectboard, Town of Goshen

  
William Mathis, Chair, Selectboard

  
Tammy Walsh, Selectboard

  
Thomasina Magoon, Selectboard

Goshen Town Office Received and Recorded

 dated this 26 day of Jan, 2023.  
Rosemary McKinnon, Goshen Town Clerk



**Goshen Town Meeting  
Minutes  
February 28, 2022**

**Members Present:** Jeff Cathcart, Dave McKinnon, and Diane O'Classen

**Moderator:** Bill Mathis

**Others Present:** Dave Sabatini, Chad Chamberlain, Annina Seiler, Ethan West, Thomasina Magoon, Aaron Todd, Jasmine Horta, Tyler Horta, Steve James (Reporter from Addison Independent), Glen Russell (Reporter from Vt Digger), Charlotte Reider-Smith, Mike Pollozzi, Shari Brown, Oliver Clark, Tony Clark, James Hayes, Marci Hayes, Vickee Whiting, Susanne George, Allie Ginwala, Mike Medeiros, Dick Conrad, Judith Irvén, Leo Zhelnin, Galina Chernya, Chad Beckwith, Morgan Beckwith, Joanna Bagnulo, Sherry Humiston, Bernard Humiston, Madine Reed, Jeanette Sweeney, Jerry Douglas, Kathy Mathis, Bob West, Janice Gould, David Hochmann, and Phillip Bowman.

**Meeting Called to Order at 7:01pm**

Meeting commenced with the pledge of allegiance. Dave McKinnon requested a moment of silence for the people of Ukraine. Bill noted some general items for the meeting; turn off cell phones, Robert's Rules will be followed, civility is the mark of democracy and needs to be observed, speak only when recognized, state your name, if a person is not german they will be gaveled out of order, people are afforded 10 minutes, everyone who wants to speak will have an opportunity to speak. Peter Conlan, State Representative will be recognized first.

Peter Conlan introduced himself, thanked the Town for allowing him to be present, and stated how nice it is to be back at the meeting and in-person. This is his sixth year in the legislature. He highlighted a few big issues. Regarding the American Rescue Plan Act, the legislature had 1.2 billion dollars to appropriate throughout the State, there is approximately 600 million left to appropriate. Needs that will be focused on are; work force, climate action, clean water, housing, broadband, and child care. These are the areas felt to have the most impact, with a one time money spending, without needing to be sustained year after year. The Governor is looking at tax breaks for people who are; earning social security, veterans, teachers, nurses, and others. The legislature is working on reducing childhood poverty, families with children under the age of six will receive \$1200 per year, per child, this is dependent on income. Income base is to become a wider margin of income per household so that more families can participate. Peter spoke on two historic bills proposed that will occur in November, these will amend the Vermont Constitution. One is proposition 2, which is cleaning up the language of abolishing slavery, as there are two caviots with indentured servitude and child labor. The second is proposition 5, which is very



controversial, as it would be putting into the State Constitution matters of reproductive rights. Peter stated that the State House is quiet, many people are not there, due to covid and all of what they do is available on line for viewing and participation. Dave Sabatini inquired if road projects near a brook would qualify for funding as it pertains to water quality. Peter stated that he would be willing to learn more about the project and invited Dave to email him. Bill Mathis inquired about S219 and weighted study. Peter stated these are currently in the senate. Peter stated public money has been used for independent schools in the past, now Vermont has broadened this to pay for students attending religious independent schools. The bill S219 is to make sure no tax dollars are being used for religious education within the school day, as well as making sure that all independent and religious schools receiving public funding follow the same anti-discriminatory school policies as public schools follow. With the weighted study, pupil's are weighted to figure how much is spent per pupil in schools, this is still being worked on and a new system is being developed to more accurately determine how much money different kids across the districts need for education per pupil. Dave McKinnon inquired about homeschool families. Peter stated that it is fairly easy in Vermont to register. There are proposed things with homeschooling but he is unsure if they have happened recently. Peter stated homeschooling has increased due to the pandemic.

Bill read the Warning.

**Article I: To hear and Act on the Report of the Selectboard.....2 minutes**  
Dave McKinnon moved the article, Dick Conrad 2nd. Open for discussion.

Hearing no discussions Bill Mathis called for a vote.  
Ayes have it, no nays. Article I passed.

**Article II: To hear and act on the Report of the Town Officers.....3 minutes**  
Bill inquired if anyone had any questions on the Town Officers Reports. Dave Sabatini inquired about the auditors report on page 30. He inquired if a complete audit has been done and if it is transparent on how much time was put into this auditing. Vickee stated that the Town Auditors submit time sheets and that is how the amount of time is calculated on what auditors do. Bill Mathis inquired if auditing is internal or with an external audit. Vickee stated that the auditing is internal unless the Selectboard requires or requests an external audit.

Hearing no further question Bill accepts a motion, Diane O'Classen motioned, Dave McKinnon 2nd. Move to a discussion.

Hearing no discussion Bill calls for a vote on the article.  
Ayes have it, no nays. Article II accepted.

**Article III: To see if the Town of Goshen will appropriate \$4,000, such sum to be raised by taxes, annually for the next five (5) years to be placed in the Town Hall Renovations Fund to be used for said renovations. Said sum upon approval will be added to Article IV, the General Expense appropriation.....9 minutes**  
Dave McKinnon moves. Diane O’Classen 2nd. Open for discussion.

Dave Sabatini inquired if there are projects planned for renovations. Dave McKinnon stated this is appropriated just for the Town Hill, the other money is for all Town Buildings. Dave McKinnon stated there are many projects that need to be done; the siding, the roof, the ceiling upstairs, and recently found electrical issues as well. This is a historic building and needs to be maintained. Kathy Mathis inquired if anyone has applied for grants on this from the State Historic Society, this is something that she recommends, Brandon Town Hall was awarded grant money and it helped them. Dave McKinnon stated they are in the beginning stages and intend on applying for grants. Jerry Douglas stated that in most towns with jobs over \$500, the work needs to go out to bid. He feels this is a problem in Town where jobs are not being bid out. Jeff Cathcart stated that there is a list of contractors qualified to work on historic buildings. Dave McKinnon stated that when things go out to bid it can cost \$600 to advertise and they will not do that for a \$500 dollar job. Many times James Hayes does the work because he is qualified, experienced, and keeps the cost down for the town. Jerry Douglas stated he may be interested in doing work and would like to be considered. Jerry wants to know if there is a policy for a base amount before work is put out to bid. Dave McKinnon stated that Jerry is more than welcome to give the Selectboard his information, interests, qualifications, and that for years people have not been coming to the meetings so they did not know of those interested or with skills. Jeff Cathcart stated that State jobs require work to be bid out. Dave McKinnon stated Goshen is a small town and they like to keep things in house, he invited Jerry to speak with them if he is interested in doing things for the Town. Chad Beckwith inquired if after the construction is completed will the meetings be held upstairs. Dave McKinnon stated no, upstairs is not handicap accessible. David Hochmann voiced his opinion that he does not feel that everything warrants a policy, especially if it ends up costing the Town more money.

Hearing no further discussion, Bill Mathis called for a vote.  
Ayes have it, no nays. Article III passed.

**Article IV: To see if the Town of Goshen will appropriate the sum of \$244,351.00 to defray the General Expenses of the Town for the 2023 fiscal year, the amount of such sum to be raised by taxes to be reduced by receipts, state aide, grants, and other income...3 minutes**  
Dave McKinnon moves, Jeff Cathcart 2nd. Open for discussion.

Vickee Whiting mentioned that Article III indicates if said article passes that it is to be added to the General Expense for the Town. The correct amount should read \$248,351.00 due to the added



\$4,000.00. Bill Mathis stated that we need to amend the article as written. Dick Conrad moved to amend the Article to include the added \$4,000.00 into the General Expense, Jim Hayes 2nd. Bill Mathis moved to a vote to amend this article. Ayes, have it, no nays. Article amended.

Hearing no discussion on this article, Bill Mathis moved to a vote.  
Ayes have it. No nays. Article IV accepted.

**Article V: To see if the Town of Goshen will appropriate a sum of \$621,068.40 to be raised by taxes for the improvement and paving of Town Hill Road. Said sum upon approval will be added to Article VI, the Highway Expense appropriation.....46 minutes**  
Dave McKinnon moved, Dick Conrad 2nd. Open for discussion.

Jeannette Sweeney inquired if this amount is enough to do the job and finish Carlisle Hill. Dave McKinnon stated this is just for Town Hill from the bridge to 73. Madine inquired if this money comes from the State or taxpayers. Jeff Cathcart stated it can come partly with grants, but no guarantee. The work done would need to be paid for upfront. Jeff Cathcart and Jeff Whiting are working on grants, however the Town has received grants for the past few years, therefore Goshen is at the bottom of the list, this would come from taxes. Vickee stated that she has been the treasurer for 12.5 years and has worked on all road projects, small and large, as well as worked on all Fema reimbursements. When the Town has worked on any major road project the Town applied for grant money from the State of Vermont. The majority of those grants have been an 80-20 split, 80% paid by the grant and 20% paid by the Town. Vickee continued, as of late there were several projects done that include; ancient stone culvert on Goshen Ripton Road, Broken Wire Road, and Capen Hill Road. The Town of Goshen could not be able to afford to pay 100% of either of these projects. All of these projects were done with grant funding of 80%-20% splits. The town has also had large expenses and damages from storms, the Town received FEMA funding on making these repairs to our roads, such as the paving on the top of Carlisle Hill. If this article passes the residents will see a 79% increase in road taxes. Vickee continues stating that the 2021 road tax was .62, if this article is approved and added to the road budget the road tax would be 2.92. Furthermore Vickee stated that the education tax is income sensitive, the Town and Road tax are not income sensitive. Many families in town are on fixed incomes, and would not be able to handle this increase. She spoke on behalf of Jeff Whiting, who has worked on many grants and is unavailable to be present at the meeting. He made it known to Vickee that at the present time the Town is unable to get grants. Grants will not be given out until the legislature and the Governor approve the AOT budget for the fiscal year of 2023. AOT will determine which grant application will be awarded. No grants were awarded during Covid, this created a backlog of demand from towns. Grants are distributed fairly in Towns, Goshen recently received grants resulting in a negative factor for Goshen receiving one. Dave McKinnon followed up with a statement, he explained why this article is in the book. Dave McKinnon stated that on September 13th, the board was ambushed by 19 people who came in,



usually there are only 4 or 5 that attend the meetings. These 19 people all planned to come and wanted a solution to the roads, they were unruly at the meeting. Dave McKinnon continued to state that the board acknowledged that there are areas in need of work, Covid made some issues with material and prices, and restrictions with work to be done. At that meeting it was explained that the roads are filled with coldpatch but erodes because the entire road is breaking down. Dave McKinnon stated that at that meeting in September the people stated a temporary fix is not a solution, they wanted something long lasting and immediate. Therefore Jeff Cathcart, in response to this situation agreed to get prices of what a long lasting immediate fix would cost. Jeff Cathcart stated that he put the job out to bid and this is what it would cost. When the road was built it was not built to today's standards, the culverts are no longer the correct size for what the State is now recommending, the road is taking a beating, and there is no adequate base underneath. The road is falling into the river on the west side and needs to be fixed. Jeff Cathcart stated that he received two bids, one from Markowski and one from Steady, Markowski was the largest bid. They went out with District 3 to walk the section of road, to be sure that everything is done according to Orange Book standards. Steady's figure came in considerably lower at \$246,877.32. Dave McKinnon stated that Article V is a response, based on the people's request. Galina Chernya stated she would like to stay objective and on the subject. Galina inquired why effort and time was done getting quotes if this is not affordable for the people. She wants to get this road done and would like a solution that is reasonable. Jerry Douglas inquired if they can vote, not knowing where the money is coming from. Bill Mathis stated yes.

Thomasina Magoon introduced herself, she has been in town for 25 years. Bill Mathis reminded people not to use emotive language. Thomasina continued, and stated that the community showed up because they wanted to participate, had concerns, and wanted to be heard. She stated that it is unfortunate that the board felt ambushed. Thomasina stated that the people who had a petition wanted to know, in a 3 part phase approach, for work to be done on the roads, she stated that nothing was done regarding their petition. She thanked Jeff Cathcart and commended him on the work that he has been doing.

Annina Seiler thanked the road crew for all they do and to Jeff Whiting for writing all the grants, she inquired if the board thinks this article is a good recommendation. Annina inquires why the language of other "aids and grants" is missing, as the previous articles have it. Annina also thinks that the moderator singling out a female for using emotive language and not reprimanding the man that stated the language just previously insinuates of sexism. Madine Reed stated if this is voted yes, her taxes will double, she then inquired if it is voted down, could the Town pay for this over a five year period. Jeff Cathcart stated that if it is passed or voted down, he intends on applying for grants. No grants will be gotten for this fiscal year. Dave McKinnon stated that at the time of writing this article no grants were available, he hoped to have this voted down. Dave McKinnon stated this figure gives people an idea of how much roads cost, the Town has a very small tax base, which is why the board does what they do, which is patching here and there and



when there is a lump sum of money and hopefully a grant, a better and bigger job of paving can happen. Morgan Beckwith inquired if this article was put in place to antagonize people. Dave McKinnon stated, this was put in because of the request of a long term immediate solution to have the road fixed. This is what it would take should the people want it. Vickee Whiting stated that if we wait for an 80-20 split, the amount of the road work costing \$621,351.00, with a 80-20- grant,would be \$496,854.00 from grant income and the Town's portion of 20% would cost \$124,213.68. She said it makes sense to wait for the grant. In the meantime she stated that Jeff Whiting will apply for grants. Chad Beckwith inquired if this could be voted down and be solved at a Selectboard Meeting. Chad Beckwith inquired about using gravel instead of pavement, he remembers from a previous meeting hearing that gravel is more affordable and maintainable. It seems pavement is bound to fail.

Thomasina stated that a small group of people went out and looked at holes being filled with the board and Jim Hayes. She would like the people to know that cold patch is currently being bought at Ace Hardware in Brandon in 50lb bags. A question she raised at a past selectboard meeting as to why the Town is not using Wilks paving for cold patch, which other town's do. She said Wilks cold patch is \$120 a ton, whereas the Town is paying \$600 a ton from Ace Hardware. Annina inquired about the money put into the paving fund, she is wondering how much this is. Vickee stated that \$20,000.00 per year is put into the paving fund. A sizable amount has been used for the Capen Hill project. Vickee stated currently there is \$40,000.00 in the budget now and can be used. Annina further inquired what would be the recommendation from the Selectboard on how to tackle this issue. Jeff Cathcart stated that one of the things planned to do this year is to finish paving the bottom of Carlisle Hill, this would use the current \$40,000.00 in the paving fund and will leave \$20,000.00 in the fund after this coming fiscal year. Jeff Cathcart addressed the comment from Thomasina, as he had done at a previous meeting, he will clarify again. There is a difference between sure pak and cold patch. Surepak is what Wilks paving sells, it is cheap but does not have the binding agent added to hold the material together and into the hole. Surepak may work well on a flat surface but should not be used on Goshen roads as it washes out, leaving the same hole exposed, it is a waste of money to go with surepak from Wilks, which is why the Town uses cold patch. Jim Hayes stated that the problem in the last few years with the blacktop is what is under it that is the culprit of why the road is falling apart. To patch is one way, another way is to cut out the affected area, the road crew did this two years ago on Carlisle Hill and it has held. This would be a cheaper fix, for now, for Town Hill. Jim Hayes feels that Carlisle Hill should be paved, however it is crumbling. The crumbling is from a wet underbase. Carlisle Hill should have a base, especially on a lower section. Jim Hayes acknowledged that the Town probably does the bulk of the damage on the roads. The roads are posted in mud time, but the town equipment still needs to travel on the posted roads to take care of the snow. To pave over is a quick fix now, down the line we would have to redo this again in five years to put in a base. Jim added there is no real cheap way of maintaining pavement. Jim said the best way for now is to cut out 30-40 foot sections down to the base, put stone in if



needed, tamp, and put down 3-4" of blacktop. This is up to the Selectboard to authorize the crew to cut out sections. Dave McKinnon asked Jim to explain bomagging. Jim stated that bomagging is grinding up the pavement and mixing it with gravel to be reused as a gravel surface. Above the Town Garage should be bomagged, he stated there is no base, only mud under the pavement and that every year water can be seen seeping up through the blacktop. Flora White near Camp Thorpe was paved, it has been bomagged and brought back to a gravel road, which is more affordable and a better road. Stone is the best base you can have, crushed A-stone, this has good drainage and makes a good road. Jim felt this is why Markowski's bid was so much higher, because the road would be dug up completely and have a good base installed. Annina inquired about a timeframe in getting a grant. Dave McKinnon stated it is unknown. Dave McKinnon further stated that his intention was to not have this be viewed as antagonistic, it was to present the town with the cost if they want this done, it is a real problem that is costly. He would like people to attend the meetings, they always talk about the roads at every meeting, for many years no one from the community has shown interest or attended. Every meeting they talk about the roads, what is urgent, plans for the summer work, and for people to be interested they should attend and listen in on the board meetings.

David Hochmann inquired what the motivation is for the road repair, is it for smoothness or for water run-off and clean lake per State request. Dave McKinnon stated that this article was due to the numerous complaints and those looking for solutions that came from the 19 people in September. David Hochmann inquired if the Town could afford much of the repairs on roads without having to go through grants, if the roads are maintainable without grants, the money is nice however if there are no grants, then what. Kathy Mathis wanted to address Dave McKinnon, she wanted to make it known that Dave is not putting the blame where it is due, Kathy Mathis agreed, that yes the people made it known at that meeting in September, that they wanted to get their point across, however it was not received well by the Selectboard. Dave McKinnon requested to respond to Kathy Mathis' statement, Bill Mathis denied this request. Bill would like to move to a solution on this article. Dave McKinnon moved the article, 2nd by Dick Conrad. Ayes, closely followed by nays. Bill Mathis called for a hand count on this Article. More than 2/3rds of the voters' hands were raised to move the article. Motion passed to move the article.

Bill called for a vote on Article V.

One aye. the rest nays. nays have it. Article V. defeated.

**Article VI: To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$214,700.00 to degray the Highway Expenses of the Town for the 2023 fiscal year, the amount of such sum to be raised by taxes to be reduced by receipts, state aid, grants, and other income.....6 minutes**  
Thomasain moved, Dick Conrad 2nd. Open for discussion.



