

**READING, VERMONT  
TOWN AND SCHOOL DISTRICT  
2022 ANNUAL REPORT  
For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022**



**Informational Meeting  
Saturday, March 4, 2023  
9:00 AM at the Reading Elementary School**

**Town of Reading Annual Meeting and  
Windsor Central Unified Union School District  
Australian Ballot Voting  
Tuesday, March 7th, 7:00 AM—7:00 PM  
At the Reading Town Hall**

# Please Note

Due to the change to Australian Ballot voting,  
there is no in person Town Meeting.

There will be an *informational* meeting held on  
Saturday, March 4, at 9 A.M. in person at the  
Reading Elementary School.

Please e-mail questions that you would like answered regarding the articles on the warning or any of the reports to [\*readingvermont@comcast.net\*](mailto:readingvermont@comcast.net)

Voting on the **Town** warning articles will be done by Australian Ballot. Requests for absentee ballots will be available through the Town Clerk's office starting on 2/9/23. Details on how you can vote your ballot will be included with the ballot.

**If you would like to vote the Windsor Central Unified Union School District ballot, you will need to request an absentee ballot or vote in person on March 7th. To request an absentee ballot, please call 484-7250 or email [readingvermont@comcast.net](mailto:readingvermont@comcast.net)**

**PLEASE CALL THE TOWN OFFICE WITH ANY QUESTIONS**

**484-7250**

## Cover Photo

*Courtesy of Reading Historical Society Archives*

*Remember when there were two grocery stores downtown and  
four different locations with gas pumps?*

I.G.A. - Independent Grocers Association

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**PLEASE NOTE: The Warning Annual Meeting of WCUUSD may have been changed after this report went to the printers. Check their website for the most up-to-date warning.**

## Town of Reading Phone Directory

### Ambulance, Fire or State Police Dial 911

Elementary School	484-7230	www.resvt.org
Fire Department	484-3473 (fire)	
Fire Warden	484-0094 Nate Willard	802-384-2101 Greg Smith
Game Warden	802-722-4600	Dispatched by State Police
Library	484-5588	www.readinglibrary.org
Listers	484-7258	Email: rtownhall_464@comcast.net
Post Office	484-5994	
Public Works Dept	484-5122	Glen Towne: Road Foreman
State Police	802-722-4600	Non Emergency Out of Westminster
Town Office	484-7250	www.readingvt.govoffice.com
Zoning Administrator	802-296-1124	rkallen@myfairpoint.net

**Meeting Schedule** Location, date & time can vary. Refer to the monthly posted meeting agendas on the Town website for changes to dates or locations.

Cemetery Commission	4th Wednesday	6 pm at Reading Town Hall
Energy Committee	3rd Thursday	7 pm at Reading Town Hall
Fire & Rescue Department	1st Tuesday	7 pm at Emergency Services Building
Fire Dept. Auxiliary	1st Monday-Qtrly	6:30 pm at Emergency Services Building
Green Space Committee	3rd Thursday -Qtrly	6:00 pm at Library Jan, April, July, Oct
Library Trustees	Last Tuesday	6 pm at Library
Planning & Zoning Commission	1st Monday	7 pm at Reading Town Hall
Reading All-Terrain Sportsman	2nd Wednesday	7 pm at S. Reading Meeting House
Recreation Commission	3rd Thursday	6 pm at Library
Selectboard	2nd Monday	6 pm at Reading Town Hall
WCUUSD	1st Monday	6:30 pm—Location see meeting agenda

#### Reading Town Office

PO Box 72 - 799 Route 106  
 Reading, VT 05062  
 Open Monday - Wednesday  
     8 am to 4 pm  
 Thursday 7:30 am—3 pm

#### Reading Public Library

PO Box 7 - 717 Route 106  
 Reading, VT 05062  
 Open  
 Tuesday - 12 to 3 pm, 4 to 7 pm  
 Thursday - 10 am to 5 pm

### Town Clerk Fees

Burn Permit	No Charge
Certified Copies	\$10.00
Civil Marriage License	\$60.00
Copies of Vital Records	\$10.00
Dog License must be registered by April 1st	
Males / Females	\$13.00
Neutered / Spayed	\$9.00
Replacement Tag	\$3.00
New Dog after 10/1	\$9 / \$7
After 4/1 add late fee	\$2.00 / \$4.00
Green Mountain Passport	\$2.00
Overweight Truck Permits - issued by Selectboard	\$10.00
Printer Copying per page	\$ .25
Recording in Land Records per page	\$15.00
Transfer Station Coupons—Garbage	\$17.50 / \$35.00
Transfer Station Coupon—Compost Waste	\$10.00
Transfer Station Vehicle Window Sticker	
Property Owner	1st sticker free - 2nd \$25.00
Renter	\$25.00
Vault Document Copies	\$1.00
Vault Time per Hour	\$4.00

### Robinson Hall Fees

Kitchen	\$75.00
Dining Room	\$75.00
Auditorium	\$150.00
Civic Organization Fees For Hall	
Kitchen	\$25.00
Dining Room	\$25.00
Auditorium	\$50.00

### Zoning Permit Fees

Accessory	\$35.00 + .04 psf
Board of Adjustment Hearings	\$200.00
Boundary Line Adjustment	\$60.00
New House	\$60.00 + .04 psf
Pools/Ponds	\$100.00
Signs	\$15.00
Site Plan Review	\$200.00
Subdivision Application	\$200.00

### Selectboard Permit

Driveway Access Permits - issued by Selectboard	\$20.00
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**Town of Reading, Vermont  
General Information  
Chartered July 6, 1761**

<b>Town Owned Real Estate</b>	Parcel Id	Acres	<b>Town Ordinances, Effective Date</b>	
Amsden Property	1236	6.57	Animal Control	5/6/1998
Cemetery, Amsden	1217	2.6	ATV Amended	5/9/2011
Cemetery, Baileys Mills	1214	0.83	Driveway Amended	12/8/2014
Cemetery, South Reading	1216	0.39	Health Amended	1/9/2006
Cemetery, Spear	1213	0.93	Highway Amended	4/9/2007
Cemetery, Swain	1218	0.38	Town Plan Amended	1/13/2020
Cemetery, Weld/Sawyer	1215	1.28	Winter Road	12/9/1996
Claude Bartley Memorial Field	1202	3.99	Zoning Amended	7/08/2019
Fire Services Building Lot	1224	5.93		
Former Reading Christian Church	1204	0.19	<b>Highway Mileage</b>	<b>Map of 10/2014</b>
Indian Stones Site, Felchville	1209	2.52	State -	7.479 miles
Library, Gilbert A. Davis	1207	0.2	Class 2 -	9.100 miles
Robinson Hall, Felchville (Trust)	1211	0.64	Class 3 -	30.240 miles
Stone School House, S. Reading	1208	0.38	Class 4 -	14.760 miles
Town Garage, Center Road	1203	5.34	Total Miles -	61.579 miles
Town Green, Felchville	1205	0.25		

**Town Owned Timber Rights**

Evarts Lot, 101.66 acres  
Land is State owned

**Acreage**

Total Town Acreage - 19,132.76 acres  
State Owned Acreage - 6,808.39 acres  
Town Owned Acreage—38.11 acres

**2020 Census**

637 (2020 Population and Housing Estimate)

**Altitudes Above Sea Level**

Felchville - 754'  
South Reading - 1274'

**Felchville Cemetery Assoc. Owned Property**

Felchville Cemetery, Parcel 1219 1.15 acres

**Historical Society Owned Property**

Universalist Church, Parcel 1221 .19 acres

**South Reading Meeting House Association**

Stone Church, Parcel 1212 .39 acres

**Registered Voters - 537**

As of 12/31/2022

**WARNING FOR ANNUAL MEETING OF THE  
TOWN OF READING, VT.**

The legal voters of the Town of Reading, Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Reading Town Hall on Tuesday, March 7, 2023, during the polling hours of 7 am to 7 pm, for the purpose of transacting during that time, voting by Australian ballot:

**March 7, 2023 – Australian Ballot Questions**

**ARTICLE 1:** To elect the following Town Officers for the ensuing year: Town Moderator, Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Selectperson, Lister, Auditor 3 year, Auditor 1 year, Trustee of Public Funds, Library Trustee, Cemetery Commissioner

**ARTICLE 2:** Shall the voters set the date and time, by which the Town property taxes must be paid and received by the Town Treasurer, to be Monday, November 6, 2023 by 5:00 P.M? (No Post Marks)

**ARTICLE 3:** Shall the voters elect the Town Treasurer as Collector of Delinquent Taxes for the ensuing year?

**ARTICLE 4:** Shall the voters of the Town of Reading vote to appropriate the amount of \$734,079 (Seven Hundred Thirty-Four Thousand Seventy Nine Dollars) to be raised by taxes for the Selectboard's Budget beginning July 1, 2023?

**ARTICLE 5:** Shall the voters appropriate \$1,000 (One Thousand Dollars) to Aging in Place Reading-West Windsor for localized elder care?

**ARTICLE 6:** Shall the voters appropriate \$707 (Seven Hundred Seven Dollars) to HCRS – Health Care & Rehabilitation for providing mental health services?

**ARTICLE 7:** Shall the voters appropriate \$1,000 (One Thousand Dollars) to Ottauquechee Health Foundation for health and wellness services?

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**ARTICLE 8:** Shall the voters appropriate \$750 (Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars) to Spectrum Teen Center for connecting teens to the community?

**ARTICLE 9:** Shall the voters appropriate \$500 (Five Hundred Dollars) to Volunteers in Action for assistance to those with special needs?

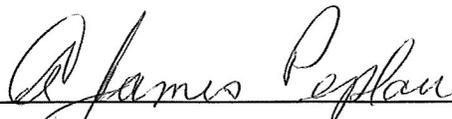
**ARTICLE 10:** Shall the voters appropriate \$500 (Five Hundred Dollars) to Windsor County Mentors for youth mentorships?

Dated this 23rd day of January, 2023

By the Selectboard of the Town of Reading, VT:



Gordon Eastman



A. James Peplau



Robert K. Allen

**Article 1**

**Elected Officials**

**MODERATOR**

Robert J. Hartnett Jr.                      **2023**

**TOWN CLERK**

Calista Brennan                              **2023**

**TOWN TREASURER**

Calista Brennan                              **2023**

**SELECTBOARD**

A. James Peplau                              **2023**  
 Gordon Eastman                              2024  
 Robert Allen                                      2025

**LISTERS**

John Fike                                         **2023**  
 Penny Allyn                                      2024  
 Neil Muirhead                                   2025

**TOWN AUDITORS**

Marion Pickielnok                              **2023**  
 RaeGina Wescott (A)                           2024  
 Charline Hagar                                 2025

**TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC FUNDS**

Curt Allen                                        **2023**  
 Kenneth Norcross                              2024  
 Liesbeth Kozlowski                            2025

**LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

Janet Malcolm                                 **2023**  
 Heather Evans                                 2024  
 Bill Bakker                                      2025  
 Libbet Downs                                 2026  
 Vanessa Maxham                               2027

**CEMETERY COMMISSION**

Tim Bishop                                      **2023**  
 Adam Kozlowski                               2024  
 Susan Goodhouse                              2025

**JUSTICE OF THE PEACE**

**Feb.**  
 Rayna Bishop                                 2025  
 Robert J. Hartnett Jr                         2025  
 Jonathan Springer                             2025  
 Mary E. Springer                              2025  
 Steven D. Vogl                                 2025

Elected during general election

Windsor Central Unified Union    School    District

<b>Voted on by Australian Ballot</b>	
School Board Members	
Anna Sessa	<b>2023</b>
Adam Ameele	2025



# Town Financial Reports

## **Auditors Report**

**The Reading Auditors have examined the financial records of the governmental activities and fund information of the Town of Reading.**

**Marion Pickielnok**

**RaeGina Wescott**

**Charline Hagar**

**January 2023**

**Town of Reading**  
**Selectboard's Report**

The Selectboard's budget for Fiscal year July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, requests \$734,079 to be raised by taxes to support the general expenses of the Town. Monies requested in special articles are not included in this amount. The total amount for special appropriations that are approved by the voters will be in addition to this amount.

For this year's budget analysis, the Town Clerk, again, issued standard forms for each of the department heads to follow when presenting their requests. The Selectboard conducted one informational meeting during the month of December, to review and record the requests to the budget. The Selectboard wants to sincerely thank all of the department heads for presenting their budget requests in a timely manner.

There will be an informational meeting held at the Reading Elementary School on Saturday, March 4, 2023 at 9:00 AM to discuss the town report. Voting on the town budget will occur on Tuesday, March 7, 2023.

The town has received \$190,460.77 which represents the total amount of the ARPA funding from the State of Vermont and Federal funding. The legislature has set guidelines as to how the funds are to be spent. These funds are to be obligated by December 31, 2024 and to be disbursed by December 31, 2026. The ARPA Advisory committee issued their final report and recommendations to the Selectboard on September 2, 2022. To date, about \$ 40,000 of the ARPA committee recommendations have been obligated and spent. The Selectboard will obligate the balance of the funding by December 31, 2024.

The Town continues to request and receive grants to continue the roadside ditch stabilization. Many areas have been completed and work continues on the steepest sections of our roadways.

The Town has entered into an agreement with Dubois and King to provide a Wastewater Feasibility Study for the village of Felchville. The State of Vermont has funding available for this study and D&K will follow the state guidelines for funding so there will be no Town funding needed for the study. The study should be completed by late 2023.

The Town has adopted the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan for 2022-2027 and this has been sent to FEMA for their approval. This document will ensure funding from FEMA should the town suffer damage from a natural disaster.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Reading Selectboard

Gordon Eastman  
James Peplau  
Robert Allen

# Article 4

# Town of Reading Proposed Budget FY 2024

	Budget FY 2022	Actual FY 2022	Budget FY 2023	Actual 12/31/2022	Budget FY 2024
<b>INCOME</b>					
1 Beginning Balance	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 249,169.06	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 251,903.81	\$ 10,000.00
2 <b>State Aid/Other Income</b>					
3 Class 2/Class 3 State Aid	\$ 84,000.00	\$ 96,515.60	\$ 95,000.00	\$ 44,625.59	\$ 96,500.00
4 Grants-Retreatment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
5 Grants-Bridges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
6 Grants-Town Hall	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
7 Grants-Fire Department	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
8 Grants - Highway Department	\$ -	\$ 51,526.30	\$ -	\$ 14,800.00	\$ -
9 Grant-Planning	\$ -	\$ 2,912.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
10 Grant - Energy Committee	\$ -	\$ (190.00)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
11 Grant-Conservation					
12 Grant-Emergency					
13 Grant - Elections	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
14 Grant - Library	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
15 Lister Reappraisal	\$ 5,200.00	\$ 5,177.50	\$ 5,200.00	\$ -	\$ 5,200.00
16 Land/Current Use	\$ 134,000.00	\$ 131,286.50	\$ 134,000.00	\$ 133,713.00	\$ 134,000.00
17 Zoning Permits	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,498.04	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,357.49	\$ 2,000.00
18 Septic Permits					
19 Hearing Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
20 Zoning Fines	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
21 Emp Cont.- Health Ins	\$ 8,350.00	\$ 6,483.36	\$ 8,350.00	\$ 3,138.46	\$ 7,000.00
22 Workman's Comp Rebate	\$ -	\$ 1,044.00	\$ -	\$ 1,102.00	\$ -
23 TC Recording Fee	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 9,545.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 4,388.00	\$ 6,000.00
24 Vault Time	\$ 250.00	\$ 296.50	\$ 250.00	\$ 136.00	\$ 250.00
25 Restoration fund	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 3,465.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,582.00	\$ 1,500.00
26 Dog Licenses	\$ 700.00	\$ 773.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 43.00	\$ 700.00
27 Liquor Licenses	\$ 255.00	\$ 255.00	\$ 255.00	\$ -	\$ 150.00
28 Copier Receipts	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 2,080.25	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 841.75	\$ 1,500.00
29 Marriage Licenses	\$ 50.00	\$ 90.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 50.00
30 Green Mt. Passports	\$ -	\$ 8.00	\$ -	\$ 10.00	\$ -
31 Fish & Wildlife	\$ 100.00	\$ 122.50	\$ 100.00	\$ 62.50	\$ 100.00
32 Motor Vehicle fees	\$ 50.00	\$ 21.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 30.00
33 Weathersfield Dump Tokens	\$ 360.00	\$ 1,150.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 750.00
34 Civil Highway Fines	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 10,378.03	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 4,123.53	\$ 10,000.00
35 Interest-Checking	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,903.96	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 3,603.07	\$ 3,000.00
36 Reading Informer	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,325.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 225.00	\$ 1,200.00
37 Truck Permits	\$ 200.00	\$ 225.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 200.00
38 Taxes Collected	\$ -	\$ 604,579.40	\$ -	\$ 598,343.28	\$ -
39 In Lieu of Taxes	\$ 46,000.00	\$ 46,012.40	\$ 46,000.00	\$ 46,647.70	\$ 46,000.00
40 Del.Tax Int. Earned	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 2,430.50	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,272.20	\$ 1,000.00
41 Del.Tax Collected	\$ -	\$ 72,490.26	\$ -	\$ 68,179.06	\$ -
42 Tax Sale Property Sold	\$ -	\$ 4,210.25	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
44 Food Shelf Rent	\$ -	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 2,300.00	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00
45 Misc Income	\$ 500.00	\$ 499.24	\$ 500.00	\$ 71,111.00	\$ 500.00
50 <b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	\$ 323,215.00	\$ 1,313,782.65	\$ 337,455.00	\$ 1,253,384.44	\$ 330,630.00
70 <b>GRAND TOTAL INCOME</b>	\$ 323,215.00	\$ 1,313,782.65	\$ 337,455.00	\$ 1,253,384.44	\$ 330,630.00

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## Town of Reading Proposed Budget FY 2024

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	Budget FY 2022	Actual FY 2022	Budget FY 2023	Actual 12/31/2022	Budget FY 2024
<b>EXPENSES</b>					
<b>100 COST OF GOVERNMENT</b>					
101 Town Clerk/Treasurer Salary	\$ 32,000.00	\$ 32,000.00	\$ 32,000.00	\$ 15,996.50	\$ 34,000.00
102 Town Treasurer's Salary					
103 Ass't Clerk/Treas.Salary	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 5,968.00	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 1,976.00	\$ 10,000.00
104 Health Insurance TC/TT	\$ 20,400.00	\$ 21,864.24	\$ 20,400.00	\$ 12,573.70	\$ 22,000.00
105 Selectboard	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00
106 Abatements	\$ -	\$ 5.41	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
107 Listers	\$ 30,375.00	\$ 28,034.65	\$ 30,580.00	\$ 10,396.13	\$ 60,280.00
108 Auditors	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 250.00
109 Moderator	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00
110 Fire Chief	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
111 E-911 Coordinator	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
112 Zoning Administrator	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,390.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 775.00	\$ 1,500.00
113 Sewage Officer					
114 Health Officer	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 600.00
115 Town Officials-FICA	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,213.08	\$ 4,600.00	\$ 2,226.37	\$ 4,600.00
116 General Liability Insurance.	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 3,095.50	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,074.00	\$ 4,100.00
117 Public Officials/EPL Insurance	\$ 900.00	\$ 854.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 974.00	\$ 1,000.00
118 Bond Insurance	\$ 450.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 552.00	\$ 600.00
119 Workman's Comp. Insurance.	\$ 350.00	\$ 355.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 415.00	\$ 425.00
120 Office Supplies	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,072.66	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 2,217.85	\$ 4,000.00
121 Telephone	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,419.65	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 647.82	\$ 1,400.00
122 Postage	\$ 300.00	\$ 306.97	\$ 400.00	\$ 162.44	\$ 400.00
123 Office Equipment	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 2,815.70	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 1,434.51	\$ 6,500.00
124 Computer Support	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 9,530.93	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 9,053.39	\$ 10,000.00
125 I T - Web Site Hosting	\$ 600.00	\$ 570.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 570.00	\$ 600.00
126 Records Restoration	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 6,430.01	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 42.72	\$ 6,000.00
127 Printing & Advertising	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 245.70	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00
128 Town Reports	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,426.84	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00
129 Town Reports-Postage	\$ 75.00	\$ -	\$ 75.00	\$ -	\$ 75.00
130 Legal Fees	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 7,905.21	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 2,500.00
131 Election Workers	\$ 400.00	\$ 258.97	\$ 600.00	\$ 420.15	\$ 200.00
132 Planning Commission	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,457.35	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,240.25	\$ 2,420.00
133 Conservation Commission					
134 Reading Informer	\$ 8,100.00	\$ 8,443.10	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 4,344.32	\$ 8,500.00
135 Recreation Commission	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
136 Misc. Expense	\$ 500.00	\$ 431.65	\$ 500.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 500.00
137 VLCT	\$ 1,893.00	\$ 1,893.00	\$ 1,900.00	\$ 1,942.00	\$ 2,002.00
138 MARC (formally SWCRPC)	\$ 899.00	\$ 832.50	\$ 900.00	\$ 893.10	\$ 900.00
139 MARC - Grants	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,367.39	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 5,407.61	\$ 3,500.00
140 County Tax	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 8,331.13	\$ 8,000.00	\$ -	\$ 8,000.00
141 Tax Sale Property Purchased	\$ -	\$ 4,210.25	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
142 VT Coalition					
143 Towns 250th Year Celebration					
144 COVID Expense	\$ 500.00	\$ 356.77	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>150 TOTAL COST OF GOVERNMENT</b>	<b>\$ 171,392.00</b>	<b>\$ 166,435.66</b>	<b>\$ 173,155.00</b>	<b>\$ 83,584.86</b>	<b>\$ 203,002.00</b>

