

Town of Shrewsbury, Vermont



2021 Annual Report



North Shrewsbury in the Fall

Front Cover – Shrewsbury Peak at Sunrise

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Dedication – Molly Griffith

Page 3 – Betsy Jesser

Page 34 – Barry Griffith

Page 41 – Louise Duda

2021 ANNUAL TOWN REPORT DEDICATION

Vermont towns with a healthy community life are characterized by having citizens who serve them with dedication and integrity, persons who advance the common good and do not seek recognition. Over the years Shrewsbury has benefited from many who have contributed to the town in this spirit. Barry Griffith is one such individual. In recognition of his years of exemplary service, the 2021 Shrewsbury Town Report is dedicated to Barry.

Barry was born and raised in Bennington. He is a Dartmouth College graduate and also a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania Law School. He and his wife Barbara moved to Shrewsbury in 1977 with Barry having a law office in Rutland.

His legal expertise has served the town multiple times. He advises both the Shrewsbury Selectboard and The Shrewsbury Board of Civil Authority on which he has served as an elected justice of the peace since 1995. As a JP he also has shared responsibility for election procedures and vote counting.

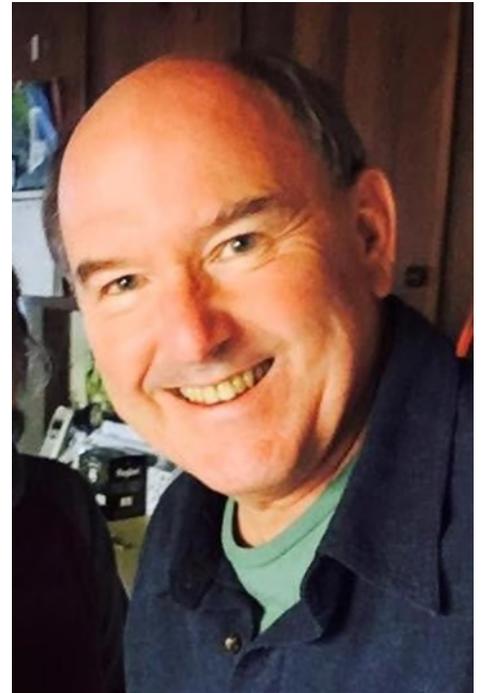
Within a few years of moving to town, Barry joined the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department. Shortly afterwards he became the department's secretary/treasurer. One somewhat humorous measure of his dedication is that even when he had evening childcare responsibility for his very young daughter Molly, he would be at meetings recording the minutes with her on his lap. Forty years later he is still the treasurer and was its secretary until two years ago. According to fellow department members, Barry's role as treasurer has been invaluable (and we auditors appreciate the thoroughness and accuracy of his work).

Barry is an avid hiker. For the past 23 years, he has been an active member of the Killington Section of the Green Mountain Club serving the club as both president and vice-president and leading many club trail hikes. His trail knowledge has also benefited the fire department. One of his annual duties is to provide the department training about access points to the Long Trail to assist and/or rescue injured hikers. One year this training paid off the very night it was given. Barry's talk concluded with an emergency call about a hiker needing help. Rather than head home, the firemen headed out to the trail to help the hiker.

He is a student of local Vermont history and recounts stories of criminal activity in Patch Hollow or of William Russell living in Split Rock Cave in the heart of Shrewsbury while building a cabin. Barry can also tell you about Vermont's first "highway", the Crown Point Road built in 1759 that cut across Shrewsbury. He is the current president of the Crown Point Road Association, a volunteer group which celebrates the road and preserves its history.

For more than 20 years Barry has been an active member of the Wallingford Rotary Club. He has served as its president and is currently the youth exchange officer for the entire district. The job involves working to ensure that Rotary foreign exchange students coming to Vermont have positive home placements and liaising between Rotary and Vermont families with students in a foreign country.

In all his various roles Barry has been dedicated, conscientious and productive, a valued member of every group and organization. His example should encourage others to find ways to serve town and community.



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Town of Shrewsbury
2021 ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS *as of December 31, 2021*

Elected Office	Term	Elected officer(s)	Term Expires
MODERATOR	1 Year	Eldred French	2022
TOWN CLERK	3 Years	Megan LaChance	2024*
TOWN TREASURER	3 Years	Linda McGuire	2024
SELECTBOARD	3 Years	Steven Nicholson Francis Wyatt Aaron Korzun	2022 2023 2024
AUDITORS	3 Years	Lee Wilson Rich Biziak Sanford Bragg	2022 2023 2024
LISTERS	3 Years	Sue Kennedy Sharon Winnicki Vacant	2022 2023 2024
MILL RIVER UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS	3 Years	Adrienne Raymond Samantha Greene	2022 2024
1 ST CONSTABLE	1 Year	Vacant	2022
2 ND CONSTABLE	1 Year	Vacant	2022
COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES	3 Years	Ed Hemmer	2024
CEMETERY COMMISSION	3 Years	George Brigham Jr. Benny Carrara Larry Carrara	2022 2023 2024

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE ELECTED AT GENERAL ELECTION

Justices of the Peace are elected for two-year terms every other year. Current justices were elected November 3, 2020 to serve from February 1, 2021 through January 31, 2023.		John Berryhill	2023
		Larry Carrara	2023
		Barry Griffith	2023
		Betsy Jesser	2023
		Taffy Maynard	2023
		Trish Norton	2023
		Lee Wilson	2023

Town of Shrewsbury
2021 OFFICERS APPOINTED BY THE SELECTBOARD⁽¹⁾ *as of December 31, 2021*

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER		Vacant	2022
COMMUNITY MEETING HOUSE TRUSTEES ⁽²⁾	3 Years	Annette Parish Mark Youngstrom Liesbeth Van der Heijden	2022 2023 2024

*Megan LaChance was appointed town clerk by the selectboard. The appointment is for one year of a three year term expiring 2024. The remaining two years of the term will be up for election on Town Meeting Day 2022.

Town of Shrewsbury
2021 OFFICERS APPOINTED BY THE SELECTBOARD⁽¹⁾ as of December 31, 2021
(continued)

CONSERVATION COMMISSION	4 Years	Pam Darrow Loiuse Duda Peter Grace Connie Youngstrom Carrie Clancy Christina Clarke Andy Richards-Peelle Cynthia Thornton	2022 2022 2023 2023 2025 2025 2025 2025
DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD	3 Years ⁽³⁾	Alan Shelvey Dany Cote Greg McGown Bruce Bullock Mark Youngstrom	2022 2023 2023 2024 2024
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR		Aaron Korzun	2022
EMERGENCY MGMT. COORDINATOR		Steven Nicholson	2022
ENERGY COORDINATOR		Davis Terrell	2022
FENCE VIEWERS		Steven Nicholson Bert Potter Brian Winkler	2022 2022 2022
GREEN UP DAY COORDINATOR		Connie Youngstrom	2022
HEALTH OFFICER		Kathy Felder	2023
DEPUTY HEALTH OFFICER		Sharon Winnicki	2024
INSPECTOR OF LUMBER, SHINGLES, & WOOD		Greg Miller	2022
LIBRARY BOARD		Elijah LaChance	2023
PLANNING COMMISSION	3 Years ⁽³⁾	Laura Black Vacant Vacant Melissa Reichert Ryan Fitzbeauchamp	2022 2023 2023 2024 2024
POUND KEEPER		Gillian Gaines	2022
REGIONAL AMBULANCE SERVICE		Gerry Martin	2022
REGIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE		Jack Perry	2022
ROAD COMMISSIONER		Jamie Carrara	2022
RUTLAND REGION TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL		Adrienne Raymond	2022
RUTLAND REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION		Laura Black Aaron Korzun - alternate	6/30/22
SOLID WASTE ALLIANCE COMMUNITIES		Bert Potter	2022
TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN ⁽⁴⁾		Kevin Brown	6/30/23
DEPUTY FOREST FIRE WARDEN		Alan Ridlon Jr.	6/30/23
TRANSFER STATION ADMINISTRATOR		Bert Potter	2022

Town of Shrewsbury 2021 OFFICERS APPOINTED BY THE SELECTBOARD⁽¹⁾ as of December 31, 2021 (continued)			
TREE WARDEN		Gary Salmon	2022
WEIGHER OF COAL		Greg Miller	2022
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR	3 Years	Adrienne Raymond	2024

Town of Shrewsbury OTHER TOWN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES as of December 31, 2021		
TOWN ROAD CREW (hired by road commissioner)	Dan Cavoto, Matthew Yrsha	
TRANSFER STATION ATTENDANTS (hired by selectboard)	Paul Young, Jeremiah St.Pierre	
ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK (Appointed by town clerk for the town clerk's term unless changed by the town clerk.)	Betsy Jesser	
ASSISTANT TOWN TREASURER (Appointed by treasurer for the treasurer's term unless changed by the treasurer.)	Christina Clarke	2024

1. All appointments expire on the date of Town Meeting in March of year shown unless otherwise indicated.
2. Three of seven positions appointed by selectboard.
3. Term of office determined by selectboard..
4. State appointment.

Sharon Winnicki, Lister, and Megan LaChance, Town Clerk, geared up to make a site visit



Town of Shrewsbury
WARNING for 241st ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 1, 2022

The legal voters of the Town of Shrewsbury in the County of Rutland are hereby notified and warned to meet in the Shrewsbury Community Meeting House on Tuesday, March 1, 2022 between the hours of 10:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M. to take action by Australian Ballot on the following matters:

1. To elect all town officers as required by law:

One Moderator	1-year term
One Selectboard Member	3-year term
One Auditor	3-year term
One Lister	3-years term
One Lister	1-year term
One Town Clerk	3-year term
One 1st Constable	1-year term
One 2nd Constable	1 year term
One Cemetery Commissioner	1-year term
One Mill River Unified Union	3-year term
School Director	

2. Shall the Town approve a total general fund expenditure of **\$1,145,086** of which **\$656,280** shall be raised by taxes and **\$488,806** by non-property tax revenues and surplus funds, reserve funds and surplus funds?

3. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$1,500** for the Town Office Reserve Fund?

4. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$1,500** for the Town Garage Reserve Fund?

5. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$1,000** for the Town Office Equipment Reserve Fund?

6. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$65,000** for the Town Road Equipment Fund?

7. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$1,000** for the Town Records Restoration Reserve Fund?

8. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$35,000** for the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department Equipment Reserve Fund?

9. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$16,000** for the Shrewsbury Community Meeting House?

10. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$35,000** for the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department Operating Fund?

11. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$7,500** for the Shrewsbury Library?

12. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$2,500** for the Shrewsbury Historical Society?

13. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$250** to help support the Rutland Natural Resources Conservation District?

14. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$2,526** to help support VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region?

15. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$150** to help support the Green Up Vermont organization?

16. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$130** to help support the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)?

17. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$700** to help support the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging?

18. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$1,192** to help support Rutland Mental Health Services?

Town of Shrewsbury
WARNING for 241st ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 1, 2022

19. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$150** to help support New Story (formally the Rutland County Women's Network and Shelter)?
20. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$600** to help support BROCC-Community Action in Southwestern Vermont?
21. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$400** to help support the Rutland County Parent Child Center?
22. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$250** to help support the Vermont Family Network?
23. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$150** to help support the Rutland County Humane Society?
24. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$170** to help support the Vermont Center for Independent Living?
25. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$400** to help support the Child First Advocacy Center?
26. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$500** to help support the American Red Cross of NH/VT?
27. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$500** to help support Vermont Adult Learning?
28. Shall the taxes be postmarked on or before, or in the hands of the Treasurer no later than 7:00 P.M., **Friday, October 7, 2022.**
29. Shall the Town of Shrewsbury be required, following notification from the Public Utility Commission, to inform its residents when sources of radiofrequency radiation, such as that emitted from cell towers and antennas are being proposed for installation or modification with the town limits?
30. Shall the voters vote to exempt from property taxes for a period of five years the properties, (fire stations), owned by the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department, which are located at 23 Shunpike Road and 9800 Cold River Road, and which are used by said Fire Department exclusively for the purposes of said organization?

Dated: **January 26, 2022**

Shrewsbury Selectboard

/ss/

Aaron Korzun, Chair

Steven Nicholson

Francis Wyatt

/s/

Attest: Megan A. LaChance, Town Clerk

The informational meeting for the annual Shrewsbury Town Meeting will be held at the **Shrewsbury Community Meeting House, 88 Lottery Road and via GoToMeeting 11:00 AM, Saturday, February 26, 2022..**

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/728440589>

You can also dial in using your phone: +1 (571) 317-3122

Access Code: 728-440-589

Early / Absentee Ballots are available by contacting the Town Clerk at the Shrewsbury Town Office - 492-3511 or shrewsburyclerk@vermontel.net or [My Voter Page - Vermont](#)

Town of Shrewsbury
240th ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES
Saturday February 27, 2021 Informational Meeting

The first virtual Shrewsbury informational meeting was called to order at 11:00 am. February 27, 2021 by Moderator Eldred French, present were Selectmen Aaron Korzun, Steven Nicholson and Francis Wyatt. Also connected were approximately 35 households.

Eldred French introduced the methods by which he would be conducting the virtual meeting, and his attempt to acknowledge questions from the public either by visual scan of intent or by a message sent to Francis Wyatt who was the virtual meeting host. Eldred indicated that his method to move through the meeting would be by proceeding through the 2021 Warning, item by item, beginning with Article 2. Eldred first thanked the Shrewsbury Auditors for providing an extremely well documented annual report that was clear and easy to follow. The Moderator also acknowledged the dedication of the 2021 Annual Report to both Sally Deinzer and Mark Goodwin.

Moderator Eldred French conducted a review discussion of the Shrewsbury Town Warning beginning with Article 2.

During the discussion of the article there were questions regarding the anticipated municipal tax rate increase because of budgeted increases for Building Maintenance Repair and increases for Law Enforcement to cover speed limit enforcement by the sheriff's department.

In response to the removal of the article related to the Rutland Regional Ambulance Service, Aaron Korzun explained that the selectboard chose to include that particular expense in the budget in so far as it was deemed an essential service utilized by the town.

As Moderator French systematically called for any questions concerning the warning, a question was asked regarding the status of the town clerk succession. Aaron Korzun indicated that the selectboard will, in accordance with election procedure, appoint an individual to the office to serve until the next annual meeting election in March 2022.