Jerry Douglas inquired if there is enough money in the budget for winter sand as he did not see much sand in the shed. Jerry said all other towns have far more winter sand than Goshen has. Jerry also stated that Ripton roads have more sand on them then Goshen, Goshen you can't see the sand, in Ripton there is a visible line where they start maintaining their roads. Marci stated that Ripton gets winter sand North of the mountain, Goshen gets gravel on the South side, from Florence crushed stone which has more marble in it, thus it is a different color, much lighter. Jim Hayes stated that several ton of winter road sand is coming tomorrow, they were going to deliver today but called Jim to ask if they could deliver tomorrow as it is too cold. Jim Hayes stated that this is the 3rd delivery of sand to fill the shed this winter. Jerry would like work done on the road, he wants to get what he is paying for, if the town people are paying for roads, they should have roads. He wants to see his tax money be put to use and improve the roads. Jerry voiced concern with work not being done, taking too long to do the work, and that the grader is not being used on his road (Dutton Brook). Jeff Cathcart reminded people that if they want more work done on the roads, this is the time they can increase the road budget and more work can be done.

Hearing no further discussion, Bill moves to a vote.

Ayes have it, no nays. Article VI passed.

**Article VII: To see if the Town will authorize collection of taxes on real and personal property by its Treasurer, payable in three equal installments, due on or before August 15th, 2022, November 15th, 2022, and January 17th, 2023.....4 minutes**

Dave McKinnon moved, Dick Conrad 2nd. Open for Discussion.

Shari Brown requested clarity when taxes are due for the whole year and if someone is late on the first round they get fined. Vickee Whiting answered Shari stating that there are three dates that the taxes are due by. They are due on the day indicated on the bill. Postmarks on envelopes are not accepted and this is on the top of the bill as well. If the payment is not received by the due date, there is an interest that is charged beginning the next day, this is not a penalty, but an interest. Tax bills are mailed one month before the first due date in August. The whole bill can be paid on August 15 if the homeowner chooses, but if paying in installments, there are three dates. Penalties occur when the taxes are not paid by January 17th, then the taxes become delinquent, there is interest, principal, and penalties that occur to the homeowner. Vickee stated some towns have two payments, some three, others four, but this is voted by that town or city on when taxes are due.

No further discussion. Bill Mathis moved to a vote.

Ayes have it, no nays. Article VII passed.

**Article VIII: To see if the Town will assess delinquent taxes on one percent interest per month or fraction thereof for the first three months, and thereafter one and one-half percent per month or fraction thereof, from the due date of each installment, plus fees as provided in VSA Title 32§ 4873.....1 minute**  
Dick Conrad Moved the article, Diane O’Classen 2nd. Open for Discussion.

Hearing no discussion, Bill Mathis called for a vote.  
Ayes have it, no nays. Article VIII passed.

**Article IX: To see if the Town of Goshen will use the Town’s portion of interest earned in the Goshen Town Forest timber sale account amounting to \$2,000.00 to help pay for renovations of the Town Buildings.....4 minutes**  
Diane moved, Dave McKinnon 2nd. Open for discussion.

Tony Clark inquired what is the difference between Article III and Article IX, is this double dipping. Jeff Cathcart stated that Article III is specifically for necessary work and funding to only be used for the restoration of the Town Hall. Dave McKinnon stated that this Article is for anything that happens and needs attention on any of the buildings. Article III is just for the Town Hall because it will need money to fix the issues and for applying for grants. Galina inquired if the needs of the Town Hall will be addressed such as the electrical issues immediately. The board said yes, work can be started now.

No further discussion. Bill called for a vote.  
Ayes have it. No nays, Article IX passed.

**Article X: To see if the voters of the Town of Goshen will approve the Municipal waste hauling to become a drop off collection site in town, this will be a non binding vote.....13 minutes**  
Dave McKinnon moved, Diane O’Classen 2nd. Open for discussion.

Thomasina stated she thinks this is a good idea. She is disappointed with the garbage that is spread around on garbage day and this would be a nice community thing. She remembers when recycling was drop off, it was a nice opportunity for the community to get out and socialize. With the amount of isolation that occurred over the past several years, anything to bring the community together and neighbors seeing each other is needed. Dave McKinnon stated that this is a non binding vote, it does not need to be enforced but is up for discussion. Janice Gould inquired if this will be the same price or less expensive. Dave McKinnon stated that this will be looked into. The trash truck is breaking and they have been looking for a good truck for garbage collection and have not found one. Bob West inquired if a truck will still be needed to take the garbage up to the dump. Board answered yes. Kathy inquired why volunteer people can not be



used to help with garbage and recycling if the volunteers sign a disclaimer. Shari Brown inquired why this was switched from a community event to a pick up. Annina Seiler stated that she believes there is a State Law regarding not having volunteers. Vickee stated it was also recommended from the Town insurance to not have volunteers. Annina stated that the State of Vermont enacted a law that required places that had drop off recycling also have drop off waste collection or for places to do curbside for both, the Town voted to do both as curbside. Annina inquired what Marci thought of it. Marci stated she sees what is nice about picking it up as a convenience for the people in Town. She also sees the loss of ending the community drop off, she stated that she would see everyone in Town, their kids, conversations were nice, people saw their neighbors, and that has been lost and many people miss it. Marci continued saying that the truck is falling apart. Either way a new truck would need to be purchased but by doing a drop off the current truck may be stretched out for longer use then running it around every week. Marci also stated that she loses much garbage along the route, which is unavoidable. Marci continued, that people from other towns will leave their garbage in Goshen. There is much abuse with the current garbage and recycling pick up. Garbage is not separated from recycling. Recycling is left out overnight in the rain, bags are too heavy, sometimes there are too many bags, or multiple bags in one bag, also people are not paying for the extra bags they put out. Additionally having curbside garbage attracts bears, dogs, and crows, who scatter trash, and the wind can often blow around peoples recycling. Jerry Douglas stated that Goshen is the only Town in the State that does pick up and if it is cheaper he is willing to bring down his garbage and recycling. Leo Zhelnin stated that he feels it is a great convenience the way it is now, he feels that fixing the truck and addressing the problems would help. People with cars may have a hard time with loading their trash and recycling. He has lived in other towns, he likes how Goshen does the waste collection. He enjoys Wednesday with the dependable garbage pick up when Marci and her father come and they pick up everything, it is nice also to chat with them, and he likes this system and feels that it is a great benefit that they may lose and would regret. Dave McKinnon stated that approving this only gets the board to start investigating the pros and cons and looking into options, it is not binding and won't happen overnight. Annina inquires how much a hauler would cost, versus the Town doing it. This will be part of the investigation. Leo inquires about using containers, brown for compost, green for recycling, black for garbage, dogs will not get into these. Joanna inquired about this being a non binding and if it will be proposed before the voters at the next Town meeting. Dave McKinnon stated that this will be on the agenda to discuss at regular meetings and may be a vote for the next Town meeting, so to keep looking for it on the agenda and attend meetings when they discuss it. Judith stated that she has a little bag of garbage and some recycling, as her back gets older, she finds the curbside convenient. This should be thought of with the older people in Town.

Hearing no further discussion, Bill Mathis called for a vote.

Ayes have it, a few nays. Article X passed as a non-binding vote.

**Article XI: To do any other business, legal and proper at this time.....5 minutes**

Diane O'Classen stated that this is Vickee Whiting's last term as Treasurer and Dave McKinnon's last meeting as Selectmen. Diane O'Classen thanked them for their years of service and gave each a card. Jerry Douglas would like to also thank them, and Bill Mathis for moderating and for Jimmy and the road crew. Jerry Douglas acknowledged that it is a hard thing for them to deal with and that he is not the easiest person to deal with and he apologizes for that and thanks them.

Dave McKinnon stated that the meeting is now Recessed (at 8:55pm), until tomorrow morning at 9am, Tuesday March 1, 2022 at the Goshen Town Hall.


To vote for the following by Australian Ballot;

1. Auditor, three (3) years
2. Second Constable, two (2) years
3. Delinquent Tax Collector, one (1) year
4. Lister, three (3) years
5. Moderator of Town Meeting, one (1) year
6. Selectman, three (3) years
7. Town Clerk, three (3) years
8. Town Treasurer, three (3) years
9. Trustee of Public Funds, three (3) years

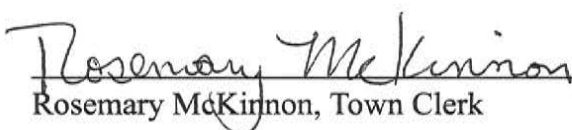
Selectboard of the Town of Goshen

  
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Jeff Cathcart, Selectboard Co-Chair

  
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David McKinnon, Selectboard Co-Chair

  
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Diane O'Classen, Selectboard Co-Chair

Goshen Town Office Received and Recorded by

 dated this 4<sup>th</sup> day of March 2022  
Rosemary McKinnon, Town Clerk





July 11, 2022

## Value of Real Property, Goshen VT (2022-2023)

## Goshen Grand List:

## Homestead:

## Non-Homestead:

\$27,078,000.00  
 \$270,780.00  
 \$125,791.00  
 \$145,289.00

School Homestead	1.3810	X	\$125,791.00	\$173,717.37
School Non-Homestead	1.5844	X	\$145,289.00	\$230,195.89
Road	0.5667	X	\$270,780.00	\$153,451.03
Town	0.4106	X	\$270,780.00	\$111,182.27
Total Taxes				\$668,546.56

We hereby certify that the foregoing is the tax set for the Town of Goshen for the 2022-23

*Jeff Cathcart*  
 Jeff Cathcart - Chair

*Diane O'Classey*  
 Diane O'Classey

*Thomasina Magoon*  
 Thomasina Magoon

Town of Goshen  
Statement of Financial Condition  
Road Account  
Fiscal Year Ending 6/30/22

**CURRENT ASSETS:**

Checking Account	\$29,050.82	
Property Taxes Outstanding	\$656.58	
Paving Investment Fund	\$95,198.99	
Road Money Market	\$267,292.79	
<b>TOTAL ASSETS:</b>		<b>\$392,199.18</b>

**CURRENT LIABILITIES:** **\$0.00**

**BALANCE: \$392,199.18**



**Town of Goshen Road Fund  
Balance Sheet  
As of June 30, 2022**

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	<u>Jun 30, 22</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1000000 · Goshen Road Account	29,050.82
1001000 · Paving Investment Fund CD	95,198.99
1003000 · Road Money Market	267,292.79
Total Checking/Savings	<u>391,542.60</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>391,542.60</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>391,542.60</u></b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
Equity	
30000 · Opening Balance Equity	10,705.72
32000 · Unrestricted Net Assets	297,390.38
Net Income	83,446.50
Total Equity	<u>391,542.60</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b><u>391,542.60</u></b>

Financial Reports Town of Goshen  
Road Account

Income	Road Budget						BUDGET 2023-2024
	BUDGET 2020-2021	ACTUAL 2020-2021	BUDGET 2021-2022	ACTUAL 2021-2022	BUDGET 2022-2023	ACTUAL 2021-2022	
4000000 · Income							
4002000 · Property Taxes	185,000	184,275	186,000	185,343	182,500	185,343	143,300
4201000 · Miscellaneous Income	0	343,475	0	68,916	0	68,916	0
4201500 · Loan Repayment of 6/27/22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4202000 · Grants Income	0	8,000	0	6,139	0	6,139	0
4203000 · Storm Income	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4205000 · National Forest – Serv. Render.	3,200	8,726	3,200	0	3,200	0	3,200
4206000 · Municipal Forest Income	0	0	0	19,382	0	19,382	0
4220000 · FEMA Reimbursement	0	104,544	0	0	0	0	0
4232000 · State Allocations	28,000	37,562	28,000	33,156	29,000	33,156	30,000
4235000 · Grant in Aid – Carlisle Hill	0	6,710	0	0	0	0	0
4237000 · Resurfacing Grant –Hathaway Rd.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4940000 · Services Rendered-Brandon	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4940100 · Capen Hill Road Grants	0	120,543	0	0	0	0	0
4940200 · Transfer from Paving Fund	0	20,000	0	0	0	0	0
4940300 · Goshen/Ripton Road Culvert Grant	0	42,777	0	0	0	0	0
Total 4000000 · Income	216,200	876,613	217,200	312,936	214,700	312,936	176,500
Total Income	216,200	876,613	217,200	312,936	214,700	312,936	176,500
Expense	5000000 · Expenses						
	5000400 · Loan to Town Acct. 6/27/22	0	0	30,000	0	30,000	0
5000530 · N/P Town Interest	0	508	0	0	0	0	0
5001500 · P/R Tax Expense	4,500	2,624	4,500	2,459	4,500	2,459	3,000
5111100 · Summer - Labor	30,000	17,411	30,000	16,041	30,000	16,041	20,000
5111210 · Summer - Materials	40,000	6,040	40,000	22,678	40,000	22,678	30,000
5111560 · Summer - Purchased Services	20,000	19,388	20,000	15,137	20,000	15,137	20,000
5111660 · Summer - Equipment Rentals	20,000	17,325	20,000	16,783	20,000	16,783	17,000
5140100 · Winter - Labor	22,000	15,857	22,000	13,831	22,000	13,831	18,000
5140210 · Winter - Materials	25,000	10,202	25,000	20,649	25,000	20,649	22,000
5140560 · Winter - Purchased Services	2,000	925	3,000	1,165	3,000	1,165	1,500
5140660 · Winter - Equipment Rentals	30,000	23,100	30,000	20,405	27,500	20,405	23,000
5141000 · Miscellaneous Expense	0	344,291	0	100,675	0	100,675	0
5150000 · Equipment Maintenance Labor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



Financial Reports Town of Goshen  
Road Account

Expense	BUDGET		ACTUAL		BUDGET		ACTUAL		BUDGET		ACTUAL		BUDGET		BUDGET	
	2020-2021	2021-2022	2020-2021	2021-2022	2021-2022	2022-2023	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2023-2024	2023-2024	2023-2024	2023-2024	2023-2024	2023-2024	2023-2024
<b>Road Budget</b>																
5151000 · Paving Investment Fund	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
Total 5000000 · Expenses	213,500	214,500	477,672	214,500	279,822	212,000	279,822	212,000	174,500	174,500						
<b>6000000 · Other Expenses</b>																
6100100 · Storm - Labor	1,000	1,000	0	1,000	0	1,000	0	1,000	1,000	1,000						
6100210 · Storm - Materials	1,700	1,700	0	1,700	0	1,700	0	1,700	1,000	1,000						
6100560 · Storm - Purchased Services	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						
6100660 · Storm - Equipment Rentals	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						
6200210 · Grant Material	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						
6205560 · Flora White Rd. Grant Pur. Serv.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						
6210560 · Structure Grant Purchase Service	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						
6220560 · Sucker Brook Hill Purchase Serv	0	0	10,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						
6400100 · Construction - Labor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						
6400210 · Construction - Materials	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						
6400560 · Construction -Purchased Service	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						
6400660 · Construction - Equipment Rental	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						
6400670 · Capen Hill Road Paving	0	0	124,237	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						
6400680 · Goshen/Ripton Rd. Culvert	0	0	124,949	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						
Total 6000000 · Other Expenses	2,700	2,700	259,187	2,700	0	2,700	0	2,700	2,000	2,000						
<b>6600000 · Payroll Reimbursement</b>																
Total Expense	216,200.00	217,200	736,859	217,200	279,822	214,700	279,822	214,700	176,500	176,500						
Net Ordinary Income	0	0	139,754	0	33,114	0	33,114	0	0	0						
Other Income/Expense · 8000000 · Interest income	0	0	0	0	312	0	312	0	0	0						
Net Income	0	0	0	0	33,425	0	33,425	0	0	0						

Town of Goshen  
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CURRENT ASSETS:

Checking Account	\$38,543.10	
Petty Cash	\$150.00	
EEG & Reappraisal	\$15,079.35	
Restoration & Preservation Res.	\$2,689.52	
Equipment Replacement Savings	\$5,005.95	
Act 200 Fund	\$2,122.48	
Town Hall Renovations	\$2,050.61	
Cemetery Investment	\$772.48	
Goshen Recycling	\$0.00	
Property Taxes Outstanding	\$2,152.63	
Accounts Receivable	\$11,986.45	
Due from Road Account	\$0.00	
TOTAL ASSETS:		\$80,552.57

CURRENT LIABILITIES:

Due to Road	\$30,000.00	
Note Payable - Town Loader	\$6,748.12	
Note Payable - Grader	\$0.00	
Note Payable – 2012 Inter. Truck	\$0.00	
VT Withholding Payable	\$156.35	
VT Unemployment Tax Payable	\$124.15	
Federal Withholding Tax Payable	\$348.60	
Medicare Tax Payable	\$237.69	
Social Security Tax Payable	\$1,016.13	
TOTAL LIABILITIES:		\$38,631.04
	BALANCE:	\$41,921.53



# Town of Goshen Balance Sheet As of June 30, 2022

	Jun 30, 22
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1000000 · Goshen Town Account	38,543.10
1050000 · Petty Cash	150.00
1100000 · EEG & Reappraisal Savings	15,079.35
1100250 · Restoration & Preservation Res.	2,689.52
1100500 · Cemetary C.D.	772.48
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<b>57,234.45</b>
Accounts Receivable	
11000 · Accounts Receivable	11,986.45
<b>Total Accounts Receivable</b>	<b>11,986.45</b>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>69,220.90</b>
Fixed Assets	
1500000 · Trucks & Equipment	175,129.20
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>175,129.20</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>244,350.10</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
2400000 · Payroll Liabilities	
2400004 · VT Withholding Payable	156.35
2400006 · VT Unemployment Tax Payable	124.15
240001 · Federal Withholding Tax Payable	348.60
240002 · Medicare Tax Payable	237.69
240003 · Social Security Tax Payable	1,016.13
<b>Total 2400000 · Payroll Liabilities</b>	<b>1,882.92</b>
2520000 · N/P Muni Forest - Loader	6,932.49
2521000 · N/P Muni Forest- Grader	5,304.06
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	<b>14,119.47</b>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>14,119.47</b>
Long Term Liabilities	
2020500 · N/P Muni Forest - 2012 Truck	10,540.20
<b>Total Long Term Liabilities</b>	<b>10,540.20</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>24,659.67</b>
Equity	
30000 · Opening Balance Equity	-117,553.42
32000 · Unrestricted Net Assets	318,063.46
Net Income	19,180.39
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>219,690.43</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>244,350.10</b>