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	Budget FY 2022	Actual FY 2022	Budget FY 2023	Actual 12/31/2022	Budget FY 2024
<b>200 PUBLIC SERVICE</b>					
201 Weathersfield Transfer	\$ 18,635.00	\$ 18,635.00	\$ 19,250.00	\$ 19,250.00	\$ 22,269.00
202 Reading Fire & Rescue Department	\$ 38,850.00	\$ 34,523.24	\$ 39,350.00	\$ 10,990.11	\$ 39,850.00
203 Fire & Rescue - W/Comp.	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,219.00	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,219.00	\$ 1,300.00
204 Fire & Rescue - Liab & Vehicle Ins.	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,072.50	\$ 3,100.00	\$ 3,711.00	\$ 3,800.00
205 Reading Rescue					
206 Reading Rescue Liab. & Vehicle Ins.					
207 Reading Rescue-WC					
208 Ambulance Service	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 7,326.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 4,293.00	\$ 8,000.00
209 Emergency Dispatch/Repeater Fees	\$ 13,973.00	\$ 15,973.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 6,986.50	\$ 17,363.00
210 Windsor County Sheriff	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 37,596.60	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 16,072.80	\$ 40,000.00
211 Streetlights	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 2,838.12	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 1,436.47	\$ 2,800.00
212 Robinson Hall	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 27,591.12	\$ 18,500.00	\$ 5,863.13	\$ 18,500.00
213 Robinson Hall Restoration	\$ -	\$ 14,665.25	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
214 Town Garage	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 13,568.76	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 5,488.74	\$ 10,000.00
215 Food Shelf Building	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 3,977.85	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,020.78	\$ 3,000.00
216 Property Insurance	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 9,596.50	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 9,638.00	\$ 10,000.00
217 Amsden Property	\$ 400.00	\$ 585.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
218 Memorial Day	\$ 200.00	\$ 155.90	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00
219 Library	\$ 13,900.00	\$ 15,906.33	\$ 13,900.00	\$ 6,779.17	\$ 15,400.00
220 Librarian	\$ 18,400.00	\$ 18,388.76	\$ 18,400.00	\$ 9,548.00	\$ 18,400.00
221 Memorial Field	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,140.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
222 Indian Stones Site	\$ 800.00	\$ 1,185.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
223 Town Cemeteries	\$ 8,300.00	\$ 8,300.00	\$ 11,500.00	\$ 11,500.00	\$ 12,500.00
224 Village Green	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,535.50	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 500.00
225 Green Up Day	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00
226 Reading Signs Gardening	\$ 400.00	\$ 855.00	\$ -	\$ -	
227 Energy Committee	\$ -	\$ 960.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 383.89	\$ 900.00
228 Town Lawn Mowing - All	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,800.00	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 5,800.00
<b>230 TOTAL PUBLIC SERVICE</b>	<b>\$ 211,533.00</b>	<b>\$ 239,669.93</b>	<b>\$ 222,075.00</b>	<b>\$ 118,555.59</b>	<b>\$ 230,657.00</b>
<b>300 EQUIPMENT USE</b>					
301 Grader-1986 Deere	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,673.04	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 1,268.22	\$ 4,000.00
302 Loader-2010 Kawasaki	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,958.93	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 10,063.82	\$ 5,000.00
303 Truck #1-2014 International	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 18,155.20	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 13,098.79	\$ 9,500.00
304 Truck #2-2019 Western Star	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 10,969.48	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 5,661.46	\$ 9,000.00
305 Truck #3-2015 Ford	\$ 5,300.00	\$ 6,769.36	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 1,838.41	\$ 5,500.00
306 Snowplows	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 1,800.10	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,490.00	\$ 4,000.00
307 Sanders	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,981.11	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00
308 Saws	\$ 500.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00
309 York Rake	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,210.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00
310 Radio Repairs	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 235.50	\$ 500.00
311 Misc. Supplies	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 2,342.52	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 2,652.21	\$ 3,500.00
312 Diesel Fuel	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 37,164.79	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 16,810.42	\$ 35,000.00
313 Oil & Lube	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,545.01	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,320.43	\$ 2,000.00
314 Shop Tools	\$ 500.00	\$ 97.21	\$ 500.00	\$ 437.18	\$ 500.00
315 Equipment Insurance	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 1,186.50	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,620.00	\$ 2,700.00
316 Bomford Arm Mower					\$ 6,500.00
<b>318 TOTAL EQUIPMENT USE</b>	<b>\$ 81,300.00</b>	<b>\$ 91,903.25</b>	<b>\$ 80,700.00</b>	<b>\$ 58,496.44</b>	<b>\$ 92,400.00</b>

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	Budget FY 2022	Actual FY 2022	Budget FY 2023	Actual 12/31/2022	Budget FY 2024
<b>320 GENERAL MAINTENANCE</b>					
321 Class 2-Labor	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 5,625.85	\$ 16,800.00	\$ 7,831.50	\$ 10,000.00
322 Class 2-Contract.Labor	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 3,500.00	\$ -	\$ -
323 Class 2-Materials	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 8,716.35	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 4,428.00	\$ 7,000.00
324 Class 3-Labor	\$ 42,000.00	\$ 52,430.15	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 35,373.00	\$ 58,000.00
325 Class 3-Contract.Labor	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 21,444.95	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 13,360.00	\$ 25,000.00
326 Class 3-Materials	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 55,768.65	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 39,841.30	\$ 40,000.00
327 Class 4-Labor	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
328 Class 4-Contract. Labor	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
329 Class 4-Materials	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 715.50	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
330 Equipment Rental	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 11,210.17	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 10,567.26	\$ 12,000.00
331 State General Permit for Roads	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 640.00	\$ 1,350.00
<b>332 TOTAL GENERAL MAINTENANCE</b>	<b>\$ 140,350.00</b>	<b>\$ 157,261.62</b>	<b>\$ 157,650.00</b>	<b>\$ 112,041.06</b>	<b>\$ 155,350.00</b>
<b>340 WINTER MAINTENANCE</b>					
341 Class 2-Winter Labor	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 9,060.25	\$ 16,800.00	\$ 2,981.00	\$ 16,000.00
342 Class 2-Winter Contracted Labor	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
343 Class 3-Winter Labor	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 41,513.25	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 9,607.00	\$ 52,000.00
344 Class 3-Winter Contracted Labor	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,240.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 160.00	\$ 5,000.00
345 Elementary School Winter	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 551.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
346 Fire Department - Winter	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 551.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
347 Salt	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 28,985.96	\$ 37,000.00	\$ 7,453.62	\$ 37,000.00
348 Sand	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 34,268.50	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 24,403.00	\$ 35,000.00
<b>349 TOTAL WINTER MAINTENANCE</b>	<b>\$ 131,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 119,169.96</b>	<b>\$ 145,800.00</b>	<b>\$ 44,604.62</b>	<b>\$ 147,000.00</b>
<b>360 OTHER HIGHWAY</b>					
361 Retreatment-Labor	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
362 Retreatment-Contracted Labor	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
363 Retreatment Materials	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
364 Dust Control Labor	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 549.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 228.00	\$ 2,000.00
365 Dust Control-Materials	\$ 5,500.00	\$ -	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 3,450.00	\$ 5,000.00
366 Bridges/Culverts-Labor	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
367 Bridges-Contracted Labor	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
368 Bridges/Culverts-Materials	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,330.80	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 5,080.00	\$ 3,000.00
369 Bridges/Culverts-misc.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
370 Road Signs	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 518.97	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,225.86	\$ 3,000.00
<b>371 TOTAL OTHER HIGHWAY</b>	<b>\$ 13,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,398.77</b>	<b>\$ 14,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 9,983.86</b>	<b>\$ 14,000.00</b>
<b>380 FRINGE BENEFITS</b>					
381 Social Security	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 11,737.43	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 6,304.91	\$ 12,000.00
382 Vacations	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 6,226.00	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 7,072.00	\$ 8,500.00
383 Bereavement	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
384 Holidays	\$ 4,700.00	\$ 4,848.00	\$ 5,400.00	\$ 2,688.00	\$ 5,400.00
385 Sick Leave	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,847.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,842.75	\$ 3,000.00
386 Health Insurance	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 43,092.72	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 24,782.87	\$ 65,000.00
387 Workman's Compensation	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 9,715.00	\$ 9,700.00	\$ 9,294.00	\$ 9,500.00
388 Unemployment Insurance	\$ 200.00	\$ 526.00	\$ 425.00	\$ 290.00	\$ 550.00
389 Retirement Contribution	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 3,418.44	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00
390 Uniforms	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 2,044.55	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 1,471.00	\$ 1,800.00
391 Conferences/Training	\$ 500.00	\$ 260.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 500.00
<b>392 TOTAL FRINGE BENEFITS</b>	<b>\$ 117,100.00</b>	<b>\$ 84,715.14</b>	<b>\$ 112,225.00</b>	<b>\$ 53,825.53</b>	<b>\$ 110,250.00</b>
<b>399 TOTAL HIGHWAY</b>	<b>\$ 482,750.00</b>	<b>\$ 455,448.74</b>	<b>\$ 510,875.00</b>	<b>\$ 278,951.51</b>	<b>\$ 519,000.00</b>

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	Budget FY 2022	Actual FY 2022	Budget FY 2023	Actual 12/31/2022	Budget FY 2024
<b>400 SHORT TERM BORROWING</b>					
405 2022 Truck Loan - 4-Years	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 54,000.00
406 2019 Truck Loan Interest	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,050.00
407 Robinson Hall Restoration	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 104,189.31	\$ 35,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
408 Tyson Road Pavement	\$ 85,000.00	\$ 88,385.20	\$ 85,000.00	\$ 44,192.60	\$ -
<b>409 TOTAL BORROWING</b>	<b>\$ 120,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 192,574.51</b>	<b>\$ 120,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 44,192.60</b>	<b>\$ 62,050.00</b>
<b>410 CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>					
411 Fire & Rescue Truck - Down Payment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50,000.00
<b>416 TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 50,000.00</b>
<b>420 TOTAL TOWN EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$ 985,675.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,054,128.84</b>	<b>\$ 1,026,105.00</b>	<b>\$ 525,284.56</b>	<b>\$ 1,064,709.00</b>
<b>430 TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 323,215.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,313,782.65</b>	<b>\$ 337,455.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,253,384.44</b>	<b>\$ 330,630.00</b>
<b>440 TO BE RAISED BY TAXES</b>	<b>\$ 662,460.00</b>		<b>\$ 688,650.00</b>		<b>\$ 734,079.00</b>
<b>450 SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>					
451 Visiting Nurses	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -
452 Windsor County Partners	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -
453 Pentangle	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
454 Spectrum Teen Center	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	\$ -	\$ -
455 Volunteers in Action	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ -
460 Health Care & Rehab	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 707.00	\$ 707.00	\$ -
467 Ottawaquechee Health Foundation	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
468 Aging-in-Place	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
469 WISE			\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ -
<b>470 TOTAL SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<b>\$ 7,750.00</b>	<b>\$ 7,750.00</b>	<b>\$ 8,457.00</b>	<b>\$ 6,707.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>480 Grand Total Raised by Taxes</b>	<b>\$ 670,210.00</b>		<b>\$ 697,107.00</b>		<b>\$ 734,079.00</b>

**500 American Recovery Funds - ARPA**

501 Income	\$ 95,207.94	\$ 95,252.83
502 Expenditures	\$ 30,601.00	\$ 8,248.00

**SCHOOL TAXES**

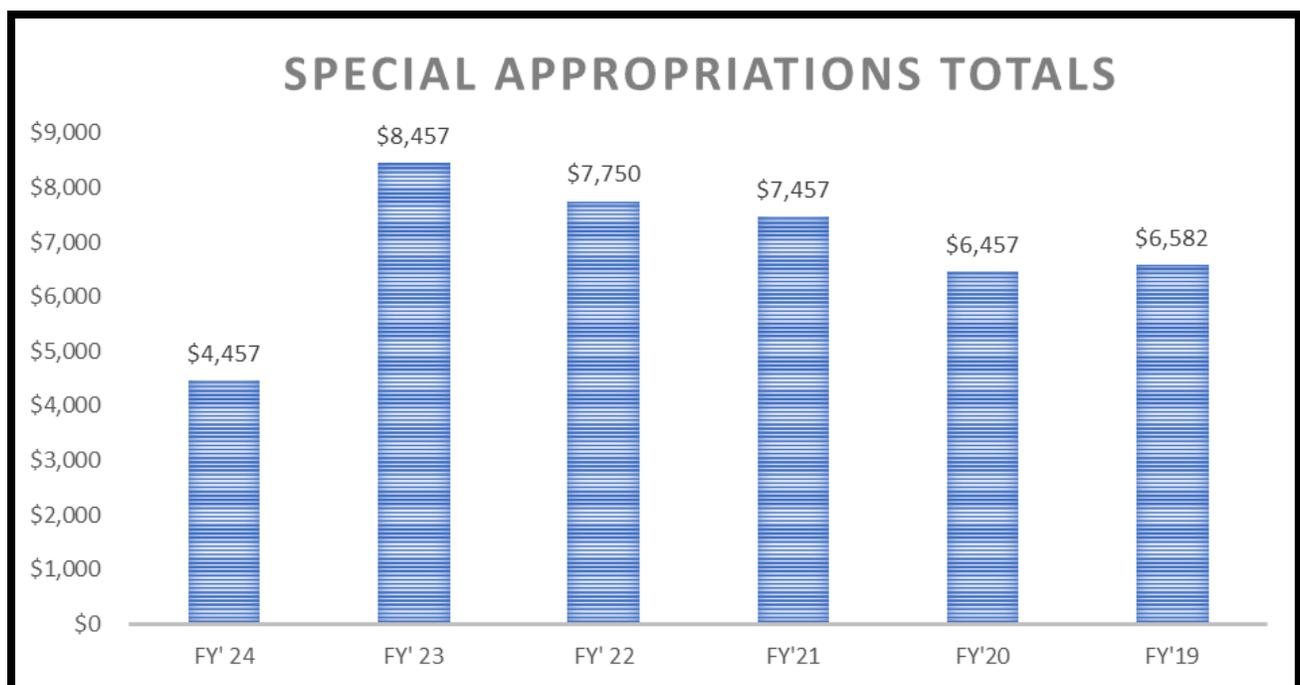
Paid to School	\$ 1,517,351.07	\$ 1,668,051.00
Paid to State	\$ 103,055.00	\$ 54,787.00
<b>TOTAL SCHOOL TAXES</b>	<b>\$ 1,620,406.07</b>	<b>\$ 1,722,838.00</b>

End Town Budget

Please see the next page for the chart showing the special appropriations requested for FY'24

## Special Appropriation Requests from Social Service Agencies

Social Service Agencies Only	Article	Amount Requested					
		FY' 24	FY' 23	FY' 22	FY'21	FY'20	FY'19
Aging In Place	5	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$500	0		
HCRS - Health Care & Rehabilitation	6	\$707	\$707	\$0	\$707	\$707	\$707
Ottauquechee Health Foundation	7	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0	
Pentangle	None	\$0	\$0	\$800	\$0	\$0	\$800
Spectrum Teen Center	8	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$0
Visiting Nurse & Hospice of VT-NH	None	\$0	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000
Volunteers In Action	9	\$500	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200
Windsor County Mentors	10	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
Wise	None	\$0	\$300	\$0			
Woodstock Area Job Bank	None	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$300	\$300	\$300
Green Up Day (moved to general budget)**						**	\$75
<b>Total Requested</b>		<b>\$4,457</b>	<b>\$8,457</b>	<b>\$7,750</b>	<b>\$7,457</b>	<b>\$6,457</b>	<b>\$6,582</b>
Increase/Decrease over previous budget year		<b>(\$4,000)</b>	\$707	\$293	\$1,000	<b>(\$125)</b>	<b>(\$1,218)</b>



## Asset & Liability Report

<b>Real Estate</b>	Values as of June 2022	
Amsden Property	\$ 82,500.00	
Cemetery, Amsden	\$ 6,600.00	
Cemetery, Baileys Mills	\$ 2,100.00	
Cemetery, South Reading	\$ 1,000.00	
Cemetery, Spear	\$ 2,400.00	
Cemetery, Swain	\$ 1,000.00	
Cemetery, Weld	\$ 3,200.00	
Indian Stone Site 2 Acres	\$ 13,800.00	
Reading Christian Church Building	\$ 219,800.00	
Reading Library	\$ 472,800.00	
Stone School House	\$ 304,100.00	
Town Ball Field	\$ 71,000.00	
Town Garage	\$ 441,800.00	
Town Green	\$ 17,100.00	
Town Hall	\$ 989,296.00	
<b>Sub-Total Real Estate</b>		<b>\$ 2,628,496.00</b>
<b>Fire &amp; Rescue Department</b>		
Fire & Rescue Building - 2006	\$ 566,100.00	
Fire Fighter Equipment	\$ 120,000.00	
Truck - Forestry Utility - 1982	\$ 6,500.00	
Truck - Pumper- International - 1992	\$ 40,000.00	
Truck - Pumper - Pierce - 2007	\$ 263,118.00	
Forestry Trailer - 2010	\$ 4,500.00	
Truck-F550 Rescue Vehicle - 2016	\$ 147,902.00	
<b>Sub-Total Fire &amp; Rescue</b>		<b>\$ 1,148,120.00</b>
<b>Road Maintenance Equipment</b>		
Grader - Deere - 1986	\$ 24,000.00	
Loader - Kawasaki - 2010	\$ 91,950.00	
Sanders	\$ 2,600.00	
Snowplows	\$ 5,000.00	
Truck - International - 2014	\$ 69,500.00	
Truck - Ford 1/2 Ton 550 - 2015	\$ 41,700.00	
Truck - Western Star - 2019	\$ 155,560.00	
Welder, Torch, Saws, & Misc. Tools	\$ 10,000.00	
York Rake	\$ 1,000.00	
<b>Sub-Total Equipment</b>		<b>\$ 401,310.00</b>
<b>Administrative Equipment</b>		
Listers Office	\$ 3,000.00	
Town Kitchen & Main Room	\$ 5,600.00	
Town Office	\$ 5,900.00	
<b>Sub-Total Admin Equipment</b>		<b>\$ 14,500.00</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>\$ 4,192,426.00</b>