The meeting recessed at approximately 12:05 pm. Voting by Australian ballot is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, March 2nd, beginning at 10 am at the Shrewsbury Community Meeting House

Minutes approved by: Barry Griffith – Justice of the Peace
Eldred French – Town Moderator

Attest: Mark Goodwin, Town Clerk

Date: 3/1/2021

Town of Shrewsbury
RESULTS for 240th ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
March 2, 2021

1. To elect all town officers as required by law:

One Moderator	Eldred French
One Selectboard Member	Aaron Korzun
One Auditor	Sanford Bragg
One Lister	No One Candidate Had the Requisite Number of Votes
One Town Clerk	No One Candidate Had the Requisite Number of Votes
One 1st Constable	No One Candidate Had the Requisite Number of Votes
One 2nd Constable	No One Candidate Had the Requisite Number of Votes
One Town Treasurer	Linda McGuire
One Cemetery Commissioner	Write-In – Larry Carrara 1 Year
One Cemetery Commissioner	Write-In - Bennie Carrara 2 Year
One Cemetery Commissioner	Write-In – Larry Carrara 3 Year
One Delinquent Tax Collector	Edmund Hemmer
One Mill River Unified Union School Director	Samantha Green

2. Shall the Town approve a total general fund expenditure of **\$1,117,027** of which **\$592,689** shall be raised by taxes and **\$524,338** by non-property tax revenues and surplus funds, reserve funds and surplus funds?
Yes – 264 No - 44
3. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$1,500** for the Town Office Reserve Fund?
Yes – 272 No - 37
4. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$1,500** for the Town Garage Reserve Fund?
Yes – 280 No – 27
5. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$1,000** for the Town Office Equipment Reserve Fund?
Yes – 264 No - 43
6. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$50,000** for the Town Road Equipment Fund?
Yes – 276 No - 33
7. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$1,000** for the Town Records Restoration Reserve Fund?
Yes – 267 No - 40
8. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$35,000** for the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department Equipment Reserve Fund?
Yes – 262 No - 45
9. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$15,500** for the Shrewsbury Community Meeting House?
Yes – 279 No - 28
10. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$35,000** for the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department Operating Fund?
Yes – 263 No - 45
11. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$7,500** for the Shrewsbury Library?
Yes – 249 No - 60
12. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$2,500** for the Shrewsbury Historical Society?
Yes – 240 No - 43
13. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$250** to help support the Rutland Natural Conservation District?
Yes – 264 No - 67
14. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$2,526** to help support VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region?

Town of Shrewsbury
RESULTS for 240th ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
March 2, 2021

Yes – 2282 No - 30

15. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$150** to help support the Green Up Vermont organization?
Yes – 260 No - 49
16. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$130** to help support the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)?
Yes – 259 No - 44
17. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$700** to help support the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging?
Yes – 242 No - 65
18. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$1,192** to help support Rutland Mental Health Services?
Yes – 243 No - 66
19. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$150** to help support New Story (formally the Rutland County Women’s Network and Shelter)?
Yes – 262 No - 48
20. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$600** to help support BROCC-Community Action in Southwestern Vermont?
Yes – 226 No - 78
21. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$300** to help support the Rutland County Parent Child Center?
Yes – 238 No - 63
22. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$250** to help support the Vermont Family Network?
Yes – 225 No - 73
23. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$150** to help support the Rutland County Humane Society?
Yes – 262 No - 46
24. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$170** to help support the Vermont Center for Independent Living?
Yes – 245 No - 61
25. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$400** to help support the Child First Advocacy Center?
Yes – 236 No - 63
26. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$500** to help support the American Red Cross of NH/VT?
Yes – 246 No - 59
27. Shall the taxes be postmarked on or before, or in the hands of the Treasurer no later than 7:00 P.M., Friday, October 8, 2021?
Yes – 291 No - 12

Town of Shrewsbury
2021 BOARD OF AUDITORS REPORT

The Board of Auditors is pleased to present this Annual Report as required by Vermont statutes. We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Town of Shrewsbury for the year ended December 31, 2021 as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the town officers and organizations submitting the reports. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

Based on the records available to us, in our opinion the financial statements included in this report present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of Shrewsbury and the organizations it supports financially as of December 31, 2021, as well as the results of their operations for the year.

We conducted our audit in accordance with 24 V.S.A 1681-1684, which, among other things, requires that we examine and adjust the accounts of all town officers and all other persons authorized by law to draw orders on the town treasurer. Our objectives were to 1) validate the correctness of the town accounts, 2) detect errors or fraud in these accounts and 3) verify the financial condition and results of operations of the town as of and for the year ended December 31, 2021. Town auditors are also expected to review the internal controls practiced by the Town.

To accomplish these objectives, we examined the town's financial records on a quarterly basis to verify that expenditures were supported by invoices that were approved on selectboard and road commissioner orders and documented on bank statements. For each quarter including year end, we tracked tax payments, reconciled monthly bank statements for the town's general fund and performed proof of cash to tie bank statements back to the town's general ledger.

We also reviewed the town's year-end financial statements, including the budget prepared by the selectboard, as well as the financial statements of town organizations which appear in this report, the transfer station punch card revenues and the grand list. On a quarterly basis as well as for year-end financial reports we used established sampling techniques to verify the accuracy of the statements.

We note that the audit of the grand list was not completed prior to the annual report going to the printer and we will provide an update at the Informational Meeting. By way of explanation, the \$241 difference between the \$113,774.35 in Delinquent Taxes accounted for in the Statement of Taxes Raised and the \$114,015 shown in the General Fund Statement of Revenues and Expenses is the result of a HS-122 (homestead declaration) payment from the state of Vermont which reduced the delinquent tax receivable, but not the income.

Pursuant to our recommendation in the 2020 annual report, and in line with guidance from the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, we note that the selectboard has budgeted for an independent audit of town finances in 2022.

We appreciate the cooperation of everyone who submitted reports this year, and for providing well organized financial records for review. The cooperation and assistance of the selectboard, and the Board of Listers throughout the year was also very helpful. We especially wish to thank Treasurer Linda McGuire for her assistance during the quarterly audits and review of the year-end financial statements, and selectboard member Steven Nicholson who worked closely with us on the selectboard budget.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Biziak

Sanford Bragg

Lee Wilson

Town of Shrewsbury
2021 TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

The Town Treasurer is elected for a three-year term. Taxes are due once a year in Shrewsbury, the voters set the date by Australian ballot. Payment must be received by the date due; U. S. Postal Service postmark is accepted as warned yearly. If the payment is not received timely, a warrant is issued to the collector of delinquent taxes and an eight percent penalty is charged on the unpaid balance. Current tax payments are accepted at any time before the due date and may be mailed to Town of Shrewsbury, Treasurer's Office, 9823 Cold River Road, Shrewsbury, VT 05738.

As required by the Government Accounting Standards Board our Town is using the modified accrual system for accounting procedures. The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of the financial statements.

In order to receive the Homestead tax rate, property owners whose homes meet the definition of a Vermont homestead, must file a Homestead Declaration (form HS-122) **annually** by the April filing deadline, even if a person is not required to file a Vermont Income Tax Return.

Please review the Vermont State Income Tax package for the Homestead Declaration or on-line filing is available at <https://tax.vermont.gov>. Property Tax Credit Claim (HI-144) forms must also be filed each year in order to receive a tax credit. For questions on these forms or filing, please call the State of Vermont 1-866-828-2865 or review the home page.

Please call if you have questions or need a copy of your tax records. As always, it is my pleasure to be your treasurer and I look forward to serving you.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda McGuire

Telephone (802) 492-3558

Town of Shrewsbury
Balance Sheet
For The Year Ended December 31, 2021

	General Fund	Restricted and Designated Funds ⁽⁹⁾	Total Governmental Funds
Assets			
Cash ⁽²⁾	286,720	749,690	1,036,411
Prepaid Expenses	7,463		7,463
Receivables ⁽³⁾			
Delinquent Tax Receivable	38,777		38,777
Other Receivables	3,134		3,134
Capital Assets ⁽⁶⁾			
Land and Buildings	726,242		726,242
Machinery and Equipment	408,610		408,610
Infrastructure	3,364,914		3,364,914
	4,835,862	749,690	5,585,552
Current Liabilities			
VMBB Garage Bond ⁽¹²⁾	20,000		20,000
Accounts Payable ⁽⁴⁾	65,756		65,756
Other Current Liabilities	9,960		9,960
Long-Term Liabilities			
VMBB Garage Bond	100,000		100,000
Equity			
Restricted Funds		749,690	749,690
Unrestricted Equity	4,596,338		4,596,338
Excess Revenue	43,808		43,808
	4,835,862	749,690	5,585,552

Town of Shrewsbury

2021 RESTRICTED OR DESIGNATED TOWN FUNDS ⁽⁹⁾

Fund Name	Beginning Balance	Transferred from General	Disbursed	Interest	Ending Balance
ARPA Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$146,922
Conservation Commission Reserve	\$1,318	\$1,636	\$580	\$2	\$2,376
Brown Bridge Grant	\$3,060	\$0	\$0	\$3	\$3,062
Townwide Reappraisal Sinking Fund	\$73,372	\$6,679	\$0	\$65	\$80,116
Cemetery Reserve Fund	\$1,317	\$0	\$0	\$1	\$1,318
Energy Grant	\$1,122	\$0	\$0	\$1	\$1,123
Garage Reserve Fund	\$19,848	\$1,500	\$0	\$17	\$21,366
Road Equipment Reserve Fund	\$92,758	\$55,500	\$47,447	\$121	\$100,932
Records Restoration Fund	\$25,697	\$5,861	\$0	\$26	\$31,584
SVFD Equipment Reserve Fund	\$294,392	\$35,000	\$0	\$269	\$329,661
Smith Brook Culvert Fund	\$4,399	\$0	\$0	\$4	\$4,403
Town Office Equipment Reserve Fund	\$7,466	\$1,000	\$0	\$7	\$8,472
Town Office Reserve Fund	\$20,077	\$1,500	\$3,237	\$15	\$18,355
TOTALS	\$544,826	\$108,675	\$51,264	\$531	\$749,690

Town of Shrewsbury
GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES
Year Ending December 31, 2021

RECEIPTS:

Property Tax Receipts

Taxes: Education Current	\$ 2,111,423	
Taxes: Town Current	620,661	
School Reconciliation Taxes	32,770	
Delinquent Tax	114,015	
Total Property Tax Receipts	<u>2,878,868</u>	\$ 2,878,868

Other Tax Receipts

Land Use	35,898	
State in Lieu of Tax	37,726	
Federal in Lieu of Tax	12,435	
Railroad Tax	480	
Total Other Tax Receipts	<u>86,539</u>	86,539

Road Commission Receipts

Grants	211,080	
Proceeds from Sale	5,500	
Services Rendered	3,120	
State Aid	145,091	
Weight Permits	280	
Total Road Commission Receipts	<u>365,071</u>	365,071

Other Receipts

ARPA	146,922	
Act 60 Funds	6,679	
Conservation Commission	1,636	
DRB Hearing Fee	450	
Dog Licenses	324	
Insurance Reimbursement	2,088	
Interest	775	
Leased Land	60	
Liquor License	370	
LHMP Grant	7,597	
Miscellaneous	196	
Recycling	263	
Restoration Fees	4,861	
Transfer Station Card Income	16,880	
Zoning Permits	1,980	
Total Other Receipts	<u>191,079</u>	191,079

TOTAL RECEIPTS **\$ 3,521,558**

Town of Shrewsbury
GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES
Year Ending December 31, 2021

DISBURSEMENTS:

School Account	\$	2,113,878
Selectboard's Orders (Net)		255,707
Road Commissioners Orders (Net)		847,280
Depreciation ⁽⁷⁾		328,562
Capitalized Improvements ⁽⁶⁾ & Liability ⁽¹²⁾		-225,646

Warned Items

American Red Cross	\$	500
Bennington Rutland Opportunity Council		600
Child First Advocacy Center		400
Garage Reserve Fund		1,500
Green Up		150
Retired and Senior Volunteer Program		130
Road Equipment Sinking Fund		50,000
Rutland County Humane Society		150
Rutland Mental Health		1,192
Rutland Area Visiting Nurse & Hospice		2,526
New Story		150
Rutland Natural Resources Conservation		250
Rutland Parent/Child Center		300
Shrewsbury Community Meeting House		15,500
Shrewsbury Historical Society		2,500
Shrewsbury Town Library		7,500
Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department		35,000
SVFD-Equipment Reserve Sinking Fund		35,000
Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging		700
Town Office Sinking Fund		1,500
Town Office Equipment Reserve Fund		1,000
Town Records Restoration Reserve Fund		1,000
Vermont Family Network		250
Vermont Center for Independent Living		170
Total Warned Items		157,968

157,968

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS

\$ 3,477,750

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS

\$ 43,808

Respectfully submitted,
Linda McGuire, Treasurer

Town of Shrewsbury
2021 PAYROLL FOR TOWN OFFICIALS, APPOINTED AND EMPLOYEES

<u>Department</u>		<u>Amount</u>
Selectboard Salaries	\$	2,000.00
Town Officers Salaries, Administrative & Fees**		67,525.57
Delinquent Tax Collection Salary**		8,019.82
Zoning and DRB Salary		1,700.00
Transfer Station Attendant and Administration Salaries		26,753.97
Lister Salary		19,753.44
Road Salaries		149,390.34
Total Salaries and Fees		<u>275,143.14</u>
Social Security/Medicare Matching Expense (less deductions)		<u>21,019.35</u>
Total Town Payroll Expense/Calendar Year	\$	<u><u>296,162.49</u></u>

** Based on fees collected

Town of Shrewsbury – Treasurer’s Report
2021 NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Basis of Accounting. In 1999 the Government Accounting Standards Board issued Statement 34, introducing revised financial reporting. The new reporting required for a clean audit could impact bonds and federal grants and will provide improved accountability and comparability across municipalities.

Our town is incorporating expenditures for capital assets in excess of the \$2,500 value limit and infrastructure and has begun reporting using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recognized when measurable and available. In addition, land, buildings, machinery and equipment, have been valued for the balance sheet, as well as depreciation.

2. Cash. At year-end the Town’s bank balance was \$1,036,411, which is covered by federal depository Insurance, or was collateralized with securities held by the financial institution’s agent in the Town’s name. No values were unsecured and uncollateralized.

3. Accounts Receivable. Amounts receivable at year-end, as reported in the Balance Sheet are as follows:

Accounts Receivable	
Delinquent tax receivable	\$ 38,777
Other Receivables	<u>3,134</u>
Total Receivables	\$ 41,911

4. Accounts Payable. Amounts payable at year-end as reported in the Balance Sheet:

Accrued Payroll	\$ 14,069
State of Vermont-School District	27,050
Miscellaneous Vendors	<u>24,636</u>
Total Payables	\$ 65,756

5. Fixed Assets. Capital acquisitions are reflected in the related assets account group. All purchased fixed assets are valued at cost where historical records are available and at estimated historical costs where no historical records exist. Donated fixed assets are valued at their estimated fair market value on the date received.