Financial Reports Town of Goshen  
Town Account

Income	Town Budget				BUDGET		BUDGET		BUDGET
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	2021-2022	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	
4000000 – Income									
4001000 · Property Taxes	145,783	202,659	117,959	156,821			122,683	129,863	
4030000 · Current Delinquent Taxes	0	21,189	0	15,786			0	0	
4031000 · Current Delinquent Tax Penalty	3,000	1,695	3,000	1,308			2,500	1,800	
4032000 · Current Delinquent Tax Interest	2,000	746	2,000	518			1,800	1,000	
4033000 · Current Tax Sale Fees	200	0	200	0			200	200	
4040000 · Past Delinquent Taxes – 2021	0	8,297	0	3,210			0	0	
4041000 · Past Delinquent Penalty – 2021	0	455	0	257			0	0	
4042000 · Past Delinquent Interest – 2021	0	672	0	337			0	0	
4120000 · Dog Licenses	700	388	700	476			500	500	
4220700 · Salt Shed Grant									
4221500 · VT Rural Dry Hydrant Grant									
4300000 · Municipal Forest Income	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000			2,000	3,000	
4380000 · State of Vermont – Homestead	6,000	14,963	12,500	11,654			15,000	12,500	
4385000 · ARPA State & local recovery Payment	0	0	0	24,362			0	0	
4390000 · Miscellaneous Income	1,000	3,218	1,000	0			2,500	2,500	
4390500 · Capital Income from Equip. Rep.	0	34,000	0	0			0	0	
4391000 · Current Use rebate	15,000	24,330	20,000	25,761			24,000	24,000	
4392000 · EEG & Reappraisal	1,000	1,368	1,000	1,378			1,368	1,400	
4440000 · Zoning Permit Fees	1,000	325	1,000	790			600	800	
4440500 · Vault Fee	600	1,581	750	0			1,800	750	
4440700 · Overweight Permits	100	405	500	470			400	500	
4440800 · Trash Tag Fees	1,000	405	1,000	305			500	350	
4441000 · Town Clerk Fees	2,400	3,724	2,400	2,211			3,500	3,500	
4442000 · Recording Fees	0	0	0	60			0	0	
4540000 · Equipment Rentals	45,000	40,425	47,500	37,188			47,500	40,000	
4930000 · Int. & Div. - Cemetery Fund									
4930050 · Cemetery Plot Fee	0	0	0	0			0	0	
4971000 · Act 200 Planning Grant	0	0	0	0			0	0	
4971500 · Town Office Grants	0	7,175	0	0			0	0	
4975000 · Reappraisal	0	0	0	0			0	0	
4976000 · Transfer from Reappraisal Fund	0	0	0	0			0	0	
	248,543	394,029	235,269	316,635			248,351	244,163	
Total Income	248,543	394,029	235,269	316,635			248,351	244,163	



## Financial Reports Town of Goshen Town Account

### Expense

#### Town Budget

5000000 – General Government

5000100 · Salaries - Selectmen  
500010A · Special Project Admin. Costs  
500010B · Selectboard Secretary  
5000150 · Medicare Tax Expense  
5000151 · Social Security Tax Expense  
5000160 · Fed. Unemployment Tax Expense  
5000161 · VT Unemployment Tax Expense  
5000200 · Town Office Supplies  
5000300 · Town Office Advertising  
5000340 · Town Office Postage  
5000350 · Town Office Telephone  
5000375 · ARPA – Town Grant Expense  
5000400 · Town Office Grant Expenses  
5000440 · Addison Co. Solid Waste Landfill  
5000480 · Insurance & Bonds  
5000490 · Drug and Alcohol Testing  
5000520 · Interest on Note for Loader  
500052A · Principal on Note for Loader-see Liab.  
5000530 · Interest on NP Muni. Forest CD  
5000540 · Interest on Note for Grader  
500054A · Principal on Note for Grader-see Liab.  
5000560 · Interest on Note for 2012 Truck  
500056A · Principal on Note for 2012 Truck-see Liab.  
5000580 – Town Hall Renovation Fund  
5000600 · Computer Services  
5000620 · Printing Town Report  
5000790 · Miscellaneous  
5000800 · Education Property Tax Credit  
5000980 · Constable - Wages  
5000990 · Constable Expenses  
5020560 · Constable Purchase Services  
5020570 – Garbage Contracted Service  
5030560 · Mosquito Dist. Purchase Serv.  
5060500 · Otter Valley Unified Union Dist.  
5070000 · Road allocation of Property Tax  
Total General Government

BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET
2020-2021	2020-2021	2021-2022	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024
3,795	3,795	3,795	3,795	4,395	4,395
2,500	2,323	2,500	120	2,500	2,500
1,000	960	1,000	1,605	1,000	1,000
1,000	1,044	1,000	993	1,100	1,100
4,000	4,462	4,000	4,248	4,500	4,500
0	0	0	0	0	0
800	246	800	469	500	500
5,000	4,641	5,000	6,269	5,000	5,500
500	0	500	189	500	500
500	449	500	557	500	600
2,100	2,356	2,400	2,349	2,500	2,500
0	0	0	412	0	0
0	6,283	0	412	0	0
6,000	6,264	6,500	5,787	6,500	6,500
25,000	26,285	25,000	25,003	27,000	29,000
700	746	1,000	756	1,000	1,000
534	534	342	342	144	4
5,377	0	5,568	0	5,766	981
0	1,269	0	0	0	0
38	38	0	0	0	0
3,944	0	0	0	0	0
192	192	15	15	0	0
12,473	0	4,206	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	4,000	4,000
1,000	209	1,000	308	1,000	1,000
700	588	700	600	700	700
100	818	100	0	500	500
0	0	0	0	0	0
2,000	1,428	2,000	1,413	2,000	2,000
1,000	0	1,000	0	500	500
0	0	0	0	0	0
8,500	12,291	12,000	11,972	14,000	0
14,925	14,925	14,381	14,381	14,381	14,814
0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0
103,677	92,144	95,309	81,997	99,987	84,094

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5310000 – Elections

5310100 · Ballot Clerks etc.  
5310210 · Supplies  
Total Elections

5400000 – Finance

5400100 · Treasurer - Salary  
540010A · Assistant Treasurer - Salary  
5400560 · Treasurer - Purchased Services  
5420100 · Auditors - Salary  
5430100 · Listers - Salary  
5430560 · Listers - Purchase Service  
5430600 · Special Reappraisal  
5440100 · Delinquent Tax Collector - Fees  
5440200 · Delinquent Tax Postage/Supplies  
5440300 · Delinquent Tax Adv. Tax Sale  
Total Finance

5500000 – Administration

5500100 · Town Clerk - Salary  
550010A · Assistant Town Clerk  
5500110 · Town Clerk Fees  
5500120 · State Treasurer Animal License  
5500130 · State Treasurer Marriage Lic.  
5500150 · Restoration & Preservation Res.  
5500200 · Network Administrator  
5500400 · Dues, Meetings & Assessments  
5500560 · Town Clerk Purchased Services  
5500600 · Legal Services  
5500740 · Travel, Meetings & Registration  
5500741 · Training Salaries  
5520400 · VLCT

	BUDGET 2020-2021	ACTUAL 2020-2021	BUDGET 2021-2022	ACTUAL 2021-2022	BUDGET 2022-2023	BUDGET 2023-2024
5310100 · Ballot Clerks etc.	1,500	810	1,500	474	1,950	1,000
5310210 · Supplies	120	0	120	300	120	200
Total Elections	1,620	810	1,620	774	2,070	1,200
5400100 · Treasurer - Salary	8,549	9,404	10,062	10,062	10,062	10,062
540010A · Assistant Treasurer - Salary	100	0	100	4,901	3,000	1,000
5400560 · Treasurer - Purchased Services	400	125	200	108	400	400
5420100 · Auditors - Salary	3,500	3,671	3,600	3,679	4,000	4,000
5430100 · Listers - Salary	4,000	1,609	3,000	5,183	2,000	3,000
5430560 · Listers - Purchase Service	500	190	500	210	400	400
5430600 · Special Reappraisal	0	0	0	0	0	0
5440100 · Delinquent Tax Collector - Fees	3,000	3,260	3,000	1,952	3,000	3,000
5440200 · Delinquent Tax Postage/Supplies	250	42	250	66	100	100
5440300 · Delinquent Tax Adv. Tax Sale	200	0	200	209	200	200
Total Finance	20,499	18,301	20,912	26,370	23,162	22,162
5500100 · Town Clerk - Salary	7,000	8,063	7,000	6,574	9,400	9,400
550010A · Assistant Town Clerk	2,500	2,693	2,600	2,768	2,800	2,800
5500110 · Town Clerk Fees	2,300	3,990	3,000	2,227	3,500	3,500
5500120 · State Treasurer Animal License	350	315	350	265	350	350
5500130 · State Treasurer Marriage Lic.	100	0	100	50	100	100
5500150 · Restoration & Preservation Res.	400	790	0	0	1,800	1,500
5500200 · Network Administrator	250	713	250	475	500	500
5500400 · Dues, Meetings & Assessments	150	105	150	110	150	150
5500560 · Town Clerk Purchased Services	0	0	0	0	0	0
5500600 · Legal Services	5,000	432	5,000	416	5,000	5,000
5500740 · Travel, Meetings & Registration	1,000	172	1,000	231	500	500
5500741 · Training Salaries	500	0	0	0	0	0
5520400 · VLCT	1,250	1,265	1,265	1,265	1,288	1,300



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Total Administration

5600000 – Boards and Agencies

5610220 · Planning Commission - Supplies  
5610300 · Planning Commission - Advertis.  
5610340 · Planning Commission - Postage  
5610560 · Planning Commission -Pur. Serv.  
5610620 · Planning Commission - Printing  
5610630 · Addison County Regional Plan.  
5610650 · Zoning Administration Expense  
5610670 · Board of Adjustment Expense

Total Boards and Agencies

5700000 – Buildings and Grounds

5710100 · Maintenance and Labor  
5710220 · Supplies  
5710540 · Renovations Expense  
5710560 · Purchased Services  
571056A · Recycling Grant Expenses  
5710760 · Utilities – Electric  
5710761. Utilities – Heat

Total Buildings and Grounds

5800000 – Equipment

5820210 · Diesel, Gas, Oil and Grease  
5820220 · Other Materials, Parts, etc.  
5820300 · Capital Expense – Equipment  
5820400 · Repairs, Maint. and Labor  
5820560 · Purchased Services  
5820830 · Equip. Replacement Cap. Inv.

Total Equipment

	BUDGET 2020-2021	ACTUAL 2020-2021	BUDGET 2021-2022	ACTUAL 2021-2022	BUDGET 2022-2023	BUDGET 2023-2024
Total Administration	20,800	18,537	20,715	14,380	25,388	25,100
5600000 – Boards and Agencies						
5610220 · Planning Commission - Supplies	100	0	100	0	100	100
5610300 · Planning Commission - Advertis.	100	0	100	29	100	100
5610340 · Planning Commission - Postage	50	0	50	0	50	50
5610560 · Planning Commission -Pur. Serv.	250	0	250	0	100	500
5610620 · Planning Commission - Printing	0	0	0	0	100	100
5610630 · Addison County Regional Plan.	212	211	212	211	232	232
5610650 · Zoning Administration Expense	750	1,230	750	910	1,000	1,000
5610670 · Board of Adjustment Expense	0	0	0	0	0	500
Total Boards and Agencies	1,462	1,441	1,462	1,150	1,682	2,582
5700000 – Buildings and Grounds						
5710100 · Maintenance and Labor	2,000	454	2,000	238	1,000	1,000
5710220 · Supplies	2,000	1,000	2,000	644	2,000	2,000
5710540 · Renovations Expense	6,000	0	6,000	145	6,000	6,000
5710560 · Purchased Services	6,000	3,768	6,000	5,672	6,000	6,000
571056A · Recycling Grant Expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0
5710760 · Utilities – Electric	3,500	2,402	3,000	2,158	3,000	3,000
5710761. Utilities – Heat	7,500	5,466	7,500	8,767	7,500	7,500
Total Buildings and Grounds	27,000	13,089	26,500	17,625	25,500	25,500
5800000 – Equipment						
5820210 · Diesel, Gas, Oil and Grease	10,000	8,420	10,000	16,986	12,000	17,000
5820220 · Other Materials, Parts, etc.	20,000	5,952	15,000	12,259	10,000	13,000
5820300 · Capital Expense – Equipment	0	34,000	0	0	0	0
5820400 · Repairs, Maint. and Labor	20,000	15,282	20,000	10,269	20,000	20,000
5820560 · Purchased Services	6,000	3,371	6,000	11,759	6,000	10,000
5820830 · Equip. Replacement Cap. Inv.	4,000	4,012	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
Total Equipment	60,000	71,037	55,000	55,273	52,000	64,000

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Town Account

Expense	Town Budget		Town Budget		Town Budget		Town Budget	
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL
	2020-2021	2020-2021	2021-2022	2021-2022	2022-2023	2022-2023	2023-2024	2023-2024
59000000 – Road Labor								
5900100 · Sum. Road Labor(see Road Budget)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5900200 · Win. Road Labor(see Road Budget)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Road Labor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
60000000 – Other Expenses								
6110430 · Brandon Area Rescue Squad	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	3,440	3,440	3,440	3,440
6110440 · Health Services Contributions	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
6111450 · Humane Society Contributions	450	450	450	450	450	450	450	450
6112440 · Brandon Library	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
6510560 · Firefighting Purchase Services	2,000	5,280	2,500	3,218	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
6820210 · Cemetery Maint. - Supplies	100	0	100	0	100	100	500	500
6820560 · Cemetery Maint. - Purchase Serv.	6,000	4,761	5,500	4,951	5,500	5,500	6,000	6,000
6930000 · Addison County Tax Assessment	1,200	1,408	1,467	1,415	1,537	1,537	1,600	1,600
6990000 · Tax Loss (Lease Land)	25	0	25	0	25	25	25	25
6990100 · Tax Loss Due to Abatement	10	0	10	0	10	10	10	10
Total Other Expenses	13,485	15,599	13,752	13,733	18,562	18,562	19,525	19,525
Total Expense	248,543	230,957	235,269	211,438	248,351	248,351	244,163	244,163
Other Income	0	163,072	0	19,170	0	0	0	0
80000000 – Interest Income	0	10	0	12	0	0	0	0
Total Other Income	0	10	0	12	0	0	0	0
Net Income	0	163,082	0	19,182	0	0	0	0



Town of Goshen  
Statement of Financial Condition  
Municipal Forest  
Fiscal Year Ending 6/30/22

CURRENT ASSETS:

Checking Account	\$11,787.53
Savings Account	\$7,261.46
Certificate of Deposit (BH) #1	\$53,879.86
Certificate of Deposit (BH) #2	\$93,442.28
Certificate of Deposit (BH) #3	\$62,514.99
Certificate of Deposit (BH) #4	\$60,150.17
Savings Account (TD)	\$51,806.88
Money Market (BH)	\$45,057.68

TOTAL ASSETS:	\$385,900.85
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PRINCIPAL & INTEREST- Loans to Town (Balances remaining on loans)

Grader	\$0.00
Loader	\$6,748.12
2012 Inter. Truck	\$0.00

TOTAL LOANS:	<u>\$6,748.12</u>
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TOTAL:	\$392,648.97
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Previous Balance (6/30/21)	<u>\$397,906.10</u>
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Gain/(Loss)	\$(5,257.13)
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## Municipal Forest Balance Sheet As of June 30, 2022

	Jun 30, 22
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
<b>Checking/Savings</b>	
1002300 · Muni. Fforest - CD#4(6449)BH	60,150.17
1000750 · Muni.Forest Money Mkt. (BH)	45,057.68
1002200 · Muni. Forest CD#3(8176)BH	62,514.99
1006000 · Muni. Forest Saving-TD Bank6593	51,806.88
1000000 · Municipal Forest Checking	11,787.53
1000500 · Savings (BH)	7,261.40
1001000 · Muni. Forest CD #1 (0462)BH	53,879.86
1002100 · Muni. Forest CD#2(2073)BH	93,442.28
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	385,900.79
<b>Other Current Assets</b>	
1301003 · N/R on Grader	-0.22
1301001 · N/R on Loader	6,746.75
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	6,746.53
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	392,647.32
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>392,647.32</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
<b>Equity</b>	
32000 · Unrestricted Net Assets	91,939.47
3000000 · Opening Balance Equity	303,401.15
Net Income	-2,693.30
<b>Total Equity</b>	392,647.32
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>392,647.32</b>



TOWN OF GOSHEN – COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT TAXES  
JULY 1, 2021 – JUNE 30, 2022

TOTAL DELINQUENT TAXES	2021	TOTAL
To be collected:	\$19,062.76	\$19,062.76
Taxes collected:	\$15,979.44	\$15,979.44
 Tax balance due as of 6/30/22:	 \$ 3,083.32	 \$ 3,083.32
 OTHER COLLECTIONS:		
Interest	\$ 876.62	\$ 876.62
Penalties	\$ <u>1,525.01</u>	\$ <u>1,525.01</u>
TOTAL	\$ 2,401.63	\$ 2,401.63

Vickee P. Whiting  
Collector of Delinquent Taxes  
Goshen, VT

Delinquent Tax List  
For the year 2021

Boise, Thomas  
Clark, Francis J.  
Coble, Ronald T.  
Davis, Joshua  
Fielder, Francis G.  
Hayes, Cassandra  
Kinsley, Roy and Rice, Hannah  
Mott, Diane  
Rantanen, David  
Reed, Madine  
Robinson, Geryll  
Sauder, James N.  
Steen, Michael J.  
Swahn, Jan  
Watson, Thomas

\*\*All Taxes are paid at the time of this printing

Vickee P. Whiting  
Collector of Delinquent Taxes  
Goshen, VT

### **Donated Services**

Goshen donates a total of \$1500 a year divided up between the following services (some get more, some get less). The following are a list of services that have helped our Neighbors in Goshen. As a Goshen resident, you can reach out to any of these organizations if you are in need of their services.

Addison County Home Health and Hospice  
Addison Couty Restorative Justice Services, Inc.  
Counceling Services for Addison County  
Elderly Services, Inc.  
Front Porch Forum  
Green Up Day  
Hope  
Hospice Volunteer Services  
Vermont Center for Independent Living  
WomenSafe Inc.





*Sugaring March 2022*  
*Photo by Ethan West*





## GOSHEN SELECTBOARD ANNUAL REPORT

To the Citizens of Goshen:

It has been tumultuous!

In mid-year, two of the three selectboard members abruptly quit. The remaining member is in her first term. Without transitional support, the new board had a steep, daunting learning curve. Fortunately, the members have strong, complementary skill sets and a willingness to work. Two of the selectboard members are multi-generational Goshenites and the third has 40 years in town.

With a fresh eye, your selectboard noted achievements as well as deficiencies. These are addressed in this rather long report which is designed to provide a comprehensive view or “needs assessment.”

### **I. ON CIVIL BEHAVIOR**

No one can condone the uncivil behavior that resulted in the resignations. The feelings that linger, corrode. And are no credit to anyone. We are a small town and working together is an interdependent necessity. So, your selectboard chair takes the liberty of asking everyone to treat each other with dignity and respect and he promises to wield a strong gavel.