**Cemetery Commission**  
**Town Owned Cemeteries Financial Report**  
**7/1/2021 - 6/30/2022**

<b>Balance as of 7/1/21</b>			
Checking Account		\$13,194.44	
<b>Total</b>		<u>\$13,194.44</u>	<b>\$13,194.44</b>
<b>Receipts</b>			
Town of Reading - Budget Request		\$8,300.00	
Grant		\$0.00	
Interest Earned		\$31.07	
Plot Sales		\$750.00	
<b>Total Receipts</b>			<b>\$9,081.07</b>
<b>Disbursements</b>			
Cemetery Maintenance Mowing Only			\$7,717.50
Miscellaneous Maintenance			
Plot buy back		\$125.00	
Baileys Mills Fence		\$2,421.00	
	<b>Total Miscellaneous</b>	<u>\$2,421.00</u>	<b>\$2,546.00</b>
	<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>\$10,263.50</b>
<b>Balance as of 6/30/2022</b>			<b>\$12,012.01</b>
Funds restricted due to donor requirements:			
Bailey's Mills stone work only -- \$5,000			
Plot Sale Transfer to CD required - \$ 360			

Town Cemeteries
Amsden - Old portion and new (lots available for sale)
Bailey's Mills
Buck Cemetery
Shedd Cemetery
South Reading Cemetery (lots available for sale)
Spear Cemetery
Swain Cemetery
Weld (Sawyer) Cemetery

Delinquent Tax Report as of January 4, 2023

Amounts Due Include Interest

2021- Delinquent Taxes	
Parcel #	Name
3047	Walsh, Kirby
<b>Total for 2021</b>	
<b>2,026.61</b>	

2022 - Delinquent Taxes	
Parcel #	Name
1013	Stevens, Matthew
1026	Ballou, Jason & Amy
1109	Zemba, Peggie
1151	Hodgkinson Family
1165	Smith, Thomas
1192	Reading Heights LLC
2038	Strum, Kenneth
2042	LeBarron, Francis M
2057	Spittle, Laura
2188	Wiltshire, Millard
2216	Murray, Todd
2218	Koelling, Dvora
2228	Stewart, Robert
3003	Wodetzki, Jamie
3033	Voisine, Shane
3047	Walsh, Kirby
<b>Total for 2022</b>	
<b>76,176.29</b>	

<b>Grand Total All Delinquent Tax</b>	<b>\$78,202.90</b>
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Calista Brennan, Tax Collector

**Reading Green Spaces Committee  
Financial Report  
July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022**

Calista Brennan, Treasurer			
7/1/2021	Starting Balance		\$ 74.74
Income			
	Donation to Stone Work	\$5,000.00	
	Town Budget	\$ 600.00	
	Interest Earned	\$ 2.22	
	Total Income		\$5,602.22
Expense			
	Flowers/Planting Tree	\$ 126.40	
	Total Expenses		<u>\$ 126.40</u>
6/30/2022	Balance in Checking		<u>\$ 5,550.56</u>

**Reading Recreation Commission  
Financial Report  
7/1/2021 - 6/30-22**

7/1/2021	Starting Balance		\$7,782.63
Income	Interest Income Earned	\$ 20.93	
	Donation VT Overland	\$ 0.00	
	Wreath Sales	\$ 0.00	
**	Ducky Derby Sales	\$ 0.00	
	Town Budget	<u>\$1,200.00</u>	
	Total Income		\$1,220.93
Expense	Sponsorships	\$ 715.00	
	Yoga Classes	\$ 224.00	
	Holiday Tree & Decorations	\$ 120.00	
	Bunny Hop Expenses	\$ 59.75	
	Ducky Derby Expenses	<u>\$ 400.00</u>	
	Total Expenses		\$803.56
6/30/2022	Balance In Account		\$7,484.81
	Calista Brennan, Treasurer		
	** Event wasn't held		

Reading Library		
<b>Income</b>	Town Budget	\$32,300.00
	IMLS ARPA Grant	\$2,000.00
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>\$34,300.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	Salary Librarian	\$18,388.76
	Approved overtime	\$0.00
	Materials	\$4,630.61
	Programs	\$573.25
	Technology	\$1,906.86
	Supplies	\$1,531.61
	Maintenance	\$234.97
	Postage	\$374.00
	Electricity	\$1,062.07
	Phone	\$1,035.92
	Heat	\$3,153.90
	Septic	\$524.00
	Elevator Maintenance	\$377.50
	Grounds Keeping	\$208.00
	Cleaning building	\$360.00
	Fees, Interest, Refund	(\$66.36)
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>\$34,295.09</b>
<b>Balance</b>		<b>\$ 4.91</b>

Library Checking Account		
<b>Balance as of July 1, 2021</b>		<b>\$9,512.78</b>
<b>Income</b>	Donations	\$6,877.00
	CD Interest	\$14.17
	Checking Interest	\$68.80
	Programs	\$259.00
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>\$7,218.97</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	Materials	\$25.44
	Programs	\$328.53
	Technology	\$1,677.00
	Supplies	\$174.32
	Postage	\$255.20
	Grounds Keeping	\$56.00
	Cleaning	\$45.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>\$2,561.49</b>
<b>Balance as of June 30, 2022</b>		<b>\$12,110.71</b>

<b>Other Accounts:</b>		
<b>Interest Bearing CD</b>		<b>\$5,000.00</b>
<b>Petty Cash</b>		<b>\$27.85</b>
<b>Davis Trust Assets (as of 12/31/19)</b>		<b>\$4,826.19</b>
<b>Submitted for record; William Bakker, Treasurer</b>		

## READING LISTERS' ANNUAL MEETING REPORT

### Overview:

- Despite the disruptions caused by the pandemic over the past couple of years, the Reading real estate market continued to be very active with many parcels selling far above their assessed values.
- During the 2021 assessment year (April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022) the listers processed 25 Building & Land Transfers, 12 Land transfers, and 22 Misc. Deed changes.
- The Listers so far in the new 2022 Assessment Year (April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2022) have processed 7 Building and Land Transfers, 2 Land transfers, and 12 Misc. Deed changes.
- The Building Permit inspections continue to be very active for new garages, sheds, barns, decks, porches, additions, camps, and a number of new dwellings – The Listers would like to extend a big thank you to all the owners who have cooperated during the permit inspections.

### Year of Change 2023:

- The Vermont Tax Department has finalized the conversion to the new Axiomatic (VTPIE) platform that Listers will use to produce the 2023 Reading Grand List. The change will begin in February with Homestead downloads, followed in March with Current Use downloads, and finally the Change of Appraisal Procedures.
- Certified Sales for the Equalization Study are now being processed using the new VTPIE software. The newest Apex 7 sketching version software has been installed recently and the Listers are utilizing it for all new dwelling/outbuilding drawings.
- The Listers have already begun analyzing the impact of the Grand List Equity from the past three years of escalating parcel selling prices, with the installment of the latest cost tables. The Listers goal has always been to maintain the Grand List Equity.
- Listers will provide updates during the year regarding a new town-wide reappraisal.

Reading Listers

John Fike

Penny Allyn

Neil Muirhead

<b>Listers Explanation of 2022 Grand List</b>				
<b>Fair Market and Listed Value of Real Estate and Personal Property</b>				
Category	#Units	Municipal	Homestead	Non-Residential
Residential I	146	\$24,973,800	\$14,889,700	\$10,084,100
Residential II	209	\$100,403,600	\$42,897,700	\$57,505,900
Mobile Homes L	8	\$761,800	\$252,800	\$509,000
Seasonal I	18	\$890,100	\$269,100	\$621,000
Seasonal II	22	\$3,367,500	\$192,200	\$3,175,300
Commercial	6	\$959,700	\$208,200	\$751,500
Utilities-E	1	\$2,246,900	\$0	\$2,246,900
Farm	4	\$8,527,400	\$1,295,400	\$7,232,000
Woodland	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Miscellaneous	96	\$13,398,100	\$18,800	\$13,379,300
<b>Total</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>\$155,528,900</b>	<b>\$60,023,900</b>	<b>\$95,505,000</b>
Personal Property				
Cable	1	\$173,400		\$173,400
Machinery & Equipment	10	\$991,985		
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>\$1,165,385</b>		<b>\$173,400</b>
<b>Total Municipal Grand List</b>	<b>521</b>	<b>\$156,694,285</b>	<b>\$60,023,900</b>	<b>\$95,678,400</b>
Education Grand List				
Homestead Education		\$55,220,745	X 1%	\$552,207
Non-Residential Education		\$74,879,923	X 1%	\$748,799
<b>Total Educational Grand List</b>				<b>\$1,301,007</b>

<b>Listers Explanation of 2021 Grand List</b>				
<b>Fair Market and Listed Value of Real Estate and Personal Property</b>				
Category	#Units	Municipal	Homestead	Non-Residential
Residential I	147	\$25,070,700	\$16,812,300	\$8,258,400
Residential II	212	\$99,296,100	\$39,023,900	\$60,272,200
Mobile Homes L	8	\$673,800	\$174,700	\$499,100
Seasonal I	17	\$703,900	\$54,000	\$649,900
Seasonal II	20	\$2,955,200	\$184,000	\$2,771,200
Commercial	6	\$959,700	\$0	\$959,700
Utilities-E	1	\$2,252,100	\$0	\$2,252,100
Farm	4	\$8,527,400	\$1,295,400	\$7,232,000
Woodland	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Miscellaneous	95	\$13,261,000	\$18,800	\$13,242,200
<b>Total</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>\$153,699,900</b>	<b>\$57,563,100</b>	<b>\$96,136,800</b>
Personal Property				
Cable	1	\$177,271		\$177,271
Machinery & Equipment	11	\$923,025		
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>\$1,100,296</b>		<b>\$177,271</b>
<b>Total Municipal Grand List</b>	<b>522</b>	<b>\$154,800,196</b>	<b>\$57,563,100</b>	<b>\$96,314,071</b>
Education Grand List				
Homestead Education		\$53,671,645	X 1%	\$536,716
Non-Residential Education		\$74,756,394	X 1%	\$747,564
<b>Total Educational Grand List</b>				<b>\$1,284,280</b>

**Robinson Hall Maintenance Account**

<b>Beginning Balance:</b>		<b>7/1/2021</b>	<b>\$68,408.31</b>
<b>Receipts:</b>	Post Office Rent	\$5,847.00	
	Hall rentals	\$150.00	
	Interest Earned	\$176.11	
	Expenses paid by Town	<u>\$27,231.12</u>	
	Total Income		\$33,404.23
<b>Disbursements:</b>	Electricity	\$1,851.58	
	Propane & Oil	\$5,627.79	
	Maintenance	\$8,292.81	
	Restoration Extras	\$10,896.00	
	Post Office Contract	\$1,800.00	
	Security/Fire Protection	\$988.87	
	Supplies Cleaning	<u>\$323.03</u>	
	Total Expenses		<u>\$29,780.08</u>
	<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>6/30/2022</b>	<b>\$72,032.46</b>

Calista Brennan

**Robinson Hall Trust  
Annual Report  
Interest Earnings & Fund Balance**

Year End Ending Date	YE 2020 12/31/2020	YE 2021 12/31/2021	YE 2022 12/31/2022
Beginning Trust Principal Balance	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Beginning Savings Account Bal.	\$ 3,570.03	\$ 3,625.92	\$ 3,630.47
<b>Total Beginning Balance</b>	<b>\$ 8,570.03</b>	<b>\$ 8,625.92</b>	<b>\$ 8,630.47</b>
Interest Earned	\$ 55.89	\$ 4.55	\$ 2.62
Payment to Town	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Trustees Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Ending Savings Balance	\$ 3,625.92	\$ 3,630.47	\$ 3,633.09
Reserved to avoid monthly service fees	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
<b>Available to the Town</b>	<b>\$ 3,375.92</b>	<b>\$ 3,380.47</b>	<b>\$ 3,383.09</b>
Ending Trust Principal Balance	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Ending Savings Balance	\$ 3,625.92	\$ 3,630.47	\$ 3,633.09
<b>Total Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$ 8,625.92</b>	<b>\$ 8,630.47</b>	<b>\$ 8,633.09</b>

*Robert K. Allen, Trustee*

**Special Town Funds**

Fiscal Year 2021 - 2022

**CLAUDE W. BARTLEY MEMORIAL FUND**

Balance 07/01/21	\$329.08
Interest	<u>\$0.84</u>
Balance 06/30/22	\$329.92

**SUSAN E. ALLEN FUND**

Balance 07/01/21	\$4,703.07
Interest	\$11.05
Expense	<u>-\$466.25</u>
Balance 06/30/22	\$4,247.87

**SUSAN E. BARTLET FUND**

Balance 07/01/21	\$644.29
Interest	<u>\$1.62</u>
Balance 06/30/22	\$645.91

**LOUIS DIVEN FLAG FUND**

Balance 07/01/21	\$1,319.00
Interest	\$3.28
Flags purchased	\$0.00
Donations	<u>\$0.00</u>
Balance 06/30/22	\$1,322.28

Calista Brennan, Treasurer

Trustee of Public Funds  
Fiscal Year 2021 - 2022

**Indian Stones Permanent Fund (CD)**

Balance as of 7/1/21	\$12,716.51
Interest Income	\$28.67
Maint of Stone	<u>\$0.00</u>
Balance as of 6/30/22	\$12,745.18
Restricted Funds	\$5,000.00

**Lumber Trust (CD)**

Balance as of 7/1/21	\$28,781.86
Interest Income	<u>\$81.65</u>
Balance as of 6/30/22	\$28,863.51
Restricted Funds	\$23,035.00

**Town Cemetery Perpetual Care Trust (CD)**

Balance as of 7/1/21	\$25,750.28
Interest Income	\$68.68
Plot Sales	<u>\$8,850.00</u>
Balance as of 6/30/22	\$34,668.96
Restricted Funds	\$32,328.03

**S. Reading Cemetery Loveland Trust (CD)**

Balance as of 7/1/21	\$22,308.18
Interest Income	<u>\$50.29</u>
Balance as of 6/30/22	\$22,358.47
Restricted Funds	\$20,000.00

**Historical Society CD # 1**

Balance 7/1/21	\$20,795.91
Interest Income	\$58.99
Transfer to RHS	<u>\$0.00</u>
Balance as of 6/30/22	\$28,540.00

**Historical Society CD # 2**

Balance 7/1/21	\$21,067.90
Interest Income	\$39.33
Transfer to RHS	<u>(\$2,500.00)</u>
Balance as of 6/30/22	\$18,607.23

Respectfully submitted Trustees

*Liesbeth Kozlowski*

*Curt Allen*

*Kenneth Norcross*

<b>Taxes Voted Fiscal Year 2021-2022</b>
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<b>ARTICLE 4</b>	Selectboard's Budget	\$	662,460.00
<b>ARTICLE 5</b>	Aging in Place	\$	500.00
<b>ARTICLE 6</b>	Ottauquechee Health Foundation	\$	1,000.00
<b>ARTICLE 7</b>	Pentangle Arts	\$	800.00
<b>ARTICLE 8</b>	Spectrum Teen Center	\$	750.00
<b>ARTICLE 9</b>	Visiting Nurse & Hospice of VT & NH	\$	4,000.00
<b>ARTICLE 10</b>	Volunteers in Action	\$	200.00
<b>ARTICLE 11</b>	Windsor County Mentors	\$	500.00
	Homestead Education Tax Credit	\$	203,981.53
	School tax retained by Municipality	\$	3,870.94
	School Local Share Tax High School & Elementary	\$	1,517,357.07
	School State Wide Tax	\$	199,023.46
<b>TOTAL TAXES VOTED</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>2,594,443.00</b>

**Statement of Taxes Raised  
Fiscal Year 2021-2022**

<b>GRAND LIST:</b>	Municipal Grand List	\$	1,290,885.65
	Homestead Grand List	\$	518,312.45
	Non-Residential Grand List	\$	763,316.94
	Municipal Tax Rate		0.5191
	Homestead Education Tax Rate		1.5004
	Non-Resident Educational Tax Rate		1.4969
<b>GRAND LIST</b>	Municipal	1290885.65 X .5191 =	\$ 670,098.74
<b>(Rate per \$100)</b>	Homestead	518312.45 X 1.5004 =	\$ 777,676.00
	Non-Res.	763316.94 X 1.4969 =	\$ 1,142,609.13
<b>Total Grand List</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>2,590,383.87</b>
	<b>TAXES VOTED:</b>	\$	2,594,443.00
	<b>TAXES ASSESSED:</b>	\$	2,590,383.87
	Amount taxes assessed versus taxes voted	\$	(4,059.13)

## Town Clerk Report of Fees Collected

### Dog Licenses Issued 01/01/2022 - 12/31/2022

Type	Quantity	Funds Collected
Spayed	81	\$ 769.00
Neutered	67	\$ 603.00
Males	8	\$ 104.00
Females	2	<u>\$ 12.00</u>
Total	158	\$ 1,488.00
Late Fees		\$ 70.00
Less State Fees Paid		<u>\$ (790.00)</u>

Retained Fees

\$ 768.00
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### Fees Collected Fiscal Year 2021 - 2022

Copy & Fax	\$ 2,080.25
Dog Registrations	\$ 773.00
Fish & Wildlife	\$ 122.50
Green Mountain Passport	\$ 8.00
Informer Advertisements	\$ 1,325.00
Liquor License	\$ 255.00
Marriage License	\$ 90.00
Motor Vehicle Registrations	\$ 21.00
Recording & Vault Time	\$ 9,841.50
Transfer Station Stickers	<u>\$ 1,150.00</u>

Total Fees Collected

\$ 15,666.25
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*Calista Brennan, Town Clerk*

Town Clerk Report  
Land Records Recorded Fiscal 2022

Act 250	1
Assignments	2
Boundary Line Adjustment	1
Certificate of Public Goods	1
Certificate of Non-Redemption	1
Certificate of Trust	5
Confirmation Order	1
Consent of Members	1
Corrective Warranty Deed	1
Current Use	6
Death Certificate	1
Discharge	49
Decree of Distribution	1
Enhanced Life Estate	6
Easement	2
Grant of Development Rights	1
Grant of Executory Interest	1
Indenture	1
Lease	1
Lien	1
Misc.	1
Mobile Home Bill of Sale	1
Mortgage Deed	36
Name Change Affidavit	1
Notice of Redemption	1
Power of Attorney	19
Quit Claim Deeds	8
Release of Current Use	1
Right of 1st Refusal Release	2
Tax Warrant	1
Trustee's Deed	2
Warranty Deed	30
Wastewater Permit	7
Writ of Attachment	1
Zoning	21
<b>Total Recordings</b>	<b>216</b>

## Town Clerk's Report

This last year has been another one of adjusting to the new 'normal'. The office has been open for researchers (with appointments) and residents. With the on-line land records being updated and used, there were over 330 copies of land records purchased this last year. Charline Hagar has been working on getting more of the older land records on-line. The goal is to get 40 years on line to help with title searches. Thank you, Charline!

There was an Informational Meeting before the voting for Town Meeting. This meeting was held at the Town Hall with about 50 people in attendance via in person and zoom. The Australian Ballot vote took place on March 1st, with a turnout of 154 voters. The August Primary was held on August 9<sup>th</sup>, with 199 voters casting their ballots. The State mailed ballots to all active voters for the November 8<sup>th</sup> General Election. The turnout was 393 voters, in person and absentee. When the State mails ballots to all active voters it requires more administrative work to maintain the elections; before, during and after voting.

Part of being the Town Clerk is to support the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Adjustment with hearings; in which there were several this year. This involves getting the notices in the local paper, copies made, mailing information to the land abutters and posting information on the Town website. The Clerk also supports the Zoning Administrator and Grant Administrator, Robert Allen. There is a lot of research and paperwork for all of the grants and permits that are done for the Town. Robert has been a leading force in obtaining many highway grants for the Town. Once they are received, the paperwork that must be submitted is done by the Clerk.

Our website calendar has been a great addition to the site for posting meetings, events and closings happening in Town. It has been very useful in keeping residents up to date. All meeting agenda and minutes are posted on the website. Please check out the website for information about the Town.

The Selectboard approved ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) monies to update the Town's IT support and systems. This is a project that will continue for several months. Bill Neukomm has been instrumental in helping with IT information and being available when work is being done. I look forward to having the project complete and thank Bill for all of his assistance.

