

# Report for the Town Meeting

## Weston, Vermont

Year ending December 31, 2022



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***Town Meeting Tuesday, March 7, 2023***

***9 a.m. at The Weston Playhouse***

*Masks are optional*

*Please bring this report with you to the meeting*

*Polls for Taconic & Green School Vote open 8 a.m. -7 p.m*

# About Town Meeting Rules and Procedures

Weston's Town Meeting, like all Vermont Town Meetings, is run under Robert's Rules of Order, except where Vermont Law takes precedence. Here are some key points:

- Unless there is a suspension of the rules, only voters of the Town of Weston may speak during the meeting and, of course, only Weston voters may vote.
- All motions, remarks and discussion should be directed to the Moderator. After you are recognized, please stand up and give your name so that the Clerk can record your comments or motion in the minutes.
- After you've spoken once about an Article, you won't be recognized for a second time during the discussion about that subject until all others who wish to speak on the issue for the first time have spoken.
- An Article must be moved, seconded and then restated by the Moderator before it is properly under consideration and debate can begin.
- An Article may be amended, and an amendment may be amended once. Amendments to Articles must be reasonably related to the original proposal. If the proposed amendment would make such a drastic change to the Article that it would amount to an Article that had not been warned, the amendment will be ruled out of order. This is because State law prohibits consideration of Articles that have not been warned. This also means that binding action may not be taken under the "other business" part of the Warning.
- A "division of the house" is a standing vote. A division can be requested by any one voter either before or after a voice vote. State law provides that seven voters may ask for a paper ballot either before or after a voice vote or a division of the house.
- Debate may be cut off by a motion to Call the Question and a two-thirds vote to do so.
- An Article may be reconsidered until another Article is under consideration. That means that if an Article has been voted down, a motion can be made to reopen consideration by a person who voted against it. But once the meeting has moved on to another Article, no more action can be taken on the previous Article.

Please don't be afraid to raise your hand and ask questions if you don't understand what's happening. You have the right to challenge any ruling by the Moderator and ask that there be a vote on whether or not to sustain the ruling. Vermont Law is very clear; the Town Meeting belongs to you – the voters.

Wayne Granquist – Moderator

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## **CRITICAL DATES**

**Dogs** must be licensed on or before **March 31, 2023.**

New pups at 6 months or older

Evening hours available on March 14th and March 28th from 5-7:30 p.m.

Homestead Declaration AND Property Tax Adjustment Form (form HS-122, HI-144) must be filed annually on or before **April 17, 2023.** Forms are online at [www.tax.vermont.gov](http://www.tax.vermont.gov).

Property taxes are due on or before **October 3, 2023 by 5 PM.**

**School Vote** on **March 7th** from 8 AM to 7 PM.

**WARNING FOR THE WESTON TOWN MEETING  
MARCH 7, 2023**

The legal voters of the Town of Weston, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Weston Playhouse in Weston, Vermont on Tuesday, the 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023 at nine o'clock in the forenoon (9:00 AM) to act on the following Articles:

- ARTICLE 1:** To elect a Moderator for a 1-year term
- ARTICLE 2:** To elect a Town Clerk for a 1-year term
- ARTICLE 3:** To elect a Town Treasurer for a 1-year term
- ARTICLE 4:** To elect the following Town Officers as required by law:
- One Selectboard member to a 3-year term
  - One Selectboard member to a 2-year term
  - One Lister to a 3-year term
  - One Library Trustee to a 5-year term
  - One Library Trustee to a 2-year term
  - One Trustee of Public Funds to a 3-year term
  - One Town Constable to a 1-year term
  - One Collector of Delinquent Taxes to a 1-year term
  - One Cemetery Commissioner for a 5-year term
- ARTICLE 5:** To see if the Town will vote to eliminate the position of Town Constable under 17 V.S.A. §2651a (d)(1).
- ARTICLE 6:** To see if the Town will appropriate \$4,000 for the Town Annex Paint Reserve Fund.  
(Included in the Town Budget)
- ARTICLE 7:** To see if the Town will appropriate \$4,000 for the Town Annex Building Maintenance Fund.  
(Included in the Town Budget)
- ARTICLE 8:** To see if the Town will appropriate \$95,000 for the Highway Equipment Replacement Reserve Fund.  
(Included in the Highway budget)
- ARTICLE 9:** To see if the Town will appropriate \$70,000 for the Highway Maintenance Fund.  
(Included in the Highway Budget)
- ARTICLE 10:** To see if the Town will appropriate \$35,000 for the Fire Apparatus Fund. (Included in the Town Budget)
- ARTICLE 11:** To see if the town will appropriate \$3,000 to the Space Planning, Management and Maintenance Fund.  
(Included in the Town Budget)
- ARTICLE 12:** To see if the Town will appropriate \$10,000 for the Bridge Repair Fund.  
(Included in the Highway Budget)
- ARTICLE 13:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$50,000 for the Wilder Memorial Library Capital Fund.  
(Included in the Town Budget)

**ARTICLE 14:** Shall the Town of Weston raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$7,500 for the purpose of funding, in part, a full-time position of Mountain Towns Recreation Director to be hired by the Town of Londonderry, pursuant to an inter local agreement as established in 24 V.S.A. 4901.  
(Not included in the Town General Budget)

**ARTICLE 15:** To see if the Town will appropriate the following sums totaling \$137,113 to the following organizations that included financial information with their request: (Included in Town General Budget)

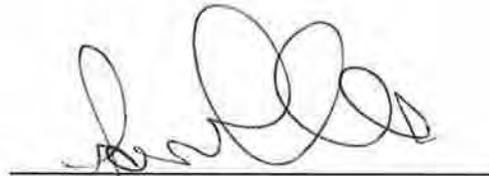
<b>Organizations</b>	<b>2022 Actual Request</b>	<b>2022 Voter Approved</b>	<b>2023 Actual Request</b>	<b>2023 Budget Request</b>
Weston - Cemetery Commission	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
Weston - Cold Spring Park (WCA)	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$7,500	\$7,500
Weston - Farrar Park Association	\$9,500	\$9,500	\$9,500	\$9,500
Weston - Recreation Club	\$13,000	\$13,000	\$13,000	\$13,000
Weston - Volunteer Fire Department	\$25,075	\$25,075	\$37,675	\$37,675
Weston - Wilder Memorial Library	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
<b>TOTAL WESTON ORGANIZATIONS</b>	<b>\$89,575</b>	<b>\$89,575</b>	<b>\$107,675</b>	<b>\$107,675</b>
Flood Brook Athletic Association	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
GNAT-TV	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
Green Up Vermont	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50
Health Care & Rehabilitation Services (HCRS)	\$630	\$630	\$630	\$630
Londonderry Rescue Squad	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Moover, The (formerly SE Transit & The Current)	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250
Mountain Valley Health Council	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500
My Community Nurse Project	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500
Neighborhood Connections	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$6,000	\$6,000
Senior Solutions	\$1,600	\$1,600	\$1,650	\$1,650
SEVCA-Southeastern VT Community Assoc.	\$630	\$630	\$630	\$630
SEVEDS	\$1,698	\$1,698	\$1,698	\$1,698
The Collaborative	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$750
VT Assoc. for the Blind & Visually Impaired	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100
VT Center for Independent Living	\$230	\$230	\$230	\$230
Visiting Nurse Hospice for VT & NH	\$2,350	\$2,350	\$2,350	\$2,350
Windsor County Youth Services	\$600	\$600	\$600	\$600
Women's Freedom Center	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
<b>TOTAL NON-WESTON</b>	<b>\$27,888</b>	<b>\$27,888</b>	<b>\$29,438</b>	<b>\$29,438</b>
<b>TOTAL ALL ORGANIZATIONS</b>	<b>\$117,463</b>	<b>\$117,463</b>	<b>\$137,113</b>	<b>\$137,113</b>

- ARTICLE 16:** To see if the Town will set the annual salary for the Town Treasurer at \$28,514 for the calendar year January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. (Included in Town General Budget)
- ARTICLE 17:** To see if the Town will set the annual salary for the Town Clerk at \$21,824 for the calendar year January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. (Included in Town General Budget)
- ARTICLE 18:** To see if the Town will set the annual compensation for the Selectboard at \$2,500 each for the calendar year January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. (Included in Town General Budget)
- ARTICLE 19:** To see if the Town will pay its taxes to the Town Treasurer as provided by law, due date to be on or before the first Tuesday of October (October 3, 2023).
- ARTICLE 20:** To see if the Town will authorize a total General Fund expenditure for operating expenses of \$654,798 of which \$478,265 shall be raised by taxes, \$156,105 by non-tax revenues and offset by a surplus of \$20,428.
- ARTICLE 21:** To see if the Town will authorize a total Highway Fund expenditure for operating expenses of \$868,951 of which \$763,661 shall be raised by taxes, and \$105,290 by non-tax revenues.
- ARTICLE 22:** To transact any other non-binding business proper to come before said meeting, not acted upon in the preceding articles

**Dated at Weston, Vermont this 24th day of January, 2023:**

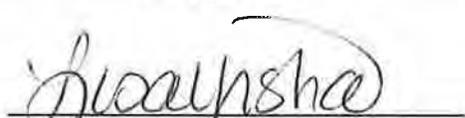
**WESTON SELECTBOARD:**

  
 Denis Benson, Chair

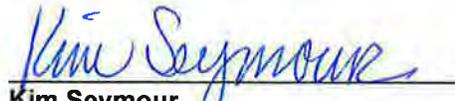
  
 Jim Linville, Vice Chairman

  
 Ann Fuji'i, Secretary

  
 Charles Goodwin

  
 Lisa Yrsha

**Received for the record this 24th day of January, 2023:**

  
 Kim Seymour  
 Town Clerk/Treasurer

**ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS - 2022**

		<b>Term Expires</b>
<b>MODERATOR</b>	Wayne Granquist	2023
<b>TOWN CLERK/TREASURER</b>	Kim Seymour	2023
<b>SELECTBOARD</b>	Denis Benson, Chair	2023
	Jim Linville, Vice Chair	2024
	Ann Fuji'i, Secretary	2024
	Lisa Yrsha	2023
	Charles Goodwin	2025
<b>TACONIC &amp; GREEN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT</b>	Debra Lyneis	2024
<b>LISTERS</b>	Greg Carroll	2024
	Vacant	2023
	Daniel Hanenberg	2025
<b>LIBRARY TRUSTEES (5-Year Term)</b>	Carrie Chalmers	2026
	Linda Saarnijoki	2026
	Deborah Granquist	2027
	Joanne Prouty	2027
	Tina Hartell	2023
	Dick Lechthaler	2024
	Malcolm Hamblett	2025
Nicki Pfister	2026	
<b>TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS (3-Year Term)</b>	Nicole Pfister	2024
	Andrew Clapp	2025
	Ron Prouty	2023
<b>CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS (5-Year Term)</b>	Richard Lechthaler	2026
	Patrick Walsh	2027
	William Hoyt	2023
	Duane Hart	2025
	Doris Ingram	2024
<b>CONSTABLE</b>	Susan "Syd Straw" Harris	2023
<b>DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR</b>	Morgan Hart	2023

**JUSTICES OF THE PEACE** (Elected at General Election)

Wayne Granquist ~ Shirley Knowlton ~ Charles Goodwin ~ William Hoyt ~ Marguerite Mason  
 Terms Expire January 31, 2023

## APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS – 2022

		Term Expires
<b>Road Commissioner</b>	Jeff Yrsha	2023
<b>Forest Fire Warden</b>	Denis Benson	2023
<b>Assistant Forest Fire Warden</b>	Almon Crandall	2023
<b>Planning Commission</b>	Geof Brown	2024
(4-year term)	Ann Fuji'i	2025
	Kim Price	2023
	James A. Young	2025
	<b><u>Vacant</u></b>	<b><u>2026</u></b>
	<b><u>Vacant</u></b>	<b><u>2023</u></b>
	<b><u>Vacant</u></b>	<b><u>2024</u></b>
	Deborah Granquist	TEMP.
	Laura Katz	TEMP.
	Jeff Lennox	TEMP.
	Tom Foster	TEMP.
<b>Development Review Board</b>	Ann Fuji'i	2023
(3-year term)	Tom Foster	2024
	Deborah Granquist	2025
	Jeff Lennox	2023
	Debra Lyneis	2025
	Susan Morris	2023
	Laura Katz	2025
	<b><u>Alternate Vacant</u></b>	<b><u>(1Year Term)</u></b>
<b>Conservation Commission</b>	Donald Hart	2025
(4-year term)	Marguerite Mason	2024
	Andrew Harper	2025
	<b><u>Vacant</u></b>	<b><u>2023</u></b>
	Loretta Murphy	2024
	<b><u>Vacant</u></b>	<b><u>2023</u></b>
<b>Zoning Administrator</b> (3-year term)	Will Goodwin	2024
<b>Floodplain Administrator</b>	Will Goodwin	2023
<b>Sewage Officer</b>	State of Vermont	
<b>Health Officer</b> (3-year term)	Will Goodwin	2025
<b>Vendor Ordinance Administrator</b>	Barbara Lloyd	2023
<b>Windham Regional Commission</b>	Charles Goodwin	2023
<b>Representative</b> (1-year term)	<b><u>Vacant</u></b>	<b><u>2023</u></b>
<b>Tree Warden</b> (1-year term)	Ray Mara	2023
<b>Senior Solutions (Council on Aging)</b>	Loretta Murphy	2023
<b>Emergency Fuel Coordinator</b>	Jon Bliss	2023
<b>Civil Defense Chairman</b>	Mark Falango	2023
<b>911 Commission</b>	Almon Crandall	2023
<b>Emergency Management Director</b>	Michael Smilovitch	2023
<b>Assistant EMD</b>	Natalie Boston	2023
<b>Regional Technology Team WRC</b>	Mark Falango	2023
<b>Green Up Coordinator</b>	Peter Areson	2023
<b>DVFiber Representative</b>	Rusty Davis	2023

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January 13, 2023

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Town of Weston, Vermont  
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Weston, Vermont 05161

We have been engaged to audit the financial statements of the Town of Weston, Vermont as of and for the year ended December 31, 2022.

The financial statements and our report thereon will be available for public inspection at the Town Office when the audit is complete.

*Sullivan, Powers & Co.*

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## BALANCE SHEET

December 31, 2022

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### ASSETS

#### Current Assets

##### Checking/Savings

TD Bank - Checking	1,063,291.26
TD Bank - HRA Checking	12,778.13
TD Bank - Special Funds Money Market	1,853,600.59

**Total Checking/Savings** 2,929,669.98

#### Other Assets

Scholarship Fund	150.00
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**Total Other Assets** 150.00

**Total ASSETS** 2,929,819.98

### LIABILITIES

#### Current Liabilities

ARPA Funds	38.34
Property Tax Refunds	12.63

**Total Current Liabilities** 50.97

#### Other Current Liabilities

Land Records Funds	10,181.78
Lister Education Funds - PVR	3,085.06
State Education Taxes Due	746,223.11

**Total Other Current Liabilities** 759,489.95

**Total All Current Liabilities** 759,540.92

#### Equity

Fund Balance - Town (Prior Year)	146,436.62
Fund Balance - Town (Current Year)	20,428.34

**Total Fund Balance - Town** 166,864.96

Fund Balance - Highway (Prior Year)	144,933.50
Fund Balance - Highway (Current Year)	(7,898.12)

**Total Fund Balance - Highway** 137,035.38

HRA Offset	12,778.13
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Special Funds Balance	1,853,600.59
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**Total Equity** 2,170,279.06

**TOTAL LIABILITES & EQUITY** 2,929,819.98

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**CHANGE IN CASH POSITION****January - December 2022**

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	<u>12/31/2022</u>
<b>Cash on Hand (12/31/2021)</b>	<b>1,160,493.82</b>
<b>INCOME (1/1/2022 -12/31/2022)</b>	<b>1,401,900.41</b>
CDT Fees (Year End 2022 fees paid in 2023)	242.24
Education Taxes for Taconic & Green	1,486,911.00
Education Taxes for State	1,492,446.11
Land Record Receipts (8,195.16 as of 12/31/2021)	3,336.00
Lister Education Funds (3085.06 as of 12/31/2021)	0
Other Receipts (11.60, 16, 44)	71.60
Property Tax Overpayments (0)	15,954.64
Reappraisal and Maintenance Funds from State	6,213.00
Scholarship Awards (Kimball, Johnson, Richardson Funds)	600.00
Special Funds Received - ARPA Funds	81,346.22
Special Funds Received - Conservation Commission Fund (from CD)	400.00
Special Fund - Bridge Repair Fund (2021 Grant Reimbursement)	175,000.00
Special Fund Reimbursement - Equipment Reserve Fund (new truck)	68,750.00
Special Fund Reimbursement - Reappraisal Fund (CAI, Manatron)	6,511.58
Special Fund Reimbursement - Sick Bank Used	482.00
State of Vermont - Dog License Fees Received (0)	795.00
State of Vermont - Marriage License Fees Received (0)	350.00
Tax Anticipation Note - Special Funds	196,000.00
Town of Londonderry - Transfer Station Fees Collected (30 as of 12/31/2021)	7,200.00
<b>Total Incoming Monies:</b>	<b>4,944,509.80</b>
<b>EXPENSES (1/1/2022 - 12/31/2022)</b>	<b>(1,389,369.17)</b>
Education Taxes Due to BRSU	(1,486,911.00)
Education Taxes Due to State of Vermont (6/01/2022)	(856,558.30)
Education Taxes Due to State of Vermont (12/01/2022)	(746,223.00)
Land Record Expenses	(1,349.38)
Lister Education Funds (3085.06 as of 12/31/2021)	0
Other Disbursements (11.60, 16, 44)	(71.60)
Property Tax Overpayment Refunds	(15,942.01)
Scholarship Awards (Kimball, Johnson, Richardson Funds)	(600.00)
Special Funds Expense - Conservation Commission Fund	(367.00)
Special Funds Expense - Reappraisal Fund	(6,511.58)
Special Funds Expense - Equipment Reserve Fund (new truck)	(68,750.00)
State of Vermont - Dog Fees Paid	(795.00)
State of Vermont - Marriage License Fees Paid	(350.00)
Transfer to Special Funds - ARPA Funds	(81,307.88)
Transfer to Special Funds - Bridge Repair Fund (2021 Grant Reimbursement)	(175,000.00)
Transfer to Special Funds - Conservation Commission Fund	(33.00)
Transfer to Special Funds - Reappraisal and Maintenance Funds	(6,213.00)
Transfer to Special Funds - Unused Sick Pay	(2,190.44)
Tax Anticipation Note - Repay Special Funds	(196,000.00)
Town of Londonderry - Transfer Station Fees Paid (30 as of 12/31/2021)	(7,170.00)
<b>Total Outgoing Monies:</b>	<b>(5,041,712.36)</b>
<b>Cash on Hand:</b>	<b>1,063,291.26</b>
<b><u>Town Funds:</u></b>	
TD Bank	1,063,291.26
TD Bank Money Market (moved to checking)	0
<b>Total cash on hand:</b>	<b>1,063,291.26</b>

## RECONCILIATION TO SURPLUS

December 31, 2022

**Assets:**

**Cash on Hand**

TD Bank Checking	1,063,291.26
TD Bank Money Market (moved to checking	0
<b><u>Total Cash on Hand</u></b>	<b><u>1,063,291.26</u></b>

**Other Non-Cash Assets**

Scholarship Fund	150.00
<b><u>Total Other Non-Cash Assets</u></b>	<b><u>150.00</u></b>

<b><u>Total Assets</u></b>	<b><u>1,063,441.26</u></b>
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**Liabilities:**

Property Tax Overpayment	12.63
State Education Tax Due	746,223.11
Appropriation Liabilites	
Due to ARPA Fund	38.34
Land Records Fund	10,181.78
Lister Education Fund	3,085.06
<b><u>Total Liabilities</u></b>	<b><u>759,540.92</u></b>

**Surplus:**

Total Town Fund Balance	166,864.96
Total Highway Fund Balance	137,035.38
<b><u>Total Fund Balances</u></b>	<b><u>303,900.34</u></b>

<b><u>Total Liabilites &amp; Fund Balances</u></b>	<b><u>1,063,441.26</u></b>
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## STATEMENT OF TAX RATES

	2021		2022	
<u>Tax Rates</u>	Homestead	Non-Homestead	Homestead	Non-Homestead
<b>Total Municipal Grand List</b>	2,015,792		2,044,524	
Highway	0.3158	0.3158	0.3464	0.3464
Town General	0.2069	0.2069	0.2183	0.2183
Local Agreement	<u>0.0017</u>	<u>0.0017</u>	<u>0.0015</u>	<u>0.0015</u>
<b>Total Municipal:</b>	0.5244	0.5244	0.5662	0.5662
<b>School-Statewide:</b>	<u>1.6063</u>	<u>1.6643</u>	<u>1.5138</u>	<u>1.5445</u>
<b>Total Tax Rates:</b>	<b>2.1307</b>	<b>2.1887</b>	<b>2.0800</b>	<b>2.1107</b>

### REPORT FROM THE COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES

I appreciate your confidence in entrusting me with the position of Collector of Delinquent Taxes. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

## SPECIAL FUNDS

As of December 31, 2022

<b>Annex Paint Fund (Est. 3/7/2006)</b>		
Balance as of 12/31/2021		<b>12,034.56</b>
Receipts:	Appropriation	4,000.00
	Interest	119.38
Disbursements:		0
Fund Balance as of 12/31/2022		<b>16,153.94</b>
<b>Annex Maintenance Fund (Est. 3/1/2011)</b>		
Balance as of 12/31/2021		<b>29,812.49</b>
Receipts:	Appropriation	4,000.00
	Interest	267.28
Disbursements:		0
Fund Balance as of 12/31/2022		<b>34,079.77</b>
<b>ARPA Funds (Est. 2021)</b>		
Balance as of 12/31/2021		<b>81,334.68</b>
Receipts:	Federal Funds; 38.34 deposited 1/18/2023	81,346.22
	Interest	1,069.53
Fund Balance as of 12/31/2022		<b>163,750.43</b>
<b>Bridge Repair Fund (Est. 3/3/2015)</b>		
Balance as of 12/31/2021		<b>352,329.71</b>
Receipts:	Appropriation	90,000.00
	Grant Funds - Trout Club Culvert Replacement	175,000.00
	Interest	5,104.27
	Interfund loan - repayment from Highway Maintenance Func	67,095.20
Disbursements:		0
Fund Balance as of 12/31/2022		<b>689,529.18</b>
<b>Conservation Commission Fund (Est. 3/1/1994)</b>		
Balance as of 12/31/2021		<b>314.51</b>
Receipts:	Interest	2.68
	Unused balance from \$400 CD	33.00
Disbursements:		0
Fund Balance as of 12/31/2022		<b>350.19</b>
<b>Equipment Replacement Reserve Fund (Est. 3/5/1996)</b>		
Balance as of 12/31/2021		<b>459,443.03</b>
Receipts:	Appropriation	95,000.00
	Interest	3,898.91
Disbursements:	New Truck	(68,750.00)
Fund Balance as of 12/31/2022		<b>489,591.94</b>
<b>Fire Apparatus Reserve Fund (Est. 3/3/1992)</b>		
Balance as of 12/31/2021		<b>153,857.71</b>
Receipts:	Appropriation	35,000.00
	Interest	1,448.49
Disbursements:		0
Fund Balance as of 12/31/2022		<b>190,306.20</b>
<b>Highway Contingency Fund (3/5/2013)</b>		
Balance as of 12/31/2021		<b>37,162.51</b>
Receipts:	Interest	309.15
Disbursements:		-
Fund Balance as of 12/31/2022		<b>37,471.66</b>

# SPECIAL FUNDS

As of December 31,2022

(Continued)

<b>Highway Maintenance Fund (Est. 3/1/2011)</b>		
Balance as of 12/31/2021		-
Receipts:	Appropriation	70,000.00
	Interest	12.15
Disbursements:	Interfund loan - repay Bridge Repair Fund	(67,095.20)
Fund Balance as of 12/31/2022		<u>2,916.95</u>
<b>Larson Subdivision Escrow</b>		
Balance as of 12/31/2021		3067.92
Receipts:	Interest	25.52
Fund Balance as of 12/31/2022		<u>3,093.44</u>
<b>Reappraisal and Maintenance Fund (Est. 3/3/1998)</b>		
Balance as of 12/31/2020		92,574.80
Receipts:	State reappraisal and parcel payments	6,213.00
	Interest	774.11
Disbursements:	Tax mapping & software-annual updates	(6,511.58)
Fund Balance as of 12/31/2022		<u>93,050.33</u>
<b>Salt/Salted Sand Shed Fund (Est. 3/1/2005)</b>		
Balance as of 12/31/2021		24,308.80
Receipts:	Interest	202.24
Fund Balance as of 12/31/2022		<u>24,511.04</u>
<b>Sick Day Reserve (Est. 3/7/2000)</b>		
Balance as of 12/31/2021		30,933.57
Receipts:	Interest	257.51
	Deposit Unused Sick Time	2,190.44
Disbursements:	Withdrawal Used Sick Time	(482.00)
Fund Balance as of 12/31/2022		<u>32,899.52</u>
<b>Space Planning and Management (Est. 3/6/2001)</b>		
Balance as of 12/31/2021		1,902.10
Receipts:	Appropriation	3,000.00
	Interfund loan - repay from Wilder Memorial Library Fund	14,500.87
	Interest	101.17
Disbursements:		0
Fund Balance as of 12/31/2022		<u>19,504.14</u>
<b>Trees for Local Grant (Est. 3/7/1995)</b>		
Balance as of 12/31/2021		655.71
Receipts:	Interest	5.46
Fund Balance as of 12/31/2022		<u>661.17</u>
<b>Wilder Memorial Library Capital Fund (Est. 3/5/2019)</b>		
Balance as of 12/31/2021		0
Receipts:	Appropriation	70,000.00
	Interest	269.90
Disbursements:	Interfund loan - repay SPAM Fund	(14,500.87)
Fund Balance as of 12/31/2022		<u>55,769.03</u>
<b>Balance as of 12/31/2022</b>		<b>1,853,638.93</b>
Year End Changes (deposited 1/18/2023)		(38.34)
<b>TOTAL SPECIAL FUNDS (Bank &amp; NEMRC)</b>		<b>1,853,600.59</b>