The disagreements drifted toward the personal rather than policies and principles. Vermont law is confused, contradictory and aggravating. Dissention spirals into ambiguity, confusion, and inertia. Rumors deny accountability, wastes resources, and creates resentment, and operational confusion.

We must all pledge ourselves to a more civil society. Recall that the only winners from ‘Goshen’s earlier internecine squabbles were the lawyers – the losers were the citizens.

### **II. THE ROADS**

The largest fiscal responsibility, and the one that generates deep, perennial criticism, are the roads. This dissatisfaction is measured in years – if not decades.

The first step in setting the right course is to review our current situation. Alas, a comprehensive review of the road projects is befogged by the one-off fragmentation of projects, the lack of a proper management system, and opaque operating procedures. The selectboard resignations

along with the resignation/retirement of key citizen volunteers denied the wisdom of institutional culture. Some have said they will not share while others did not attend meetings. On the other hand, we are also sustained by generous and wonderful neighbors.

### **The Comprehensive Road Plan**

In 2020 an overarching Capital Improvement Plan was developed and funded in a partnership of the Town, VTrans Better Road Program, and the Addison County Regional Planning Commission. Recent state regulations will require an updated road inventory assessment to be completed by 2027. In any case, a rolling inspection and repair plan and program is key to obtaining federal and state grants. This will require a substantial time commitment and cost.

### **Management of Resources**

All of which leads us to reflect on the way we do business for both the town and the roads.

- We have a less than stellar maintenance record with the green plow truck, the garbage truck and the trailer all beaten beyond feasible utility. Self-inflicted wounds such as roll-overs, corrosive salt stored in a dump truck box, and anti-freeze in an oil pan (or vices-versa) raise questions as to whether we should consider going to an outside contractor who uses his/her own equipment.
- Is this feasible? What's the cost comparison?
- How do our maintenance costs compare with comparable towns given the equipment age and usage?
- Should we get out of the equipment business? (while retaining a truck and grader)?
- Timecards are an ineffective and unverifiable method of determining compensation. Should we shift more toward bidding discrete projects?
- Should we investigate how similar sized Vermont towns are managing their roads and perhaps apply some of the proven successful operational approaches?
- Should we re-visit our human resource provisions? Job descriptions are apparently not employed. Hiring appears to be casual and informal. Evaluations do not apparently occur.

These suggestions must be weighed against the plain fact that we are located in a remote area where shopping, population and a labor force are limited.

### **Key Roads Projects**

Our road projects are highly dependent upon grants. Some are small but essential. Jeff Cathcart and Jeff Whiting have been tremendous assets to the town and together have been a force. We will need to find a way to replace this vital energy. Some key projects: (see the road foreman's report).

#### **Town Hill Road & FLAP Grant**

Jeff Cathcart did yeoman work on this grant. The federal government is accepting bids for large scale applications, and we are well positioned for an approximately \$500,000 - \$700,000 award. This grant was submitted for Town Hill Road. It is 100% fully funded.

### Bridges

The State will be putting an emphasis on bridge repair this year. The Road and Bridge agreement has been signed and reportedly delivered to VTRANS.

### Culverts

Worn-out culverts are being replaced on a cycle according to the Capital Improvement Plan. Unfortunately, we are behind schedule which could potentially jeopardize grant revenue.

### Bomagging

The area in the lower plain of Carlisle Hill Road has been a major nuisance due to underlying springs. Resurfacing the road raises the base five inches and allows for proper ditching.

### South Hill Road Reroute Correction

Landowners on the Class 4 portion of South Hill Road requested the board to formally adopt the alternative route created by the town as the legal South Hill Road. This requires a submission to VTrans to correct the map and the 911 address. The board approved this change, and it was adopted.

## **III. POLICIES, ORDINANCES & ISSUES**

In March the board reviewed all policies and ordinances. A list was created and many of the original policies and ordinances could not be located. All policies have been reformatted for presentation consistency and are posted on the website for easy access.

The board anticipates developing a purchasing policy and a bidding policy (see above).

### Recycling and Garbage

Citizens are kindly asked to review the letter they received and examine the warning. Citizens will choose between curbside pick-up, drop-off, and no town services. This must be voted off the floor due to the three options (per VLCT).

### Town Hall Events Permit

A number of citizens were displeased with the policy adopted by an earlier board regarding use of the town hall. The current board immediately rectified the situation and amended the policy.

### Municipal Building Access Policy

A common problem for municipal buildings is properly controlling access. Generally, these practices run too restrictive or too loose. To reach the proper Goldilocks level, a new Municipal Buildings Access policy was adopted per authority and requirement of law. Access will be managed with keycards with an annual update after elections and periodic



monitoring throughout the year when employees or elected/appointed officials are no longer serving. The policy is on the website or available in the town office.

### **Technology**

There were repeated complaints from the listers and auditors regarding their ability to work efficiently because the Town Clerk's computer is the main server. It has proven to be problematic and shuts down periodically, consistently interrupting their work every 5-10 minutes, in which they must get up and go "wake up" the clerk's computer. A technology review process is needed.

### **Security Camera**

A security camera was located inside the town office. Numerous problems arose: The first was that authorized town employees were denied access to the recordings. And second, unauthorized person(s) could operate and view the town office remotely. Third, the camera and recordings were not backed up or stored on a town computer. Fourth, visitors to the office were not warned of being electronically supervised. These issues raised multiple legal problems. Both citizens and employees have a right to reasonable privacy. The camera was removed.

### **Vault Access & Purchase**

After the 2022 elections Vickie Whiting approached the board requesting the Town provide the new Treasurer with a vault, as access to the current vault was being denied. The claim was the vault is "not the Town's, but the complete jurisdiction, sole care, and responsibility of the Town Clerk." Thus, the new treasurer was denied the use of the vault for securing money. The board bought a second vault for the duly elected and bonded Treasurer, to prevent wasteful and expensive legal conflict.

### **Emergency Shelter Site**

The town hall is designated as one of Goshen's Emergency Shelter locations. It currently does not have an adequate back-up energy source. The town will explore costs and grants of a back-up generator system that will power both the town hall and town office in the event of a lengthy outage. This back-up also ensures the integrity of the buildings during an outage where below-freezing temperatures occur. The guaranteed power source will be beneficial to assisting citizens with shelter, water, internet usage, and more.

### **New Town Website – [www.goshenvt.org](http://www.goshenvt.org)**

Throughout the spring of 2022 Thomasina Magoon developed and designed, with assistance from Marci Hayes, a new town website; [www.goshenvt.org](http://www.goshenvt.org). This comprehensive site provides a wealth of digital, and instantaneous resources for citizens. There are pages dedicated to each office, appointed, and elected. There is easy access to all board agendas and minutes. Roughly 20-years of Town report archives, the Goshen Town Plan, and pages of dedicated service from our citizens over the years are just a few of the assets. All are encouraged to regularly visit the homepage for important news and updates. There is an event calendar, reflecting town business and community events. Citizens are encouraged

to submit community events, photography, or stories for publication on the News page. In addition, citizens may sign-up for a bi-annual e-newsletter.

**ARPA FUNDS (Covid Grant Monies)**

The Town received \$24,362.47 in ARPA funds which were granted during Covid and designated for specific uses. The Town has designated these funds for the following projects:

- Replacement Windows in the basement of the Town Hall (completed)
- Digitization of Land Records (in-progress)
- Heat Pump Installation on the Town Office (scheduled Feb 2023)

**IV. SPECIAL RECOGNITION & APPRECIATION**

The board gives special thanks and appreciation to Jeff Cathcart for his 13-years of service. Jeff invested a considerable amount of time collaborating with the State of Vermont (VTRANS), Addison County Regional Planning Commission, and other agencies. He consistently kept informed on, and applied for, as many grants as possible from a diversity of sources. He also managed these grants from start to finish. A few of the recent grant projects include the complete replacement of 9 culverts and repaving of Capen Hill Road, the Connected Waterways Grant on Flora White Road, Carlisle Hill Road resurfacing, and collecting the initial details for application and submission of the FLAP grant application. Jeff also worked as a town road crew member—physically working on many of these projects. Thank you, Jeff, for your dedication and commitment to Goshen over the years.

The board also recognizes and thanks Diane O'Classen for her many years of service on the Selectboard. In addition, she regularly devotes her time as a volunteer hosting events and helping others in our community. She also has served as a school board member for Goshen, Neshobe and Rutland Northeast. Thank you for your dedication and commitment to Goshen over the years.

The board wishes to recognize and thank David McKinnon for his 15-years of service on the Selectboard. Thank you for your dedication and commitment to Goshen over the years.

**The Selectboard welcomes citizen participation at regular meetings.**

Respectfully Submitted,

The Goshen Selectboard

*William Mathis, Chair*

*Tammy Walsh*

*Thomasina Magoon*



## TOWN of GOSHEN POLICIES & ORDINANCES

Policy Name	Active	Notes
Access of Public Records Policy	Yes	Revisions made, not signed
Conflict of Interest Policy	Yes	Priority
Dog Ordinance & License Policy	Yes	Revisions made, not signed
Meeting Minutes Mandate	Yes	In place
Municipal Buildings Access Policy	Yes	
Overweight Permits Policy	Yes	
Payroll Time Sheet Policy	No	Revisions made, not signed
Public Meeting Place Policy	Yes	
Records Management Policy and Schedule	Yes	
Sexual Harassment Policy	Yes	
Special Events Ordinance	Yes	
Swim Lessons Reimbursement Policy	Yes	
Town Equipment Maintenance Policy	No	No version provided to board
Town Hall Use Policy & Agreement	Yes	Revised 1, 2023
Town Office Access Policy	Yes	
Town Purchasing Policy	No	No version provided to board
Town Report Dedications Policy & Procedure	No	No version provided to board
Winter Maintenance Policy and Plan	Yes	



Photo by Thomasina Magoon



### Road Report

The fiscal year of 2021-2022 saw many projects and accomplishments. Ditching occurred on Carlisle Hill Rd, Goshen Ripton Rd, and some on Town Hill Rd. The town received grant money that aided in several projects. A manufactured grader roller was mounted on the grader, this helped considerably and created a better finished project. Brush cutting occurred throughout town, of which Dave Sabatini assisted with.

Due to the increased winter recreation, roadside parking was an issue around the Moosalamoo Campground area. The roadcrew contacted the Forest Service and the conversation resulted in the decision for pull off areas to be installed. These have made a huge difference with performing winter plowing. A connected stream grant was obtained and work was done on Goshen Ripton Rd. This was done at the same time as the pull off areas, ditching occurred on both sides of the road and two culverts were put in. Three culverts were installed around Town. The road crew repaired the damaged culvert on Capen Hill Rd. This consisted of pouring a headwall for the large squashed culvert on Capen Hill. There was a lot of ice buildup over the winter, thus more sand/salt was used then normal. There was also heavy rains that created flash flooding. No significant washouts occurred. Green Mountain Power did some road work, which included a culvert installation at Goshen Ripton Road and putting in an underground power line. The GMP road workers were great to work with and around. There was heavy traffic with large trucks that haul heavy loads. These trucks were for private landowners and some were for the Goshen Dam road project.

As always the road crew would like to thank those that have been patient and that drive safely around those working in or along the side of the road. Please drive according to road conditions. The roadcrew thanks Jeff Whiting and Jeff Cathcart, large grants were obtained due to their efforts and hours put into doing this work, some of which were many hours of volunteer service. Without these grants many of the ditching and paving would not have been possible with the current budget. Thanks to Ed Hayes and Clark McKinnon who made the time to assist in the pouring of the culvert headwall. Ed Hayes also was available to do other projects and was an immense help.

Recognition goes to Jeff Cathcart. Jeff stepped up and obtained his CDL years ago when there was a need. He paid for this out of pocket. He has been eager and willing to do any task from driving a truck to operating a shovel in the ditch, he never shied away from hard work. He has improved every year with his performance. His hard work, easy going nature, and fun attitude have been a delight on the job site. He has become an invaluable part of the road crew and it has made a difference with the work and projects that were accomplished.

Jim Hayes and Marci Hayes



### **Town Clerk's Report**

#### VITAL STATISTICS

	2022	2021	2020	2019
<b>Births</b>	1	0	1	1
<b>Deaths</b>	2	2	2	3
<b>Marriages</b>	3	0	0	1

#### PROPERTY TRANSFERS

	2022	2021	2020	2019
Number of properties	12	16	8	11

### **Property Transfers 2022**

1. Suzanne Clemons PAC to John Williams Coyne IV 989, Carlisle Hill Rd
2. Diane Mott to Jane Murdock, 1110 Goshen Ripton Rd
3. Roxanne Smith to Christopher N Spear, Broken Wire Rd
4. Anthony Clark G to Shari Brown, 1307 Goshen Ripton Rd
5. Wayne Smith to Noah W Moulton, Broken Wire Rd
6. Robert Smith to Lyle Emmons Broken Wire Rd
7. Matthew J Viscido to Erin Van Auken, 502 South Hill Rd
8. Brian A Jerome to Stephanie Zac Jerome Trust 1492 Carlisle Hill Rd
9. Geryll Ann Robinson Estate to RB Grant, 2129 Goshen Ripton Rd
10. Larson Reid to Julie Hoberman, 1610 Carlisle Hill Rd
11. James N Sauder Trust to Jodie Raser, 681 Hathaway Rd
12. Estate of Douglas Cain to Kevin Cain, 166 Hayes Rd

### **Dog License**

In 2022 there were a total of 49 dogs licensed in the Town of Goshen. The cost to license a neutered or spayed dog is \$10.00 and for an unaltered dog is \$14.00. State law requires all dog owners to license any dog over the age of six months. They also must wear their town license tag, which helps in returning dogs to their owners. You can license your dog from January 1, 2023 through April 1, 2023 any dog licensed afterwards will have a late fee of 50%. All dogs must have a current rabies certificate.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Rosemary McKinnon  
Goshen Town Clerk

**Town Clerk's Report Continued**

**Board of Civil Authority Report**

This year the BCA ran the elections while adhering to the Department of Health requirements. The Goshen checklist is 158 registered voters of which 13 are inactive or challenged.

**Town Clerk Report about Elections**

There is an *official ballot drop box* located next to the town office. The BCA voted to keep the box locked except when there is an election and the ballots are ready. It will be checked regularly, plus on the night of elections at 7 pm by two election officials and will then be locked until the next election. This is to stay in accordance with 17 V.S.A. § 2543a.

The Town Meeting where the budget is voted on will be held on March 6, 2023 at 7:00 PM.. Then by Australian ballot for Town Offices and Articles on Tuesday March 7, 2023 from 9:00 AM-7:00PM. Both shall be held at the Goshen Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Rosemary McKinnon  
Goshen Town Clerk

**Rabies Clinic**

at the Goshen Town Office

On Sat March 11, 2023 10AM-12pm

Fee is \$20.00 per vaccination

Valleywide Veterinary Service  
offers this service

You will also be able to license  
your dog at that time





*Photos by Thomasina Magoon*



### **Auditors' Report**

After reviewing the books of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 we found them to be in order with a few exceptions.

These exceptions were a few errors on some purchase orders and also some time sheets. Also one donation happened to be paid twice, but once alerted of this, this were remedied.

We are continuing to audit on a monthly basis to keep up with our duties.

Respectively Submitted,

Goshen Auditors

Barbara Walsh  
Fran Viko  
Lori Lovell  
Charlotte Reider-Smith\*

\*Elected as an Auditor, however, did not perform any auditing duties other than compiling the Annual Town Report.

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### **Listers' Report**

1 July 2021 - 30 June 2022

The listers for the Town of Goshen, Vt. have reviewed permits issued, individual property cards and all pertinent information relating to individual properties in Goshen. The 2022 Grand List was filed on time with the Goshen Town Clerk. Following State of Vermont Covid-19 guidelines for listers, we have, again this year, done no interior viewing. The Goshen listers thank all property owners for their co-operation as we set about following state law for the appraisal of the individual parcels of land privately owned in Goshen. A town wide appraisal looms in the near future due to the ever increasing sale price of property in Goshen.

If anyone has questions for the listers, a message may be left by calling 802-247-6455 or e-mail us at: [listers@goshenvt.org](mailto:listers@goshenvt.org) and we will respond as quickly as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Walsh, Chair  
Fran Viko  
Madine Brown Reed

### **Planning Commission Report**

Annual Report – 2022

The Town of Goshen Planning Commission has five members: Chad Chamberlain, Richard Conrad, Jim Pulver, Annina Seiler and Madine Reed. Monthly business meetings are held at the Goshen Town Hall on the third Monday of each month. Meetings begin at 7:00 pm

The Planning Commission is currently revising the Town of Goshen Zoning Bylaws. Every five years, following the revision of the Goshen Town Plan, the Bylaws are reviewed and brought into compliance with the current Town Plan. When revisions are completed, the Bylaws are presented to the general public, Selectboard and the Regional Planning Commission. This is required by Vermont law.

The Planning Commission approved one subdivision request during 2021.

Respectfully,  
Chad Chamberlain, Chair

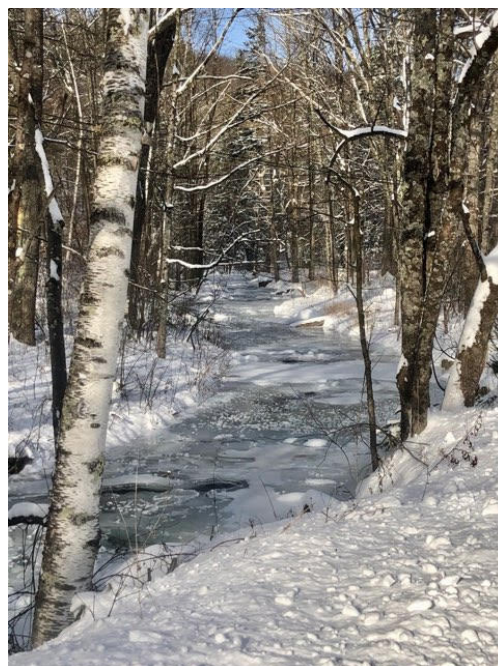
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### **Board of Adjustment Report**

The Board of Adjustment conducted no hearings between July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2022.

The Board of Adjustment members during the year ending June 30, 2022 were Ken Brown, David Bishop, Annina Seiler and Barbara Walsh. At the Fall organizational of the BOA David Bishop was elected Chair, Dick Conrad was elected Assistant Chair and Annina Seiler was elected Secretary.

Dick Conrad  
Chair, Board of Adjustment





### **Zoning Administrator Report**

This year 2021-2022 saw an increase in property transfers and the building and development of land with both new residents and long time residents. For the fiscal year there were the following permit applications submitted; 6 building permits, 1 subdivision, and one Board of Adjustment application.