Town of Shrewsbury - Treasurer's Report
2021 NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

6. Capital Assets. Capital asset activity for year-end was as follows:

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Capital Assets not being depreciated:			
Land	<u>\$271,223</u>	<u>\$ 22,138</u>	<u>\$293,391</u>
Capital Assets being depreciated:			
Buildings and Improvements	1,072,954	15,758	1,088,713
Vehicles and Equipment	1,457,634	47,447	1,505,081
Roads, Bridges, & Culverts	<u>5,226,171</u>	<u>120,303</u>	<u>5,346,475</u>
TOTALS	7,756,760	183,508	7,940,269
Less accumulated depreciation for:			
Buildings and Improvements	633,714	22,117	655,831
Vehicles and Equipment	1,000,319	96,152	1,096,471
Roads, Bridges & Culverts	<u>1,771,268</u>	<u>210,292</u>	<u>1,981,560</u>
TOTALS	<u>3,405,301</u>	<u>328,562</u>	<u>3,733,863</u>
Total Capital Assets being depreciated	<u>4,351,459</u>	<u>-145,054</u>	<u>4,206,406</u>
Government Activity Capital Assets, Net	<u>4,622,682</u>	<u>-123,916</u>	<u>4,499,767</u>

Note: \$1,000 deposit from 2020 for the land acquisition has been capitalized in 2021 as well as the purchase price of the land \$21,138.

7. Depreciation. Depreciation was applied as follows to the corresponding Capital Assets

Buildings	\$ 22,117
Vehicles and Equipment	96,152
Roads, Bridges & Culverts	<u>210,292</u>
Total Depreciation	<u>\$328,562</u>

8. Risk Management. The Town is exposed to various risks of loss related to theft, damage, destruction of assets, errors and omission, injuries to employees and natural disasters. The Town maintains commercial insurance coverage covering each of those risks of loss. The Selectboard believes such coverage is sufficient to preclude any significant uninsured loss.

The Shrewsbury Meeting House maintains insurance coverage independently. The Meeting House Committee annually provides a copy to the town of the insurance policy covering the meeting house.

Town of Shrewsbury – Treasurer’s Report
2021 NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

9. Restricted/Designated Funds.

ARPA Reserve Fund	American Rescue Plan Act funds provided by the U. S. Department of the Treasury for recovery from the needs created by the Coronavirus.
Brown Bridge Grant	Funds received from the Preservation Trust to be used for the Brown Bridge.
Cemetery Reserve Fund	Funds designated for town cemetery maintenance.
Conservation Commission Fund	Funds to be reserved for conservation projects.
Energy Grant	Funds from NeighborWorks of Western Vermont designated by agreement of March 21, 2013, for specific use.
Garage Reserve Fund	Funds designated for Town Garage.
Records Restoration Fund	Fees collected (\$4 per page for recorded documents) at Town office for restoration of Town documents.
Road Equipment Reserve Fund	Funds designated for replacement or purchase of road equipment.
SVFD Equipment Reserve Fund	Funds designated for Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department fire trucks.
Smith Brook Culvert Fund	Funds designated for costs associated with a review of the Smith Brook culvert on Town Highway #4.
Town Office Equipment Fund	Funds designated for replacement or purchase of town office equipment.
Town Office Reserve Fund	Funds designated for improvements/repairs to the town office.
Town-wide Reappraisal Fund	Includes funds to be used for reappraisal costs and funds designated for the purpose of maintaining and updating our equalized grand list.

10. Transfer Station Costs. It is estimated that 50 hours of road crew wages were spent working at the transfer station, resulting in \$1,086 of additional expenses directly attributed to the transfer station.

Town of Shrewsbury – Treasurer’s Report
2021 NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

11. Meeting House. The meeting house building is a town asset. The meetinghouse committee is a separate corporate entity.

12. Vermont Municipal Bond Bank. The town applied for a bond of \$410,000 for the new garage and borrowed \$550,000 in a bond anticipation note. The following is the remaining payment schedule for the 20-year bond, at net interest cost of 4.51 percent.

	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Debt Service</u>
2022	20,000	5,536	25,536
2023	20,000	4,625	24,625
2024	20,000	3,708	23,708
2025	20,000	2,787	22,787
2026	20,000	1,862	21,862
2027	20,000	933	20,933
	<u>\$120,000</u>	<u>\$19,451</u>	<u>\$139,451</u>

13. Pension Funds. Town employees eligible for the Vermont Municipal Employees’ Retirement System are required to pay 3.25% of wages and the Town contributes 4.75% which are expenses in the financial statements. These rates are expected to increase in July of 2022, but they have not been determined by the legislature at this time. The town currently has four members. Vesting occurs upon reaching 5 years of creditable service. Additional information is available at the Vermont State Treasurer’s website.

14. Lease Purchase. The town has entered a Lease Purchase Agreement on November 16, 2020, for a John Deere loader, payments will be \$47,446.94 per year for 3 years due each July 16. Total will be paying \$142,341 including interest. These payments will be a transfer from the Road Equipment Sinking Fund.

15. Land Purchase. A parcel of land from the Shrewsbury Community Church has been purchased this year for \$22,138 adjoining the property at the town garage.

TOWN OF SHREWSBURY - Treasurer's Report
STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED
Year Ending December 31, 2021

GRAND LIST

Real Estate and Equipment	\$ 166,819,200
Less Exemptions	<u>12,327,800</u>

TOTAL GRAND LIST

\$ 154,491,400

TAXES BILLED

Municipal Grand List	1,544,914	
Tax Rate	<u>0.4859</u>	
Municipal Taxes Billed		750,673.36
Education Grand List-Non-Resident	690,322	
Tax Rate-Statewide Share	<u>1.6311</u>	
Education Non-Resident Taxes Billed		1,125,984.33
Education Grand List-Homestead	861,731	
Tax Rate-Local Share	<u>1.5727</u>	
Education Resident Taxes Billed		1,355,244.38
Municipal Grand List	\$ 1,544,914	
Local Agreement Tax Share	<u>0.001</u>	
Local Agreement Taxes Billed		1,545.29
Late Homestead Penalty		105.97

TOTAL TAXES BILLED

3,233,553.34

TAXES ACCOUNTED FOR

Taxes Collected	3,120,532.19
Delinquent Taxes	113,774.35
Adjustments/Changes	12,070.19
Refunds/Overpayments	<u>(12,823.39)</u>

TOTAL TAXES ACCOUNTED

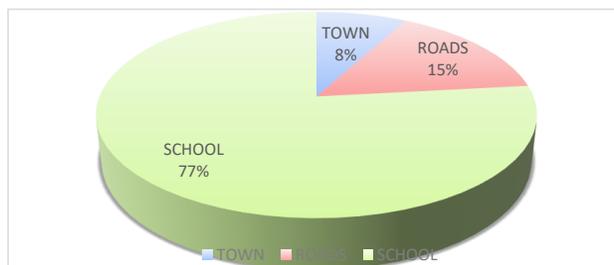
3,233,553.34

TAX RATE PERCENTAGES

The 2021 Tax Rate as follows:

General Town	0.4859	750,673.36
Local Agreement Rate	0.001	1,545.29
Schools Residential	1.5727	1,355,244.38
Schools Non-Residential	1.6311	<u>1,125,984.33</u>
		<u><u>3,233,447.37</u></u>

Resident	2.0596
Non-Resident	2.1180



Town of Shrewsbury - Treasurer's Report
2021 TAX COMPARISON

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>GRAND LIST</u>		<u>TAX RATE</u>	<u>TAXES BILLED</u>
2021	1,668,192	Residential	2.0596	3,233,533
		Non-Residential	2.118	
2020	1,670,863	Residential	1.8745	2,920,396
		Non-Residential	1.8912	
2019	1,664,196	Residential	1.914	2,969,470
		Non-Residential	1.9311	
2018	1,657,498	Residential	1.9366	3,013,767
		Non-Residential	1.9878	
2017	1,655,868	Residential	1.9122	2,956,890
		Non-Residential	1.9428	
2016	1,625,801	Residential	1.7791	2,739,762
		Non-Residential	1.8793	
2015	1,618,198	Residential	1.7589	2,725,958
		Non-Residential	1.9266	
2014	1,621,270	Residential	1.8063	2,766,744
		Non-Residential	1.9372	
2013	1,612,213	Residential	1.7351	2,588,723
		Non-Residential	1.773	
2012	1,597,952	Residential	1.6178	2,401,381
		Non-Residential	1.6636	

Reappraisal complete in 2010.

Town of Shrewsbury
2021 COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES REPORT
 For the Year Ending December 31, 2021

Delinquent Tax Collections and Balance

Balance Outstanding December 31, 2020	\$ 32,325.54
Warrant to Collect, October 20,2021	\$ 120,790.35
1st Amendment to Warrant	\$ (7,016.00)
Total Taxes delinquent	\$ 146,099.89
Less delinquent taxes collected in 2021	\$ (107,322.69)
Balance outstanding December 31, 2021	\$ 38,777.20
2nd Amendment to Warrant (1/5/22)	\$ 14.42
Funds applied to taxes - result of appeal 1/25/22	\$ (499.22)
Received/Undeposited January 1-31, 2022	\$ (618.05)
Balance of Taxes in Arrears	\$ 37,674.35

Delinquent Taxes still due as of 1/31/2022 (11 accounts)

Tax year	Name	Tax Balance	Notes
2021	Carruth, Conrad & Debra	\$ 56.59	
2021	Felion, Gregory	\$ 4,257.18	
2017-18	Frydel, Irene (Trustee)	\$ 2,368.53	Payment Plan
2020-21	Paul, Hilary Adams	\$ 5,689.63	
2021	McGowan, Ann Marie	\$ 10,005.44	
2021	McWilliams, Mark	\$ 260.52	
2021	Phillips, Charlene	\$ 1,270.80	
2021	Porte, Ariel	\$ 1,599.09	
2021	Savage, Suzanne	\$ 333.40	
2021	Tabor, Margo	\$ 42.27	
2021	VPV Inc - <i>First check accidentally destroyed, awaiting second check.</i>	\$ 11,790.90	
BALANCE of Taxes in Arrears		\$ 37,674.35	

2021 Delinquent Taxes & Fees Collected

	Taxes collected	Fees collected	Bad check Fees
Totals for 2021	\$ 107,322.69	\$ 8,086.61	\$ 18.00
2022 Postage Reimbursement	\$ 116.25		

It has been my honor to act as the Town's Delinquent Tax Collector for the last year and a half but 2022 will be my last year.

Respectfully submitted,
 Edmund Hemmer
 Collector of Delinquent Taxes

Town of Shrewsbury
2021 BOARD OF LISTERS REPORT

What a year 2021 proved to be for everyone. As of this writing we are entering our third year with COVID still a driving factor.

It has been a very busy year for property transfers. We were slow for the Covid refugees to start purchasing property in town, but when it hit we were kept busy. The direct impact has shown up in our equalization study and we now have a Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) of 91.8% and a Coefficient of Dispersion (COD) of 12.82%. If this trend continues, we will be looking at a town wide reappraisal, perhaps in 2023 or 2024. We are beginning the process of requesting proposals but there currently is a region wide lack of professional appraisers available in the short term and this is a real concern.

Covid is also impacting how we perform our site visits. The outbuildings and land are obviously easier to do than scheduling for indoor visits. The Vermont Department of Taxes Division of Property and Valuation is again putting out new guidelines on how we conduct our site visits to appraise if we have to enter a building. Fortunately, both of us are vaccinated and boosted, but the ever changing situation does have an impact on how we conduct business. For those with outstanding permits, you can expect to hear from us for scheduling.

In other news, a court stipulated in an on-going case in favor of the Town of Shrewsbury. We held four grievance hearings and the Shrewsbury Board of Civil Authority had one appeal. The BCA upheld the value set by the listers.

Please feel free to contact us at 802-492-2009 or email shrewsburylist@vermontel.net.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Winnicki and Susan Kennedy

Town of Shrewsbury
2021 SELECTBOARD REPORT

In April, the town purchased 22.6 acres of Shrewsbury Community Church property in Northam for emergency access to the town garage and Shrewsbury Mountain School. The selectboard also accepted the 2021 Local Emergency Management Plan and Public Works Mutual Aid Agreement.

The selectboard and planning commission worked on a Utility Work in the ROW Ordinance that is currently being reviewed.

The town has received \$146,922 in ARPA funding and will be receiving the same amount again in 2022. So far, the town has considered the following possible uses for the funds: digitizing land records, new printer/scanner/copier for the Town Office Building, Pierce's Store support, website improvement, and broadband access.

In September, the Rutland Regional Planning Commission presented a traffic study report supporting a town wide speed limit of 35 MPH unless otherwise posted. In November, the selectboard signed a revised traffic ordinance which is in effect as of January 16, 2022.

In December, VTRANS reassessed the speed limits in Cuttingsville on RT. 103. The speed limit will be 35 MPH from the East Wallingford town line through Cuttingsville to ¼ mile north of Spring Lake Road.

In 2022 the town hopes to have a contract with the Rutland County Sherriff's Office to patrol Shrewsbury and Rt. 103 in Cuttingsville and also deal with animal control issues. Plans are to purchase a portable radar speed feedback sign in 2022.

The selectboard would like to thank everyone that serves the town. Without people stepping up to fill town positions taxes would go up to fulfill State requirements.