**VENDOR PAYMENTS**  
**\$10,000 OR MORE**

**January through December 2022**

<b>VENDOR</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
Advantage Truck Group	12,019	Truck repairs
Allegiance Trucks	68,750	New truck body
Cargill, Inc.	23,061	Sodium chloride
Cota & Cota, Inc.	52,262	Diesel for trucks
David Chaves Excavating, Inc.	101,768	Gravel, shurpac, stone, sand, trucking
E.J. Prescott, Inc.	14,160	Culverts, headers & filter fabric
JA Mitchell Contracting Services, Inc.	14,750	Roadside mowing contract
Linda Sherman	20,298	Assessor consultant
MVP Healthcare Inc.	51,735	Medical coverage: road crew & town clerk/treasurer
Renaud Gravel, Inc.	63,138	Winter sand
State of Vermont	1,602,781	June & December state education payments
Sullivan, Powers & Co., P.C.	17,000	Annual audit
SWNH Fire Mutual Aid	18,808	911 dispatch assessment & dues
Taconic & Green Regional USD	1,486,911	October local education payment
VLCT Property & Casualty Insurance	21,365	Annual property & workers comp insurance
Weston Cemetery Commission	10,000	Annual appropriation
Weston Recreation Club	13,000	Annual appropriation
Weston Volunteer Fire Department	25,075	Annual appropriation
Wilder Memorial Library	25,000	Annual appropriation
Windham Regional Commission	10,217	Annual fees & assist with Local Hazard Mitigation Plan
Windsor County Treasurer	14,347	Courthouse assessment & county tax
Woolmington Campbell Bent & Stasny	10,217	Legal assistance

**ANALYSIS OF TOWN GENERAL BUDGET AND EXPENSE  
2022 BUDGET / 2022 ACTUALS / 2023 BUDGET**

**TOWN GENERAL FUND EXPENSES  
APPROPRIATIONS**

	2022 Budget	2022 Actual	2023 Budget
Cold Spring Park-WCA	7,000	7,000	7,500
Collaborative, The	750	750	750
Farrar Park Association	9,500	9,500	9,500
Flood Brook Athletic Association	2,000	2,000	2,000
GNAT-TV	2,000	2,000	2,000
Health Care & Rehabilitation Services (HCRS)	630	630	630
Londonderry Volunteer Rescue Squad	5,000	5,000	5,000
Moover (formerly SE Vermont Transit & The Current)	250	250	250
Mountain Valley Health Council	2,500	2,500	2,500
My Community Nurse Project	2,500	2,500	2,500
1 Neighborhood Connections	4,500	4,500	6,000
Senior Solutions (formerly Council on Aging)	1,600	1,600	1,650
SEVCA-Southeastern Vermont Community Action	630	630	630
SeVEDS	1,698	1,698	1,698
Vermont Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired	100	100	100
Vermont Center for Independent Living	230	230	230
Vermont Green Up	50	50	50
Visiting Nurse Hospice for VT & NH	2,350	2,350	2,350
Weston Cemetery Commission	10,000	10,000	15,000
Weston Recreation Club	13,000	13,000	13,000
Weston Volunteer Fire Department	25,075	25,075	37,675
Wilder Memorial Library	25,000	25,000	25,000
Windsor County Youth Service	600	600	600
Womens Freedom Center	500	500	500
<b>Total APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<b>117,463</b>	<b>117,463</b>	<b>137,113</b>

1 5,000 for NC; 1,000 for transportation

**TOWN OFFICE BUILDING**

Janitorial	1,450	1,228.14	1,510
Payroll Taxes	135	163.95	175
Retirement Expense	35	0	35
Medical	100	0	100
Building/Doors	5,000	1,895.00	5,000
Fire Extinguisher Service	100	249.00	100
Grounds, Maintenance & Supplies	2,000	1,653.08	2,000
Office Equipment	1,500	469.21	2,000
Office Supplies	1,800	2,138.56	1,800
Postage	1,600	1,763.20	1,800
Heating Service-Contract	435	0	250
Electricity	2,100	1,822.38	2,100
Fuel Oil	1,500	1,922.90	2,100
Street Lights	3,300	3,256.50	3,300
Telephone	2,350	2,463.61	2,500
Rug Rental	1,500	1,838.02	2,000
Town Report Expenses	2,900	2,940.84	3,100
<b>Total TOWN OFFICE BUILDING</b>	<b>27,805.00</b>	<b>23,804.39</b>	<b>29,870</b>

**ANALYSIS OF TOWN GENERAL BUDGET AND EXPENSE  
2022 BUDGET / 2022 ACTUALS / 2023 BUDGET**

<b>TOWN ANNEX</b>		<b>2022 Budget</b>	<b>2022 Actual</b>	<b>2023 Budget</b>
	Building/Doors	2,000	145.31	4,000
	Fire System	250	153.00	250
	Grounds & Fence	500	0	500
	Advertising	50	0	50
	Heating Service-Contract/Repair	1,000	212.71	250
	Water Heater Repair/Replacement	0	139.10	2,000
	Water Purification System	1,000	0	1,000
	Backflow Testing	200	188.50	200
	Bacterial Testing	4,500	0	4,500
	Permit Fees & Dues	300	275.00	300
<b>Total TOWN ANNEX</b>		<b>9,800</b>	<b>1,113.62</b>	<b>13,050</b>

**ANIMAL CONTROL EXPENSE**

	Compensation-Animal Control	300	2,171.26	2,200
	Payroll Taxes	23	11.48	25
	Retirement Expense	10	0	0
	Conferences & Workshops	60	0	0
	Mileage Reimbursement	30	0	0
<b>Total ANIMAL CONTROL EXPENSE</b>		<b>423</b>	<b>2,182.74</b>	<b>2,225</b>

**COLLECTOR DELINQUENT TAX**

	Collector of Delinquent Tax Fees	10,000	14,424.57	10,000
	Payroll Taxes	800	1,103.46	800
<b>Total COLLECTOR DELINQUENT TAX</b>		<b>10,800</b>	<b>15,528.03</b>	<b>10,800</b>

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

	Conferences & Workshops	200	0	200
	Website	100	0	100
	Printing, postage	400	0	400
	Dues	50	0	50
<b>Total CONSERVATION COMMISSION</b>		<b>750</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>750</b>

**FIRE WARDEN**

	Compensation-Fire Warden	330	330.00	380
	Payroll Taxes	30	25.24	32
	Retirement	10	10.73	13
<b>Total FIRE WARDEN</b>		<b>370</b>	<b>365.97</b>	<b>425</b>

**LISTERS**

	Compensation-Listers	3,000	2,000.00	3,000
	Clerical	300	0	100
	Payroll Taxes	240	153.00	200
	Conferences & Workshops	500	50.00	500
	Mileage Reimbursement	250	0	250
	Consultant	22,880	20,297.94	23,000
1	Office Expense-Computer Software	0	129.86	9,100
<b>Total LISTERS</b>		<b>27,170</b>	<b>22,630.80</b>	<b>36,150</b>

1 New server & upgrades to be reimbursed from Reappraisal Fund

**ANALYSIS OF TOWN GENERAL BUDGET AND EXPENSE**

**2022 BUDGET / 2022 ACTUALS / 2023 BUDGET**

**TOWN GENERAL FUND EXPENSES (Continued)**

**SELECTBOARD**

	2022 Budget	2022 Actual	2023 Budget
Compensation-Selectboard	12,500	12,500.00	12,500
Clerk of the Board Wages	20,846	16,498.48	21,628
Holiday Pay	756	320.72	772
Sick Pay	825	815.60	887
Payroll Taxes	2,660	2,270.58	2,660
Conferences & Workshops	200	0	200
Dues & Subscriptions	50	210.88	50
Mileage Reimbursement	90	0	90
Advertising	500	0	500
Office Supplies/Equipment	0	270.15	0
<b>Total SELECTBOARD</b>	<b>38,427</b>	<b>32,886.41</b>	<b>39,287</b>

**TOWN CLERK/TREASURER**

Salary - Town Clerk	20,301	20,301.00	21,824
Wages - Assistant Town Clerk/Treasurer	20,470	20,379.68	20,600
Salary - Town Treasurer	26,525	26,525.00	28,514
Holiday Pay	756	475.36	772
Sick Pay	825	0	825
Payroll Taxes	5,384	4,616.77	5,000
Retirement Expense	2,400	2,399.78	2,600
Medical	23,320	23,236.30	27,500
Health Reimbursement Account	5,015	5,015.00	2,200
Conferences/Workshops	300	224.00	225
Mileage Reimbursement	150	34.17	150
Fees/Dues VMCTA/VTGFOA	65	70.00	110
Office Equipment	300	225.00	360
Advertising	0	449.00	0
Election Expenses	250	0	0
Computer Support Agreement	5,150	5,000.00	5,150
Disaster Recovery Agreement	546	562.75	585
<b>Total TOWN CLERK/TREASURER</b>	<b>111,757</b>	<b>109,513.81</b>	<b>116,415</b>

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR**

Wages-Zoning Administrator	10,000	13,609.58	10,000
Payroll Taxes	800	1,041.16	800
<b>Total ZONING ADMINISTRATOR</b>	<b>10,800</b>	<b>14,650.74</b>	<b>10,800</b>

**PLANNING COMMISSION**

Conferences & Workshops	400	60	400
Mileage Reimbursement	100	0	100
Engineering	0	0	3,000
Legal	0	0	3,000
Professional Assistance	0	2,502.50	2,400
Windham Regional Commission	1,500	1,337.62	1,500
Advertising	500	84.00	500
Office Expense/Computer Supplies	100	0	100
Planning Project (Update Zoning Regs '23-'24)	6,500	395.07	8,000
<b>Total PLANNING COMMISSION</b>	<b>9,100</b>	<b>4,379.19</b>	<b>19,000</b>

**ANALYSIS OF TOWN GENERAL BUDGET AND EXPENSE**

**2022 BUDGET / 2022 ACTUALS / 2023 BUDGET**

**TOWN GENERAL FUND EXPENSES (Continued)**

**DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD EXPENSE**

		2022 Budget	2022 Actual	2023 Budget
	Conferences & Workshops	500	0	500
	Engineering	0	0	3,000
	Legal	0	0	3,000
	Mileage Reimbursement	100	0	100
	Professional Assistance	2,500	0	0
	Advertising	500	552.00	500
	Office Expense & Supplies	100	39.99	100
	<b>Total DRB EXPENSE</b>	<b>3,700</b>	<b>591.99</b>	<b>7,200</b>

**OTHER EXPENSES**

	Insurance	11,425	8,912.42	17,260
1	Legal Fees	3,000	10,217.25	3,000
	Tax Anticipation Note (TAN) Interest	300	670.32	900
	Generator - Town Office & Annex	15,000	8,354.50	4,000
	<b>Total OTHER EXPENSES</b>	<b>29,725</b>	<b>28,154.49</b>	<b>25,160</b>

1 Assistance with 2 sub-divisions

**LONDONDERRY**

	Londonderry Transfer Station	48,000	0	49,660
	<b>Total LONDONDERRY</b>	<b>48,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>49,660</b>

**COMPUTER CONSULTANT**

	Computer Software	600	377.72	2,000
	Computer Repair/Maintenance	2,000	285.00	2,000
	Computer Supplies/Service	100	445.82	100
	<b>Total COMPUTER CONSULTANT</b>	<b>2,700</b>	<b>1,108.54</b>	<b>4,100</b>

**SPECIAL FUNDS**

	Town Annex Building Maintenance Fund	4,000	4,000.00	4,000
	Town Annex Paint Reserve Fund	4,000	4,000.00	4,000
	Fire Apparatus Replacement Reserve Fund	35,000	35,000.00	35,000
	Space Planning & Management Fund	3,000	3,000.00	3,000
	Wilder Memorial Library Capital Fund	70,000	70,000.00	50,000
	<b>Total SPECIAL FUNDS</b>	<b>116,000</b>	<b>116,000.00</b>	<b>96,000</b>

**MISCELLANEOUS**

	Audit	17,000	17,000.00	17,000
	Bank Service Charges	50	76.55	100
	Grant Expenses	0	2,298.00	1,000
	Web Page	600	268.50	600
	VLCT	1,861	1,861.00	1,917
	Copier Lease & Service	1,650	1,634.21	1,650
	Windsor County Tax	14,750	14,347.44	14,692
	<b>Total MISCELLANEOUS</b>	<b>35,911</b>	<b>37,485.70</b>	<b>36,959</b>

**WILDER MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

	Building/Doors	500	0	500
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**DISPATCH SERVICES**

	Annual Assessment	18,808	18,808.00	19,184
	Annual Dues	150	0	150
	<b>Total DISPATCH SERVICES</b>	<b>18,958</b>	<b>18,808.00</b>	<b>19,334</b>

**TOTAL TOWN GENERAL FUND EXPENSES**

<b>620,159</b>	<b>546,667.42</b>	<b>654,798</b>
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**ANALYSIS OF TOWN GENERAL BUDGET AND EXPENSE**

**2022 BUDGET / 2022 ACTUALS / 2023 BUDGET**

<b>TOWN GENERAL FUND INCOME</b>		<b>2022</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>INTEREST REVENUE</b>		<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>
	Interest Earned	1,000	11,001.13	11,500
	Trust Fund Interest	500	395.04	500
<b>Total INTEREST REVENUE</b>		<b>1,500</b>	<b>11,396.17</b>	<b>12,000</b>

<b>PROPERTY TAXES</b>				
	Current Use	81,000	87,129.00	85,000
	Interest on Delinquent Taxes	5,000	7,549.98	5,000
	Collector of Delinquent Tax Fees	10,000	14,435.97	10,000
	State-PILOT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes)	4,000	4,590.29	4,000
<b>Total PROPERTY TAXES</b>		<b>100,000</b>	<b>113,705.24</b>	<b>104,000</b>

<b>TOWN FEES</b>				
	Collection Fees	6,000	7,846.27	7,000
	Copier Fees	1,800	2,080.10	1,800
	Dog Licenses	375	446.00	400
	Liquor Licenses	700	555.00	500
	Traffic Fines-Town Portion	0	-54.50	0
	VDOT Revised Tax Bill Fee	60	30.00	30
	Zoning Fees-Town	2,400	1,595.00	1,500
	Zoning Warning Fees	600	510.00	500
	Clerk Fees	8,500	10,221.00	8,500
<b>Total TOWN FEES</b>		<b>20,435</b>	<b>23,228.87</b>	<b>20,230</b>

<b>OTHER INCOME</b>				
	Grant Reimbursement (from '21 Scoping Study)	0	930.61	0
	Rental Income-Little School	10,600	9,700.00	10,875
1	Reimbursement from Special Funds	0	0	9,000
<b>Total OTHER INCOME</b>		<b>10,600</b>	<b>10,630.61</b>	<b>19,875</b>

1 Lister computer expenses reimbursed from Reappraisal Fund

<b>Previous Year's Surplus / (Deficit)</b>				
<b>TOTAL TOWN GENERAL FUND INCOME</b>		<b>132,535</b>	<b>158,960.89</b>	<b>156,105</b>

<b>TOWN GENERAL ANALYSIS</b>		<b>2022</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>
		<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>620,159</b>	<b>546,667.42</b>	<b>654,798</b>
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>132,535</b>	<b>158,960.89</b>	<b>156,105</b>
<b>Expenses less Income Sub-total</b>		<b>487,624</b>	<b>387,706.53</b>	<b>498,693</b>
<b>Surplus / (Deficit)</b>		<b>41,208</b>	<b>20,428.34</b>	<b>20,428</b>
<b>Town General Fund Assessment</b>		<b>446,416</b>	<b>408,134.87</b>	<b>478,265</b>

**ANALYSIS OF HIGHWAY BUDGET AND EXPENSE**  
**2022 BUDGET / 2022 ACTUALS / 2023 BUDGET**

**HIGHWAY FUND EXPENSES**  
**TOWN GARAGE EXPENSES**

		2022 Budget	2022 Actual	2023 Budget
1	Building/Doors	2,700	434.98	8,700
	Fire Extinguisher Service	120	286.50	120
	Chloride Tanks	50	0	50
	Office Equipment & Supplies	150	87.79	100
	Hand Tools & Repairs / Garage Supplies	2,500	1,656.75	3,500
	Heating Service-Cleaning Contract & Repairs	435	248.30	250
2	Heating Repairs	50	0	0
	Electricity	1,500	1,225.87	1,500
	Fuel Oil	3,000	4,801.87	5,000
	Propane	200	0	200
	Telephone	600	615.91	650
	Internet	1,100	1,088.80	1,100
	Communications	500	0	500
2	Septic Tank Maintenance	100	0	0
	Spill Containment	125	0	125
<b>Total TOWN GARAGE</b>		<b>13,130</b>	<b>10,446.77</b>	<b>21,795</b>

1 bathroom upgrade

2 deleting line item in 2023

**CLASS II GENERAL MAINTENANCE**

	Contract Services-Striping	100	0	100
	Guard Rails	500	0	500
	Highway Signs	250	166.07	250
	Bankrun Gravel & Stone	500	0	500
	Crushed Gravel/Shurpac	1,000	0	1,000
<b>Total CLASS II GENERAL MAINTENANCE</b>		<b>2,350</b>	<b>166.07</b>	<b>2,350</b>

**CLASS III GENERAL MAINTENANCE SUMMER**

	Road Crew Labor	47,357	25,373.20	49,130
	Road Foreman	28,415	28,427.31	29,750
	Clerk of Board Highway Wages	300	0	300
	Holiday Pay	1,675	1,372.00	1,675
	Sick Pay	1,900	868.40	1,900
	Vacation Pay	7,500	6,974.99	7,500
	Overtime Pay	1,000	527.32	1,250
	Funeral Leave	250	0	250
	Worker's Compensation Insurance	4,850	5,147.52	6,100
	Payroll Taxes	7,460	5,241.76	7,500
	Retirement Expense	5,000	3,917.20	5,250
	Medical	20,920	12,673.33	25,000
	Healthcare Reimbursement Account	7,520	0	3,400
	Uniform Expense	1,400	897.27	1,800
	Highway Grant Fees	1,350	1,350.00	1,350
	Contracted Services	2,000	3,300.00	5,000
	Dust Control	4,500	3,180.00	4,500

**ANALYSIS OF HIGHWAY BUDGET AND EXPENSE**

**2022 BUDGET / 2022 ACTUALS / 2023 BUDGET**

**HIGHWAY FUND EXPENSES (Continued)**

**CLASS III GENERAL MAINTENANCE SUMMER (Continued)**

	2022 Budget	2022 Actual	2023 Budget
Erosion Control	800	1,534.97	1,500
Conferences & Workshops	150	225.00	250
Mileage Reimbursement	50	0	50
Street Striping	100	0	100
Guard Rails	500	0	500
Highway Signs	500	0	500
Safety Equipment	500	0	500
Bankrun Gravel/Stone	7,000	4,254.47	7,000
Crushed Gravel/Shurpac	35,000	27,115.78	35,000
Calcium Chloride	100	197.04	200
Cold Patch	200	523.80	200
1 Culverts/Headers	3,000	14,480.58	3,000
Filter Fabric	600	0	600
Hot Mix	500	0	500
Tool Rental	100	666.00	500
Tractor Rental/Roadside Mowing	14,500	14,750.00	15,000
Trucking	1,500	0	1,500
<b>Total CLASS III GENERAL MAINTENANCE SUMMER</b>	<b>208,497</b>	<b>162,997.94</b>	<b>218,555</b>

1 Purchased in anticipation of supply shortages

**CLASS III WINTER MAINTENANCE**

Road Crew Labor	47,357	48,048.44	49,130
Road Foreman	28,415	28,649.94	29,750
Clerk of Board Highway Wages	200	0	300
Holiday Pay	3,900	2,852.00	3,900
Sick Pay	2,500	2,268.40	2,500
Vacation Pay	7,500	5,765.62	7,500
Overtime Pay	10,000	9,309.43	12,000
Funeral Pay	300	0	250
Voting Leave	125	116.50	200
Worker's Compensation Insurance	4,850	2,724.83	6,100
Payroll Taxes	8,412	7,537.72	8,450
Retirement Expense	5,400	5,165.94	6,250
Medical	20,920	16,615.25	25,000
Health Reimbursement Account	7,520	7,520.00	3,400
Uniform Expense	1,500	1,319.07	1,500
Contracted Services	500	0	500
Conferences & Workshops	75	0	75
Mileage Reimbursement	50	0	50
Highway Signs	250	7.18	250
Safety Equipment	200	0	200
Bankrun Gravel/Stone	9,000	21,100.50	20,000
Crushed Gravel/Shurpac	10,000	53,299.71	50,000
Culverts & Headers	500	0	500
Sodium Chloride	3,500	23,060.74	35,000
Winter Sand	65,000	42,485.50	45,000
Trucking-General	2,500	5,200.00	5,000

**ANALYSIS OF HIGHWAY BUDGET AND EXPENSE  
2022 BUDGET / 2022 ACTUALS / 2023 BUDGET**

<b>HIGHWAY FUND EXPENSES (Continued)</b>		<b>2022</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>CLASS III WINTER MAINTENANCE (Continued)</b>		<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>
	Trucking Winter Sand	7,500	23,562.50	25,000
	Street Sweeping	1,500	1,480.00	1,500
<b>Total CLASS III WINTER MAINTENANCE</b>		<b>249,474</b>	<b>308,089.27</b>	<b>339,305</b>

**EQUIPMENT & CONSTRUCTION**

	Bridge Repair Fund	90,000.00	90,000.00	10,000
	Equipment Replacement Reserve Fund	95,000.00	95,000.00	95,000
	Highway Maintenance Fund	70,000.00	70,000.00	70,000
	New Equipment - bale chopper '22	0	9,081.52	0
	Highway Equipment Diesel	35,000	47,201.36	47,000
	Highway Equipment Maintenance	45,000	44,804.36	53,000
	Insurance-Equipment & Truck	6,380	4,915.48	7,446
	Road Repair Sealing	4,500	0	4,500
<b>Total EQUIPMENT &amp; CONSTRUCTION</b>		<b>345,880</b>	<b>361,002.72</b>	<b>286,946</b>

<b>TOTAL HIGHWAY FUND EXPENSES</b>	<b>819,331</b>	<b>842,702.77</b>	<b>868,951</b>
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<b>HIGHWAY FUND RECEIPTS</b>		<b>2022</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>ANTICIPATED RECEIPTS</b>		<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>
1	Highway Grants	20,000	26,770.00	20,000
	Department of the Interior	20,000	26,512.00	20,000
	State Aid to Highways	65,000	73,107.65	65,000
	Access Permits	100	120.00	100
	Culvert/Scrap Metal	50	0	50
	Excess Weight Permits	140	145.00	140
	Surplus/Deficit (Fund Balance)			

1 2021 grants paid in 2022

<b>Total HIGHWAY INCOME</b>	<b>105,290</b>	<b>126,654.65</b>	<b>105,290</b>
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<b>HIGHWAY ANALYSIS</b>		<b>2022</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>
		<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>
<b>Total Highway Expenses</b>		<b>819,331</b>	<b>842,702.77</b>	<b>868,951</b>
<b>Total Highway Income</b>		105,290	126,654.65	105,290
<b>Expenses less Income Sub-total</b>		<b>714,041</b>	<b>716,048.12</b>	<b>763,661</b>
<b>Surplus</b>		5,891	(7,898.12)	-
<b>Total Highway Tax Assessment</b>		<b>708,150</b>	<b>708,150</b>	<b>763,661</b>

<b>COMBINED ANALYSIS</b>		<b>2022</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>
		<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>1,439,490</b>	<b>1,389,370.19</b>	<b>1,523,749</b>
<b>Total Income</b>		237,825	285,615.54	261,395
<b>Expenses less Income Sub-total</b>		<b>1,201,665</b>	<b>1,103,754.65</b>	<b>1,262,354</b>
<b>Surplus / (Deficit)</b>		47,099	12,530.22	20,428
<b>Total Tax Assessment</b>		<b>1,154,566</b>	<b>1,116,284.87</b>	<b>1,241,926</b>

## 2022 Weston Selectboard Report

As you read this, you will certainly know that the 2023 Town Meeting will be held on the traditional date - the first Tuesday in March – after three years of postponements, thanks to Covid and all of its variants. And while Covid may be in our rearview mirror, some of its effects - like supply chain disruptions – haunt us still.

Exhibit A in this saga is the new International truck that we ordered in 2021 to replace our 2016 Ford 550. This truck was finally delivered in October of 2022 and sent directly to the body shop for the dump back. After installation, on the way to the paint shop, the engine control module failed and the truck had to be towed back to the shop and as of this writing, we're still waiting for the replacement part. Meanwhile, the 550 is leaking antifreeze and overheating and we've finally given up trying to fix the problem ourselves and that truck is sitting at the Ford dealer in Rutland awaiting their diagnosis, which we hope doesn't involve something expensive like replacing the engine. And by the way, we're scheduled to replace one of the big trucks in 2024 and are in the process of ordering it now to have any chance of a 2024 delivery.