I have enjoyed working with citizens in town with their varied projects. I additionally at times work with the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation Watershed Management Division as well as the Wastewater Division, and the Department of Agriculture. This has ensured best practices and standards are met that pertain to each unique parcel.

The Goshen Zoning Regulations and Bylaws are available by email, on the Goshen website [www.goshenvt.org](http://www.goshenvt.org), and available in hard copy from the Town Office. If you are thinking of building, altering, or doing any project please inquire prior to doing the project to see if it warrants a permit. Feel free to call or stop by the Office during open hours (Tuesday 9-1) to pick up the Zoning Regulations, permit applications, or to ask any questions that you may have. I am happy to help navigate the bylaws and regulations of Goshen. You may also reach me by phone at 802-247-6151 or by email at [zoning@goshenvt.org](mailto:zoning@goshenvt.org).

Marci Hayes



*Photo by Thomasina Magoon*

**Goshen Municipal Forest Board Report FY 2021-2022**

The Board encourages Townspeople to visit the forest and utilize the recreational opportunities in the forest. The log roads provide good trails for hiking and winter sports along with good opportunities for hunting and fishing.

The Board thanks Dave Todd for his work on water bars and roadside brush removal. Beaver problems continue to threaten the road periodically and are addressed as they arise. The Intersection of Basin Brook and The Middle Road was the main problem this year.

The Forester completed the inventory of the separate stands in the Forest and will recommend future management actions. The next step is to combine the inventory with the recommendations on wildlife habitat improvements by the Fish and Wildlife Department Biologist. The Forester will make recommendations on the potential for a maple lease in the forest. The final report will recommend management actions to the Board. See the Town Forest Income and Expense page and the Forest Balance sheet in the Town Treasurer’s section.

**Budget for FY 2022-23**

Roadside Mowing	\$150
Road repairs	\$1000
Log road erosion Repairs	\$850
Update Forest Plan	\$2000

Jeff Whiting  
Goshen Municipal Forest Board Vice Chair

Tom Bahre  
Goshen Municipal Forest Board Chair



*Photo by Charlotte Reider-Smith*

### **Cemetery Commissioners' Report**

1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022

David Sabatini has performed grounds maintenance for this period. Funds expended are included in the Treasurer's Report.

Francis George Fielder, age 95, (died 12 Feb. '22) and Muriel Alice Brown Fielder, age 82, (died 6 Dec. '12) were interred on 25 June 2022 in the family lot in the Old Goshen Cemetery.

Ken Brown  
Madine Reed  
Lee Baker

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### **Constables' Report**

This fiscal year 21-22 saw an influx of recreational visitors. There has been increased activity with traffic. Speed has been the prevailing issue throughout town. Many complaints have been received regarding high speed traffic, which is a concern for safety. There have been break ins reported with both private residences and to the Town buildings some damage and theft occurred. The constables have been in contact with the Sherriff's department regarding having a law enforcement presence in Town. This is something that the constables would like to work towards as it is our ultimate goal and concern to keep the town safe.

The constables also serve as the Animal Control Officers, dogs have been a large part of what the constables have dealt with the past year. On many occasions dogs have been reported running at large. Some of these are dogs from within town, some are dogs that were lost from hikers or wandered up to Goshen from nearby Towns. These dogs have all successfully been returned to their owners. Sadly several dogs were hit by vehicles in the road and were killed. Please keep your dog from wandering in the road. Drivers are not at fault when dogs are hit in the travelled portion of the road. Please keep you dogs at home and out of the road. If you walk with your dog they must be leashed or under your command at all times. There has also been an increase in coyote activity. Reports of bold coyotes have been noted.

If you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact the Constables.

Marci Hayes  
Dave McKinnon





*Blueberries!*  
Photo by Marci Hayes

## **FIRE WARDEN'S REPORT**

I am sad to announce that fire safety in our community has become very lax and people are not following permit procedures properly. Unfortunately, we have had 2 fires this year. Fortunately, thanks to the local fire departments, they were extinguished before any buildings burned, but unfortunately one fire did cross over to a neighbor's property line and burned about 3 acres total. I am willing to make myself available to anyone that would like more information on burning safely. If negligent burning persists to be a problem this coming year, unfortunately I will have to start issuing fines. For permits or more information please feel free to contact me or stop by. *If you have a fire that gets away from you, YOU are responsible for paying all fines and for paying the fire department or departments that need to come extinguish it, NOT the town. Please remember to always get a permit before burning. Let's all work together to keep our community safe and fire free. If you have a fire that gets out of hand call 911 and call me immediately!*



**Remember: A burn permit is required for ALL fires except for a campfire that is contained within a two (2) foot diameter ring, at least a continuous stone ring. The fire must not be left unattended until it is entirely extinguished.**

Thank you,  
Shawn Martin  
Fire Warden  
346 Capen Hill Rd.  
Goshen, VT 05733

(802) 247-6433  
(802) 417-9654 Cell

Fire Permits. The fire warden is in charge of issuing permits for open burning. The general rule is that it is unlawful to start a fire outside to burn brush, weeds, or grass of any kind without a permit from the fire warden or a deputy warden, which states when and where the fire may be started. The warden shall issue written permission within 12 hours of granting verbal permission. The warden must use common sense and take into account the particular risk posed in order to determine whether a permit should be granted in each individual case. 10 V.S.A. § 2645(a).



### VT Statewide Fire Statistics For 2022

# Human caused fires 71  
# Lightning caused fires 0  
# Acres burned caused by humans 72.1  
# Of acres burned caused by lightning 0





# DON'T BURN VERMONT

**Burning household trash is illegal in Vermont. Violators can be fined up to \$500 and lose their hunting and fishing licenses for 1 year.**



Today's trash contains metals, plastics, and other synthetic materials that, when burned, can emit fumes and harmful quantities of dioxins known to cause cancer, emphysema and other chronic illnesses.

Dioxins emitted from burning settle on crops and in our waterways where they eventually wind up in our food and affect our health.

Backyard burning can increase the risk of heart disease, aggravate respiratory ailments such as asthma, and cause rashes, nausea, headaches and developmental or reproductive disorders.

State and municipal officials may now issue penalties to individuals who continue to burn trash. Violators are subject to fines of up to \$500 as well as community roadside cleanup. If violators fail to pay their fine, their driving license will be suspended for a period of ten days and they will lose their hunting and/or fishing license privileges for a period of one year.

For more information on trash burning in Vermont, please visit [www.dontburnvt.org](http://www.dontburnvt.org).



 VERMONT  
AGENCY OF NATURAL RESOURCES

## **If you burn outdoors - do it safely!**

- Get a burn permit from your local town forest fire warden. Permits are required by Vermont State Law.
- Call the Forest Fire Warden, Shawn Martin for a permit. Having a permit does not relieve you from the responsibility of burning safely.
- Clear the ground of all flammable material for at least 10 feet around the burn pile.
- Do not locate a fire closer than 50 feet to any structure.
- Have fire tools and a water supply onsite and available.
- Don't burn on dry, windy days.
- **Don't burn trash – it is illegal.** Burning treated materials, such as painted wood and pressure treated wood is also illegal. Only natural materials are allowed, including brush, untreated lumber, and similar materials.
- An adult should always attend the fire.
- Make sure the fire is 100% out and the coals are cool to the touch. Place coals in a covered metal container if you are moving them from the burn site.
- Consider your neighbors when burning, so the smoke direction doesn't cause a problem for them.



STATE OF VERMONT

Fire Statistics for 2022

# of human caused fires	71
# of lightning caused fires	0
# of acres burned caused by humans	72.1
# of acres burned caused by lightning	0
<b>Total # of fires</b>	<b>71</b>
<b>Total # of acres burned</b>	<b>72.1</b>

10-Year Average

Year	# Fires	# Acres	Average Size
2013	126	275	2.18
2014	58	170	2.93
2015	123	394	3.2
2016	141	389	2.76
2017	51	49	1
2018	59	113	1.92
2019	15	22	1.47
2020	96	133	1.43
2021	96	157	1.63
2022	71	72	1.02
<b>10-Yr Average</b>	<b>83.60</b>	<b>177.41</b>	<b>1.95</b>

Fires/Acres by County: 2018-2022

COUNTY	2022		2021		2020		2019		2018	
	Fires	Acres	Fires	Acres	Fires	Acres	Fires	Acres	Fires	Acres
Addison	3	2.35	3	50.25	7	52.35	0	0	2	0.75
Bennington	4	6.75	4	2.51	2	1.1	2	2.6	3	2.45
Caledonia	1	0.25	11	3.99	7	1.68	0	0	9	8.43
Chittenden	13	4.48	10	11.15	11	8.08	0	0	11	6.26
Essex	4	2.02	5	5.32	2	0.25	0	0	2	0.26
Franklin	1	0.10	2	0.60	8	18	3	7.01	4	6.15
Grand Isle	0	0.00	1	1.00	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lamoille	7	7.25	2	0.50	3	0.36	2	0.55	3	3.1
Orange	14	3.14	9	18.59	17	19.85	0	0	8	15.62
Orleans	1	0.25	4	2.00	3	0.31	1	0.1	3	1.87
Rutland	2	25.01	13	49.45	5	12.7	2	4.25	3	2.5
Washington	0	0.00	5	2.42	8	6.25	0	0	3	1.85
Windham	13	14.48	11	2.34	10	8.06	1	0.2	2	1.12
Windsor	8	6.02	16	7.25	13	3.71	4	7.32	6	62.59
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>113</b>

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**Fires and Acres by Cause as of Dec. 1, 2022**

<b>Cause</b>	<b># of Fires</b>	<b># Acres</b>
Lightning	0	0
Campfire	4	5.10
Smoking	10	3.30
Debris Burning (Brush)	32	49.31
Arson	1	0.10
Equipment Use	8	9.17
Railroads	0	0
Children	1	0.01
Misc.	15	5.11
<b>Total Fires and Acres</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>72.1</b>

**Fire Weather Stations Rainfall Summary (in inches)**

<b>Month</b>	<b>Nulhegan</b>	<b>Elmore</b>	<b>Essex</b>	<b>Mt. Tabor</b>	<b>Woodford</b>	<b>Monthly Average</b>
<b>March</b>	2.78	2.5	2.41	3.13	4.89	3.14
<b>April</b>	4.32	4.88	4.75	4.38	7.04	5.07
<b>May</b>	2.69	3.83	3.06	3.01	3.9	3.30
<b>June</b>	1.64	3.31	4.36	2.39	3.05	2.95
<b>July</b>	4.29	3.29	3.85	3.62	6.66	4.34
<b>August</b>	6.96	1.65	3	5.63	3.82	4.21
<b>September</b>	9.98	5.76	6.16	7.02	7.93	7.37
<b>October</b>	3.1	3.66	2.84	2.17	2.93	2.94
<b>November</b>	3.27	4.17	3.38	3.49	5.84	4.03
<b>Total</b>	<b>39.03</b>	<b>33.05</b>	<b>33.81</b>	<b>34.84</b>	<b>46.06</b>	

*“People don’t realize that even though we don’t live out in California – fires can still be a major and devastating force if we don’t take proper precautions every time we burn.”*

– Shawn Martin  
Goshen Fire Warden

**Emergency Management Report**

There is nothing to report.

Dave McKinnon

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**Health Officer Report**

There were no complaints or events which warranted response. Remember to get your dogs and cats their rabies shots. See the Town Clerk's report for the rabies clinic information.

Dave McKinnon

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**911 Coordinator Report**

Greetings Neighbors:

This year we had two new addresses established along Goshen-Ripton Rd for the construction of two new homes. Both addresses were created in the spring months in advance of the construction season.

Phil Bowman had a new address established at 1861 Goshen-Ripton Rd, around the corner from his current residence on Broken Wire Dr.

Charlotte Reider-Smith had a new address established at 303 Goshen-Ripton Rd, just north of her current residence.

Interestingly, these two folks contacted me the same week last spring, and there were no other inquiries the rest of the year. It is not a very time-intensive responsibility, but it is vitally important as addresses must be accurate in order to ensure that 9-1-1 responders can quickly locate the property or home in an emergency.

On a related note, the Town might want to consider investing in a new measuring tool since the current one is prone to error and required multiple double-checks of the distances in order to ensure that they were correct.

Respectfully submitted,  
Aaron Corman  
Town of Goshen 9-1-1 Addressing Coordinator  
103 White Rocks Rd.

**\*\*My other community volunteer efforts include helping to maintain the Catamount Trail from Rt. 73 north to The Blueberry Hill Inn.**



### Green Up Day Report

Green Up Day is yearly on the first Saturday in May. Vermont was the first state to designate a day to cleanup the entire state. Started in 1970 by Gov. Davis, our unique tradition continues with thousands of Vermonters taking care of Vermont. Last year on Green Up Day, Goshen volunteers collected 1/2 ton of garbage and 17 tires from Goshen's roads. The Most Interesting Piece Collected award went to Ken Brown for a car fender with deer hair included. Volunteers also enjoyed a BBQ at the Town Hall. Thanks to all the volunteers for their time, energy and enthusiasm in making Green Up Day 2022 a success.

There will be a sign up sheet for this year's volunteers at the Town Meeting. As well, information will be posted on the town website as we get closer to Green Up Day 2023.

David Sabatini  
Green Up Day Coordinator





After many years of desire, false starts and no-go's, the Select Board of Goshen, at their March 20, 2022 meeting, approved the appointment of a committee, to organize a Goshen Historical Society, answering to the Select Board.

The committee organized the first meeting, held at the Goshen Town Hall, on April 20, 2022. It was decided to make the Goshen VT Historical Society a 501 C3 non-profit organization, a stand alone organization, with two representatives to the Select Board. Their duty is to recommend allocation of the \$4k designation for Town Hall renovations. The Goshen VT Historical Society meets monthly on the first Monday of the month at 7:00pm. Following meetings consisted of work on by-laws, the design of the application form, project planning and work began on an event to take place in late November early December honoring Goshen's Civil War Veterans. Soon Thomasina, newly elected Selectboard member, found herself overwhelmed with her elected position and all that life throws at one; work, etc. - so as Thomasina departed as Membership Chairperson, new Goshen resident Erin Van Auken joined us. With a substantial background in non-profit work and computers, we now had a new 'membership chair' and marvelous addition to Goshen VT Historical Society. We believe good things are to come! GVTHS invites you to visit our own GoshenVTHistoricalSociety 'Website' at [GoshenVTHistoricalSociety.org](http://GoshenVTHistoricalSociety.org) and join our FaceBook page (type into your browser [bit.ly/GVTHSfacebook](http://bit.ly/GVTHSfacebook)) for increasing displays of Goshen history, fun facts, projects and future events.

Current members are as follows;

Madine Reed, President

Galina Chernaya, Vice-President

Barb Brown, Treasurer

Marci Hayes, Secretary

Erin Van Auken, Membership Chairperson

The GVTHS meets the first Monday of each month at 7pm at the Goshen Town Hall, with the exception of: March, due to Town Meeting and September on account of Labor Day. Those two meetings will be posted as to their rescheduled date and time. A list of membership selection and dues are listed on our Website. The officers urge town residents to join the Goshen Historical Society, become an active part of researching all Goshen has been, all it is and be a part of what the future holds for our small and wonderful Addison County town.

~Madine Brown Reed, President





# GOSHEN

## HISTORICAL SOCIETY

GoshenVTHistoricalSociety.org

### MISSION STATEMENT

*To research, document,  
preserve, and reveal the  
rich history of Goshen  
and its people.*

### VISION

- Research, advocate to and educate the public on the history of the town, its people, and historical sites.
- Preserve the historical buildings and sites within town.
- Encourage exchange of historical information within other historical societies, organizations, and communities within Vermont.
- Acquire funding through grants, membership, fundraisers, and donations to assist with research, preservation, and events.
- Collaborate with the Town of Goshen

The Goshen Historical Society (GHS) was formed in 2022 for the purpose of researching, documenting, preserving and revealing the rich history of Goshen and its people.

GHS is a 501c3 non-profit registered with the State of Vermont and receives no outside support. It depends on dues and fundraising to fund all activities.

We welcome all new members and if you are interested in helping with and/or supporting these endeavors, please join today!

Several membership levels are available from student through supporting membership. We also offer a lifetime membership. Annual dues are to be renewed each December.

All new members will receive a membership packet delivered via email to save costs.

### NEXT GHS MEETING

GHS meets on the first  
Monday of every month at 7 pm  
at the Goshen Town Hall.  
All are welcome.





*View of Hogback homes and farms from  
Silver Lake Road*



*Edward Seymour Hayes, 1920s,  
Standing in front of what is now  
423 Goshen-Ripton Road*



*Kids at Camp Thorpe, 1940s*



*Living Historians from the 2nd Vermont Infantry  
(Photo from Goshen VT Historical Society's first event 2022:  
Celebrating and remembering Goshen's Civil War Soldiers)*



*The Mailman  
Ward Olney and Rural Free Delivery  
at Goshen Four Corners, 1921*



*Goshen Town Hall*

Our historical Town Hall is slated for a fresh coat of paint in the coming months. The Historical Society and the Selectboard will be working collaboratively on this initiative. Another top priority is obtaining grant funding for the installation of a lift for ADA access.



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

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

**Rabies IS in Vermont and it IS deadly.**

#### **Licensing a dog:**

- 1) Helps identify your dog if lost.
- 2) Provides proof your dog is protected from rabies in the event your dog is bitten by a rabid animal {but still needs immediate medical attention}.
- 3) Protects your animal if they bite another animal {or person – which could result in the quarantine of your dog or possibly euthanized in order to test for rabies if not currently vaccinated}.
- 4) Pays for this necessary program addressing the population situation in VT.

For an Application for VSNIIP and a List of Participating Offices, send a S.A.S.E. (a 9" Self-Addressed, Stamped Envelope) to: VSNIIP, PO Box 104, Bridgewater, VT 05034. Or, to download and print, go to: [VSNIIP.VERMONT.GOV](http://VSNIIP.VERMONT.GOV) Indicate if it's for a cat, dog or both. Once *fully* completed, you will mail it back. If approved, you will receive your Voucher and instructions.

The cost for the surgery to you is only \$27.00, providing there are no complications. Fellow Vermonters pay the balance of your account from funds collected at the time of dog registration. Please be **SURE** your cat or dog is completely flea and tick free **before** the visit. Animals left UN-neutered are more prone to forms of cancer.

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

#### **LOW COST SPAY NEUTER OPTIONS: LOOK UP THEIR WEB SITES!**

Animals usually come home the day of surgery.