Respectfully submitted,

Aaron Korzun
Steven Nicholson
Francis Wyatt

Town of Shrewsbury
STATEMENT OF REVENUES-GENERAL AND ROADS
BUDGETED AND ACTUAL
Year ended December 31, 2021

	ACTUAL 2020	BUDGET 2021*	ACTUAL 2021	BUDGET 2022
REVENUES				
TAXES:				
Current Property Taxes	372,561		620,661	
Delinquent Tax	87,111		114,015	
Property Tax Receipts-Other				
Less: Warned Items	(161,042)		(157,968)	
Current Property Taxes for General & Roads	298,630	592,689	576,708	656,280
Federal in Lieu of Taxes	12,262	12,262	12,435	12,435
State In Lieu of Taxes	36,137	36,137	37,726	35,503
Land Use Taxes and Release of Land Use	49,546	49,546	35,898	35,898
Railroad Tax	480	480	480	480
Total Other Tax Receipts	98,425	98,425	86,539	84,316
ROADS:				
Paving Grant	-	-	192,000	-
Cold River Rd. Relocation Premitigation Grant	1,125			
Better Roads Grant: Road Inventory	1,330			
Grant in Aid: Jumping Jack	-		1,840	
Grant in Aid: Lincoln Hill & Adams Roads			17,240	
Proceeds from Sale of Equipment	4,500		5,500	
State Aid to Roads	136,921	136,921	137,483	137,483
Highway Supplement, Restricted Use Funds	35,505		7,608	
Services Rendered - Roads	2,638		3,120	
Weight Permits	280	280	280	280
Total Road Receipts	182,298	137,201	365,071	137,763
OTHER RECEIPTS				
ARPA Funds, Restricted Use Funds			146,922	146,922
Act 60 Funds	6,707		6,679	
Conservation Commission	1,586		1,636	
Dog Licenses	290	290	324	300
Interest Income General Fund, (from 2021 on)	2,943	1,000	252	250
Leased Land	-	-	60	30
Liquor Licenses	255	255	370	370
Misc. income, Misc. fees	268	200	196	200
Recycling	145	150	263	263
Restoration Fees	5,670		4,861	
School Tax Reconciliation-previous year	41,550		32,770	
Transfer Station Punch Cards	18,277	17,000	16,880	16,880
Zoning Permits/DRB Hearing Fees/Subdivision Permits	2,002		2,430	2,000
Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Grant	-	7,597	7,597	
Workers' Comp. Insurance Reimbursement			2,088	
Total Other Receipts	79,693	26,492	223,326	167,215
TOTAL REVENUE	659,047	854,807	1,251,645	1,045,574

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Town of Shrewsbury
STATEMENT OF REVENUES-GENERAL AND ROADS
BUDGETED AND ACTUAL
Year ended December 31, 2021
Continued

	ACTUAL 2020	BUDGET 2021*	ACTUAL 2021	BUDGET 2022**
Cash Beginning Balance	520,974	225,646	225,646	286,720
Less Restricted Use Funds Received			(146,922)	(190,035)
Available Receivables & Pre-Paid less Payables		(18,423)		(65,132)
Transfers from Reserve and Restricted Funds	35,000	54,997	51,160	68,959
Cash Available for Expenses	1,215,021	1,117,027	1,381,529	1,146,086

Town of Shrewsbury
GENERAL EXPENSES-BUDGETED AND ACTUAL
Year ended December 31, 2021

<u>GENERAL EXPENSES</u>	ACTUAL 2020	BUDGET 2021	ACTUAL 2021	BUDGET 2022
TRANSFER STATION				
Tipping Fees	9,473	10,500	13,918	14,000
Hauling	6,832	7,000	6,683	7,000
Salary-Transfer Station Attendants	17,145	23,660	24,381	25,278
Salary- Transfer Station Administrator	3,201	4,348	968	1,020
Payroll Expenses	1,556	2,143	2,119	2,201
Maintenance	960	3,000	-	3,000
Solid Waste Dues	4,763	4,763	4,763	5,064
Equipment/Facilities	825	1,000	1,196	1,100
Household Hazardous Waste Disposal	748	1,000	837	1,000
Supplies	607	600	670	700
Workers' Compensation	2,332	2,530	1,800	1,555
Solid Waste Closing Implementation Plan	-	2,000		2,000
Electricity	1,051	1,200	1,392	1,400
Phone	553	720	680	700
Composting	750	2,400	2,470	2,470
Electronics Recycling	615	1,500	470	500
Total Transfer Station	51,411	68,363	62,346	68,987
TOWN OFFICERS EXPENSE (Continued Next Page)				
Planning Commission Expense	64	550	-	900
Emergency Management	6,094	5,503	4,503	-
Building/Property Insurance	3,256	3,258	2,800	2,999
Law Enforcement Liability			340	375
Public Officials Liability Insurance	1,136	1,377	1,117	1,113
Emp. Practices Liability Insurance	1,320	1,320	1,068	939
Workers' Compensation	240	213	300	286
Office Heat/Electric	4,439	4,500	2,781	4,500
Training/Education	75	900	233	450
Postage	2,257	1,800	1,526	2,300
Supplies & Equipment	5,590	4,000	3,751	9,830
Elections	1,187	800	1,616	3,200
Software	2,638	2,500	376	1,800
Selectboard Salary	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000

Town of Shrewsbury
GENERAL EXPENSES-BUDGETED AND ACTUAL
 Year ended December 31, 2021

TOWN OFFICERS EXPENSE (Continued)	ACTUAL 2020	BUDGET 2021	ACTUAL 2021	BUDGET 2022
Other Town Officers Salary	56,733	64,100	52,808	68,200
Payroll Expenses	5,951	6,668	6,405	6,982
Retirement	1,692	282	1,608	1,698
Office Communications	3,152	3,200	3,795	3,795
Mileage Reimbursement	-	100	-	100
Building Maintenance/Repair	4,278	10,000	7,499	5,000
Warnings	479	500	298	500
Town Report	1,891	2,310	2,967	2,970
Total Town Officers Expense	105,469	116,880	98,790	120,936
LISTERS				
Lister Salaries	16,797	24,000	20,159	25,000
Payroll Expenses	1,277	1,836	1,542	1,913
Supplies and Software	719	2,500	1,235	2,700
Upgrade Parcel Mapping	1,350	1,350	1,350	1,500
Tax Appeal Legal/Consulting Fees	3,242	6,500	4,339	3,500
Training & Training Mileage	90	500	50	500
Total Listers Expense	23,475	36,686	28,675	35,113
OTHER DISBURSEMENTS				
Animal Damage and Control	257	500	95	300
Audit				15,000
Conservation Commission	760	1,250	664	1,250
County Court Tax	12,787	11,188	10,692	14,272
Garage Bond Principal and Interest Payment	25,968	25,500	25,026	25,536
Land purchase, emerg. access to garage&school	1,000	20,000	21,138	
Law Enforcement	-	5,740	-	20,400
Legal Fees	181	2,000	3,585	2,000
Regional Ambulance Service	-	4,224	4,224	4,224
Rutland Regional Planning Commission Dues	975	975	975	1,000
Town Events	113	500	100	500
Vermont League of Cities & Towns Dues	2,480	2,380	2,380	2,380
Total Other Disbursements	44,522	74,257	68,879	86,862
TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES	224,877	296,187	258,690	311,897

Town of Shrewsbury
ROAD EXPENSES-BUDGETED AND ACTUAL
 Year Ended December 31, 2021

ROAD EXPENSES ROADS (Continued Next Page)	ACTUAL 2020	BUDGET 2021	ACTUAL 2021	BUDGET 2022
Chloride	4,267	4,500	3,918	8,400
Grant in Aid- Lincoln Hill & Adams Roads			2,875	
Pre-Mitigation, Cold River Rd. Relocation	1,500	-	-	-
Lottery Rd. Culvert	800	-	-	-
Gravel and Stone	45,937	48,000	49,603	55,000
Salt	32,449	35,000	29,670	40,000
Winter Sand	50,600	65,000	33,964	55,000
Erosion Control	375	500	530	500

Town of Shrewsbury
ROAD EXPENSES-BUDGETED AND ACTUAL
 Year Ended December 31, 2021

ROADS (Continued)	ACTUAL 2020	BUDGET 2021	ACTUAL 2021	BUDGET 2022
Stormwater Municipal Rds. General Permit	1,590	1,590	1,350	1,590
Culverts & Bridges	7,482	42,500	6,023	7,500
Tree Removal	3,750	3,000	3,120	3,000
Paving	159,160	160,000	306,280	160,000
Equipment Rental	5,885	4,000	2,370	4,000
Salaries	137,759	185,000	150,553	196,000
Payroll Expenses	10,606	13,200	11,393	14,994
VT State Retirement	5,957	6,000	6,881	9,500
VLCT Workers' Compensation	11,107	10,690	8,648	7,344
Health Insurance/Dental Insurance	53,041	60,841	55,579	65,782
VLCT Unemployment	207	272	321	528
Training	-	100	-	100
Other	110	100	-	100
Total Roads	532,581	640,293	673,078	629,338
TOWN EQUIPMENT				
Parts & Repairs	26,829	30,000	35,461	37,000
Tires & Repairs	4,775	7,000	2,871	7,000
Fuels & Lubricants	33,472	50,000	42,768	55,000
Lease payment	-	47,447	47,447	47,447
New Equipment	128,192	5,000	3,963	3,000
Misc. Supplies	553	500	170	500
Signs	1,664	1,500	152	3,000
Safety Equipment	272	300	36	300
Total Town Equipment	195,756	141,747	132,868	153,247
TOWN GARAGES				
Equipment	706	1,550	377	1,550
Heating Fuel	-	4,000	3,488	4,000
Maintenance & Supplies	1,566	1,000	2,074	1,300
Electricity	1,677	2,500	2,256	3,000
Communications	3,624	3,000	2,915	4,000
Buildings & Repair	880	15,250	18,217	25,000
Property & Casualty Insurance	11,725	11,500	12,007	11,754
Total Town Garages	20,176	38,800	41,334	50,604
TOTAL ROAD EXPENSES	748,514	820,840	847,280	833,189
TOTAL GENERAL & ROADS EXPENSES	973,391	1,117,027	1,105,970	1,145,086

* Due to time constraints for ballot preparation, the 2021 budget was prepared before the final Treasurer's Report.

** After the 2022 Warning was approved, an error in the Budget 2022 Cash Beginning Balance was found.

The correct value is \$286,720 resulting in a Budget 2022 Cash Available for Expenses of \$1,146,086.

Town of Shrewsbury
2021 ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

In 2021, the town received a \$192,000 paving grant, along with our normal paving budget, allowing the town to pave 3.3 miles on the Cold River Road. The town received a \$17,240 grant from the municipal roads grant in aid program. It was used to bring portions of Lincoln Hill Road and Adams Road ditches into compliance with the state's clean water act by stone lining to reduce erosion. They were high priority hydraulically connected segments because the ditches run into brooks.

Thank you for your support.

Normal road maintenance continued the rest of the year and included:

- a. 5994 tons of gravel were used on various roads.
- b. 4284 tons of sand were stockpiled for winter use.

Respectfully submitted,
James Carrara
Road Commissioner

**2021 Inventory of Town Equipment
Estimated Value**

2020 International HV 613 with plow and sander	\$175,000
2017 International 7600 with plow and sander	115,000
2015 Caterpillar 12 M 3 Grader	275,000
2015 International 7600 with plow and sander	65,000
2014 Ford F-550 with plow and sander	25,000
2010 International 7600 with plow and sander	15,000
2009 John Deer 506E tractor with mower, broom	23,000
2005 Caterpillar 307C Excavator	25,000
2020 Cam Trailer	18,000
2019 John Deere 544L Loader	150,000
2013 Caterpillar 430F Backhoe	45,000
1995 Woodchuck Brush Chipper	4,000
Chloride tank with spray bar	3,000
Miscellaneous Tools	8,000
Goosen Bale Chopper	4,000
TOTAL	\$950,000

Town of Shrewsbury
2021 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The town clerk is elected for a three-year term and is required by statute to receive, record, and maintain the town's land records. Other statutory responsibilities include registering voters and maintaining the voter checklist in conjunction with the Board of Civil Authority, and serving as the presiding officer for all elections. The town clerk also serves as the clerk of the Board of Civil Authority in matters related to appeals of lister grievances.

Additional responsibilities include recording town proceedings and maintaining the agendas and minutes of various town boards and commissions in accordance with the Vermont Open Meeting Law as matters of public record. Shrewsbury strives to maintain compliance with all of the requirements of the Open Meeting Law and the mandate to post agendas and minutes for all municipal meetings to the town website (www.shrewsburyvt.org).

The town clerk maintains Vermont Department of Health vital records for the town which includes births, deaths and civil marriages, and issues the civil marriage licenses and certified copies of other vital records. The clerk also issues and maintains a record of animal licenses for the Vermont Department of Public Safety. Town clerks are often asked to disseminate information from various state agencies to local constituencies. There are also responsibilities town clerks take on that are specific to their particular municipality. In Shrewsbury, the clerk issues and maintains transfer station vehicle permits and punch cards, and maintains the town website.

In 2021 Shrewsbury had just one election: The Annual Town Meeting. 2021 being an odd numbered year, the Shrewsbury Town Clerk and Board of Civil Authority followed their statutory mandate to examine the voter checklist for eligibility and qualifications, and mailed notifications to voters who were challenged by the clerk and board.

The Shrewsbury Board of Civil Authority met in July 2021 for one lister grievance appeal which was heard and acted upon with a required site visit and written findings. The appellant took no further action following the BCA decision.

This being my first report, I want to take the time to thank all of the residents of Shrewsbury for their help and support during my first year as town clerk. Whether it has been a phone call to provide advice, or simply stopping by the office to say hello, you have all made me feel most welcome and appreciated. I most especially want to thank our previous town clerk, Mark Goodwin, for taking the time to help me settle into the position, and for answering my many questions over the past several months. I'd also like to thank all the town officials who have helped guide me along the way, telling me Shrewsbury history and patiently explaining to me their roles within the town. I am grateful to you all, and I hope to spend many more years serving and working with you.

Respectfully submitted,
Megan A. LaChance, Esq.
Town Clerk

Town of Shrewsbury
2021 VITAL STATISTICS

	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
BIRTHS	5	6	6	10	4	7	8	6	13
DEATHS	5	12	9	9	9	9	8	7	14
CIVIL MARRIAGES	3	6	9	5	6	6	10	5	8

Upon recommendation of the Vermont Department of Health, no names are published in this report. The Vital Records are available at the Town Office and are public records. **Note:** The implementation date for Act 46 was **July 1, 2019**. Certified Copies of Birth & Death Vital Records will require the submission of an application from family member, legal guardian and certain other court related parties and legal representatives.

Town of Shrewsbury
2021 ANIMAL LICENSE REPORT

QUANTITY	TYPE	FEE	COLLECTED
51	Spayed Female	\$9.00 Each	\$459.00
57	Neutered Male	\$9.00 Each	\$513.00
5	Unspayed Female	\$13.00 Each	\$65.00
6	Un-Neutered Males	\$13.00 Each	\$78.00
0	Special Permit	\$30.00 Each	\$0.00
0	Pet Dealer License	\$25.00 Each	\$0.00
Total: 119			
15	Late Fees	\$4.00 Each	\$60.00
		Total Fees Collected	\$1,175.00
	Fees Retained by Town of Shrewsbury		\$342.00
	Fees Retained by Shrewsbury Clerk		\$238.00
	Fees Submitted to State Spay/Neuter Program		\$357.00
	Fees Submitted to the State for Mandatory Assessment		\$238.00
		TOTAL	\$1,175.00

Town of Shrewsbury
2021 JUSTICES OF THE PEACE REPORT

The Shrewsbury Justices of the Peace have been steady in fulfilling their responsibilities as elected officials. Here is what we oversee:

1. Elections - Justices are members of the Board of Civil Authority (BCA). Members of the BCA serve at town elections by Australian ballot and also for statewide elections. We also are responsible for delivering absentee ballots to those who cannot vote in person.
2. Tax Abatement and Appeals - Justices are members of the Shrewsbury Board for Abatement of Taxes to determine whether a taxpayer's obligation should be forgiven under certain circumstances. They also serve an important role in the town's tax appeal process. As members of the Board of Civil Authority, justices sit to hear and decide appeals when citizens do not agree with the final decision of the listers.
3. Marriages - Justices may also solemnize marriage in Vermont.
4. Oaths and Notary - Justices may administer oaths in all cases where an oath is required, unless a specific law makes a different provision. A justice is a notary public ex officio and has all the acknowledgment powers of a notary public.
5. Magistrate - Justices of the peace may also serve as a magistrate when so commissioned by the Supreme Court.

We sat on one tax appeal, purged the checklist once and oversaw elections.

Effective February 1, 2021, your justices are Barry Griffith, Larry Carrara, Lee Wilson, Trish Norton, Taffy Maynard, Betsy Jesser and John Berryhill.