We are delighted to announce that the generator for The Little School is up and running, hopefully putting an end to the necessity of closing school when the power goes out. If you have been reading our Selectboard reports, you'll know that this project has taken over two years – complicated by flood zone issues, delays in getting work scheduled, as well as necessary repairs to the generator - but we're pleased that this project is complete.

In March, your selectboard decided to hire an animal control officer, Pat Salo, a trained professional, to help us deal with stray dogs and other animal nuisances. Pat will come and round up unleashed and/or unknown dogs that are wandering around and deal with them appropriately, including contacting the owners. You can call Pat at 802-688-4020 and he will be glad to come and help. Reminder: if you own a dog, please register it at the Town Office so folks will know who to contact if your dog runs off.

As you might already know, every winter more or less three vehicles don't make the turn at the bottom of 'Bunker Hill' and crash into the beautiful antique railing that surrounds Farrar Park. Early in the summer of 2022, we met with VTrans and developed a plan to upgrade the warning signs approaching town from the North on Route 100. These signs were installed this Fall. We all hope that these will help, but so far they don't seem to be doing much – we have had at least two crashes this winter so far. This is a continuing problem that doesn't seem to have any easy solutions.

In 2022 your Selectboard approved an ordinance to require homeowners on dirt roads to get approval from the town before paving their driveways. This was in response to a number of factors: mostly complaints about our plows damaging paved driveways, and erosion issues on our roads resulting from water running off paved driveways. This ordinance is intended only to give the town the opportunity to review paving plans for driveways on unpaved roads before they are executed so that we can avoid problems later.

In December of 2021, a group of Weston residents formed a non-profit organization called the 'Friends of the Weston Community' which raised \$200,000 in private funds and \$50,000 in Town funds to purchase the property adjacent to the Wilder Memorial Library (the 'Riverside' property), demolish the existing house, and provide access to water and sewage and room for an expansion of the library that will include an ADA bathroom. 'Riverside' was purchased in December of 2021 and the building on the property was removed and the cellar hole was regraded in the summer of 2022. The 'Friends' will gift the property to the Town of Weston for the benefit of the Library as soon as is appropriate, so that the Library can be expanded, including parking, ADA access, and an ADA accessible bathroom. In addition, the Riverside property will provide overflow parking and some lovely parkland. As soon and the weather warms up it will be worth your time to take a walk to the south end of Riverside and appreciate the privacy and the peaceful views of the West River at the south end of the property.

In 2021 and 2022, Weston has received about \$160,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. We have had several public meetings soliciting requests for these ARPA funds and have received a number of qualified requests. Our plan is to make a final recommendation regarding the disbursement of these funds in 2023, to be approved by the voters either at a special meeting to be held this year or at Town Meeting in 2024.

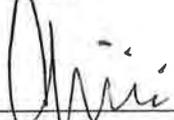
We would like to welcome Kim Seymour's two new employees, Valerie Linck and Ann Cummins who are doing an excellent job of filling in for the retired Deb Moser. And continued thanks to Judy Poissant for filling in from time to time. To be clear, Kim and her team work for you and not the Selectboard but we appreciate Kim's hard work and attention to detail nevertheless – she only makes our job easier. We are also are grateful to Natalie Belle Boston, our Selectboard Administrative Assistant, for doing her part in keeping us in line.

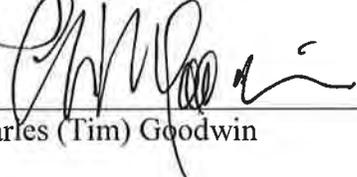
Last year there were some changes to our Road Crew: Brian Hart retired and Jeff Yrsha joined us part time to assist Almon Crandall (our Road Foreman) and 'learn the ropes' in anticipation of Almon's retirement in the next few years. All of them – Almon, Jeff, and Hugh Hart have been dealing with the equipment issues described above as well as the 'new normal' of multiple mud seasons and we should all tip our hats to them for their patience and hard work.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Town of Weston Selectboard:

  
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Denis Benson, Chair

  
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Jim Linville, Vice Chair

  
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Ann Fuji'i, Secretary

  
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Charles (Tim) Goodwin

  
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Lisa Yrsha

## 2022 Town Clerk / Town Treasurer Report

For the 9<sup>th</sup> year, I am writing to express my sincere thanks for the opportunity to serve you. It is truly an honor. While there are daily or weekly challenges, I do enjoy the daily tempo in the town office. With your vote, I hope to serve for another year, my 10<sup>th</sup>, in 2023.

The writing of this report brings quiet time to reflect on all the activities in the prior year and what can be done in the new one. It is another “off” year in that we don’t have elections to handle. That allows me time to catch up on or begin new projects. This year will be no exception. Below are items on my **To Do List**:

- **Update Clerk/Treasurer Policies & Procedures:** We had to change auditors unexpectedly. Just like everyone else, our prior auditor experienced staff shortages and they were conducting fewer audits. Sullivan Powers & Company was retained to conduct our 2021 audit and then contracted for another 3 years. They gave me a list of suggestions and I will be working on them.
- **Digitize the historical town reports:** For preservation and historical research, I will begin the process of digitizing our town reports and putting them on our website. It is another way we can use the reports for historical data, safeguarding them against deterioration or potential loss. They are a great resource, filled with helpful information and interesting facts.
- **Restore Land Record Books:** The Land Records are already online from the current day’s recordings back to Book 64 which takes researchers only to January 9, 2004. Prior books have damage and need to be restored to make them legible. This will gradually get them into our Land Records Portal online.

### **YOUR ANNUAL REMINDERS:**

**File Your Homestead Declaration:** The filing deadline is **April 18, 2023** for State and Federal taxes. Even if you are filing for an extension, the Homestead Declaration form **must be** submitted by the due date. By doing so, you are declaring to the Vermont Department of Taxes that you are a full-time resident and your tax bill will be calculated at the homestead tax rate. If you don’t file this by the April deadline, you will be assessed an additional 3% late fee on your property tax bill.

**Property Tax Due Date:** With voter approval at the 2023 Town Meeting, the due date will consistently be the **1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in October**. The actual date will change each year, but regardless of the date, it will be the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in October.

**License Your Dog(s):** The due date is March 31, 2023. You may mail your payment along with an updated rabies certificate, drop it in the drop box on the town office front door, or come in person to license your dog. It is the law in Vermont that all dogs be vaccinated against rabies and licensed; for pet owners, it is the responsible thing to do. Lost dogs happen and dog bites happen. Knowing where to return a dog or manage a dog bite incident are ways that the licensing assists the town officials, the pet owners and the dogs. In 2022, the Selectboard hired an Animal Control Officer, Pat Salo, to manage the dog issues in the town. Pat Salo’s contact information is listed in the Reference Guide in the Town Report.

My sincere “thank you” goes out to all the election workers who helped with the August primary and the November general election. Many hands make light work and the elections went smoothly with the assistance of so many willing volunteers. There have been staffing changes in my office with the retirement of Deborah Moser and semi-retirement of Judy Poissant. The past 9 years would not have been possible without them. They made everything here look seamless and easy. Valerie Linck and Ann Cooper Cummins have joined me and are making things go like clockwork. Please join me in welcoming them as they learn the intricacies of a municipality office as we serve you.

With best regards,  
Kim Seymour

### **2022 Vital Records**

**Births:** Piper Molly Neff; David Gordon McCooley; Lucas Scott Mellow

**Marriages:** Allyson Fox & Joshua Steinberg; Johanna Rotondo-McCord & Rudolf Hirss; Amy Demoreuille & Keith Taylor; Caroline Collins & Charles Watson; Kristen Omasta & Derrick Lundberg; Meghan Carroll & Brandon Judd

**Deaths:** Betty G. Rogers; Albert G. DeCell; Lucille R. Hart; Lee S. Nemlich; Beverly J. Hart; Sandra M. Parker; Robert A. Csanadi

## Listers' 2022 Annual Report

Over the past couple of years, Greg Carroll and Dan Hanenberg, as the two members of the Board of Listers, were challenged in many ways due to the effects of the pandemic. Not only were inspections curtailed, but the number of sales of residences and vacant land continued to increase from previous years, although this is trending downward. While we accomplished our goals for 2021, we will continue to face challenges in the coming year, when we will be conducting a town-wide reappraisal and the installation of a new processing system. Therefore, we would more than welcome an additional Lister to fill the long vacant position. Anyone interested? Please contact us at the Town Office to discuss responsibilities.

The Town's Consultant/Assessor, Linda Sherman, has successfully carried out her duties over the past several of years, as we meet State deadlines and requirements. Linda has been an invaluable member of our team and we are pleased to announce her contract renewal for another year.

The primary responsibility of the Town's Board of Listers is to determine the fair market value of all of the Town's real estate as the basis for local and State property taxes. To fulfill this responsibility, we assess changes in property values, hear grievances from property owners regarding their assessment, and work with the State to implement statewide programs such as "Current Use" and the annual statewide "Equalization Study."

The State's "year" runs from April 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup> for purposes of computing sales related to property taxes. The State's "Equalization Study," which is used to determine sales statistics, considers only "arm's length" sales. The criteria for arm's length sales include: a willing seller and a willing buyer with no significant prior relationship; reasonably equal access to knowledge about the property; and, absence of incentive to sell or buy.

The table below shows the basic transfer/sales data for the past decade. For the 2021 tax year, there were 31 arm's length sales, and we estimate up to 16 so far this tax year (April to December 2022), though some of these may be dropped from consideration once we get our Buyer/Seller surveys back. These are sent out after each transaction to help us determine if it is truly arm's length. As explained below, these sales trends determine our Common Level of Appraisal ("CLA"), and thereby our property taxes.

Tax Year	Number of Property Transfers Processed	Number of Arm's Length Sales
April 2013 - March 2014	50	12
April 2014 - March 2015	52	11
April 2015 - March 2016	41	10
April 2016 - March 2017	36	15
April 2017 - March 2018	72	7
April 2018 - March 2019	56	16
April 2019 - March 2020	71	22
April 2020 - March 2021	59	26
April 2021 – March 2022	65	31
<i>April 2022 – Dec 2022 (est.)</i>	33	16

Each year the Listers work with the State to determine the Town’s CLA, the means by which the State attempts to assure that statewide education taxes are based on comparable valuations from town to town. The CLA is determined by comparing sales prices with grand list valuations for properties sold over the prior three years. A town’s education tax rates (residential & non-residential) are the town’s base education tax rates divided by the CLA (to adjust for relative valuations). The coefficient of dispersion (“COD”) measures how fairly distributed the property tax is within a town. A high COD means that, within a town, many taxpayers are paying more than their fair share and many are paying less. The table below compares the basic elements of the Equalization Study for the last three years ending March 31.

<b>Equalization Study Element (as of)</b>	<b>3/31/2020</b>	<b>3/31/2021</b>	<b>3/31/2022</b>
Education Grand List Value	\$199,866,998	\$202,796,045	\$204,402,865
Equalization Education Grand List Value	\$206,347,832	\$214,297,253	\$248,571,869
Common Level of Appraisal (“CLA”)	98.86%	94.92%	82.62%
Coefficient of Dispersion (“COD”)	17.48	20.59	23.20

The State requires a town-wide reappraisal when the CLA drops below 85% or exceeds 115% or when the COD exceeds 20%. The 2021 COD exceeded the parameter for the second year. The CLA has dropped below the 85% parameter. During 2022, State officials directed the Town to conduct an appraisal. Of the 254 municipal entities listed by the State in its equalization study results, 164 (61%) currently are subject to statutory reappraisals.

We have hired a reappraisal firm and will be opening our records to them over the next couple of months. Following sending notifications to property owners and conducting informational sessions, they will begin to conduct appraisals this year, as soon as the weather is accommodating. They expect to complete the process in 2024 with results applied to the 2025 valuation year.

In 2022, there were no formal grievances by the Town’s property owners. Throughout the tax year, Listers regularly reply to requests for information and reviews of property data. All inquiries were successfully addressed.

The Listers’ proposed 2023 budget has not changed from that of 2022. The largest single expenditure in our budget remains the consulting services we use to assist us in our appraisals and mapping activities.

Respectfully submitted, Board of Listers

Gregory Carroll, Chairman

Daniel Hanenberg

## Weston Planning Commission Report for 2022

As a result of the August 2021 decision made by the Selectboard to reform the municipal structure and create a Development Review Board (DRB), the Planning Commission (PC) has primarily attended to its planning and bylaw development functions updating the Weston Town Plan and Weston Zoning Regulations.

- The PC's primary focus has been to update the Weston Town Plan by October 2024, as well as the Weston Zoning Regulations, as required by state statute. Throughout the year, the PC has received support from the Windham Regional Commission (WRC) for municipal training as well as applying for a municipal planning grant. The PC will continue the update process with public input as well as assistance from the WRC.
- The PC received specific requests from the DRB for bylaw modifications. As these modifications will require town approval by Australian ballot, the PC will work this year to hold hearings on these and other anticipated bylaw modifications to present at Weston Town Meeting in 2024.
- According to State Statute, any pending or in progress applications filed with a Planning Commission at the time a DRB is formed must be completed by the PC. There was one subdivision application pending from 2021. The Selectboard appointed four additional members as a subcommittee of the PC for the sole purpose of completing this application. This subcommittee has continued through the year to process the subdivision. Commission members for the special subcommittee for subdivision review are: Deborah Granquist, (Acting Chair), Annie Fuji'i, Jeff Lennox, Tom Foster, and Laura Katz (members).
- An additional sub-committee was formed in the PC to continue the work of the citizen-lead pedestrian safety project. At the current time, the project is focusing on gaining property owner support for the southern portion of the project area. The committee is also looking to expand membership to include others who have an interest in improving pedestrian safety in town. Commission members for special subcommittee for pedestrian safety project include Geof Brown (chair), Nicki Pfister, Jim Linville, and have support from the Windham Regional Commission.
- The Planning Commission budget for 2023 can be found in this report.

The Planning Commission meets at 6:00 pm on the first Monday of each month, at the Weston Town Offices, and often more frequently, as required by workload. When the first Monday of the month falls on a holiday, the Planning Commission will meet at 6:00 pm, at the Weston Town Office, the second Monday of the month. Zoom option for attending is always available; details and sign in information are posted on the monthly agenda.

Sincerely,

James Young, Chair

Kim Price, Secretary

Geof Brown, Annie Fuji'i members

Weston Zoning Administrator  
Flood Plain Administrator  
Annual Report 2022

Zoning Administrator, Will Goodwin can be reached by emailing [zoning@westonvt.org](mailto:zoning@westonvt.org), or calling (802)-824-4449. He is at the Weston Town Offices most Tuesdays.

During 2022, a total of twenty nine land use applications were received, and two applications were carried over from 2021. Two of these applications were referred to the Planning Commission, and five were referred to the Development Review Board, and nineteen were reviewed by the Zoning Administrator.

A total of 25 applications were issued Zoning Permits in the following categories:

- 3 Single-Family Dwellings
- 6 Residential Additions or Alterations
- 5 Residential Accessory Structures (other than accessory dwellings)
- 1 Accessory Dwellings
- 1 New Commercial Project
- 4 Commercial Additions/Alterations/Change of Use
- 1 Sign
- 1 Boundary Line Adjustments
- 2 Minor Subdivisions
- 0 Permit extensions
- 1 Appeal
- 0 Notices of Violations Issued for Zoning non-compliance

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*A sincere “thank you” to Carol MacLaury for repainting the Weston signs at the north and south ends of the village. The signs look beautiful and they are a lovely, welcoming sight when we drive or walk towards the village.*

## **Weston Development Review Board Report for 2022**

The newly formed DRB began its first full year of work in 2022, and we have been very busy with the following matters:

1. Weston Community Hub LLC - application to amend the site plan for the Hub Restaurant to include an outdoor eating area. APPROVED.
2. Andrew and Jean Clapp – application for a minor subdivision (two lots) of an 11 acre parcel at 49 Trout Club Road. APPROVED.
3. Little Pond Partners, LLC – application for a major subdivision – 7 lots on 266 acres off of Little Pond Road in Andover. 218 acres are located in Weston and 47.9 acres in Andover. ONGOING.
4. Berg Sobelski - application for a minor subdivision (two lots) of an 11.4 acre parcel at 495 Holden Hill Road. APPROVED.
5. Weston Hotel Partners – application for conditional use approval and site plan review for a bakery, including retail sales, and an apartment at 613 Main Street. APPROVED.

Dealing with these 5 matters, the Development Review Board met 14 times, holding required hearings, site visits and in some cases multiple hearings. This compares to only 2 matters in 2021. In addition to hearings, the members participated in numerous deliberative review sessions, spent many hours behind the scenes reviewing materials submitted by the applicants, their engineers, and lawyers and participated in drafting and reviewing minutes and written decisions.

The 2023 budget for the Development Review Board is included in this report. The reason for the budget increase is due to the number of matters that came before the Board in 2022, several of which needed both legal and engineering work. To assist us with our work, we engaged the services of MSK Engineers and the town attorney.

The DRB has the following members: Deborah Granquist (Chair), Ann Fujii, Jeff Lennox, Deb Lyneis (Secretary), Susan Morris (Vice Chair), Tom Foster and Laura Katz. I am most grateful for all their work and their dedication to the role of the Development Review Board in the zoning and planning function for the Town of Weston. And many thanks to Carrie Chalmers who retired from the Development Review Board in 2022, after many years of service. You are greatly missed.

Will Goodwin is Weston's Zoning Administrator, assisting the DRB in its work. The DRB appreciates his work on behalf of the Weston community.

The Development Review Board meets at 5:00 pm on the first Wednesday of each month, at the Weston Town Offices, and often more frequently, as required by workload. When the first Wednesday of the month falls on a holiday, the Development Review Board will meet at 5:00 pm, at the Weston Town Office, the following Wednesday. Zoom option for attending is always available; details and sign in information are posted on the monthly agenda and also on the Town Website.

Deborah Granquist, Chair of the Development Review Board

**Rudolf Johnson Memorial Fund**

Asset Value 11/30/21	\$ 56,716.65
Awards Given Out 2022	\$ 450.00
Investments 11/30/22	
JP Morgan Core Bond Fund	\$ 49,222.62
Asset Value 11/30/22	\$ 49,222.65

**Cemetery Commission Fund**

Asset Value 11/30/21	\$ 187,492.13
Investments 11/30/22	
Fidelity Equity Income Fund	\$ 103,664.78
Fidelity Interim Gov't Income Fund	\$ 80,891.69
Asset Value 11/30/22	\$ 184,556.47

**School House Fund & Phelan Fund (details not available at time of printing/kas)**

Asset Value 12/31/2021	\$ 27,913.49
Asset Value 12/31/2022	

**Conservation Fund (information from last statement/kas)**

Asset Value 12/31/2021	\$ 8,949.92
Interest	\$ 5.35
Withdrawal - Trail Kiosk	\$ (400.00)
Fees	\$ (25.00)
Total Asset Value 12/31/22	\$ 8,530.27

**BEN RICHARDSON FUND**

The Ben Richardson Fund was created for the purpose of assisting in the college education of worthy students from the Town of Weston. The proceeds from this fund may be used at any college. As of December 31, 2022, assets for this fund were \$20,599.22

**American Funds**

	Year-to-date since 1/1/2022
Beginning value	<b>\$21,566.99</b>
+ Additions	\$0.00
- Withdrawals	\$0.00
+/- Investment gain/decline	-\$967.77
<b>Ending value as of 12/31/2022</b>	<b>\$20,599.22</b>

<b>Portfolio rate of return</b>	
Annualized since 1/1/2003:	9.61%
Year-to-date since 1/1/2022	-4.49%

**CHARLES A. KIMBALL FUND**

The Charles A. Kimball Fund was bequeathed for the purpose of assisting young people from the Town of Weston in obtaining a college education from the University of Vermont or Dartmouth College. As of December 31, 2022, assets of this fund were \$8,582.43.

**Deutsche Asset Management**

	Year to Date 12/31/2022
Beginning value	<b>\$10,112.15</b>
Purchases/Reinvested Distributions	\$264.29
Redemptions	\$.00
Change in Value	-\$1,794.01
Transfers	\$0.00
<b>Ending Portfolio Value on 12/31/2022</b>	<b>\$8,582.43</b>

There were no recipients for either the Ben Richardson or Charles Kimball Educational Funds for the 2022-2023 school year.

Weston students interested in applying for a scholarship for the 2023-2024 school year must send a letter and include the following information:

- Brief introduction
- Name of College or University applicant plans to attend
- Area of Study or Major
- Additional pertinent information applicant would like to include

**Letters must be postmarked by August 15, 2023.**

Please mail requests to: Nicole Pfister  
57 Chester Mountain Rd.  
Weston, VT 05161

## MINUTES OF THE WESTON TOWN MEETING

APRIL 5, 2022

At 10:04 am Moderator, Wayne Granquist called for the attention of the audience. He announced that this was the 222<sup>nd</sup> Town Meeting, the first having been held on March 3, 1803. Mr. Granquist reviewed the rules and procedures guiding the meeting along with a few announcements. He asked for the audience to stand in silence as he read the names of those in our community who passed away in 2021 [see bottom of page 26] and announced that when we reach Article 22, the Bike and Pedestrian Study Committee would ask for a straw vote on how they should proceed. The Moderator asked non-voters to rise and introduce themselves and they were then welcomed to the meeting.

At 10:14 am Moderator called the meeting to order and read the beginning of the Warning: Having been warned of the meeting, the legal voters of the Town of Weston, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, met at the Weston Playhouse in Weston, Vermont on Tuesday, the 5<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022 at ten o'clock in the forenoon (10:00 AM) to act on the following Articles:

**ARTICLE 1:** To elect a Moderator for a 1-year term **Wayne Granquist** was nominated by Bill Hoyt and with no further nominations, he was elected by voice vote.

**ARTICLE 2:** To elect a Town Clerk for a 1-year term **Kim Seymour** was nominated by Marguerite Mason and with no further nominations, she was elected by voice vote.

**ARTICLE 3:** To elect a Town Treasurer for a 1-year term **Kim Seymour** was nominated by Bill Hoyt and with no further nominations, she was elected by voice vote.

**ARTICLE 4:** To elect the following Town Officers as required by law:

- One Selectboard member to a 3-year term **Charles “Tim” Goodwin** was nominated by Geoff Brown to a 3-year term. No further nominations. Mr. Goodwin spoke briefly about it being a privilege to serve and the need for some of the new people in town to take over for the “older ones”. A motion was made by Bill Hoyt to close the nominations and direct the Clerk to cast one paper ballot for Mr. Goodwin; 2<sup>nd</sup> by David Raymond. All in favor. Moderator directed Town Clerk to cast 1 paper ballot for **Charles “Tim” Goodwin who was elected to 3-year term.**
- One Selectboard member to a 2-year term **Ann Fuji'i** nominated to a 2-year by Kim Price. No further nominations. Ms. Fuji'i spoke briefly also about it being a honor to serve and the numerous volunteer opportunities in the town. A motion was made by Bill Hoyt to close the nominations and direct the Clerk to cast one paper ballot for Ms. Fuji'i; 2<sup>nd</sup> by David Raymond. All in favor. Moderator directed Town Clerk to cast 1 paper ballot for **Ann Fuji'i who was elected to 2-year term.**
- One Selectboard member to a 1-year term **Lisa Yrsha** was nominated by Shirley Knowlton. No further nominations. Ms. Yrsha spoke briefly that with her long-term participation in the town activities, raising a family here and operating a business, it was time to step up for a board position. A motion was made by Bill Hoyt to close the nominations and direct the Clerk to cast one paper ballot for Ms. Yrsha; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kim Price.

All in favor. Moderator directed Town Clerk to cast 1 paper ballot for **Lisa Yrsha who was elected to 1-year term. Jim Linville offered the thanks of the entire Selectboard to Bruce Downer and welcomed Lisa Yrsha to the Selectboard.**

- One Lister to a 3-year term **Daniel Hanenberg** was nominated by \_\_\_\_\_. No further nominations. A motion was made by Bill Hoyt to close the nominations and direct the Clerk to cast one paper ballot for Mr. Hanenberg; 2nd by David Raymond. All in favor. Moderator directed Town Clerk to cast 1 paper ballot **for Daniel Hanenberg who was elected to 3-year term.**
- One Library Trustee to a 5-year term **Deborah Granquist** was nominated by Carrie Chalmers; elected by voice vote.
- One Library Trustee to a 5-year term **Joanne Prouty** was nominated by Carrie Chalmers; elected by voice vote.
- One Library Trustee to a 4-year term **Nicole Pfister** was nominated by Carrie Chalmers; elected by voice vote.
- One Library Trustee to a 2-year term **Richard “Dick” Lechthaler** was nominated Carrie Chalmers; elected by voice vote.
- One Trustee of Public Funds to a 3-year term **Andrew Clapp** was nominated by Ron Prouty; elected by voice vote.
- One Town Constable to a 1-year term **Susan “Syd Straw” Harris** was nominated by Bill Hoyt; elected by voice vote.
- One Collector of Delinquent Taxes 1-year term **Morgan Hart** was nominated by Nicki Pfister; elected by voice vote.
- One Cemetery Commissioner for a 5-year term **Patrick Walsh** was nominated Bill Hoyt; elected by voice vote.

