

TOWN OF HALIFAX, VERMONT ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
JULY 1, 2021 - JUNE 30, 2022



ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2023
(Please bring this report)

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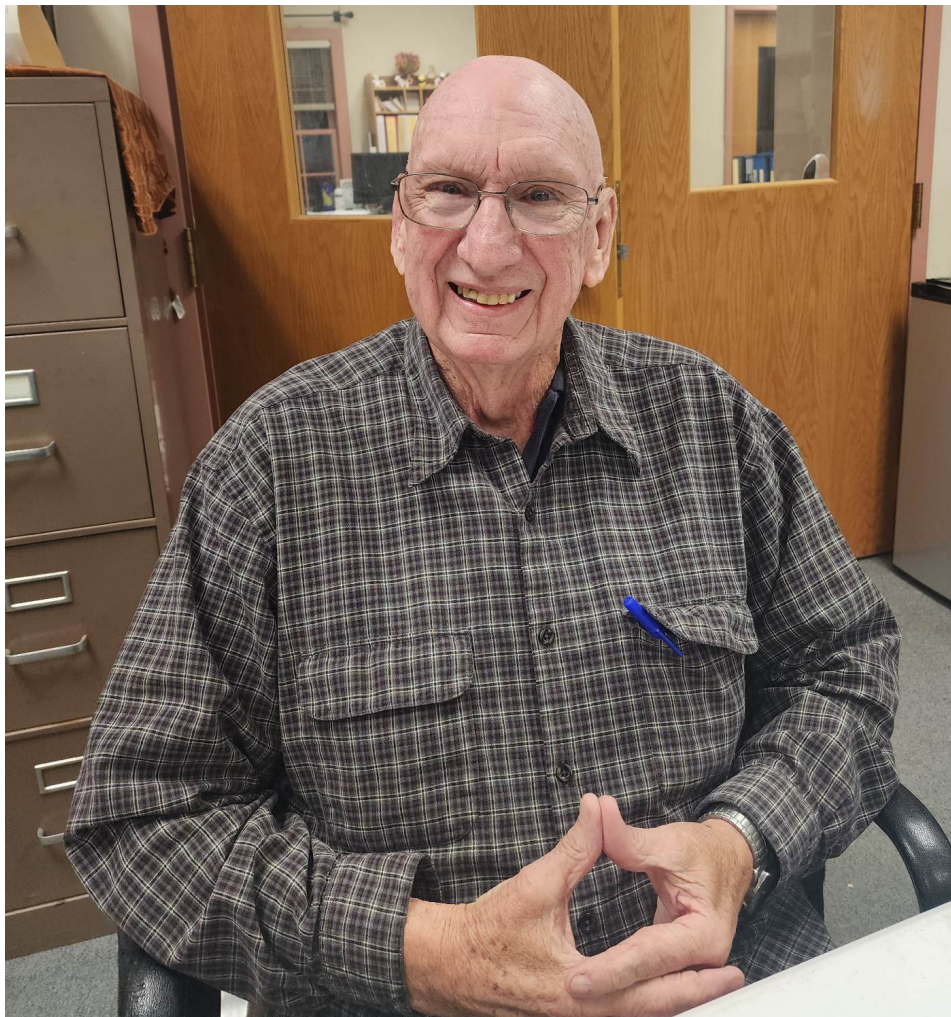
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A Tribute

This year's Town Report is dedicated to Lewis Sumner, in appreciation for his more than half a century of service to the town of Halifax. Lewis has held a number of town official posts, but his primary role has been as a Selectboard member. Lewis first joined the Selectboard in 1966 and has held office for 54 years with the exception of 3 years between 2002-2005. His encyclopedic knowledge of town history, unparalleled memory for the detail of town business past and present, and ability to listen to all comers and respond to concerns with gentle wisdom, has been of substantial benefit to the town for many decades. Lewis' first elected office was at Town Meeting on March 2, 1965 when he was elected to the position of the Overseer of poor. He held this position for two years. In 1967 the Selectboard was elected to fill this position until October 1, 1968 when the state took over the welfare program.

Lewis' approach to his official duties was to listen more than he talked, then quietly analyze all available information before offering simple, common-sense suggestions to resolve a situation. His lifelong dedication to the smooth operation of town government and the well-being of his fellow-citizens has set an outstanding example for several generations of local citizens, and inspires our gratitude and admiration.

On behalf of everyone, we would like to thank you for your dedication and commitment to the Town and its people. It has been an honor to serve this town along-side you and we wish you the best for years to come.



TELEPHONE DIRECTORY
MEETING DATES AND TIMES
www.halifaxvt.com

Town Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday and Friday	8:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.
Wednesday	12:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.
Saturday	By appointment (802) 368-7390

Meeting Schedules (unless otherwise posted)

Board of Selectmen	1 st & 3 rd Tuesday, monthly At Town Office, 6:00 P.M.
School Directors	1 st & 3 rd Wednesday, monthly 6:00 P.M. At Town Office, 7:00 A.M.
Planning Commission	2 nd Tuesday, monthly At Town Office, 7:00 P.M.
Zoning Commission	Meets as necessary
Halifax Community Club	2nd Monday, monthly At Copeland's Home, 6:45 P.M. Hanson Rd
Conservation Commission	4 th Tuesday, monthly, 7:00 P.M.

Telephone Numbers

Town Clerk's Office	368-7390	Patricia Dow
Town Clerk email:	halifax@myfairpoint.net	
Selectboard Administrative Assistant	halifaxsecretary@gmail.com	
Lister's Office (open Wednesdays 8-3:00)	368-2080	
Listers email:	halifaxlisters@myfairpoint.net	
Highway Garage	368-2803	
Halifax Elementary School	368-2888	
Zoning Administrator	368-2792	William Moore
Health Officer	451-9363	Susan Kelly, DVM
Road Commissioner	368-2803	Michael Fournier
Treasurer/Tax Collector	368-7390	Patricia Dow

Non-Emergency Contact Information

First Constable	380-1986	Cell (Andrew Rice)
Constable email:	halifaxconstable@gmail.com	
Second Constable	368-2948	Home (Roy Richardson)
State Police Chester/Rockingham	802/875-2112	fax 802/875-2176
Fire Department	368-7673	

Emergency Numbers

Fire	Rescue	Ambulance	911
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Warning Annual Town Meeting March 7, 2023

The inhabitants of the Town of Halifax, Vermont who are legal voters in said Town of Halifax are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Halifax Elementary School Multipurpose Room, 246 Branch Road, in West Halifax, Vermont on Tuesday, March 7, 2023, at 10:00 A.M.

ARTICLE 1: To elect by Australian Ballot all Town Officers required by law to be elected at the Annual Town Meeting and to fill all vacancies. The polls will be open from 10:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. to vote for the following Town Officers:

TITLE:	TERM:
TOWN MODERATOR	One year
SELECTBOARD MEMBER	Three years
SELECTBOARD MEMBER	Two years
SELECTBOARD MEMBER	Two years (remainder of term ending 2024)
TOWN CLERK	Three years
TOWN TREASURER	Three years
LISTERS	Three years
AUDITOR	Three years
AUDITOR	Three years (remainder of term ending 2025)
AUDITOR	Three years (remainder of term ending 2024)
COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES	One year
TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS	Three years
TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS	Three years (remainder of term ending 2024)
CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS	Three years
CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS	Three years (remainder of term ending 2025)
CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS	Three years (remainder of term ending 2024)
HALIFAX SCHOOL MODERATOR	One year
HALIFAX SCHOOL DIRECTORS	Three years

ARTICLE 2: To hear the reports of the Town officers.

ARTICLE 3: Shall the Town collect taxes for the Town and the Halifax School District as follows: Taxes will be due on or before September 30, 2023 payable to the Town Treasurer. Taxes will become delinquent after September 30, 2023 and payable with penalties and interest to the Collector of Delinquent Taxes.

ARTICLE 4: Shall the Town approve Selectboard and Highway expenditures of \$1,250,626 of which \$1,032,126 shall be raised by taxes and \$218,500 by non-tax revenues to care for the expenses and liabilities of the Town for FY24.

ARTICLE 5: Shall the Town set the Treasurer's budget for salary and collection of current taxes at \$20,000 plus \$4,000 for expenses for FY24.

ARTICLE 6: Shall the Town assess a one percent (1%) tax on rooms pursuant to 24 VSA § 138(b).

ARTICLE 7: Shall the Town authorize audits to be provided by a public accountant licensed in this state every third year starting with an audit of FY25.

ARTICLE 8: Shall the Town of Halifax establish a reserve fund called the Audit Reserve Fund for the purpose of funding audits performed by a public accountant in accordance with 24 VSA § 2804 and fund by raising and appropriating \$5,000 in FY24.

ARTICLE 9: Shall the Town of Halifax establish a reserve fund called the Resurfacing Reserve Fund for the resurfacing and maintenance of paved roads in accordance with 24 VSA § 2804 to be funded with \$89,000.31 which is the current balance from FY22.

ARTICLE 10: Shall the Town of Halifax raise and appropriate the sum of \$300,000 in FY24 to be deposited into the Resurfacing Reserve Fund.

ARTICLE 11: Shall the Town of Halifax establish a reserve fund called the Bridge Reserve Fund to be used for the construction and maintenance of bridges in accordance with 24 VSA § 2804 to be funded with \$59,994.86 which is the current balance from FY22.

ARTICLE 12: Shall the Town of Halifax establish a reserve fund to be called the Cemetery Perpetual Care Reserve Fund to be used for the construction and maintenance of cemeteries in the Town of Halifax in accordance with 18 VSA § 5306 to be funded with current balance of \$11,328.84.

ARTICLE 13: Shall the Town of Halifax raise and appropriate the sum of \$18,691 to be deposited into the Cemetery Perpetual Care Reserve Fund.

ARTICLE 14: Shall the Town of Halifax establish a reserve fund to be called the Reappraisal Reserve Fund to be used for future town wide reappraisal in accordance with 24 VSA § 2804.

ARTICLE 15: Shall the Town of Halifax raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be deposited into the Reappraisal Reserve Fund.

ARTICLE 16: Shall the Town of Halifax establish a reserve fund to be called the Building Maintenance Fund for the purpose of maintaining and upgrading town owned structures in accordance with 24 VSA § 2804 to be funded with the current balance of \$7,806.14.

ARTICLE 17: Shall the Town of Halifax establish a reserve fund to be called the Grant Reserve Fund for the purpose of grant management in accordance with 24 VSA § 2804 to be funded with the current American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) balance of \$193,956.46.

ARTICLE 18: Shall the Town of Halifax raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to match the Caring for Canopy grant from the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation for the purpose of ash tree removal from Town right of ways.

ARTICLE 19: To see if the voters will approve the sum of \$5,000 to support the services of the Whitingham Free Public Library.

ARTICLE 20: Shall the voters in the town of Halifax appropriate the sum of \$2,184.00 to be raised by taxes for the support of Southeastern Vermont Economic Development Strategies (SeVEDS) to provide workforce and economic coordination services to the Windham Region.

ARTICLE 21: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of:

\$250	American Red Cross
\$200	Brattleboro Area Hospice
\$500	Deerfield Valley Community Partnership
\$500	Deerfield Valley Food Pantry
\$50	Green Up Vermont
\$2,000	Halifax Community Club
\$1,000	Halifax Fire Company
\$750	Healthcare and Rehabilitation Services (HCRS)
\$550	Senior Solutions (Council on Aging for Southern Vermont)
\$790	Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA)
\$500	The Gathering Place Adult Day Program
\$1,900	Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice of Vermont and New Hampshire, Inc.
\$3,000	Whitingham Fireman's Association
\$500	Windham County Disaster Animal Response Team (WinDART)
\$2,500	Wings Community Program
\$700	Women's Freedom Center
\$200	Youth Services

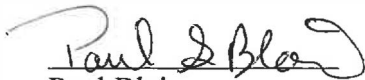
ARTICLE 22: To transact any other non-binding business that may legally come before this meeting.

Dated at Halifax, Vermont, this 31st day of January A.D. 2023


Lewis Sumner


Peter Silverberg

Tristan Roberts


Paul Blais


Patrick McAllister

Town of Halifax, Vermont
OFFICIAL ANNUAL TOWN MEETING BALLOT
OFFICIAL ANNUAL TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT BALLOT
March 7, 2023

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS: To vote for a person whose name is printed on the ballot, mark a cross (X) in the square at the right of that person's name. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the person's name on the blank line and cross (X) the appropriate block.

For Town Moderator, for 1 year
Vote for not more than ONE

PAUL G. BLAIS ☐

WRITE-IN ☐

For Lister, for 3 years
Vote for not more than ONE

TINA L. BLAIS ☐

WRITE-IN ☐

For Trustee of Public Funds, for 3 years
(Eames Fund & Cemetery Funds)
Remainder of term ending in 2024
Vote for not more than ONE

LAUREL A. COPELAND ☐

WRITE-IN ☐

For Selectboard Member, for 3 years
Vote for not more than ONE

PATRICK McALLISTER ☐

WRITE-IN ☐

For Auditor, for 3 years
Vote for not more than ONE

WRITE-IN ☐

For Cemetery Commissioner, for 3 years
Vote for not more than ONE

LAUREL A. COPELAND ☐

WRITE-IN ☐

For Selectboard Member, for 2 years
Vote for not more than ONE

EDEE EDWARDS ☐

WRITE-IN ☐

For Auditor, for 3 years
Remainder of term ending in 2024
Vote for not more than ONE

WRITE-IN ☐

For Cemetery Commissioner, for 3 years
Remainder of term ending in 2025
Vote for not more than ONE

LINDA SWANSON ☐

WRITE-IN ☐

For Selectboard Member, for 2 years
Remainder of term ending in 2024
Vote for not more than ONE

KAREN CHRISTOFFERSON ☐

WRITE-IN ☐

For Auditor, for 3 years
Remainder of term ending in 2024
Vote for not more than ONE

WRITE-IN ☐

For Cemetery Commissioner, for 3 years
Remainder of term ending in 2024
Vote for not more than ONE

GARY RAND ☐

WRITE-IN ☐

For Town Clerk, for 3 years
Vote for not more than ONE

PATRICIA DOW ☐

WRITE-IN ☐

For Collector of Delinquent Taxes, for 1 year
Vote for not more than ONE

MARY BREWSTER ☐

WRITE-IN ☐

For Halifax School Moderator, for 1 year
Vote for not more than ONE

PAUL BLAIS ☐

WRITE-IN ☐

For Town Treasurer, for 3 years
Vote for not more than ONE

PATRICIA DOW ☐

BOB TEREE ☐

WRITE-IN ☐

For Trustee of Public Funds, for 3 years
(Scott Fund & Wicks Cemetery Fund)
Vote for not more than ONE

PATRICK McALLISTER ☐

WRITE-IN ☐

For Halifax School Director, for 3 years
Vote for not more than ONE

PAUL G. BLAIS ☐

WRITE-IN ☐

Please Note

**The Auditor's Report for FY22 will be made available as an insert
(Appendix A) to the Town Report.**

**The Halifax School Financial Reports will be made available as an insert
(Appendix B) to the Town Report.**

Selectboard Proposed Budget FY24

(July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024)