Respectfully submitted,
John Berryhill
Chair, Board of Civil Authority

Town of Shrewsbury
2021 ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Zoning work was busy this year. It seemed the year started and continued with many phone calls and emails regarding permits and possible uses for properties all over town.

Eighteen building permits were issued. Two administrative boundary line adjustments were granted. Notices about four agricultural buildings were received. Of the eighteen permits, three were for new homes; the others were for various decks, sheds, and garages.

As always, please call before starting any building project. I am happy to listen and advise whether a permit is required. Please consider that any structure or use just might need a permit. Even if a permit is not required, setbacks to your neighbors' property line and to the road do need to be followed.

If you are assuming that a structure does not need a permit because it has no foundation and is temporary, temporary means it is in place less than ½ the year. How many townspeople have "temporary buildings" on their property for far longer? How many of us have storage containers that are, by definition in our zoning regulations, considered structures?

Please call me if you think you should have had or might now need a permit for something. You will need to submit an application showing that your structure follows the property line setbacks and other zoning requirements. Pay the fee, and I can likely issue a permit. It is far easier to make sure everything is proper on your property before you decide to refinance or sell.

As always, thank you all for your cheerfulness in the face of regulations and fees. Zoning helps us all live together more amicably.

Respectfully submitted,
Adrienne Raymond, Zoning Administrator

Town of Shrewsbury
2021 SHREWSBURY DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD REPORT

The Shrewsbury Development Review Board (DRB) reviews applications for subdivision of land, variances from the town's zoning regulations, conditional uses, development in overlay zones and appeals from decisions of the zoning administrator.

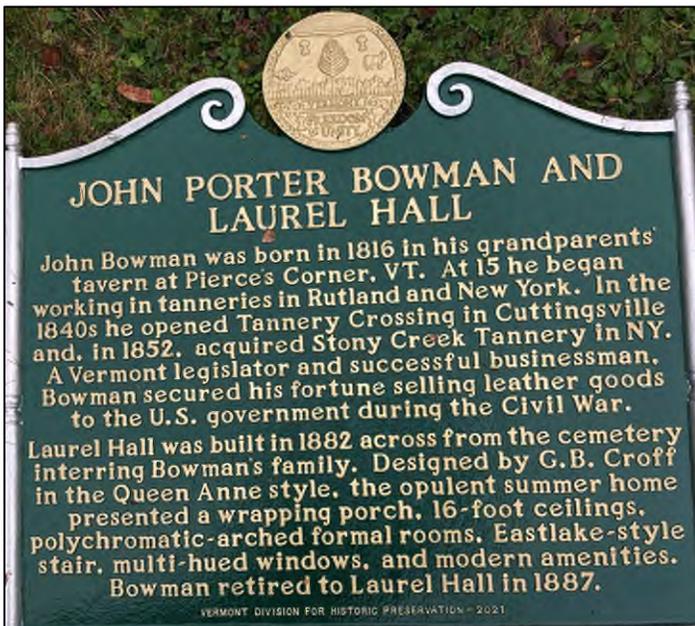
The DRB meets as required, based on the applications received. All hearings are publicly warned and open to the public. In addition, we notify all adjacent landowners of applications in accordance with state statute. All records of applications, hearings and decisions by the DRB are retained at the town office and are a public record.

Applications to the DRB may be obtained from the zoning administrator, who will inform the applicant about the information needed by the board to conduct a hearing. The DRB's decisions are made in accordance with the town's duly adopted unified zoning and subdivision ordinances.

During 2021, the DRB held seven hearings, which consisted of: one conditional use application, three subdivisions, one waiver, one historic district sign review, and one landowner advisory meeting.

Applicants are reminded to review the town's zoning and subdivision regulations in preparation for an application to the board. In addition, applicants are reminded that there are strict state regulations regarding development near wetlands and flood-prone areas, as well as requirements for design of wastewater disposal systems. Especially important is construction in FEMA designated floodplain areas as lack of enforcement could jeopardize the ability of all Shrewsbury landowners to obtain floodplain insurance if they require it. Questions can be addressed to the zoning administrator.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Youngstrom



Laurel Glen Mansion and Mausoleum Site Markers at the Dedication Ceremony – November 6, 2021

Town of Shrewsbury
2021 PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

The duties of the Planning Commission are varied and include the following:

- Prepare a town plan and amendments to the town plan for consideration by the legislative body;
- Prepare and present land use regulations;
- Undertake capacity studies and make recommendations on matters of land development, historic and scenic preservation, etc.;
- Hold public meetings that relate to the work of the Planning Commission with other departments of the municipality;
- Participate in a regional planning program.

Late in 2021, the Shrewsbury Planning Commission finally received review comments from VT Agency of Natural Resources and Rutland Regional Planning Commission (RRPC) on the draft Flood Hazard Area and River Corridor Regulation Bylaw. The Planning Commission is reviewing the revised draft with our town officials.

The Planning Commission has also completed draft amendments to the Unified Zoning & Subdivision Regulations (2017 ed.). The Planning Commission hopes to schedule public hearings for both bylaws in the coming months provided that such a gathering can be held safely.

The Planning Commission and Town Tree Warden, Gary Salmon, applied for and received a technical assistance grant from the Vermont Urban & Community Forestry (UCF) program to develop a model Shade Tree Preservation Plan. A committee was organized and consists of: Melissa Reichert (chair), Gary Salmon, Dirk Thomas, Peter Grace, Pam Darrow, Stephen Estok and Tim Stout. The committee is working together with the Vermont UCF program staff. The initial task, which is well underway, has been to inventory the existing trees in the town highway right of way (ROW).

Commissioners attended several webinars hosted by the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources (Fish & Wildlife, Forest Parks & Recreation, and Dept of Environmental Conservation). Subjects such as town plan review, forest blocks, river corridor protection, flood resilience planning, and regional energy planning were some topics presented and discussed.

The commission assisted the selectboard to draft an ordinance to address utility work in the town highway ROW.

Through attendance at RRPC Regional Commission meetings, we learned of numerous commercial solar energy projects proposed for installation in Rutland County towns.

On our membership news, we were sad to accept Hunter Berryhill's resignation from the commission. Hunter made valuable contributions to the 2019 Town Plan and his consistent engagement to help us draft coherent documents will be sorely missed. We thank him sincerely for his service. And, we are very happy to welcome Ryan Fitzbeauchamp as the newest member to the Planning Commission. There are still two open positions on the Shrewsbury Planning Commission.

The Planning Commission welcomes input and dialogue from everyone in the community.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Black, Chair

Town of Shrewsbury
2021 TOWN HEALTH OFFICER REPORT

Town Health Officers are responsible for reading and following the instructions of Health Alerts and Advisories issued by the Vermont Health Department. In my first year as THO in 2017, there were eight advisories, with seasonal influenzas, and mumps being two of the topics. 2018 had 11; subjects were legionnaires outbreaks, oral rabies vaccine, bait drop fact sheet, Lyme carditis, mumps, and elevated lead in school drinking water. 2019 had 10 topics: measles outbreak, E-cigarette or vaping and associated pulmonary illness, hepatitis A outbreak and vaccination for outbreak protection. Then came 2020 and “novel coronavirus” Covid-19 and 71 advisories. Other topics included rabies, lead exposure, PCB contamination and cyber crime. 2021 had 27 topics, one regarding tickborne diseases, three relating to sexually transmitted diseases, and the rest Covid-19.

Rental Housing bill, S.79, would have established a statewide registry of rentals and created inspector positions through the Division of Fire Safety, removing the inspection responsibility from the THO. Governor Scott vetoed this bill. A new measure, S.210, is being drafted, again addressing rental inspection responsibility and issues.

As of July 1, 2021, Governor Scott signed into law Act 38. This changes the authority of the THO to conduct animal cruelty investigations. Complaints of reports of potential animal cruelty received by the THO will be referred to a humane officer, such as sheriff, deputy sheriff, constable, police officer, state’s attorney, state game warden or the state police. Other resources are available to the THO.

In the past year I received three complaints for possible health hazards at two different private properties and one public area. At the inspection of the first private property, no health hazard was identified. The second inspection identified a health risk that was resolved with appropriate measures. The public property complaint identified no risk to public health.

Sharon Winnicki joined me in 2021 as Assistant Town Health Officer.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Felder RN

Town of Shrewsbury, VT
2021 CEMETERY COMMISSION REPORT

The responsibility of the Shrewsbury Cemetery Commission is to oversee and maintain the small family cemeteries that were created during the settlement of the town in the late 1700’s and early 1800’s. Normally two or three families living near each other would select a piece of property that they would share for the burial of family members. Therefore, these cemeteries are important historically because they reflect the early settlement patterns and families in the town. Now, in 2022, these cemeteries are almost all located on private property. Occasionally commission members are asked for genealogy information. This occurred twice in 2021.

Bennie Carrara and George Brigham Jr. joined me in 2021 as commission members. We are very grateful to the property owners and neighbors who care for these cemeteries. We thank the Tabor family for maintaining the Colburn Cemetery in East Shrewsbury, Leonard Page and his son Leonard Jr. at the Plumley-Page Cemetery on the Upper Cold Road, Red and Judy Landon at the First Cuttingsville Cemetery, Donna Smith and son Jeff at the Shrewsbury Center Cemetery and the Mitchell and Haley families.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry Carrara

Town of Shrewsbury
2021 SHREWSBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

Sometimes it is hard to notice what is NOT in your surroundings. You may not have noticed that most roads in Shrewsbury have substantially less poisonous parsnip, purple loosestrife, garlic mustard, or chervil than in the past due to the persistent, dedicated volunteers and land owners who have worked hard (427 hours of volunteer labor this year!) using approved methods for reducing these harmful invasives. This year we also experimented with a unique method to stamp out knotweed – its effectiveness to be determined.

Following our goal to work more closely with the selectboard and planning commission to enhance the conservation of our natural resources, we encouraged more coordinated planning with GMP on how it installs upgrades to utility lines along our roads. The SCC continues to press for the potential reclassification of Class 4 roads to limit their deterioration and use by motorized vehicles and the related expenses it causes taxpayers.

Due to Covid, only two Walks and Talks were offered this year but both were enthusiastically attended, one on carbon sequestration and land management and the other on identifying mushrooms. As always, Green Up Day was well attended, with all Shrewsbury roads covered by families and volunteers picking up litter.

The SCC initiated a new project to create a citizen scientist collection of data on wildlife road crossings. We were awarded a grant to purchase game cameras and are using them on Route 103 and Cold River Road culverts. Project leader Linda Shelvey has been working on providing an educational tracking program for the school and residents to begin a systematic mapping of roadside tracks. This data will be used to refine our understanding of exactly where wildlife corridors are and identify where they are segmented by roads.

Lastly, long time member Grace Brigham retired from the SCC, though she still provides us with her fabulous posters and artwork. Each SCC member has contributed to caring for our town's natural resources with dedication, and working together brings us together. We will miss Grace's humor and down to earth approach to life.

Respectfully submitted,
Louise Duda, chairperson

Town of Shrewsbury
2021 TREE WARDEN'S REPORT

This past year the working impacts of H.673 (new Tree Warden Law) began to take effect. Its most important change is the way a shade tree is now defined, particularly as it relates to rural town roads. Public ways are existing town rights of way that have been the focus of tree warden duties for nearly a century. They form, via trees along the roads, the character of miles of town roads throughout rural Vermont towns. Until the adoption of this legislation the tree warden was an important player in "managing" our road side trees. The law now limits the role of the tree warden to duties associated with shade trees now defined as "those trees that have been planted by a municipality or that are otherwise designated by the municipality through the development of a shade tree preservation plan." So the tree warden now has input, at least as far as Shrewsbury is concerned, for about a dozen trees located in two sites involving municipal plantings. All other trees within existing town road ROWs are now the complete responsibility of the abutting land owner, the road commissioner, and the selectboard.

Last Spring the planning commission accepted a challenge from the Vermont Urban and Community Forestry Program to develop a shade tree preservation plan for the roadside trees in Shrewsbury. A team was created and they have met at least once a month since that time in an effort to identify roadside trees of value to the community as a whole and build a shade tree preservation plan around them. This would also expand the tree warden's role beyond the few trees the town has planted.

Emerald ash borer continues to threaten Shrewsbury ash trees although the outbreak in West Rutland in September of 2020 has not resulted in any evidence of borer presence here. It is still close enough to have had several property owners inoculate their trees against borer infestation this past growing season. Awareness is key to monitoring EAB, knowing that once it is here the ash trees infested will die. So every Vermont town will be faced with this dilemma: miles of town road ROW's with ash trees growing along them, many of which will soon be considered hazardous to traffic once infected and dying. Under the new law the decision for treating ash trees once EAB arrives lies with the landowner, road commissioner, and selectboard and will include either removal of the hazard (landowner still retains ownership of the wood) or inoculating the tree against EAB.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary Salmon

Town of Shrewsbury
2021 FOREST FIRE WARDEN'S REPORT

This year we had one brush fire that was quickly extinguished by Shrewsbury and Clarendon firefighters. Again, we would like to remind you that if you are going to burn, burn only natural wood and Call for a PERMIT from Al Ridlon Jr. or Kevin Brown. Thank you and be fire safe!!

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin Brown - 775-6194(H) 775-5518(W) 345-8668(C)
Al Ridlon Jr. - 492-3722(H) 282-3642(C)

Town of Shrewsbury
2021 SHREWSBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

The Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department responded to 38 calls in 2021. The most devastating fire this year was the “Butler” fire in Cuttingsville, which involved the SVFD as well as mutual aid (M/A) assistance from Mount Holly, East Wallingford, Clarendon, Ludlow, Proctorsville, and Rutland Town. Shrewsbury thanks neighboring departments for their assistance. Without Mutual Aid help, this fire could have easily spread to other structures and property in Cuttingsville.

In summary, the SVFD calls were as follows:

1 Kitchen Fire	5 Power Lines Down	5 EMS Assist
3 Vehicle Accidents	4 Brush/Tree Lightning	2 Chimney Fires
2 Trail/Off Road Rescues	6 CO/Smoke/Propane	1 Gas Leak
1 Car Fire	8 Structure Fires	

This year, membership remained about the same, but there were some bright notes as we added two junior members, Ethan Severy and Dylan Thomas; two reserve firefighters, Dan Covato and Ben Turco; and two new members, Nate Robillard and Hal Niblack. In addition, we lost member Jon Skipsey who moved away from town.

Sadly, we noted the passing of the following former firefighters: Charter Member David Mandigo, and early members Bert Ladd and B.J. Stewart. The department appreciates and honors their service.

Despite the challenges of the current COVID 19 pandemic, the SVFD still continued training. Amy Ridlon provided AED/CPR training and Stop the Bleed training for the department. Chief Phil Severy organized local mutual aid drills with neighboring towns. A training was held at the Shrewsbury transfer station on the use of jaws of life and vehicle stabilization equipment. A tanker shuttle/pumper drill was conducted shuttling water from the Clarendon quarry to Cuttingsville. The SVFD also had training with the Res-Q-Jack stabilization equipment that was purchased with donations from the annual mailer.