**ARTICLE 5:** To see if the Town will appropriate \$4,000 for the Town Annex Paint Reserve Fund. (Included in Town General budget) Moved by Dave Raymond; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Christine Falango **Passed by voice vote.**

**ARTICLE 6:** To see if the Town will appropriate \$4,000 for the Town Annex Building Maintenance Fund. (Included in Town General budget) Moved by Christine Falango; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Isabella Bolognese **Passed by voice vote.**

**ARTICLE 7:** To see if the Town will appropriate \$85,000 for the Highway Equipment Replacement Reserve Fund. (Included in Town Highway budget) Moved by Marguerite Mason; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark Falango. Denis Benson spoke briefly about the purpose of the fund. He addressed the question on plans to replace equipment; Ford 550 is on order and will be replaced in 2022 based on replacement schedule and needs. **Passed by voice vote.**

**ARTICLE 8:** To see if the Town will appropriate \$50,000 for the Highway Maintenance Fund. (Included in Town Highway Budget) Moved by Marguerite Mason; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Johnston. Denis Benson addressed the question whether any Federal funds for the road maintenance: ARPA funds not intended for regular budgeted items. Negative balance of the fund addressed by Jim Linville; it will rebuild to a positive balance as additional appropriations made to the fund for future expenses. Question from Marguerite Mason on what is difference about this fund vs. the Contingency Fund. Denis Benson

stated that the Maintenance fund is used for repaving projects and the Contingency Fund holds the remaining funds from FEMA payments from Tropical Storm Irene. Christine Falango asked if it would be possible to increase the appropriation for the Maintenance Fund; Moderator stated he would be reluctant to allow that increase. Question from Marguerite Mason regarding the opening staffing for Road Crew. Denis Benson stated we have someone helping and discussions about hiring a replacement in process. **Passed by voice vote.**

**ARTICLE 9:** To see if the Town will appropriate \$35,000 for the Fire Apparatus Fund. (Included in Town General Budget) Moved by Marguerite Mason; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Geoff Brown. **Passed by voice vote.**

**ARTICLE 10:** To see if the town will appropriate \$3,000 to the Space Planning Management and Maintenance Fund. (Included in Town General Budget) Moved by Bob Johnston; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Hoyt. Moderator reviewed the purpose of the fund which is maintenance of the town office. Question by Donald Hart about disbursement not stated correctly in the town report. Kim Seymour addressed and apologized for oversight. **Passed by voice vote.**

**ARTICLE 11:** To see if the Town will appropriate \$90,000 for the Bridge Repair Fund. (Included in Highway Budget) Moved by ; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Isabella Bolognese. **Passed by voice vote.**

**ARTICLE 12:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$70,000 for the Wilder Memorial Library Capital Fund. (Included in Town General Budget) Moved by Isabella Bolognese; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Shirley Knowlton. Deborah Granquist, Library Board Chair spoke about the appropriation. \$20,000 was the amount normally appropriated; \$50,000 was the amount needed to replenish the Fund back for the Town's contribution to the purchase of the Riverside property (Coughlin family) by the Friends of the Weston Community (FOWC). The intent of the purchase was to give the Library (owned by the Town) access to needed water, space for a septic system and a bathroom, additional ADA access, parking, and possibly a park. The Town's contribution to the FOWC was about 20% of the purchase price. Owner wanted to complete the sale in 2021 necessitating the \$50,000 being paid in 2021 and the FOWC intends to the turn entire property over to the Town [once improvements are made]. **Passed by voice vote.**

**ARTICLE 13:** To see if the Town will appropriate the following sums totaling \$117,463 to the following organizations that included financial information with their request (Included in Town General Budget) Deborah Granquist moved the article; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Hoyt. Moderator read through the list of appropriations giving voters an opportunity to ask questions about each. No amendments were made. Dan Hanenberg asked why the Fire Department and Cemetery requests so much lower. Christine Falango addressed the Fire Department and Bill Hoyt addressed the Cemetery request due to large repair project being completed in 2021. **Article passed by voice vote.**

Organizations	2021 Actual Request	2021 Voter Approved	2022 Actual Request	2022 Budget Request
Weston - Cemetery Commission	\$24,450	\$24,450	\$10,000	\$10,000
Weston - Cold Spring Park (WCA)	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$7,000
Weston - Farrar Park Association	\$9,500	\$9,500	\$9,500	\$9,500

Weston - Recreation Club	\$13,000	\$13,000	\$13,000	\$13,000
Weston - Volunteer Fire Department	\$33,075	\$33,075	\$25,075	\$25,075
Weston - Wilder Memorial Library	\$16,500	\$16,500	\$25,000	\$25,000
<b>TOTAL WESTON ORGANIZATIONS</b>	<b>\$103,525</b>	<b>\$103,525</b>	<b>\$89,575</b>	<b>\$89,575</b>
Flood Brook Athletic Association	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
GNAT-TV	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
Green Up Vermont	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50
Health Care & Rehabilitation Services (HCRS)	\$630	\$630	\$630	\$630
Londonderry Rescue Squad	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Mountain Valley Health Council	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500
My Community Nurse Project	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500
Neighborhood Connections	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$4,500
Senior Solutions	\$1,600	\$1,600	\$1,600	\$1,600
SEVCA-Southeastern VT Community Assoc.	\$630	\$630	\$630	\$630
SEVEDS	\$1,698	\$1,698	\$1,698	\$1,698
Southeast VT Transit (formerly The Current)	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250
The Collaborative	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$750
VT Assoc. for the Blind & Visually Impaired	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100
VT Center for Independent Living	\$230	\$230	\$230	\$230
Visiting Nurse Hospice for VT & NH	\$2,350	\$2,350	\$2,350	\$2,350
Windsor County Youth Services	\$600	\$600	\$600	\$600
Women's Freedom Center	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
<b>TOTAL NON-WESTON</b>	<b>\$27,888</b>	<b>\$27,888</b>	<b>\$27,888</b>	<b>\$27,888</b>
<b>TOTAL ALL ORGANIZATIONS</b>	<b>\$131,413</b>	<b>\$131,525</b>	<b>\$117,463</b>	<b>\$117,463</b>

**ARTICLE 14:** To see if the Town will vote to exempt from taxation for a period of five (5) years the real estate belonging to the Weston Volunteer Fire Department Moved by David Raymond; 2<sup>nd</sup> Marguerite Mason. **Passed by voice vote.**

**ARTICLE 15:** To see if the Town will vote to exempt from taxation for a period of five (5) years the real estate belonging to Weston Community Association Moved by Howard Brosseau; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marguerite

Mason. Moderator asked Mr. Raymond to review which properties this would cover. **Passed by voice vote.**

**ARTICLE 16:** To see if the Town will set the annual salary for the Town Treasurer at \$26,525 for the calendar year January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022. (Included in Town General Budget) Moved by David Raymond; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Johnston. **Passed by voice vote.**

**ARTICLE 17:** To see if the Town will set the annual salary for the Town Clerk at \$20,301 for the calendar year January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022. (Included in Town General Budget) Moved by David Raymond; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kim Price. **Passed by voice vote.**

**ARTICLE 18:** To see if the Town will set the annual compensation for the Selectboard at \$2,500 each for the calendar year January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022. (Included in Town General Budget) Moved by David Raymond; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Hoyt. **Passed by voice vote.**

**ARTICLE 19:** To see if the Town will pay its taxes to the Town Treasurer as provided by law, due date to be on or before Tuesday, October 4, 2022. Moved by Isabella Bolognese; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Hoyt. **Passed by voice vote.**

**ARTICLE 20:** To see if the Town will authorize a total General Fund expenditure for operating expenses of \$620,159 of which \$446,416 shall be raised by taxes, \$132,535 by non-tax revenues and offset by a surplus of \$41,208 Moved by David Raymond; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marguerite Mason. Question by \_\_\_\_\_ what are non-tax revenues? Addressed by Denis Benson – State Aid, etc. **Passed by voice vote.**

**ARTICLE 21:** To see if the Town will authorize a total Highway Fund expenditure for operating expenses of \$819,331 of which \$708,150 shall be raised by taxes, \$105,290 by non-tax revenues, and offset by a prior year surplus of \$5,891 Moved by Charma Bonano; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Isabella Bolognese. Question by Andrew Harper; addressed by Denis Benson. **Passed by voice vote.**

**ARTICLE 22:** To transact any other non-binding business proper to come before said meeting, not acted upon in the preceding articles.

Prior to opening the floor for non-binding discussions, the **Rudolph Johnson 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Awards were presented** by Debra Lyneis and Carrie Chalmers to Lexi Doane, Logan Fedele, Cooper Reece, and Wyatt Williams who were not able to attend the meeting. Highlights from the letters received from each award recipient were read by Debra or Carrie which included the intended use for the award. There was some discussion on giving a larger award to the recipients which the trustees indicated they would review for the future. Someone asked how did the Rudolph Johnson Fund come to be which Debra Lyneis addressed.

#### **Discussion on non-binding items:**

- **Tim Goodwin** advised the voters that the town has received a one-time award of approximately \$163,000 in ARPA funds; there will be hearings soon soliciting input on the potential uses of the funds.
- **Deborah Granquist** announced that the Library Trustees will be holding community input meetings as the Board members work on the strategic planning for the Library.
- **Marguerite Mason** raised the question of a straw vote on having the town pursue paving more roads. The moderator asked for a voice vote on whether the voters wanted to have a straw vote on this topic. The motion to have a straw vote did not pass by voice vote. Deborah Granquist suggested that Marguerite

Mason bring the issue to the Planning Commission which is in the process of updating the Town Plan; gravel roads would be part of that Plan.

- **Moderator, Wayne Granquist** asked the voters if they would allow the Scoping Study Committee to conduct a straw vote on the Bike and Pedestrian Study. The voice vote passed to allow it. **Denis Benson** stated that he felt any discussion was out of order since a decision on sidewalks should have been a warned article. **Jim Linville** clarified that the discussion was regarding what the Committee has worked on so far and not a vote on sidewalks. The Scoping Study was funded by a grant of \$27,000 from the State and \$3,000 from the town [*donations received from various businesses and residents*]. The results of the study provided various options to improve the safety in the village for pedestrians and bicyclists. At this point the Committee would be looking for additional input from the public. **Geoff Brown**, committee member, reviewed the number of respondents to the survey sent out in 2021 – 67 respondents representing about 10% of the town population. What was clear from the survey returns was that the work of the committee was important and options should continue to be pursued. Additional comments from audience on the State Right-of-Way, the required width of sidewalks, current parking issues in town, maintenance of the sidewalks, removal of snow from sidewalks, and a suggestion to start small first before tackling the big issues. **Nicole Pfister** spoke about how the Scoping Study Committee came about; she was concerned that the village should be safer for people to walk from one end of town to the other with her biggest concern being “Bunker Hill” having witnessed a near accident there several years ago. The study wasn’t about sidewalks as much as safety for the increased pedestrian traffic in town. **Ann Fuji’i** advised that part of the Town Plan, updated in 2016 was a recommendation of looking into the improved safety of pedestrian and bicycle traffic; this did not come out of the blue. **Will Freeman** spoke and offered his thanks to the Selectboard for the time they put into the town business; he supports the continuance of the study to find viable solutions for pedestrians and for speeding issues in the village. **Will Freeman** asked to call the question.
- **The Moderator** asked for a vote to end the discussion on the propriety of the presentation; **passed by voice vote** to end the discussion on the propriety of the matter being discuss at town meeting.
- **Nicole Pfister** asked for a yes or no vote on if the committee should continue exploring options for pedestrian safety. Second by Bill Hoyt. **Passed by voice vote**. **Bruce Downer** spoke and stated that our concern should be for making the town safe of our citizens in “any way possible” and that exploration should continue. **Deborah Granquist** spoke regarding the focus had been on sidewalks, but the larger issue pertains to safety. In the letter from the committee, there is a leap from a straw vote at town meeting to ask the committee to continue to getting options to then getting grant funding. **Geoff Brown** clarified that pursuing grant funding would allow the committee to continue exploration. **Denis Benson** suggested [*perhaps tongue-in-cheek?*] that we build a by-pass around the town to improve safety to which the audience responded with the expected chuckles. **Jim Linville** indicated that there is grant funding for exploration or actual construction if a plan was approved in the future. Linda Saarnijoki then restated the issue as a vote on the Committee continuing to investigate safety in the town.
- **Andrew Harper** called the question and it was seconded by **Bill Hoyt**. **Passed by voice vote** to end discussion.

- **Nicole Pfister** made a motion: do you support town's effort to proceed with exploring the alternatives presented in the Scoping Study? **Passed by voice vote.**
- Ann Fuji'i stated that at the upcoming Selectboard meeting appointments would be made for the various committees. She encouraged voters to review the list of Appointed Officials and volunteer for anything of interest as "new blood" is always welcome.

**With no further business to discuss, the Moderator adjourned the meeting at 12:15 pm.**

Respectfully submitted this 10<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022,

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*ss:// Wayne Granquist*

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**Kim Seymour**

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**Wayne Granquist**

Town Clerk

Moderator

**Acknowledged by Town of Weston Selectboard:**

Dated at Weston, Vermont this 24<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022

*ss:// Denis Benson*

*ss:// Jim Linville*

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**Denis Benson**

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**Jim Linville**

Chair

Vice Chair

*ss:// Ann Fuji'i*

*ss:// Charles "Tim" Goodwin*

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**Ann Fuji'i**

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**Charles (Tim) Goodwin**

Secretary

*ss:// Lisa Yrsha*

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Lisa Yrsha

2:56 PM  
01/11/23

Farrar Park Association  
Profit & Loss  
January through December 2022

	Jan - Dec 22
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
0850 - Insurance Reimbursement	7,400.02
0300 - Contributions	13,731.00
0600 - Interest	39.50
0800 - Town Appropriation	9,500.00
Total Income	30,670.52
Expense	
7000 - Supplies	
7010 - Decorations	244.65
Total 7000 - Supplies	244.65
6000 - Professional Services	
6010 - Accounting	50.00
Total 6000 - Professional Services	50.00
3000 - Fundraising	845.75
2000 - Fees	
2010 - Annual UBS	175.00
Total 2000 - Fees	175.00
4000 - Insurance	677.25
5000 - Maintenance	
5040 - Fence Repair	2,596.80

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Farrar Park Association  
Balance Sheet  
As of December 31, 2022

	Dec. 31, 22
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	32,018.62
Savings at Heritage Family Cie	5,219.80
Heritage Family CU	
Total Checking/Savings	37,238.42
Total Current Assets	37,238.42
Fixed Assets	
Band Wagon	40,461.45
Land & Buildings	36,200.00
Total Fixed Assets	76,661.45
Other Assets	
Long Term Investments	
Oppenheimer/UBS	
Change in Value	-7,390.64
Total Oppenheimer/UBS	-7,390.64
UBS	
Interest	1,892.92
Total UBS	1,892.92
Long Term Investments - Other	82,122.16
Total Long Term Investments	76,624.44
Total Other Assets	76,624.44
TOTAL ASSETS	190,524.31
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Unrealized Gain/Loss	-11,483.66
Opening Bal Equity	174,763.19

*The Farrar Park Association - P.O. Box 66 Weston VT 05561*

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

The Board of the Farrar Park Association wishes to acknowledge the generous support from the Weston taxpayers, as well as the wider community in helping us to maintain the lovely center of our community.

This historic green of Weston is a treasured space which involves special care. We not only attend to the trees and grass, but in recent years we continually repair the unique iron fence that surrounds this beautiful Village Green. We are grateful for the expertise of local citizens whom we call upon to make the necessary repairs.

As we continue to maintain this park, we respectfully request the Town of Weston to consider an appropriation of \$9,500 for the ensuing year.

Gratefully,

Carolyn Mullett, President  
Anne Fujii, Treasurer  
Sherri Foster

Barbara Lloyd, Vice President  
Shirley Knowlton  
Nicole Pfister

Joanne Prouty, Secretary  
Janita Griggs



# FLOOD BROOK ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

PO Box 526, Londonderry, VT 05148  
www.vfbaa.org



# Flood Brook Athletic Association, Inc.

Profit and Loss  
July 2021 - June 2022

FBAA Board Members	
<b>President</b>	Jason Marino
<b>Vice President</b>	Linda Ewens
<b>Secretary</b>	Allison Marino
<b>Treasurer</b>	Linda Ewens
<b>Basketball Commissioner</b>	Jason Marino
<b>Baseball Commissioner</b>	Jason Saunders
<b>Members at Large:</b>	Dave Kiefer
	Dan Long
	Harry Lux
	Jason Saunders
	Matt Foley
	Rachel Febbie
	Sarah Kiefer

## Dear Weston Residents, Taxpayers, and Weston Town Select Board,

The Flood Brook Athletic Association (FBAA) would like to thank all of the residents, taxpayers, and the Town's Select Board for your consistent support over the years for our programs. FBAA is a volunteer run, nonprofit organization, whose mission is to provide high quality and inclusive opportunities for our local youth to participate in affordable athletic programs. We are committed to providing athletic experiences that promote individual and team skill development, collaborative teamwork, and perseverance. Our group is composed of volunteers who are dedicated to organizing our programs, raising funds for uniforms and equipment, and contributing to the maintenance of the dugouts, fields, and scoreboards at Flood Brook School and Pingree Park.

Last year was a great year, and our programs continue to stay strong. Our 21-22 basketball program came back strong as Covid-19 restrictions were lifted. Our baseball, softball, and TBALL numbers grew again, with over 120 athletes, pre-k – 6<sup>th</sup> grade. We are looking forward to a great year, as basketball season is getting ready to kick off, with over 60 athletes for 22-23 season already,

k-6.

If anything, as we come out of the pandemic it has continued to reinforce for us how important youth sports are for our children. In order to continue our work with the area youth, we would like to humbly request the taxpayers to consider appropriating \$2000.00 to assist us in continuing to provide these valuable programs. We anticipate that your support will allow us to continue to offer these programs to players at low or no cost, at a time when families need that support most.

In closing, we would like to thank the residents of Weston, our players' parents and families, the volunteer coaches and referees, and the local businesses who sponsor our programs for supporting our organizational activities and our local youth. We are very grateful for the community support.

Respectfully submitted, The Flood Brook Athletic Association Board

	TOTAL
Income	
Concession	2,109.80
Donations	14,965.98
Registrations	<b>5,585.88</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$22,661.66</b>
GROSS PROFIT	<b>\$22,661.66</b>
Expenses	
1099 Vendors	0.00
Referee	3,540.00
Umpire	280.00
<b>Total 1099 Vendors</b>	<b>3,820.00</b>
Insurance	2,647.00
Office Supplies & Software	325.16
Postal	111.60
Rent & Lease	1,310.00
Service Fees	97.85
Supplies & Materials	5,803.08
Baseball Supplies	6,285.49
Basketball Supplies	774.73
Concession Supplies	239.50
<b>Total Supplies &amp; Materials</b>	<b>13,102.80</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$21,414.41</b>
NET OPERATING INCOME	<b>\$1,247.25</b>
Other Income	
Interest Earned	41.03
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>\$41.03</b>
NET OTHER INCOME	<b>\$41.03</b>
NET INCOME	<b>\$1,288.28</b>



“THE GREATEST THREAT TO OUR PLANET IS THE BELIEF THAT SOMEONE ELSE WILL SAVE IT”

Robert Swan, Explorer

Town of Weston
Kim Seymour
P.O. Box 98
Weston, VT 05161

Thank You Weston
for helping keep Vermont a beautiful place to live, work & play!
Your contribution makes a difference
#togetherwecan #greenupVT

December 3, 2022

Town of Weston
PO Box 98
Weston, VT 05161



We appreciate your continued partnership in making your meetings available to your citizens via GNAT-TV. GNAT-TV respectfully requests the Town of Weston to place an article on the 2023 Town Meeting Ballot: "Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$2000 to help support & defray the costs related to the videotaping and television and internet cablecast of the Weston Select Board, School Board, and other Weston municipal meetings?"

In 2022, GNAT-TV distributed a total of 810 local programs: 427 public programs (including 214 local news stories), 189 educational programs and 189 local government meetings. Government Meetings applicable to Weston include: 21 Select Board, 1 Town Meeting, 1 Special Meeting, 11 Taconic & Green School Board, 5 BRSU, 39 Total

We continually evaluate what is most needed and respond to the needs of the eleven communities we serve. In addition to our Comcast Cable channels (1074, 1084, 1094), we expanded distribution to include many popular digital platforms to allow citizens to engage with your meetings, educational programs, local news and stories, however they prefer to tune in. We have also invested in archiving systems to ensure local meetings and stories are preserved for future generations.

As we emerge from the pandemic, we recognize the need for both in person meeting coverage and the ability to offer live, real-time hybrid meeting coverage. We are investing in staff and infrastructure to help you make your meetings accessible to more people. Our ultimate goal is for a more engaged, informed, and inspired public. Please let us know how we may assist you with your hybrid meetings, in person meetings, and other communications needs.

As a reminder, you may send community announcements and events to: events@gnat-tv.org, we will include them in our weekly event listings calendar that is distributed via email, on TV, and online. Please let us know if you have an event or news story that you would like filmed or featured. We are available for you!

We are committed to providing transparent access to local government. Again, thank you for your time and cooperation. Please feel free to contact me for more information.

Sincerely,
Tammie M. Reilly Executive Director, GNAT-TV
Enclosure

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Dorset
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Appropriation Request Letter

Dear Residents of Weston

Thank you for your past appropriation to Green Up Vermont in support of Green Up Day. We had a great turnout with nearly 20,000 volunteers picking up 500 TONS of trash and 14,315 tires from our roads and waterways. This amazing community service and sense of pride keeps our towns not only looking good, but also safe and healthy places to live.

Your help is crucial in sustaining this mission of clean environments and teaching our youth to care about their communities. Your annual contribution is so appreciated and makes a real impact.

As Green Up rolls into our 53rd year, we are again requesting your support for the usual \$50.00 appropriation.

The amount requested is based on town population and funds go directly back into your town in the way of supplies, educational tools for your schools, and local promotion for Green Up Day.

Table with 2 columns: Population, \$ Request. Rows include 0-1,000 (\$50), 1001-2000 (\$100), 2001-3000 (\$150), 3001-4,000 (\$200), 4,001 up (\$300)

This past Green Up Day we saw the resurgence of gatherings which really gave an amazing boost to communities. Let's keep building strong communities by working together for our beautiful way of life.

Mark your calendar for Green Up Day 2023, May 6th and help us celebrate 53 years of keeping Vermont green! Please contact me anytime with any questions or comments. I am honored to serve your community and look forward to working with you again. Thank you so very much!

Kate Alberghini, Executive Director
802-522-7245 • greenup@greenupvermont.org

Green Up's mission is to promote the stewardship of our state's natural landscape and waterways and the livability of our communities by involving people in Green Up Day and raising public awareness about the benefits of a litter-free environment.

Green Up Vermont is a 501(c)(3) private nonprofit corporation.



**“THE GREATEST THREAT TO OUR PLANET IS THE BELIEF THAT SOMEONE ELSE WILL SAVE IT”**

Robert Swan, Explorer

**Town of Weston  
P.O. Box 98  
Weston, VT 05161**

**Green Up Vermont**

P.O. Box 1191  
Montpelier, VT 05601-1191

[www.greenupvermont.org](http://www.greenupvermont.org)

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**Thank You Weston**  
for helping keep Vermont a beautiful place to live, work & play!  
**Your contribution makes a difference**  
#togetherwecan #greenupVT

**Appropriation Request Letter**

Dear Residents of Weston

Thank you for your past appropriation to Green Up Vermont in support of Green Up Day. We had a great turnout with 22,000 volunteers picking up 418 TONS of trash and 16,250 tires from our roads and waterways. This amazing community service and sense of pride keeps our towns not only looking good, but also safe and healthy places to live. Your help is crucial in sustaining this mission of clean environments and teaching our youth to care about their communities. Your contribution is so appreciated and makes a real impact.

**As Green Up rolls into our 52nd year, we are again requesting your support for the usual \$50.00 appropriation.** The amount requested is based on town population and goes directly back to your town in the way of supplies, educational tools for your schools, and local promotion for Green Up Day.

- 0 - 1,000 \$50 • 1001 - 2000 \$100 • 2001 - 3000 \$150
- 3001 - 4,000 \$200 • 4,001 up \$300

Green Up Vermont is a private, non-profit organization whose mission is to promote the stewardship of our state's natural landscape and waterways and the livability of our communities by involving people in Green Up Day and raising public awareness about the health, economic and visual benefits of a litter-free environment year-round. Through this pandemic we learned that Vermonters feel Green Up Day was the one event that shouldn't ever be canceled and found safe ways to continue it. Let's keep building strong communities by working together for our beautiful way of life.

Mark your calendar for **Green Up Day 2022, May 7th** and help us celebrate 52 years of keeping Vermont green! Please contact me anytime with any questions or comments. I am pleased to serve your community and look forward to working with you again. Thank you so very much!

Kate Alberghini, Executive Director  
802-522-7245 • [greenup@greenupvermont.org](mailto:greenup@greenupvermont.org)

**Payment Reminder for Green Up Appropriation 2021**

We haven't yet received a check for your 2021 Green Up Appropriation. We realize many of you submit payment upon receipt of this notice. If you think our accounting is in error please contact us at [greenup@greenupvermont.org](mailto:greenup@greenupvermont.org) or 522-7245.