My job would be more challenging without the support and help from my assistant, Esther Allen. Thank you, Esther for all you do!!

The office is open to the public during normal office hours. Monday - Wednesday 8AM to PM and Thursdays 7:30AM to 3PM. The phone number is 805-484-7250 and the email address is [readingvermont@comcast.net](mailto:readingvermont@comcast.net) Web site is [www.readingvt.govoffice.com](http://www.readingvt.govoffice.com)

Sincerely,  
*Calista Brennan*, Town Clerk

# Town Organizations Reports

### ARPA Advisory Committee Report

Congress passed the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) in March 2021 to facilitate the country's recovery from the economic and health effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. ARPA established the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CSLFRF) which provided significant amounts of money to state, county, and municipal governments. The broad goals of the CSLFRF are to help overcome the COVID-19 pandemic, address the negative economic consequences of the pandemic, and provide resources to help lay a foundation for a strong economic and social recovery from the pandemic, including confronting inequities made worse by the pandemic.

Reading received a total of 190,460.77. Towns must fully spend and report on the funds by December 31, 2026, but all funds must be committed before December 31, 2024. The Select Board solicited volunteers for an Advisory Committee "to recommend the best project or projects that will benefit the majority of the taxpayers". Those selected to serve were Marie Caduto, Rich Grogan, Sara Kobylenski (secretary), Bill Neukomm, Jon Springer (chair), and Gary Vittum (alternate). The Advisory Committee met fifteen times between October 27 and August 31, 2022. Meeting minutes are available on the Town website.

The Advisory Committee familiarized itself with the rules set out for the money, as well as the standard rules for utilizing federal funds, and developed some general information to guide ideas from the public. It then began outreach to the community for ideas for projects. The proposals received were reviewed through the lens of the eligible uses for the money, and almost all met that threshold or were eligible for alternate state and federal funds. Those that meet that threshold were presented back to the community for prioritizing. Finally, proposals meeting the requirements and of interest to the public were presented as recommendations to the Select Board. The Committee ended when the recommendations were made.

The final report of the Advisory Committee dated September 2, 2022, including all recommendations, is on the Town Website. Several projects were approved for action by the Selectboard between November 2021 and December 2022. Those expenditures are reported on the accounting chart. Other recommendations will be addressed, and decisions made by the Selectboard by the deadline of December 31, 2024.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Advisory Committee,  
Sara Kobylenski

ARPA FUNDS				
DATE	Description	Income	Expense	Balance
8/9/21	1st Receipt State of VT	\$33,343.05	\$0.00	\$33,343.05
9/3/21	1st Receipt Federal Funds	\$61,864.89	\$0.00	\$95,207.94
2/17/22	Aerus - Air Purifiers		(\$11,250.00)	\$83,957.94
3/10/22	Zoom Equipment		(\$3,091.00)	\$80,866.94
3/23/22	Aerus - Air Purifiers		(\$16,260.00)	\$64,606.94
7/13/22	Fire Dept - NHVT Computer Server		(\$7,667.60)	\$56,939.34
8/25/22	2nd Receipt State of VT	\$33,343.05		\$90,282.39
10/10/22	2nd Receipt Federal Funds	\$61,864.89		\$152,147.28
11/23/22	CCI - Installation of auto backup		(\$199.00)	\$151,948.28
12/16/22	State - extra ARPA funds *	\$44.89		\$151,993.17
11/29/22	CCI - auto backup monthly fee		(\$191.00)	\$151,802.17
12/15/22	CCI - auto backup monthly fee		(\$191.00)	\$151,611.17
<b>Total</b>		\$190,460.77	(\$38,849.60)	\$151,611.17

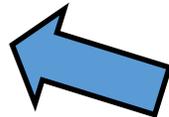
\* 2 Towns did not want their ARPA funds, so those dollars were allocated to the other Towns.



**GREEN UP VERMONT**

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

**Green Up Day  
May 6, 2023**



**Save the Date**

**Green Up Day on May 7, 2022** was a wonderful success thanks to 19,141 volunteers statewide who participated on Green Up Day. The infographic shows that all your hard work to beautify Vermont is crucial and that it makes where we get to live, work, and play, a truly special place. As one of Vermont's favorite unofficial holidays, it is imperative for today and future generations to build pride, awareness, and stewardship for a clean Vermont environment, as well as keep residents civically engaged.

Support from your municipality is essential to our program. Funds help pay for Green Up Day supplies, promotional outreach, and educational resources including activity books, contests for kids, and a \$1,000 scholarship. We are requesting level funding again for Green Up Day 2023.

Green Up Vermont initiatives are year-round for further our impact with waste reduction initiatives, additional clean-up efforts, and educational programs.

Green Up Vermont is a private nonprofit organization that relies on your town's support to execute the tradition of cleaning up our roads and waterways, while promoting civic pride, and community engagement. **Thank you for your support of this crucial program that takes care of all our cities and towns.**

Your donations make a huge impact and can be made on Line 23 of the Vermont State Income Tax Form or anytime online at [www.greenupvermont.org](http://www.greenupvermont.org).

Visit our website, like us on Facebook (@greenupvermont), and follow us on Instagram (greenupvermont). [greenup@greenupvermont.org](mailto:greenup@greenupvermont.org) 802-522-7245

**"Marie" Mary Anderson has been our Green Up Day Volunteer coordinator since 1999—24 years.**

**Thank you for getting us out on the roads to Green Up Reading.**

## Memorial Day Committee's 2022 Report for the Town of Reading

To the Town of Reading:

The Memorial Day Committee ensures that Reading's fallen veterans and those who died while in defense of our freedom are honored during the last Monday in May, known as Memorial Day.

### Brief History of Memorial Day

*Three years after the Civil War ended, on May 5, 1868, the head of an organization of former Union soldiers and sailors, the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR), established 'Decoration Day' as a time for the nation to decorate the graves of the war dead with flowers. Major General John Logan declared it should be May 30. The first large observance was held that year at Arlington National Cemetery.*

*It was not until after World War I, that the day was expanded to honor those who have died in all American Wars.*



The tradition at Arlington, is called "flags in" placing flags one foot away and centered in front of the graves. These exact sized flags are placed in the selected cemeteries listed below in Reading. These are purchased annually by the Town and placed at:

- Swain Cemetery on Brown School House Road;
- Sawyer Cemetery on Weld Cemetery Road;
- South Reading Cemetery on Malagash Road;
- Amsden Cemetery on Hurricane Hill Road;
- Spears Cemetery on Spears Cemetery Road;
- Bailey's Mill Cemetery on Bailey's Mills Road;
- Buck Cemetery off Route 106.
- Felchville Cemetery [placed by the Reading Elementary students]

Additional flags are placed at the Town Hall Veteran's Monument, Bartley Field Monument and those markers near the grave stones that were either veterans or been part of a service auxiliary. In addition, flags recognize Scouts for the Revolutionary effort and a slave who participated in the Civil War.

Respectfully Submitted,

**MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE**

*Patrick McLean*



## Reading Cemetery Commissioners' Report for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022

Cemeteries, if you know how to read them, are like time capsules – they are full of demographic, social, and cultural clues of times gone by. The paths, the gates, the walls, the trees, and of course the people via their headstones can tell you a surprising amount about decades gone by. In keeping with the time capsule theme, our town report starts each year with a small dose of context to help both mark the year gone by and provide hints for any trends seen locally. To start, if last year was all about the pandemic, this year was all about getting things back on track. Mask mandates and limits for travel and gatherings were slowly lifted. Public events – especially outdoors – picked back up. Concerts, farmers markets, weddings were attended. Economically though things had changed. Inflation (food, fuel, housing) and labor shortages were on the rise. Pent up demand for goods/ services and snarled global supply chains were blamed for the former. The pandemic's instigation of early retirements and recalibration of life's priorities was hypothesized to be behind the later. Cemeteries were not immune. Our contractor heroically double-down to get enough mowers this year. Our regional grave digger retired leaving surrounding funeral homes in a bit of a lurch (please talk to one of us if you are interested in this atypical profession!). Projects were stymied by increased material and labor costs. But we were resourceful Vermonters and pushed ahead.

Here are a few modest Cemetery accomplishments for this year:

- Commissioners repaired collapsed wrought iron fencing around one of the family plots in Bailey Mills Cemetery. The fence is aged and badly deteriorated but given the circumstances the repairs were effective, low profile, and should give the fence more time.
- Commissioners repaired a section of collapsed stone retaining wall in Old Amsden Cemetery. Huge kudos to Tim here, he arrived early and had the wall dismantled and largely rebuilt by the time Adam got there.
- Commissioners pulled 100 yards of split rail fence along route 44 side of the Amsden Cemetery to make it easier to mow the strip now being maintained for the town sign. The poison ivy thriving there was not pleased.

Feedback is always welcome. Please let us know how we are doing and if you have any good ideas to help beautify, preserve, or draw favorable attention to our town cemeteries. Pollinator gardens? Mowing with sheep? Green burials? All ideas are welcome.

Want more information or to become involved in Reading's cemeteries? Here are some ideas:

- Start with a visit to one of the towns historic cemeteries. Directions to Reading's cemeteries can be found on the town website under 'Government' à 'Cemeteries of Reading'. Much of the information recorded on the grave stones themselves can be found on the Find a Grave website ([www.findagrave.com](http://www.findagrave.com)).
- The Cemetery Commissioners' Annual Report can be found on the town website and includes a detailed list of annual accomplishments, budget, and upcoming projects for the next three years.
- Adopt-a-Cemetery – from mowing, trimming, stone cleaning, stone repair, photography, transcriptions, record keeping, and donations – there are needs suited to all skill levels, ages, and abilities.
- Come to one of our annual, hands-on head stone repair workshops!
- Stop by a Cemetery Commissioners' meeting. We meet the fourth Wednesday of each month at 6 pm in the town hall building. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend. Meeting agendas are posted one week in advance of all meetings. Meeting minutes are posted on the town website.
- Talk with a Cemetery Commissioner – our names and phone numbers can be found on the town website.

Respectfully submitted by the Town of Reading Cemetery Commissioners,

Tim Bishop 2023

Adam Kozlowski (Chair) 2024

Susan Goodhouse 2025

## Reading Energy Board 2022 Report

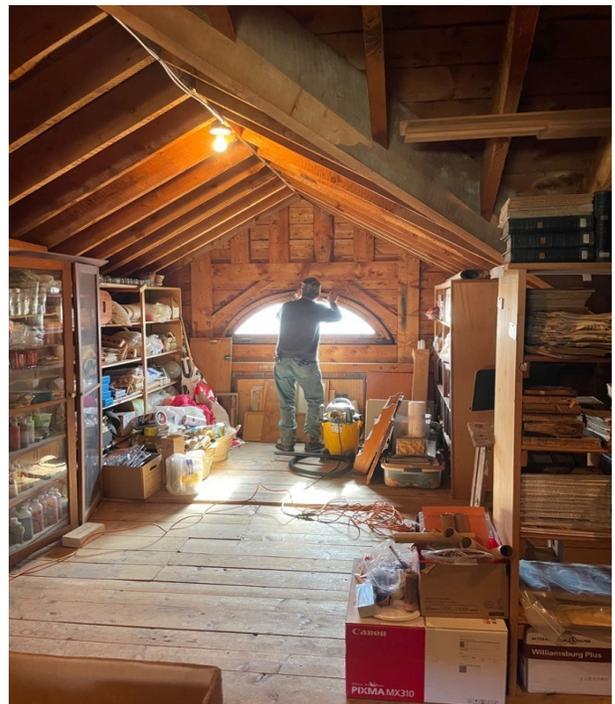
Did you know that a home that is not properly air sealed (i.e.--most) has cold air drafts equivalent to *leaving your bedroom window wide open all winter long?! Well, it's true, and it is costly and uncomfortable. The good news is, there is something that can be done about it...better weatherization.*



Because proper weatherization can help town residents save money through reduced fuel use, a major focus of the Energy Board this year (Kevin Kaija, Bill Neukomm, Paul Doherty and Brian Cali) was to fully implement the weatherization program that we piloted in 2021. We were grateful to have received a 900 dollar budget from the town this year to help cover expenses for this program, to complement what cost coverage recipients can provide. Using volunteer help, low cost materials, and techniques developed over ten years by COVER Home Repair's weatherization program, the REB was able to carry out several weatherizations this year, in both individual homes and the Reading Public Library, and we will be doing yet another home before year end.

Based on the average impact of proper air sealing on reducing a home's fuel use, we estimate that these efforts will have saved about 500 gallons of fuel oil in total, which at today's price per gallon, ought to warm the heart. These efforts will also avert about 12,000 pounds of carbon dioxide emissions, based on the average impact of proper air sealing on energy consumption.

It was a joy to work with our neighbors to help make their homes (and our beloved library) more energy efficient, and we look forward to doing more homes in the coming year!



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Our second major area of focus has been to develop an understanding of what options might exist to help bring some form of community solar to Reading. This exploration was driven in large part by the overwhelming interest town residents expressed for community solar in the 2019 Town Survey, as well as the goals stated in the 2022 Town Plan to dramatically increase renewable energy production in Reading. We spent the latter half of 2022 exploring the potential feasibility of installing solar PV arrays on town buildings. We have learned a great deal from others who have gone down this road before; Norm Levy, a Norwich resident who has done great work in “solar energy impact investing” to benefit non-profits, was an informative guest at a recent meeting. We look forward to engaging with the community on this important opportunity for our town as we head into 2023.

We also finalized the Town Water survey report, which we hope will be helpful to the wastewater assessment that the town is undertaking in the coming months. And, in collaboration with Senior Solutions, Bill has also advised Fuel subsidy applications on affordable energy efficiency improvements in the home and where to get help: SEVCA, COVER Home Repair, and Efficiency Vermont.

We have a number of other ideas percolating on how to bring energy savings, information, and new approaches to energy resilience to the town, and look forward to engaging in a dialog with interested residents about all of this and more. If you have ideas to share, want to learn more, or want to join in the fun, please reach out via email ([readingenergyboard@gmail.com](mailto:readingenergyboard@gmail.com)). And please come check out a meeting! We meet on the third Thursday of each month at 7 PM.

- Brian Cali                    2023
- Paul Doherty                2024
- Kevin Kaija                  2025
- Bill Neukomm               2026



## Reading Fire & Rescue Department Annual Report for 2022

First for starters, the members of the Department would like to THANK YOU, the members of the town, for your strong support at town meeting for the purchase of a New Firetruck. Without this support, Reading Vol. Fire & Rescue would not be possible, again THANK YOU.

As of this writing for the year 2022 Reading Fire & Rescue responded to 95 calls. Here is a breakdown of the calls: EMS (54), Aid given outside of town (15), Calls in town (22), Calls canceled (4).

At the present time Reading Fire & Rescue has 23 members. Currently the department has 3 certified firefighter I, 3 certified firefighter II, 4 EFR'S, 4 EMR's, 4 EMT's and 3 AEMT's. Major purchases this year include hand tools and LED hand lights.

The ARPA committee allocated and the Selectboard approved an expenditure of \$7,667.50 to install a computer server and purchase laptops to be used for training at the EMS building. This equipment could also be utilized by the Town Office to run their software programs from, should something happen at that physical location.

Officers of the Department:

- Chief: Gary Vittum
  - Asst. Chief: Don Scullin
  - Lieutenant: Greg Smith
  - Secretary: Deb Scullin
  - EMS Training Officer: Molly Quinn
  - Moderator: Gary Vittum
- Deputy Chief: Curt Allen
  - Captain: Eric Joyal
  - EMS Director: Don Scullin
  - Treasurer: Ashley Maxham
  - EMS Equipment Officer: Bob Hartnett

Please remember that **SMOKE DETECTORS and CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS do save lives** so please install these two important detectors in your home.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gary Vittum

Chief – Reading Fire and Rescue



## Reading Forest Fire Warden's Report

There were **82** burn permits issued in the calendar year of 2022. Due to your cooperation we experienced no out of control burns that would require assistance from the Fire Department.

By state law, if you wish to burn natural wood or debris outdoors, you must obtain a burn permit from the Town Forest Fire Warden. **It is mandatory that a permit be issued to you each time you burn on the day you plan to burn.** The burn permit is obtained from the Town Fire Warden. Or assistant warden. Permits can only be issued for burning brush or scrap, untreated lumber. **Remember, burn barrels are illegal!**

Thank you for your cooperation so we may continue to prevent forest fires.

Respectfully submitted,

*Nathan Willard;*            **802-484-0094**

Forest Fire Warden

*Gregory Smith*            **802-384-2101**



## READING GREEN SPACES TOWN REPORT 2022

The Reading Green Spaces Committee has continued our work to green up and beautify the Puddledock Park, keeping our focus on providing an open, inviting space. It is always a work in progress!

Puddledock Park saw activities from the Reading Recreational Commission's sponsored movies, an ice cream social, as well as visits from tourists, villagers, and cyclists stopping to rest, eat lunch, or visit the library. As always, the Christmas tree lighting ceremony will take place in December in the park.

Our stone seating project scheduled for October has been postponed until Spring. A very generous anonymous donation provide the funding for this wonderful, creative project.

For 2023 we will be concentrating on the back bank of the space. We'll cut it back, landscape further, add low maintenance perennial grasses, and prune the old lilac bushes. The neighbors abutting the park have put in attractive wooden fencing to create more of a border and privacy for them and this has managed to improve the overall look and feel of the park!

Thank you to everyone who has helped us in many different ways throughout the year. We are grateful for all contributions big and small.

Community spirit at work!

Respectfully submitted,

Annie Rubright, Chair/ Secretary

Jennifer Doherty

Heather Evans

Lisa Kaija

Sue Mulder



## Reading Historical Society 2022 Annual Report

The Baptist Church which we are leasing from the Town was built in 1862. Originally built from hand hewn local hemlock, the building has until recently gracefully aged with the passage of time. We are now having to engage in some more restoration projects to help preserve the building. In early May, Bill Neukomm, former COVER Home Repair Director, completed the project of fixing the first of our beautiful 20 over 20 painted windows downstairs in the museum. In June, Esther, finished painting the walls downstairs. Bob and Jim created shelves in the old furnace room which are being used to store our craft fair items as they are created. In July during the two hottest weeks we had all summer four brave souls took on the project of replacing rotted clapboards on the south side of the building. We are grateful to Jim Bennett, Bill Neukomm, Doug Pierce and Bob Allen for completing this project which protects the building from further wood rot. Jim also fixed the window sills on the inside to remove more wood rot. We put a time capsule in one of the window sills for someone down the road to discover. Thank you, Diane, for preparing lunches for our work crew. Bill Neukomm has written some grants seeking funding for us to do more outside wood work and painting. This will be a very expensive project that we will need to undertake in the summer of 2023; quotes are coming in around \$50,000. Donations to this project are welcome.

We received a request for information on Archibald Colby who died in 1861 as a person at the Reading Poor Farm. We do not have a lot of information in our collection on the local Poor Farm. This would be a great research project for someone to undertake. We did research on the Townsend Family for Elaine Zorbas from Fiddletown, California, who has written a book on the Townsend Family. Elaine sent us a copy of her book titled "Townsend's Folding Globe" for our collection. The life of Dennis Townsend and others in his family show us that you can start at Reading and go anywhere in the whole world.

Brian Cali is keeping a blog on his building project of restoring his home, the Moses Chaplin homestead. His writing is creative, educational and a great documentation of history in the making.

Donated Items: In May we received from the Doris Senna Kendall family a library of her diaries over a period of 29 years. They range from 1928 to 2002. We received documents from the Dwight Dunning family containing papers from Reading's 1976 Bi-Centennial celebration, multiple jeep rides held in Town, photos of their homestead, **The Hill Top Farm** and documents from the time that Dwight was president of the RHS. Gary Vittum donated some diaries that had been passed to his family from Maude Edwards, who was a co-founder of the RHS.

Memorial Day weekend we participated in a Craft Sale at Hadwen Acres; this turned into a very soggy day. Thank you, Nancy for letting us use some of your beautiful yard. We also held a second craft fair on September 24 at the Museum. Our 6th annual craft fair held on November 19th, 2022 was another huge success. Thank you to our coordinators Diane Bennett and Sue Allen. Our crafters did an amazing job "upcycling" items that were salvaged from old homes. We hold this event at the Town Hall and invite other vendors to participate. Adam Boyce plays his fiddle throughout the day.