- Community Pet Clinic: Humane Society of Chittenden CTY, 3 clinics a week! 802-923-9023
- Homeward Bound: Addison CTY Humane Society, VT "Taxi Cat" 802-388-1100
- Humane Society of Chittenden County's Community Pet Clinic, So. Burlington 802-923-9028
- Rutland County Humane Society: 802-483-6700 Rutland, VT
- The Feline Connection: Rutland County: [thefelineconnection.vt@gmail.com](mailto:thefelineconnection.vt@gmail.com)

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



# Addison County Regional Planning Commission

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## **Annual Report –Year End June 30, 2022**

The Addison County Regional Planning Commission (ACRPC) provided the following technical assistance and planning to the Region during its 2022 fiscal year:

### **Regional and Municipal Planning and Mapping**

- Worked with Cornwall, Salisbury, Orwell and Vergennes on Municipal Planning Grants
- Worked with Bristol, Lincoln and Shoreham on Bylaw Modernization projects focused on housing.
- Represented the Region in Act 250 and Section 248 hearings.
- Assisted municipalities in applying for Village Center Designation: Salisbury, 2021
- Updated and readopted the Population and Housing section of the Regional Plan.

### **Educational Meetings and Grants**

- Hosted educational workshops on planning topics, including housing, planning essentials and community septic.
- Wrote or provided information and support to communities and organizations to secure grant funding.

### **Emergency Planning**

- Worked with Addison County's Regional Emergency Management Committee (REMC) and Vermont Emergency Management staff to assist with municipal emergency planning and training.
- Assisted communities in completing Local Emergency Management Plans to maintain ERAF status.
- Updated Mutual Aid agreements for Public Works Departments.
- Led an emergency exercise at the Hannaford Career Center
- Received two Flood Resilient Communities Fund (FRCF) grants
- Received one Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant

### **Energy Planning:**

- Assisted Waltham, Whiting, Shoreham, and Starksboro in developing their enhanced energy plans.
- Worked with Ferrisburgh and Vergennes to relaunch local energy committees.
- Worked with Efficiency Vermont and municipalities to implement enhanced energy plans.
- Provided energy scorecards for municipalities to track progress on state and local energy efficiency goals.
- Developed an online map of renewable energy resources and siting.

### **Transportation Planning**

- Supported the Addison County Transportation Advisory Committee's regional priorities and studies.
- Supported Tri-Valley Transit/ACTR by providing leadership and technical support.
- Worked with municipalities to reduce road erosion from local roads.
- Assisted Towns with bike and pedestrian, Better Roads and stormwater grants.
- Served as a Municipal Project Manager for a sidewalk construction projects in Middlebury and Vergennes and a culvert replacement project in Bridport.
- Sponsored town transportation planning studies.
- Conducted traffic and pedestrian studies for towns.
- Hosted the regional Walk/bike council meetings and a statewide Bike/Ped Summit in Middlebury.
- Sponsored a Planning and Environmental Linkages Study for the City of Vergennes and surrounding communities

### **Natural Resources Planning**

- Actively supported the efforts of the Addison County River Watch Collaborative.
- Worked with municipalities to support conservation commissions.
- Prepared to serve as the Clean Water Service Provider for the Otter Creek Basin
- Provided educational outreach supporting the Otter Creek Tactical Basin Plan update.
- Assisted in stormwater planning projects and Ecosystem Restoration Program grants.

Addison	Bridport	Bristol	Cornwall	Ferrisburgh	Goshen	Leicester
Lincoln	Middlebury	Monkton	New Haven	Orwell	Panton	Ripton
Salisbury	Shoreham	Starksboro	Vergennes	Waltham	Weybridge	Whiting



*Addison County*  
**Regional Planning Commission**



State of Vermont  
Department of Health

[phone] 802-786-5811  
[toll free] 888-253-8802  
**HealthVermont.gov**

Rutland Local Health Office  
300 Asa Bloomer State Office Building  
88 Merchants Row  
Rutland, VT 05701

## Rutland Local Health Office Annual Report 2022

Twelve Local Health Offices around the state are your community connection with the Vermont Department of Health. Your district office is at the address and phone number above. We provide essential services and resources to towns in order to protect and promote the health and well-being of people in Vermont. For example, in the past year and beyond, Rutland Local Health Office:

**Protected communities from COVID-19:** Since the pandemic began three years ago our doors have remained open, and we've been able to serve communities thanks to individuals, families, schools, businesses, first responders, and countless others that worked with us to meet the needs of local towns. We provided vaccine, testing, and information, along with other key public health services.

**Worked to prevent and control the spread of disease:** In collaboration with community partners, since COVID-19 response efforts began, we hosted over 75 COVID-19 vaccination clinics and provided over 5,959 COVID-19 doses. Since August 2021, all local health offices have also documented and helped managed 8,125 COVID-19-related situations, including 1,271 COVID-19 outbreaks.

**Ensured local preparedness for future emergencies:** We worked with partners like schools, hospitals, and emergency personnel to ensure effective pandemic response and support preparedness to distribute medicine, supplies, and information during public health emergencies. This year, we responded to the emergence of human monkeypox virus by sharing information and providing vaccine to community members. As of November 15, 2022, 12 hMPXV vaccine doses have been administered.

**Stayed attentive to people and communities most underserved:** We provided services and resources to people who are more likely to experience adverse health outcomes due to health inequities. For example, we provided vaccine at schools without access, shelters, meal, and food distribution sites, farms, and more.

**Collaborated with Town Health Officers around environmental health:** To help Vermonters better understand the relationship between their environment and their health, we collaborated with towns and other local partners. Find information about environmental health including lead, cyanobacteria (blue-green algae), food safety, drinking water, climate change, healthy homes, healthy schools, and more at [www.healthvermont.gov/environment](http://www.healthvermont.gov/environment).

**Provided WIC services and resources to families and children:** Provided WIC nutrition education and support to 1,695 individuals between July 1, 2021 and June 31, 2022, while enabling them to save on groceries so they can have more to spend on other things their family needs. WIC also empowers families with breastfeeding/chestfeeding support and provides referrals to other health and nutrition services. Learn more at [www.healthvermont.gov/wic](http://www.healthvermont.gov/wic).

**Supported student health and youth empowerment:** According to the Vermont Youth Risk Behavior Survey, only 52% percent of students in Rutland County agree or strongly agree that they "believe they matter to people in their community." Regionally, efforts like mentoring and afterschool enrichment programs help to ensure youth feel valued and included.

**Promoted health in all policies:** Health is not just individual behaviors and access to care, it's also housing, transportation, food access, education, natural resources, and other social determinants of health. We worked with towns, schools, worksites, healthcare providers, and other community organizations to establish plans, policies, and programming that improve health and wellness. To achieve health, we must continue to work together to improve opportunities for health across all sectors and periods of our lives.

# **ADDISON COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT**

## **2022 ANNUAL REPORT**

The Addison County Solid Waste Management District is a union municipal district formed in 1988 to cooperatively and comprehensively address the solid waste management interests of its 21 member municipalities: Addison, Bridport, Bristol, Cornwall, Ferrisburgh, Goshen, Leicester, Lincoln, Middlebury, Monkton, New Haven, Orwell, Panton, Ripton, Salisbury, Shoreham, Starksboro, Vergennes, Waltham, Weybridge and Whiting. The District is governed by a Board of Supervisors (Board) comprised of one representative and one alternate appointed by each of the member municipalities. The Board regularly holds virtual meetings (due to the ongoing pandemic) on the 3<sup>d</sup> Thursday of the month at 7 PM, and the Executive Board meets monthly 8 days prior to the Board meeting at 4:30 PM. All meetings are open to the public.

### **District Mission**

To seek environmentally sound & cost effective solutions for: (1) Promoting **waste reduction**; (2) Promoting **pollution prevention**; (3) Maximizing **diversion** of waste through reuse, recycling and composting; and (4) Providing for **disposal** of remaining wastes.

### **District Office and Transfer Station**

**Telephone:** (802) 388-2333

**Fax:** (802) 388-0271

**Website:** [www.AddisonCountyRecycles.org](http://www.AddisonCountyRecycles.org)

**E-mail:** [acswmd@acswmd.org](mailto:acswmd@acswmd.org)

**Transfer Station Hours:** M-F, 7 AM–3 PM & Sat, 8 AM–1 PM

**Office Hours:** M-F, 8 AM–4 PM

**HazWaste Center Hours:** M-F, 8 AM–2 PM & Sat, 8 AM–1 PM

The District Office, Transfer Station and HazWaste Center are co-located at 1223 Rt. 7 South in Middlebury. The Transfer Station accepts large loads of waste and single stream recyclables for transfer to out-of-District facilities. District residents and businesses may drop off a variety of other materials for reuse, recycling and composting. A complete list of acceptable items and prices can be found on the District's website.

### **2022 Highlights**

**COVID-19.** District staff have been working diligently toward maintaining the solid waste management and collection system within its 21 member municipalities during these challenging times. Despite the disruption of COVID-19, the District Transfer Station remained open to commercial haulers and area businesses and continued to provide access to essential services without service interruptions. Despite challenges of supply shortages, vendor staffing difficulties, and rising operational costs in 2022, District staff were creative and committed to keeping the District efficient in managing the solid waste generated. Thank you to our residents and businesses for your support, as well as your individual and collective efforts toward meeting the District's goals of waste reduction, reuse, recycling and composting!

**New Organics Equipment.** In 2022, the District was able to purchase new equipment for the management of food scraps at the Transfer Station, using \$40,000 of a Materials Management Implementation (MMI) Grant awarded by the VT Department of Environmental Conservation in 2021. Items included: a 15-cu.yd., heavy-duty, sealed roll-off container with a rolling lid; a customized food scrap toter tipper; a portable toter washing system; a pickup truck and trailer for moving the toter washing system; and extra food scrap toters. The District was also awarded a grant from the VT League of Cities & Towns PACIF toward the toter tipper. These purchases enabled the District to more efficiently and safely operate a food scrap collection system at the Transfer Station.

**Regional Residential Drop-off.** The District is in the process of designing and permitting a new regional residential transfer station on Campground Road, off of Rt. 7. The facility is intended to provide an option for residents to drop off bagged trash and recyclables, along with food scraps and leaf & yard waste. The facility, to be built in phases, will eventually accept scrap metal, tires, and special wastes (E-Waste, fluorescent light bulbs, books, and film plastic).

**Financials.** The District anticipates CY2022 total operating expenses of \$4,121,923, with operating revenues of \$3,927,234 revenues. CY2021 surplus revenues rolled over to the General Fund will make up the difference. Vendor price increases, fuel surcharges, equipment maintenance and other operational cost increases are beyond budgeted levels this year. Combined with increasing recycling processing fees charged by the recycler, price increases at the Transfer Station are inevitable in CY2023 (see 2023 Proposed Annual Budget for more information).

**Illegal Burning/Disposal.** The District contracted with the Addison County Sheriff's Department in 2022 to enforce its Illegal Burning & Disposal Ordinance. The District served again as County Coordinator for Green-Up Day, assisting the many area volunteers who organized collection of roadside litter, and providing bags and gloves. The District subsidized the disposal of 10.94 tons of roadside trash, 5.59 tons of tires, and various other abandoned items, for a total economic benefit to its member towns of \$2,483.

### **2023 Annual Budget**

The District's adopted Annual Budget for CY2023 differs from the proposed budget. The Transfer Station tip fees will increase to \$145/ton (\$9 minimum fee) for MSW and C&D. The rate for Single Stream Recyclables will increase to \$125/ton. Rates on a few other items will have nominal increases. **There will be no assessments of member municipalities in 2023.** For a copy of the full 2022 Annual Report and Adopted 2023 Annual Budget and Rate Sheet, please call (802) 388-2333, or visit the District website at [www.AddisonCountyRecycles.org](http://www.AddisonCountyRecycles.org).



### **Otter Creek Watershed Insect Control District 2022 End of the Year Report**

This spring and summer the level of biting insect activity within the Otter Creek Watershed Insect Control District (OCW) was well above average. The number of adult mosquitoes captured in light traps and net sweeps far exceeded treatment thresholds in all member towns and in Proctor throughout most of the summer. Numbers declined significantly in early September.

The OCW staff did weekly surveillance of historical mosquito breeding wetlands starting in May. While an aerial larvicide application early in the spring might have reduced the numbers of adults that subsequently hatched, the OCW Board of Trustees judged the cost of an aerial treatment (\$37/acre this year) to be more than the budget could stand. That judgement proved accurate, as the OCW came close to a negative checkbook balance in July because of intense efforts to control mosquito populations coupled with steep price inflation for larvicide, adulticide, and other supplies.

With pesticide prices not expected to decline next year, the OCW budget will be increased by 5% for the fiscal year that begins July 1, 2023 (FY 24). The algorithm that is used to equitably apportion OCW expenses among member towns was updated with 2020 census data this year. Reviewing the updated algorithm output, the Board became concerned that the relationship between town assessments and mosquito control operations in each town was substantially out of alignment, i.e., would no longer be equitable. An ad hoc committee was formed to review that issue. That committee consisted of one representative from each member town plus one representative from Proctor (who contracts for insect control services with the OCW). The committee developed a new algorithm, which uses the following factors and weights for determining each town's assessment: equalized education grand list (33.3%), acres of Class 2 wetlands (10.3%), number of dwelling units (28.2%), and adulticide spray routes road miles (28.2%). The Board voted to use the new algorithm for determining town assessments for the fiscal year that begins July 1, 2024 (FY 25). The apportionments used in 2022 (i.e., without updated census data) were used to determine town assessments for next year (FY 24).

Continuing a pattern begun last year, the OCW staff applied adulticide once a week along all seventeen of our published spray routes when light trap counts and other surveillance justified the treatment. Based on considerable Select Board and citizen feedback, that weekly program seemed to keep the nuisance level under control.

The Vermont Pesticide General Permit (PGP) is renewed by the US Environmental Protection Agency every 5 years... and 2022 was a renewal year. For the OCW to continue pesticide operations under the new PGP, a Notice of Intent (NOI) and Pesticide Management Discharge Plan (PDMP) were submitted to the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) on August 1<sup>st</sup>. Those documents were approved by the DEC on October 11<sup>th</sup>. In conjunction with preparing the PDMP, the Addison County Regional Planning Commission (ACRPC) and the Rutland County Regional Planning Commission (RCRPC) were asked to determine, using the DEC database, the acreage of wetlands in the six towns that the OCW serves. Previously, 6,000 acres was believed to be the approximate number. Turns out that there are somewhat over 16,000 acres of Class 2 wetlands in the district suitable for mosquito breeding, with Brandon having 5,491, Leicester having 3,517, Salisbury having 3,278, Goshen having 731, Pittsford having 2,923, and Proctor having 407.

On Town Meeting Day in March Salisbury community members voted to fully fund their portion of the OCW budget for the fiscal year that started July 1, 2022. However, the consequence of their March 2021 vote was that only larvicide treatment would have been done in the town between April (the start of the “season”) and June 30<sup>th</sup> of this year. Recognizing that the lack of adult control efforts would negatively impact their members, the Lake Dunmore Fern Lake Association donated money to the OCW to cover the April thru June adulticide spraying costs for roads in Salisbury immediately adjacent to Lake Dunmore.

The OCW received 406 calls from district residents requesting nuisance mosquito control: 92 from Brandon, 125 from Leicester, 80 from Salisbury, 9 from Goshen, 84 from Pittsford, and 16 from Proctor. That number of service requests represents a 43% decrease from last year. Eighty-seven owners opted out of adulticide spraying adjacent to their property: 15 from Brandon, 10 from Leicester, 36 from Salisbury, 10 from Goshen, 7 from Pittsford, and 9 from Proctor. That number of no spray requests represents a 36% increase from last year.

A reminder: No Spray requests must be renewed annually and should be submitted to the OCW no later than April 15<sup>th</sup>. Requests received after April 15<sup>th</sup> will be honored, but there could be a delay between receipt of the request and marking the property, which could result in the property being sprayed. If a No Spray Zone request was submitted for the preceding year AND there have been no changes in ownership, contact information, or property boundaries, an email sent to the OCW containing the 911 address and requesting No Spray Zone status again for the current year will suffice. The OCW email address is: [ocwicd@gmail.com](mailto:ocwicd@gmail.com). If a No Spray Zone request was NOT submitted for the preceding year and/or there have been changes in ownership, contact information, or property boundaries, a letter must be submitted listing the name(s) of the property owner(s), his/her/their contact telephone number(s), the 911 address of the property, and include a property map which clearly shows the property boundaries along the public or private road(s). The OCW mailing address is: PO Box 188, Brandon, VT 05733. For additional details please visit: <https://ocwicd.com/adulticide-program>.

Kudos again to Will Mathis, the OCW Operations Coordinator, and to Jeremy New and Kerry White for their long hours this season keeping nuisance mosquito populations at tolerable levels. All three employees have day jobs but often were driving double spray routes until 2 o'clock in the morning. As mentioned in last year's report, additional part-time staff would be most welcome. For job particulars please contact Will, who can be reached via the OCW call center (802-247-6779) or the email address above.

At the Annual Meeting on 18 November, Doug Perkins (Leicester) was re-elected as Chair, Jeff Schumann (Salisbury) was re-elected as Vice-Chair, Brad Lawes (Leicester) was re-elected as Treasurer, and Steve Belcher (Pittsford) was re-elected as Secretary of the Board of Trustees. The Board is composed of two representatives and one alternate from each member town, appointed by each town's Select Board. Currently, there are openings on the OCW Board for the towns of Brandon and Salisbury. Anyone interested in serving as an OCW representative should contact their Select Board.

Thank you for your continued support of biting insect control in the Otter Creek watershed.

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Perkins, Chair  
OCW Board of Trustees

## USDA Forest Service Green Mountain National Forest Town Meeting Report

Below are excerpts from the report that reference Goshen.  
The full report is 26 pages in length and can be accessed by  
typing this link into your web browser: [bit.ly/GMNF2022Report](https://bit.ly/GMNF2022Report)

### ***Forest Road Cooperative Aid to Towns***

The GMNF completed important road improvement and maintenance projects in the towns of Goshen, Ripton, Rochester, and Brandon. Projects included road and parking improvements in the towns of Brandon, Goshen, and Ripton to improve access to the Moosalamoo National Recreation Area. The GMNF worked with the Towns of Goshen, Hancock, and Stratton to develop applications for grants from FHWA Eastern Federal Lands Highway Division through their Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP). We are hopeful that these projects will be successful so we can continue to work with the Towns to improve access to the GMNF.

### ***Forest Road Improvement & Maintenance Projects***

The GMNF improved or maintained over 70 miles of National Forest System roads in the towns of Chittenden, Goshen, Granville, Hancock, Lincoln, Mount Tabor, Peru, Readsboro, Ripton, Rochester, Somerset, Stratton, Sunderland, Wallingford, Warren, and Woodford. Improvement work included the replacement of culverts and gates, stabilization of embankments, repairing storm damage, and the resurfacing of roads. Larger improvement projects included the repair of a washed-out culvert and road on Forest Road 21 (Mad Tom) in Peru and the reconstruction of Forest Road 39 (Texas Falls) in Hancock.