**Your 2021 balance due is \$0.00 Invoice #1128 Thank you!**

Total Income	353,771.03
Cost of Goods Sold	
Green Up Day Scholarship (V...	1,000.00
Advertising	21,278.22
Fundraising Expenses	142.91
Green Up Day	14,784.00
Poster Contest/Awards	569.48
Promotional Outreach	3,254.24
Special Projects	51.41
<b>Total COGS</b>	<b>41,090.26</b>
Gross Profit	312,680.77
Expense	
Legal & Accounting Services	2,337.50
Administrative	
Professional Development	381.00
Bank & Payroll Charges	497.35
Communications	
App	89.70
Telephone / Internet	774.25
Website	2,512.38
<b>Total Communications</b>	<b>3,376.33</b>
Contractual Services	4,958.00
Dues & Memberships	419.65
Insurance	
Liability / Directors & Officer	1,709.00
Workers Comp	355.00
Insurance - Other	1,300.00
<b>Total Insurance</b>	<b>3,364.00</b>
Mileage & Expenses	1,603.15
Office Equipment	842.61
Payroll	
Payroll Fees	937.18
Simple Retirement Plan	2,334.00
Bonus	11,325.55
Health Benefit	10,073.31
Payroll Taxes	15,512.91
Salaries	66,268.74
<b>Total Payroll</b>	<b>106,451.69</b>
Postage	1,625.68
Supplies & Miscellaneous	950.93
<b>Total Administrative</b>	<b>124,480.39</b>
Meetings	174.66
In-Kind Expenses	
Rent	8,177.00
In-Kind Expenses - Other	12,000.00
<b>Total In-Kind Expenses</b>	<b>20,177.00</b>
Total Expense	147,169.55
Net Income	165,511.22

**Health Care & Rehabilitation Services of Southeastern Vermont, Inc.**  
**Serving Windsor and Windham Counties**  
**Total Agency**

REVENUES:	FY 23 Budget	% of Total Revenues	
Client Fees:			
Self Pay	312,340	0.52%	Self Pay, Other Insurance, School and Client Room & Board Revenues Represents 7% of Total Agency Revenues
Medicare	358,990	0.59%	
Private Insurance	396,409	0.66%	
School Contract and Tuition Fees	3,114,392	5.15%	
Other Client Fees - ACO			
Client Room & Board	108,480	0.18%	
DMH Medicaid Fee For Service	6,331,529	10.47%	Medicaid Fee For Service Revenues Represents 11% of Total Agency Revenues
ACCS Medicaid Fee For Service	100,800	0.17%	
ADAP Medicaid Fee For Service	126,780	0.21%	
Personal Care Medicaid Fee For Service	2,880	0.00%	
MH Child Payment Reform Case Rate	6,734,130	11.14%	Case Rate and Waiver Medicaid Revenues Represents 72% of Total Agency Revenues
MH Adult Payment Reform Case Rate	12,336,039	20.40%	
DS Medicaid Waiver	24,286,184	40.17%	
State Grants:			
State Grant-in-Aid	2,275,128	3.76%	State Grant Revenues Represents 8% of Total Agency Revenues
Other Contracts/Grants	2,598,971	4.30%	
Local Revenues	72,000	0.12%	Local and Other Revenues Represents 2% of Total Agency Revenues
Other Revenues	1,303,956	2.16%	
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>60,459,008</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	
<b>EXPENSES:</b>		<b>% of Total Expenses</b>	
Salaries	28,996,082	48.75%	Salaries, Fringe and Contractors Represents 88% of Total Agency Expenses
Fringe Benefits	10,148,629	17.06%	
Other Personnel Costs	13,048,685	21.94%	
Operating Expenses	3,048,919	5.13%	Operating, Program, Travel and Building Expenses Represent 12% of Total Agency Revenues
Program Expenses	800,037	1.35%	
Client/Staff Transportation	1,096,692	1.84%	
Building Expenses	2,339,083	3.93%	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>59,478,127</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	
<b>INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS</b>	<b>980,881</b>		

## HCRS Health Care & Rehabilitation Services

November 2022

### Request for Support from the Town of Weston

Health Care and Rehabilitation Services of Southeastern Vermont (HCRS) requests an appropriation of \$630,000 from the Town of Weston at the 2023 Town Meeting to help support same day access to our services for residents of your community. This funding will support our Access Navigator positions, which allow us to provide mental health and substance abuse supports to residents when they need them. Same day access is now more essential than ever due to the increased anxiety experienced by so many during the COVID-19 pandemic. In the year ending June 30, 2022, our agency provided a comprehensive range of community based services to 3,840 people in Windsor and Windham counties. The services that are available to the residents of your community include:

**Adult Mental Health and Addiction Services:** HCRS offers comprehensive services for adults who are experiencing mental health and/or substance abuse difficulties. These services include assessment of need, treatment, referral services, and limited psychiatric services. HCRS is committed to building on the strengths of the individuals we serve. Our goal is to help clients and their families achieve improved wellness, health, and quality of life while addressing their mental health and substance abuse needs.

**Children, Youth, and Families Program:** We provide a comprehensive system of care for youth of all ages who are experiencing emotional, behavioral, developmental, or substance use difficulties in their life, as well as education and support for family members. We offer many services including psychiatry, counseling, case management, respite services, school-based services, behavioral consultation services, summer therapeutic programs, and employment assistance for older youth.

**Kindle Farm School:** Our alternative school in Newfane serves boys in grades 2 – 12, who are unable to remain in a traditional classroom setting. Kindle Farm uses a unique approach of strong relationships, a low student to staff ratio, and hands-on learning experiences to engage these students, many of whom are able to return to their sending schools after learning new skills.

**Developmental Services (DS):** The DS program provides services to people with developmental disabilities and their families. Services are available to people of all ages who have been found eligible, and each person served receives an individualized program to meet their unique needs.

**Residential Services:** HCRS offers residential care including short term crisis stabilization, intensive residential care, and therapeutic community residential services. Each program is specifically designed to offer individuals an appropriate level of care to support their personal recovery and wellness needs.

**Emergency Services:** This team has a very specific mission to act quickly in critical situations. Specially-trained mental health professionals are available 24 hours a day for emergencies. Anyone may use this service when an emergency arises including individuals of any age, family or friends of an individual in crisis, hospitals and nursing homes, police, schools, clergy, businesses, and other community agencies.

We thank the Board and the citizens of Weston for your past support and for your continued interest in Health Care and Rehabilitation Services of Southeastern Vermont.

Londonderry Volunteer Rescue Squad  
 P.O. Box 911 Londonderry, VT 05148

December 5, 2022

Town of Weston  
 12 Lawrence Hill Road  
 Weston, VT 05161

Via email: [assistantclerk@westonvt.org](mailto:assistantclerk@westonvt.org)

Dear Selectboard,

The Londonderry Volunteer Rescue Squad is proud to provide emergency medical services to the Town of Weston, as well as the towns of Landgrove, Londonderry, Peru, Stratton, Windham and Winhall.

This has been a demanding year for our Squad. We responded to a record breaking number of calls, 698 calls this year to last year's 466 calls, a 50% increase. We remain the only all-volunteer rescue squad in the state of Vermont that doesn't charge patients for our services. Our dedicated volunteers don't receive any compensation for the time they spend providing patient care, and this is the primary reason our yearly assessments to the towns we serve are so low.

But we still have significant expenses, and the hurdles posed by the increased calls have resulted in increased costs for medical supplies, diesel fuel and equipment. All of these items need to be kept up-to-date and fully operational in order for us to continue providing the high quality patient care and transport that we are known for. Our expenses this year totaled \$194,604.25.

Adjustments were made last year to each town's yearly assessment based on its annual call volume and its proportionate call volume relative to the seven towns that we serve. As a result, all town assessments will remain the same as last year.

This year we are asking the Town of Weston for \$5000.00.

We appreciate your support and look forward to serving our community in 2023.

Sincerely,

The Executive Committee of LVRS

**990**

**Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**

OMB No. 1545-0047

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service  
 Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)  
 Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public.  
 Go to [www.irs.gov/Form990](http://www.irs.gov/Form990) for instructions and the latest information.

For the 2021 calendar year, or tax year beginning Jul 1, 2021, and ending Jun 30, 2022

Check if applicable:  
 Address change  
 Name change  
 Initial return  
 Final return/terminated  
 Amended return  
 Application pending

C Name of organization Londonderry Volunteer Rescue Squad, Inc.  
 Doing business as Londonderry Volunteer Rescue Squad  
 Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite  
 P.O. Box 911  
 Londonderry, VT 05148-0911

D Employer identification number  
 E Telephone number (802) 824-6699

G Gross receipts \$ 191,554.  
 H(a) Is this a group return for subsidiaries?  Yes  No  
 H(b) Are all subsidiaries included?  Yes  No  
 H(c) Attach a list. See instructions.

F Name and address of principal officer:  
 Jonathan Mowry, P.O. Box 911, Londonderry, VT 05148  
 If "No," attach a list. See instructions.

J Tax-exempt status:  501(c)(3)  501(c)  4947(a)(1) or  527  
 K Form of organization:  Corporation  Trust  Association  Other

L Year of formation: 1964 M State of legal domicile: VT

**Part I Summary**

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: EMS & EM Transport.  
 The provision of Volunteer Emergency Medical Services to an eight town area in Southern Vermont.  
 The area of coverage includes towns in 3 counties in Southern Vermont.

2 Check this box  if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.

3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a) 3

4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b) 4

5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2021 (Part V, line 2a) 5

6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary) 0

7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12 4.9

7b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, Part I, line 11 0.

**Activities & Governance**

8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h) 253,778. Prior Year 208,961.

9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g) 3,230. Prior Year 7,793.

10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d) 54,246. Prior Year -27,290.

11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e) -152. Prior Year 2,050.

12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12) 311,102. Prior Year 191,554.

13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3) 0.

14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4) 0.

15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10) 0.

16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e) 0.

16b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) 0.

17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e) 231,991. Prior Year 190,376.

18 Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25) 79,111. Prior Year 1,178.

19 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12 231,991. Prior Year 190,376.

20 Total assets (Part X, line 16) 755,877. Prior Year 757,664.

21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26) 755,877. Prior Year 757,664.

22 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20 0.

**Part II Signature Block**

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Signature of officer Jonathan Mowry, Treasurer Date 10/13/2022

Print/type preparer's name Charles Goodwin Date 10/13/2022

Preparer's signature Preparer's signature

Use Only Firm's name Firm's address

Check  if self-employed

Phone no.

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions  Yes  No

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions. BAA

REV 07/25/22 PRO Form 990 (2021)

**Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**

Under section 501(c) 27, or 497(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)  
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2021

Open to Public Inspection

**A** For the 2021 calendar year, or tax year beginning 2021, and ending 2021

**B** **Organization's name**  
 MOUNTAIN VALLEY HEALTH COUNCIL, INC.  
 38 VT RTE 11  
 LONDONDERRY, VT 05148

**C** **Employer identification number**  
 (802) 824-6901

**D** **State of legal domicile**  
 VT

**E** **Website**  
 www.mvhc.org

**F** **Name and address of principal office**  
 SAME AS C ABOVE

**G** **Gross receipts** \$ 1,355,939

**H** **Assets** at year end: (a) Total \$ 1,355,939 (b) Total for subsidiaries excluded? Yes  No

**I** **Liabilities** at year end: (a) Total \$ 0 (b) Total for subsidiaries excluded? Yes  No

**J** **Form 990-BE filer** Yes  No

**K** **Form 990-E filer** Yes  No

**L** **Form 990-T filer** Yes  No

**M** **Form 990-T filer** Yes  No

**N** **Form 990-T filer** Yes  No

**O** **Form 990-T filer** Yes  No

**P** **Form 990-T filer** Yes  No

**Q** **Form 990-T filer** Yes  No

**R** **Form 990-T filer** Yes  No

**S** **Form 990-T filer** Yes  No

**T** **Form 990-T filer** Yes  No

**U** **Form 990-T filer** Yes  No

**V** **Form 990-T filer** Yes  No

**W** **Form 990-T filer** Yes  No

**X** **Form 990-T filer** Yes  No

**Y** **Form 990-T filer** Yes  No

**Z** **Form 990-T filer** Yes  No



Town of Weston Select Board  
 PO Box 98  
 Weston VT 05161

Dear Members of the Select Board,

For many years the Town of Weston has been generous in supporting the Mountain Valley Health Council (MVHC). Your support has made it possible for us to sustain our founding vision of treating all patients from our mountain towns, regardless of their ability to pay. The support of all our mountain towns has been essential to the continuing vitality of the Mountain Valley Health Center. I am writing first and foremost to express our deep gratitude for your continuing support that has helped to make all this possible.

As you know, we have recently passed several important milestones. In 2021, we welcomed a new physician, Dr. Meghan Ward, to the Clinic and to our community. In 2022, we celebrated the many contributions of Dr. Roger Fox, who retired after more than 45 years of service. Most recently, we welcomed Dr. Rachel Bruce to the Clinic as our second full-time resident physician. These milestones are all important indicators of the resilience and sustainability of the Mountain Valley Health Center.

Looking ahead to 2023, we are now actively working with North Star Health to find ways to expand the Clinic capacity, allowing us both to respond to very high demand from new patients, and also to offer a broader range of services to our existing patients.

We are now requesting that the Select Board again include \$2500 for MVHC in its annual budget submission for approval on Town Meeting Day. Funds from each town will be earmarked first and foremost for the 'emergency relief fund' that supports residents in our catchment area who are struggling to pay for their medical care. This could include funding office visits, prescription costs, co-pay requirements, gas cards to remove impediments to travel for medical appointments. Any unexpended funds would then be used for other MVHC programs, including scholarship and tuition grants for local staff to advance their medical skills and provide an incentive to remain in the area, expanding the range of services as the Clinic and developing special facilities to respond to new demands, such as Covid.

We look forward to continuing a long tradition of community service and community engagement, with the continuing support of the mountain town Select Boards and broader community. Thank you for your consideration.

On behalf of the MVHC Board and Clinic staff,

*Michael Moritt*  
 Michael Moritt  
 President

*Matthew Whitcomb*  
 Matthew Whitcomb  
 Director

MOUNTAIN VALLEY HEALTH COUNCIL 38Vt. Route 11, Londonderry, Vermont 05148 (802) 824-6901  
 Non-Profit Corp. Tax Exempt under Section 501 (c) (3) • TIN #03-0240165

\*All contributions are tax deductible as allowed by law. No goods or services have been provided in consideration of this contribution.

Part	Section	Amount	Prior Year	Current Year
Part I	8	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	121,885.	193,170.
	9	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2a)	161,474.	139,411.
	10	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	744,490.	105,468.
	11	Other revenue (Part VII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 10c, and 11c)		
	12	Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1,027,849.	438,049.
	13	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)		
	14	Benefits paid to or for members (Part X, column (A), line 4)		
	15	Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)		
	16a	Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11a)		
	16b	Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25)	346,254.	275,395.
Part II	17	Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	346,254.	275,395.
	18	Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	681,595.	162,654.
	19	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	3,813,409.	4,286,099.
	20	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	8,305,104.	20,973.
	21	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)		
	22	Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	3,805,104.	4,265,126.

**Part II Signature Block**  
 Signature of officer: LUCY SHELBURNE  
 Type or print name and title: LUCY SHELBURNE, TREASURER

**Sign Here**  
 Signature of preparer: LUCY SHELBURNE  
 Type or print name and title: LUCY SHELBURNE, TREASURER

**Paid Preparer Use Only**  
 Preparer's name: LEE M. SPIVEY, JR.  
 Preparer's title: SPIVEY JEMONIK SHENOR PC  
 Preparer's address: PO BOX 1349, MANCHESTER CENTER, VT 05255

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions  
 Yes  No

MY COMMUNITY NURSE PROJECT  
PO BOX 57  
WESTON, VT 05161

TOTAL  
Jan - Dec 23

12/8/22

Ordinary Income/Expense  
Income

Donations	78,000.00
Grants	17,500.00
<b>Total Grants</b>	<b>17,500.00</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>95,500.00</b>

Expense

Automobile Expense	0.00
Bank Service Charges	0.00
Business Licenses and Permits	200.00
Dues and Subscriptions	190.00
Education	250.00
Insurance Expense	1,700.00
Maintenance	40.00
Meal Prep	875.00
Meals and Entertainment	50.00
Mileage	7,792.85
Office Expense	1,390.00
Office Supplies	0.00
Payroll Expenses	75,000.00
Postage	238.00
Professional Fees	1,200.00
Supplies	
Food Supplies	649.96
Supplies - Other	828.40
<b>Total Supplies</b>	<b>1,478.36</b>
Telephone Expense	1,177.87
Volunteer Appreciation	685.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>92,267.08</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>3,232.92</b>
<b>Dividend Income</b>	<b>92.46</b>
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>92.46</b>
<b>Net Other Income</b>	<b>92.46</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>3,325.38</b>

Dear Select Board Members,

As we approach the start of 2023, My Community Nurse Project (501c3) looks forward to its fourth year of providing care and advocacy to the residents of the mountain towns. It certainly has been an amazing journey and, as the Beatles song so aptly says, "We get by with a little help from our friends." Here is a snapshot of 2022 activities of MCNP...

This year, we added an advanced practice nurse to our team. Kathy Shuster, RN,MS, has provided

eight more hours of nursing care for our community. As of November 1, 2022, we have managed the following:

Home visits in the mountain towns~976

Transport to medical appts~66

Rescue Squad calls~14

Meals delivered~522

Dedicated volunteers~14

Telemed assists~33

We collaborated with and have developed trusting and treasured relationships with surrounding medical centers, including Dartmouth Hitchcock, Southwestern VT Medical Center, Rutland Regional and Springfield Hosp. In January, Regina was appointed to the advisory board of SYMC to represent the health care needs of the mountain town residents.

Although our home visits are not always this dramatic, one of our clients wrote this note after a frightening health crisis. I have included the note with his permission..

"On a routing visit to my home, Regina realized I was in bad shape. In a very diplomatic way, she let me know that I better get to Dartmouth immediately. She arranged it for me and phoned ahead, while my wife and son accompanied me to DH. Josie and I believe Regina saved my life." (Jim and Josie Ameden, Landgrove)

We respectfully request town support in the amount of \$2500. It is so appreciated, but never expected. With minimal overhead, the town's support will go toward direct services of care and advocacy. We thank you for your generosity and look forward to continuing services to our community in 2023!

In Gratitude,

Regina Downer, RN, MS  
Nurse Advocate

Gloria Dawson, MSW  
Board Chair



Town of Weston  
 Attn: Town Clerk/Select Board  
 P.O. Box 98  
 Weston, VT 05161

Re: Appropriation Request for 2023

Dear Select Board:

Neighborhood Connections, Inc. is a community-based nonprofit serving nine towns in southern Vermont, including Weston. Our mission is to promote the health and well-being of the people of Southern Vermont's mountain towns through advocacy, education, and social services.

We offer case management, social programming, transportation, and more in response to community needs. Our two full-time, clinically-trained social workers provide case management and counseling, free of charge, to anyone in our catchment area. With over 8000 services delivered, our case management has doubled this year. In response, we've added staff and programs to manage amplified demand. Our most-accessed services are food security, health-related services, and transportation.

Considering increased services rendered, we request an increase in appropriations from the town of Weston for the first time in years. We ask that you provide us with \$5000 for our general operating budget in the upcoming year to help us to continue to grow and serve. We would like to request an additional sum to support the newly launched transportation program, the Mountain Town Connector, offering free rides in a wheelchair-accessible 12-passenger Ford Transit van for anyone residing in our catchment area. We believe free community transportation is valuable to the residents of Weston; therefore, we are asking for \$1000 from the town's budget toward the growth and sustainability of the program. This brings our total request to \$6000.

As always, we thank you for your continued support.

With sincerest gratitude,

Nicole Wengender, PhD  
 Executive Director

P.O. Box 207 Londonderry, VT 05148 \* 57000 VT Route 100 Mountain Marketplace \* T: (802) 824-4343 \* F: (802) 548-4344  
 www.neighborhoodconnectionsvt.org

Form 990  
 Department of the Treasury  
 Internal Revenue Service

**Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**  
 Under section 501(c)(3), or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)  
 Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public.  
 Go to [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990) for instructions and the latest information.

**A** For the 2021 calendar year, or tax year beginning 2021, and ending 2021

**B** Check if applicable:  
 Address change  
 Name change  
 Initial return  
 Self-employment  
 Amended return  
 Application pending

**C** Neighborhood Connections, Inc.  
 PO Box 207  
 Londonderry, VT 05148

**D** Employer identification number (802) 824-4343

**E** Telephone number (802) 824-4343

**F** Name and address of principal officer: Dwight Johnson  
 Same As C Above

**G** Gross receipts \$ 475,490.  
 (Do not include amounts for subpart (a) if the organization is a 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) organization.)  
 Yes  No

**H** Are all subpart (a) included?  Yes  No  
 If "No," attach a list. See instructions.

**I** Tax-exempt status:  501(c)(3)  501(c) ( ) (insert no.)  4947(a)(1) or  527

**J** Website: neighborhoodconnectionsvt.org

**K** Form of organization:  Corporation  Trust  Association  Other

**L** Year of formation: 2009 **M** State of legal domicile: VT

**Part I Summary**  
 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: Providing social services: Including health education, wellness checks, elderly visits, health insurance application assistance, emergency loans, transportation and fuel assistance to the local communities.

	Prior Year	Current Year
1 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1b)	495,710.	456,992.
2 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	2,898.	2,853.
3 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	13,225.	12,031.
4 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	511,733.	471,376.
5 Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	26,446.	31,295.
6 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)		
7a Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)		
7b Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	173,942.	265,112.
7c Total fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)		
8 Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25)	99,945.	132,362.
9 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	300,333.	428,769.
10 Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	211,400.	42,607.
11 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	581,187.	659,665.
12 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	4,291.	2,679.
13 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)		
14 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	576,896.	656,986.

**Part II Signature Block**  
 Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

**Sign Here**  
 Signature of officer: Edward Magee  
 Type or print name and title: Edward Magee  
 Date: 11/1/22  
 Check  if self-employed

**Paid Preparer Use Only**  
 Preparer's name: Norman E Favor III / Favor & Co.  
 Firm's address: PO Box 1586 Manchester Center, VT 05255  
 Firm's EIN:   
 Phone no.:   
 Yes  No

TEEA010L 08/22/21 Form 990 (2021)



December 3, 2022

Town of Weston  
c/o Selectboard  
PO Box 98  
Weston, VT 05161-0098

Via email to: [clerk@westonvt.org](mailto:clerk@westonvt.org)

Dear Selectboard members,

Senior Solutions requests \$1,650.00 from the Town of Weston to be appropriated at the 2023 Town Meeting—this is a level request with previous year’s funding. Financial support from towns and individuals is very important to us, and we are enormously grateful for your contributions. During the service year from July 2021 through June 2022:

- 98 Weston residents called or visited our offices for information & Assistance services,
- 10 Weston residents called or visited our offices for Medicare assistance,
- 24 Weston residents received 158 hours of Caregiver support, Grant Assistance, or In-home Case Management/support, and
- 30 Weston residents received 4,529 meals provided in collaboration with the Dam Diner.

We financially support local meal providers by distributing federal and state funds to help them operate senior meals programs and provide food safety, quality monitoring and oversight. However, these funds do not cover the full cost of providing meals, so local meal sites must seek additional funding. Senior Solutions does not use town funding to support the senior meals program and does not benefit from any funds given by the town to support local Meals on Wheels.

We also provide transportation, mental health services, exercise programs, and many other services, often in partnership with other organizations. We hope the Selectboard will appoint an interested representative to our Advisory Council. This helps us identify local needs and connect with those who will benefit from our services. If you need further information, please do not hesitate to contact us at [townoutreach@seniorsolutionsvt.org](mailto:townoutreach@seniorsolutionsvt.org).

Sincerely,

Mark Boutwell  
Executive Director

*1(802)885-2655 Fax 1(802)885-2665 Toll Free 1(866)673-8376  
HelpLine 1(866)673-8376*

<b>Senior Solutions</b>			
<b>Budget Comparison 6/30/22</b>			
	<b>Revenue</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual 6/30/22</b>
Federal Older Americans Act	\$ 1,882,585	\$ 1,394,093	
American Rescue Act	\$ 174,791	\$ 142,845	
Senior Companion	\$ 5,000	\$ 3,551	
Nutrition Services Incentive Program	\$ 150,394	\$ 112,796	
State Outreach Grants	\$ 116,412	\$ 93,971	
State Health Insurance Program	\$ 44,361	\$ 33,271	
Medicare Improvement	\$ 16,090	\$ 12,068	
Medicare Partnership	\$ -	\$ -	
Medicaid Choices for Care	\$ 524,732	\$ 381,351	
Medicaid Asst tech and reimb	\$ 35,000	\$ 68,563	
One Care	\$ 5,400	\$ 2,651	
Veterans Program	\$ 48,840	\$ 53,612	
Ncoa grant	\$ 60,000	\$ 48,597	
Self-neglect	\$ 53,000	\$ 39,750	
Americorp	\$ 12,579	\$ 7,539	
General Fund	\$ 1,139,681	\$ 842,208	
Special Services	\$ 4,171	\$ 2,438	
Moderate Needs	\$ 65,226	\$ 25,146	
Holt Ames	\$ -	\$ 2,838	
Flex Funds	\$ 27,406	\$ 14,048	
Dementia Respite	\$ 36,528	\$ 15,244	
Participant Contributions	\$ 5,000	\$ 9,505	
Town Funds	\$ 43,000	\$ 22,905	
Community Donations	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,328	
Other (vip, energy, etc)	\$ 95,860	\$ 39,813	
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 4,561,057</b>	<b>\$ 3,384,129</b>	
<b>Expenses</b>			
Personnel	\$ 1,685,385	\$ 1,219,810	
Fringe	\$ 484,455	\$ 325,097	
Travel	\$ 58,750	\$ 42,058	
Consumables	\$ 31,800	\$ 23,317	
Rent/Utilities	\$ 138,940	\$ 98,238	
Telephone./Postage	\$ 64,000	\$ 46,335	
Equipment	\$ 15,000	\$ (291)	
Insurance	\$ 14,634	\$ 2,290	
Audit	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,100	
Raw Food	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,401	
Training	\$ 15,000	\$ 12,476	
Other	\$ 41,750	\$ 44,136	
Specific Assistance	\$ 176,952	\$ 138,814	
Nutrition Contracts	\$ 1,237,231	\$ 933,413	
Transportation Contracts	\$ 34,400	\$ 15,700	
Other Contracts	\$ 552,760	\$ 426,667	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 4,561,057</b>	<b>\$ 3,337,561</b>	
<b>Gain (Loss)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 46,569</b>	



Town of Weston  
 c/o Weston Selectboard  
 12 Lawrence Hill Road  
 Weston, VT 05161

Dear Weston Selectboard:

Thank you again for Weston's \$250 donation last year.