Acct. #	Acct. Description	Budget FY21	Budget FY22	Spent FY22	Budget FY23	Proposed FY24
6110	Selectboard	5,400	\$5,400	\$7,650	\$9,000	\$9,000
6111	Bookkeeper	\$-				
6112	Selectboard Secretary	3,000	\$3,000	\$2,125	\$3,000	\$3,000
6113	Selectboard Administrative Assistant	13,000	\$13,000	\$9,206	\$13,000	\$13,000
6120	Town Clerk	25,000	\$25,000	\$24,996	\$25,000	\$26,250
6121	Town Clerk Assistant	2,000	\$2,000	\$2,715	\$3,100	\$4,600
6130	Listers, Regular	25,000	\$25,000	\$15,074	\$26,000	\$26,000
6140	Planning Comm/ZBA Sec'y	1,500	\$1,500	\$504	\$1,500	\$1,500
6150	EOC Project Manager*	\$-				\$-
6151	EOC Procurement Manager*	\$-				\$-
6152	EMD	3,500	\$3,500	\$2,625	\$3,500	\$3,500
6153	EOC Emg Op Center *	\$-				\$-
6154	EOC Logistics Fire*	\$-				\$-
6155	EOC Logistics*	\$-				\$-
6160	Auditors	3,500	\$3,500	\$860	\$0	\$3,500
6165	Constable	5,000	\$5,000	\$4,549	\$5,000	\$5,000
6170	Town Procurement Officer	\$-				\$-
6180	Assistant Treasurer	1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
6100 Total	Wages**	87,900	\$87,900	\$71,304	\$90,100	\$96,350
6210	Conferences/Training	750	\$750	\$152	\$750	\$750
6220	Health Insurance	0	\$-			\$-
6240	Retirement	1,425	\$1,425	\$1,562	\$1,450	\$1,772
6200 Total	Employee Benefits	2,175	\$2,175	\$1,714	\$2,200	\$2,522
9710	Medicare			\$5,642	\$5,591	\$8,800
9720	FICA			\$24,125	\$23,908	\$27,200
9700 Sub-total Town	Payroll Exp	26,442	\$28,963	\$29,767	\$29,499	\$36,000
6251	Repairs & Maintenance	1,500	\$1,500	\$1,628	\$1,500	\$1,500
6252	Telephone/Internet	4,500	\$4,500	\$3,970	\$4,500	\$4,500
6253	Dues & Subscriptions	4,000	\$4,000	\$4,996	\$6,000	\$6,000
6254	Ad & Legal Notices	1,000	\$1,000	\$944	\$1,000	\$1,000
6255	Office Supplies Town Clerk	2,000	\$2,000	\$1,183	\$3,800	\$2,000
6256	Listers Supplies (& Mileage)	3,000	\$1,500	\$2,247	\$1,500	\$1,000
6257	Office Equipment Fund	0	\$-			\$-
6258	Auditor Supplies	0	\$-			\$-
6260	Selectboard Supplies & Mileage	1,500	\$1,500	\$567	\$3,000	\$2,500

Acct. #	Acct. Description	Budget FY21	Budget FY22	Spent FY22	Budget FY23	Proposed FY24
6261	Planning Comm. Supplies & Expenses	1,000	\$750	\$7	\$750	\$750
626X	Internet Service Provider	\$-				\$-
6262	OC Emergency Supplies & Exp*	10,000	\$10,000	\$4,248	\$10,000	\$10,000
6265	Lease Agreements	3,000	\$3,000	\$2,750	\$3,000	\$3,000
6266	Broadband Committee Expenses				\$500	\$500
6267	Conservation Commission Expenses	500	\$500		\$500	\$-
6268	Constable Expenses			\$451	\$800	\$-
6250 Total	Town Office Expenses	31,500	\$29,750	\$22,989	\$36,850	\$32,750
6271	Street Lights	2,000	\$2,000	\$1,329	\$2,000	\$1,200
6272	Dog Kennel Expenses	0	\$-			\$-
6274	Stray Dogs (WCHS)	300	\$350	\$350	\$350	\$385
6276	Miscellaneous Town Expense	0	\$-			\$-
6270 Total	Town Expenses	2,300	\$2,350	\$1,679	\$2,350	\$1,585
6310	Accounting Services	0	\$-	\$28,000	\$13,600	\$-
6320	Legal Services	5,000	\$5,000	\$12,545	\$5,000	\$5,000
6330	Computer Services	1,750	\$3,500	\$6,759	\$3,500	\$7,000
6340	Law Enforcement	6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
6300 Total	Professional Services	12,750	\$14,500	\$53,304	\$32,100	\$22,000
6410	Moderator	300	\$500		\$500	\$500
6420	Ballot Clerks	1,500	\$750	\$540	\$1,700	\$600
6425	Town Meeting Expense - Misc	250	\$250	\$1,168	\$500	\$2,650
6430	Printing	1,000	\$1,000	\$219	\$1,000	\$-
6431	Produce Town Report	0	\$-		\$800	\$-
6435	Town Meeting Postage	200	\$200		\$200	\$-
6440	Special Town Meeting Expense	0	\$-	\$900		\$900
6400 Total	Town Meeting Expense	3,250	\$2,700	\$2,827	\$4,700	\$4,650
6450	Bridges - Other	0	\$-			\$-
6452	Bridge Construction-FUND	50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$30,000	\$-
6453	Bridge Maintenance_FUND	10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$-
6454	Bridge Construction - SRA*	0	\$-			\$-
6450 Total	Bridges**	60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$40,000	\$-
6281	Cemetery Appropriated Funds	5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	
6280 Total	Cemeteries	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	\$-
6610	Dispatching Fees	14,509	\$15,234	\$15,234	\$16,000	\$16,000
6620	Special UnLeaded Fuel	1,000	\$500	\$1,166	\$500	\$500

Acct. #	Acct. Description	Budget FY21	Budget FY22	Spent FY22	Budget FY23	Proposed FY23
6630	Fire Company Fees	1,000	\$1,000	\$950	\$1,000	\$1,000
6640	Equipment & Gear	6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000
6650	Contracted Ambulance Services	16,000	\$16,500	\$16,104	\$16,500	\$16,500
6600 Total	Halifax Fire Company & Ambulance	38,509	\$39,234	\$39,454	\$40,000	\$40,000
6710	WSWMD	4,800	\$4,800	\$4,791	\$4,850	\$5,319
6715	Contracted Recycling	12,000	\$20,000	\$18,281	\$20,000	\$20,000
6720	Landfill Monitoring	8,000	\$5,000	\$5,510	\$5,000	\$6,000
6730	Other	0	\$-			\$0
6700 Total	Environmental Expenses	24,800	\$29,800	\$28,582	\$29,850	\$31,319
6751	County Tax	8,700	\$10,000	\$10,478	\$11,000	\$10,000
6753	Short Term Interest	0	\$-			\$-
6754	Vt Education Property Tax	0	\$-			\$-
6755	Property Tax Refunds	0	\$-			\$-
6750 Total	Taxes and Interest	8,700	\$10,000	\$10,478	\$11,000	\$10,000
6810	Utilities	0	\$-			
6820	Rent	11,000	\$11,000	\$11,000	\$11,000	\$-
6830	Bond Payment	0	\$-			\$-
6840	Building & General Maintenance	0	\$-			\$-
6800 Total	Town Share of School Exp.	11,000	\$11,000	\$11,000	\$11,000	\$0
6851	Empl. Practices Liability	2,309	\$2,117	\$2,103	\$2,117	\$2,186
6852	Public Official Liability	943	\$1,085	\$1,090	\$1,085	\$991
6853	Workers Comp	14,947	\$18,197	\$12,475	\$18,197	\$17,591
6854	Property & Casualty	7,420	\$8,420	\$8,777	\$8,420	\$9,977
6855	Unemployment Insurance	127	\$305	\$675	\$305	\$1,068
6857	VLCT-Property & Casualty/EMT	0	\$-			\$-
6850 Total	Insurance	25,746	\$30,124	\$25,119	\$30,124	\$31,813
6910	Service Charges	0	\$-			\$-
6920	Returned Check Fees	0	\$-			\$-
6930	Late Fees and Finance Charges	0	\$-			\$-
6945	Bank Charges and Fees	0	\$-			\$-
6900 Total	Bank Charges and Fees	0	\$-			\$-
6000 Total	Selectboard Account	331,803	\$353,496	\$363,217	\$354,024	\$308,989
9300 Total	Reappraisal		\$-			\$-
6920 Total	Returned check fees					\$-
Total 7475	Supplementary Road Assis- tance (Audits; Town's share)		\$-			\$-

Acct. #	Acct. Description	Budget FY21	Budget FY22	Spent FY22	Budget FY23	Proposed FY24
6550 Total	Garage Bond* (see Highway also)					\$-
	Municipal Subtotal	331,803	\$353,496	\$363,217	\$354,024	\$308,989
Incomes against expenses	Paid by Eames Fund	1,500	\$1,500	\$-	\$1,500	
	Fees & Interest Earned	20,000	\$20,000	\$63,659	\$20,000	\$35,000
	Other Funding (VY Grant)	0	\$-			\$-
	Total Municipal	310,303	\$331,996	\$299,558	\$332,524	\$273,989
Raise & Appropriate	Highway Dept. Total (from other pg)	935,078	\$1,117,961	\$1,095,017	\$1,110,435	\$976,637
	Total SB and Highway	1,245,381	\$1,449,957	1,394,575	\$1,442,959	\$1,250,626

Highway Proposed Budget FY24 (July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024)						
Acct #	Acct. Description	Budget FY21	Budget FY22	Spent FY22	Budget FY23	Proposal FY24
7110	Road Crew Gross wages	\$233,667	\$240,000	\$229,352	\$246,505	\$267,513
7115	Road Crew Overtime wages	\$25,382	\$43,500	\$37,142	\$43,500	\$43,500
7120	Road Commissioner	\$7,200	\$7,200	\$7,200	\$7,200	\$7,200
7150	Road Crew Comp Time	\$-	\$-	\$3,364	\$-	\$-
7100 TOTAL SALARIES & WAGES		\$266,249	\$290,700	\$277,058	\$297,205	\$318,213
7295	Misc benefits(scrap metal)			\$1,673		\$-
7210	Conferences / Training	\$200	\$100	\$75	\$100	\$2,600
7220	Health Insurance	\$116,000	\$122,000	\$116,695	\$122,000	\$122,000
7230	Life Insurance	\$780	\$780	\$717	\$780	\$780
7260	Retirement	\$14,000	\$16,000	\$16,827	\$16,000	\$20,994
7270	Uniforms	\$4,500	\$4,000	\$4,385	\$4,000	\$4,000
7280	Hiring Costs / Drug Tests	\$250	\$250	\$690	\$250	\$250
7200 TOTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS		\$135,730	\$143,130	\$141,063	\$143,130	\$150,624
7305	FY2020 Deficit	\$40,000	\$-		\$-	\$-
7310	Electricity	\$2,000	\$2,400	\$2,721	\$2,400	\$2,400
7320	Heating Oil	\$5,000	\$4,000	\$5,194	\$6,000	\$12,000
7330	Communications (Phone)	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$1,931	\$2,200	\$2,200
7340	Building Repairs & Maint.	\$6,000	\$5,000	\$3,358	\$5,000	\$5,000
7360	Office Cleaning & Supplies	\$600	\$500	\$632	\$500	\$1,100
7370	Trash Collection	\$1,080	\$1,500	\$2,655	\$1,800	\$1,800
7380	Shop Supplies	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$10,070	\$9,000	\$9,000
7300 TOTAL GARAGE EXPENSES		\$63,680	\$22,400	\$26,562	\$26,900	\$33,500
7410	Sand	\$95,000	\$40,000	\$57,431	\$40,000	\$116,000
7420	Salt	\$25,000	\$26,000	\$24,569	\$26,000	\$26,000
7430	Gravel	\$95,000	\$130,000	\$186,117	\$120,000	\$120,000
7435	Stone, Crushed & Ditched	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$59,485	\$10,000	\$52,500
7436	Trucking Materials		\$95,000	\$14,135	\$95,000	\$-
7440	Chloride	\$7,000	\$10,000	\$7,141	\$20,000	\$25,000
7450	Const. - Other (salt shed)	\$-	\$-	\$3,384	\$-	\$2,000
7455	Miscellaneous Road Repairs			\$1,500		\$-
7460	Resurfacing - FUND	\$130,000	\$160,000	\$160,000	\$160,000	\$-
7462	Cold Patch & Culverts	\$13,000	\$15,000	\$14,794	\$15,000	\$15,000
7470	Roadside Mowing	\$-	\$-		\$-	\$-
7480	Road Signs	\$2,000	\$1,500	\$381	\$1,500	\$1,500
7490	Safety Gear	\$500	\$500	\$833	\$1,200	\$1,200
7400 TOTAL ROAD SUPPLIES & APPLIC.		\$372,500	\$483,000	\$529,768	\$488,700	\$359,200
TOTAL HIGHWAY BUDGET		\$838,159	\$939,230	\$974,451	\$955,935	\$861,537

EQUIPMENT BUDGET		Budget FY21	Budget FY22	Spent FY22	Budget FY23	Proposal FY24
	Equipment Reserve Fund	\$10,000	\$-		\$-	\$-
7615	Excavator (Lease)					
7640	Grader (Lease)	\$34,232	\$34,232	\$34,233		
7655	Loader/Tractor (Lease)	\$17,000	\$17,000	\$14,830	\$17,000	\$-
7696	Trucks (Lease)	\$68,000	\$98,000	\$38,238	\$80,000	\$80,000
7695	Interest on Lease	\$-	\$-	\$4,574	\$-	
7605 TOTAL EQUIPMENT LEASE		\$129,232	\$149,232	\$91,874	\$97,000	\$80,000
7610	Blower					
7611	Excavator Repairs					
7612	Grader Repairs					
7613	Loader/Tractor Repairs					
7620	Trimmer					
7625	Rake					
7630	Pressure Washer					
7635	Chloride Distributor					
7644	Shop Equipment	\$1,000	\$1,000		\$1,000	\$1,000
7645	Shop Supplies & Tools	\$500	\$500	\$2,543	\$500	\$500
7650	Power Saws			\$281		
7660	All Equipment	\$-	\$-	\$4,350	\$-	\$-
7665	Trucks	\$-	\$-	\$2,126	\$-	\$-
7670	Property & Casualty Insurance VLCT	\$11,688	\$13,000	\$15,703	\$13,000	\$17,600
7675	Chipper					
7676	Trailer					
7680	Repairs & Maintenance	\$60,000	\$105,000	\$140,890	\$105,000	\$105,000
7681	Tires		\$12,000		\$12,000	\$12,000
7682	Chains		\$2,500		\$2,500	\$2,500
7683	Plow/Grader Edges		\$5,000		\$5,000	\$5,000
7685	Diesel Fuel	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$59,065	\$75,000	\$75,000
7690	Finance Charge	\$-	\$-		\$-	
7600 TOTAL EQUIP OPERATING COSTS		\$252,420	\$338,232	\$316,832	\$314,000	\$298,600
6551	Garage Bond Interest	\$500	\$500	\$528	\$500	\$-
6552	Garage Bond Payment	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$7,280	\$10,000	\$-
6550 TOTAL GARAGE BOND (see slbrd)		\$10,500	\$10,500	\$7,807	\$10,500	\$-
SUBTOTAL HIGHWAY & EQUIPMENT				\$1,299,091	\$1,280,435	
Incomes Against Expenses	Scott Fund	\$14,000	\$14,000	\$14,000	\$14,000	\$14,000
	State Aid	\$141,000	\$145,000	\$156,240	\$145,000	\$152,000
	Other Funding	\$11,000	\$11,000	\$33,835	\$11,000	\$17,500
Raise and Appropriate Highway		\$935,079		\$1,095,017	\$1,110,435	\$976,637

Town of Halifax Equipment Schedule

Model Year	Equipment Description	Truck Number	Purchase Price	Purchase/ Lease	Normal Life Span (years)	Year of Replacement	Estimated Replacement Cost
2016	International Tandem Dump Truck	1	\$197,000.00	L	10	2027	\$250,000
2022	Western Star Tandem Axle Dump Truck	2	\$171,894.00	L	10	2031	\$250,000
2013	International Tandem Dump Truck	3	\$189,000.00	L	10	2023	\$250,000
2020	Western Star Single Axle Dump Truck	4	\$191,191.00	L	10	2030	\$250,000
2014	Ford F550 Truck	5	\$79,000.00	L	7	2021	\$65,000
2015	GMC Pickup	6	\$33,000.00	L	7	2022	\$55,000
2009	International Single Dump Truck	7		P			will be traded next
1994	Morbark Wood Chipper			P	15	2016	\$30,000
2009	Caterpillar Excavator		\$151,000.00	L	15	2024	\$175,000
2009	John Deere Loader		\$106,000.00	L	15	2025	\$135,000
2011	Caterpillar AWD Grader		\$288,745.00	L	15	2027	\$350,000
2014	New Holland Tractor		\$78,000.00	L	15	2032	\$120,000

Town of Halifax Lease and Reserve Plan January 2023

Lease	Description	Truck #	FY2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
Lease	2014 New Holland Tractor		\$17,000.00	\$17,000.00				
Lease	2016 International Tandem Dump Truck	1	\$28,596.00					
Lease	2020 Western Star Single Axle Dump Truck	4	\$38,238.20	\$38,238.20	\$38,238.20	\$38,238.20		
Lease	2022 Western Star Tandem Axle Dump Truck	2		\$34,378.80	\$34,378.80	\$34,378.80	\$34,378.80	\$34,378.80
Lease	Caterpillar AWD Grader		\$34,232.00					
	Total Lease Payments		\$118,066.20	\$89,617.00	\$72,617.00	\$72,617.00	\$34,378.80	\$34,378.80

Note: Lease payments above do not include interest.