We have an old wood door that came from the house formerly owned by Cyril & Bessie Hodgeman. The house dates back to Minnie Fay, our first Town librarian. What is unique about this door is that it was signed and dated by family and friends that came to visit. Names date back to 1913. It is a genealogy of sorts of the family. Jim built a frame that holds the door and makes it a free-standing display so that people can read the many names on it. This is now on display upstairs in the main exhibit area. This is protected by a piece of plexiglass to preserve the names written in pencil. The library cart that Minnie Fay used to deliver books with, is on loan at the library.

Charline Hagar has put a lot of energy into creating our new logo for the RHS to use. She has created our Facebook page and keeps it up to date with what activities we have going on. Please Like us on Facebook: [Facebook@RHS.VT](https://www.facebook.com/RHS.VT)

I would like to offer a sincere thank you to all the people who give of their time. It is their hard work and energy that make our success possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Esther Allen

President,

Reading Historical Society

Jim Bennett, Vice-President; Liesbeth Kozlowski, Treasurer; Charline Hagar, Secretary

### Celebrating 70 Years in 2023

Bob Allen, Doug Pierce, Bill Neukomm, Jim Bennett



Reading Planning Commission  
Zoning Board of Adjustment  
2022

Reading's Planning Commission (PC) meets at 7:00 p.m. on the first Monday of each month in the Town Hall Dining Room. Occasionally, when our meeting falls on a holiday, we meet at an alternate time and alert the public through our meeting minutes, a notice on the town's website, and a notice in the Town Hall. We also use the Front Porch Forum to keep the public informed of our schedule and activities. The business of each meeting is outlined in an Agenda that we post no later than the Wednesday before that meeting. We also deliver a copy to the Town Clerk for posting in the Town Hall and on the website. Please read the minutes to follow the work of the Commission and attend a meeting if you have any questions or concerns. If you prefer to contact us online, our email address is [readingvt.plancomm@gmail.com](mailto:readingvt.plancomm@gmail.com).

The Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) and the PC have the same membership but address different issues in town. The ZBA meets as needed to hear requests for conditional use permits or variances and to rule on appeals of decisions made by the town's Zoning Administrator (ZA). We warn ZBA hearings at least fifteen days in advance in accordance with Vermont's Open Meeting Law (OML). The PC writes the Town Plan and the Zoning Ordinance (ZO). They also conduct Site Plan Reviews and Subdivision Reviews.

Because of an increase in COVID cases in Vermont at the start of 2022, Governor Scott signed a bill on January 18<sup>th</sup> allowing boards to meet remotely, without a physical location, and still meet the requirements of VT's OML. The Reading PC/ZBA chose to meet remotely over Zoom for the remainder of the year. The Zoom meetings are recorded and archived on the web. The PC/ZBA minutes contain a link to the recordings and can be reviewed on the town's website.

The Select Board approved the updated Town Plan at their meeting on February 14, 2022. The approval followed several years of work by the PC with help from the Mt. Ascutney Regional Commission.

At the June meeting, Tom Brown from the Agency of Natural Resources discussed grants for village wastewater feasibility studies. The SB decided to move forward with a grant application for Felchville and were in the process of selecting an engineering firm for the study at year's end. The PC also reapplied for a Bylaw Modernization Grant to help with changes to the ZO, primarily associated with affordable housing.

The PC held four subdivision reviews during 2022, more than in any other previous year. The ZBA held one variance hearing and two hearings for Conditional Uses during the year. 2022 was also the busiest year ever for the ZBA. In addition to the hearings, the PC started considering possible changes to the Zoning Ordinance. The board researched and devoted a number of meetings to discuss Short Term Rentals, such as those offered through Airbnb. The board is still considering how to proceed with the issue.

Jean Goldsborough, who served as ZBA vice chair for most of the year, was elected to be chair in October after Kurt decided to step down. Stephen Strait was elected to be the vice chair.

PC chair -	Stephen Strait	PC vice chair -	Kathy Callan-Rondeau
ZBA chair -	Kurt Voight (until September 7)	ZBA vice chair -	Jean Goldsborough (until October 3rd)
ZBA chair -	Jean Goldsborough (after October 3rd)	ZBA vice chair -	Stephen Strait (after October 3rd)
PC/ZBA alternates -	Ken Cox and Richard Windish		

## Reading Public Library Annual Report FY 2022

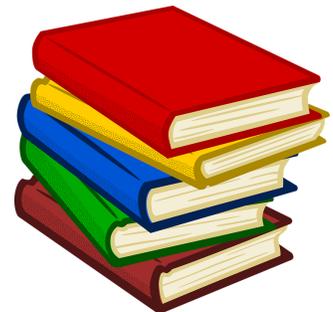
**Trustees:** Vanessa Maxham, Chair; Bill Bakker, Treasurer; Janet Malcolm, Secretary; Libbet Downs; Heather Evans. **Hours:** Sat. 10 - 2, Tues. 12 - 7 (closed 3:30 - 4), Thur. 10 - 5 (closed 1:30 - 2). **Phone:** 484-5588. **Mail:** Box 7. **E-mail:** reading.public.library@comcast.net. **Web:** readinglibrary.org. The board meets the last Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m.

We want to remind folks that you can search our book catalog from home via our website. You can also see what books you have out and when they're due, and can renew them if you wish. You can check your reading history, get tips on other books you might like, create reading lists of books to read, make suggestions for books you'd like us to consider buying, and receive email notifications about overdue books and about books waiting for pick-up. And you have direct access to hundreds of thousands of free books belonging to other VT libraries in the Catamount consortium. If we don't have the book you want but another library does, you can request the book with a few keystrokes and it will be mailed to us for pickup.

The library subscribes to the Vermont Online Library. This allows patrons access to dozens of databases comprising information on health, business, science, genealogy, and the arts. Universal Class, an online continuing education service, is also available to patrons, who can take up to five non-credit courses at a time. The library provides e-books and digital audio books through Listen Up VT. Passes for Billings Farm, the Precision Museum, the VT History Museum, VINS, and ECHO Lake Aquarium can be checked out, as well as passes for VT state parks and historical sites. The library building is available as a meeting space for local groups. A meditation group, the Recreation Commission, the Green Spaces Committee, the Reading Elementary School librarian, and a tutor along with her student have all used the building in the past year.

Other library services and programs included curbside and home delivery of books; e-reader lending; a paperback swap and mini food shelf; a Zoom story-telling series for children; a seed-lending library and herb garden; pumpkin-carving with local children and a candy give-away with pumpkin display on Halloween; as well as outdoor movies, game nights, and a Christmas program (all co-sponsored with the REC). We provided water and a separate internet connection to Puddledock Park. We continued to stock and maintain a Little Free Library (built, donated, and installed by Karl Hanson) in the library's front yard. And our internet access point ran continuously so folks could bring their devices to the library and get a speedy fiber-optic network connection whether we were open or not.

Cordially,  
Tony Pikramenos, Librarian



## Reading Recreation Committee Report 2022

The Reading Recreation Commission has had a solid year of hosting events, offering support to individual community members and thinking about the future. We appreciate the folks who attend our events and always welcome volunteers with fresh energy and new ideas.

In late winter, we launched the RRC Sponsorship program, providing reimbursement for community members' recreational expenses. We approved funding for seven different applicants, covering aquatic center fees, swimming lessons, art classes and "Boot Camp" fitness expenses. We hope to continue this program each year, as our budget allows.

Given continuing health concerns, we thought it wise to primarily focus on outdoor events during the spring and summer. Bartley Field was the site of the annual "Bunny Hop" egg hunt in mid-April. After the kids filled their baskets with candy, families enjoyed sack races, relay games, an entertaining egg toss and a visit from Peter Cottontail.

The RRC offered a summer yoga series, twelve weeks of outdoor Hatha Yoga led by Cassie Reed, 500-hour certified yoga instructor. The program encouraged participants to stretch and strengthen behind Reading Elementary School on Tuesday evenings in June, July and August. The RRC subsidized the cost of attendance for each participant, making it affordable for all and providing Cassie with appropriate compensation. The success of the summer yoga program led to an extension into the fall for eight more weeks of indoor yoga during October and November at RES.

Collaborations with the Reading Public Library at Puddledock Park included two outdoor movies, "The Princess Bride" and "Soul" in August and September and Indoor Game Nights starting in October. The weather was great on both movie nights and we had an excellent crowd for "Soul". Thanks, Tony, for making the best popcorn! We look forward to working with Tony and the Library Trustees once again for the annual Tree Lighting and Carol Sing in December.

The RRC also hosted an Ice Cream Social at Puddledock Park in June. We are grateful to the Wymans, owners of Villagers, for donating ice cream and toppings for that event. Ice cream generally brings out happiness in people of all ages!

Our goals for 2023 involve gathering people for fun, intergenerational community-building events—dances, live music, ping pong or cornhole tournaments, health and wellness opportunities, whatever we can make happen. Please contact us with your thoughts and good energy. We are very grateful for community support.

The Reading Recreation Commission

Respectfully submitted,

Shiri Macri—2023

Kelsey Coyle—2023

Kristen Hurd—2023

Lisa Kaija—2024

Dominic Lord—2024

Gerry Marletta—2024

## Zoning Administrator's Report

The calendar year of 2022 was somewhat different than what I anticipated a year ago. With the high cost of materials along with the difficulty of finding contractors with available time, I envisioned a slow year. 2022 turned out to be just the opposite. It was one of the busiest years I have had in the past 12 years.

There were 29 Zoning Permits, 2 Boundary Line Adjustment Permits, 3 Conditional Use Permits and 4 Subdivision Permits for a total of 38 various permit applications received. The summary is listed below.

### Permit Applications;

3 Deck/Porches	4 New Houses
3 Additions to existing Houses	1 Gazebo
1 Garage w/ accessory Apartment	2 Garages
1 Workshop w/ accessory apartment	1 Lean-to
1 Storage Barn/garage/office	1 Storage Barn
1 Breezeway w/ attached Garage	1 Garage/office/covered entry addition
2 Boundary Line Adjustments - Both Approved	
1 Lean-to addition - denied because of minimum setback requirements	
4 Subdivisions of Land- All approved	
8 Sheds (1 Sawdust, 2 Run-in, 1 Size Increase, 4 various use shed's)	
3 Conditional Use Applications forwarded to the Zoning Board of Adjustment - 1 withdrawn, 2 denied	

The Planning Commission continues work on the update to the Zoning Ordinance. Part of this work is a review of the various applications for Zoning Permits. The application changes involve additional information that is requested or required to make an informed decision on the application. Some of the information being requested with the application has been required in the past however we will now expect it to be included with the application. Other changes include adding information to the permit to make it easier for the applicant to furnish a complete application and or links to State web sites.

Additionally, I need to mention that more and more engineers and contractors are trying to get permits before all the other paperwork is provided and or a permit or a permit is approved. Therefore, anyone planning to build a new home will need to plan ahead before submitting an application for a building permit as the process could take a considerable amount of time. The process requires several steps before an application is reviewed or approved. The first step is to get a Driveway permit from the Road Foreman and Selectboard if there is not an existing driveway onto the lot, or if you wish to relocate or add a driveway elsewhere to access the building site. The next step is that the driveway must be started per the provisions of the permit before a 911 number will be assigned. This is so the 911 Coordinator can measure the location accurately. Flags on trees or bushes will no longer suffice. A wastewater permit from the State of Vermont must also be provided to the Town Office before a building permit will be reviewed and approved. This entire process could take a month or more before I will review and sign a permit to build.

Zoning violations continue with many various excuses when discovered. Additionally, when these violations are discovered and brought to the landowner's attention, there is a fine and permit required. I am not a Zoning 'cop' however I must investigate all comments or questions I get from many sources when new building of any type is brought to my attention. I have had a couple brought to my attention recently in remote areas not seen from a public right-of-way, therefore be advised it is much less expensive to get a permit in advance than to have a building discovered and have to pay a fine as well as get a permit anyway. One other concern is that if you build and it does not meet the setbacks from boundary lines or other provisions in the Zoning regulations you will be required to remove it. Let's not get into that situation. A simple telephone call will let you know if you need a permit or not.

Copies of all Town ordinances and regulations are available at the Town Office.

Submitted by Robert Allen  
 Zoning Administrator  
 (802) 296-1124  
[rkallen@myfairpoint.net](mailto:rkallen@myfairpoint.net)

# Special Appropriation Requests Reports

**Article 5** Shall the voters appropriate \$1000 (One Thousand Dollars) to Aging in Place Reading-West Windsor for localized elder care?



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The volunteers behind Reading-West Windsor Aging in Place (RWW AiP) are encouraged about our progress in the last year.

In the third quarter of 2022, our two AiP part-time wellness nurses, Rita Rice and Amy Peebles, both active RN's, served 20 clients in our two towns through our non-profit. During the quarter, they performed 88 personal check-ins, with 56% of those being home visits.

These nurses provide vital medical and emotional support to older residents facing significant challenges living at home. They work closely with medical teams, families, and numerous other services in order to promote health and well-being. They assess safety in the home, advise about relevant grants, assist with following medical advice and obtaining medical equipment, and offer nutritional advice. They assess social determinants. They offer caregiver support around difficult decisions and end-of-life care. Our nurses host quarterly, friendly blood pressure checks in our two towns which allow them to get to know our residents.

RWW AiP has offered volunteer support to older residents. Examples include home de-cluttering projects, a gardening project, building an outdoor railing, and friendly check-ins. We look forward to growing our volunteer program with increased interest by the community in volunteerism and volunteering.

We distribute our "Resource for Older Adults" booklet and Senior Helpline magnets so that seniors are aware of how to contact area resources.

This fall we helped foster a pen pal program between older residents and Reading elementary students, as occurred in Reading during the 2018-19 school year.

On June 28th we held a Fire Safety event at the Brownsville fire services building and gave away door prizes related to fire safety.

We partnered with Dartmouth Health to conduct a free cholesterol screening in Reading on August 2<sup>nd</sup> and in Brownsville on Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>. We plan to hold such screenings again in February of 2023.

We also are hosting a weekly "Gentle Fitness with Chair Support" class at the Brownsville Town Hall which began in July.

We are grateful to the many community members who have donated to our efforts. We are also grateful to the Jack and Dorothy Byrne Foundation, Mascoma Bank, the Couch Foundation, and Community Nurse Connection.

Our website is: [www.rww-aginginplace.org](http://www.rww-aginginplace.org)

Submitted by Sara Norcross, Chair of RWW AiP Board

**Article 6** Shall the voters appropriate \$707 (Seven Hundred Seven Dollars) to HCRS—Health Care & Rehabilitation Services for providing mental health services?

**Health Care & Rehabilitation Services**

Health Care and Rehabilitation Services (HCRS) is a comprehensive community mental health provider serving residents of Windham and Windsor counties. HCRS assists and advocates for individuals, families, and children who are living with mental illness, developmental disabilities, and substance use disorders. HCRS provides these services through outpatient mental health services, alcohol and drug treatment program, community rehabilitation and treatment program, developmental services division, and alternatives and emergency services programs.

During FY22, HCRS provided 820 hours of services to 20 residents of the Town of Reading. The services provided included all of HCRS’ programs resulting in a wide array of supports for the residents of Reading.

Anyone with questions about HCRS services should contact George Karabakakis, Chief Executive Officer, at (802) 886-4500.

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- **Springfield Regional Office (Agency Headquarters)**390 River Street Springfield, VT 05156 (802) 886-4500 To access services (for potential new clients): (855) 220-9429 Fax: (802) 886-4580
- **Brattleboro Regional Office**51 Fairview Street Brattleboro, VT 05301(802) 254-6028To access services (for potential new clients): (855) 220-9428Fax: (802) 254-7501
- **Hartford Regional Office** P.O. Box 709, 49 School Street Hartford, VT 05047(802) 295-3031To access services (for potential new clients): (855) 220-9430Fax: (802) 295-0820  
Emergency Services - (800) 622-4235

**Article 7** Shall the voters appropriate \$1,000 (One Thousand Dollars) to Ottauquechee Health Foundation for health and wellness services?



**Who We Are:**

The Ottauquechee Health Foundation strives to improve the health and well-being of people who live in our core towns through grants, community partnerships, educational opportunities, and the support of wellness initiatives. We believe accessible health and wellness care is a vital part of any community.

We assist in the health and wellness needs of these core towns of Barnard, Bridgewater, Hartland, Killington, Plymouth, Pomfret, Quechee, **Reading**, and Woodstock.

OHF's backbone programs, Good Neighbor and Homecare Grants continue to be utilized extensively by those in need. These programs accommodate the increased and diverse needs of the communities OHF serves. Year-to-date, the foundation has received 206 grant inquiries totaling over \$247,000 in funding requests from residents of its nine core towns.

**In 2022, OHF provided 9 grants to Reading residents totaling over \$8,000. This equates to approximately 5% of our overall granting budget. Your support is invaluable to us and allows us to serve the Reading Community better. Thank you!**

**About OHF's Good Neighbor Grant (GNG) program**

Our GNG program makes grants on behalf of individuals who are unable to pay for their health and wellness needs that are not covered by health insurance, such as dental care, physical therapy, counseling, hearing aids, eyeglasses, and more. Assistance is based on financial need, and applicants must live in the OHF catchment area.

Additionally, OHF will continue to provide services from our Homecare Grants Program, as well as other wellness offerings, to the Reading Community. These programs are all part of our commitment to providing access to health and wellness services while supporting overall community health. Together we can indeed create stronger and healthier communities.

**Our Funding Sources:**

Our funding comes through bi-annual appeal donations, town appropriations, grants, donor cultivation, and a modest draw from our investments.

**How to Contact OHF:**

Ottauquechee Health Foundation (OHF)  
802-457-4188 | [www.ohfvt.org](http://www.ohfvt.org) | [director@ohfvt.org](mailto:director@ohfvt.org)  
PO Box 784 | 30 Pleasant Street | Woodstock, VT 05091

**Article 8** Shall the voters appropriate \$750 (Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars) to Spectrum Teen Center for connecting teens to the community?

The Spectrum Teen Center  
70 Amsden Way  
Woodstock, Vermont 05091

Town of Reading

The Spectrum Teen Center would like to once again thank the town of Reading for their generous support that we received last year. We are very grateful for the continued support we have received from you over the years.

The Spectrum Teen Center has been serving teens for 28 years in grades 7-12. Our program serves teens from the six sending towns that make up the Windsor Central Supervisory Union. We are under the umbrella of the WCSU.

In 2022, we provided over 15 FREE events for teens. We hosted outdoor pizza nights, art events at Artistree, movie nights at Pentangle and some local hikes. Thank you again for your support!

The Spectrum Teen Center Director

Heather Vonada



**Article 9** Shall the voters appropriate \$500 (Five Hundred Dollars) to Volunteers in Action for assistance to those with special needs?

## Volunteers in Action (ViA) Mt. Ascutney Hospital & Health Center



**Volunteers in Action (ViA)** provides services that allow for many individuals who are older and/or disabled, especially those lacking familial support close by, the opportunity to stay in their homes and maintain independence as they age. ViA empowers people to help each other while maintaining dignity and strengthening a sense of community and belonging. Over the years, some of our volunteers have since transitioned to receiving services rather than providing them, and we are honored to help them as they once helped others.

During the past year, ViA has:

- Provided no-cost transportation for **over 1,000 trips** for various community members to medical appointments and quality of life needs covering **over 13,000 miles** (which includes over 250 for Reading neighbors);
- Partnered with the VT Foodbank to provide **over 4,000 meals** and education/outreach to improve food security through the VeggieVanGo program;
- Partnered with Senior Solutions and Historic Homes of Runnemedede to deliver **approximately 18,000 meals** through the Meals on Wheels program along with the accompanying safety checks; and
- Spent collectively **over 1,700 hours** knitting hearts and garments for those in need and for comfort to those hospitalized and their families at Mt. Ascutney Hospital & Health Center, David's House, and Molly's Place at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center.