Maintenance has also been a priority this year. During the annual inspections, it was noted that new tires would be required for three of our four trucks. Tires will not pass current inspection requirements if they are more than eight years old. This was a substantial, unanticipated cost to our maintenance budget.

The Shrewsbury Day Parade, Annual Ham Supper, and the School Fire Safety Program were not held due to COVID 19 concerns; however, Chief Severy brought Engine 2 to the Mountain School allowing the students to see the truck and be reminded of the need for fire safety awareness.

At the annual meeting, all officers were re-elected. Barry Griffith and Jack Perry were presented awards given annually for outstanding service. Bob Snarski was presented a plaque recognizing his 50 years of service to the SVFD. Thank you, Bob!

The fire department’s funding requests on the 2022 Warning remain the same as last year. We appreciate your support! Be smart and stay safe.

Respectfully submitted,
Phillip Severy, Chief

Jack Perry, President
Jon Lees, Secretary

Bob Snarski, Vice President
Barry Griffith, Treasurer

Town of Shrewsbury
SHREWSBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
 Financial Report for the Year Ending December 31, 2021

	Actual 2020	Budget 2021	Actual 2021	Budget 2022
RECEIPTS				
Town of Shrewsbury	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$35,000
Raised by SVFD	\$26,832	\$15,000	\$21,960	\$15,000
Total Operating Income	\$61,832	\$50,000	\$56,960	\$50,000
EXPENSES				
New Equipment	\$10,182	\$10,000	\$16,834	\$10,000
Operating	\$2,932	\$5,000	\$4,690	\$5,000
Maintenance	\$4,834	\$6,000	\$14,254	\$8,600
Stations	\$25,939	\$9,000	\$2,144	\$5,000
Insurance	\$8,216	\$8,500	\$8,442	\$8,700
Communications	\$2,046	\$2,600	\$2,665	\$2,800
Heating	\$1,945	\$3,500	\$2,263	\$3,500
Electric	\$1,888	\$2,000	\$2,258	\$2,700
Dues/Training	\$1,870	\$1,500	\$939	\$1,000
Fundraising	\$1,107	\$1,700	\$2,199	\$2,500
Miscellaneous	\$100	\$100		\$100
Bank Charges	\$60	\$100	\$60	\$100
Total Operating Expense	\$61,118	\$50,000	\$56,749	\$50,000
GENERAL FUND	Beginning Balance January 1, 2021			\$34,449
Receipts				
Town of Shrewsbury			\$35,000	
Fundraising			\$21,000	
Donations mem. B. J. Stewart			\$945	
Interest Income			\$15	
Total General Fund Receipts			\$56,960	
Expenditures				-\$56,749
GENERAL FUND Ending Balance December 31, 2021				<u>\$34,660</u>

Town of Shrewsbury
SHREWSBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
Special Accounts for the Year Ending December 31, 2021

Replacement Fund

Opening Balance 1/1/21	\$99,200	
Break Open Ticket Proceeds	\$13,144	
Mailer Donations	\$12,260	
Other Misc. Donations	\$1,290	
Firefighter Fund Donation	\$100	
Interest Income	\$96	
<u>Transferred to Operating</u>	<u>-\$21,000</u>	
Ending Balance 12/31/21		\$105,090

Minnie Shaw Endowment Fund

Opening Balance 1/1/21	\$311,496	
Change in Investment Value	\$35,577	
Paid Investment Advisor Fees	-\$3,330	
<u>Ending Balance 12/31/21</u>		<u>\$343,743</u>

SPECIAL ACCOUNTS Ending Balance December 31, 2021 \$448,833



Poisonous Parsnip Pullers (l to r) Linda Shelvey, Pam Darrow, Carrie Clancy and Christina Clarke

Town of Shrewsbury
2021 SHREWSBURY COMMUNITY MEETING HOUSE REPORT

The Trustees of the Shrewsbury Community Meeting House are responsible for the management and maintenance of our treasured and historic town hall, constructed in 1852. The Meeting House is used by the community and church, as originally intended, for town meetings, voting, dances, hearings, church services, committee meetings, receptions and parties, concerts, weddings, funerals, food divides, quilting classes, exercise classes and other community functions. It is truly one of the most important buildings in town and the centerpiece of Shrewsbury Center. Unfortunately, due to the continuing COVID-19 pandemic, the Meeting House was used a lot less this year. However, we do need to recognize the series of wonderful and successful outdoor concerts, organized and coordinated by Vicky Arthur and Paul Sgalia, which brought neighbors safely together for a second year in a row. Thank you Vicky and Paul!

The Shrewsbury Meeting House Trustee Board is comprised of seven trustees, with three trustees appointed by the selectboard, three appointed by the Shrewsbury Community Church, and one member appointed by the trustees. The building is available for any town or church function, general community or civic group gathering, and it can be reserved for private functions by town residents. For private functions or events that are not free and open to the entire community, a reasonable usage fee is required and rental can be arranged through Julanne Sharrow. Appropriate use of the sanctuary must be arranged through the Shrewsbury Community Church (Karen Lorentz) and trustees (Julanne Sharrow), since generally only one gathering in the building is desired at the same time. Our policy is to allow use of the building by only Shrewsbury residents since the Meeting House is such a historic, fragile and important building to our community.

All planned major capital improvements have been completed. The focus for the next few years will be on maintenance, with a few smaller projects planned. Over the past 10-15 years, we have made well over \$100,000 in necessary improvements and repairs to this building, generally without increasing the assessment significantly on the town taxpayers or the church. We have been able to do this largely through a few generous contributions from persons who recognize the importance of this historic building to the town, as well as a few small grants and events such as the concerts mentioned above. If anyone wishes to include the Shrewsbury Meeting House in their estate plan or wishes to donate to a sustaining building maintenance account, please contact Mark Youngstrom for more information.

This year we are requesting a modest \$500 increase from the Town, as compared to last year. This will allow the Meeting House to increase its operating cash so we can cover any unexpected expenses and not have to request the Town's contribution before taxes are collected.

Our historic Meeting House continues to be used by the whole community for a wide variety of purposes and now can also serve as an emergency shelter during an Irene-like event or other regional disaster.

We offer a sincere thank you to those who regularly care for the building and to all who leave the building in good condition after use. Please contact the Meeting House Trustees with any suggestions for improvements or if you are interested in helping us preserve this wonderful building.

Respectfully submitted,
The 2021 Shrewsbury Meeting House Trustees

Appointed by Town

Mark Youngstrom
Annette Parrish
Liesbeth van de Heijden

Appointed by Church

Donna Smith
Julanne Sharrow
Karen Lorentz

Appointed by Committee

Ed Ryan

Town of Shrewsbury
SHREWSBURY COMMUNITY MEETING HOUSE
FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31,2021

BEGINNING BALANCE, JANUARY 1, 2021 **\$3,194**

RECEIPTS

Town of Shrewsbury	\$15,500	
Shrewsbury Community Church	\$5,500	
Hall Rental	\$400	
Interest	\$2	
Donations	\$750	
Other		
Total Receipts		\$22,152

EXPENDITURES

Electricity	\$970	
Propane	\$2,767	
Telephone	\$1,719	
Custodial	\$2,500	
Maintenance	\$2,298	
Insurance	\$7,155	
Supplies	\$24	
Capital Improvements	\$2,656	
Miscellaneous	\$0	
Total Disbursements		\$20,089

ENDING BALANCE, DECEMBER 31,2021 **\$5,256**

COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
RECEIPTS				
Town of Shrewsbury	\$17,000	\$15,500	\$15,500	\$16,000
Shrewsbury Community Church	\$4,600	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$5,500
Hall Rental	\$0	\$200	\$400	\$400
Interest	\$7	\$10	\$2	\$3
Donations	\$1,010	\$500	\$750	\$1,000
From Cash Reserves	\$17,340	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Receipts	\$39,957	\$21,710	\$22,152	\$22,903
EXPENDITURES				
Electricity	\$1,089	\$1,200	\$970	\$1,100
Propane	\$4,468	\$3,500	\$2,767	\$3,300
Telephone	\$1,448	\$1,500	\$1,719	\$1,800
Custodial	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500
Maintenance	\$3,108	\$4,500	\$2,298	\$3,000
Insurance	\$6,421	\$6,500	\$7,155	\$6,860
Supplies	\$26	\$100	\$24	\$50
Capital Improvements	\$20,897	\$1,910	\$2,656	\$1,500
To Cash Reserves				\$2,793
Total Disbursements	\$39,957	\$21,710	\$20,089	\$22,903

Town of Shrewsbury
2021 SHREWSBURY LIBRARY REPORT

2021 has been an unparalleled time of change for the Shrewsbury Library, as for many of us. Last spring, following Vermont Health Department guidelines, we opened for regular hours with masking and distancing requirements: Mondays 10 a.m. to Noon, Tuesdays 7 to 9 p.m., Wednesdays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m., Thursdays 7 to 9 p.m., Fridays 10 a.m. to Noon, and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to Noon. The Community Food Shelf in the front hall is accessible whenever the library is open.

Donna Swartz, our Vermont Certified Librarian, and our dedicated trustees and volunteers have kept the library a center of community activity, despite the challenges of the time. While our circulation and attendance numbers are obviously low for a second year, we were pleased to provide e-books and audio-books to borrowers via their library cards. Print books and DVDs continued to give reading and watching pleasure to patrons, while the new “Little Libraries” outside the library and Pierces’ Store, offered unlimited access to readers. The Children’s Committee has kept puzzles and games for families to borrow from the front hall. The new Young Adult Committee (trustees Elijah LaChance and Miguel Levy, and volunteer Cassidy Wells) is refreshing the YA book collection and planning programs. The Famous Books Book Club and Science Book Club continue to meet via Zoom.

Our in-person fundraisers were limited to the Street Dance, and the weeks long, honor system Book Sale. The Haystack Dinner, the Bake Sale, and the Holiday Silent Auction & Cookie Share were put on pause until we all can safely meet in-person. The loss of expected fundraising revenue was countered by the raffle of a beautiful quilt that Trish Norton made with fabric donated by Julanne Sharrow, and generously donated. Our fundraising letter again drew a strong response beyond the budgeted amount.

For the coming year, as we have since 2005, we are asking for level funding at \$7,500 for basic operating costs: heat, electricity, telephone/internet service, and insurance. We fundraise for everything else, such as: books, DVDs, repairs, maintenance, and supplies. For 2022, we have budgeted \$22,970 in operating expenses to account for increases in utilities and other costs. In 2021, we had an excess of \$4,535 in revenue over expenses because of limited hours for a good part of the year. In 2022, we expect that some items will be higher (like electricity with our new heat pumps) and some lower (propane), but can use carry-over funds to cover any shortfalls.

We hope to continue to serve as a vital community resource, and are grateful to the town for its support over the past 46 years.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Aleshire & Lisa Sharrow, Co-Presidents

Donna Swartz, VT Librarian

Town of Shrewsbury
2021 SHREWSBURY LIBRARY REPORT

BEGINNING BALANCE, January 1, 2021	\$83,731
RECEIPTS:	
Operating	20,590
Capital Fund	-
Restricted	1,700
Total Receipts	22,290
EXPENDITURES:	
Operating	15,700
Capital Fund	750
Restricted	1,305
Total Expenditures	(17,755)
ENDING BALANCE, December 31, 2021	\$88,266
<u>Capital Fund - Beginning January 1, 2021</u>	\$18,361
Receipts	-
Board designation of funds	-
Expenditures	(750)
<u>Capital Fund - Ending December 31, 2021</u>	\$17,611

Restricted Revenue and Expense:

	Beginning Balances	Receipts	Expended	Ending Balances
Ben Perry Fund	\$ 1,852	\$ 375	\$ 430	\$ 1,797
E. Jeffords Fund	3,500	-	-	3,500
Freeman Grant	40	-	-	40
Claire Hooper	683	-	-	683
Lorna MacDougal-Cohen Fund	45	25	17	53
Joyce Wilson Memorial Fund	475	200	198	477
Allan YA Book Fund	206	-	187	19
Large Print Book Fund	100	-	-	100
Viola Parker Fund	273	50	15	308
Mitch Spencer Fund	221	1,050	458	813
	\$ 7,395	\$ 1,700	\$ 1,305	\$ 7,790

Town of Shrewsbury
2021 SHREWSBURY LIBRARY REPORT
COMPARATIVE OPERATING REPORT

	2020 Actual	2021 Budget	2021 Actual	2022 Budget
<u>Operating Revenue:</u>				
Town	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$7,500	\$ 7,500
Donations & Unrestricted Grants	12,354	6,500	7,988	6,500
Fundraising	2,970	5,000	4,099	4,000
Interest Earned	80	60	57	45
Other income	616	-	946	-
Total Operating Revenue	23,520	19,060	20,590	\$18,045
<u>Operating Expenses:</u>				
Advertising	225	225	225	225
Materials: Adults	2,614	4,010	2,440	3,460
Materials: Children & YA	29	700	400	900
Children's Program Expense	340	600	441	600
Equipment & Repairs	211	500	807	750
Electricity	1,013	1,400	1,260	1,400
Fuel	1,412	1,850	1,291	1,700
Fundraising & events expense	1,283	1,300	552	1,000
Insurance	1,651	1,750	1839	1,900
Librarian Expense	-	100	-	100
Maintenance	1,456	2,765	2,218	4,415
Miscellaneous	106	150	228	250
Septic	1,800	1,400	-	1,400
Postage	16	100	11	100
Postage-Interlibrary loan	292	750	278	500
Program Expense	1,070	2,600	1,880	2,000
Supplies	395	650	24	250
Telephone	1,407	1,600	1,806	2,020
Total Operating Expense	15,320	22,450	15,700	22,970
Operating revenue over/(under) operating expenses	\$ 8,200	\$(3,390)	\$4,890	\$(4,925)

Town of Shrewsbury
2021 SHREWSBURY HISTORICAL SOCIETY REPORT

This year the Shrewsbury Historical Society celebrates 50 years of helping to preserve artifacts and displaying them for everyone to enjoy. Our exhibits rotate from year to year which is always interesting to those who visit the museum each year. In recent years, due to the internet and our own website, we have seen a significant increase in the number of inquiries from folks researching their Shrewsbury ancestry. All such requests are answered. Unfortunately, due to the COVID virus, our doors had to remain closed to the public. Appointments for necessary research can be made wearing masks. We are looking forward to a new year with a possible reopening in July.

As members of the Vermont Historical Society we displayed in a special exhibit at the state museum that ran through the summer and fall called "Lively and Local" prepared by Eileen Corcoran. It showed some of our artifacts and how we began. Fourteen historical societies were selected to exhibit.

In June, we were proud to present copies of our history book, *Shrewsbury Vermont, Our Town As It Was*, to each of the seven graduating students of the Mountain School, namely Shelby Bushee, Dallin Cole, Noah Dake, Meredith Morris, Isabella Rayborn, Cabot Spatz and Forrest Whittman.