TOWN OF HALIFAX
TAX RATE
FISCAL YEAR 2023

MUNICIPAL GRAND LIST	\$1,256,726.15
+/- Tax Appeals/Abatements	
NET MUNICIPAL GRAND LIST	<u>\$1,256,726.15</u>
MUNICIPAL BUDGET	
SELECTMEN'S BUDGET	\$1,442,959.00
TREASURER'S BUDGET	\$19,000.00
ARTICLE 6 HISTORICAL SOCIETY	\$3,500.00
OTHER VOTED NON-PROFITS	<u>\$20,390.00</u>
TOTAL MUNICIPAL BUDGET	<u>\$1,485,849.00</u>
STATE HOLD HARMLESS PAYMENT	(\$131,458.00)
TOTAL MUNICIPAL BUDGET MINUS HOLD HARMLESS	<u>\$1,354,391.00</u>
TAX on LOCAL AGREEMENTS (Town Voted Exemptions)	\$7,096.67
TOTAL MUNICIPAL TAXES TO BE RAISED	<u>\$1,361,487.67</u>
MUNICIPAL TAX RATE	1.0777
LOCAL AGREEMENTS TAX RATE	0.0056
TOTAL MUNICIPAL TAX RATE	1.0834
SCHOOL TAX - HOMESTEAD RATE	1.2271
SCHOOL TAX - NON-RESIDENTIAL TAX RATE	1.4395
TOTAL HOMESTEAD TAX RATE	2.3105
TOTAL NON-RESIDENTIAL TAX RATE	2.5229

APPROVED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN ON JULY 19, 2022

Lewis Sumner, Chairman

Peter Silverberg, Vice Chair

Trestan Roberts

Paul Blais

Patrick McAllister

OFFICIAL RETURN OF VOTES
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
ARTICLES 2 - 11
May 3, 2022

BALLOT ACCOUNTABILITY

Number of voters on checklist	600
Number of ballots counted (including absentees)	160
Number of ABSENTEE Ballots counted	71

		TOTAL
ARTICLE 2: Shall the Town collect taxes for the Town and the Halifax School District as follows: Taxes will be due on or before September 30, 2022 payable to the Town Treasurer. Taxes will become delinquent after September 30, 2022 and payable with penalties and interest to the Collector of Delinquent Taxes.	YES	149
	NO	4
	SPOILED	0
	BLANK	7
	TOTAL	160

		TOTAL
ARTICLE 3: Shall the Town apply any budget surplus from the current fiscal year (FY22) to reduce taxes in the next fiscal year (FY23).	YES	136
	NO	19
	SPOILED	0
	BLANK	5
	TOTAL	160

		TOTAL
ARTICLE 4: Shall the Town approve Selectboard and Highway expenditures of \$1,634,459 of which \$1,442,959 shall be raised by taxes and \$191,500 by non-tax revenues to care for the expenses and liabilities of the Town for FY23.	YES	133
	NO	21
	SPOILED	0
	BLANK	6
	TOTAL	160

		TOTAL
ARTICLE 5: Shall the Town set the Treasurer's budget for salary and collection of current taxes at \$15,000 plus \$4,000 for expenses for FY23.	YES	131
	NO	21
	SPOILED	0
	BLANK	8
	TOTAL	160

		TOTAL
ARTICLE 6: Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$3,500 for the Halifax Historical Society to borrow for the cost to reprint volume 1 of the two volume History of Halifax books.	YES	93
	NO	56
	SPOILED	2
	BLANK	9
	TOTAL	160

		TOTAL
ARTICLE 7: Shall the voters of Halifax support the return of three elected auditors, each for a term of 3 years beginning March 2023, in initially staggered terms of 1, 2 and 3 years?	YES	96
	NO	61
	SPOILED	0
	BLANK	3
	TOTAL	160

OFFICIAL RETURN OF VOTES CONTINUED

		TOTAL
ARTICLE 8: Shall the voters of the Town of Halifax decrease the size of the Selectboard from five to three members?	YES	74
	NO	84
	SPOILED	0
	BLANK	2
	TOTAL	160

ARTICLE 9: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of:		
\$ 200.00	Brattleboro Area Hospice	
\$ 550.00	Senior Solutions (Council on Aging for Southern Vermont)	
\$ 700.00	Woman's Freedom Center	
\$ 750.00	HCRS (Health Care and Rehabilitative Services)	
\$ 200.00	Youth Services	
\$ 50.00	Green Up Vermont	
\$ 250.00	American Red Cross	
\$ 790.00	Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA)	
\$ 500.00	The Gathering Place Adult Day Program	
\$ 1,900.00	Visiting Nurse Assn. & Hospice of Vermont & New Hampshire, Inc.	
\$ 4,000.00	Halifax Fire Department (First Responders)	
\$ 2,500.00	Wings Community Programs	TOTAL
\$ 500.00	Deerfield Valley Community Partnership	YES 145
\$ 2,000.00	Halifax Community Club	NO 10
\$ 500.00	Deerfield Valley Food Pantry	SPOILED 0
\$ 4,500.00	The Whitingham Free Public Library	BLANK 5
\$ 500.00	Windham County Disaster Animal Response Team	TOTAL 160

		TOTAL
ARTICLE 10: Shall the Town of Halifax vote to exempt the Trust for Wildlife from property taxation for the ensuing five years pursuant to Title 32 V.S.A. 3840?	YES	123
	NO	30
	SPOILED	0
	BLANK	7
	TOTAL	160

		TOTAL
ARTICLE 11: Shall the Town of Halifax vote to exempt the Halifax Volunteer Fire Company from property taxation for the ensuing five years pursuant to Title 32 V.S.A. 3840?	YES	145
	NO	12
	SPOILED	0
	BLANK	3
	TOTAL	160

ELECTED OFFICERS OF THE TOWN OF HALIFAX, VERMONT
For the Fiscal Year 2023

<u>TOWN OFFICE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>
TOWN MODERATOR (1 yr)	Paul G. Blais	2023
TOWN CLERK (3 yrs)	Patricia Dow	2023
TOWN TREASURER (3 yrs)	Patricia Dow	2023
SELECTMEN (3 yrs)	Tristan Roberts	2025
	Lewis Sumner, Chair	2023
	Peter Silverberg	2024
SELECTMEN (2 yrs)	Paul G. Blais, appointed	2023
	Patrick McAllister, appointed	2024
LISTERS (3 yrs)	Tina Blais	2023
	Mary L. Brewster	2025
	Patricia Dow	2024
AUDITORS (3 yrs)	VACANT 3 SPOTS	
COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES (1yr)	Mary Brewster	2023
TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS (3 yrs)	Steven M. Cohen	2025
	Paul G. Blais	2023
	William J. Moore	2024
CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS (3 yrs)	Patrick McAllister, appointed	2023
	Gary Rand, appointed	2024
	Linda Swanson, appointed	2025
HALIFAX SCHOOL MODERATOR	Paul G. Blais	2023
HALIFAX SCHOOL DIRECTORS	Homer "Chum" Sumner	2025
	Paul G. Blais	2023
	Amy Kamstra	2024
TRUSTEE TO THE WHITINGHAM LIBRARY	Catherine Bell	2024
JUSTICES OF THE PEACE (2 yrs)	Joan Wonsey-Courser	2025
	Patricia Pusey	2025
	Kaitlin Stone	2025
	Craig J. Stone	2025
	Malcolm K. Sumner	2025

APPOINTMENTS BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN
For the Fiscal Year 2022 - 2023

BOARD OF SELECTMEN, CHAIRMAN (1 yr)	Lewis Sumner
BOARD OF SELECTMEN, VICE CHAIRMAN (1 yr)	Peter Silverberg
BOARD OF SELECTMEN, SECRETARY/ADMIN. ASSISTANT (1 yr)	Roza Podlaski
HALIFAX PLANNING COMMISSION (3 yrs) (5 members)	E. Turner Lewis – Term Expires 2025
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT (3 yrs) (5 members)	Tom Fox - Term Expires 2023
	Thomas Tefft – Term Expires 2024
	William Pusey - Term Expires 2024
	Kaitlin Stone – Term Expires 2025
HALIFAX CONSERVATION COMMISSION (5 members)	Stephan Chait – Term Expires 2023
(4 yrs)	Laurel Copeland – Term Expires 2023
	Mary Horne – Term Expires 2025
	Leslie Pollitt – Term Expires 2024
	David Towler – Term Expires 2025
HALIFAX CELEBRATION COMMITTEE (1 year term each) (7 members)	Patricia Dow
	Paul G. Blais
	Tina Blais
	Joan Courser
	Gary Rand
	Andrea Rand
	<i>(position open)</i>
BROADBAND COMMITTEE & DV FIBER (1 year term each) (5 members)	Tristan Roberts
	Stephan Chait
	Jennie Strowe
	David Jones
	Thomas Fischer
DEERFIELD VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS UNION DISTRICT	Edee Edwards
	Tristan Roberts, Alternate
	Stephan Chait, Alternate
	David Jones, Alternate
	Jennie Strowe, Alternate
ROAD COMMISSIONER (1 yr)	Michael Fournier
TREE WARDEN (1 yr)	Sue Kelly
POUND KEEPER (1 yr)	Andrew Rice
REPRESENTATIVE TO COUNCIL ON AGING (1 yr)	<i>(position open)</i>
WINDHAM REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS (1 yr)	Stephan Chait & Edee Edwards
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR (4 yrs)	William Moore - Term Expires 2024
ACTING ZONING ADMINISTRATOR (4 yrs)	Rick Gay - Term Expires 2023
WINDHAM SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT REPS (1 yr)	Lewis Sumner and Stephen Chait
LOAN REVIEW COMMITTEE (1 yr)	Allan Dacey and Andrew Rice
ADA COORDINATOR (1 yr)	Robert Leete
E-911 COORDINATOR (1 yr)	Wayne Courser
RECYCLING COORDINATOR (1 yr)	Lewis Sumner
GREEN-UP VERMONT, INC. (1 yr)	Hope Phelan & Jessica Cooney
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR (1 yr)	Paul Blais
TOWN HEALTH OFFICER (3 yrs)	Susan M. Kelly, D.V.M. Expires 2023

CITATION TICKET RESPONSIBILITY (1 yr)
ENERGY CONSERVATION OFFICER (1 yr)
FIRST CONSTABLE (1 yr)
SECOND CONSTABLE (1 yr)
FIRE WARDEN (5 yrs)

Andrew Rice
Robert Leete
Andrew Rice
Roy Richardson
Malcolm Sumner – Term Expires 2025

NEWSPAPERS OF RECORD

Deerfield Valley News
The Commons

SELECTMEN'S MEETING DATES

Bi-Monthly on 1st and 3rd Tuesdays
6:00 P.M. at Town Office

Persons interested in any appointed position, please give your name to the Select Board, Select Board Assistant or the Town Clerk. Nominations and appointments are awarded during the first and second Select Board meetings in March after Town Meeting.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Halifax Broadband Committee

2022 Activity Report

In 2020, the Halifax Broadband Committee determined that Halifax had some of the worst Internet service in the entire state. We suggested that Halifax should become a founding member of the Deerfield Valley Communications Union District, a “CUD” now known as DVFiber. The Town Meeting vote to join was unanimous. DV Fiber has since grown to include 24 towns.

The District is community-owned and governed by Representatives of member towns. Edee Edwards has been our representative for the past year, with myself, David Jones, and Stephan Chait serving as alternates at various times. Even though we have a voice in the management of the District, Vermont law protects town taxpayers from having any financial responsibility for the District’s costs. In addition, residents have no obligation to take the service that will be offered by DV Fiber. The District relies on grants, loans, and customer revenues to pay its own way and will offer a quality of service equal or better to the best available anywhere.

Halifax is one of the first towns scheduled to be served by DVFiber. The rollout will begin in 2023 and will continue through 2025. Residents will be notified 1–2 months before service becomes available at their addresses. The Broadband Committee expects to help DVFiber to connect with our town through special events and outreach to groups that may benefit.

DV Fiber is committed to affordable pricing. DV Fiber is also committed to building a network that reaches every location in town and to coordinating financial assistance to those that would find the service difficult to afford. However, households will incur hookup costs to access service. The Broadband Committee has voiced concerns about affordability for homes with a long distance to the utility service, and/or locations with buried conduit.

In 2022, the Broadband Committee recommended that the town should allocate a portion of the funds obtained through American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to help these households. The Selectboard voted to commit \$40,000 for this purpose. These funds will be set aside and managed by DV Fiber in consultation with the Broadband Committee. Funds not used for the intended purpose will be returned.

You are welcome to attend any Broadband Committee meeting. Watch the town’s website and bulletin boards for notices of upcoming meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

Tristan Roberts

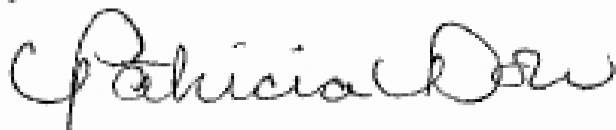
Chair

HALIFAX CELEBRATION COMMITTEE

The Committee was able to proceed with a 2022 Town Celebration. The day was well attended and enjoyed by all. Social distancing and safety was the main concern by the committee. The activities of the day included a Chili Cookoff, live music, bingo and hay rides.

This year the Chili Cookoff was the first ever at the Halifax Celebration. There were 4 entries of very delicious Chili. First place went to Melanie Dow and Dillyn Meyers, Second place went to Dan Longe and Third place went to Ric Owen. Thank you to everyone that entered. We look forward to future cooking contests. Richie Mitnick and Ethel Lee entertained us in the early afternoon with music from the 50's and 60's. Many children and adults enjoyed the face painting that was offered. As always, Bingo was very entertaining with Joel Howes at the bingo wheel with his comedy. The temperatures this year were a bit more chilly than we would have liked, the Fireman's Waterpolo was not able to be provided. During the day everyone enjoyed lawn games, hay rides provided by Malcolm Sumner and

We always try to make the day free as possible for everyone through the generous donations from businesses and individuals while maintaining the Celebration Fund to have future events. We would like to thank our sponsors including but not limited to Great River Hydro, Lisa Lucas, BJ's, Walmart, Shaws, Brattleboro Co-Op and to everyone who donated at the Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner provided during the day. We would like to thank Ray Combs for the most generous use of this handmade games, it is always fun to see the new games Ray builds. And a special thank you to the Celebration Committee for their generous donation of their time, energy and the hundreds of hours it takes to create these wonderful events for the townspeople. Thank you to all of you that attended and to everyone that gives us the opportunity to do this for all of you to enjoy.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Patricia Dow".

CELEBRATIONS
Town of Halifax
Fund Balance
July 2021 through June 2022

Fund Balance, July 1, 2021		\$17,055.06
Income		
3000 · INCOME		
3200 · Donations and Sponsors	326.59	
3300 · Breakfast Income	290.00	
3400 · Dinner income	629.00	
3600 · Sales of Textiles and Products	245.00	
3700 · Interest Income	8.40	
3800 · Gift Cards Donated	125.00	
Total 3000 · INCOME	<u>1,623.99</u>	
Total Income	<u>1,623.99</u>	1,623.99
Expense		
4000 · EXPENSES		
4100 · Advertising signs and displays	421.85	
4200 · Fund raising meals expenses		
4220 · Food Supplies Expense	442.79	
Total 4200 · Fund raising meals expenses	<u>442.79</u>	
4500 · Events expenses		
4520 · Games and Activites (sm)Expense	364.83	
4600 · Musical Entertainment Expense	700.00	
Total 4500 · Events expenses	<u>1,064.83</u>	
Total 4000 · EXPENSES	<u>1,929.47</u>	-\$1,929.47
Total Expense	<u>1,929.47</u>	
Net Income	<u><u>-305.48</u></u>	
Ending Fund Balance June 30, 2022		\$16,749.58

Note: The above expenses and income was from the celebration in 2021.