This year, we are increasing our request from \$200 to \$500 in order to bolster our ability to live out our mission of *connecting and supporting neighbors helping neighbors!* Thank you for your consideration, and please reach out to us at **(802) 674-5971** for more information and/or to sign up to volunteer!

**Article 10** Shall the voters appropriate \$500 (Five Hundred Dollars)  
to Windsor County Mentors for youth mentorships?



PO Box 101 • Windsor, VT 05089 • 802-674-5101 • info@wcmentors.org • www.wcmentors.org

**Town Narrative - Reading**

**For July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022**

For almost 50 years, Windsor County Mentors has been creating and nurturing intensive community- and school-based mentoring partnerships, free of charge, to any Windsor County child between 5 and 18 who could benefit from a long-term, trusting relationship with an adult in their community.

Strong evidence shows that mentoring offers vulnerable youth opportunities to share experiences with reliable adults to widen their vision of themselves, helping them to become confident, contributing members of their community and increasing their social and mental wellbeing.

Youth with mentors have:

- Increased high school graduation rates, including higher college enrollment rates and higher educational aspirations
- Enhanced self-esteem and self-confidence
- Improved behavior, both at home and at school
- Stronger relationships with parents, teachers, and peers
- Decreased likelihood of initiating drug and alcohol use

In FY 2022, WCM served and supported school- and community-based mentorships with children from towns throughout Windsor County. Collectively, our mentors volunteered thousands of hours to their communities.

Our surveys demonstrate the positive effects of mentoring:

- Mentors (96%) would recommend mentoring to a family member, friend, or colleague.
- Mentee parents (100%) said their child is hopeful about his/her future.
- Mentees (82%) reported having a mentor has made a difference in his/her life.

Finally, a recent study by the Washington State Institute for Public Policy found almost 30 dollars in benefits to children returned to the community for every dollar spent on mentoring!

WCM employs regional outreach coordinators around Windsor County, assuring that we are able to grant each town the attention it deserves.

Financial support from Windsor County towns helps ensure the well-being of children and their families.

For more information on our mentorships, find us on Facebook, visit our website [www.wcmentors.org](http://www.wcmentors.org), or contact us at [ProgramsWC@outlook.com](mailto:ProgramsWC@outlook.com) 802-674-5101. WCM thanks the voters of Reading for their support for the children of Windsor County.

Matthew Garcia  
Executive Director

# Miscellaneous Agency Reports



*Your Community-Owned  
Connection to the World*  
[www.ecfiber.net](http://www.ecfiber.net)

## **ECFiber and the Town of Reading**

Reading is a member of the East Central Vermont Telecommunications District, the state's first communications union district (CUD), whose mission is to provide world-class fiber-optic based internet service to homes and businesses in its area. The District consists of 31 member towns, and owns the business which operates under the trade name ECFiber. The business added over 1,000 new customers despite critical labor shortages, and now serves over 7,700 premises in 28 towns via 1,700 miles of network, which, when fully built out, will bring fiber-to-the-premises (FTTP) to about 31,500 locations over more than 2,000 miles network.

The District contracts with ValleyNet, Inc., and Great Works Internet (GWI) to operate the business. The addition of GWI to the operations team should enable ECFiber to expand its customer service hours and start the work of bringing its network up to carrier-grade status, which will enable us to offer service level agreements to larger business clients.

Unlike the new CUDs, we have built our network almost entirely using borrowed money, and, since 2016, borrowing only in the municipal revenue bond market. With \$63.3 million in bonds issued, the District anticipates additional borrowing in early 2023, during which time we hope to finally become a rated entity which will allow more institutions to purchase our bonds and consequently lead to lower interest rates. Unfortunately, all the new federal grants are only for construction after March of 2021.

In Reading, ECFiber has completed construction of its network. As of November, 2022, there were 140 customers along 49 miles of network.

Vermont is a national leader in deploying ARPA and BEAD funding to support its CUDs and their mission to solve the state's rural broadband crisis. ECFiber established the model the state is following, and the biggest roadblock we face now is not funding, but rather finding enough folks to construct the networks – people who know how to operate bucket trucks, splice fiber while 40 feet above the ground, and be willing to work outside in difficult weather. ECFiber is actively participating in state and regional workforce development efforts. If you are or know of someone who may be interested in these well-paid jobs, please let us know!

We invite you to visit our website to learn more about ECFiber, and encourage you to subscribe. You won't be charged anything until we start service.

John Malcolm, Reading's delegate to the ECFiber Governing Board  
[Reading@ECFiber.net](mailto:Reading@ECFiber.net)

**ECFiber is the East Central Vermont Telecommunications District**

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*Vermont's First Communications Union District*



## MARC

### Mount Ascutney Regional Commission

The Mount Ascutney Regional Commission (MARC) is an organization that serves the ten towns in the southern Windsor County Region, including Reading. The activities and programs of the MARC are governed by a Board of Commissioners that are appointed by each member town. The primary function of the MARC is to assist member towns with their planning and other community related activities, and to promote cooperation and coordination among towns.

During FY22, the dues from member towns contributed about 2% of the MARC's annual budget of \$1,554,720. The town dues assessment of \$833 was determined on a \$1.25 per person based upon U.S. Census data. The remaining revenues were derived from federal, state, and other funding sources.

The MARC offers member towns a broad range of services, including assistance with planning, zoning, transportation, water quality, emergency management, data, mapping, and other planning activities. In FY22, the MARC provided the following services to the Town of Reading: provided technical assistance with preparing a Hazard Mitigation Plan; assisted with preparing a Local Emergency Operations Plan; assisted with emergency management planning; technical assistance with the Grants-in-Aid Program; assisted with grant writing for the Better Roads Program; and provided information and technical assistance related to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

We would like to thank town appointed representatives Kathy Rondeau, Gordy Eastman and Robert Allen who have served on the MARC Board and Committees this past year.

Thank you for your continued support of local and regional planning. For more information about the MARC, call us at (802) 674-9201, visit our website at [www.marcvt.org](http://www.marcvt.org), or look us up on Facebook.

Jason Rasmussen, AICP  
Executive Director

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## Southeastern Vermont Community Action SVCA

Southeastern Vermont Community Action is an anti-poverty, community-based, nonprofit organization serving Windham and Windsor counties since 1965. Our mission is 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 the community of Reading we have provided the following services during FY2022:

**Microbusiness Development:** 2 households (2 people) received counseling, technical assistance & support to start, sustain or expand a small business.

**Workforce Development:** 2 households (3 people) received training, resume assistance, or other services to return to work or to build their employment skills.

**Tax Preparation:** 1 household (3 people) received income tax preparation services.

**Family Services:** 6 households (16 people) received 37 services (crisis resolution, financial counseling, nutrition education, forms assistance, referral to and assistance with accessing needed services)

**Fuel & Utility Assistance:** 4 households (13 people) received 9 assists to receive emergency heating fuel or to assist with utilities disconnects.

**Housing Assistance:** 4 households (9 people) received 4 assists to obtain or remain in secure housing, or to assist with payment of past-due rental or mortgage payments.

**The combined value of services provided to benefit residents of Reading exceeds \$15,100.00.**

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 citizens of Reading for their support.

Kevin Brennan, Executive Director

Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA)

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## Southern Windsor/Windham Counties Solid Waste Management District

Andover • Athens • Baltimore • Cavendish • Chester • Grafton • Ludlow • Plymouth  
Reading • Rockingham • Springfield • Weathersfield • West Windsor • Windsor

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



The District was chartered in 1981 and currently serves fourteen Vermont towns. Each member municipality appoints a representative and an alternate to serve on the Board of Supervisors. Reading's representative is Jim Peplau. The alternate position is vacant.



All food scraps were banned from the landfill as of July 1, 2020. The Weathersfield Transfer Station accepts food scraps for (including meat and bones) from people with an access permit. To facilitate backyard composting, the District sold composters and food scrap pails. Many composting resources are available on the District's website, as is a list of haulers that pick up food scraps curbside.



The District constructed a permanent, seasonal household hazardous waste (HHW) depot in Springfield which opened on June 2, 2022. The site, located at the Alva Waste transfer station, is managed by the District. It was open, by appointment, for four months. The Depot will re-open in May 2023. We accept a long list of products, which can be read on our website.



Bring unwanted paint year-round to Aubuchon Hardware in Windsor during regular business hours and dispose of it for free (cans must be labeled, not leaky, not rusty – bring the other cans to the HHW Depot). Trash dried-up paint cans.



All household batteries are accepted at the Weathersfield Transfer Station. Batteries are "special recycling" and do NOT go in with other recycling (fire hazard).



This is the "reuse" symbol and that is what we do with glass that is brought to the Ludlow, Springfield, and Weathersfield transfer stations. After collecting at least 500 tons of glass bottles and jars, the glass is ground up and made available to contractors and residents for construction and drainage projects.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Kennedy  
District Manager

Mary T. O'Brien  
Recycling Coordinator

Ham Gillett  
Outreach Coordinator

## The Reading-West Windsor Food Shelf

The Reading-West Windsor Food Shelf has been supplying, since 2000, food free of charge, to local families in need. The Food Shelf is located in the Old Stone Schoolhouse in South Reading (3456 Tyson Road). It is open on Mondays (2-4pm) and Thursdays (4-6pm), except on major holidays and school snow days.

We serve residents of Reading, West Windsor, and also surrounding towns. The food shelf offers canned, frozen, and packaged foods, dairy products, fresh produce when available, and frozen meats. Toiletry items, household products, and pet food are also offered when available.

The Reading-West Windsor Food Shelf strives to ensure that all members of the community have adequate amounts of nutritious food and that it is provided to them in a manner that preserves their dignity. Additionally, the Food Shelf assists families in applying for 3SquaresVT, the state food stamp program, as well as other local funds that emerge to help people in crisis.

The Reading-West Windsor Food Shelf keeps expenses low due to its all-volunteer workforce and the low cost space and utilities provided by the Town of Reading. Food expenses are kept to a minimum (consistent with providing an excellent selection and quantity of nutritious food) by:

1. Maximizing the amount of free and low cost food that is obtained from the Vermont Food Bank.
2. Receiving produce from individuals who plant extra rows in their gardens for RWWFS; We have also regularly acquired produce through Food Bank pick-up sites, and generous produce donations from Woodstock Farmers Market.
3. Accepting produce, eggs and locally grown meat from community farmers; and obtaining Vermont Food Bank grants that pay farmers to provide food for our food shelf
4. Arranging with local stores to purchase their goods at cost or near cost;
5. Maintaining relationships with a local church and synagogue that donate food and personal hygiene products;
6. Accepting donations as appropriate from area residents (e.g. canned food that has not expired).

By providing food to those in need, the Food Shelf provides a safety net and a helping hand to our most at-risk neighbors. Our mailing address is Reading – West Windsor Food Shelf, Inc., PO Box 384, Brownsville, VT 05037.

Questions: Call Sara at 802-484-5097, Diane at 802-299-7851, or Tish at 603-731-1450.





State of Vermont  
 Department of Health  
 Springfield Local Health Office  
 100 Mineral Street, Suite 104  
 Springfield, VT 05156

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 [toll free] 888-296-8151  
 HealthVermont.gov

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 monkey-pox 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.

**Learn more about what we do at <https://www.healthvermont.gov/local/Springfield>**

## **Vermont League of Cities and Towns**

*Serving and Strengthening Vermont Local Government*

The Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, owned by its member municipalities, with a mission to serve and strengthen Vermont local government. It is directed by a 13-member Board of Directors elected by the membership and comprising municipal officials from across the state.

**Member Benefits** - All 247 Vermont cities and towns are members of VLCT, as are 142 other municipal entities that include villages, solid waste districts, regional planning commissions, and fire districts. Members have exclusive access to a wide range of specialized benefits, expertise, and services, including:

- **Legal and technical assistance**, including prompt responses to member questions that often involve how to comply with state and federal requirements. During the past year, staff responded to thousands of member questions and published guidance, templates, research reports, and FAQs. In 2022, VLCT began offering additional government finance training and consulting services and launched the new Federal Funding Assistance Program (FFAP). FFAP offers communities advice on complying with federal rules surrounding pandemic funding, provides direction and insight on accessing billions of dollars in federal infrastructure funding, and provides input to state leaders on designing and implementing grant programs for municipalities.
- **Trainings and timely communications on topics of specific concern to officials** who carry out their duties required by state law. The League provided training via webinars, onsite classes, and during the hallmark annual event, Town Fair, the largest gathering of municipal officials in the state. VLCT's Equity Committee also published an online equity toolkit that assists municipalities in centering the work of justice, diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging in their decision making, policies, practices, and programs.
- **Representation before the state legislature, state agencies, and the federal government**, ensuring that municipal voices are heard collectively and as a single, united voice. VLCT's recent legislative efforts have helped provide cities and towns additional resources to respond to the pandemic, address road and bridge repair, tackle cybersecurity, improve housing and economic growth, promote renewable energy, provide emergency medical services, address equity and inclusion, and ensure the quality of our drinking water. Specific success in 2022 includes securing \$45 million in funding to help municipalities make energy improvements in their buildings, securing \$250,000 for VLCT's Federal Funding Assistance Program, increasing Municipal Planning Grants to \$870,000, securing \$250,000 for the Vermont Office of Racial Equity to launch the Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Action, Leadership Program, and increasing municipal authorities in statute. Members are also represented at the federal level to Vermont's Congressional delegation and through our partner, the National League of Cities.
- **Access to insurance programs.** The Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund (PACIF) provides comprehensive and cost-effective property, liability, and workers' compensation insurance coverage, programs, and services that protect the assets of your community. The VLCT Unemployment Insurance Trust provides unemployment insurance at stable pricing. VLCT also provides members with the option to purchase life, disability, dental, and vision insurance products at a competitive price. All the programs offer coverage and products that members need and ask for, help Vermont municipalities stretch their budgets, and are *only* available to VLCT members.

Members are welcome to contact VLCT anytime to ask questions and to access resources to help them carry out the important work of local government. **To learn more about the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, visit [vlct.org](http://vlct.org).** Recent audited financial statements are available at [vlct.org/AuditReports](http://vlct.org/AuditReports).

**Visiting Nurse and Hospice for Vermont and New Hampshire**  
**Home Health, Hospice and Pediatric Services**

Visiting Nurse and Hospice for Vermont and New Hampshire (VNH) is one of the oldest and largest non-profit providers of in-home healthcare services in the region. VNH is committed to providing the highest quality care throughout all stages of life, from maternal child care to end of life hospice care, and everything in between. Providing individuals and families with the care they need within the comfort of their own home allows them to maintain comfort and dignity throughout their time of care.

VNH services reduce cost associated with town programs for emergency response and elder care. With quality care provided at home, there is less need for costly hospital and emergency room trips. And with VNH support, residents can age in place rather than relocating to a state or local nursing home.

**Between July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2022, VNH made 1123 in-home visits to 22 residents. This included approximately \$5,302 in unreimbursed care to residents.**

- **Home Health Care:** 194 home visits to 16 residents with short-term medical or physical needs.
- **Hospice Services:** 750 home visits to 4 residents who were in the final stages of their lives.
- **Long-Term Care:** 175 home visits to 1 resident with chronic medical problems who need extended care in home to avoid admission to a nursing home.
- **Skilled Pediatric Care:** 4 home visits to 1 resident for well-baby, preventative and palliative medical care.

VNH serves many of Reading's most vulnerable citizens – the frail elderly and disabled, at-risk families, people with terminal illnesses, children with chronic medical needs and the uninsured and underinsured. We are dedicated to delivering outstanding home health and hospice services that enrich the lives of the people we serve.

It is with your help that we are able to provide services like this to those in need. Reading's annual appropriation to VNH helps to ensure that all have access to quality care when and where it is needed most. On behalf of the people we serve, we thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

*Anthony Knox*

Anthony Knox  
Community Relations Manager



## Vermont Sheriffs' Association

### Windsor County Sheriff's Department

Chances are you don't give much thought to the County Sheriff. You may see an article in the paper, a name on the ballot, or a patrol car along the side of the road. What is it that makes your County Sheriff unique among Vermont law enforcement professionals? The Sheriff is an elected law enforcement official.

A Sheriff is more than an individual; he has a department behind him made up of Sheriff's Deputies and support personnel. It's an organization of men and women dedicated to protecting and serving the people of your county. Deputies are sworn law enforcement personnel. They're appointed by the Sheriff to help uphold the laws and preserve peace. In addition, they are certified by the State of Vermont and meet all of the training requirements put forth by the Criminal Justice Training Council.

As a citizen, you can depend on your Sheriff's Department to help make a community that's safe and trouble free. But to be truly effective, a Sheriff's Department depends on your cooperation and involvement. Crime and accidents result in the great costs of lives, money, and pain. The Sheriff's Department is working hard to protect you from these dangers. Sheriff's Departments around the State are actively involved in Neighborhood Watch, D.A.R.E., Elderly Assistance and a host of other crime prevention projects.

**In Reading, the Sheriff's Department is hired on an annual basis to patrol the roads and highways throughout Reading based on patrol hours. Below you will see, by month, the number of hours patrolled by a sheriff and the number of tickets issued by location.**

Month	Patrol Hours	Warn- ing Is- sued	Tickets Issued by the Windsor County Sheriff's Dept.							2022 Total	2021 Total
			Tyson Road (25 MPH Zone)	Tyson Road (35 MPH Zone)	Tyson Road (40 MPH Zone)	Rte 106 (35 MPH Zone)	Rte 106 (40 MPH Zone)	Rte 106 (50 MPH Zone)	Other Vio- lations		
Jan-22	60	8	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	3	27
Feb-22	48	1	0	0	0	1	4	0	0	5	11
Mar-22	52	7	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	20
Apr-22	48	0	0	1	0	2	3	1	0	7	6
May-22	60	12	0	0	0	0	5	1	1	7	12
Jun-22	48	14	0	1	1	0	4	0	0	6	12
Jul-22	52	0	2	0	1	0	8	3	0	14	8
Aug-22	60	5	0	0	0	1	6	0	0	7	14
Sep-22	47	3	0	4	2	0	3	4	0	13	13
Oct-22	60	5	0	4	2	0	8	0	0	14	13
Nov-22	48	1	0	1	2	0	2	1	0	6	23
Dec-22	**									0	9
	583	56								84	168

\*\* Billings from Sheriff Dept not issued at time  
of printing

Reading Town Meeting  
Informational Meeting Minutes  
February 26, 2022

Gordy Eastman, Chair of the Selectboard called the meeting to order at 9:04 AM. Robert Allen Selectboard member acted as Moderator as Bob Hartnet could not be present. Robert explained how the meeting will be run and what is expected from all participants. This meeting will follow the warning as printed in the Town report on pages 7 and 8. There were approximately 50 total participants, both in attendance and via Zoom.

The meeting started with Charlie Kimbell and Alison Clarkson speaking about the work being done in Montpelier. There is a wide range of topics being discussed, including, work force shortage, child care, housing, broad ban, dispatching emergency services, climate change, Covid response and more. Charlie will not be running for the State Representative for our region as he is running for Lieutenant Governor. Good Luck Charlie!

**Article 1:** To elect the following Town Officers for the ensuing year: Town Moderator, Selectperson, Listers, Auditors, Trustee of Public Funds, Library Trustee, Cemetery Commissioner, each candidate will have 2 minutes to speak.

Town Moderator for a one-year term: Robert J Hartnett, Jr is running for re-election. Bob was unable to attend in person but was on zoom.

Selectboard for a three-year term: Robert Allen is running for this position. Bob said he has been on the Selectboard for a long time and he has made a lot of contact over the years and has written a lot of grants for the town. He stated that the Selectboard represents everyone in town.

Lister for a three-year term: Neil Muirhead is running for re-election.

Auditor for a three-year term: Charline Hagar is running for this position. Charlene spoke briefly on her qualifications.

Auditor for a two-year term: no one filed for this position.

Trustee of Public Funds for a three-year term: Liesbeth Kozlowski is running for re-election.

Library Trustee for a five-year term: Vanessa Maxham is running for re-election.

Cemetery Commissioner for a three-year term: Susan Goodhouse is running for re-election.