During the year we received by mail some artifacts which will be shown when the museum is open. Also, we sold at least 15 town history books.

In October, we opened the museum for Marty Podskoch, author of many books written about the CCC. He was researching the camp in Shrewsbury. He was amazed at the two huge boards of photos and maps that were put together by Marjorie Pierce and are now on display in the museum. We made him copies of photos and he offered to come give a program all about the CCC sometime in 2022.

Our inside work, such as keeping up with current history, is always ongoing. Copies made of any article in paper or magazine about our town or folks in our town are cut out and copied and added to the albums. Ann Ridlon is so helpful in filing all these articles and now the file cabinets are very tight. A faithful group of women joined to help clean our dusty museum. Thank you Catherine Carrara, Julanne Sharrow, Ann Ridlon, Grace Brigham and Liesbeth van der Heijden. Thank you Paul Stewart for cutting lawns and Ann Ridlon for gardening in front.

On November 6th, life member Barry Griffith hosted the unveiling of road sign plaques pertaining to Laurel Hall and mausoleum in Laurel Glen Cemetery which all belonged to John Bowman. Barry Griffith is on the board of the Laurel Glen Cemetery Association. He was helped by members of the Historical Society by giving tours of the various buildings inside and out. The folks then were invited to the Museum where they enjoyed refreshments by Gloria Benson and Catherine Carrara. Many enjoyed seeing the museum for the first time. Brian Winkler had a six minute tape running showing the TV broadcast from Boston years ago of the inside of the mansion.

Sad news this year of the passing of members Maurice Ponton, Richard Bettelli, Bernard (BJ) Stewart and life member Grace Korzun. The hamlet of Cuttingsville also lost one of its historic homes, the former Shrewsbury Inn owned by the Butler family.

Respectfully submitted,
Grace Brigham and Brian Winkler, co-presidents

Town of Shrewsbury
SHREWSBURY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Financial Report for the Year Ending December 31, 2021

BEGINNING CASH BALANCE

Checking Account Balance	\$ 6,842	
Money Market Acct	10,657	
Certificates of Deposit	25,796	
CASH BALANCE, January 1, 2021		<u>\$ 43,296</u>

Total Receipts	\$ 4,971	
Total Disbursements	1,747	
Excess Receipts over Expenditures		3,224

ENDING CASH BALANCE

Checking Account Balance	\$ 5,387	
Money Market Acct	15,234	
Certificates of Deposit	25,897	
ENDING CASH BALANCE, December 31, 2021		<u>\$ 46,519</u>

COMPARATIVE OPERATING STATEMENTS

	Actual 2020	Budget 2021	Actual 2021	Budget 2022
RECEIPTS				
Town of Shrewsbury	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
Membership dues	365	500	275	500
Fund Raising	252	2,000	341	2,000
Contributions	2,120	1,000	1,750	1,000
Interest on CD's and MM	480	350	105	130
Total Receipts	<u>\$ 5,717</u>	<u>\$ 6,350</u>	<u>\$ 4,971</u>	<u>\$ 6,130</u>
OPERATING EXPENDITURES				
Building Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 424	\$ 4,000	\$ 173	\$ 4,000
Insurance	1,122	1,100	-	1,140
Electricity	386	475	275	475
Heating Fuel	29	50	44	50
Archival Supplies	36	150	422	200
Supplies and misc (1)	438	200	808	350
Postage	27	375	25	375
Total Operating Expenses	<u>\$ 2,463</u>	<u>\$ 6,350</u>	<u>\$ 1,747</u>	<u>\$ 6,590</u>
Excess Receipts over Expenditures	<u>\$ 3,254</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 3,224</u>	<u>\$ (460)</u>

(1) The 2020 actual was mis-printed as \$359 in the 2020 Town Report

2021 SOLID WASTE ALLIANCE COMMUNITIES REPORT

Funded in town budget

SWAC is composed of the towns of Benson, Chittenden, Fair Haven, Middletown Springs, Pawlet, Rutland Town, Shrewsbury, Sudbury, Tinmouth, and West Haven and serves a population of approximately 14,000 people. These towns work cooperatively to comply with State laws and mandates managing solid and hazardous waste issues in an environmentally responsible and cost effective manner.

In 2021, SWAC successfully complied with Year One Act 148 / ANR Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP) requirements. The SWIP meets the requirements of the state's Material Management Plan and outlines how solid and hazardous waste will be managed in the SWAC towns for a five-year period. All towns in Vermont are required to be included in a SWIP, and the requirements are extensive.

SWAC acts as a liaison to the State of Vermont representing the SWAC town's interests on issues such as legislation and rule changes, SWIP requirements, and Product Stewardship.

SWAC is a member of the Vermont Product Stewardship Council and Product Stewardship Institute. These groups have been instrumental in getting Environmental Producer Responsibility (EPR) legislation passed in Vermont. The EPR legislation requires manufacturers to be financially responsible for the end of life collection of their product(s) thereby saving Vermont's resident's disposal/recycling costs. Active programs are in place for the collection of architectural paint, batteries, automobile switches, mercury thermostats, mercury lamps, compact fluorescent bulbs, and electronics waste. Efforts are still ongoing to pass new legislation requiring manufacturers of household hazardous waste products, paper and packaging to pay for end of life disposal.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW): HHW collection is the most costly endeavor undertaken. SWAC contracted with US Ecology to hold three household hazardous waste (HHW) events. 5.6 tons of hazardous waste was collected from 127 households. Products included oxidizers, acids, alkalines, reactives, pesticides, aerosols, flammable liquids, ammonia, mercury devices, mercury, batteries, paints, propane tanks, asbestos, pcb ballasts, and antifreeze.

Thank you for participating in SWAC's efforts to properly recycle and dispose of solid and hazardous waste. To keep your communities HHW and solid waste collection costs down, remember to Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, and Repurpose. Consider buying less-toxic products that do not need to be disposed of as hazardous waste. If you do buy a product, use it up for its intended purpose, or give it to a friend, neighbor, or relative to use. Visit the SWAC website (What Do I Do With page) for locations where electronics, paint, batteries, fluorescent bulbs, and waste oil are accepted for FREE year round. No need to wait for the HHW events.

2022 HHW Schedule - April 30, Rutland Town Transfer Station, 218 Northwood Park; October 8, Fair Haven Transfer Station, 175 Fair Haven Avenue. These event times are 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. These events are free to all SWAC residents. In addition, a shared event with Bennington County Solid Waste Alliance (BCSWA) - September 17 -- For BCSWA residents and Pawlet residents at Dorset School, 130 School Drive, Dorset. Time for this event is 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. The SWAC website provides additional information on these events.

Between events: Residents of SWAC towns may purchase a non-district permit to utilize the Rutland County Solid Waste District Gleason Road transfer station and hazardous waste depot. This permit allows access to the Gleason Road facility and provides drop-off of household hazardous waste and trash disposal at current rates, and access to recycling drop-offs. Permit purchase is available at the scalehouse or hazardous waste depot at the transfer station or at the RCSWD offices, located at 1 Smith Road, Rutland, Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Permits are not available for sale on weekends at either location. Telephone 802-775-7209 for additional information and current rates.

2021 was another unprecedentedly difficult year. Special thanks to town staff and transfer station attendants who kept operations going despite the difficulties involved. Also many thanks to the SWAC representatives, many town clerks, and administrators. They spend countless hours assuring SWAC continues to run efficiently and effectively.

Shrewsbury was represented by: Bert Potter.

Funded in town budget

The RRPC is a resource for towns, a platform for ideas, and inspires a vision for our future. We balance local desires, best practices, and regional planning for communities that are vibrant today and strong for years to come. The Rutland Regional Planning Commission and the Town of Shrewsbury continued working together in 2021 on many community development initiatives, including:

- **Worked with Selectboard on comprehensive traffic study for town-wide traffic ordinance update.**
- **Conducted nine traffic counts on town highways.**
- **Worked with Road Commissioner to complete FY21 Grants in Aid construction projects (nine segments improved), purchase jumping jack compactor through FY21 GIA equipment purchase program and applied for FY22 GIA construction program funding.**
- **Continued to provide traffic safety technical support for VT-103 in Cuttingsville.**
- **Assisted the Planning Commission update Special Flood Hazard Area language in its bylaws.**
- **Created maps to support the town's Shade Tree Preservation Plan.**

If you feel inspired to participate in local or regional planning, want to be paired with opportunities to grow your community, or just want to learn more, please visit or give us a call. We'd love to hear from you!

2021 REGIONAL AMBULANCE SERVICE REPORT

Funded in Town budget

We are pleased to present our 38th annual report. Regional Ambulance Service, Inc. has continually provided emergency and non-emergency ambulance service for thirty-eight years. From 1983 to the end of the fiscal year, Regional has responded to 240,091 ambulance calls. This past year, ending June 30, 2021, the service responded to a total of 9,722 ambulance calls in our 12 communities and an additional 216 “Medic One” paramedic intercept calls. We are proud of our accomplishments and look forward to continuing to serve the public. **RAS responded to 89 ambulance calls in Shrewsbury.**

This past year, COVID-19 has and will continue to dominate activities at R.A.S. The safety of our patients and staff remains our number one priority. We diligently follow CDC and State Guidelines. We assure you that we are doing everything we can to promote a safe and secure environment for your safety. The R.A.S. staff have been and will be there to meet the community needs during these difficult times. This includes treatment, transport and COVID vaccination and testing. We thank everyone from the communities we serve, our co-workers, our fellow emergency service workers who have been so gracious with their support, kindness and generosity.

With the continued support of citizens, our employees, and community governing bodies, we have successfully level funded or lowered the assessment rate for the past 37 years. Since 1990 the assessment rate has decreased by 36%. Our current assessment rate is \$4 per capita and remains unchanged for the next fiscal year. The public support of our Membership program, direct donations, memorials and estate gifts have been vital to our continued success. Thank you.

Our motto, “Serving People First with Pride, Proficiency and Professionalism” is demonstrated by our employees’ commitment to continuing EMS training. Each year our employees have specialized training in Critical Care Paramedicine, Best Practices in Decontamination/Disinfectant, ALS, BLS, Prehospital Advanced Trauma and Medical Life Support, Pediatric Advanced Life Support, Emergency Vehicle Operations, Bloodborne Pathogens and a variety of continuing education programs. Our professional staff is extremely capable and dedicated.

Monthly C.P.R. classes are taught at Regional Ambulance. Last year, through the R.A.S. American Heart Association Training Center, 1,309 people were trained in C.P.R. Tours, lectures, démonstrations and C.P.R. classes are available for the general public. Child Car Seat inspections are Wednesdays at the Regional Ambulance building by appointment. We completed 80 child car seat inspections this past year.

The public is encouraged, when our facility opens back up to the public, to visit and talk to our employees at our Stratton Road facility. Please feel free to contact Jim Finger, Chief Executive Administrator, or your Representative, if you have any questions concerning the service.

We are proud of our accomplishments and look forward to serving you in the future. The Board of Directors, Administration and employees of Regional Ambulance Service Inc. will continue working to provide the highest quality of emergency ambulance care at the lowest possible cost to all of the citizens we serve

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Kulig, President
R.A.S. Board of Directors

Gerry Martin, Treasurer
Town of Shrewsbury Representative

Funding Request: \$250

Here is a sample of the activities the District was involved in during 2020/2021:

Local Work Group - District Supervisors participate in Local Work Group meetings to assist USDA in setting local priorities for Cost Share Programs administered by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). Due to Covid 19 restrictions a survey was sent to landowners and partners this year.

Agricultural Outreach Specialist – The District in cooperation with the Poultney Mettowee and Bennington County NRCD's share staff who provides education and outreach, nutrient management planning, assistance with grant writing and letters of support, wetlands outreach, and overall support to landowners for water quality improvements.

Land Treatment Planning - The District works with a Land Treatment Planner providing technical assistance to farmers for the development of Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plans.

Portable Skidder Bridges – The District has a portable skidder bridge available for rent to loggers and foresters. Skidder bridges reduce stream disturbance, minimizing the potential for erosion and sedimentation.

Outreach: Website – Please visit our website: <https://www.vacd.org/conservation-districts/rutland> for more information about District projects and programs.

Watershed Planning for the Otter Creek and its Tributaries:

With funding through grant sources, the District:

- Hired an Engineering Consultant to complete a Phosphorus Control Plan for the City of Rutland.
- Worked with the Rutland Recreation and Parks Department to implement Stormwater Best Management Practices (BMP's) designed by Watershed Consulting Associates, LLC at Rotary Park. This included rehabilitating and expanding an existing infiltration trench to provide extra capacity for stormwater runoff and install a new bioretention facility.
- Continued to work with the VT DEC and the Town of Clarendon on a floodplain restoration project on the Cold River.
- Received approval of 100% of a final design for the removal of the Youngs Brook Dam located in the Town of West Rutland, which will serve to restore wetlands and improve water quality.
- Received final designs for Stormwater Best Management Practices (BMP's) identified in the Stormwater Master Plan for the Town of Brandon prepared by Watershed Consulting Associates, LLC in October 2017.
- Hired an Engineering Consultant to complete a final design for stormwater best management practices (BMP's) identified in the Town of Wallingford Stormwater Master Plan at Wallingford Elementary School.
- Will continue to work with the City of Rutland, county towns and landowners to develop and prepare projects for future design and implementation. These projects have been identified in Stormwater Master Plans or other plans.

For further information or to be added to our mailing list or list of volunteers, please contact Nanci McGuire at nanci.mcquire@vt.nacdnet.net

2021 VNA & HOSPICE OF THE SOUTHWEST REGION REPORT

Funding Request: \$2,526

In 2021, the VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region provided Rutland County residents with exceptional home care, hospice, and community health services. From infants with hi-tech needs to seniors who wish to remain independent at home, and those who are facing a terminal illness, we continue to bring medically necessary health care wherever it is needed, regardless of the location of residence, or complexity of health issues.

In the face of shrinking government and state reimbursements and rising healthcare costs, VNAHSR has continued to identify community needs and provide essential cost-effective healthcare services to Rutland County's most vulnerable individuals. In 2021, VNAHSR's dedicated staff made more than 160,581 visits to 3,298 patients.

In the Town of Shrewsbury, we provided 1,060 visits to 30 individuals.

In closing, we wish to thank you for your past support. With your vote of confidence, we will continue to meet our mission to enhance the quality of life of all we serve through comprehensive home and community health services.

Respectfully submitted,
Sara C. King, Chief Executive Officer
Dan DiBattista, President of the Board of Directors

2021 GREEN UP VERMONT REPORT

Funding Request: \$150

Green Up Day on May 1, 2021 was a huge success thanks to nearly 22,000 volunteers statewide who Greened Up. As one of Vermont's favorite holidays, it is imperative for today and for future generations to keep building pride, awareness, and stewardship for a clean Vermont environment.

Shrewsbury's 83 volunteers did some amazing work, cleaning up 56 miles of town roads by picking up 71 bags of litter and 16 discarded tires. Fantastic work Shrewsbury!