### ***Local Efforts***

Goshen: Worked with partners to perform trail maintenance and on the Stewart Trail. A contractor reset culverts and improved drainage along the existing trail corridor.

Goshen / Ripton: Resurfaced the Voter Brook Overlook path, parking area, and overlook, installed a panoramic sign, and installed a new picnic table at the overlook. Installed a new lean-to and shed at the Moosalamoo Campground Campsite site. Worked with partner groups, MA and CTA on trail maintenance projects on Stewart Trail, Widow's Clearing, and Wilkinson Trail networks. Began trailhead reconstruction of the Oak Ridge Trailhead. The trailhead reconstruction project is expected to be completed Spring of 2023.

### ***Wilderness***

#### **2022 Wilderness Stewardship Performance Scores: (out of a possible 100 points total)**

**Joseph Battell Wilderness 70 points** located in Chittenden, Goshen, Hancock, Ripton, and Rochester. Increased from 66 points in 2021. Visitor encounter monitoring was conducted to maintain opportunities for solitude. Trail maintenance and improvements were conducted along the AT / LT and side trails. Dispersed recreation sites / campsites were monitored for impacts to protect natural resources while maintaining opportunities for unconfined recreation. Wilderness boundary maintenance was completed, educational signage was painted and improved marking boundaries. The Great Cliffs on Mount Horrid were monitored during the peregrine falcon nesting period.

In support of the Upper White River Cooperative Weed Management Association (CWMA), of which the GMNF is a founding member, staff, volunteers, and the CWMA coordinator controlled the following non-native invasive plant infestations:



- Chittenden: 0.2 acres of garlic mustard at Chittenden Brook Campground
- Goshen: 0.6 acres of garlic mustard, purple loosestrife, and wild parsnip at Brandon Gap
- Pittsfield: 0.3 acres of wild chervil at Corporation Brook
- Rochester: 0.6 acres of wild chervil on Forest Road 61, 0.1 acres of wild chervil at Chittenden Brook Campground, and 0.3 acres of Japanese barberry on the mountain bike trails behind the district office

## Forest Vegetation Management

Below is a list of accomplishments for calendar year 2022.

- Timber sales were prepared in Glastenbury, Goshen, Mount Holly, Pittsfield, Somerset, Stamford, Stratton, Sunderland, and Weston, to be offered in 2023-24. These sales are associated with the Early Successional Habitat Project, the South of Route 9 Integrated Resource Project, the Robinson Integrated Resource Project, and the Somerset Integrated Resource Project.
- The Forest accomplished timber stand improvement and crop tree release work on 125 acres of young forest in the Towns of Goshen, Stratton and Somerset.
- Sold one timber sale and prepared three additional sales as part of the Robinson Integrated Resource Project. This project includes restoration activities and timber harvest on nearly 10,000 acres in Rochester, Hancock, Goshen, Pittsfield and Chittenden.
- Sold one timber sale and prepared one additional sale as part of the South of Route 9 Integrated Resource Project. This project includes restoration activities and timber harvest on nearly 8,000 acres in Rochester, Hancock, Goshen, Pittsfield, and Chittenden.
- The Forest analyzed potential vegetation management activities in support of the planned Telephone Gap Integrated Resource Project in the Towns of Chittenden, Mendon, Killington, Stockbridge, Pittsfield, Goshen, Brandon, and Pittsford.

## Environmental Planning

In calendar year 2022, Forest staff completed 20 site-specific National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) decision and analysis documents for multiple resource projects designed to implement the Green Mountain National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan).

Although not a completed decision, a major highlight to note includes the near completion of the proposed action for the Telephone Gap Integrated Resource Project located in the towns of Chittenden, Mendon, Killington, Stockbridge, Pittsfield, Goshen, Brandon, Rutland Town, and Pittsford. First initiated in 2019 with field surveys and public input, the proposed action is designed to change the existing conditions within the project area to meet Forest Plan goals, objectives, desired future conditions of forest resources. Formal invitation for public input on the proposed action is expected to start in early 2023 followed by an effects analysis to be documented in an environmental assessment.

In addition, the Reduced Roads - Supplemental Information Report (SIR) for the Early Successional Habitat Creation Project Environmental Assessment was completed in May. The project is located across the Manchester Ranger District involving multiple towns. The SIR documented new information and changed circumstances relative to dropping all permanent system road construction and limited temporary road construction associated with timber harvest activity for all future timber sales prepared to implement this project.

Other highlights include:

- North Country Trail Corridor / Oak Ridge Trailhead project in the towns of Goshen, Middlebury, and Hancock consists of Oak Ridge Trailhead reconstruction, North Country National Scenic Trail construction (0.3 miles), and existing trail improvements to connect the trail on private land from the west to the Long Trail.

### Fisheries Improvement

The Forest Service continued to work with partners on identifying and eliminating barriers to aquatic organism passage in 2022. Although off-Forest, brook trout habitat along the Mettowee River in the town of Dorset was improved by removal of three concrete structures. These structures had served as fish barriers, preventing the free movement of fish between downstream areas up onto stream segments managed by the Forest Service. This project was supported, in part, by USDA Joint Chiefs' Funding and was completed through partnerships with the Poultney-Mettowee Conservation District and Trout Unlimited. There are ongoing projects on streams in Rochester, Goshen, and Warren, that will be completed in 2023. These projects restore connectivity to important aquatic habitat and provide infrastructure resilience to flooding. Project partners include Friends of the Mad River, the White River Partnership, USFWS, the State of Vermont, Trout Unlimited, Vermont Natural Resource Council, Battenkill Watershed Alliance, and the Poultney Mettowee Natural Resources Conservation District.

### Wildlife Habitat Improvement & Monitoring

Wildlife habitat was improved and maintained through maintenance of openings on the Forest, both permanent and temporary. Approximately 100 acres of upland openings were maintained by mowing, or mastication in the towns of East Dorset, Goshen, Granville, Hancock, Hartford, Manchester, Mount Holly, Mount Tabor, Pomfret, Rochester, Stockbridge, Barnard, Pomfret, Salisbury, Readsboro, Weston, Stratton, Woodford, and Winhall. In addition, apple trees, which provide high-value wildlife food, were “released” by cutting competing vegetation in old orchards in Rochester, Dorset, Pittsfield, Mount Holly, Mount Tabor, Peru, Somerset, Stratton, Weston, Wallingford, and Stamford.

Wildlife biologists and technicians continued work with the Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife to monitor the populations and habitat requirements of bats since the advent of white-nose syndrome. Potential timber sale units within the boundaries of the towns of Somerset, Stratton, Mendon, Rochester and Chittenden) were monitored to determine the species composition of the bats on the landscape.

### Research & Inventory Activities

The following research and inventory were approved and conducted on the GMNF during 2022:

- Dr. David Allen and Leander Ruhl, Middlebury College, completed sampling for multiple species of tick and collected forest variables at sites in the towns of Middlebury, Salisbury, and Goshen. Six of fifteen ticks tested positive for *Borrelia burgdoferi*, the pathogen which causes Lyme disease. Statistical analysis indicated that elevation had a negative effect on summer tick density, but no significant relationship between elevation and the presence of *B. burdoferi*. Tick density was correlated with lower average deciduous tree balsal area.
- A team from USGS Patuxent Wildlife Research Center led by Dr. Evan Grant and Jill Fleming sampled six sites on Green Mountain National Forests in the towns of Warren, Hancock, Clarendon, Manchester, and Goshen for stream salamander and habitat characteristics. Data will be used to develop Dynamic Probabilistic Species Distribution Maps.

## Wildfire & Prescribed Fire Activities

Fire management personnel on the GMNF, with the help from off-forest resources, were very active this past season accomplishing eighteen broadcast prescribed fires while suppressing 7 GMNF wildfires and responding to multiple abandoned campfires and one smoke check by Emerald Lake. Prescribed fire treatment objectives were focused on hazardous fuel reduction in the Forest, improving wildlife habitat, stimulating oak regeneration, and reinvigorating blueberry patches. The following are the prescribed burns that were carried out and the wildfires that were responded to this past year.

Prescribed Fire Table:

Town	Activity	Name	Acres
<u>Woodford</u>	Prescribed Fire	Red Mill	170
<u>Goshen</u>	Prescribed Fire	Goshen Blueberry	17
<u>Ripton</u>	Prescribed Fire	Robert Frost	14
<u>Rochester</u>	Prescribed Fire	Rochester Wildflower	1
<u>Mt Tabor</u>	Prescribed Fire	Old Job	24
<u>Mt Tabor</u>	Prescribed Fire	FR10 Vista	1
<u>Rochester</u>	Prescribed Fire	Tupper Terrace	47
<u>Wardsboro</u>	Prescribed Fire	Wardsboro S	41
<u>Mt Tabor</u>	Prescribed Fire	FR30	32
<u>Winhall</u>	Prescribed Fire	Country Road C	13
<u>Mt Tabor</u>	Prescribed Fire	Devils Den	32
<u>Mt Tabor</u>	Prescribed Fire	FR31	49
<u>Stratton</u>	Prescribed Fire	Grout Pond	13
<u>Stratton</u>	Prescribed Fire	Lost Branch	5
<u>Pittsfield</u>	Prescribed Fire	Mayo Meadow	86
<u>Woodford</u>	Prescribed Fire	Harmon Hill	56
<u>Pownal</u>	Prescribed Fire	Dome	331
<u>Peru</u>	Prescribed Fire	Hapgood Barrow Pit	1
		Total Acres	933

Again, thank you for your support of your National Forest. Together, we will continue to maintain and improve this valuable treasure for generations to come. Our Rochester and Manchester offices are open Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM until 4:30 PM. We ask that people call ahead of time (see office phone numbers below) to make an appointment for in-person services. You can also visit us and learn more about the GMNF at our new and improved website online: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/gmfl>.

Like us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/GreenMountainFingerLakesNF/> and follow us on Twitter: [https://twitter.com/gmfl\\_nfs](https://twitter.com/gmfl_nfs)

<b>Martina Barnes</b> District Ranger, South Half - Manchester Ranger District 802-362-2307	<b>Christopher Mattrick</b> District Ranger, North Half - Rochester & Middlebury Ranger Districts 802-767-4261
<b>/s/ John A. Sinclair; January 9, 2023</b>	
<b>JOHN A. SINCLAIR</b> <b>Forest Supervisor</b> Rutland -- Supervisor's Office 802-747-6700	





WomenSafe, Inc.  
PO Box 67  
Middlebury, VT 05753

*Committed to ending domestic and sexual violence.*

January 9, 2023

Rosemary McKinnon, Town Clerk  
Town of Goshen  
townclerk@goshenvt.org  
50 Carlisle Hill Road  
Goshen, VT 05733

Dear Rosemary,

We appreciate the support WomenSafe receives from the Town of Goshen. Your support is an important part of our budget and ensures that we can continue to respond to and reduce domestic, sexual and dating violence in Goshen.

I have included in this email our report for inclusion in the Goshen Annual Town Report. Our Annual Report for the Year Ended June 30, 2022, which provides a Statement of Activities for that period, will be available on our website, [www.womensafe.net](http://www.womensafe.net) by January 31, 2023. This year we are requesting appropriation from the Town of Goshen of \$300.

During the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022 we served at least 2 residents of Goshen and the parents of at least 2 children who were exposed to violence. Often, survivors choose not to give us any identifying information out of fear for their safety and that of their children. Therefore, our statistics for those served in any given town are understated. Your contribution would be used to support the services that we provide to our service users, such as our hotline, supervised visitation program, education and outreach, and transitional housing support with survivors of domestic and sexual violence.

If you need any further information or a printed WomenSafe Annual Report, please do not hesitate to give me a call or email me at [jc@womensafe.net](mailto:jc@womensafe.net).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read "Jordan", written over a faint, larger purple outline of the same signature.

Jordan Calderara  
Development Coordinator

**WomenSafe, Inc.**  
**Elyssa Boisselle, Executive Director**  
24-hour Hotline: 802-388-4205  
Business: 802-388-9180  
[info@womensafe.net](mailto:info@womensafe.net)  
[www.womensafe.net](http://www.womensafe.net)

In the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022\* **WomenSafe** staff and volunteers provided the following total services:

- 544 total adults and children served through advocacy and supervised visitation services.
- 7,872 in-person meetings and phone calls through the advocacy program.
- 234 supervised visits and orientation meetings for 13 families including 21 children.
- Worked with the parents/caregivers of a total of 328 children exposed to violence.
- Prevention programming reached 4,180 youth and adults through 568 presentations and outreach events.
- 63 volunteers donated 7,088 hours of services.

*\*Numbers are unaudited*

### **GOSHEN**

In Goshen, WomenSafe provided advocacy services to at least **2\*** residents including the parents and caregivers of **2** children.

*\* For safety, some people do not share their town of residence.*

**OTTER VALLEY UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**March 1, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.**

The legal voters of the Otter Valley Unified Union School District (Unified Union District) comprising the voters of the Towns of Brandon, Goshen, Leicester, Pittsford, Sudbury and Whiting are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Otter Valley Union High School in the auditorium (*virtual option available to listen and watch only, with no authority to vote from the floor*) on March 1, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. to conduct the following business:

Article 1: To elect the following officers to serve from their election and qualification until the next Annual District Meeting following the election and qualification of their successors:

- A. Moderator
- B. Clerk
- C. Treasurer

Article 2: To approve the minutes from the Unified Union District meeting held on February 23, 2022.

Article 3: To hear the Board of School Directors of the Unified Union District present its estimate of expenses for the ensuing year.

Article 4: To approve the following compensation to Unified Union District Officers:

- A. School Directors - \$1,500 per member per year and an additional \$750 for the member serving as the School Board Chair
- B. Moderator - \$150 per meeting
- C. Clerk - \$150 per meeting
- D. Treasurer - \$6,000 per year

Article 5: To authorize the Unified Union District to borrow money pending receipt of payments from the State Education Fund or Town Tax Funds by the issuance of its notes or orders payable not later than one year from date: provided, however, that the Unified Union District is authorized by Vermont Statutes to borrow sufficient funds to meet pending obligations.

Article 6: To transact any other school business thought proper when met.

The meeting shall then be recessed to Tuesday, March 7, 2023 for the purpose of voting the following articles at the usual polling places in the member districts by Australian ballot, said ballots being brought to the Brandon American Legion Post #55 following the closing of the polls in the member districts where they will be commingled and counted by the Board of Civil Authority of the constituent districts.

The Town polls will be opened as follows:

Town of Brandon	10:00 AM - 7:00 PM	Brandon American Legion Post #55
Town of Goshen	9:00 AM - 7:00 PM	Goshen Town Hall
Town of Leicester	10:00 AM - 7:00 PM	Leicester Town Office
Town of Pittsford	7:00 AM - 7:00 PM	Pittsford Town Office
Town of Sudbury	10:00 AM - 7:00 PM	Sudbury Town Hall
Town of Whiting	7:00 AM - 7:00 PM	Whiting Town Hall




**Article 7:** To elect the following officers to serve from their election and qualification until March following the election and qualification of their successors:


- A. School Director, Brandon for a term of three (3) years
- B. School Director, Goshen for a term of one (1) year remaining of a three (3) year term
- C. School Director, Leicester for a term of three (3) years
- D. School Director, Pittsford for a term of two (2) years remaining of a three (3) year term
- E. School Director, At-Large for a term of three (3) years
- F. School Director, At-Large for a term of three (3) years

**Article 8:** Shall the voters of the school district approve the school board to expend Twenty-four Million One Hundred Seventy-four Thousand Three Hundred Ninety-five Dollars (\$24,174,395) which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$18,629 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 9.5% higher-than spending for the current year.

Dated at Brandon, Vermont  
January 16, 2023

  
Laurie Bertrand, Chair  
Otter Valley Unified Union School  
District No. U053

Received and Recorded  
January 16, 2023

  
Charlene Bryant, Clerk  
Otter Valley Unified Union School  
District No. U053

**Virtual Option for Observing Annual District Meeting:**

*Remote attendees can listen and watch, but are not able to speak or vote on the articles from the floor.*

**Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83973761064?pwd=bnNSMkYcFJwTjByMHFMVlhWZkdz09>

Meeting ID: 839 7376 1064

Passcode: 199348

**One tap mobile**

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**Dial by your location**

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+1 305 224 1968 US

*Meeting link and dial in information can also be found on the calendar on the RNESU website:*

*<http://www.rnesu.org>.*



**OTTER VALLEY UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ANNUAL BOARD REPORT  
JANUARY 2023**

Hello!

Another year has come and gone. I wish that I could finally say that COVID-19 is in our rearview window. Unfortunately, that isn't the case. We are still seeing the impact of the pandemic in many ways. Our administration, teachers and staff are doing their very best to keep the learning going in our classrooms and schools. We have been dealing with a staffing shortage which has hampered our ability to provide the very best to our students. However, I am happy to report that we were able to complete successful Negotiations with our Teachers and our Para/Bus Drivers. We are hopeful that this new three-year deal will provide stability in our staffing and attract additional staff to our district. To that end, if you or someone you know are thinking about a career change, we are currently hiring bus drivers and paraprofessionals. Come join the team!

The OVUU Board has taken this year to further define what our End Goals are for our students. What does this mean? We determined that we want Otter Valley Graduates to have Academic Proficiency, Communication Skills, Critical Thinking & Problem Solving skills, be Global Citizens, be Lifelong Learners, and have Mental Well-Being by the time they leave our halls. Our hope is that these skills will allow our students to be successful as they move on to the next phase of their lives.



With the help of the RNESU School Board ESSER Funds (Federal Grant Funds), the OVUU district has been able to obtain three new modular units to help with space issues at Otter Creek Academy at Leicester, Neshobe School and Otter Valley Middle/High School. At the time of this writing, the modular units at Otter Creek and Neshobe have been placed and are almost ready for use! The Otter Valley Unit is currently under order and should be ready for use by the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year.

We are also excited to notify everyone that we have reopened the Sudbury School! It is being used for elementary students who need a quieter, less stimulating environment to access their learning. Students receive intensive wrap around services that teach self-regulation skills to allow them to return to one of our larger school settings.



The Board would like to welcome our new School Administrators, Michael Ruppel, High School Principal and Patrick Binder, Associate Principal at Otter Valley. We would also like to welcome our new Otter Creek Academy Principal, Brian Crane.

Thank you for your support of our kids, staff and schools! As always, feel free to contact a Board Member with any questions you might have, or use the Let's Talk App on any school website. We look forward to hearing from you!