**Article 2:** Shall the voters set the date and time, by which the Town property taxes must be paid and received by the Town Treasurer, to be Thursday, November 4, 2021 by 5:00 P.M? (No Post Marks) – there was no discussion on this article.

**Article 3:** Shall the voters elect the Town Treasurer as Collector of Delinquent Taxes for the ensuing year? – there was no discussion on this article.

**Article 4:** Shall the voters of the Town of Reading vote to appropriate the amount of \$688,650 (Six Hundred Eighty-Eight Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Dollars) to be raised by taxes for the Select board's Budget beginning July 1, 2021? – there was some discussion on the budget about property taxes, Green Spaces Committee money, welcome to Reading signs and highway grants. Kevin Reeves thanks Esther for a report that was very well done!

Lisa Kaija asked about the school board member running, Adam Ameele is running for re-election. He spoke briefly about the school board.

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**Article 5:** Shall the voters appropriate \$500 (Five Hundred Dollars) to Aging in Place Reading-West Windsor for localized elder care? Jane Philpin spoke about this organization. They are a 5013C non-profit and are hiring a second part-time nurse to work with clients in the area.

**Article 6:** Shall the voter appropriate \$707 (Seven Hundred Seven Dollars) to HCRS – Health Care & Rehabilitation for providing mental health services? No one spoke about this article.

**Article 7:** Shall the voter appropriate \$1,000 (One Thousand Dollars) to Ottauquechee Health Foundation for health and wellness? Kathy M (board member) thanked the voters for their past support. She said that they had awarded 7 grants for \$8000 to Reading residents. Lisa Kaija spoke about this foundation and some of the programs that they offer.

**Article 8:** Shall the voter appropriate \$750 (Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars) to Spectrum Teen Center for connecting teens to the community? No one spoke about this article.

**Article 9:** Shall the voters appropriate \$4,000 (Four Thousand Dollars) to Visiting Nurse & Hospice of VT & NH for in-home healthcare service? No one spoke about this article.

**Article 10:** Shall the voters appropriate \$200 (Two Hundred Dollars) to Volunteers in Action for assistance to those with special needs. No one spoke about this article.

**Article 11:** Shall the voter appropriate \$500 (Five Hundred Dollars) to Windsor County Mentors for your mentorship? No one spoke about this article.

**Article 12:** Shall the voters appropriate \$300 (Three Hundred Dollars) to WISE for programs that provide crisis advocacy? No one spoke about this article.

**Article 13:** Shall the voters authorize the Selectboard to borrow up to \$320,000 (Three Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars) for the purchase of a new pumper/tanker fire truck? Gary Vittum was here to talk about this article but has to leave for a fire call. Gary has been posting information about this article on FPF.

Claire Kilbride thanked the Selectboard for their work.

Sara Kobylenski said that the ARPA committee has form out for suggestions on how to spend the money.

The Selectboard thanked Gerry Marletta for running the zoom part of the meeting.

Adjourned at 10:15 AM

Submitted by:

Calista Brennan, Town Clerk

Financial details for the Windsor Central Supervisory Union, and the Windsor Central Unified Union School District budgets will be posted on our website at [www.wcsu.net](http://www.wcsu.net) as documents become available.

## **OFFICIAL NOTICE OF INFORMATIONAL HEARING**

The legal voters of Windsor Central Unified Union School District are warned and notified that an **Informational Hearing** will be held at the Woodstock Union Middle and High School library on **Thursday, March 2, 2022**, commencing at **6:30 P.M.**, for the purpose of explaining:

Article 2- the FY24 proposed budget  
Articles 8, 9, & 10

Meeting information can be found on the WCSU website at [www.wcsu.net](http://www.wcsu.net).

## **AUDITOR'S STATEMENT**

**Windsor Central Supervisory Union  
Windsor Central Unified Union School District**

The financial records are being audited by RHR Smith & Company for the year ending June 30, 2022.

**\*\*\*\*\* PLEASE NOTE THIS WARNING MAY HAVE BEEN CHANGED AFTER THIS REPORT WENT TO THE PRINTERS. SEE THE WCUUSD WEBSITE FOR THE FINAL WARNING \*\*\*\*\***

**WARNING FOR  
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE  
WINDSOR CENTRAL UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT**

The legal voters of Windsor Central Unified Union School District, comprising the voters of the Towns of Barnard, Bridgewater, Killington, Plymouth, Pomfret, Reading, and Woodstock, are hereby warned and notified that an **Informational Hearing** will be held at the Woodstock Union Middle and High School library in the Town of Woodstock, Vermont, on **Thursday, March 2, 2023**, commencing at 6:30 P.M., for the purpose of explaining Articles 2, 8, 9, and 10.

The legal voters of the Windsor Central Unified Union School District are hereby further warned and notified to meet at their respective polling places hereinafter named for the above-referenced towns on **Tuesday, March 7, 2023**, during the polling hours noted below, for the purpose of transacting during that time voting by Australian ballot.

The voters residing in each member district will cast their ballots in the polling places designated for their town as follows:

Barnard Town Hall	10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Plymouth Municipal Building	10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Bridgewater Town Clerk's Office	8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Pomfret Town Office	8:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Killington Town Hall	7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Reading Town Hall	7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Woodstock Town Hall	7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.		

**MARCH 7, 2023 – AUSTRALIAN BALLOT QUESTIONS**

**Article 1:** The legal voters of the specified towns designated within this itemized Article shall elect only their director(s) as follows:

Barnard: one school director to assume office upon election and serve the remaining two years of a three-year term or until their successor is elected and qualified

Bridgewater: one school director to assume office upon election and serve the remaining two years of a three-year term or until their successor is elected and qualified

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Killington: one school director to assume office upon election and serve a term of three years or until their successor is elected and qualified

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Pomfret: one school director to assume office upon election and serve a term of three years or until their successor is elected and qualified

Reading: one school director to assume office upon election and serve a term of three years or until their successor is elected and qualified

Woodstock: two school directors to assume office upon election and serve a term of three years or until their successor is elected and qualified

**Article 2:** Shall the voters of the Windsor Central Unified Union School District approve the school board to expend **Twenty-Five Million Eight Hundred Thirty-Six Thousand Forty-Eight Dollars (\$25,836,048)**, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$23,135 per equalized pupil. This projected spending is \$1,521,730 or 6.3% higher than spending for the current year.

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## MARCH 7, 2023 – ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING

The legal voters of the Windsor Central Unified Union School District are further warned and notified to meet at the Woodstock Union Middle and High School in the Town of Woodstock, Vermont, on Tuesday, March 7, 2023, at 7:00 P.M., for the purpose of transacting business not involving voting by Australian ballot.

**Article 3:** To elect a Moderator who shall assume office upon election and shall serve for a term of one year or until their successor is elected and qualified.

**Article 4:** To elect a Clerk who shall enter upon their duties on July 1 following their election and shall serve a term of one year or until their successor is elected and qualified.

**Article 5:** To elect a Treasurer who shall enter upon their duties on July 1 following their election and shall serve a term of one year or until their successor is elected and qualified.

**Article 6:** To determine and approve compensation, if any, to be paid District officers.

**Article 7:** To determine and approve compensation, if any, to be paid to School Directors.

**Article 8:** Shall the voters authorize the financing of the design, bidding, permitting, and document development for the proposed new middle/high school in an amount not to exceed **One Million Six Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$1,650,000)**, subject to reduction from the application of available state and federal grants-in-aid and reserves, to be financed over a period not to exceed five (5) years?

**Article 9:** Shall the voters authorize public school building improvements to convert the steam heating system to a forced hot water heating system at the Woodstock Union Middle High School in an amount not to exceed **One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000)**, subject to reduction from the application of available state and federal grants-in-aid and reserves, to be financed over a period not to exceed five (5) years?

**Article 10:** Shall the voters authorize public school building improvements to replace the roof and implement an energy conservation project at the Killington Elementary School in an amount not to exceed **One Million Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$1,750,000)**, subject to reduction from the application of available state and federal grants-in-aid and reserves, to be financed over a period not to exceed five (5) years?

**Article 11:** Shall the voters of the Windsor Central Unified Union School District authorize the board of directors under 16 V.S.A. §562(9) to borrow money by issuance of bonds or notes not in excess of anticipated revenue for the school year?

**Article 12:** To transact any other school business thought proper when met.

## Reading Elementary School Principal's Report

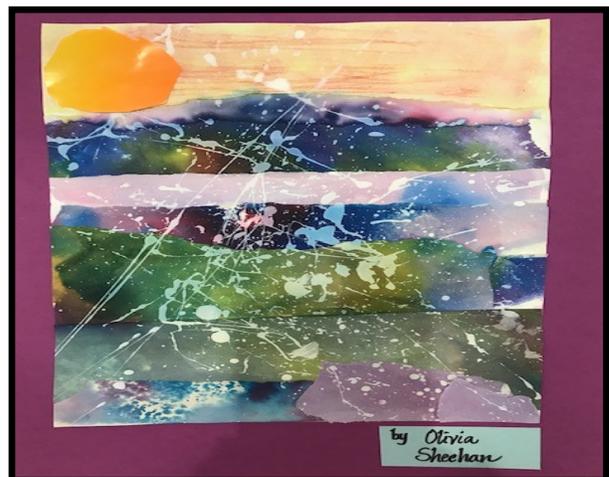
by John Hansen

RES continues to offer a strong academic program for its thirty-five students in grades PreK through Grade 4. Teachers work with children in three main groupings of PreK and Kindergarten; Grades 1 - 2; and Grades 3 - 4. COVID restrictions began easing in Spring 2022, and were completely removed by the start of the 2022-23 school year.

The core academic program at RES is supported with field experiences, artist residencies, and community collaborations. In the past year, students participated in artist residencies with Burlington Taiko drummers and the Saint Gaudens National Historic Park's sculptor. Students traveled to Woodstock to visit Sculpture Fest and the Rockefeller-Marsh-Billings National Historic Park for a lesson on the Hudson River School of Painting. Students also attended a production of "Bully No More" produced at Artistree in South Pomfret and the show "Clara's Dream" at the Lebanon Opera House. Science field experiences included the Vermont Institute of Natural Science (VINS) in Quechee and the Seacoast Science Center in Rye, New Hampshire. Right here in Reading, students planted and then harvested pumpkins behind the Fire Department with a local resident; hosted several members of the fire department a couple of times to review fire safety; visited the Hall Art Foundation; and decorated graves at Felchville Cemetery on Memorial Day. When COVID caused the cancellation of the Woodstock Ski Runners for the second year in a row, parents quickly jumped in to create from scratch a hugely successful ski and snowboard program at Magic Mountain Ski Area, which is being repeated in 2023.

None of the previous mentioned activities would be possible without the support of many generous donors in and around Reading. The RES PTO and the Hall Art Foundation are both extraordinary supporters, helping to provide funding for enhanced learning opportunities for our children. Parents, staff, and the local community create a wonderful, positive environment for our children to flourish and grow.

Thank you for your continued support!



## **WCSU & WCUUSD Board of Directors Report**

by Chair Keri Bristow and Vice Chair Ben Ford

2022 has been a year of resilience, change and achievement for our school district. In this report to our communities, we present an overview of the past year.

First, we are proud of student-led efforts to provide a new name for the district. As part of the Configuration and Enrollment Growth Working Group, our student representatives Owen Courcey and Aiden Keough-Vella completed a project to find a name emblematic of our identity. After consulting with a team from Dartmouth's Tuck Business School and considering a number of names, the Working Group proposed a particularly apt suggestion submitted by students at Killington Elementary School, the "Mountain Views School District." Unanimously accepted by the School Board, it is the culmination of 18 months of information gathering, discussion, and public input.

Several building projects were advanced in 2022 to invest in the conditions of our schools. Led by District Buildings & Grounds Manager Joe Rigoli and Buildings & Grounds Committee Chair Jim Haff, these projects included:

- Completion of renovations to the Prosper Valley School to facilitate its continued use by fifth and sixth grade students;
- Installation of solar panels on the roofs of Prosper Valley, Woodstock, and Reading Elementary Schools to enhance efficiency and sustainability. Prosper Valley and Woodstock received new roofs prior to solar panels being installed.
- Our energy conservation projects this year included: new propane boilers in Reading, Killington, Barnard, and Prosper Valley Elementary Schools. New propane burners in the Woodstock Elementary School. District wide building control systems for improved energy efficiency, new windows in part of Woodstock Elementary, LED lighting in all buildings, low flow plumbing fixtures and new/additional weather stripping and insulation in all buildings.
- Prosper Valley, Barnard, and Woodstock Elementary had their underground oil storage tanks removed and remediated as needed. Woodstock Elementary received a new parking lot after the oil tank under its parking lot was removed.
- Prosper Valley and Reading Elementary had the buildings' exterior painted and repaired as needed. Prosper Valley also received a completely new fire alarm system with addressable detection and a voice evacuation system.

The effort to replace our Middle School and High School buildings also took new direction and made significant progress in the past year. Recognizing the need for additional funding sources beyond our communities' taxpayers, the New Build Working Group enlisted help from Marlena McNamee, who has spent her career in public school fundraising. The Working Group has launched a fundraising campaign entitled "Breaking New Ground", producing a video (found on the WCSU website at <https://www.wcsu.net/breaking-new-ground>), to show the critical need of the project. In its early stages, the campaign has raised nearly \$3M to reduce tax impacts and to help achieve project sustainability goals. In 2023, district communities will be asked to approve funding for hiring a Construction Manager, completing the permitting process, and taking other steps leading to a school bond vote in 2024.

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In a win for the district and the environment, Director of Finance and Operations Jim Fenn secured \$1.2M in competitive grant funding from the US EPA's Clean School Bus Program, which will put three all-electric school buses into service for our district next school year. Our school bus provider Butler Bus partnered with WCUUSD to be awarded this grant. We look forward to continuing working toward more sustainable practices.

We continue to see changes to our enrollment patterns, with an increase in demand for Public PreK access as more and more working families seek to enroll young children in our elementary schools. To meet this demand, three new PreK classrooms were added between WES and Killington Elementary School. Overall, school enrollment was impacted by the graduation of a very large senior class in the spring as compared to a smaller grade 7 class entering the Middle School.

In response to COVID-19 challenges, a new leadership model was implemented at the Middle School and High School this fall with a new Assistant Principal and an additional social and emotional coach. Staff and students report that it has made many positive changes in the school community as we returned to full time in-person learning and dealt with the social and emotional aspects of the pandemic.

The Policy Committee was quite active this year in proposing policy revisions and new policies. In May, a new policy "Equity, Inclusion, and Diversity in Education" was approved by the school board following more than two years of consultation, revision, and public input. Currently the faculty and staff are working on implementing the policy and what it looks like at the school level.

Throughout this year several new members have joined the School Board as others stepped down. We thank all of our communities and their representatives for their service to the School Board and for your efforts to bring thoughtful leadership to our schools. With 18 members representing 7 communities, we take particular pride in being recognized by the Vermont School Board Association, which awarded the 2022 Award for Exceptional School Board Leadership to the WCCUSD Board this fall. The Board was recognized for its responsiveness to challenges brought by the COVID-19 pandemic and demonstration of leadership within the school community, among other achievements consistent with our Strategic Plan Goals.

School Board work is challenging, complex and gratifying. We appreciate public attendance at our meetings, as well as opportunities to talk with community members about concerns. As we look to the future, we are committed to moving all of our students and schools forward educationally, with social and emotional needs being addressed one child at a time. We thank you for your continued support of our schools.

## Woodstock Union High School and Middle School

WUHSMS Principal's Report

by Principal Garon Smail

I am so grateful to share with you some of the accomplishments of students, faculty, and staff at Woodstock Union High School and Middle School from the 2021-22 school year. First and foremost, I extend my heartfelt thanks to this community for supporting our school.

We offer personalized, authentic, and student-driven learning experiences for our students. During the 2021-22 school year, our enrollment was 486 students in grades 7-12. To meet student needs associated with the impacts of the pandemic, we added a social-emotional learning specialist to the faculty and small group academic support. At the middle school level, we created a club and activity program providing students with more choices and opportunities to interact and build a middle school identity. The eighth-grade team created an end-of-the-year overnight experience celebrating students transitioning to high school. At the high school level, we continued to enhance our academic program by expanding offerings including the AP program, with 105 students taking 209 AP exams, STEM and design classes, and student-designed experiences via the Center for Community Connections, C3.

We launched teacher initiatives including the C.R.A.F.T. program, which integrates science, technology, and agriculture to promote deep learning about climate resiliency. The C3 Department created the Trailblazer Series, which hosted presentations and workshops by alums for current students. The modern and classical language department partnered with the international organization Soliya allowing students to engage in cross-cultural virtual dialogues with peers in Tunisia and Lebanon.

We are proud to recognize achievements and awards earned by members of our school community. The Social Action Club hosted the Leadership Summit for Social Justice. Participants considered barriers to inclusion experienced by students at WUHSMS, reviewed a draft of the WCSU proposed Equity, Inclusion, and Diversity in Education Policy, and inspired each other to take action for positive change. The Vermont Humanities Council awarded librarian Susan Piccoli the Victor R. Swenson Humanities Educator Award. Students had their work published in the VT Digger and Vermont Standard, broadcast on Vermont PBS, displayed in regional art galleries, and recognized by organizations including the University of Vermont Mathematics Department, American Junior Academy of Science, Future Business Leaders of America, and Vermont Holocaust Memorial.

We saw energy and enthusiasm in athletics and extracurricular activities with more than 70% of students participating and our biggest turnout of fans and audiences in recent memory. The Yoh Players performed four amazing shows, the Unified Sports soccer team won gold at the state tournament, and the girls' ice hockey team made school history by winning the state championship!

I am deeply grateful for the support of our generous community, and I look forward to another successful year at Woodstock Union High School and Middle School.

## **The Prosper Valley School Principal's Report**

### **by Principal Aaron Cinquemani**

The 2022-2023 school year kicked off with great energy and anticipation as a new class of 47 5th graders arrived and became TPVS Dragons. This year we had a total of 94 5th and 6th grade students.

Our very active Student Advisory collaborated with the entire student population to create the first TPVS Dragons Community Contract.

Dragons believe in:

- ↪ Being Safe, Physically, Verbally, Emotionally
- ↪ Being “Kempathetic”: Kind, Empathetic
- ↪ Being Patient, With Self, With Others

We continue to focus our programming on ensuring a nature or place-based context for all academic and social curriculum goals. To help realize this vision, staff and students have access to the Horizons Observatory, greenhouse, sugar shack, the hiking trails, and both Barnard Brook and Cloudland Brook, which are on our campus. To bolster and add to our programming, TPVS sought a grant that allowed us to install both an outdoor and indoor challenge course. The challenge course consists of a variety of low and high ropes course elements designed to directly engage students in collaborative problem solving, team work, strategy, and resilience.

This past summer the exterior of TPVS received a new coat of paint and solar panels were installed on the roof.

While it appeared that the pandemic was in the rear view mirror we continued to be vigilant in our health and safety protocols by ensuring both staff and students stayed home when sick. To ensure a safe and healthy work and learning environment, we thank all TPVS families and community members for joining us in this endeavor. We are blessed to have such an involved and supportive learning community.

Go Dragons!

## WCSU Superintendent's Report by Superintendent Sherry Sousa

What is remarkable about this school year is how unremarkable it is. After more than 2 years of being impacted by Covid, we were able to return to school without the dark cloud of Covid. While students and educators are forever changed, their desire to be in school together, to return to our rituals and annual events, and to invite parents back into our classrooms has brought great joy to all.

Educators' efforts continue to focus on the social and emotional needs of students, as their behavioral presentation is much different than in prior years. In addition, teachers and administrators made a significant commitment to alleviate inequities in academic achievement with yearlong professional development in literacy through LETRS training, and mathematics by forming agreements on math practices and instruction. If we think of addressing learning gaps through math and literacy best practices as a stool, the third leg is maximizing our daily schedule. The Leadership Team will review how we distribute time and resources with a national expert so that a students' day has the highest probability of meeting their needs and engaging their minds.