Cemetery Commission Report

The Cemetery Commission met twice in FY 2022 (July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022). The first, special, meeting was for the new commissioners to receive training from the outgoing commissioner. The second, regular, meeting was to sign deeds for new plots, approve new rates for cemetery maintenance, and discuss maintenance and restoration for all cemeteries in town.

Upon taking office in June, the Cemetery Commissioners ensured that all public cemeteries were scheduled for maintenance. They also organized a cemetery walk to allow the community to view the West Halifax, Center, Pennell Hill, and Niles Cemeteries.

Volunteers have cleaned, straightened, and repaired the headstones in Niles Cemetery, added topsoil and reseeded where necessary.

Cornerstones were placed on 1 grave at Niles and 1 at West Halifax. Monuments sites were marked for 2 graves at Center and 1 grave at Stanclift.

The Cemetery Commission looks forward to working closely with the community in the coming year to maintain, repair and restore the town's 22 cemeteries.

Commissioners

Linda Swanson

Gary Rand

Patrick McAllister

Halifax Community Club

The Halifax Community Club, active since 1952, is a volunteer-staffed community service organization, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit [EIN 82-1158399]. It is dependent for support on fundraising activities, the Town of Halifax, annual dues (\$5), and private donations. It owns and maintains the historic Halifax Community Hall at 20 Brook Road in West Halifax, a venue for Halifax events. The Halifax Community Club provides Senior Meal on the 3rd Friday of each month as well as memorial receptions and benefit fundraisers such as breakfast to support the Halifax Fire Company. The Halifax Community Club also arranges rental of, or sponsors the use of, the Hall for a wide variety of public and private events: meetings, baby showers, bridal showers, birthday parties, anniversary parties, funerals and memorial gatherings, benefit suppers, holiday parties, dances, slide shows, card parties, concerts, and pot-luck suppers.

Contacts: Joan Courser at JWCinVT@gmail.com or

(802) 368-7733 to reserve the Hall;

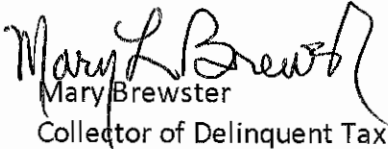
LaurelACopeland@gmail.com or (802) 368-2439 for general questions.

Collector of Delinquent Taxes

UPDATED: June 2022

REPORT FOR FY2022 (July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022)

Parcel ID	Beginning Balance	Del. Taxes Collected	Ending Balance
TAX WARRANTS ISSUED BY TOWN TREASURER			
Tax Warrant for FY 2018 (07/01/17-06/30/18)	\$ 1,345.69	\$ 1,345.69	\$ -
Tax Warrant for FY 2019 (07/01/18-06/30/19)	\$ 3,293.00	\$ 3,293.00	\$ -
Tax Warrant for FY 2020 (07/01/18-06/30/20)	\$ 24,946.38	\$ 24,946.38	\$ -
Tax Warrant for FY 2021 (07/01/20-06/30/21)	\$ 71,997.68	\$ 65,200.02	\$ 6,797.66
Tax Warrant for FY 2022 (07/01/21-06/30/22)	\$ 120,083.87	\$ 102,216.94	\$ 17,866.93
TOTAL DELINQUENT TAXES — FY18, FY19, FY20, FY21	\$ 221,666.62	\$ 197,002.03	\$ 24,664.59
Delinquent Taxes Collected			\$ 197,002.23
Tax Commission Collected			\$ 15,413.49
Interest Collected			\$ 18,629.56
Miscellaneous Costs Collected			\$ 38.70
TOTAL DEL. TAXES, COMMISSION, INTEREST & MISC. COSTS COLLECTED			\$ 231,083.98
TOTAL UNCOLLECTED DELINQUENT TAXES			\$ 24,664.59


Mary Brewster
Collector of Delinquent Tax



Report of the Halifax Conservation Commission

Mission Statement

The Halifax Conservation Commission, through education, advocacy, and action, is dedicated to the preservation, protection, and restoration of the natural environment and wildlife in balance with the surrounding cultural resources.

Meetings

The Conservation Commission holds meetings on the fourth Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm. The physical location for the meetings is 1581 Hanson Road with remote video and teleconference participation preferred. Agendas and minutes are posted on the Town website, halifaxvt.com. The Conservation Commission's email address is halifaxvtconserv@gmail.com. All are welcome to attend and participate in our meetings.

Invasive Plants

The Conservation Commission is working on providing the residents of Halifax information about five invasive plants, Barberry, Common Buckthorn, Japanese Knotweed, Oriental Bittersweet, and Wild (Poison) Parsnip, and on explaining why folks should care about them. There are many useful web sites to help identify these plants and explain how to remove them. As well as providing the useful web sites, we are working on easy-to-read flyers that can assist residents who may not have access to the Internet.

Cost-Effective Means of Protecting Culverts

The focus of this topic is finding ways to protect the town's culverts in a cost-effective way that is also beneficial to the natural environment, in this case, to avoid killing beavers. The most cost-effective means of protecting a culvert is to construct a device that lets beavers do what beavers do, just not right at the culvert. Thus the culvert does not get blocked and the road does not get flooded. This type of protection, a flow-control device, is cost-effective because it greatly reduces the need for the road crew to spend time and materials repairing blocked culverts and flooded roads.

Ash Tree Inventory

The Conservation Commission participated in the ash tree inventory organized by the Halifax Tree Warden. This work was part of a statewide effort due to the destructive consequences of the emerald ash borer beetle and the need to manage the expected widespread damage and loss of trees.

Going forward

Some upcoming topics the Conservation Commission are 1) Abenaki culture in Southern Vermont, 2) improving flood resiliency, and 3) emergency planning for animals.

Stephan Chait, Chair

Halifax Fire Co, Inc.
For 2022 a total of 103 calls this year

We wish to thank all that donated money to help out buying new equipment. We have to replace some equipment after so many years, called to 64 calls helping assist ambulances that respond. We respond to 18 mutual aid called, also received 7 mutual aid. Brush fires were bad this year.

Many Thanks,

Halifax Fire Co. Inc.
Wayne Courser

**Halifax Listers' Report
2022**

In 2022 there were very few grievances, and all were satisfactorily resolved, with no Board of Civil Authority appeals. We continue to follow up zoning permits with site visits. It is always our goal to maintain timely and accurate property records, participate in continuing education, and respond to the needs of our community.

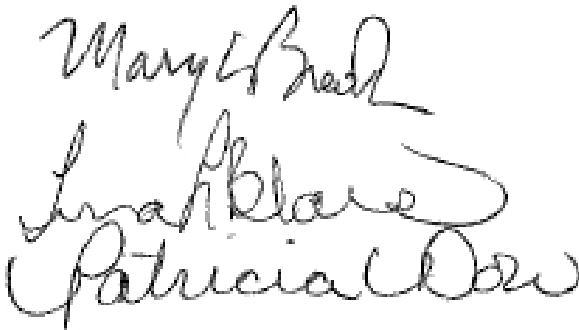
It is always our intent to be open, fair, and consistent during any assessment process. The Listers invite all property owners to call upon them to address any questions they might have. Property Cards are always accessible to the public at the Town Office, and we encourage property owners to review their property assessment. It is the responsibility of the property owner to initiate the grievance process for their property. We encourage you to check the posting of Grievance dates on the town website: May/June. For your convenience, you can contact us at any time during the year to request to be put on a "grievance reminder list."

Lister office hours are Wednesdays from 9am to 3pm; our phone number is 802-368-2080; email: <halifaxlisters@myfairpoint.net>. We are always willing to accommodate alternative appointment times to meet the needs of the community.

Mary L. Brewster

Tina Blais

Patricia Dow

The block contains three handwritten signatures in black ink. The first signature is 'Mary L. Brewster', the second is 'Tina Blais', and the third is 'Patricia Dow'. They are written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Board of Listers
Town of Halifax
PO Box 127
West Halifax, VT 05358-0127
802-368-7390**

October 4, 2022

To: Board of Selectman

Re: Lister's budget for 2023-2024

For fiscal year 2023-2024 the Lister's proposed budget will be \$26,000 for salaries and \$1000 for supplies and mileage. As our seminars will most likely occur online, the mileage budget will be negligible. We have factored in expenses for annual grievances and their attending additional hours. We have included \$695.00 for MLS membership.

Our other concern is the expense incurred for a future town-wide reappraisal. As the market values are going up and the state is requiring towns to reevaluate sooner than in the past we are concerned about having enough money in the reappraisal budget. We spent \$63,000 on the 2019-2021 reappraisal. Our current balance in that line item is \$24,000. The state pays our town roughly \$5,500 a year which will add an additional \$16,500 for our remaining 3 years, which will equal \$40,500. That leaves us at a deficit of \$22,500 assuming that the cost will be the same as last time: \$63,000. Cy Bailey, our District Adviser, has reported that, due to the rising market values it is likely that this will happen. Currently 40+ towns are conducting a town-wide reappraisal with 44 more are being mandated by the state to do so.

\$24,000 – Current balance in reappraisal budget

\$16,500 – State contribution to fund over next 3 year

\$40,500 -- Total in budget in 3 years

\$63,000 – cost of 2021 Reappraisal

-\$40,500

\$22,500 - Deficient in Reappraisal Budget if mandated in 2026 by state or \$7,500 a year budgeted.

The common level of appraisal (CLA) is determined by dividing the education grand list by the equalized education grand list. A number over 100% indicates that property is generally listed for more than its fair market value. A number less than 100% indicates that property is generally listed for less than its fair market value. A CLA below 85% or over 115% necessitates a reappraisal. The homestead and nonhomestead tax rates in our town will be adjusted by our town's CLA.

Our 2021 Equalization Study Results, after the town-wide reappraisal: CLA 1.0184%; COD was 9.79%. The 2021 reappraisal averaged 3 years of market values due to the sudden increase in market values at that time. Our next reappraisal will not average them and will calculate with the market values at the time of reappraisal.

Additional expense is currently included under "Professional Services; Computer and Internet:"

\$ 735.00 Annual Disaster Recovery

\$ 240.00 Cloud Use

\$ 5,000 Annual Support and License Agreement.

Total: \$5,975.00

To Recap for 2023-2024 Budget:

\$26,000 Lister's Salary

1,000 Lister supplies and mileage

\$27,000 Total Lister's Budget

\$ 7,500 2023-2024 Total contribution to "Reappraisal Budget"

\$ 5,975 Total Under "Professional Services; Computer and Internet"

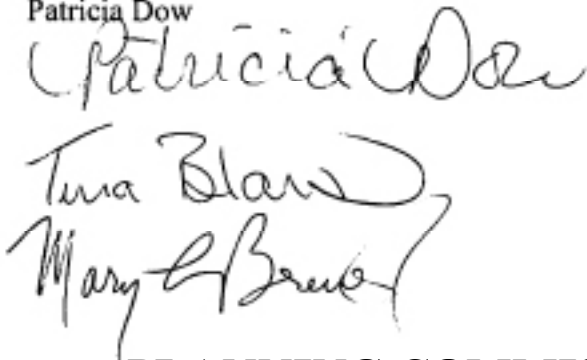
\$13,475 Total

Respectfully,

Mary L. Brewster

Tina Blais

Patricia Dow

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PLANNING COMMISSION AND ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT ANNUAL REPORT

It was a very quiet fiscal year 2021-2022 (July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022) for the Planning Commission as there was no new business that came up for discussion.

The Zoning Board of Adjustment had a slightly busier fiscal year 2021-2022 with four regular meetings held.

Regular Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Adjustment meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM with the Zoning Board at 7:00 and the Planning Commission directly following. The meetings are held at the Halifax Town Office meeting room, located at 246 Branch Road. Agendas and minutes are available on the town website, www.halifaxvt.com. Citizens are encouraged to attend and contribute their comments, concerns and ideas.

Turner Lewis, Chair

Planning Commission

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Road Commissioner Report

Before getting to the annual report, I want to thank my crew – Keith Stone, Ben Barnett, and Wade and Blake Janovsky. They're a great crew all around, but the weather this winter has forced them to deal with snow, ice, mud and washouts all in the same week. Extra thanks are in order.

Looking over the past year, it's been another busy and productive one for us. We had grants and other financial aid to do ditching on Deer Park, in addition to the other ditching we did on Pennel Hill, Stage, Aldrich, and Tony Hanson. We also removed a lot of stumps left from previous years along Moss Hollow, Pennel Hill, and Tony Hanson; we added new culverts on Stage, Thomas Hill, Aldrich, Deer Park, Hubbard Hill, Tony Hanson, Pennel Hill, and Cannon, and we put gravel on Amidon, Old County, Old Stage, Hatch, and Pennel Hill. The town also received a Class 2 Road Way paving grant, which was used for 2 miles of shim and overlay on Brook Road.

Looking ahead, we are in the process of getting a Better Back Roads grant for Fowler Road. The work there should be completed early this summer. The town has also applied for two clean water grants, which will be used on sections of Reed Hill and Deer Park. This was our first year with the new hydro seeder. It saved a lot of time, and we should have grass coming up in a week or two.

Finally, we all know what kind of a mud season we had last spring. It was extreme and we used a lot of stone that was not in our budget so people could get to work the best the weather allowed. We don't know what kind of mud season we'll have this year, but we've been putting gravel down between storms this winter to fill in ruts and washouts to stay ahead of things.

Your patience and support for the work the crew is doing is appreciated. Please feel free to stop in and see us at the garage when we are there or to call with any questions or concerns.

Thanks,

Mike

Town of Halifax Selectboard Report for FY 2023

The Halifax Selectboard met approximately 29 times since the 2022 election. The Board held in person meetings and provided remote video and call in options.

Appointments were made for the various town committees at the first Selectboard meeting after the 2022 election. The Selectboard also appointed a Chair and Vice-chair for the board at that time. Two new Selectboard members were appointed as of May 2022. The new members are Paul Blais and Patrick McAllister.

The Selectboard entered into a contract with the Windham County Sheriff's Office to provide law enforcement coverage for Halifax.

The FY24 Town budget was unanimously approved in January of 2023 for submission to the voters at town meeting.

The Post Office will stay in West Halifax for another five years after a contract was signed between the landlord and the U.S. Post Office in November of 2022.

Regular selectboard meetings will be held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the Halifax Town Offices. Regular and Special meetings as needed are warned by posting the agenda on the town website <https://halifaxvt.com/selectboard/meeting-agenda/> and on the town's bulletin boards. The bulletin boards are located at the Town Office, Post Office and by the mailboxes in Halifax Center.

The Selectboard encourages citizens to attend meetings in person, via remote video or via telephone to stay informed about and participate in town affairs. The link to the video meetings and the call in number are provided on each agenda.

Anyone who wishes to receive Selectboard meeting agendas by email should send a request to the secretary at halifaxsecretary@gmail.com or subscribe to the email list on the Selectboard page on the town website (<https://halifaxvt.com/selectboard>).

If you are interested in any of the town's appointed positions listed in this Town Report, please submit a letter to the Selectboard or email the secretary at halifaxsecretary@gmail.com. Appointments are made during the first two meetings following the Town Meeting.