As a private non-profit 501c3 transportation company since 2003, The MOOver Rockingham relies heavily and more than ever on local contributions. These funds allow us to draw down federal funds to provide operating support and the required match for our replacement vehicles. Weston has contributed to us for many years, and we thank you again for your support.

The MOOver Rockingham's mission is to provide a safe, reliable and efficient transportation system that supports economic opportunity and quality of life for 30 Windham and southern Windsor County towns. We operate bus routes and senior and disabled transportation services via our fleet of 23 buses and a network of volunteer drivers. We receive state and federal grants, contributions from towns and resorts, fares, and contributions from our human service partners.

The MOOver Rockingham's total operating expenses last year were \$3,126,525.85. We provided 124,706 bus, van, taxi, and volunteer rides. Our buses and vans traveled 482,303 miles over 29,326 hours.

In Weston we operate van and volunteer services for the elderly and disabled which last year provided 13 rides at a cost of \$537.14.

We are requesting a \$250 contribution from Weston again this year. We hope that all towns in our service will the region's public transit services, regardless of the level of services received. These levels can change overnight, and we will be there to serve them with the region's continued support.

Please let me know if I should attend a Select Board meeting to brief the Board on our activities or answer any questions. Also, please contact me if you have any questions or comments on our request.

Thank you!

Christine Howe  
 General Manager  
 Southeast Vermont Transit the MOOver

SEVT FY23			FY23 Actual		Total FY 23	
	FY23 Actual	Total FY 23	YTD	Budget		
<b>Income</b>						
Fares	0	0	0	0		
Contract	141,366	678,663				
Medicaid	992,759	2,442,604				
State Operating	137,500	218,750				
VTrans - CMAQ	66,076	325,000				
VTrans E&D	362,500	759,800				
Federal PM	375,000	875,000				
Rides 2 Wellness	0	11,400				
E & D Local Match	75,000	57,200				
Federal Operating	0	0				
Federal Admin	340,200	689,000				
RTAP	0	6,900				
Private Grants	2,699	12,000				
Donations - Individuals	150	250				
Donations - Business	30,000	65,200				
Donations - Towns & Schools	40,500	104,500				
Fundraising	42,000	86,000				
CRRSAA Ops 100%	775,000	1,700,000				
5311 Cares Covid	0	0				
Miscellaneous / Capital Labor	28	30,501				
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>3,380,777</b>	<b>8,073,268</b>				
	<b>FY23 Actual</b>	<b>Total FY 23</b>				
	<b>YTD</b>	<b>Budget</b>				
<b>Expenses</b>						
Payroll Expenses	145,640	339,241				
Driver Wages	722,834	1,970,789				
Maint. Wages	110,295	281,597				
Dispatch Wages	151,223	338,403				
Ops Wages	57,649	136,560				
Admin Wages	175,893	454,776				
Demand Response Admin	18,549	65,000				
Insurance - Worker's Comp	26,918	84,452				
Maint - Equipment	0	3,200				
Signs & Shelters	913	9,000				
Medicaid Volunteer Mileage	310,920	793,360				
Medicaid Taxi Mileage	0	0				
Medicaid Ambulance Mileage	0	0				
Medicaid ReachUP	0	0				
Medicaid Volunteer Retention	0	0				
Medicaid Hardship	27,887	85,000				
E&D Volunteer	126,622	310,195				
E&D Taxi Mileage	0	0				
E&D Ambulance Mileage	0	300				
General Public/ADA Taxi	4,174	15,620				
Officer Driver Salary	239	10,500				
Laborer Wages	44,368	67,244				
Accounting/Auditing	18,939	24,000				
Legal Fees	0	4,000				
Driver Supplies & Uniforms	9,030	24,000				
Supplies / Garage	17,938	43,000				
Bus Parts	89,095	215,000				
Bus Repairs	6,489	68,000				
Tires	27,205	56,000				
Vehicle Registrations & Fees	5,182	6,800				
License & Background Checks	4,401	7,800				
Shop Tools	1,126	20,500				
Fuel - Diesel	154,238	500,000				
Fuel - Gas	110,018	300,000				
Driver Physical Exams	1,170	4,300				
Towing	4,080	10,000				
Radios & Pagers	8,646	17,900				
Insurance - Vehicles	29,406	85,650				
Insurance - Health	323,641	861,911				
EAP	952	2,000				
Insurance - Liability Umbrella	14,797	38,000				
Insurance - Directors & Officers	3,083	6,000				
Insurance - Property	14,729	35,000				
Professional Fees	16,053	65,000				
Training, Seminars	1,447	5,000				
Uniforms - Garage	470	1,150				
Electricity	15,235	44,000				
Telephone	17,494	30,520				
Internet	6,735	22,210				
Postage	3,513	17,570				
Office Supplies	11,548	25,500				
Dues & Subscriptions	28,432	40,000				
Travel & Meetings	2,310	10,000				
Advertising - Classified	19,216	18,000				
Advertising - Marketing	15,755	20,000				
Employee Appreciation	-72	4,000				
Propane	3,408	45,120				
Water & Sewer Tax	7,797	22,000				
Taxes - PMT in Lieu of	0	12,000				
Facility	22,105	65,000				
Leased - Bus Storage	9,000	18,000				

	FY23 Actual	Total FY 23
	YTD	Budget
Leased - Office Space	10,884	21,750
Unallowable Expense	94	1,000
Bank Fees	3,458	5,000
Interest Expense	4,911	9,000
Miscellaneous Expense	82	6,000
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>2,968,160</b>	<b>7,802,718</b>
Operating surplus/deficit:	<b>412,617</b>	<b>270,550</b>
Capital Match from Savings	97,644	97,644
Mortgage Interest	21,817	46,267
Mortgage Principal	22,371	70,685
Capital Match	0	173,070
<b>Gross surplus/deficit</b>	<b>466,073</b>	<b>78,127</b>

SOUTHEASTERN VERMONT COMMUNITY ACTION, Inc.  
Fiscal 2022 Budget

**Southeastern Vermont Community Action, Inc. (S.E.V.C.A.)**

Southeastern Vermont Community Action is an anti-poverty, community-based, nonprofit organization serving Windham and Windsor counties since 1965. Our mission is to enable people to *empower and partner with individuals and communities to alleviate the hardships of poverty; provide opportunities to thrive; and eliminate root causes of poverty*. SEVCA has a variety of programs and services to meet this end. They include: Head Start, Weatherization, Emergency Home Repair, Family Services (crisis resolution, fuel, utility, housing and food assistance), Micro-Business Development, Vermont Matched Savings (asset building & financial literacy), Ready-for-Work (workforce development), Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, Thrift Stores, and a Community Solar program.

In Weston, we provided these services during FY2022:

**Weatherization:** 1 home (2 people) received weatherization services.

**Family Services/Crisis resolution:** 1 household (1 person) received 8 services (crisis resolution, financial counseling; nutrition education; referral to and assistance in accessing needed services).

**Fuel & Utility Assistance:** 1 household (1 person) received 3 assists to obtain emergency heating fuel or to resolve utilities disconnects.

The combined value of services provided for residents of Weston exceeded \$7,882.00.

Community support, through town funding, helps to build a strong partnership. The combination of federal, state, private, and town funds allow us to not only maintain, but to increase and improve service. We thank the residents of Weston for their continued support. SEVCA is requesting level funding of \$630 for FY2024.

Kevin Brennan, Executive Director  
Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA)  
91 Buck Drive  
Westminster, VT 05158  
(800) 464-9951 or (802) 722-4575  
[sevca@sevca.org](mailto:sevca@sevca.org)  
[www.sevca.org](http://www.sevca.org)

REVENUE	Agency Totals
Federal (direct)	\$1,183,485
Federal (through state)	\$8,741,739
Federal (through other agencies)	\$49,474
State	\$2,101,477
Town appropriations	\$87,000
United Way	\$23,000
Foundation/private grants	\$332,354
Program support	\$77,000
User fees	\$12,000
Designated contributions	\$53,600
Unrestricted contributions	\$143,000
Fundraising	\$82,700
Retail sales/service fees	\$248,000
Contract revenue	\$225,000
Contributions in-kind	\$311,907
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>\$13,671,736</b>

EXPENSES	Agency Totals
Salaries and wages	\$3,745,711
Required employment cost	\$399,887
Benefits	\$727,383
Office Consumables	\$95,830
Program expenses	\$166,511
Communications	\$83,104
Rent/space	\$154,785
Travel	\$20,550
Training	\$175,541
Professional services	\$201,600
Client assistance/direct assistance	\$5,546,189
Insurance	\$101,600
Promotion and media	\$45,885
Vehicle	\$61,075
Program materials	\$527,002
Equipment and tools	\$51,102
Property taxes	\$19,600
Dues and fees	\$36,100
Community service/agency support	\$150
Contribution in-kind	\$311,907
Subcontract costs	\$817,757
Replacement reserve	\$61,000
Depreciation	\$80,500
Interest	\$5,925
Indirect Costs	\$10
Capital expenditures purchased with grant funds	
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>\$140,000</b>
<b>Net Profit or (Loss)</b>	<b>\$13,576,704</b>
	<b>\$95,032</b>



**Fiscal Year 2022 Income Statements**  
**Unaudited as of June 30, 2022**

**SeVEDS Impact Statement for Weston Town Report March 2023**

Improving wages, creating jobs, & attracting and keeping people in the region is critical economic development work that is beyond the capacity of any single community to advance. **SeVEDS was founded as an affiliate of the Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation (BDCC) in 2007 to create regional strategies and attract resources that help us act together to build a thriving economy.** BDCC, Southeastern Vermont’s Regional Development Corporation, contracts with SeVEDS to develop and implement these strategies in the Windham Region.

Our work is guided by the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), a 5 year regional plan with simple goals: **Strengthen Business, Support People.** It was developed with input from communities across Southern Vermont, and is available online at [www.southernvtzone.com/ceds](http://www.southernvtzone.com/ceds)

**Background & Request**

To support this work, SeVEDS requests funding at \$3.00 per person from all 27 towns we serve. **Therefore, we are asking the Town of Weston to appropriate \$1,698.00 (based on a population of 566) to support SeVEDS.**

In 2022, 19 communities, representing over 80% of Windham residents, voted to invest in SeVEDS. We use this municipal funding in three key ways:

1. To directly **fund implementation** of programs & projects serving local communities, businesses and people.
2. For **capacity.** We use SeVEDS regional municipal funds to create programs, conduct research and planning, secure and administer grants, and to help regional partners – in FY21 we helped bring over **\$8 Million** directly to other organizations – towns, businesses and nonprofits.
3. As **seed funding.** We leverage your dollars to bring additional money to the region to provide technical assistance and programs: **every dollar contributed by towns is matched to bring in outside funding.**

**BDCC Implements SeVEDS-Led Programs for Communities, Small Businesses, and Workforce Development**

- Our **Business Services Team** provides access to technical assistance, microlending, and business succession services for businesses of all sizes. We work with businesses from startup to retirement.
- Our **Workforce Team** creates programs like **Pipelines and Pathways:** a program that in 2022 provided career training and support to **550** students in area High Schools. **The Welcoming Communities** program supported **61** New Americans who have filled positions in **19** local companies. The **Southern Vermont Young Professionals** group helps young adults in their 20’s-40’s advance their careers and deepen their connections in the region.
- Our **Community Programs** include the **Community Facilities Technical Assistance Program** and **The Southern Vermont Economy Project**, both of which help towns and non-profits improve community vibrancy through local projects. Since 2017 SVEP has provided 100+ trainings with over 2,000 participants to help community projects solve problems and find resources.

**More SeVEDS-Led Programming**

For a deeper overview of our programs in FY22, visit our website at [www.brattleborodevelopment.com](http://www.brattleborodevelopment.com). You can download our annual report, or call the office to receive your own copy 802-257-7731 x230. To learn more about the CEDS, CEDS projects, the Southern Vermont Economy Summit visit [www.southernvtzone.com](http://www.southernvtzone.com). Our website also features upcoming events and trainings, ongoing programs, and resources. You can sign up for our e-newsletter to get updates including state and federal economic and community development resources.

Southeastern Vermont Economic Development Strategies & Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation  
 76 Cotton Mill Hill, Brattleboro, Vermont 05301    [www.brattleborodevelopment.com](http://www.brattleborodevelopment.com)    802-257-7731

**SeVEDS**

Revenue	
BDCC	50,000
Others	113,320
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>163,320</b>
Expenses	
Contracted Services	125,116
Other	23,559

<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>148,675</b>
<b>Revenue Over Expenses</b>	<b>14,645</b>



**THE COLLABORATIVE**  
 91 VT Route 11, Londonderry, VT 05148  
 802-824-4200 / www.thecollaborative.us  
 Board of Directors:  
 Mark Weiker, Kathleen O'Reilly, Co-Chairs;  
 Ann Alford, Martha Cowles

November 2022

Dear Weston Residents,

The Collaborative appreciates your vote of confidence as you vote for the 2023-24 budget. Since 1999, we have grown from a small after school program to an organization providing a wide range of individual, youth, and family programs focused on preventing youth substance use, supporting working families and creating a healthy community. With you on our team The Collaborative was able to continue to provide healthy opportunities for our youth and young adults, strengthen community connections and increase outreach in the Northshire and mountain communities.

In the town budget we are requesting funds for The Collaborative's mission to support substance free middle and high school youth and for childcare programs that support working families. During our Summer Camp Program 2021 we were able to secure funding that provided over 50 families a week with free services for five weeks of camp. This free program helped to support working families and to prepare students for the year ahead in their return to in person learning.

We are honored and inspired by the 360 RTU participants from 8 schools that are participating in over 50 virtual, asynchronous and in person substance misuse and healthy alternative programs. These programs are primarily led by community volunteers who recognize the value of this education in our community. With a focus on healthy choices this project allows for our young people to pick their unique path toward a healthier future. Our afterschool program meets daily providing a safe supervised space with time for homework, projects, healthy snacks and free play. Our mentor program has students meeting with an adult mentor weekly to encourage great social and recreational connections.

Weston youth consistently participate in our programs, in 2021 Weston participants included:

Extended Day Program	6	Refuse to Use	15
Summer Camp	11	FBS Middle School programs (at least 2 a year)	12

**We are requesting your approval of \$750** in your town's budget to assist The Collaborative in continuing to provide services to our community. We appreciate your involvement!

Sincerely,  
 Maryann Morris  
 Executive Director

Mountain Communities Supporting Education Inc dba The Collaborative			
	July 2021-June 2022	RTU July 2021-June 2022	Town Funding July 2021-June 2022
<b>Revenue</b>			
Individual/business contribution	\$25		\$330
Foundation/trust grants			\$10,000
Nonprofit organization grants	\$64,592		
Federal grants			\$71,677
State grants	\$17,410		\$15,909
Local government grants			
Program service fees	\$48,854		\$18,300
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$130,881</b>	<b>\$116,216</b>	<b>\$8,100</b>
<b>Expense</b>			
Payroll Processing Fees	\$119		
Salaries & wages	\$65,431	\$55,018	\$6,507
Employee benefits - PTO	\$5,158	\$7,272	\$800
Payroll taxes & Other Fringe	\$16,235	\$18,687	\$799
Accounting fees	\$250	\$250	
Enrichment	\$49	\$19,685	
Contracted Services	\$27,274		
Supplies	\$3,808	\$2,064	\$792
Telephone & telecommunications	\$413	\$702	\$102
Postage, shipping, delivery	\$250	\$144	
Printing & copying	\$391	\$554	
Curriculums		\$777	
Marketing Materials		\$1,000	
Incentives	\$648	\$1,425	
Occupancy expenses		\$123	
Travel & meetings expenses	\$289	\$292	
Events	\$4,455	\$705	
Bank Charges	\$378	\$315	
Insurance - non-employee	\$2,075	\$905	\$100
Education & training	\$1,208	\$877	
Outside computer services	\$1,235	\$2,018	
Advertising expenses	\$1,614	\$2,513	
Scholarships		\$1,500	
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$131,280</b>	<b>\$116,825</b>	<b>\$8,100</b>
<b>Net Revenue vs Expenses</b>	<b>-\$399</b>	<b>-\$609</b>	<b>\$0</b>

VABVI Summary of Financial Activity

As of 9/30/22

10/11/2022

Town of Weston  
 Selectboard  
 12 Lawrence Hill Road  
 PO Box 89  
 Weston, VT 05161

Dear Selectboard members,

For many years, the town of Weston has supported our mission to help Vermonters with visual impairments to be more independent, cultivate adaptive skills, and improve their quality of life. With your help, the Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired (VABVI) has completed another successful year. Thank you for your ongoing support!

It costs VABVI approximately \$1,000 to provide one year of service to each adult client. In FY22 VABVI served 1,145 clients in the state of Vermont, including 1 adult in Weston, and 95 adults and 34 students in Windsor County.

An estimated 14,000 Vermonters are currently blind or visually impaired. As the "Baby Boomer" generation ages, this number is expected to increase to at least 25,000 by 2030. We anticipate that the increase in demand for our services will continue well into the future. Our neighbors, family and friends are among those who may be coping with vision loss.

Last year local towns and cities provided us with over \$27,704 in support, which went directly to client services. We hope that Weston will consider supporting VABVI again this year with an allocation of \$100 to help fund our services in your township. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please feel free to contact me by phone at (802) 863-1358 ext. 219 or by e-mail at [sgougher@vabvi.org](mailto:sgougher@vabvi.org).

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Samantha Gougher  
 Development Associate

60 Kimball Avenue  
 So. Burlington, VT 05403  
 (802) 863-1358  
 (FAX) 800-1481

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	Income Statement			
	YTD Actual	Prior Year YTD	\$ Variance	Projected Budget
Income (money we receive in)				
Fees for Services - DBVI	\$23,863	\$22,344	1,519	100,500
Schools	\$447,929	\$526,194	(78,265)	1,160,000
Sales of aids & appliances	\$12,014	\$13,086	(1,071)	60,000
Bingo	\$58,587	\$61,086	(2,500)	203,000
Grant income	\$197,621	\$261,955	(64,334)	1,609,758
Fundraising - Special Events	\$10,799	\$0	10,799	20,000
Planned Giving/Bequests/Trusts	\$4,405	\$26,599	(22,194)	68,000
Foundation Gifts	\$9,500	\$7,631	1,869	75,000
Restricted Gifts	\$0	\$0	-	-
Dir Mail/Tributes/Towns/Misc	\$22,319	\$12,235	10,084	90,000
Investment Income from endowment	\$65,000	\$55,000	10,000	260,000
Other Income	\$3,005	\$4,580	(1,575)	42,800
<b>Total income</b>	<b>855,043</b>	<b>990,710</b>	<b>(135,668)</b>	<b>3,689,058</b>
				<b>3,596,864</b>
Expenses (money we pay out)				
Wages	\$527,648	\$496,422	31,226	2,112,398
Taxes and fringe benefits	\$175,115	\$145,786	29,329	692,867
Meals and Mileage	\$23,391	\$22,411	980	152,999
Volunteer Travel	\$8,190	\$4,166	4,024	90,000
Bingo Expenses	\$50,882	\$37,796	13,086	133,000
Aids and Appliances	\$15,207	\$9,913	5,294	60,000
Depreciation	\$19,747	\$20,290	(543)	81,600
Trust Fees	\$354	\$506	(151)	1,000
Rent Expense	\$13,120	\$9,600	3,520	39,770
Other Expenses	\$86,953	\$5,311	21,642	358,123
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>\$920,607</b>	<b>\$812,201</b>	<b>108,406</b>	<b>3,721,757</b>
				<b>(124,893)</b>
Net surplus (deficit) from operations	(65,564)	178,509	(244,074)	(32,699)
Operating Investments Market Value Chan	7,963	8,335	(371)	-
Endow. Invest. Income over/under 5%	(328,725)			31,000
Net surplus (deficit)	(386,326)			(1,699)
				<b>(93,893)</b>
Memo: Total Income + Op Invest Mkt Val Chg 863,006				
Memo: Net Surplus with Op Invest Mkt Val Chg (57,601)				
<b>Additional Financial Information</b>				
# of months cash reserve (cash/avg. monthly operating expense)				6.9
Current ratio (current assets/current liabilities)				3.2
Debt-to-equity ratio				7.01%
\$ amount of programs being funded by endowment and fundraising				77,023
<b>Net surplus from fundraising after all expenses</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>Projected</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Prior Year</b>
	12,023	-46,414	46,414	137,244

THE VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING #03-0271000  
**TOWN OF WESTON**  
 SUMMARY REPORT

Request Amount: \$230,00

For over 43 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'22 (10/2021-9/2022) 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 158 individuals to help increase their independent living skills and 6 peers were served by the AgrAbility program. VCIL's Home Access Program (HAP) assisted 172 households with information on technical assistance and/or alternative funding for modifications; 80 of these received financial assistance to make their bathrooms and/or entrances accessible. Our Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF) provided 91 individuals with information on assistive technology; 39 of these individuals received funding to obtain adaptive equipment. 454 individuals had meals delivered through our Meals on Wheels (MOW) program for individuals with disabilities under the age of 60. Our Vermont Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program (VTEDP) served 29 people and provided 16 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 over 600 people in the 2 years it was funded. The Rise Program helped provide an array of items or services if the needs were directly related to the Covid-19 epidemic.

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

During FY'22, 1 resident of **Weston** received services from the following programs:

- Meals on Wheels (MOW)  
(over \$400.00 spent on meals for residents)
- Information Referral and Assistance (I,R&A)

Vermont Center for Independent Living			
FY'23 Approved Budget			
INCOME	FY23 Budget	EXPENSES	FY23 Budget
	Approved		Approved
<b>Federal Grants</b>		<b>Specific Assistance</b>	
704 North	678,494	VHCB	584,728
704 South	295,320	Meals on Wheels	389,879
SILC grant	150,000	SILC Grant	35,000
NIDILRR	16,000	EDP equipment	36,000
USDA (FY20-22)	-	USDA (FY20-22)	-
USDA (FY22-23)	16,434	USDA (FY22-23)	16,434
USDA (FY23-24)	75,000	USDA (FY23-24)	64,500
North Covid	-	Money Follows the Person	75,000
South Covid	-	North Covid	-
		South Covid	-
<b>State Grants</b>		<b>Total Specific Assistance</b>	<b>1,201,541</b>
VHCB	745,000		
Meals on Wheels	499,521		
<b>Other Grants</b>		<b>Salaries &amp; Fringe</b>	
Money Follows the Person	157,403	Salaries	957,089
EDP grant	75,000	Fringe Benefits	295,160
VR Youth	100,000	<b>Total Salaries &amp; Fringe</b>	<b>1,252,249</b>
		<b>Operating Expenses</b>	
<b>Misc Income</b>		Professional Services	47,500
Cities & Towns	62,000	Board Expenses	3,000
Donations - Unrestricted	30,000	Reasonable Accommodations	31,000
Program/Restricted Donations	-	Occupancy	89,409
Independent Sponsorship	-	Travel-Mileage	15,000
Other Income	7,748	Printing & Publication	400
Investment Income	-	Telecommunications	25,684
		Supplies	40,000
		General Insurance	25,106
		Postage	10,000
		Equip Lease, Repair & Maint	18,000
		Advertising & Outreach	15,000
		Dues & Subscriptions	8,500
		Training/conferences/travel	15,000
		Depreciation Expense	21,980
		Peer Skills Trainings	1,000
		Reserve/Special Projects	87,551
		<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>454,130</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>2,907,920</b>	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>2,907,920</b>
		<b>Net Income</b>	<b>0</b>



Town of Weston  
P.O. Box 98  
Weston, VT 05161

August 8, 2022

Dear Council Members and Citizens of Weston;

We at the Visiting Nurse and Hospice for Vermont and New Hampshire (VNH) would like to offer our heartfelt thanks for the opportunity to have our appropriation request included in 2023 funding. VNH respectfully requests **\$2,350 appropriation**. **This represents level funding from last year's request.**

As an integral part of the community healthcare system in Weston, VNH serves to breach an otherwise significant gap in the community's continuum of care. Last year, VNH provided 187 visits to 22 residents of all ages and at all stages of life. VNH is also the foremost team of hospice and home health experts for over 140 communities in Vermont and New Hampshire. We deliver nursing, hospice and rehabilitation services at home with proven effectiveness, integrity and compassion. Just as local families have counted on us since 1907, you can count on us today.