Our school buildings also require great attention as we witness the decline of our largest and one of our oldest schools. Woodstock Union Middle and High Schools' building continues to have significant systems challenges. The heating system failed on multiple days last winter and temporary adjustments were made. The sewage pumping station will be replaced next year, and the other major operations are monitored daily. As we see the building age, the Leadership Team has set as a priority to support the goal of a new facility for WUHS/MS.

Finally, it is important to note the change of name for the Windsor Central Unified Union School District and the Windsor Central Supervisory Union in July of 2023. After great efforts to gather input from community members and students, the Board supported the recommendation of the Configuration and Enrollment Working Group to change the district's name to the Mountain Views School District, with the supervisory union becoming the Mountain View Supervisory Union. The students who presented this recommendation noted that Mountain Views originated from a Killington Elementary student, is politically and socially neutral, is a unique district name in Vermont, is inclusive of all towns in our district, and is accurately representative of our geography.

### Windsor Central Supervisory Union

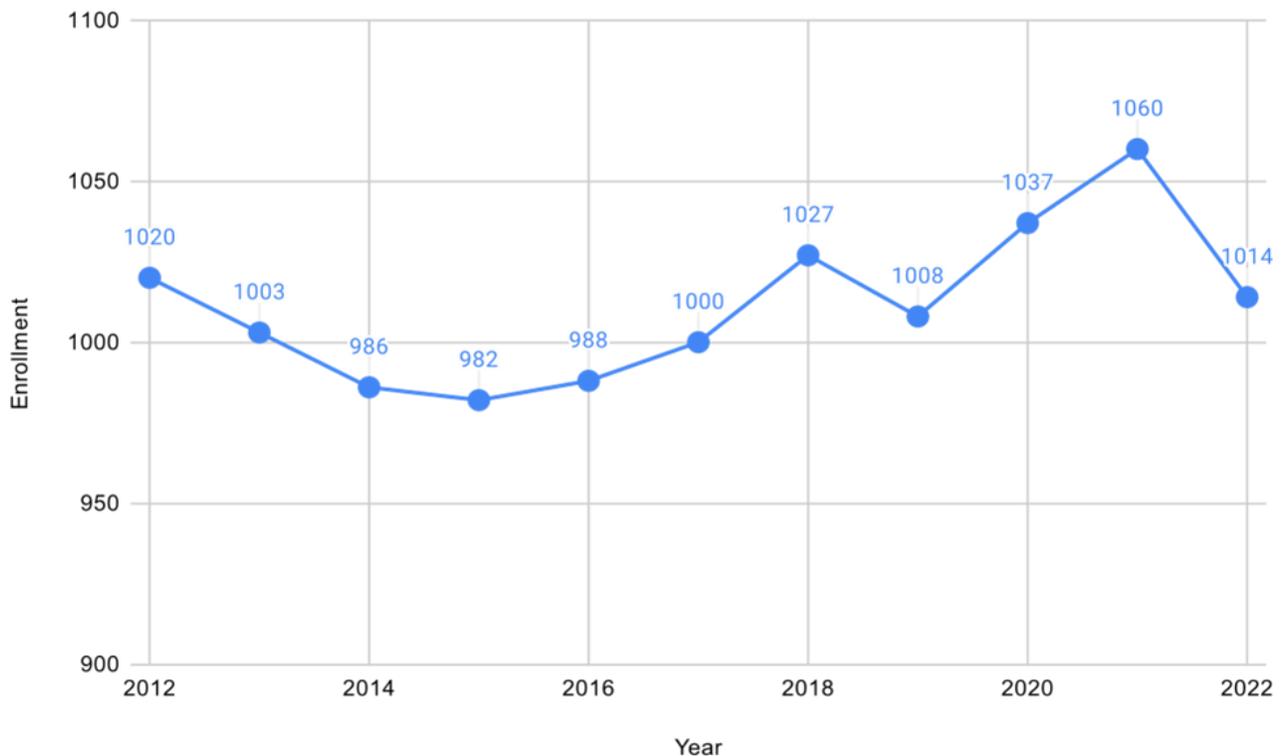
Enrollment Report as of October 31, 2022

Elementary School Enrollment	On-Site PreK	K	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6	Total PreK-6
Barnard Academy	19	6	5	7	15	5	10	5	72
Killington Elementary School	25	9	17	8	20	12	11	9	111
Reading Elementary School	7	6	4	3	8	5			33
The Prosper Valley School							47	45	92
Woodstock Elementary School	64	27	35	49	47	32	0	2	256
<b>TOTAL ELEMENTARY</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>564</b>

#### Secondary School Enrollment -WUHSMS

Grade 7	72	<b>MS TOTAL</b> 141	<b>WCUUSD resident students = 923</b> <b>Tuition students from sending towns = 89</b> <b>Act 129 VT High School Choice = 2</b> <b>State Placed = 1</b>
Grade 8	69		
Grade 9	87	<b>HS TOTAL</b> 309	
Grade 10	77		
Grade 11	83		
Grade 12	62		
<b>TOTAL SECONDARY</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>TOTAL WCSU ENROLLMENT 1014</b>	

### WCSU Enrollment: 10 year comparison (PreK-12)



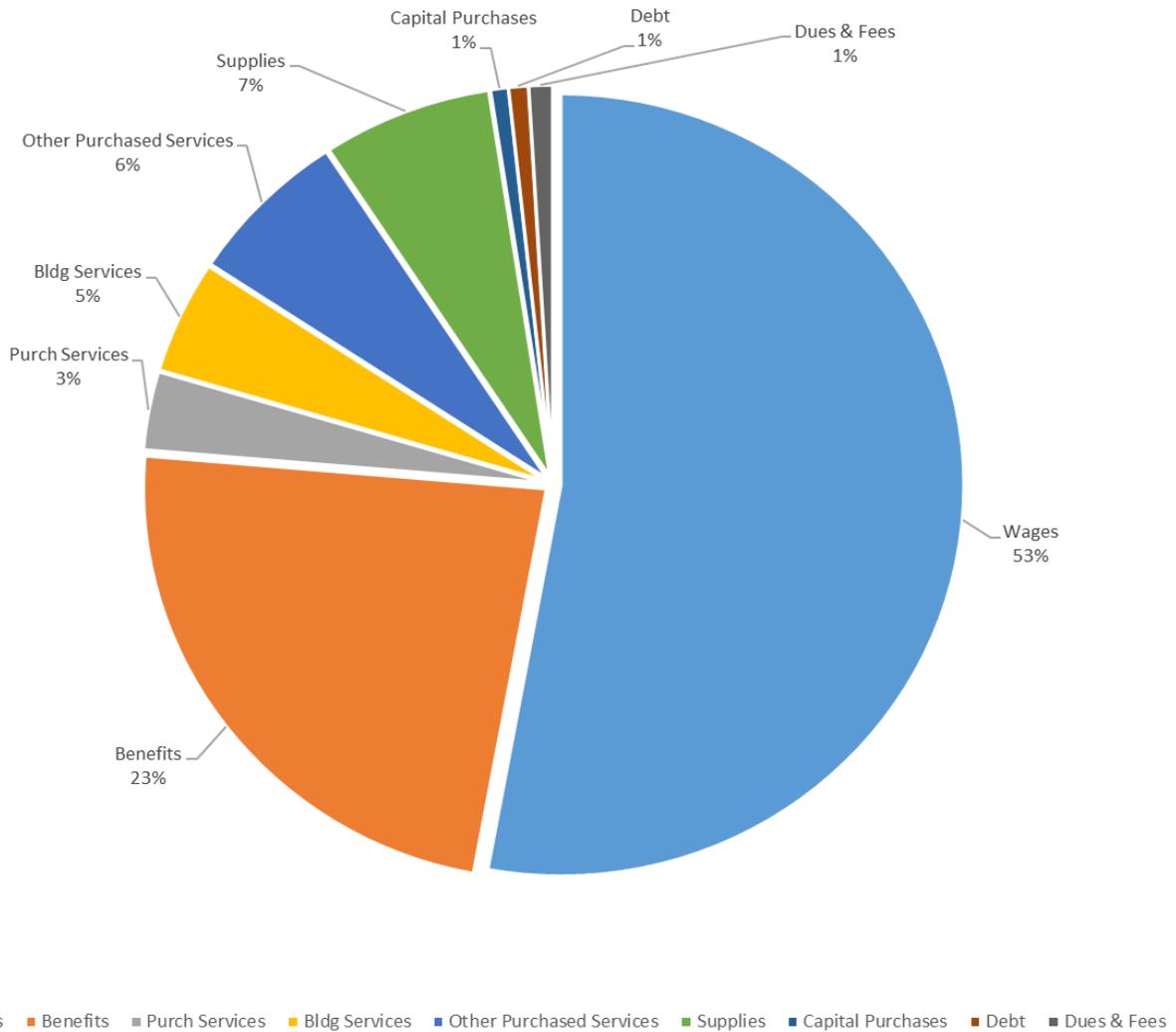
Windsor Central Unified Union School District  
 Projected Revenues  
 Fiscal Year 2024

	FY21 Budgeted	FY21 Actual	FY22 Budgeted	FY22 Actual	FY23 Budgeted	FY24 Budgeted
<b>Local Revenue</b>						
Tuition From Other LEA's	\$1,935,414	\$1,913,755	\$1,880,606	\$1,704,757	\$1,787,500	\$1,588,335
Tuition by Parent/Patron - Pre-School	\$21,238	\$0	\$12,525	\$7,783	\$16,000	\$12,000
Interest Earned	\$37,400	\$16,468	\$36,000	\$15,755	\$18,500	\$17,000
Rental Income	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$5,000	\$45,000	\$50,000
Miscellaneous Local Revenues	\$0	\$4,074	\$0	\$7,985	\$6,500	\$6,500
Summer Soak Revenues	\$10,000	\$110,547	\$27,744	\$1,493	\$9,000	\$136,345
Prior Year Surplus Applied	\$0	\$289,942	\$211,624	\$0	\$350,000	\$500,000
Food Service Program	\$22,000	(\$1,564)	\$18,758	\$54,122	\$18,750	\$10,000
<b>Total Local Revenue</b>	<b>\$2,071,052</b>	<b>\$2,378,221</b>	<b>\$2,232,257</b>	<b>\$1,796,895</b>	<b>\$2,251,250</b>	<b>\$2,320,180</b>
<b>State and Federal Revenue</b>						
Education Spending Grant	\$16,896,833	\$16,864,154	\$17,181,711	\$17,262,242	\$18,258,064	\$19,599,186
Small Schools Grant	\$149,627	\$49,876	\$149,627	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Transportation Reimb	\$440,000	\$222,979	\$442,798	\$217,406	\$266,978	\$266,978
Ed Fund Payment to Tech Center	\$133,988	\$182,310	\$151,202	\$176,302	\$147,557	\$165,000
Driver's Education Reimb	\$4,750	\$9,013	\$4,000	\$2,107	\$6,000	\$6,000
Vocational Ed Transportation	\$25,000	\$35,023	\$25,000	\$0	\$35,000	\$35,000
High School Completion Grant	\$0	\$8,315	\$0	\$524	\$0	\$0
State Food Service Program Revenues	\$6,500	\$6,648	\$8,046	\$27,955	\$9,200	\$22,500
Federal School Lunch Program	\$434,000	\$374,777	\$398,573	\$647,320	\$401,826	\$665,000
<b>Total State and Federal Revenue</b>	<b>\$18,090,698</b>	<b>\$17,753,094</b>	<b>\$18,360,957</b>	<b>\$18,333,856</b>	<b>\$19,124,625</b>	<b>\$20,759,664</b>
<b>Special Education</b>						
Special Ed Excess Cost Revenue	\$250,000	\$106,420	\$235,748	\$218,500	\$218,500	\$218,500
Special Ed Block Grant	\$383,198	\$383,198	\$386,789	\$386,789	\$0	\$0
Special Ed Census Block Grant	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,617,647	\$1,803,408
SPED Coord charges to Pittsfield	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$9,000	\$0	\$9,000
Special Ed Expenditures Reimbursement	\$1,210,000	\$1,172,328	\$1,459,071	\$1,425,933	\$0	\$0
Special Ed State Placed Revenue	\$0	\$6,610	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
SPED ED Service to other LEAs	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$208,093)	\$0	\$150,000
Early Essential Education Grant	\$71,579	\$133,592	\$80,816	\$71,048	\$76,067	\$76,000
<b>Total Special Education</b>	<b>\$1,914,777</b>	<b>\$1,802,148</b>	<b>\$2,162,424</b>	<b>\$1,903,177</b>	<b>\$1,912,214</b>	<b>\$2,256,908</b>
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$22,076,527</b>	<b>\$21,933,462</b>	<b>\$22,755,638</b>	<b>\$22,033,928</b>	<b>\$23,288,089</b>	<b>\$25,336,752</b>

### Proposed Budget Function Code Summary

		WCSU	WCUUSD	Total	Percent
100	Wages	\$2,931,404	\$10,737,268	\$13,668,672	53%
200	Benefits	\$1,477,550	\$4,578,030	\$6,055,580	23%
300	Purch Services	\$314,800	\$520,145	\$834,945	3%
400	Bldg Services	\$11,555	\$1,193,685	\$1,205,240	5%
500	Other Purchased Services	\$487,950	\$1,195,487	\$1,683,437	7%
600	Supplies	\$68,000	\$1,690,380	\$1,758,380	7%
700	Capital Purchases	\$9,900	\$172,800	\$182,700	1%
800	Debt	\$15,700	\$186,394	\$202,094	1%
900	Dues & Fees	\$245,000	\$0	\$245,000	1%
		\$5,561,859	\$20,274,189	\$25,836,048	

WCUUSD FY24 Budget by Object Code



	FY23 WCUUSD Adopted Budget	FY23 WCSU Adopted Budget	FY23 Adopted Budget	FY22 Adopted Budget	FY24 WCUUSD Pro- posed Budget	FY24 WCSU Proposed Budget	FY24 Pro- posed Budget	Change In- crease/ (Decrease)	% Change
1100 Regular Instruction Program	\$9,253,131.00	\$0.00	\$9,253,131.00	\$8,533,880.00	\$9,836,257.00	\$0.00	\$9,836,257.00	\$583,126.00	6.302%
1200 Special Education	\$0.00	\$3,117,653.00	\$3,117,653.00	\$3,020,916.00	\$0.00	\$3,035,012.00	\$3,035,012.00	(\$82,641.00)	-2.651%
1300 Vocational Tuition Local	\$280,000.00	\$0.00	\$280,000.00	\$271,952.00	\$290,000.00	\$0.00	\$290,000.00	\$10,000.00	3.571%
1400 Co-Curricular Programs	\$455,322.00	\$125,845.00	\$581,167.00	\$567,265.00	\$508,068.00	\$0.00	\$508,068.00	(\$73,099.00)	-12.578%
2100 Student Support Services	\$0.00	\$16,485.00	\$16,485.00	\$15,686.00	\$0.00	\$18,879.00	\$18,879.00	\$2,394.00	14.522%
2120 Guidance Services	\$831,069.00	\$0.00	\$831,069.00	\$769,607.00	\$966,369.00	\$0.00	\$966,369.00	\$135,300.00	16.280%
2130 School Nurse Services	\$388,169.00	\$0.00	\$388,169.00	\$350,540.00	\$439,538.00	\$0.00	\$439,538.00	\$51,369.00	13.234%
2140 Psychological Services	\$0.00	\$199,087.00	\$199,087.00	\$201,660.00	\$0.00	\$184,955.00	\$184,955.00	(\$14,132.00)	-7.098%
2150 Speech and Other Therapy Services	\$0.00	\$293,365.00	\$293,365.00	\$332,450.00	\$0.00	\$310,045.00	\$310,045.00	\$16,680.00	5.686%
2160 Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy and Visions Services	\$0.00	\$33,455.00	\$33,455.00	\$7,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$33,455.00)	100.000%
2190 Other Student Services	\$12,239.00	\$0.00	\$12,239.00	\$11,600.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	(\$8,239.00)	-67.318%
2212 Curriculum Development	\$0.00	\$146,780.00	\$146,780.00	\$132,333.00	\$0.00	\$161,395.00	\$161,395.00	\$14,615.00	9.957%
2213 School Leadership	\$0.00	\$17,000.00	\$17,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$22,000.00	\$22,000.00	\$5,000.00	29.412%
2215 Teaching & Learning	\$272,210.00	\$5,409.00	\$277,619.00	\$273,250.00	\$276,725.00	\$5,383.00	\$282,108.00	\$4,489.00	1.617%
2220 Library Services	\$392,188.00	\$0.00	\$392,188.00	\$296,031.00	\$416,956.00	\$0.00	\$416,956.00	\$24,768.00	6.315%
2230 Technology Services	\$496,080.00	\$132,494.00	\$628,574.00	\$592,472.00	\$506,990.00	\$145,604.00	\$652,594.00	\$24,020.00	3.821%
2310 School Board	\$9,306.00	\$16,250.00	\$25,556.00	\$25,750.00	\$28,121.00	\$18,550.00	\$46,671.00	\$21,115.00	82.622%
2315 Legal Services	\$6,000.00	\$22,500.00	\$28,500.00	\$33,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$35,000.00	\$44,000.00	\$15,500.00	54.386%
2317 Audit Services	\$0.00	\$43,500.00	\$43,500.00	\$40,000.00	\$0.00	\$45,000.00	\$45,000.00	\$1,500.00	3.448%
2320 Superintendent's Office	\$0.00	\$448,482.00	\$448,482.00	\$474,442.00	\$0.00	\$371,715.00	\$371,715.00	(\$76,767.00)	-17.117%
2410 School Administration	\$1,526,052.00	\$0.00	\$1,526,052.00	\$1,318,437.00	\$1,745,217.00	\$0.00	\$1,745,217.00	\$219,165.00	14.362%
2420 Director of Instructional Support Services	\$0.00	\$279,502.00	\$279,502.00	\$294,059.00	\$0.00	\$172,270.00	\$172,270.00	(\$107,232.00)	-38.365%
2495 Grant Writing	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$55,739.00	\$55,739.00	\$55,739.00	100.000%
2510 Fiscal Services	\$95,000.00	\$0.00	\$95,000.00	\$90,000.00	\$81,500.00	\$0.00	\$81,500.00	(\$13,500.00)	-14.211%
2520 Director of Finance and Operations	\$0.00	\$533,825.00	\$533,825.00	\$534,582.00	\$0.00	\$483,829.00	\$483,829.00	(\$49,996.00)	-9.366%
2570 Human Resources	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$112,483.00	\$112,483.00	\$112,483.00	100.000%
2540 Planning, Research, Development	\$7,900.00	\$0.00	\$7,900.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	(\$3,900.00)	-49.367%
2600 Building and Grounds	\$2,511,115.00	\$36,200.00	\$2,547,315.00	\$2,452,985.00	\$2,954,494.00	\$36,000.00	\$2,990,494.00	\$443,179.00	17.398%
2700 Transportation	\$702,045.00	\$78,600.00	\$780,645.00	\$688,807.00	\$681,352.00	\$103,000.00	\$784,352.00	\$3,707.00	0.475%
3100 Food Services	\$833,697.00	\$0.00	\$833,697.00	\$790,937.00	\$1,052,248.00	\$0.00	\$1,052,248.00	\$218,551.00	26.215%
4700 Building Improvements	\$375,000.00	\$0.00	\$375,000.00	\$283,314.00	\$399,000.00	\$0.00	\$399,000.00	\$24,000.00	6.400%
5000 Debt Services	\$76,363.00	\$0.00	\$76,363.00	\$78,684.00	\$74,354.00	\$0.00	\$74,354.00	(\$2,009.00)	-2.631%
5500 Sub-Grants	\$0.00	\$245,000.00	\$245,000.00	\$245,000.00	\$0.00	\$245,000.00	\$245,000.00	\$0.00	0.000%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$18,522,886.00</b>	<b>\$5,791,432.00</b>	<b>\$24,314,318.00</b>	<b>\$22,754,639.00</b>	<b>\$20,274,189.00</b>	<b>\$5,561,859.00</b>	<b>\$25,836,048.00</b>	<b>\$1,521,730.00</b>	<b>6.259%</b>