Lewis Summer, Chair
Peter Silverberg, Vice Chair,
Paul Blais
Tristan Roberts
Patrick McAllister

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022

Appointments Made By Town Clerk

Assistant Town Clerk	William Moore
Assistant Town Clerk	Tina Blais
Deputy Registers	Mark Shea, James Curley, Tom Robinson, Lewis Sumner

Vital Records Filed

Marriages	2
Deaths	6
Births	3

Land Records Recorded

Affidavit	1
Affidavit of Survivorship	1
Action by Written Consent	1
Cemetery Deed	2
Certificate of Highway Mileage	1
Certificate of Members	1
Certificate of Non-Redemption	1
Certificate of Trust	5
Confirmation Order	1
Confirmatory Deed	1
Corrected Warranty Deed	1
Current Use	11
Death Certificate Recording	5
Delegation of Authority	2
Easement	14
Engineers Installers Certificate	1
Executors Deed	2
Foreclosure Complaints	2
Foreclosure Judgment & Decree	1
Grant of Development Rights	1
License to Sell	2
Life Estate Deed	3
Loan Modification	1
Mechanics Lien	1
Mortgage Assignments	1
Mortgage Deed	44
Mortgage Discharge	48
Notice of Levy of Real Estate Taxes	3
Notice of Tax Sale	3
Permit Driveway	7
Permit renewal	3
Permit Violation	1
Permit Violation Release	1
Permits Zoning	16
Power of Attorney	45
Property Transfer Tax Return	63

Town Clerk Report continued

Quit Claim Deed	7
Report on Tax Sale	3
Resolution	2
Right of First Refusal	1
Survey Maps	2
Tax Collectors Warrant	3
Trustees Certificate	3
UCC Financing	1
Warranty Deed	42
Wastewater & Potable Water Supply	3
Water Supply Replacement	

Total Documents Recorded: 369 Total Pages Recorded: 1178

Town Clerk Fees Turned Over to Town Treasurer

Recording Fees	\$ 16,565.00
Examination of Records & Copies	\$ 1,819.40
Notices for Posting of Land	\$ 110.00
Fish & Wildlife Licenses	\$ 61.50
Map Sales	\$ 30.00
Marriage Licenses	\$ 50.00
Town Plan/Zoning Books	\$ 0.00
Green Mountain Passports	\$ 6.00
Burial Transit Permits	\$ 15.00
Dog Licenses (Town Clerk Fees)	\$ 428.00
Certified Copies of Vital Records	\$ 110.00
TOTAL TOWN CLERK FEES	\$ 19,194.90
 Town Portion of Dog licenses	 \$ 791.00

Total Dogs Licensed in calendar year 2022

196 Dogs Total Fees Collected \$ 2,059.00

Accounting of All Dog License Fees Collected in calendar year 2022

State Rabies Fund	196 Dogs @ \$ 1.00 per dog	\$ 196.00
State Neutering & Spaying Fund	196 Dogs @ \$ 4.00 per dog	\$ 784.00
Town Clerk Fees	196 Dogs @ \$ 2.00 per dog	\$ 392.00
Balance Remitted to Town Treasurer		<u>\$ 687.00</u>
Total Dog License Account		\$ 2,059.00

\$ 4.00 of every \$ 15.00 recorded item is split between the Restoration of Records Fund and the Office Equipment Fund each year.

Restoration of Records Funds for Fiscal year 2021-2022	\$ 2,208.67
Office Equipment Fund for Fiscal year 2021-2022	\$ 2,208.67

TREASURER'S TOWN ACCOUNT
Fiscal Year 7/1/21 - 6/30/22

Prepared by:
Patricia Dow, Treasurer

<u>CASH BALANCES</u>	<u>June 30, 2021</u>	<u>June 30, 2022</u>
1100 General Account	22,304.37	50,226.81
1110 Scott & Eames Fund - New Town Garage	20,347.84	20,316.84
1120 Equipment	-7,083.11	55,349.35
1125 Resurfacing Fund	57,500.51	89,000.31
1130 Record Restoration Fund - TC fees funded	13,448.87	15,657.54
Auditor - celebration external fund	17,055.06	17,055.06
1140 Niles	2,453.62	1,853.62
1155 Grants ARPA	0.00	99,234.19
1160 ReAppraisal Project - outside funding	22,802.50	24,568.13
1170 Office equipment Fund - TC fees funded	7,422.71	8,807.63
1180 Cemetery	9,536.26	10,852.02
1191 New Town Garage - Reserved Funding	7,806.14	7,806.14
1192 Bridge Fund - Reserved Funding	20,236.38	59,994.86
TOTAL CASH BALANCES	193,831.15	460,722.50

<u>REVENUES - Selectboard & Highway</u>	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
5100 · PROPERTY TAXES		
5110 · Residential & Land Property Tax	2,838,665.25	
9910 · Vermont Education Property Tax	0.00	
9900 · School Portion/Taxes pd school	-1,623,731.20	
6951 · Property Tax Overpayments	-32,034.04	
5120 · Delinquent Tax Receipts	187,098.94	
5130 · Current Use Reimbursement Receipts	123,519.00	
5140 · HS-122 State tax adjustment	54,043.10	
5180 · Equalization Study	657.00	
Total 5100 · PROPERTY TAXES		1,548,218.05
5200 · LICENSES, PERMITS, FEES		
5280 · Special License, Permit, & Fees	135.00	
5230 · Town Clerk Fees	15,047.57	
5240 · Dog Licenses	791.00	
5250 · Driveway, Right of Way permit	240.00	
Total 5200 · LICENSES, PERMITS, FEES		16,213.57
5400 · SPECIAL PROJECT FUNDING		
5430 · SCOTT or EAMES FUND	14,000.00	
5440 - Grants	101,789.02	
5410 - Resurfacing Appropriations	160,000.00	
5425 - Bridge Appropriations	60,000.00	335,789.02
5600 · INTEREST INCOME		
5622 · Delinquent Tax Interest	17,085.87	
5611 · General Account	821.52	
Total 5600 · INTEREST INCOME		17,907.39
5700 · MISCELLANEOUS		
5730 · Miscellaneous	1,879.26	
5720 · Bank Charge Recovery	125.00	
5710 · Fines	27,533.50	
Total 5700 · MISCELLANEOUS		29,537.76

TREASURER'S TOWN ACCOUNT
Fiscal Year 7/1/21 - 6/30/22

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5800 · REVENUE TO HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

5890 - Grants	25,524.68
5885 - Equipment Appropriated Budget	349,232.00
5810 - State Highway Aid	156,239.77
5820 - Materials Sales and Service	7,548.40
5830 - Excess Weight Permits	155.00
5850 - Refunds	606.49
5860 - Insurance Claims	

Total 5800 · REVENUE TO HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

539,306.34

5501 · SELF FUNDING

5590 - Delinquent Tax Penalty	14,624.18
5595 - Delinquent Tax Sale Exp. Recovery	1,333.38
5124 - Tax Sale Overpayment	3,000.00
5123 - Excrow Acct - Tax Sales	50,395.33
5585 - Office Equipment Fund	2,208.66
6680 - Record Restoration Fund	2,208.67
5210 - Zoning	1,210.00

Total 5501 · SELF FUNDING

74,980.22

5650 Cemetery Income

8,087.13

5300 · ANNUAL PROJECT FUNDING

5340 - Lister Education Funding	
5320 - Reappraisal	5,584.50

Total 5300 · ANNUAL PROJECT FUNDING

5,584.50

COMBINED REVENUES

2,575,623.98

SELECTBOARD EXPENSES

6100 · SALARIES & WAGES - Town

6113 · Selectboard Assistant	9,206.00
6180 · Assistant Treasurer	1,000.00
6152 · EMD Compensation	2,625.00
6121 · Town Clerk Assistant	2,715.00
6112 · Selectboard Secretary	2,125.00
6110 · Selectboard Salary	7,650.00
6120 · Town Clerk Salary	24,996.00
6130 · Lister Wages/ Regular	15,074.00
6140 · Plan/Zone Secretary Wage	504.00
6160 · Auditor Wages	860.00
9410 · Constable Salary	4,549.00

Total 6100 · SALARIES & WAGES

71,304.00

6200 · EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

6210 · Workshops/Conferences/Training	152.00
6240 · Retirement-Town Share-Town Clerk	1,562.28

Total 6200 · EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

1,714.28

9700 - Payroll Expenses (FICA & Medicare)

29,767.36

6250 · TOWN OFFICE EXPENSES

6265 · Lease Agreements	2,750.00
6262 · EOC Emergency Supplies & Exp	4,247.89
6251 · Repairs & Maintenance	1,627.52
6252 · Telephone	3,969.77
6253 · Dues & Subscriptions	4,995.73
6254 · Ads & Legal Notices	943.80

TREASURER'S TOWN ACCOUNT
Fiscal Year 7/1/21 - 6/30/22

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6255 · Office Supplies	1,182.60	
6256 · Lister Supplies	2,246.94	
6261 · Planning Commission Expense	7.00	
9420 - Constable Expenses	451.00	
6260 · Selectmen Expenses	566.65	
Total 6250 · TOWN OFFICE EXPENSES		22,988.90
6270 · TOWN EXPENSES		
6271 · Street Lights	1,329.18	
tax sale property purchase	12,018.93	
6274 - Stray Dogs	350.00	
6275 - Appropriated Fund Transfer	574,232.00	
6276 - Miscellaneous		587,930.11
6300 · PROFESSIONAL SERVICES		
6340 · VT Law Enforcement Services	6,000.00	
6310 - Accounting Services	28,000.00	
6320 · Legal Services	12,544.85	
6330 · Internet & Computer Services	6,758.79	
6350 - Misc Professional Services		
Total 6300 · PROFESSIONAL SERVICES		53,303.64
6400 · TOWN MEETING/ELECTIONS EXPENSE		
6425 · Town Meeting Expense - Misc	1,167.71	
6435 · Town Mtg Postage		
6440 - Special Town Meeting	900.00	
6420 · Ballot Clerks	540.00	
6430 · Printing	219.02	
Total 6400 · TOWN MEETING/ELECTIONS EXPENSE		2,826.73
6450 - Bridges		20,241.52
6600 · FIRE COMPANY		
6650 · Contracted Ambulance Services	16,103.98	
6640 · Equipment & Gear	6,000.00	
6620 - Special UL Fuel	1,165.80	
6630 - Fire Company Insurance & Dues	950.00	
6610 · Dispatching Fee	15,234.00	
Total 6600 · FIRE COMPANY		39,453.78
6850 · INSURANCE		
6855 · VLCT-Unemployment Insurance	675.00	
6851 · VLCT-Employment Practices Liabi	2,102.50	
6852 · VLCT-Public Officials Liability	1,090.00	
6853 · VLCT-Workers Comp	12,475.00	
6854 · VLCT-Property & Casualty	8,776.50	
Total 6850 · INSURANCE		25,119.00
6700 · ENVIRONMENTAL EXPENSES		
6715 · Contracted Recycling	18,281.10	
6710 · WSWMD	4,790.84	
6720 · Landfill Closure	5,510.31	
6730 - Other		
Total 6700 · ENVIRONMENTAL EXPENSES		28,582.25
6750 · TAXES & INTEREST EXPENSES		
6751 · County Tax	10,478.00	
Total 6750 · TAXES & INTEREST EXPENSES		10,478.00
6800 - Town Share of School Expenses (plowing)		11,000.00
otal 6000 · SELECTBOARD ACCOUNT		<u>904,709.57</u>

TREASURER'S TOWN ACCOUNT
Fiscal Year 7/1/21 - 6/30/22

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7000 · HIGHWAY ACCOUNT

6550 · NEW TOWN GARAGE

6551 · BOND INTEREST PAYMENT 527.50

6552 · BOND PAYMENT 7,279.85

Total 6550 · NEW TOWN GARAGE

7,807.35

7100 · Salaries & Wages

7150 · Road Crew Comp Time 3,364.19

7115 · Road Crew Overtime Wages 37,141.88

7110 · Road Crew Gross Wages 229,352.09

7120 · Road Commissioner Salary 7,200.00

Total 7100 · Salaries & Wages

277,058.16

7200 · Employee Benefits & Expenses

7220 · Health Insurance 116,694.72

7210 · Training & Education 75.00

7230 · Life Insurance 717.14

7260 · Retirement-Town Share 16,827.20

7270 · Uniform Town Contribution 4,385.37

7280 · Advertisements 690.00

7295 · Miscellaneous 1,673.40

Total 7200 · Employee Benefits & Expenses

141,062.83

7300 · Garage Expenses

7310 · Electric 2,720.96

7320 · Heating Fuel 5,193.83

7330 · Telephone 1,931.36

7340 · Building Repair & Maint 3,358.31

7360 · Office & Cleaning Supplies 631.80

7370 · Trash Collection 2,655.40

7380 · Shop Supplies 10,070.19

Total 7300 · Garage Expenses

26,561.85

7400 · Road Supplies & Applications

7435 · Stone 59,485.00

7455 · Misc 1,500.00

7436 · Trucking Materials 14,135.00

7410 · Sand 57,430.50

7420 · Salt 24,568.88

7430 · Gravel 186,116.50

7440 · Chloride 7,140.52

7450 · Construction 3,384.08

7462 · Cold Patch & Culverts 14,794.15

7460 · Resurfacing 152,254.87

7480 · Road Signs 381.00

7490 · Safety Gear 832.93

Total 7400 · Road Supplies & Applications

522,023.43

TREASURER'S TOWN ACCOUNT
Fiscal Year 7/1/21 - 6/30/22

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7600 · EQUIPMENT EXPENSE ACCOUNT-FUND		
7696 · Equipment Lease Payments	87,300.56	
7695 · Interest on loan	4,573.75	
7685 · Diesel Fuel	59,065.10	
7680 · Repairs & Maintenance	140,890.34	
7670 · VLCT Property & Casualty/Equip	15,703.00	
7645 · Shop Supplies & Tools	2,542.91	
7650 - PowerSaws	280.63	
7660 - All Equipment	4,350.00	
7665 - Trucks	2,126.00	
Total 7600 · EQUIPMENT EXPENSE ACCOUNT-FUND		316,832.29
Total 7000 · HIGHWAY ACCOUNT		<u>1,291,345.91</u>
9000 · INDEPENDANT FUNDED ACCOUNTS & FUNDS VOTED ON AT TOWN MEETING		
9500 · TREASURER		
9510 · Salary	15,990.00	
9520 · Expenses	4,000.00	
Total 9500 · TREASURER		19,990.00
8200 · COMMISSIONS & EXPENSES		
8210 · Delinquent Tax Collector	15,253.58	
8310 · Delinquent Tax Coll Expense	178.69	
8355 - Tax Sale Expenses	55,386.97	
8220 · Zoning Admin/Permit Fees	1,240.00	
Total 8200 · COMMISSIONS		72,059.24
9210 - Restoration Fund expenditures		
8360 - Grants Expenditures	2,554.83	
9220 - Office Equipment Fund expenditures	480.79	3,035.62
9300 · REAPPRAISAL PROJECT		
9310 - Wages	2,749.00	
9320 - Expenses	1,069.87	3,818.87
9600 · SPECIAL FUNDS-voted at town mtg		
9638 - WINDART	500.00	
9637 · Halifax Celebrations		
9636 · Deerfield Valley Food Pantry	500.00	
9635 · Deerfield Valley Community Part	500.00	
9632 · American Red Cross	250.00	
9631 · Green Up Vermont	91.00	
9630 · The Gathering Place	500.00	
9629 · SEVCA So.East VT Comm Act	790.00	
9627 · Halifax Community Club	2,000.00	
9626 · Youth Services	200.00	
9625 · Halifax EMS/Fire Company	2,500.00	
9623 · Wings Community Program	2,500.00	
9612 · VISITING NURSE ALLIANCE	1,900.00	
9614 · Brattleboro Area Hospice	200.00	
9615 · Council on Aging for SE Vt	550.00	
9617 · Healthcare & Rehab Services	750.00	
9618 · Whitingham Free Library	4,500.00	
9620 - Whitingham Ambulance	1,500.00	
9619 · Women's Crisis Center	700.00	
Total 9600 · SPECIAL FUNDS-voted at town mtg		20,431.00

TREASURER'S TOWN ACCOUNT
Fiscal Year 7/1/21 - 6/30/22

Prepared by:
Patricia Dow, Treasurer

6570 · CEMETERY ACCOUNT

6572 · Equipment Rental	3,599.00
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6573 · Wages	2,329.50
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6575 - Contracted Maintenance	700.00
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6571 - Other	1,005.44
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Total 6570 · CEMETERY ACCOUNT

TOTAL EXPENSES

TOTAL COMBINED EXPENSES

7,633.94

126,968.67

2,323,024.15

Tree Warden's Report

Tree wardens throughout Vermont are working hard to minimize the impact of invasive pests. Of top concern is the emerald ash borer (EAB), a beetle that has killed hundreds of millions of trees in North America. The larvae of this beetle kill over 99% of the trees they infest.

Because the damage is inside the trunk and not on the leaves, EAB infection isn't easy to spot until it is very advanced. By then, the trunk is so weak that there is a risk of the tree collapsing in any direction at any time. This is of special concern when the tree stands next to a road. Sudden collapse or loss of major limbs could be very dangerous if a person is in the path of the falling wood or a driver suddenly comes upon a large tree blocking the road.