Having our patients maintain their independence is key. Our nurses, therapists and social workers provide assessments, medical care and education to assist people in leading a more self-sufficient life. This includes patients who are frail, elderly and disabled, people with terminal illness, those recovering from major surgery or illness and children with chronic medical needs. They all benefit by receiving the care they need in the familiarity and comfort of home.

Town funding is what allows us to bring down the cost of services provided to those in need. With adequate town funding, we are able to provide and affordable option for home healthcare in the community. To continue meeting these needs, we urge the Town of Weston to budget continued financial support of Visiting Nurse and Hospice for Vermont and New Hampshire.

On behalf of the people we serve, we thank you for your consideration of this request.

With kind regards,

*Anthony Knox*

Anthony Knox  
Community Relations Manager  
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Visiting Nurse and Hospice for Vermont and New Hampshire  
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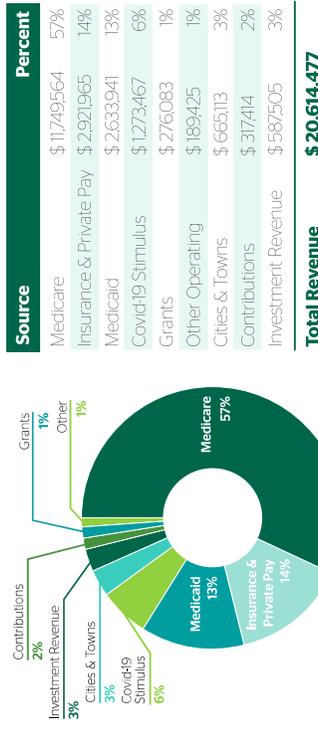
## CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS JUNE 30, 2022 AND JUNE 30, 2021

### Assets:

	2022	2021
Total Current Assets:	\$ 3,466,343	\$ 8,107,178
Assets limited as to use:	\$ 24,287,219	\$ 27,427,386
Rights to use assets:	\$ 105,857	\$ 486,960
Property and Equipment, Net:	\$ 5,359,899	\$ 3,193,226
<b>Total Assets:</b>	<b>\$ 33,219,318</b>	<b>\$ 38,881,750</b>

### Liabilities & Net Assets:

	2022	2021
Total Current Liabilities:	\$ 5,069,796	\$ 5,739,329
Lease Obligations, excluding current portion:	\$ 44,987	\$ 69,105
Long Term Debt, excluding current portion:	\$ 2,342,976	\$ 2,417,078
<b>Total Liabilities:</b>	<b>\$ 7,457,759</b>	<b>\$ 8,225,512</b>
<b>Total Net Assets:</b>	<b>\$ 33,219,318</b>	<b>\$ 38,881,750</b>



WESTON CEMETERY COMMISSION

WESTON CEMETERY BUDGET

The Weston Cemetery Commission had a relatively busy year with sales of lots up from our average sales of the past few years. The restoration of the headstones was completed by Shea Brothers of Bennington. With the work being done on the Island Cemetery and the Forefathers' Cemetery our two - year program is now complete. To all of you who made donations to enable this work, we offer you our heartfelt thanks; your generosity is very much appreciated. Hopefully you have taken a walk through the cemeteries to see the results of your kindness. We will work now on keeping ahead of this task.

As you can see in our budget request, we are hoping to plant more trees in the Maple Grove Cemetery, as we make sure the existing trees are healthy. Another increased line item is for the flag bases. We put flags on all veterans' graves before Memorial Day, and many of the flag stands are broken.

We thank Josh Allison and his crew for doing a good job maintaining our beautiful cemeteries. Last year was the last year of a three - year contract, and we will go out for bids in early spring.

The Commission welcomes your comments, suggestions, and participation.

Dick Lechthaler  
 Doris Ingram  
 Duane Hart  
 Pat Walsh  
 Bill Hoyt

	2021 Actual	2022 Budget	2022 Actual	2023 Budget
<b>INCOME</b>				
Sale of Graves	4000	4000	5000	5000
Marker Deposits	625	700	525	525
Bank Dividends	25	24	22	24
Transfer from Endowment	10000	10000	0	10000
Donations	10145	2000	1200	1500
Town Appropriation	24450	10000	10000	15000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>49245</b>	<b>26724</b>	<b>16747</b>	<b>32049</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
Mowing & 2 Cleanups	11300	13500	16225	16225
Brush Clearing	292	2500	1027	2000
Repairs & Debris	631	1000	0	1000
Tree Work	1842	2500	650	2500
Flags & Bases	400	1000	655	600
Markers	350	350	0	3250
Bank Fees	3	0	3	0
Stone Repair	13675	2000	0	2974
Solicitation Expense	602	300	144	0
New Tree Planting	0	3574	0	3500
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>29095</b>	<b>26724</b>	<b>18701</b>	<b>32049</b>

# WESTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Trustees of the Playhouse, Museums and Cold Spring Park

P.O. Box 126, Weston, VT 05161



December 31, 2022

To the Weston Select Board and our Community Neighbors.

The Weston Community Association requests, for Cold Spring Park, an Appropriation in the amount of \$7,500 for seasonal mowing, maintenance, and end of year clean up. We plan on continuing our work on the upper park reclamation project started in the Summer of 2021. We hope to do some maintenance on the upper dam, as well. We need to have work done on the lower Park, as well, replacing several shrubs and trees that succumbed to the weather conditions this past summer. We are thankful for the Town's continued support as we move forward with the park restoration program.

Respectfully submitted,

*David Raymond*

David A. Raymond

President – WCA

## OPERATING STATEMENT COLD SPRING PARK

Year Ended October 31, 2022

		YEAR	
		2021	2022
BEGINNING BANK BALANCE		51,452	41,483
<u>INCOME</u>			
	Interest	60	27
	Contribution from Town	7,000	7,000
	Donations	-	-
	Total Income	<u>7,060</u>	<u>7,027</u>
<u>EXPENSES</u>			
	Mowing/Maintenance	1,770	3,032
	Repairs/Improvements	-	1,853
	Total Operating Expense	<u>1,770</u>	<u>4,885</u>
NET GAIN/LOSS FROM OPERATIONS		<u>5,290</u>	<u>2,142</u>
ENDING BANK BALANCE	10/31/2022	<u>56,742</u>	<u>29,546</u>
NET TRANSFERS (DUE TO)/FROM PLAYHOUSE & MUSEUMS		<u>(58,676)</u>	<u>(29,338)</u>
NET ASSETS	10/31/2022	<u>(1,934)</u>	<u>208</u>



**The Weston Recreation Club**

PO Box 115 Lawrence Hill Rd

Weston, VT 05161

(802)824-4577

[thewestonrec@gmail.com](mailto:thewestonrec@gmail.com)

The Weston Recreation Club, Inc. is a 501(C)(3) non-profit organization created to promote and foster recreation and recreational facilities for the residents of Weston and their guests. The Weston Recreation Club has been offering inter-generational activities for community members since the mid 60's. These activities have included swimming and lessons, picnics and BBQ's, community potlucks, volleyball, tennis, basketball, the kids playground and much more. The Weston Recreation Club offers all of these activities to our Weston residents free of charge. The Club strives to maintain and improve the grounds and expand the activities offered throughout the year.

Projects recently completed included adding a Lifeguard, flood repairs to the river and the much needed tennis court drainage project. The Club's success can be directly attributed to the generosity of our community, the volunteers, and the Town of Weston itself. The Club is excited for 2023 when we hope to address dock and fence repairs. The Weston Recreation Club respectfully requests an appropriation in the amount of \$13,000.00. Thank you for your generous contributions in the past and in advance for your continued support.

Respectfully, WRC- Board of Directors

Weston Rec Club	2022 Budget	2022 Actual	2023 Budget
<b>INCOME:</b>			
Appropriations	13,000.00	13,000.00	13,000.00
Donations	5,000.00	7,635.00	5,000.00
Interest	10.00	2.59	5.00
Misc	0.00	49.82	527.00
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>18,010.00</b>	<b>20,687.41</b>	<b>18,532.00</b>
<b>EXPENSE:</b>			
Advertising	350.00	0.00	350.00
Event Expenses	250.00	0.00	250.00
Fees & Charges	50.00	40.00	50.00
Insurance, D&O	825.00	866.32	900.00
Insurance, GL	1,350.00	1,309.22	1,350.00
Insurance, WC	750.00	527.00	750.00
Misc	25.00	0.00	25.00
Office	100.00	0.00	75.00
Payroll & Expense	8,500.00	28.10	8,500.00
Postage	500.00	360.00	500.00
Printing	500.00	640.00	700.00
Rec Grounds	4,500.00	4,225.00	4,500.00
Supplies-Rec	250.00	264.18	250.00
LG WSI Education	700.00	0.00	700.00
Utilities	1,050.00	1,022.78	1,050.00
VT Bus Fees	50.00	0.00	25.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>19,750.00</b>	<b>9,282.60</b>	<b>19,975.00</b>



# WESTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT INC.

December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022

To our neighbors and friends of Weston,

The Weston Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. is made up of volunteers that come to aid our friends, neighbors, and citizens on their worst days. Our members are part of our community. We are your neighbors, the parents you see dropping the kids off at school, or the people you greet at the local market. Our volunteers leave jobs and families to provide life-saving services no matter what time of day or night or how frequently the calls come. Our members are committed to providing the best service to our community. Our members are certified through the Vermont Fire Academy in firefighting, hazardous materials, wildland firefighting, and first aid/ CPR. We respond day and night for motor vehicle accidents, structure fires, brush fires, Fire Alarms, carbon monoxide alarms, lost hikers, and numerous other emergencies that members of our community experience. As with many traditional volunteer departments, our members receive no monetary compensation for their time, only the pride in serving their community, when their community is most in need.

Over the last year, our members have been heavily engaged in public outreach, recruitment, and retention efforts, as well as training with neighboring departments, especially on rural water supply. You may have seen our first time 4x4 raffle advertised, wreath sales and programs for children and families at Christmas in Weston. This year's budget request of \$37,675 is larger than the previous year, when the limited activities during the height of the Covid pandemic left us with a surplus. However, increasing costs of truck maintenance and most other items, this year's budget falls in line with our pre-Covid expenses. Technology has changed and our short-term goal is to replace outdated tools and appliances, to become more proficient at moving large amounts of water required to extinguish fires.

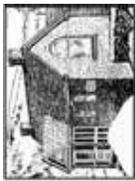
Additionally, we are always looking for new members, both operational and administrative. A few hours a month truly does make a difference. We meet the first Thursday of each month at 7pm, and most other Thursdays at 6:30 for training. As always, we are very grateful to the taxpayers of Weston for their continued strong support in helping to keep our community safe.

Sincerely,

Ryan Hart, Fire Chief

Weston Volunteer Fire Department

WESTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT OPERATING BUDGET				
	2021 Proposed	2021 Actual	2022 Proposed	2023 Proposed
<b>INCOME</b>				
Town Appropriation	\$33,075.00	\$33,075.00	\$25,075.00	\$25,075.00
Interest & Dividend Income	\$1,000.00	\$743.78	\$1,000.00	\$500.00
Memberships Dues	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
Donations	\$12,000.00	\$20,549.00	\$16,000.00	\$16,000.00
Other Fundraiser	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00
Grants	\$2,500.00	\$5,426.75	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Other	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$48,600.00</b>	<b>\$59,819.53</b>	<b>\$44,600.00</b>	<b>\$66,700.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
Radios & Repairs	\$3,000.00	\$1,667.76	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Bldg. Services & Supplies	\$1,500.00	\$1,559.41	\$1,500.00	\$2,199.77
Utilities	\$6,000.00	\$7,370.39	\$6,500.00	\$7,846.39
Truck Repair & Maintenance	\$6,000.00	\$4,135.90	\$6,000.00	\$15,097.75
Insurance	\$2,500.00	\$2,377.00	\$2,400.00	\$2,217.00
Dues	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	-\$38.53
Equipment & Other	\$11,400.00	\$16,527.77	\$10,000.00	\$4,795.20
Gear	\$11,500.00	\$10,036.67	\$10,000.00	\$15,831.51
Appeal Letter & other	\$800.00	\$923.67	\$800.00	\$1,738.01
Training	\$2,000.00	\$403.95	\$1,000.00	\$2,039.76
Grant Writer	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other	\$3,500.00	\$2,570.13	\$3,000.00	\$5,090.13
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$48,600.00</b>	<b>\$47,572.65</b>	<b>\$44,600.00</b>	<b>\$59,591.54</b>
Money put into or taken out of Market Funds for Specific Purchases:				
Results of operations	\$0.00	\$12,200.00	\$0.00	-\$6,015.95
		\$46.88	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>ACCOUNT BALANCES AT:</b>				
12/31/2021				
Heritage Share / Savings				\$285.83
Operating Checking				\$15,594.06
Operating Money Market:				
Air Pack Fund:			\$15,000.00	
Building Fund:			\$18,868.24	
Equipment Fund			\$2,341.12	
Gear Fund:			\$9,784.86	
Grant Writer Fun			\$2,000.00	
Officer's Meeting			\$487.81	
Truck Repair Fun			\$10,000.00	
General Funds:			\$11,885.37	
			\$70,367.40	\$70,367.40
Firemen's Relief Fund				\$5,790.13
Simonds Fund				\$26,486.75
Bruning/Johnson Fund				\$42,970.85
				\$161,495.02



## Wilder Memorial Library

24 Lawrence Hill Rd, Weston, Vermont 05161  
 (802) 824-4307 ~ director@wildermemoriallibrary.com  
 www.wildermemoriallibrary.org

### Over a Century of Good Books and Community Service

To the Voters of the Town of Weston,

January 2023

The mission of Wilder Memorial Library is “to be a welcoming center of exploration, learning and discovery, for everyone.”

2022 was another vibrant year for the library. We supported our patrons and community while keeping everyone safe, and served as a vital resource and community hub. The ongoing pandemic uncertainty didn't deter us from increasing our services, attracting new patrons, and circulating more materials than ever.

We completed our first-ever strategic planning project to determine what kind of library the community wants and to help shape plans for the future. We conducted a town-wide survey and hosted community gatherings asking residents what a future library should include to better serve them. The overwhelming response was that the library needs community space, continued and expanded programming, parking, ADA access between the floors, and a bathroom in its historic building. A copy of the strategic plan is available to read at the library and on our website.

Our popular programming included a Summer Reading Program, Outdoor Story Time, Story Strolls, Stuffed Animal Sleepover, Bidi Dworkin Jazz Trio Concert, Drag Queen Story Hour, Jake Geppert Concert, Halloween Party for Kids, and a Holiday Gathering. We supported Weston Pop-Up University, and participated in the Winter Wonderland Village Lighting project, and Christmas in Weston. Our growing resources include Overdrive/Libby for audiobooks & ebooks; HOOPLA for on-demand streaming of audio & ebooks, movies, music, and television shows; large print books via ABBE Library; and quicker access to thousands of books via Interlibrary Loans since joining the ILL Courier Service.

#### 2022 Services in a Nutshell:

- Total patrons: 810
- Over 2,214 books & dvds were borrowed
- 650+ audiobooks, ebooks, movies, music, and television shows were streamed or downloaded
- Over 200 people attended adult & kids' programs
- Newsletter: 57 issues were sent to 378 contacts
- More than 5,000 titles in the library's collection
- Free 24/7 wi-fi access outside the library

Libraries play an essential role in a community – a place for gathering, learning, sharing and giving back. Our staff and Trustees, who are elected by the voters at town meeting, are dedicated to making the library an important resource for the Weston community. Trustees' meetings are open to the public. You can also follow library news on our website, as well as on our Facebook and Instagram pages. Subscribe to our newsletter by sending a request to director@wildermemoriallibrary.org.

For the library to continue to provide excellent services to the Community, the Trustees respectfully request an appropriation in the amount of \$25,000 for 2023, which covers 30% of our annual operating expenses. The balance comes through donations from individuals and organizations, and the library's Reserve Fund. We also worked to secure grants from various sources in 2022, which brought us \$6,121. We are grateful for the support from our town and from our patrons, volunteers, and donors. We look forward to continuing to serve the Weston community in 2023.

Deborah Granquist, Board of Trustees

Jessica Clapp, Library Director

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## Wilder Memorial Library

	2022 Budget	2022 Actual	2023 Budget
<b>Operating Income</b>			
Town Appropriation	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
Annual Appeal	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 28,797.00	\$ 25,000.00
Other Fundraising	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,411.94	\$ 5,000.00
Grants/Corporate Donations	\$ 10,500.00	\$ 6,121.35	\$ 2,500.00
Other Income	\$ 105.00	\$ 94.37	\$ 285.00
<b>Total Operating Income</b>	<b>\$ 56,605.00</b>	<b>\$ 63,424.66</b>	<b>\$ 57,785.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Accounting Software	\$ 500.00	\$ 530.00	\$ 1,065.00
Books, Magazines, DVDs	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 4,961.42	\$ 6,022.50
Building Maintenance	\$ 3,040.00	\$ 930.00	\$ 3,010.00
Computer/Printer Equipment	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 1,278.99	\$ 1,850.00
Education and Training	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,298.14	\$ 2,700.00
Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,100.00
Fundraising	\$ 3,950.00	\$ 3,407.99	\$ 3,665.00
Future/Strategic Planning Costs	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 953.58	\$ 2,000.00
Grant Expenditures	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 4,332.64	\$ -
Grounds Maintenance	\$ 800.00	\$ 847.00	\$ 950.00
Insurance	\$ 785.00	\$ 757.00	\$ 800.00
Internet Connection	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 594.15	\$ 1,000.00
Local Programs and Services	\$ 4,850.00	\$ 3,672.37	\$ 5,831.00
Other/Miscellaneous	\$ 389.00	\$ 272.03	\$ 389.00
Payroll & Payroll Expenses	\$ 38,340.28	\$ 40,550.02	\$ 50,699.42
Postage & Box Rental	\$ 300.00	\$ 282.00	\$ 350.00
Supplies	\$ 650.00	\$ 950.18	\$ 600.00
Utilities	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 2,682.70	\$ 3,290.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 79,204.28</b>	<b>\$ 68,300.21</b>	<b>\$ 85,321.92</b>
<b>Net Operating Loss</b>	<b>\$ (22,599.28)</b>	<b>\$ (4,875.55)</b>	<b>\$ (27,536.92)</b>
Transfer from Reserve Funds	\$ 9,229.79	\$ -	\$ 18,242.98
Leona Simonds Fund	\$ 1,200.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00
Carryover of prev. year's net income	\$ 12,169.49	\$ 12,169.49	\$ 7,293.94
<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 7,293.94</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>

# WINDSOR COUNTY YOUTH SERVICES

MOUNTAINSIDE HOUSE  
THE HOUSE AT 20-MILE STREAM

October 17, 2022

Town of Weston  
POBOX 98  
Weston, VT 05161

Dear Friends,

Windsor County Youth Services offers a range of services for Vermont's Homeless and Runaway Teenagers. Mountainside House. offers short term crisis stabilization and emergency shelter for Vermont Teenagers ages 13-18. We are also very proud to provide a VT Department of Education Licensed school program to all residents.

In the past 30 years we have provided a warm bed, hot meals, support, structure, and a Vermont licensed education to *over 2,000 Vermont teenagers.*

We are a Non-Profit Organization providing Vermont's Homeless and Runaway Teenagers with services that include housing, meals, individual and family counseling, and education. In light of the number of clients we continue to serve, we again hope you will keep us in your town's appropriations for FY2024. We respectfully request \$500 from the town to continue providing these services.

Thank You for your consideration and generosity in FY 2023.

Sincerely,

Jacqueline Hanlon  
Executive Director  
Windsor County Youth Services  
Mountainside House  
The House at 20-Mile Stream

6 Mill St.  
Ludlow, VT. 05149  
USA

PHONE (802) 228-6880  
FAX (802) 228-4410  
E-MAIL [wcys@tds.net](mailto:wcys@tds.net)

## WCYS P/L statement

	6/2022	2023
	Actual	BUDGET
Income	\$ 775,968.00	\$ 1,150,500.00
Expenses	\$ 1,088,743.00	\$ 1,034,100.00
Net	\$ (312,775.00)	\$ 116,400.00
Other income (PPP)	\$ 433,204.00	\$ -
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 120,429.00</b>	<b>\$ 116,400.00</b>

Full report on file at Weston Town Office

September 20, 2022

Selectboard Members  
Town of Weston  
PO Box 98  
Weston, VT 05161

Dear Selectboard Members,

The Women's Freedom Center formally asks that you place its request for \$500.00 from fiscal year 2024 funds on the warning for March 2023 town meeting.

As always, we very much appreciate the support given us by the Town of Weston and will, with your help, continue to do everything we can to provide quality advocacy and support to the women and other survivors and their children in your town who seek our assistance, as well as offering outreach and community education within all the towns of Windham and southern Windsor County.

During the fiscal year July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, the Women's Freedom Center responded to over 1,800 crisis telephone calls, sheltered 128 people and provided thousands of hours of individual and group support, advocacy, emergency financial and housing assistance, access to legal representation, transportation and childcare to **936 people** (546 women, 3 non-binary individuals, 18 men, and 369 children) who had been abused. These figures include 2 survivors and their 1 child from Weston. In addition, we provided 38 community outreach activities including school presentations and workshops to over 600 people throughout Windham and southern Windsor County.

Please expect our full 2022 financial summary by January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Feel free to contact me should you need any further information.

Sincerely,



Vickie Sterling  
Executive Director  
Women's Freedom Center

11:22 AM  
01/18/23  
Accrual Basis

**Women's Community Center  
Profit & Loss  
January through December 2022**

Jan - Dec 22

Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Grant Revenue	769,537.06
Unrestricted Contributions	159,126.70
Total Income	928,663.76
Expense	
Staffing	541,198.22
Administrative Costs	55,725.53
Programs	150,943.43
Property	78,575.60
Total Expense	826,442.78
Net Ordinary Income	102,220.98
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	111.83
Interest/Investment Income	
Other Expense	
Renovations & Improvements	130,686.75
Net Income	<b>-28,353.94</b>



## **Deerfield Valley Communications Union District 2022 Year in Review**

The Deerfield Valley Communications Union District's (DVCUD, dba DVFiber) accomplishments in 2022 include:

- Developing its working partnership with Great Works Internet (GWI) of Biddeford, ME;
- Receiving an American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant for \$4.1 million for pre-construction activities such as high-level design, final design and engineering, pole studies, and a “make ready” process;
- Receiving a second ARPA grant for \$21.9 million to fund the construction of 513 miles of fiber optic cable capable of connecting up to two-thirds of the more than 7,700 unserved and underserved addresses in our communications union district (CUD);
- Contracting with the Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation (BDCC) to manage our grant reporting because these grants require specific and detailed reports to the Vermont Communications Broadband Board (VCBB);
- Adding an Executive Committee to act on behalf of the Governing Board for quicker decision making because the pace and volume of work have increased significantly. Also for that reason, we hired Gabrielle Ciuffreda of Guilford to be full-time executive director and anticipate hiring additional administrative support in the 2023 budget.

### **Thank You**

We are grateful to the Select Boards of all our member towns for their continued support and for appointing capable and dedicated representatives and alternates who have committed not just their talents but thousands of hours of their time to bring us to this point of construction. These volunteers serve the public on DVFiber's Governing Board and its working committees (Operations, Communications, and Finance and Audit Committees). This committee structure is key to keeping us on track as we do our work. These volunteers are the foundation of DVFiber's success as your community-owned and -operated high-speed fiber optic Internet service provider.

Our commitment from the beginning has been to ensure that all on-grid homes and businesses in our municipal district have access to the 21st century technology that will be the basis for our continued growth and prosperity. This means not just availability of the technology but to be sure that affordability is not an obstacle to customer access and use.

For more information and to follow the latest developments and learn more about DVFiber, be sure to sign up for DVFiber's newsletter at [dvfiber.net](https://dvfiber.net).

Contact Rusty Davis if you have any questions or concerns or would like to get involved. He can be reached at [weston@dvfiber.net](mailto:weston@dvfiber.net).



## Just Neighbors

Just Neighbors is a 501(c)(3) all volunteer organization dedicated to assisting our neighbors in crisis by ensuring that individuals have basic life necessities. We support individuals, families and seniors in meeting their housing, transportation, safety, health and security needs.

This includes the following services:

- Firewood – provided in partnership with Burr & Burton’s Mountain campus, delivered by our volunteers
- Emergency funds - provided for housing, fuel assistance, etc. and are in the form of grants
- Partnering with other area non-profits/helping agencies as needed
- Other specific community needs – such as warm winter outdoor clothing for children in need

The service area includes the towns of Andover, Bondville, Chester, Jamaica, Landgrove, Londonderry, South Londonderry, Peru, Weston, Windham and Winhall.

**We would like to take this opportunity to thank our fellow board members, our volunteers and all the “friends of Just Neighbors” for their contributions to our communities!**

Just Neighbors

P.O. Box 172, Weston, VT 05161 Help line: 1-802-787-1225



Receive personalized alerts via phone, text or email about emergencies that effect you and your loved ones. **Free online sign up at: [VTALERT.GOV](http://VTALERT.GOV)**

- Choose your **delivery method** (Voice mail, SMS, text, email)
- Enter your **frequent locations** (Home, work, school, daycare)
- Select the **alerts** you wish to receive, such as:  
Life-threatening Emergencies, Severe Weather, Transportation Interruptions, Public Health, Amber Alerts, Missing Persons, Environmental Hazardous Materials, Scams, Recalls



January 2023

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

The Little School is honored to be heading into its 47th year of service to the wonderful community of Weston. In a time of such need, we are proud to provide families with high quality care and education for their children. We know that choosing a preschool is a very important decision and we do not take that lightly. Our accredited preschool program has a long tradition of providing children and families with an exceptional learning environment. The Little School is also firmly committed to meeting the needs of a diverse population by offering flexible scheduling as well as a range of tuition supports, including financial assistance and access to Vermont's universal preschool funding support.