Support from your municipality is essential to our program. Funds help pay for Green Up Day supplies, promotional outreach, and educational resources including activity books, contests for kids, and a \$1,000 scholarship. Along with Green Up Day, we work year-round to further our impact with waste reduction initiatives, additional clean-up efforts, and educational programs.

Green Up Vermont is a private nonprofit organization that relies on your town's support to execute the tradition of cleaning up our roads and waterways, while promoting civic pride, and community engagement. Thank you for your support of this crucial program that takes care of all our cities and towns. Your donations make a huge impact and can be made on Line 23 of the Vermont State Income Tax Form or anytime online at www.greenupvermont.org.

Funding request: \$130

RSVP and The Volunteer Center is a volunteer program for people of all ages who want to meet community needs through volunteer service. RSVP/VC considers volunteering to be a key solution in responding to Rutland County's most pressing challenges. Needs are met in critical areas such as human services, elder care, health care, education, literacy, and the arts. RSVP/VC involves individuals in service that matches their personal interests and makes use of their varied life and professional experiences. RSVP/VC enables people to contribute to their communities while enjoying the personally satisfying and rewarding experience that community engagement offers.

RSVP also offers several free "Signature Programs" that benefit residents. These include RSVP Bone Builders, an osteoporosis prevention program which provides strength and balance exercise classes offered twice per week at many locations in Rutland County; RSVP Rutland Reads, a children's literacy and mentoring program; RSVP Veterans Connections Program, a program designed to reduce social isolation in veterans; and RSVP Operation Dolls & More, which distributes over 15,000 new and restored items to children. Last year approximately 15,000 items were distributed through RSVP Operation Dolls & More to 40 partner agencies and an estimated 1,200 children. We also partner with AARP to provide income tax return services to low-income residents of Rutland County. Locally, RSVP/VC is the largest program of coordinated volunteer services serving the people of Rutland County with 456 volunteers. From July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021, RSVP/VC volunteers provided 97,719 hours of community service. The cost benefit to the communities of Rutland County in terms of cost of services provided equals \$2,623,755.

In FY'21, Shrewsbury residents took advantage of RSVP programs such as free income tax return preparation, and our free Bone Builders osteoporosis prevention exercise classes. Shrewsbury RSVP volunteers donated their services to the following non-profit organizations: Mountain View Center, Loretto Home, Osher, Godnick Center, One-2-One, RSVP Bone Builders, and RSVP Operation Dolls & More.

The monies we are requesting this year will be used to help defray the financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on our organization. Our volunteers are continuing to support the communities through the pandemic; and we have added new initiatives such as mask making for local agencies and wellness calls to isolated seniors. With your help, RSVP & The Volunteer center will continue to respond to this need.

On behalf of RSVP & The Volunteer Center and our non-profit partners, we would like to thank the residents of Shrewsbury for their continued support of RSVP. If you have any questions or would like to learn more about our programs, please feel free to call us at 775-8220.

Respectfully submitted,
Maryesa White
Interim Director

Funding request: \$700

This report describes the services that the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging (SVCOA) provided to elders in Shrewsbury in 2021:

Nutrition Support

The Council helped provide 857 meals that were delivered to the homes of six elders in your community. This service is often called “Meals on Wheels”.

Additionally, SVCOA provided 3.5 hours of one-on-one nutrition support, including nutrition assessments and resource connections and referrals, to six residents of Shrewsbury.

Case Management Assistance:

SVCOA case management and outreach staff helped five elders in your community for a total of 15.5 hours.

Case managers meet with an elder privately in the elder’s home or at another agreed upon location and assess the elder’s situation. They will work with the elder to identify needs and talk about possible services available to address those needs. If the elder desires, the case manager will link the client to appropriate services, coordinate and monitor services as necessary, and provide information and assistance to caregivers. Case managers also help elders connect with in-home assistance programs, including a program called Choices for Care. This program is especially helpful to frail elders facing long term care placement who still wish to remain at home.

Other Services and Support:

1) “Senior Helpline” assistance at 1-800-642-5119. Our Senior HelpLine staff provide telephone support to elders and others who need information on available programs and community resources; 2) Medicare and health benefit counseling information and assistance through our State Health Insurance Program; 3) Legal service assistance through the Vermont Senior Citizens Law Project; 4) Information about elder issues and opportunities via various agency articles and publications 5) Nutrition education and counseling services provided by SVCOA’s Registered Dietician; 6) Senior Companion support for frail, homebound elders; 7) Outreach services to elders dealing with mental health issues through our Elder Care Clinician. This service is provided in cooperation with Rutland Mental Health; 8) Transportation assistance; 9) Caregiver support, information and respite to family members and others who are providing much needed help to elders in need of assistance; 10) Money Management programs that offer either a volunteer bill payer or representative payee services to elders and younger disabled individuals.

Rutland Office: 802-786-5990 Bennington Office: 802-442-5436 Helpline: 1-800-642-5119

2021 RUTLAND MENTAL HEALTH REPORT

Funding Request: \$1,192

In the year 2021, 28 towns in Rutland County supported the work of Rutland Mental Health Services through town giving. Our agency is committed to providing quality services regardless of an individual's ability to pay. The generous support of towns, such as the Town of Shrewsbury, assures that quality services are available for their families, friends and neighbors. Services provided to town residents include individual counseling for children, adults and families, substance abuse treatment, emergency and crisis services, and developmental disability services.

During fiscal year 2021, Rutland Mental Health Services provided 70 hours of services to 18 Shrewsbury residents.

We value our partnership with the Town of Shrewsbury in providing these much needed services and thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

Dick Courcelle, Chief Executive Officer

2021 NewStory CENTER REPORT

Funding Request: \$150

For 42 years NewStory Center has been the single agency in Rutland County supporting survivors of domestic and sexual violence by working to end the cycle of violence through support, education, prevention, and collaboration.

During FY21, NewStory Center served 522 survivors and their children through direct services such as emergency shelter, medical advocacy, legal advocacy, case management, clinical services, support groups, and the 24/7 crisis hotline. Additionally, we provide training and technical assistance to our community partners, including local law enforcement, to ensure a more effective community response to domestic and sexual violence. As our services are confidential, in some cases we might not be informed as to where our clients live.

The Board and Staff of NewStory Center thank the voters of Shrewsbury for their support of our agency. Your generosity allows us to, not only provide survivors with necessities and ongoing advocacy, but also affords us the ability to grow and expand our services to better serve your community.

2021 BROCCOMMUNITY ACTION REPORT

Funding Request: \$600

To the citizens of Shrewsbury, on behalf of BROCCOMMUNITY ACTION and the thousands of people with low-income or living in poverty that we serve throughout Rutland and Bennington Counties, we want to express our thanks and gratitude for supporting us over the years on Town Meeting Day. BROCCOMMUNITY ACTION assists families and individuals in crisis and helps provide a sustainable path forward.

Over the past year, BROCCOMMUNITY ACTION assisted 32 residents of the Town of Shrewsbury.

Whether they need food at the BROCCOMMUNITY FOOD SHELF, senior commodities, housing counseling, homelessness assistance, weatherization, heating and utility assistance, forms assistance for benefits such as 3SqVT, budget and credit counseling and resources and referral, we are here.

People come to us cold, hungry, homeless, jobless or facing major health conditions every day. Your town appropriation helps ease the struggle for nearly 10,000 people who seek assistance from us each year as we meet the basic needs of their families and provide a path forward whenever possible. We truly value our collaboration with Shrewsbury as we assist those most in need.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas L. Donahue, CEO

2021 RUTLAND COUNTY PARENT CHILD CENTER REPORT

Funding Request: \$400

The Rutland County Parent Child Center is a private, nonprofit organization dedicated to removing barriers that perpetuate poverty for children and families throughout Rutland County. RCPCC provides early childhood education, early developmental assessment and intervention, educational opportunities and enrichment for at-risk youth, family navigation services, and food security support. All services are provided at no cost or with substantial financial assistance for working families. Overall, we served 847 parents/caregivers and 1207 children in Rutland County this past year.

The COVID-19 pandemic has only highlighted the needs of families in Rutland County and we have responded by increasing our capacity and scope. This past year, our food pantry became one of the largest in the State and we are looking forward to bringing our services to One PCC Place, a 6,000 sq. ft. 2Gen Campus on Chaplin Avenue in Rutland City where we will deliver quality whole family programming in newly renovated space.

Thank you so much for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Feldman, M.S. Ed, Executive Director

2021 VERMONT FAMILY NETWORK REPORT

Funding Request: \$250

The Vermont Family Network's mission is to empower and support all Vermont children, youth and families, especially those children with special needs. Our Family Support program employs experienced parents of children with special needs and provides families with the information, training, and support they need to help their child reach their greatest potential. In the last year we are proud to have served 38 families in Rutland County, **one of which was from Shrewsbury**. Thank you for your consideration, we greatly appreciate the support provided by the town of Shrewsbury.

2021 RUTLAND COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY

Funding Request; \$150

The Rutland County Humane Society provides shelter and care to companion animals while finding loving families for those at risk or homeless. We also serve our community by providing information and referral services to people dealing with animal issues. The RCHS shelter is the largest program of the agency, taking in more than one thousand animals in 2020.

Our agency is funded through fees for service, town funding, donations and special events. No funding comes from the state or federal government or national organizations. We sincerely thank those who support our operations. We can only save lives with your help.

The Rutland County Humane Society took in five animals from the Town of Shrewsbury from December 1, 2020 through November 30, 2021.

Please call us at 483-9171 or visit our website at RCHSVT.org if you would like more information about the Rutland County Humane Society.

Funding request: \$170

For the last 42 years, The Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL) has been teaching people with disabilities and the deaf how to gain more control over their lives and how to access tools and services to live more independently. VCIL employees (85% of whom have a disability) conduct public education, outreach, individual advocacy and systems change advocacy to help promote the full inclusion of people with disabilities into community life.

In FY'21 (10/2020-9/2021) VCIL responded to thousands of requests from individuals, agencies and community groups for information, referral and assistance and program services for individuals living with a disability. VCIL Peer Advocate Counselors (PACs) provided one-on-one peer counseling to 186 individuals to help increase their independent living skills and four peers were served by the AgrAbility program. VCIL's Home Access Program (HAP) assisted 141 households with information on technical assistance and/or alternative funding for modifications; 65 of these received financial assistance to make their bathrooms and/or entrances accessible. Our Sue Williams Freedom Fund provided 74 individuals with information on assistive technology; 42 of these individuals received funding to obtain adaptive equipment. 497 individuals had meals delivered through our Meals on Wheels program for individuals with disabilities under the age of 60. We are also home to the Vermont Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program which served 35 people and provided 24 peers with adaptive telecommunications enabling low-income Deaf, Deaf-blind, Hard of Hearing and individuals with disabilities to communicate by telephone. Due to the pandemic VCIL was able to start a new (temporary) program, Resilience and Independence in a State of Emergency (RISE) which served 418 people in its first few months. The Rise Program can help provide an array of items or services if the needs are directly related to the Covid-19 epidemic (computers for tele-med appointments, cleaning supplies, etc.).

VCIL's central office is located in downtown Montpelier and we have five branch offices in Bennington, Chittenden, Lamoille, Rutland and Windham Counties. Our PACs and services are available to people with disabilities throughout Vermont.

During FY'21, one resident of Shrewsbury received services from these programs; from the RISE Fund \$2,500.00 was spent on pandemic related needs and Information Referral and Assistance (I,R&A)

To learn more about VCIL, please call VCIL's toll-free I-Line at: [1-800-639-1522](tel:1-800-639-1522), or, visit our web site at www.vcil.org.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Meleady, Development Director

2021 CHILD FIRST ADVOCACY CENTER REPORT

Funding Request: \$400

The Child First Advocacy Center (CFAC) serves as a central agency through which reports of suspected child abuse can be channeled for investigation and victim recovery. CFAC was established in 1995 and became a fully accredited member of the *National Children's Alliance (NCA)* in 2004. We share with NCA the passion to minimize the traumatic effect of child abuse upon the children and families of our community. CFAC is a non-profit organization serving Rutland County to assist families in the discovery, intervention, treatment and prevention of child sexual abuse, severe physical abuse and children affected by violence. We provide a safe comfortable environment for the forensic quality and child appropriate interviews, training for professionals and collateral referral services for victims and their non-offending family members. Our agency serves families of all socio-economic levels and is committed to providing quality services regardless of the ability to pay.

In the calendar year 2020, The Child First Advocacy Center served 180 clients and 150 family members. As of November 1, 2021, we provided services to 167 clients and 129 of their family members.

We were able to provide wrap around services and support to at least three Shrewsbury families as they began their recovery from the effects of trauma.

In addition, we continue to provide community awareness and education at no cost, in an effort to provide adults with the ability to recognize, react and respond appropriately to child sexual abuse and increase each school districts' ability to complete the legislatively mandated ACT 1 initiative also known as Child Sexual Abuse Awareness training for Educators, Community Members and Student's grades K-12.

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy Loomis, Executive Director

2021 AMERICAN RED CROSS REPORT

Funding Request: \$500

The mission of the American Red Cross is to prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors. The funds we are requesting from Shrewsbury will directly benefit individuals and families right here in our region who will receive our unique services at no cost.

We proudly assisted 30 of Rutland County's service members, veterans, and their families by providing emergency communications and other services, including counseling and financial assistance.

During the last fiscal year, we collected 3,113 pints of lifesaving blood at 87 drives in Rutland County.

Last year, 332 Rutland County residents were taught a variety of important lifesaving skills such as first aid, CPR, babysitting skills and water safety.

If you have any questions, please call us at 1-800-464-6692 or email supportnne@redcross.org.

Respectfully submitted,
Rachel Zelle, Development Specialist

2021 VERMONT ADULT LEARNING REPORT

Funding request: \$500

Vermont Adult Learning (VAL), a non-profit, seven-county organization, provides individuals 16 years of age and older with confidential education and literacy services at no cost. We provide basic instruction in reading, writing, math and technology. Vermont residents can access our services and earn a high school diploma from their town of residence or a GED. We offer citizenship classes for individuals wishing to become a U.S. citizen as well as English instruction for speakers of other languages.

Our Flexible Pathways program provides students with the opportunity to obtain a diploma with additional options and resources including dual enrollment at local colleges, technical classes at Stafford Tech, internships and other creative options.

VAL is a partner in a multi-year federal grant along with VT Technical College and CCV called Strengthening Working Families Initiative. The grant provides parents and guardians the training and skills they need for success in manufacturing at no cost to qualified candidates. If you like working with your hands this could be for you. There are many Rutland County manufacturing jobs currently needing trained employees so call 802-775-0617 ext. 5010.

Vermont Adult Learning served approximately 975 students statewide in fiscal year 2021. We greatly appreciate the continued support of Shrewsbury voters.

Respectfully submitted,
Chrispin White
Regional Director VAL



Fading Autumn daylight through a gnarled maple tree on Lottery Road

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