For this reason, and to slow the spread of infection, the State of Vermont urges the removal of roadside ash trees BEFORE they are dead or dying. This is going to be a long and expensive process.

The first step is to identify where roadside ash trees are located. Using a mobile app provided by the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation (FPR), volunteers from the Halifax Conservation Commission joined me last year in creating an inventory of all the roadside ash trees in Halifax. Walking every road in town, we recorded the location, size and health status of 4,976 ash trees.

This information made it possible to identify which trees to prioritize for removal. FPR stepped up again to assist by offering matching grants of up to \$5,000 for tree removal. Halifax received a grant and this is why the voters of Halifax will be asked to approve spending \$5,000 in FY23 on ash tree removal. The grant is only available to us if the Town invests an equal amount or more.

The sad truth is, we are going to lose virtually all of our beautiful ash trees in the next several years because we can slow the spread of EAB but we can't stop it. There are strategies on the horizon for controlling emerald ash borer, but they won't be widely available in time to save our trees.

Removing trees while they are healthy costs a small fraction of what it costs to remove them once disease sets in. This is another reason to start removal now rather than later.

Please note! Landowners can reduce the cost to taxpayers by cutting roadside ash trees on their property that are within the town right-of-way. If all of us make this effort, we will save many thousands in tax dollars over the next five years!

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Kelly

Halifax Tree Warden

Cael Fund (& School Funds)

July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022

<u>Cael Fund</u>		<u>School Accounts</u>	
July 1, 2021		<u>Mary P. Butterfield (Citizenship \$10.00)</u>	
Brattleboro S/L CD #900021802	\$30,500.00	Bratt. S/L CD #21802	\$200.00
Brattleboro S/L CD # 900019972	\$27,000.00	Bratt. S/L Money Market	\$5.35
Brattleboro S/L CD # 900019980	\$10,000.00	July 1, 2021 Total	\$205.35
Brattleboro S/L CD # 900021799	\$24,300.00	Interest Earned	\$4.03
Brattleboro S/L Money Market	\$5,887.03	June 30,2022	\$199.38
Subtotal	\$97,687.03		
Interest Earned	\$1,527.78	Hank Wonsey (Outstanding Poet)	\$10.00
Subtotal	\$99,214.81	Bratt. S/L CD #21802	\$200.00
Less Checks{scholarships/school awards} \$2,085.00		Bratt. S/L Money Market	\$28.62
Less Bank Service Charges	\$35.40	July 1, 2021 Total	\$228.62
		Interest Earned	\$4.03
Total	\$97,094.41	June 30, 2022	\$222.65
June 30, 2022		<u>Elizabeth Stott (Willingness Award \$5.00)</u>	
Brattleboro S/L CD #900021802	\$30,500.00	Bratt. S/L CD #21802	\$100.00
Brattleboro S/L CD #900021799	\$24,300.00	Bratt. S/L Money Market	\$9.62
Brattleboro S/L CD #900019972	\$27,000.00	July 1, 2021 Total	\$109.62
Brattleboro S/L CD #900019980	\$10,000.00	Interest Earned	\$2.02
Brattleboro S/L Money Market	\$5,318.01	June 30,2022	\$106.64
Total	\$97,118.01		
		<u>Sam Maltese (Writing Award \$10)</u>	
		Bratt. S/L CD #21799	\$300.00
		Bratt. S/L Money Market	\$7.18
		July 1, 2021 Total	\$307.18
		Interest Earned	\$5.98
		June 30,2022	\$303.16
		<u>William Ashcroft (Academic Progress Award \$50.00)</u>	
		Bratt. S/L MM July 1, 2021 bal.\$300.00; 06, 2022 \$300.00 - \$50.00 bal. \$250.00	

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Town of Halifax Cemetery Fund

Balance Sheet

As of June 30, 2022

	Jun 30, 22
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
10000 · TD Bank North	10,750.90
10001 · TD Bank Savings	6,898.63
Total Checking/Savings	17,649.53
Other Current Assets	
18700 · Stock Investment	4,020.00
Total Other Current Assets	4,020.00
Total Current Assets	21,669.53
TOTAL ASSETS	21,669.53
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
30000 · Opening Balance Equity	14,634.50
32000 · Unrestricted Net Assets	6,725.44
Net Income	309.59
Total Equity	21,669.53
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	21,669.53

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Accrual Basis

Eames Fund

Balance Sheet

As of June 30, 2022

	Jun 30, 22
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Brattleboro S&L - Savings	432.70
Brattleboro S&L CD	71,939.47
BS&L 5yr StepUp CD	59,788.75
Total Checking/Savings	132,160.92
Total Current Assets	132,160.92
TOTAL ASSETS	132,160.92
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	126,211.44
Unrestricted Net Assets	3,989.70
Net Income	1,959.78
Total Equity	132,160.92
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	132,160.92

Scott Fund

Beginning Value 7/1/21	\$	343,216.02
Distribution to Town	\$	14,000.00
Ending Value 6/30/22	\$	318,451.56

TYPE	DESCRIPTION	PRICE/SHARE	SHARES	VALUE		
Cash						
	Cash			\$	9,019.17	
Stocks						
	AT&T INC	\$ 20.99	300.0	\$	6,297.00	
	BCE INC	\$ 49.08	210.0	\$	10,306.80	
	BHP GROUP LTD ADR	\$ 56.32	100.0	\$	5,632.00	
	CORTEVA INC	\$ 53.56	160.0	\$	8,569.60	
	CROWN CASTLE INC	\$ 174.99	45.0	\$	7,874.55	
	DOMINION ENERGY Inc	\$ 78.14	48	\$	3,750.72	
	DOW INC	\$ 53.14	260.0	\$	13,816.40	
	DUKE ENERGY CORP NEW	\$ 104.53	145	\$	15,156.85	
	EMERSON ELECTRIC CO	\$ 82.03	50.0	\$	4,101.50	
	ENBRIDGE INC	\$ 41.78	200.0	\$	8,356.00	
	FORD MOTOR CO DEL	\$ 12.01	383.0	\$	4,599.83	
	GSK PLC	\$ 43.69	109	\$	4,762.21	
	IRON MOUNTAIN INC REIT	\$ 49.46	100.0	\$	4,946.00	
	JOHNSON & JOHNSON	\$ 182.29	58.0	\$	10,572.82	
	ONEOK INC	\$ 54.57	103.0	\$	5,620.71	
	PFIZER INC	\$ 51.59	400.0	\$	20,636.00	
	PHILLIPS 66	\$ 84.20	100	\$	8,420.00	
	PHYSICIANS REALTY TRUST	\$ 17.34	262.0	\$	4,543.08	
	PROCTER & GAMBLE CO	\$ 144.35	140.0	\$	20,209.00	
	SOUTHERN CO	\$ 69.83	200.0	\$	13,966.00	
	VENTAS INC	\$ 51.23	80.0	\$	4,098.40	
	VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS	\$ 50.96	67.0	\$	3,414.32	
	VODAFONE GROUP PLC NEW	\$ 15.66	36.0	\$	563.76	
	W P CAREY INC	\$ 85.78	100.0	\$	8,578.00	
	WARNER BROS DISCOVERY INC	\$ 14.28	72.0	\$	1,028.16	
	WELLTOWER INC REIT	\$ 83.36	155.0	\$	12,920.80	
	WOODSIDE ENERGY GROUP LTD	\$ 21.32	36	\$	767.52	
Limited Partnerships						
	MARTIN MIDSTREAM PTNRS L P LTD	\$ 3.65	975.0	\$	3,558.75	
Mutual Funds						
	JH BOND A	\$ 13.86	2835.545	\$	39,300.65	
	JH EQUITY INCOME A	\$ 19.61	155.656	\$	3,052.41	
Bonds						
	AT&T INC GLOBAL NOTE		\$5,000.00	\$	5,719.05	09/01/2037 \$5,000.00
	DEERE & CO DEBENTURE		\$5,000.00	\$	6,200.35	05/15/2030 \$5,000.00
	GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP INC MTN		\$5,000.00	\$	5,181.75	09/15/2041 \$5,000.00
	PRUDENTIAL FINANCIAL INC MTN		\$10,000.00	\$	10,731.70	11/15/2040 \$10,000.00
	PRUDENTIAL FINANCIAL INC MTN		\$10,000.00	\$	11,531.70	06/21/2040 \$10,000.00
	VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC NT		\$10,000.00	\$	10,648.00	04/01/2041 \$10,000.00
	Total			\$	318,451.56	

REGIONAL REPORTS

Deerfield Valley Community Partnership

The Deerfield Valley Community Partnership (DVCP) is celebrating its 28th year of working on preventing alcohol, tobacco and other drug use among our youth. We are fortunate to have incredibly dedicated staff including Jen Nilsen, Shelley Park and newly hired Tucker Boyd on our team. We have sponsored the following programming and activities in our schools and communities:

Community Activities:

- *Parent Education:* Informational mailings/newsletters, speaker events, and presentations.
- *Policy work:* Smoke free parks & business entrances, legislative advocacy (conversations with state legislators about substance use and health issues), substance free community events.
- *Social Norms Campaigns:* ParentUP (parent education & tips), Parenting During the Pandemic Talk-Track-Secure.
- *Trainings:* Annual Department of Liquor Control Responsible Beverage Service training for local retailers to prevent sales of alcohol and tobacco to minors.
- *Community Events:* Choose Snow (collaboration with Mount Snow for student/parent educational presentations and student season passes); Summer Family Fun Frenzy Event; and partnered with Wings Community Programs on Hike 100 and Winter Place.
- *Sticker Shock-* Collaboration with local retailers to inform the public about Vermont laws and penalties for providing alcohol to minors.
- *Partnering with Voices of Hope:* Provided funding. Work included education on stigma around substance abuse disorders; Narcan education to businesses and community members; information regarding addiction and opioids; and access to resources.

School Activities:

- *Youth Empowerment Programming:* High school community service group (Wildcat Club), high school prevention groups (OVX), middle school Vermont Kids Against Tobacco (VKAT), and middle school prevention group (Above the Influence).
- *Substance Abuse Prevention Curriculum* for all students in grades 5-8.
- *Student Assistance Program:* Screening and referrals at Twin Valley Middle High School for substance abuse and mental health issues, in addition to support for students whose personal issues may interfere with their capacity to function effectively in the educational process.
- *Smoking/Vaping Cessation:* Virtual programs to support students to quit vaping or smoking.
- *Presentations/Speakers:* Presentations on a variety of topics including substance use prevention, risk-taking, peer pressure, making healthy choices, etc.
- *School Staff Trainings* on alcohol, tobacco and other drugs.

Most DVCP initiatives are funded by state and federal grants. Town funds assist in paying for our direct programming with youth and parents.

DVCP holds meetings every other month with all (adults and youth) encouraged to attend. Partnership meetings include dinner, reports of activities that have happened over the past month, brainstorming new ideas, and making decisions on use of grant funds. The DVCP office is located at the Old School Community Center at 1 School Street, Wilmington.

For more information: check our website at www.DVCP.org or find us on Facebook or call 802-464-2202.

Respectfully submitted, Cindy Hayford, DVCP Coordinator



1 School Street, Wilmington, Vermont 05363

October 20, 2022

Patty Dow

Halifax Town Clerk

P.O. Box 127

Halifax, VT 05358

Dear Patty,

I would like to request funding for the Deerfield Valley Community Partnership again this year. We would like to request the same amount of funding (\$500) as we did last year from the Halifax town budget. Listed below are the services that we have provided or collaborated on for the town of Halifax and its citizens:

- Hosting Community Family Substance Free Events in the Valley
- Implementing prevention curriculum for all students in grades 5-8
- Doing advocacy work at the state level with high school students
- Hosting alcohol, tobacco and other drug trainings for teachers
- Sending newsletters to all town voters on alcohol, tobacco and other drug issues
- Sponsoring empowerment/leadership groups for middle and high school students
- Sponsoring tobacco awareness activities and offering virtual vaping/smoking cessation programs for high school students
- Supporting the Voices of Hope Group with funding
- Partnering with the Department of Liquor Control and local retailers for retailer training on alcohol and tobacco sales to prevent selling to minors
- Working to make outdoor spaces smoke-free and installing cigarette buttlers at businesses with 802 Quits Cessation information
- Sponsoring a Community Service Program at the Twin Valley Middle High School
- Supporting the Student Assistance Program at the Twin Valley Middle High School
- Informational mailings/newsletters, speaker events, and presentations for pare

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Cindy C. Hayford

2022 Deerfield Valley Food Pantry Annual Report

The Deerfield Valley Food Pantry remained open throughout our 2021-2022 year with the use of curbside delivery distribution method as well as normal distribution method as COVID-19 levels rose and fell throughout the year. We continue to provide a week's worth of supplemental food assistance to our neighbors in need.

All customers are given non-perishable staples, health care items, meats, eggs, dairy items, fresh produce and bread at every distribution. All families are offered the same items, and the amount is based on family size. Special offerings round out the distributions when available and include items like bake mixes, seasonal items and gift cards at Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter.

The COVID-19 pandemic resulted in an increase in monetary donations. Although we agreed not to accept donations of food, thankfully, we have had enough funds to purchase all the items on the pick list for our customers. Our many sources of foods allow us to be very efficient in the spending of the funds donated to us.

The Board of Directors is unsure of when Fundraising activities will resume. Former events included an August Motorcycle Ride, a Fill The Bus event in the fall and a Holiday Concert. For this reason, donations from all available sources are greatly appreciated.

Our numbers have continued to decrease slightly during 2021 and 2022 both in numbers of families and numbers of people served. We attribute this change to other food resources made available through federal pandemic-related funding and other unknown reasons. We have always been busy and open to serve those who need us.

Local dedicated Volunteers distribute the food to our customers. We do our best to have a friendly atmosphere, clean, safe buildings to work in and welcome any interested person to contact a member of our Board of Directors to join us.

Respectfully submitted,
Evon Mack, President



Deerfield Valley Rescue, Inc. is a volunteer non-profit organization dedicated to providing 24/7 quality pre-hospital emergency medical care and transport to the people of our community. The core of our agency is made up of approximately 16 volunteers four full time paid staff and part time paid seasonal attendants. DVR has responded to 925 calls as of December 31ST 2022 of which 70 were in the town of Halifax.

This past year has once again been a very challenging year for us. Our volunteer ranks are shrinking and the cost of operating continues to rise. The nation's EMS system is facing a crippling workforce shortage. In 2021 we had 16,554 volunteer hours in 2022 we had 11,280 hours. This results in having to pay for the coverage from per-diem outside employee's. The Government sets the National fee schedule for ambulances at the first of every year. Ambulance providers must accept this rate as payment in full for services provided to Medicare and Medicaid patients. In 2022 this resulted in \$108,786.61 in Medicare charges and \$61,9763.45 Vermont Medicaid charges being written off for DVR. When fuel prices increased we didn't get an increase in what we could charge we have to absorb this expense. Last year fuel cost was \$7,744.03 this year \$12,772.52.

It would not be possible for DVR to operate without the continued personal support from the community. This through your town contribution and annual subscription drive continues to be a large source of our funding. In addition to raising funds for our daily operation, we are always striving to improve our services and upgrade equipment. If you have not sent your subscription please do so and please consider making an additional donation towards this goal. Another way to help support DVR is through the Propane Dover Group. For an Annual donation of \$50.00, you can gain access to the negotiated group pricing with Suburban Propane. For more information on this, go to <https://propanedover.com>.

Once again, we would like to thank all those who have supported us through the years. Our membership looks forward to another year of committed service to the residents of our community and the visitors to our area.

Respectfully submitted,

Deerfield Valley Rescue, Inc.

Phone: 802-464-5557

P.O. Box 854

Fax: 802-464-4728

34 Route 100 South
Wilmington, VT 05363

www.dvrescue.org

Deerfield Valley Communications Union District

2022 Year in Review

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

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

Thank You

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

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

For more information and to follow the latest developments and learn more about DVFiber, be sure to sign up for DVFiber's newsletter at dvfiber.net.

Contact Edee Edwards, Stephan Chait, David Jones, and Tristan Roberts if you have any questions or concerns or would like to get involved. They can be reached at halifax@dvfiber.net.