We are elated to provide top-tier early education to the youngest members of our community. We understand that birth to age five is the most crucial time for brain development and we work tirelessly to make every moment a rich educational experience.

The Little School is able to continue to provide such excellent childhood education because of the extensive knowledge and dedication of its teachers and the generous support by many people and organizations in the community. We thank our neighbors who continue to generously respond to our annual appeal campaign. We thank the Vermont Country Store and Weston Volunteer Fire Department for their generous donations and support. We also thank those that participated in Christmas in Weston and helped to make the event truly special for children and families alike.

We would like to extend a sincere thank you for helping us in our mission. Your support allows us to continue to be of great service to our local children and families. Thank you to the Selectboard and The Town of Weston for supporting our endeavors and helping to ensure our future growth.

Sincerely,

Monica Keith  
Director

**THE LONDONDERRY SOLID WASTE GROUP**  
**Serving the towns of Landgrove, Londonderry, Peru, Weston and Windham**

**2023** Transfer Station Stickers are available and required to access the Londonderry Transfer Station. You can purchase one at any of the five-member town offices in person or on-line from [londonderryvt.org](http://londonderryvt.org)

Please be mindful of how you separate recyclables and put them in the proper bay. If in doubt, ask the attendant. They're there to help.

In 2022 the Londonderry Transfer Station collected 400.31 Tons of Municipal Solid Waste (trash) and 784.32 of Construction and Demolition Waste and bulky trash items. In 2022 we recycled 172 tons of co-mingled containers, 139 tons of mixed paper, 16.43 tons of cardboard, 196 tons of scrap metal, 7.71 tons of textiles, 3.23 tons of redeemable bottles and cans and 66.66 tons of food scraps.

The Londonderry Solid Waste Group (LSWG) held two Hazardous Waste Collection Events in 2022. If you missed them or would like to be part of the 2023 collections, they will be held on the first Saturday in June and the first Saturday in October. You can find information about what to and what not to bring at <https://www.londonderryvt.org/recycletransfer/hazardous-special-waste/>  
In 2022 the LSWG collected hazardous materials from 158 households.

Vermont currently has Manufacturer-Sponsored battery, electronics, paint, mercury light bulbs and mercury thermostat programs. To find locations for free disposal go to [VTrecycles.com](http://VTrecycles.com) or call 1-855-63-cycle. This legislative session the Vermont Product Stewardship Council is working with legislators to promote an Extended Producer Responsibility bill for household hazardous waste.

Sharps: If you use sharps including needles and need to dispose of them know that sharps can't be recycled and are dangerous if not disposed of properly. Use a heavy-duty laundry detergent or bleach container with a screw top. **DO NOT** use soda or water bottles. Carefully put used sharps in the container with the needle end down. Label the container with the warning: **DO NOT RECYCLE! DO NOT** fill the container full. When the container is ready for disposal, screw the cap on tightly and cover the top with strong tape, like duct tape. Dispose of the container with household trash. **DO NOT** put this container in recycling.

Two important dates are coming that impact the sale and distribution of mercury-containing bulbs in Vermont. Screw based - **Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs (CFLs)** will be banned from sale starting **February 17, 2023**. General-purpose – **Four Foot (4') Linear Fluorescent Tubes** will be banned from sale starting **January 1, 2024**. Fluorescent lightbulbs contain mercury (which is toxic to humans), so they cannot go in the trash. Find a free bulb-recycling drop-off near you at <https://www.lamprecycle.org/>

If you have questions, want to join the Londonderry Group's email list to receive alerts about special collections (hazardous waste & electronics) or if your school or business is interested in learning about ways to handle solid waste, organics, recyclables, and other materials please contact [recycle@londonderryvt.org](mailto:recycle@londonderryvt.org).



Windham & Windsor Housing Trust (WWHT) is a non-profit organization founded in 1987, serving the residents of Windham and southern Windsor County. We provide housing for residents of low and moderate incomes, preserve and revitalize neighborhoods, help residents acquire their own homes, and generally improve the social, economic, and cultural health of communities of Windham and southern Windsor County.

*WWHT's mission is to strengthen the communities of Southeast Vermont through the development and stewardship of permanently affordable housing and through ongoing support and advocacy for its residents.*

The organization applies mission to practice through three branches: Homeownership, Housing Development, and Property Management. The **Homeownership's** Home Repair Program assisted 42 homeowners by providing low-cost loans to make critical repairs. The one-to-one counseling assist 41 new homeowners in 2022 by navigating them through the purchase process to closing on their new home. The Shared Equity program has 140 homes currently and provides grants to income-eligible homebuyers to subsidize the purchase of single-family homes which lowers the cost to the homebuyer. The VHIP (Vermont Housing Improvement Program) works with private landowners to rehab and/or create new units. There are 40 Active projects spread across the whole of Windham and Windsor Counties with 45 potential projects and awaiting shovel-readiness. Our Housing Retention Program has assisted renters and homeowners impacted by Covid in stabilizing their housing with access to relief funding.

**Housing Development:** WWHT develops affordable rental housing opportunities which meets the diverse housing needs of a community. This takes the form of both rehabilitation of existing housing and the construction of new apartments. The Bellows Falls Garage, slated of open at the end of March '23, will introduce 27 new apartments to Downtown Bellows Falls, and contribute to the revitalization of this portion of the historic Vermont village. The Alice Holway Drive development in Putney is proposed to create 25 new homes within the village and awaits the end of the appeal process. This year, WWHT worked on deep retrofits and renovations on 26 apartments in Brattleboro and Windsor, comprising some of the oldest buildings in our portfolio. Breathing new life into these units will allow us to serve our residents into the coming decades. The Central & Main development in downtown Windsor is entering into the permitting phase at the beginning of 2023.

**Property Management:** WWHT owns 878 residential properties and 16 commercial properties with rental apartments with over 1500 tenants. We manage the rental properties in and near Brattleboro and contract with Stewart Property Management Services for the properties in northern Windham and Windsor Counties. WWHT takes pride in the appearance of our multi-family housing and is committed to providing the staff and financial resources necessary to ensure long-term health and safety for our residents as well as preservation of property values. This includes helping tenants access rent relief funding through the State's VERAP program before it closed in the Fall of '22. We've expanded our supportive services capacity through participating in the SASH For All program, connecting residents of all ages to critical resources to meet their self-driven health and well-being goals. Although WWHT is a non-profit, we pay local property taxes on our rental properties and our shared-equity homeowners pay property taxes to the Towns and Villages.

For more information, please visit us on the web at [www.homemattershere.org](http://www.homemattershere.org)

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**Windham & Windsor Housing Trust**

68 BIRGE STREET

BRATTLEBORO, VT 05301

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[www.HomeMattersHere.org](http://www.HomeMattersHere.org)





The mission of the Windham Regional Commission (WRC) is to assist towns in Southeastern Vermont to provide effective local governance and to work collaboratively with them to address regional issues. The region is comprised of 27 member towns: the 23 towns of Windham County; Readsboro, Searsburg and Winhall in Bennington County; and Weston in Windsor County.

The Commission, a political subdivision of the state, is composed of and governed by town-appointed Commissioners. Towns choose their own representatives to serve on the Commission. After town meeting, each Selectboard appoints up to two representatives to serve on the Commission for a one-year term. Weston is currently represented by Charles Goodwin and the second position remains vacant. Each Commissioner represents their town's interests within a regional context before the Commission, brings information from the Commission back to their town, and serves on at least one of a number of WRC committees that address regional and municipal issues and concerns. All WRC meetings are open to the public and subject to Vermont open meeting law. Committees and meeting schedules can be found on our website [www.windhamregional.org](http://www.windhamregional.org).

We assist towns with a wide variety of activities, including town plans and bylaws; community and economic development; local emergency and hazard mitigation planning, including flood hazard area and river corridor bylaw assistance; natural resources, including assisting towns with watershed restoration projects and implementation of the state's clean water law; Act 174 town energy planning; transportation, including traffic counts (automotive, bicycle, pedestrian), inventories (bridges, culverts, signs, road erosion), road foremen training, and serving as a liaison with VTrans to report damage to town road infrastructure to the state as a result of flooding; redevelopment of Brownfields sites (sites that are or may be contaminated by hazardous substances); review of projects submitted for review through Act 250 (land use), Section 248 (energy generation and transmission, telecommunications), and federal permitting processes; grant application and administration; training of municipal officials and volunteers across a range of topics; and mapping and geographic information system (GIS) analyses. The maps in your town office were likely produced by the WRC.

We help towns, both individually and collectively, make the most of the financial and human resources they have, assisting with projects in, between, and among towns, building and augmenting the capacity of volunteer-based town boards and commissions, and providing professional services to towns that may want to take on a project that is beyond what they can comfortably manage with their own staff and volunteers. Our relationship with towns is inherently collaborative. For instance, towns may choose to have their town plans reviewed by the Commission; town plan review and approval by the WRC is not mandatory, but is a requirement of some state municipal grant programs. The regional plan, which was readopted in 2021, is developed in consultation with member towns, reflects town plan policies, and is ultimately approved by our towns.

2022 has been a busy year. We continued assisting towns with American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) management and deliberation about how to use these funds. We successfully applied for Congressionally directed spending (an earmark) through Senator Sanders to collaborate with Green Mountain Power to assist towns with planning for greater electricity resiliency in the event of grid instability or outages using renewable energy and battery storage. This project will get underway in 2023. We are developing a report for the Windham Region Seniors' Health Collaborative, which seeks to prepare the region for the needs of our rapidly growing senior population. Our Brownfields program continues to assist with the assessment and remediation of contaminated sites, and we continue to assist our towns with flood mitigation, water quality, and habitat restoration projects.

Funding for the WRC is provided through contracts with state agencies, federal and other grants, and town assessments. Town assessments made up approximately 7 percent of our total budget. Each town's individual assessment makes it possible for us to leverage the resources to serve all towns. The town's assessment for this year is \$1,593.21. To see our detailed Work Program and Budget for FY2023, visit our website, [www.windhamregional.org](http://www.windhamregional.org), and click on the heading "About Us."

## County Happenings Fiscal Year 2022-2023

The calendar year 2022 has seen some significant changes in Windsor County; the most significant will have come to pass prior to your reading this; there will be two new Assistant Judges at the helm of the County Government, and a new Sheriff as well as of February 1, 2023. Judge Terie, who had served the County for eight years, decided to step down and pass the torch, and Judge Ricci, who served for over a year after Judge Anderson retired, is also stepping down. In their stead will be newly elected Assistant Judge Alison Johannensen of Taftsville, and former Assistant Judge David Singer of Hartland. Sheriff Ryan Palmer will be replacing Sheriff Michael Chamberlain who had served the County since 1998. Another change is that Windsor County will have a new Deputy Treasurer, as Dianne Bumps will also be stepping down. Pepper Tepperman who is the County Clerk, and Bruce Page who is the Superintendent of our two buildings (the Courthouse, and the County Building) are remaining in their posts. They are *all* to be thanked for their past, and continued years of dedicated service to the constituents of Windsor County.

Other happenings include a slow, cautious re-opening of the Courts to the public for in-person hearings. The Judiciary is aware that Covid is still amongst us, and thus, as of the writing of this report, in-person hearings are still intermittent- some of them are in person, and others are either remote, using Webex, or a hybrid combination. The HVAC system at the Windsor County Courthouse is still in the process of being upgraded to insure the safety of litigants and staff.

The Windsor County Assistant Judges held the preliminary county budget meeting on December 14, 2022, and the final budget meeting was held January 18<sup>th</sup> 2023. The County Budget for fiscal year 2023-24 had to be increased a bit due to the enormous spike in heating oil prices. I'm sure that doesn't come as a surprise to anyone who heats their residence with oil and/or propane. We are all hopeful that by the time a new budget needs to be crafted for the next fiscal year, heating prices will recede a bit so future budget increases can be kept at a minimum. There has also been some work at the County Building to adjust the heating system there. Additionally, the phone system and the Internet services at the County Building have been upgraded, at a *lower* cost! Increases in spending in all other areas have been kept to a minimum.

Another noteworthy occurrence that will take place in 2023 is that this will be the last year that Windsor County Towns will be making payments for the Courthouse Renovation Bond; the renovation to upgrade the Courthouse and make it handicap accessible was completed 2014. The Courthouse, located in the Shire town of Woodstock, serves the needs of the constituents of Windsor County; it is a historic gem to be admired by all. Do drive by, or visit to see what your tax dollars have accomplished!

## Springfield Local Health Office Report 2022

Twelve Local Health Offices around the state are your community connection with the Vermont Department of Health. The contact information for your district office is listed at the top of this page. We provide essential services and resources to your towns to protect and promote the health and well-being of people in Vermont. For example, in the past year, the Springfield Local Health Office:

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

**Worked to prevent and control the spread of disease:** In collaboration with community partners, we hosted over 70 COVID-19 vaccination clinics and provided over 6,540 COVID-19 doses. Since August 2021, all local health offices have also documented and helped manage 8,125 COVID-19-related situations, including 1,271 COVID-19 outbreaks. <https://www.healthvermont.gov/disease-control/covid-19>

**Ensured local preparedness for future emergencies:** We worked with partners like schools, hospitals, and emergency personnel to ensure effective pandemic response and support preparedness to distribute medicine, supplies, and information during emergencies. This year, we responded to the emergence of human monkeypox virus by sharing information and providing vaccine to community members.

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

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

**Provided Special Supplemental Nutrition to Women, Infant and Children (WIC) services and resources to families and children:** Provided WIC nutrition education and support to 892 individuals between July 1, 2021 and June 31, 2022, while enabling them to save on groceries so they can have more income to spend on other pressing family needs. WIC also empowers families with breastfeeding/chestfeeding support and provides referrals to other health and nutrition services. Learn more at [www.healthvermont.gov/wic](http://www.healthvermont.gov/wic).

**Supported student health and youth empowerment:** According to the Vermont Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 60% percent of students in Windsor County and 56% in Windham County agree or strongly agree that they "believe they matter to people in their community." The state average is 58%. Regionally, efforts like mentoring and after-school enrichment programs help to ensure youth feel valued and included.

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

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

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

Rabies IS in Vermont and it IS deadly.

### Licensing a dog:

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

For a VSNIP Application and a List of Participating Offices, send a 10" SASE: Self-Addressed, Stamped Envelope to: VSNIP, PO Box 104, Bridgewater, VT 05034. Note if your request is for a cat, dog or both. Once fully completed, please mail it back. If approved, you will receive a Voucher and instructions.

The cost for the surgery to you is only \$27.00, providing there are no complications. Fellow Vermonters pays the balance of your account from funds collected at the time of dog licensing. Please be SURE your cat or dog is completely flea and tick free **before** the visit, or you will be charged for treatment. Pain medication is highly recommended **after** the surgery, but would be your responsibility. It is also wise to buy an "E" collar to avoid having sutures pulled out. These are the right choices!

Animals left UN-neutered are more prone to forms of cancer.

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

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

## **USDA Green Mountain Forest Report**

The employees of the Green Mountain National Forest (GMNF) depend heavily on support from many municipalities, volunteers, partners, and contractors. The Forest would like to take this time to thank you and your community for the support and interest that you have shown in helping with the management of the approximately 400,000-acre GMNF. Receiving several million outdoor recreation enthusiast visits annually, these visitors seek enjoyment in a natural setting while providing critical benefit to our local economies. The GMNF is proud to be a part of Vermont and your town. It is truly one of Vermont's treasures and the largest contiguous public land area in the state. Forest staff work hard to achieve quality public land management under a sustainable multiple-use management concept to meet the diverse needs of all people -- people in your town as well as all of the visitors who come to Vermont every year. This has been another exciting year for us, and we have worked hard to support new opportunities on the National Forest that benefit the people and communities that we serve.

As mentioned in our Town Report last year, we are in the process of building a new Forest Supervisor's Office in Mendon which we expect to be open for staff and visitors in the coming year. The former Rutland-based headquarters (231 North Main Street) for the Green Mountain and Finger Lakes National Forests has transitioned to a full-time virtual work schedule which will continue until our new office is completed on U.S. Route 4 in Mendon, Vermont. While our main phone number (formally for the Rutland Office) will remain the same (802) 747-6700, our mailing address has changed to: USDA Forest Service, Green Mountain & Finger Lakes National Forests, PO Box 220, Rutland, VT 05702. Please use this new mailing address and also visit our website for a current listing of Forest Service employees who can assist you throughout this temporary transition: [https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE\\_DOCUMENTS/stelprd3838044.pdf](https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/stelprd3838044.pdf).

News in Weston: In partnership with VMBA and specifically Northshire Area Trail Systems (NATS), two trail bridges on the Moses Pond trail were replaced. This trail is managed for summer non-motorized uses. It is also part of the Catamount State-wide Cross Country Ski trail. This project was funded by the Great American Outdoors Act.

The rest of this report, with details of activities in several other towns, can be found on the link on the Weston web page or here:

<https://usfs-public.app.box.com/s/5ljvjm2guzenh917r1u6v8o89ar8sohb>

# DIAL 9-8-8

## New Mental Health Emergency Number

Formerly the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline and Crisis Lifeline, Vermont now has 9-8-8 available for those experiencing a mental health challenge. Lifeline center counselors are trained to help callers experiencing a variety of mental health challenges for themselves or for another person. This service was formerly part of an 800 line for National Suicide Prevention. If an individual is at risk of death, the Lifeline counselor may include the help of law enforcement, or, when available, a mobile crisis response. Currently, Lifeline counselors are not able to geolocate, in the same way that 9-1-1 operators are able to. Since the Vermont call centers began taking calls in the summer of 2021, over 98% of calls require no further emergency intervention. While counselors are trained to provide interventions and build rapport with callers, they will only involve police or other emergency services if there is an imminent risk to the life and safety of the caller or another individual. There is an option to chat via website: [988lifeline.org](https://988lifeline.org)

## The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is now: 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline



988 has been designated as the new three-digit dialing code that routes callers to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. This dialing code is available to everyone across the United States.

## TACONIC AND GREEN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT DIRECTORS' REPORT

January 2023

It has been another unusual year in our schools. We are deeply grateful to everyone who works in our District for shouldering extra work, quickly figuring out new ways to do things, and always putting our children's learning first. It has not been easy!

Although we are through the worst of the COVID-related challenges, we are by no means out of the woods. In particular, the pandemic worsened an already existing teacher shortage. Also, the lack of substitute teachers and support staff has been exhausting for many in the schools as well as at home. We have become more aware of the limits and effects of extended remote learning, and we are trying hard to help students regain skills and behaviors that declined during their time at home with little contact with school or with each other.

Our focus has primarily been on ensuring that the Superintendent has adequate structures and supports to deliver the best possible education for all the students in our District. We are a Policy Governance board, so we do not micromanage details like bus routes and lunch menus. Instead, we emphasize creating clear, ambitious, and achievable expectations for student outcomes.

In 2021, we asked for input on several fundamental questions about the purpose of schools in today's world and what the District should strive for. Over 600 people gave us their opinions, helping us revise District goals and policies (available on our District website). One topic that has lasting interest is whether it makes educational and financial sense to establish a single middle school for all nine towns in our District. We need input on this and will create opportunities for community engagement. We also publicize our meetings on electronic bulletin boards like Front Porch Forum and in the local print media, and our part of the Supervisory Union website can be used for comments. Public input is important, and we wish we had more!

Our proposed budget would result in a lower overall tax rate for all sending towns – if property values had not shot up. When property values rise, our towns' Common Level of Appraisal falls. This increases the tax bills for people who do not benefit from income sensitivity. The increase in the value of residential real estate has more than canceled out the decrease in the base tax rate, so tax bills are up. More details on the budget and related tax rates are at [www.brsu.org](http://www.brsu.org) or in our printed report, available from the supervisory union office (802) 362-2452 or your Town Clerk. Everyone is invited to attend any of our monthly board meetings in person or on Zoom, or to reach out directly with any questions or concerns.

We are glad that the state's careful response to the pandemic has enabled us to resume the usual Annual District Meeting on February 28<sup>th</sup>, with floor votes including the election of the District Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer. As always, voting on the budget, reserve funds, and high school tuition will be by Australian Ballot on March 7<sup>th</sup> at your normal polling place or earlier by mail. **You will not automatically receive an absentee ballot.** If you want to vote by mail, you must request a mail ballot from your Town Clerk. Please do this by Monday, March 6, 2023 or go to your Town Clerk and pick up a ballot.

Respectfully submitted,

Taconic and Green Regional School District Board of Directors

# Do you have Old Photographs of Weston?

In collaboration with the Town, the Weston Historical Society is seeking to increase its library of old (pre-1975) images of life in our town. As an example...



*When the present Little School was the Weston Village School, class pictures were taken annually. This one, preserved by Mildred Ellen Orton, shows Jeanne Foster's Grades 1-4 in September 1948. Her son, Lyman, is second from the left in the front row, flanked by two members of the Foster family. Can you identify any of the other of these students?*

Do you have historic photos of Weston lurking in your scrap books, attics and closets? Class pictures like the above? Or other subjects: buildings or events or portraits? If you do, the WHS would love to borrow them, learn what you know about them, scan and return.

If you have images to share with the WHS, please e-mail Bob Brandt (rbrandt840@aol.com) or Alan Knapp (napper15@aol.com).

# Weston Reference Guide

Web Page: [www.westonvt.org](http://www.westonvt.org)

## Town Offices

	Office hours: 9 AM - 2 PM Monday-Friday	Fax	(802) 824-4121
<b>Town Clerk/ Treasurer</b>	<a href="mailto:clerk@westonvt.org">clerk@westonvt.org</a>		(802) 824-6645
<b>Selectboard</b>	<a href="mailto:selectboard@westonvt.org">selectboard@westonvt.org</a>		(802) 824-6988
<b>Town Garage</b>			(802) 824-6890
<b>Listers</b>	<a href="mailto:listers@westonvt.org">listers@westonvt.org</a>		(802) 824-4449
<b>Animal Control Officer - Pat Salo</b>			(802) 688-4020
<b>Collector of Delinquent Taxes - Morgan Hart</b>	<a href="mailto:collectorwestonvt@gmail.com">collectorwestonvt@gmail.com</a>		(802) 342-1592
<b>Fire Warden - Denis Benson</b>			(802) 824-3418
Alternate - Almon Crandall		(802) 824-6890 or	(802) 824-3159
<b>Zoning Administrator - Will Goodwin</b>	<a href="mailto:zoning@westonvt.org">zoning@westonvt.org</a>		(802) 824-6645

## Regular Meeting Schedules

**Selectboard** - 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month, 7:30 PM at the Town Office or Zoom

**Planning Commission** - 1st Monday of each month, 7:00 PM at the Town Office or Zoom

## Dog Licenses

Owners of dogs and wolf-hybrids six months and older must register their animal by April 1st of each year. A current rabies certificate and, if appropriate, a spay or neuter certificate must be presented at the time of registration. Contact the Town Clerk for information (802) 824-6645, [clerk@westonvt.org](mailto:clerk@westonvt.org). A person who fails to register their animal is subject to a fine up to \$500.00.

## Vital Statistics

Vital records (birth, marriage, death) are public documents available in the Town Clerk's Office.

Certified copies are available upon request (\$10 per page). Application for birth and death certificates may also be requested online from the state.

Genealogy information may be found at: [www.genealogyvermont.org/VTContent/Weston%20genealogies.pdf](http://www.genealogyvermont.org/VTContent/Weston%20genealogies.pdf)

## Other Services

**Emergency Dial 911**

**Mental Health Emergency Dial 988**

**Vermont State Police Non-Emergency** (802) 722-4600

**U.S. Postal Service** - Weston hours: Mon - Fri 7:30 AM - 10:30 AM; 11:30 AM - 2:30 PM; Sat - 9 AM - 11 AM

**Vermont211 Dial 211** or visit their website: [www.vermont211.org](http://www.vermont211.org)

**Green Mountain National Forest - Manchester Station** (802) 362-2307

### **Warming Shelters**

For shelter during weather related emergencies, please check with Londonderry Town Office (802-824-3356), Weston Town Office (802-824-6645), or the Colonial House (802-824-6286) for availability and hours.

**Weston Volunteer Fire Dept.** - meets 1st Thurs. of each month, 7 PM, non-emergency phone # (802) 824-3539

**Londonderry Transfer Station** email: [recycle@londonderryvt.org](mailto:recycle@londonderryvt.org) (802) 824-5506

Hours: Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri., Sat. 9 AM-4 PM. Closed Wed., Sun., and holidays

**Wilder Memorial Library** [www.wildermemoriallibrary.org](http://www.wildermemoriallibrary.org) (802) 824-4307

Hours: Tues. 10 AM - 4 PM, Thurs. 10 AM - 6 PM, Fri. 10 AM - 2 PM, Sat 10 AM - 12 PM

**Senators:** Alison Clarkson, [AClarkson@leg.state.vt.us](mailto:AClarkson@leg.state.vt.us), Dick McCormack, [rmmccormack@leg.state.vt.us](mailto:rmmccormack@leg.state.vt.us),  
Becca White, [rwhite@leg.state.vt.us](mailto:rwhite@leg.state.vt.us)

**House of Representatives:** Kelly Pajala, [kpajala@leg.state.vt.us](mailto:kpajala@leg.state.vt.us)

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