Respectfully Submitted,

**Laurie Bertrand**  
OVUU Board Chair

**RUTLAND NORTHEAST SUPERVISORY UNION  
ANNUAL BOARD REPORT  
January 2023**

The Rutland Northeast Supervisory Union (RNESU) Board has been busy this year making sure that our two school districts (Barstow and Otter Valley) have the resources they need to continue to educate our children. The most important work we did this year was to hire our next Superintendent upon the retirement of Jeanne Collins in June 2022. After two rounds of advertising and interviews, we were successful in hiring our very own Curriculum Director, Kristin Hubert. We are super excited to have her with us, as she already knows our district and what our goals are. She will lead us well into the future! Kristin was successful in hiring Tyler Weideman as our new Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Director. Welcome Kristin and Tyler!



The Board has been managing the use of over \$10 million in ESSER and COVID monies over the last three years. We have used this money to provide more support staff in our schools to help our students get back on track with their learning. We have also used some of those funds to buy three modular units to alleviate space issues at OCA-Leicester, Neshobe and Otter Valley. We have the use of these funds for one more year and are already looking at how we will continue to educate our children once these funds are no longer available. We are calling this the ESSER Cliff, and will need to make some hard decisions about what is most beneficial to our kids and how to fund those needs going forward.

We were able to complete successful Negotiations for new three-year contracts with our Teacher and Para/Bus Driver Unions. This will allow for stability of staff and hopefully allow us to attract new staff to our ranks. We are currently hiring for bus drivers and paraprofessionals, so if you or someone you know is looking for a rewarding position, check us out!

The other important work of our board was creating the budget for Special Education, Technology, Central Office, and Transportation. We are committed to a 1:1 device initiative for our students. This means that all students will have a chromebook to help with learning. This year our budget reflects a 10.41% increase in spending. We are changing our Curriculum, Instructions & Assessment Director to an Assistant Superintendent. Essentially this means that we are not hiring new staff, but giving Tyler more responsibilities and will allow him to do his job more effectively. We have made no significant changes in programming.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Jacob Powsner for his tireless work on behalf of the RNESU Board, as he is not seeking re-election. Thank you for your support of our schools, staff and students! We look forward to continuing our mission of educating life-long learners. If you should have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact a board member or use the Let's Talk button on any school website.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Laurie Bertrand**  
RNESU Board Chair







Dear Residents of Brandon, Chittenden, Goshen, Leicester, Mendon, Pittsford, Sudbury, & Whiting:

I am pleased to write this report to capture RNESU, Otter Valley Unified Union and Barstow Unified Union activities for 2022. Although each town and school within our system is unique, we are committed to supporting OVUU and BUU working together toward achieving RNESU's vision and mission of educating every child in our eight towns.

In my first year as the RNESU Superintendent, I feel a deep sense of pride in this great district and what we have collectively accomplished in providing an excellent education experience for each and every learner at all grade levels. Although we were all hopeful that COVID was behind us, the 2021-2022 school year was one that challenged all of us with unknowns and transitions back to the school buildings. In and out of masks and with evolving guidance from state and national leaders, students continually acknowledged the circumstances put in front of them by the ongoing pandemic... and yet they persisted. As we worked together as a community and state to make sense of the world around us, we also explored opportunities to innovate and maintain a sense of purpose amidst the challenges. We are grateful for our staff, students, families and community partners – all of whom stood up to the challenges and engaged in the hard work of becoming comfortable with discomfort and figuring it out together. Some of the lessons we learned were not easy, and others were not flattering, but I deeply believe that this is a community that is committed to doing what is best for our students and our schools.

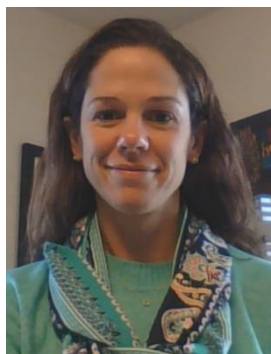
Despite staffing shortages, rising costs, and the looming threat of a pandemic turned endemic, RNESU continues to thrive in many ways. From new bleachers at OV, to modular units to support space needs, our facilities are in good shape and under the direction of a new Coordinator, Rich Vigue. Veteran Superintendent of Schools, Jeanne Collins, departed the District and we welcomed a new Curriculum Director, Tyler Weideman to the team. We said goodbye to long-time Principal Jim Avery and AP Geoffrey Lawrence and welcomed a new Principal, Michael Ruppel and a new Assistant Principal, Patrick Binder. Otter Creek Academy's Principal Thom Fleury retired, and we welcomed a former instructional coach, Brian Crane into the role. Although change is hard in many ways, it also presents us with new opportunities to create strong schools and build connections with the community. In addition to changes in leadership, we saw many instructional and support staff changes as well. Without these individuals, our buildings could not operate. Thank you to everyone who has continued

*Brandon Chittenden Goshen Leicester Mendon Pittsford Sudbury Whiting*



to step up and step forward to keep our schools open and thriving, prioritizing student learning and well-being.

Finally, I want to thank this outstanding community for such strong and consistent support, which has enabled us to be the district we've been throughout the pandemic and beyond. The last several years haven't been easy. When together we support the work, we're able to keep moving through hard times. Together, let's continue to re-imagine the possibilities and commit to what we want RNEsu schools to look like, for students, staff and families. Thank You.



Respectfully,  
**Kristin Hubert, Superintendent**  
RNEsu

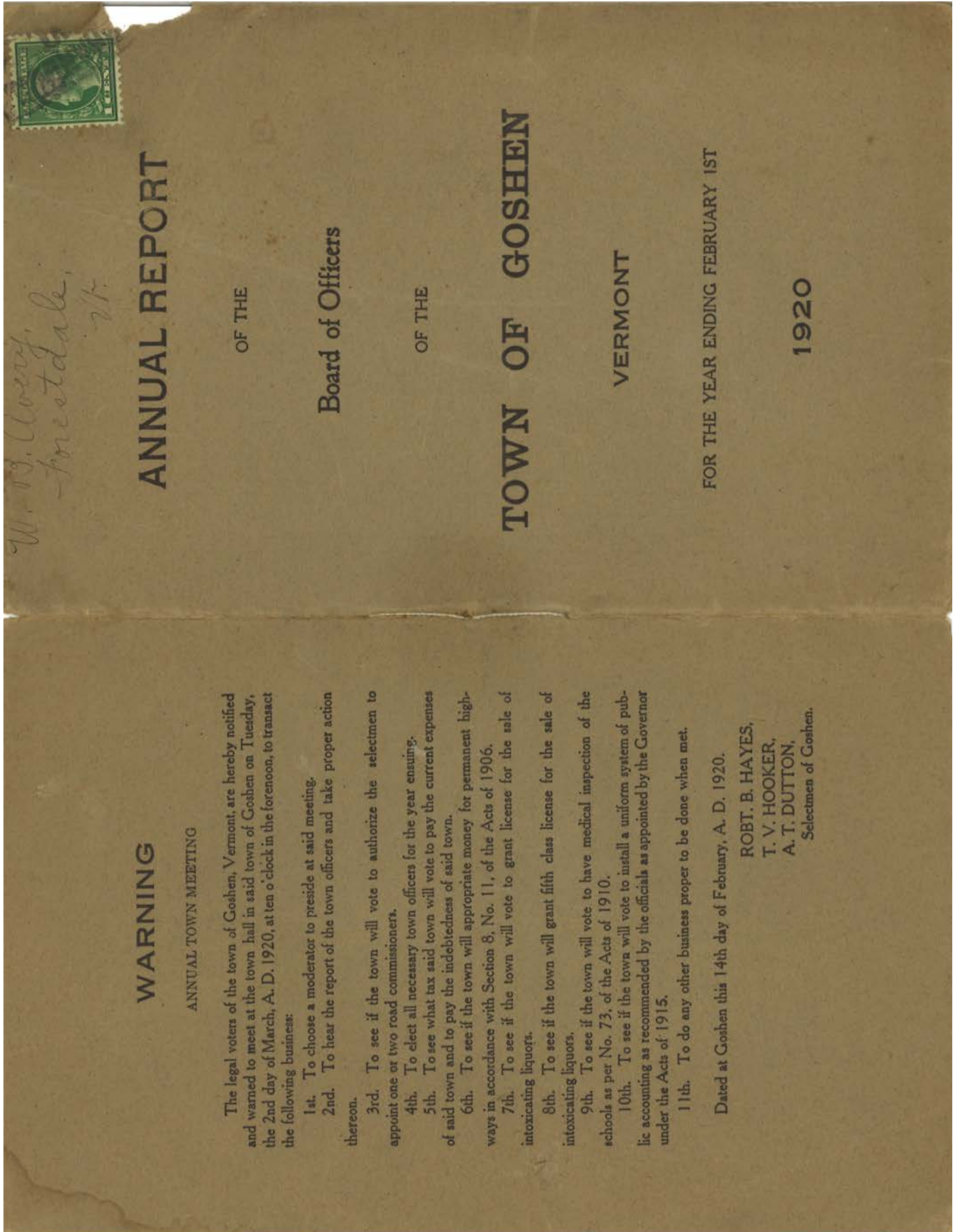


**Please read the full Otter Valley Unified Union School District Annual Report provided separately via mail and available online at [www.rnesu.org](http://www.rnesu.org).**





A peek into the past...  
**Annual Goshen Town Report Cover from 1920!**





## **Trash, Recycling, & Compost Reminders**

- Trash pickup is Wednesdays ~ have it out by 8AM
- One bag of trash allotted per household, up to three bins of recycling, and one 5-gallon bucket of compost
- If you have more garbage, a trash tag is required
- These can be purchased at the town office. Tie trash tags to bags.
- Please tie garbage bags shut and do not put several bags in one bag. Heavy bags will be left as they rip when picked up!
- Plastic bags, filmy plastic, styrofoam, tissues, and paper towels are NOT recyclable
- Residents can compost on their property, or compost can be put out with trash in a 5 gallon bucket (buckets available at town office). *State law bans food scraps from trash.*
- Secure your trash especially in the summer for bears, crows, and dogs
- For questions or concerns about trash, call Dave Sabatini at 802-247-6350

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*Goshen is a member of the Addison County Solid Waste Management District (ACSWMD). As a member we must comply with the rules and regulations that are set by the ACSWMD. For a complete list of what can and cannot be recycled or thrown away please visit their website:*  
**[www.addisoncountyclecyles.org](http://www.addisoncountyclecyles.org)**

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## **Hazardous Waste Disposal**

Hazardous waste including but not limited to metal, some light bulbs, microwaves, batteries, paints, chlorine bleach, antifreeze, drain cleaner, and more, must be taken to the transfer station.

*Disposal of hazardous waste is free for all District residents!  
(Businesses must pay for hazardous waste disposal and must schedule an appointment ahead of time.)*

The Transfer Station is located about 2 miles south of the Town of Middlebury, located on the east side of the highway between the U.S. Forest Service and Breadloaf Construction.

District Transfer Station & HazWaste Center  
1223 Route 7 South

District Transfer Station Hours  
Monday – Friday, 7 a.m to 3 p.m.  
Saturday, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

HazWaste Center Hours  
Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Saturday, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

## WHAT GOES IN THE BLUE BIN?

### A Vermonter's Guide to Recycling



#### PAPER —○

clean & dry



copy paper, mail  
& magazines



cardboard &  
boxboard

#### CONTAINERS —○

empty & rinsed clean



metal



glass bottles  
& jars



plastic bottles,  
tubs & packaging



MINIMUM SIZE  
2 inches

MAXIMUM SIZE  
2 feet

MORE INFO  
(802) 828-1138  
[VTrecycles.com](http://VTrecycles.com)

 **VERMONT**  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

## WHAT DOES NOT GO IN THE BLUE BIN?

# Leave 'em out.

These items don't belong in the recycling bin.



### NO PLASTIC BAGS

They wrap around sorting equipment & cause shutdowns.  
Instead: Bring clean, dry, and stretchy bags to a grocery or hardware store for special recycling. Otherwise put in trash.



### NO BATTERIES

They are the leading cause of fires at sorting facilities.  
Instead: Bring to a drop off location for special recycling.



### NO STUCK-ON FOOD/DRINK

It's gross—and it reduces the value of other recyclables.  
Instead: Rinse clean first.



### NO SCRAP METAL ITEMS

They can damage equipment.  
Instead: Bring to a drop off location for special recycling.



### NO CLOTHING

It gets wrapped around equipment and causes shutdowns.  
Instead: Donate for reuse, or bring to a drop off location for special recycling.



### NO ELECTRONICS

They break, damage equipment, and endanger workers.  
Instead: Bring to a drop off location for special recycling.



### NO HAZARDOUS CONTAINERS

They pose a risk to workers, even if empty (there's always residue).  
Instead: Take to hazardous waste event or facility, or trash if empty.

This is only a partial list. For more details, visit [VTrecycles.com](http://VTrecycles.com).



# Important Goshen Information

Visit [goshenvt.org](http://goshenvt.org) to learn more.

<b>Town Office 802-247-6455</b>  Town Clerk .....Ext. 4 Treasurer & Tax Col. ....Ext. 1 Listers or Auditors ..... Ext. 3 General Mailbox ..... Ext. 0	<b>Selectboard Meetings</b>  2nd and 4th Monday of the month  7PM at the Town Hall	<b>Planning Commission Meetings</b>  3rd Monday of the month  7PM at the Town Hall
<b>Town Clerk's Hours</b>  Tuesdays 9AM – 1PM  If local schools are closed due to bad weather, the office will be closed as well.	<b>Goshenvt.org</b>  Please visit the new Town of Goshen website to instantly find a diversity of pertinent information. The site will continue to grow and amass a wealth of information and hopefully a collection of stories, events coverage, and photography from our citizens. If you would like to contribute to the events calendar, write or submit photos, please email: <a href="mailto:goshenews@goshenvt.org">goshenews@goshenvt.org</a>	
<b>Auditors, Listers, Treasurer</b>  By appointment: Call 802-247-6455 (leave a message)	<b>Recycling, Trash &amp; Compost Pickup</b>  Wednesdays, Have it out by 8AM	<b>Brandon &amp; Salisbury Libraries</b>  Goshen residents have free access to the Salisbury Public Library and the Brandon Public Library! Inquire with the Town Clerk.
<b>Fire Warden:</b> Shawn Martin 802-247-6433 <b>You must have a permit before you burn.</b>		<b>Dog Officers</b> Are the Constables



## Editor's Note:

It has been a pleasure to put together the report for our town. I owe thanks to many people for their help, including Marci, Annina, Betsy, Ted, Michael, Rosemary, Thomasina, and Lori to name a few!

I hope you find this year's town report clear and easy to navigate. Please reach out with questions, photo submissions, feedback, or ideas you think could help improve the report for next year. I would love to hear from you.

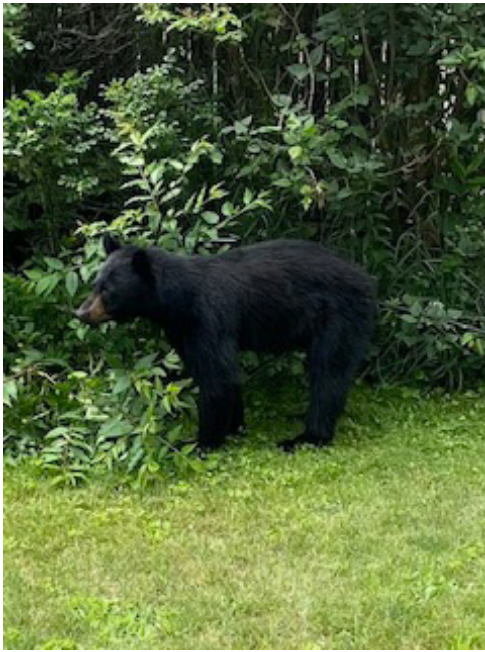
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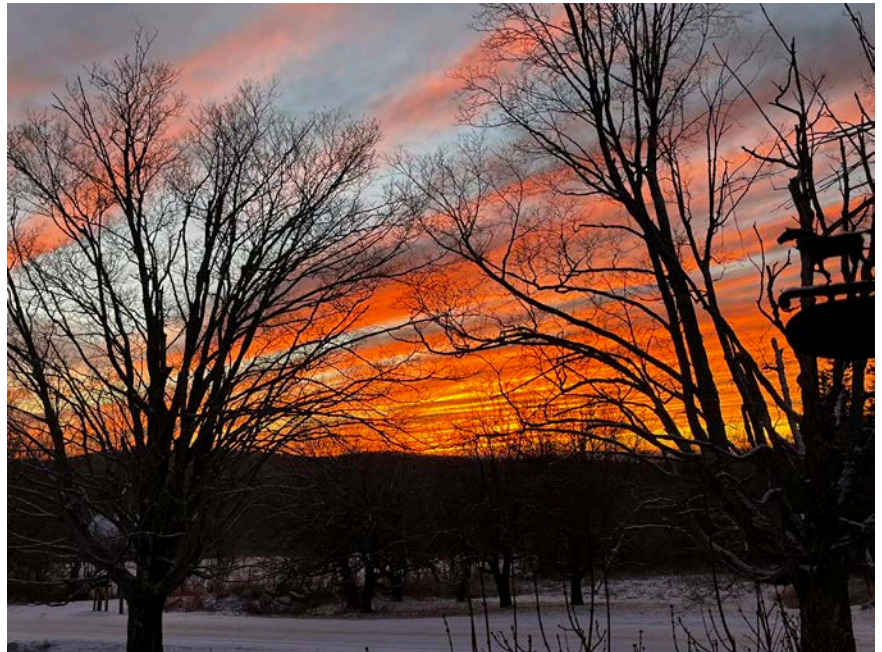
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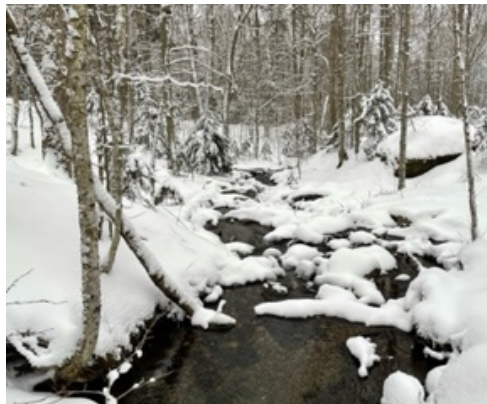
*A young one!*  
Photo by Corinna Stewart



*Goshen Sunset*  
Photo by Susan Munger



*Clouds moving over Romance!*  
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*Andy McIntosh helped me remove some downed trees on the Catamount Trail this past fall. The trail is an important asset to our town and it requires ongoing maintenance.*  
Photos by Aaron Corman



*Goshen Community Pizza Night at the Blueberry Hill Inn*  
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