Health Care & Rehabilitation Services

Narrative Report from FY22 for Town of Halifax

Health Care and Rehabilitation Services of Southeastern Vermont, Inc. (HCRS) is a comprehensive community mental health provider serving residents of Windsor and Windham 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 358 hours of services to 14 residents of the Town of Halifax. The services provided included all of HCRS' programs resulting in a wide array of supports for the residents of Halifax.

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

Request for Support from the Town of Halifax

Health Care and Rehabilitation Services of Southeastern Vermont (HCRS) requests an appropriation of \$750.00 from the Town of Halifax at the 2023 Town Meeting to help support same day access to our services for residents of your community. This funding will support our Access Navigator positions, which allow us to provide mental health and substance abuse supports to residents when they need them. Same day access is now more essential than ever due to the increased anxiety experienced by so many during the COVID-19 pandemic. In the year ending June 30, 2022, our agency provided a comprehensive range of community based services to 3,840 people in Windham and Windsor counties. The services that are available to the residents of your community include:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

<p align="center">Health Care & Rehabilitation Services of Southeastern Vermont, Inc. Serving Windsor and Windham Counties Total Agency</p>
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REVENUE:

FY 23 Budget

% of Total Revenues

Client Fees:

Self Pay	312,340	0.52%	Self Pay, Other Insurance, School and Client
Medicare	358,990	0.59%	
Private Insurance	396,409	0.66%	Room & Board Revenues Represents
School Contract and Tuition	3,114,392	5.15%	7% of Total Agency Revenues
Other Client Fees- ACO			
Client Room & Board	108,480	0.18%	
DMH Medicaid Fee For Service	6,331,529	10.47%	
ACCS Medicaid Fee For Service	100,800	0.17%	Medicaid Fee For Service Revenues
ADAP Medicaid Fee For Service	126,780	0.21%	Represents 11% of Total Agency
Personal Care Medicaid Fee For Service	2,880	0.00%	Revenues
MH Child Payment Reform Case Rate	6,734,130	11.14%	Case Rate and Waiver Medicaid
MH Adult Payment Reform Case Rate	12,336,039	20.40%	Revenues
DS Medicaid Waiver	24,286,184	40.17%	Represents 72% of Total Agency
			Revenues

State Grants:

State Grand-in-Aid	2,275,128	3.76%	State Grant Revenues Represents 8%
Other Contracts/Grants	2,598,971	4.30%	of Total Agency Revenues
Local Revenues	72,000	0.12%	Local and Other Revenues Represents
Other Revenues	1,303,956	2.16%	2% of Total Agency Revenues

TOTAL REVENUES

60,459,008

100.00%

EXPENSES:

% of Total Expenses

Salaries	28,996,082	48.75%	Salaries, Fringe and Contractors
Fringe Benefits	10,148,629	17.06%	Represent 88% of Total Agency
Other Personal Costs	13,048,685	21.94%	Expenses
Operating Expenses	3,048,919	5.13%	
Program Expenses	800,037	1.35%	Operating, Program, Travel and
Client/Staff Transportation	1,096,692	1.84%	Building Expenses Represent 12% of
Building Expenses	2,339,083	3.93%	Total Agency Revenues.

TOTAL EXPENSES

59,478,127

100%

**INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET
ASSETS**

980,881



October 31, 2022

Town of Halifax
PO Box 127
West Halifax, VT 05358

Dear Selectboard:

I would like to begin by thanking you for your support of The Gathering Place—it means so very much to us and our shared community.

The Gathering Place (TGP) is a 501c3 not-for-profit organization that has proudly served the elders and adults with disabilities residents of the Windham County region including bordering New Hampshire and Massachusetts communities since 1989. TGP is conveniently located on 30 Terrace Street in Brattleboro. Seniors and adult disabled individuals of a variety of ages, races, religions and socioeconomic status enjoy the benefits of the Center and its services. The Gathering Place is both a cost-effective way to minimize the stress of providing care at home and an affordable alternative to nursing facility placement. The center is open Monday through Friday from 7:45 AM to 4:45 PM. Participants receive 2-way transportation from door to door.

TGP's myriad of services and activities are designed to bring health, fun, laughter and companionship to the lives of our participants and peace of mind to their families. Our services include:

- **Nursing** oversight
- **Access to transportation and coordination of medical appointments**
- Access to on-site counseling, and occupational and physical therapies
- Daily exercise program
- Recreation and social activities **that help participants retain their sense of identity**
- Nutritious meals and snacks
- Personal care (showers, podiatry, hairdressing)
- Outreach services
- Companionship
- Special events

30 Terrace Street Brattleboro, VT 05301
Phone: 802-254-6559 ~ mlewis@gatheringplacevt.org

The MOOVer

We celebrated our 26th anniversary in 2022. We're so fortunate to have the support of the town of Halifax, the Vermont Agency of Transportation, the Federal Transit Administration, Senator Patrick Leahy, and the businesses, residents, and guests in the Deerfield Valley. Thanks also to our staff and Board of Directors. Few people thought we'd survive the first year, but with the support of those above we have provided nearly six million rides since.

Each week we provide rides for Valley seniors to shopping, meal sites, adult day care, the doctors', and social events. This service has improved the quality of life for over 60 Valley residents by getting them out regularly and allowing them to live at home longer in life.

We thank the residents of Halifax for their support. Please call us with questions/comments at 464-8487, and thanks for riding the MOOVer!!!

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Schoonmaker





December 1, 2022

Town of Halifax
ATTN: Anna Ducca
Halifax Town Secretary
P O Box 127
West Halifax, VT 05358-0127

Via email to: halifaxsecretary@gmail.com

Dear Ms. Ducca,

I am sending this request to you for submission to the Town of Halifax Selectboard.

Senior Solutions requests \$550.00 from the Town of Halifax to be appropriated at the 2023 Town Meeting. We appreciate the support of your residents.

I have enclosed a one-page report summarizing our services for the Town of Halifax.

Please continue to appoint an interested representative to our Advisory Council every year. This helps us identify local needs and connect with those who will benefit from our services.

If you need further information, please do not hesitate to contact us at townoutreach@seniorsolutionsvt.org.

Sincerely,

Mark Boutwell

Executive Director



Senior Solutions, Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont, Inc. has served the residents of Halifax and Southeastern Vermont since 1973. We have offices in Springfield (main office), Windsor and Brattleboro. Our mission is to promote the well-being and dignity of older adults. Our vision is that every person will age in the place of their choice, with the support they need and the opportunity for meaningful relationships and active engagement in their community.

This is a summary of services provided to Halifax residents in the last year (7/1/2021-6/30/2022).

Information and Assistance: Halifax residents made 17 calls or office visits to our HelpLine staff (1-802-885-2669 or 866-673-8376 toll-free) who offer information, referrals and assistance to older Vermonters, their families, and their caregivers to problem-solve, plan, locate resources, and obtain assistance with benefits. We also provide assistance completing applications. Callers were assisted with applying for benefits, health insurance problems, housing needs, fuel assistance, and many other services. Extensive resources are also on our website at www.seniorsolutionsVT.org.

Medicare Assistance: 4 Halifax residents received assistance with Medicare issues through our State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP). SHIP provides Medicare education and counseling, classes for new Medicare enrollees, and assistance in enrolling in Part D or choosing a drug plan.

In-Home Social Services: We provided 8 seniors with in-home case management or other home-based assistance (totaling 107 hours) to enable them to remain living safely in their homes. Often minimal services can prevent nursing home placement. A case manager works with adults in their home to create and monitor a plan of care, centered on the individual's personal values and preferences. Many people would not be able to remain in their homes if not for these services. Senior Solutions also investigates reports of self-neglect and assists those facing challenges of abuse, neglect, or exploitation using a community collaboration approach.

Nutrition Services and Programs: 10 residents received 1,089 Meals on Wheels provided by The Dumaine House. We financially supported these home-delivered meals. We have also supported community meals at Halifax Community Hall, The Dumaine House, and other meal sites in our region, but please note that most community senior meal sites have been closed since the advent of COVID-19. Senior Solutions administers federal and state funds that we provide to local organizations to help them operate senior meals programs and provide food safety, quality monitoring and oversight. However, these funds do not cover the full cost of providing meals, so local meal sites must seek additional funding. Senior Solutions does not use town funding to support the senior meals program and does not benefit from any funds given by the town to support local Meals on Wheels. Senior Solutions provides the services of a registered dietician to older adults and meal sites. Assistance is also provided with applications for the 3SquaresVT (food stamp) program.

Volunteer Visitors: Senior Solutions provides volunteers who serve isolated older Vermonters through home visits, telephone reassurance, and help with shopping and other errands. Our Vet-to-Vet program matches Veteran volunteers with Veteran recipients.

Caregiver Respite: We provide respite assistance through grants for caregivers of those diagnosed with dementia or other chronic diseases.

Transportation: Senior Solutions provides financial support and collaborates with local and regional transit providers to support transportation services for older Vermonters, that may include a van, a taxi, or a volunteer driver. Special arrangements can be made for individuals without Medicaid who require medical transportation.

Special Assistance: Senior Solutions provides flexible funds that can help people with one-time needs when no other program is available.

Other Services: Senior Solutions supports a variety of other services including health, wellness and fall prevention programs, legal assistance (through Vermont Legal Aid), assistance for adults with disabilities, and home-based mental health services.

Senior Solutions is enormously grateful for the support of the people from the Town of Halifax.

Submitted by Mark Boutwell, Executive Director



**Our Mission is to
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opportunities to thrive,
and eliminate root
causes of poverty in
southeastern Vermont.**

November 22, 2022

Board of Selectmen
Town of Halifax
P.O. Box 127
W. Halifax, VT 05358

Dear Selectmen:

Enclosed please find a report of services that Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA) has provided to Halifax residents for the past fiscal year for inclusion in your Annual Town Report. In order to ensure the continued availability of these and other services, we are requesting level funding in the amount of \$790.00 from the Town of Halifax for FY2024.

We will also be emailing our service report to Sarah Barnett. If there is anything further that you require, please contact us at (802) 722-4575, Ext. 1105 or email tputnam@sevca.org.

Thank you for your consideration of our request and for your past support.

Sincerely,

Kevin Brennan
Kevin Brennan
Executive Director

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Southeastern Vermont Community Action

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 Halifax we provided the following services during FY2022:

Weatherization: 5 homes (11 people) received weatherization services.

Emergency Heating System Replacement: 1 home (1 person) received an emergency repair or replacement of a non-functioning heating system.

Vermont Match Savings: 1 household (2 people) participated in savings program to increase their financial security and to save for a home, car, education, or business startup.

Tax Preparation Services: 1 household (2 people) received free income tax preparation services.

Family Services: 4 households (5 people) received 13 services (crisis resolution, financial counseling, nutrition education, forms assistance, referral to and assistance with accessing needed services)

Fuel & Utility Assistance: 1 household (2 people) received 2 assists for emergency heating fuel or assistance with utilities disconnects.

Housing Assistance: 2 households (2 people) received 2 assists to obtain or stay in sustainable Housing, or to help with paying past-due rent or mortgage payments.

The combined value of services provided to assist Halifax residents exceeded \$16,756.00.

Community support, through town funding, helps to build a strong partnership. The combination of federal, state, private, and town funds allow us to not only maintain, but to increase and improve service. We thank the residents of Halifax for their support.

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SeVEDS Impact Statement for Halifax Town Report March 2023

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

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

Background & Request

To support this work, SeVEDS requests funding at \$3.00 per person from all 27 towns we serve. Therefore, we are asking the Town of Halifax to appropriate \$2,184.00 (based on a population of 728) to support SeVEDS.

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

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

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

- Our Business Services Team provides access to technical assistance, microlending, and business succession services for businesses of all sizes. We work with businesses from startup to retirement.
- Our Workforce Team creates programs like Pipelines and Pathways: a program that in 2022 provided career training and support to 550 students in area High Schools. The Welcoming Communities program supported 61 New Americans who have filled positions in 19 local companies. The Southern Vermont Young Professionals group helps young adults in their 20's-40's advance their careers and deepen their connections in the region.
- Our Community Programs include the Community Facilities Technical Assistance Program and The Southern Vermont Economy Project, both of which help towns and non-profits improve community vibrancy through local projects. Since 2017 SVEP has provided 100+ trainings with over 2,000 participants to help community projects solve problems and find resources. The Southern Vermont Economy Project will be working with Halifax in 2023 to make a report to help the Select Board prioritize projects that can be completed with post-Covid federal and state funding sources.

More SeVEDS-Led Programming

For a deeper overview of our programs in FY22, visit our website at www.brattleborodevelopment.com. You can download our annual report, or call the office to receive your own copy 802-257-7731 x230. To learn more about the CEDS, CEDS projects, the Southern Vermont Economy Summit visit www.sovermontzone.com.

Our website also features upcoming events and trainings, ongoing programs, and resources. You can sign up for our e-newsletter to get updates including state and federal economic and community development resources.

Local Health Office Annual Report 2022

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

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.

Worked to prevent and control the spread of disease, including protecting communities from COVID-19: We've been able to serve communities thanks to individuals, families, schools, businesses, first responders, and countless others that worked with us to meet the needs of local towns. These collaborations have enabled us to host over 60 COVID-19 vaccination clinics and provide over 6,300 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.

Over the last year, the Brattleboro office has also been holding vaccination clinics in partnership with the Ethiopian Community Development Council (ECDC) for people coming from Afghanistan, Ukraine, and Central America. Additionally, the Brattleboro office has been working across the region to assure fair and equitable access to COVID test kits, distributing 4,324 individual tests to community members and local partners.

Ensured local preparedness for future emergencies: We worked with partners like schools, hospitals, and emergency personnel to ensure effective pandemic response and support preparedness to distribute medicine, supplies, and information during public health emergencies. This year, we responded to the emergence of human monkeypox virus by sharing information and providing vaccine to community members. As of November 15, 2022, 19 hMPXV vaccine doses have been administered.

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

Provided WIC services and resources to families and children: Provided WIC nutrition education and support to 907 individuals from July 1, 2021 - June 31, 2022, while enabling them to save on groceries so they can have more to spend on other things their family needs. This includes services to new Vermonters from Afghanistan, Ukraine, and Central America. WIC also empowers families with breastfeeding/chestfeeding support and provides referrals to other health and nutrition services. Learn more at www.healthvermont.gov/wic.

Supported student health and youth empowerment: According to the Vermont Youth Risk Behavior Survey, only 56% percent of students in Windham County agree or strongly agree that they “believe they matter to people in their community.” 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.



Town of Halifax
P.O. Box 127
Halifax, VT 05358

August 8, 2022

Dear Council Members and Citizens of Halifax;

We at the Visiting Nurse and Hospice for Vermont and New Hampshire (VNH) would like to offer our heartfelt thanks for the opportunity to have our appropriation request included in 2023 funding. **VNH respectfully requests \$1,900 appropriation. This represents level funding from last year's request.**

As an integral part of the community healthcare system in Halifax, VNH serves to breach an otherwise significant gap in the community's continuum of care. Last year, VNH provided 631 visits to 6 residents of all ages and at all stages of life. VNH is also the foremost team of hospice and home health experts for over 140 communities in Vermont and New Hampshire. We deliver nursing, hospice and rehabilitation services at home with proven effectiveness, integrity and compassion. Just as local families have counted on us since 1907, you can count on us today.

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

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

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

With kind regards,

Anthony Knox

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Whitingham Free Public Library

LIBRARY HAPPENINGS

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Whitingham Free Public Library is to promote the benefits of life-long learning and to expand the horizons of the community by filling its educational, recreational, and technological needs.

The Librarians and Trustees of The Whitingham Free Public Library would like to thank the tax payers and contributors from the towns of Whitingham and Halifax for their generous and heartfelt support.

Kristine Sweeter, Director/ Librarian - Lois Lapointe, Assistant Librarian -
Lisa Miller, Youth Librarian/ Librarian Assistant, Edie Brigham, Trustee Chair

Got Grants?

ARPA Grant Round 1 \$3,549

1 staff laptop, 2 patron desktops, 2 sets of table & chairs, 3 staff desk chairs, 3 patron desk chairs

ARPA Grant Round 2 \$1,183

portable indoor/outdoor sound system, Epson business projector, 2 Lego motion S.T.E.M kits

Children's Literacy Foundation - Rural Libraries Grant - Value \$4,175

\$2,000 in new, high-quality children's books for the public library

\$500 in new books for Halifax School library & 3 storytelling presentations

1 storytelling presentation at Pitter-patter Child Care, Halifax

\$250 mini grant option to support a special initiative in your library

VT Dept of Libraries - Summer Performer Grant \$300

Southern Vermont Natural History Museum program @ Jacksonville Blueberry Festival

Vermont Humanities - Vermont Reads with Pettee Memorial Library

book discussion set - The Most Costly Journey

Stories of Migrant Farm workers in Vermont Drawn by New England Cartoonists.

Vermont Humanities - Speakers Bureau Presentation

Catching People's Stories with Vermont Author, Jane Beck

Jane Beck explores the use of the recorded interview, reflecting on why people tell stories, what they mean to individuals, and examples of how they are used.

2021-2022 Statistics

11, 900 library holdings
6,560 items circulated a 10% increase
5,110 in person visits. 62% increase
2,186 adults and kids attended 188 events
1,500 registered patrons
234 interlibrary loans requested
72 interlibrary loans sent other libraries

Programs

afterschool programs, author visits,
book group, community food shelf, craft group, FDA
summer food program, homeschool group, movies,
ping pong, rhyme time, summer camp, tea parties,
VT Reads, yoga, and more!

Our 2022 Partners

Deerfield Valley Blueberry Festival
Efficiency Vermont
Halifax School
Deerfield Valley Lion's Club
Petee Memorial Library
Readsboro Community Library
Southern Vermont Natural History Museum
Town of Whitingham
United Way/211
USDA Summer Food Program with WINGS
Vermont Humanities
WINGS Community Programs

Through our membership with MHEC (Massachusetts Higher Education Consortium) we saved \$4,173 in purchases.



The Windham Disaster Animal Response Team (WinDART)

2022 Annual Report

After focusing over 2 years on fundraising and distributing pet food to food insecure pet families across the state during the pandemic, VDART teams have started to pivot back to in-person meetings and trainings in preparation for the active storm season that has begun.



WinDART volunteers participated in several community events this summer promoting our message that pets should be included in all levels of emergency preparedness—starting with being part of their family's emergency response plan. Thanks to a generous donation from State Farm, we distributed 300 free go-bags at the Jacksonville Blueberry Festival Market & Music event, the Wilmington Antique and Flea Market, the Windham County Humane Society's Walk for Animals, and the Wilmington Trunk or Treat. The dog and cat-themed nylon bags serve as a 'starter kit' for pet owners to assemble essential disaster supplies for their pets, and include a first aid kit, leash, collapsible bowls, and a few other items to help them get started.



WinDART organized a free Emergency Animal Sheltering workshop for new and current volunteers on October 30th at Training Matters in West Brattleboro. The course, which is a pre-requisite for VDART volunteer responders, covered small animal behavior and handling (dogs and cats) and our emergency shelter set-up protocols. It culminated with a mock shelter set-up exercise that allowed us to practice these skills in a real-life setting.

WinDART Board Chair Joanne Bourbeau joined the president of DART Command Central (DART CC) to speak and table at the annual Vermont Emergency

Management Agency conference held in Killington in September. It was a wonderful opportunity to speak to local and state emergency managers and our partners in first response across the state on VDART's mission and capabilities, along with a new app being developed by DART CC to streamline sheltering protocols and data management. Our virtual presentation, Using technology to Improve Emergency Pet Sheltering During Disasters, can be viewed on YouTube at this link

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=479iEGtggaM&list=PLkV2VZBHkd08eF1tz56yQyNt0sGDleJ67&index=9>.



WinDART is grateful to voters and municipal officials in Dover, Halifax, Newfane, Wilmington, and Whitingham, who once again appropriated money from their annual town budgets at Town Meeting Day to support our vital programs and activities.

To learn more about our work go to VermontDART.org



Windham Disaster Animal Response Team (WinDART)

A chartered subsidiary of the Vermont Disaster Animal Response Team (VDART)

PO Box 1423

White River Junction, VT 05001

November 16, 2022

Town of Halifax

PO Box 127

West Halifax, VT 05358

Attention: Patty Dow, Town Clerk

Dear Patty:

Please let this letter serve as the Windham Disaster Animal Response Team's official request for \$250 in funding in the town's 2023 proposed general budget. We are most appreciative of the town's allocation of \$250 in 2022 and have attached an annual report as a synopsis of our work this past year.

We would also like to take this opportunity to request the \$250 in funds for the current Fiscal year, voted and approved in March 2022, be released to our organization. As a regional chartered subsidiary of the state-wide Vermont Disaster Animal Response Team, the check should be made out to "VDART" and mailed to PO Box 1423 in White River Junction, Vermont, 05001. VDART holds a restricted account for each of its four chartered teams to be used locally, so simply put something in the memo area stating that the funding is for "WinDART" and the funds will be allocated to our work here in Windham County.

Please let me know if I can answer any additional questions you might have, and thank you very much for your consideration!

Sincerely,

Joanne Bourbeau, Chair

Windham Disaster Animal Response Team – A chartered subsidiary of the Vermont Disaster Animal Response Team (federal employer identification # 80-0443426)



Updated 12/07/2022

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

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

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

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

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

For more information, please visit us on the web at www.homemattershere.org



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

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

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

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

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

Funding for the WRC is provided through contracts with state agencies, federal and other grants, and town assessments. Town assessments made up approximately 7 percent of our total budget. Each town's individual assessment makes it possible for us to leverage the resources to serve all towns. The town's assessment for this year is \$1,992.14. To see our detailed Work Program and Budget for FY2023, visit our website, www.windhamregional.org, and click on the heading "About Us."



Wings' Vision Statement: Wings will actively engage students in experiences to help them be successful in school and in life as they grow into productive adults.

Wings' Mission Statement: Wings provides creative academic, enrichment, and physical/wellness programming to all children and their families within the Windham Southwest Supervisory Union.

Wings Community Programs has enjoyed another wonderful year serving Halifax youth and families through the provision of after-school and summer programming. The Halifax Wings Staff is excited to welcome Christine Stafford on board as the new site coordinator as of August 2022. Wings is incredibly appreciative of the dedication and commitment of Merritt Youmell and Sandy Crowningshield in their roles as co-site coordinators for the past three years at Halifax. Wings would also like to express sincere gratitude to all of the talented and invested program leaders who have planned, prepared, and led engaging, high-quality after-school and summer programs.

Program highlights include:

- Across the 2021-2022 school year, 60 Halifax youth engaged in high-quality, enriching after school programs, totaling 6,600 student hours. Of the 60 students participating in Halifax Wings after-school programs, 38 students attended 60+ hours of programming. 53% of those 38 "regular" attendees are economically disadvantaged and 13% are on an IEP.
- Halifax students enjoyed a wide variety of programming options including: Lego Robotics, Outdoor Games & Sports, book clubs, Disc Golf, Dance & Tumble, and Myth & Magic, just to name a few!
- Wings hosted a virtual family outreach program, "Wings Community Cooks" on Wednesday evenings in March and April in partnership with DVCP's "Dinner Together" initiative. Local chefs ZOOMed us into their kitchens while families cooked delicious family dinners alongside from home.
- Halifax youth filled 79 Wings summer camp 2022 slots enjoying a summer of fun, connection, and joy! Nine Halifax students acted and danced as dwarves and wolves in the Wings' performing arts production "Chasing Midnight: The Untold Story of a Wish and Star." Twenty-seven Halifax students, grades K-5, participated in Celebrate Summer camp, with 21 of those students utilizing the summer bus transportation that was offered to and from Celebrate Summer camp. Six middle school Halifax students kayaked, swam, hiked, and spent time adventuring outside during the Outdoor Adventures camp. Halifax School hosted 31 Halifax students at the Wings Halifax Summer Fun camp and Kindergarten Kick-Off!
- Wings partnered with the Whitingham Free Public Library and the Southern Vermont Natural History Museum to offer additional summer camp programs during the summer 2022. Six Halifax youth participated in these additional camp offerings during which the library campers explored the wonders of the ocean through interactive story times, morning meetings and sharing, arts and crafts, cooking and outdoor exploration, and the museum campers met live animals, explored the trails and learned from experts about native wildlife and rehabilitative services for animals in the area!
- Wings and DVCP are partnering on the Quality Youth Development Project (QYD), a new project that gives our youth a say in creating a community where young people can thrive.

Wings is deeply appreciative of the support of the town, school district, parents, administrators, teachers, building support staff, and the community at large. In addition, Wings is especially grateful for the dedicated and committed professionals who share their own talents and passions with the children of Halifax.

Halifax Site Coordinator - Christine Stafford

Respectfully submitted,
Maria Stewart & Katie Boyd, Project Co-Directors



WINDHAM SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
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2022
ANNUAL REPORT TO MEMBER TOWNS
Bob Spencer, Executive Director
John Fay, Programs Manager

History and Current Status: The Windham Solid Waste Management District (WSWMD) was formed in 1988 by eight towns who cooperatively managed a 30-acre landfill on Old Ferry Road, Brattleboro until it closed in 1995. As more towns joined the District, a regional materials recovery facility (MRF) was constructed by the District adjacent to the closed landfill and processed dual-stream recyclable materials for 20 years until it stopped operating in 2017. Currently 18 towns are members of WSWMD which employs 6 full-time and 3 part-time persons to provide educational programs and operate the transfer station and composting facility on Old Ferry Road.

Town Solid Waste Services: Seven member towns, Dover, Jamaica, Readsboro, Stratton, Townshend, Wardsboro, and Wilmington operate transfer stations for trash and recyclable materials. Other materials such as tires and electronics are also collected by some transfer stations, and most of the single stream recyclables are processed at the Casella MRF in Rutland. All town transfer stations are required to provide containers for drop-off of food scraps. Three towns, Brookline, Halifax, and Marlboro provide 24-7 drop-off sites for recyclables. Three towns, Brattleboro, Vernon, and Westminster provide residential curbside trash and recycling collection. Five towns, Dummerston, Guilford, Newfane, Putney, and Somerset do not provide any trash or recycling services. Residents and businesses can contract with haulers for trash and recycling collection services. There are also two companies providing subscription collection of food scraps. The WSWMD website has a map showing the services provided by each town.

Financial Report: WSWMD finished fiscal year 2022 (FY22) with a budget surplus of \$224,887, which has been allocated toward the construction of the expanded compost facility. Revenues of \$1,500,194 off-set total expenses of \$1,206,748 and \$68,559 of capital reserves and expenses.

The annual assessment to member towns for fiscal year 2023 was kept the same as the prior year, although each town's respective assessment varied due to population changes using the new 2020 census figures.

Transfer Station: The WSWMD transfer station is a regional drop-off center for trash, recyclables, organics/food scraps, construction & demolition debris, scrap metal, and appliances. The transfer station also handles electronics, fluorescent tubes, ballasts, lead-acid and household batteries, waste oil and oil filters, paint, sharps/syringes, textiles, books, tires, and household hazardous waste. Use of the transfer station is limited to residents and businesses from member communities and requires the purchase of an access sticker at \$40/year. Approximately 3,000 customers purchase annual access stickers. There is no additional charge for recycling and composting. Fees are presented at www.windhamsolidwaste.org.

Materials Recovery Facility (MRF): The District voted to close the MRF in July 2017 but continues to accept cardboard from commercial sources. Cardboard is baled and sold, generating revenue for the District. Revenue in FY22 was exceptionally high at \$166,000 due to the strong markets for recycled cardboard.

Composting Facility: Of all recyclable materials handled by the District, the only ones that are reused locally are food scraps and yard debris. The food scrap composting facility is in its 9th year of operation and is the 2nd largest food scrap composting facility in Vermont. WSWMD donates compost for school and community gardens.

As the food scrap composting mandates of Act 148 have been phased in, the total quantity of food scraps processed at the site have increased each year, and therefore the District is pursuing a capital expansion project at the facility. The new composting facility will have a building with aerated windrows, air collection for odor



October 17, 2022

Town of Halifax

PO BOX 127

Halifax, VT 05358

To: Town of Halifax

For over 50 years, Youth Services has served the needs of youth and families in and around Windham County. We provide transformative programs in prevention, intervention and restorative justice services for young people, individuals and families. We believe in helping people learn how to grow, both as individuals and as a family, so they can learn to rely on themselves and their own networks to face future issues. We strive to ensure all clients receive services, regardless of their ability to pay.

Youth Services currently offers twenty different programs that focus on youth development, restorative justice, workforce development and substance abuse prevention/treatment. Some of these programs are case management services for teens and young adults, 24/7 emergency housing youth crisis line, a transitional and independent living program, pre-trial services and court diversion for youth and adults, restorative panels and circles of support.

I am writing to request that the Town of Halifax support Youth Services' general budget in the amount of \$200. This figure represents level funding of our request.

We appreciate the past support from the Town of Halifax. In the interest of informing as many individuals as possible about Youth Services, we ask that you include our report in your Town Report. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "RBC", is written over a faint blue circular stamp.

Russell Bradbury-Carlin
Executive Director

Enclosure



SCHOOL REPORTS

**WARNING
ANNUAL TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
HALIFAX, VERMONT**

The inhabitants of the Town of Halifax, Vermont who are legal voters in the Town School District Meeting in said Town of Halifax, Vermont are hereby notified and warned to meet at the West Halifax Elementary School multi-purpose room in West Halifax on Tuesday, March 7, 2023. The Annual Town School District Meeting is called at 10:00 a.m. for the purpose of voting by Australian ballot between the hours of 10:00 a.m. (at which time the polls open) and 7:00 p.m. (at which time the polls will close) for the purpose of voting on Article I. All other Articles to be taken up at 1:00 o'clock in the afternoon

- ARTICLE I: To elect a Halifax School Director for (3) years. (By Australian Ballot)
- ARTICLE II: Shall the voters of the Halifax School District authorize the School Directors to allocate \$42,899 from the current surplus General Fund Balance to the approved Maintenance Reserve?
- ARTICLE III: Shall the voters of the Halifax School District appropriate \$2,084,485 necessary for the support of its school for the year beginning July 1, 2023?
- ARTICLE IV: Shall the voters of the Halifax School District authorize the School Directors to borrow money on the notes of the Town School District or otherwise in anticipation of taxes.

Dated at Halifax, Vermont, this 1st day of February 2023

Halifax School Directors

OFFICIAL RETURN OF VOTES
ANNUAL TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT VOTED ARTICLES
May 3, 2022
BALLOT ACCOUNTABILITY

Number of voters on checklist 600
Number of ballots counted (including absentees) 160
Number of ABSENTEE Ballots counted 71

I, Patricia Dow, Presiding Officer, Board of Civil Authority of the Town of Halifax, Vermont,
hereby certify that the results of the
ELECTION OF OFFICERS and VOTED ARTICLES by AUSTRALIAN BALLOT at
the ANNUAL TOWN and SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETINGS
held in the Town of Halifax in the County of Windham and State of Vermont on the
3rd day of May A.D. 2022 were as follows:

ARTICLE II: Shall the voters of the Halifax School District approve the Halifax Board of School Directors to establish a Maintenance Reserve Account for the purpose of funding unanticipated or preventive maintenance of the school?	YES	TOTAL
	NO	120
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	SPOILED	7
	TOTAL	0
		160
ARTICLE III: Shall the voters of the Halifax School District authorize the School Directors to allocate \$50,000 from the current surplus General Fund Balance to the approved Maintenance Reserve Account and to assign the remaining surplus fund balance of \$72,868 as revenue for future budgets?	YES	TOTAL
	NO	118
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	SPOILED	8
	TOTAL	0
		160
ARTICLE IV: Shall the voters of the Halifax School District approve the Halifax Board of School Directors to expend \$2,152,350 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 \$17,403 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 1.63% higher than spending for the current year?	YES	TOTAL
	NO	123
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	SPOILED	9
	TOTAL	0
		160
ARTICLE V: Shall the voters of the Halifax School District authorize the School Directors to borrow money on the notes of the Town School District or otherwise in anticipation of taxes.	YES	TOTAL
	NO	107
	BLANK	45
	SPOILED	8
	TOTAL	0
		160